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## CCC News for October 2021

### A Note from the CCC Director

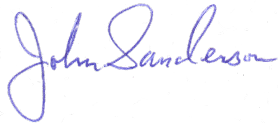
Colorado is famous for 300+ days of sunshine each year. This fall I find myself gazing at our recent blue skies in awe and gratitude, since haze from western wildfires has again been the norm all summer. Among the good news that has arisen from the ashes of the 2020 and 2021 wildfires is an unprecedented level of determination to address the challenges of forest health and wildfire risk.

As I have been enjoying cooler, sunny days recently, I have also been immersed in forest and wildfire discussions. September's Colorado Wildland Fire Conference brought together experts from across Colorado and beyond to share insights, lessons learned, and ideas about the path forward. Kudos and thanks to Rebecca Samulski of [Fire Adapted Colorado](#) and Wendy Fischer at the [Colorado Wildland Fire Incident Management Academy](#) for organizing an engaging gathering.

I have also been chairing the search committee for Colorado's next State Forester. During interviews with candidates, the importance of "partnership" and "collaboration" has been mentioned again and again. With our colleagues at the [Colorado Forest Restoration Institute](#), we have updated our Atlas of Collaborative Conservation in Colorado, now showing more than 40 collaboratives working on forest challenges. Similar groups exist across the West.

Community-based collaboratives are increasingly recognized as vital to solving our forest health and wildfire challenges. Nonetheless, during our [Situation Assessment for a Network of Forest Collaborative Groups in Colorado](#), collaborative leaders in the state articulated an overwhelming need for a formalized community of collaboratives, increased peer learning and innovation, and a collective statewide voice. The CCC will soon be providing support to forest collaboratives. If you have ideas about what this should look like or simply want to be kept informed, please [let us know](#).

Be well,



John Sanderson

## News from the CCC



### CCC Fellows Request for Proposals Deadline Next Month

**Proposals are due November 2 to join our next Fellows Cohort!** The CCC Fellows Program awards grants to individuals and teams to engage directly with communities that depend on conservation efforts for their livelihoods. In addition to funding, Fellows are challenged and trained to grow their understanding of collaborative conservation, and they create connections with

other Fellows and CCC staff that can last a lifetime.

A Fellow who is currently finishing her work recently told us:

**“This fellowship has certainly been one of the most impactful moments of my career....thank you all.”**

Find more information on the Fellows Program, including on how to apply, [here](#).

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## **New Series Highlights the Behind-the-Scenes of Collaborative Work**

**The Western Collaborative Conservation Network recently released the first installments in our "Collaboratives Behind-the-Scenes" profile series.** This series features Q&As with different conservation organizations to provide a view into what it takes to run a collaborative organization, from challenges faced in building partnerships to tips for budding organizations.

You can read the first profile, featuring Hill Country Alliance Executive Director Katherine Romans, on the [CCC blog](#).

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## Help the WCCN Create Confluence 2022

**The Western Collaborative Conservation Network is in the process of planning Confluence 2022 and needs your feedback through their Pre-Confluence Survey.** This survey is meant to gather input on the design of Confluence 2022 and to learn about the state of collaborative conservation across the West. **Take the survey [here](#).**

Confluence is a chance for collaborative conservation groups and their support organizations across the West to connect with peers, convene to learn new collaboration skills and practice new tools, and catalyze action on issues that limit conservation success. Find out more about last year's inaugural Confluence event [here](#).

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**Changing Citizen Behaviors**  
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**What is social marketing?**  
Social marketing is a process that uses traditional marketing principles and techniques to influence citizen behaviors that benefit society as well as the individual.

**16% Show Me**  
EDUCATION is enough for this group to change their behavior.

**68% Help Me**  
SOCIAL MARKETING is often the best return on investment for change.

**16% Make Me**  
This group needs a LAW to drive behavior change.

*Katie Abrams*

## Now Available to Watch: Supporting Conservation through Social Marketing

Earlier this month, we hosted a workshop on using social marketing to help you determine how to evaluate and target behaviors in reaching conservation goals. A recording of this workshop is now available on our [YouTube channel!](#) Learn from CSU Associate Professor Katie Abrams as she covers effective marketing, communication, and behavior change solutions for conservation issues.

**Get to Know the CCC**



## **Meet our CCC Staff: Kim Skyelander**

Kim Skyelander is the CCC's Associate Director. She has a B.S. degree in Wildlife Biology from Utah State University, a M.S. degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Montana, and a Ph.D. in Natural Resources from the University of Idaho. She worked professionally for the U.S. Forest Service as a wildlife biologist, public affairs specialist, assistant district ranger, tribal government liaison, and wilderness ranger. She left the USFS to pursue a career in teaching and taught natural resources classes for eight years at the Salish Kootenai College on the Flathead Indian Reservation in Montana, and also taught at the University of Idaho. Before coming to the CCC, Kim was the executive director of Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, a large residential outdoor school in northeastern MN. Her interests are understanding how conventional science and local/place-based/traditional knowledge link together to support conservation actions; human emotional and spiritual connections to land, and environmental education.

As Kim will be leaving the CCC at the end of this year, she had this reflection to share:

*“I have really enjoyed my time at the CCC and watching it evolve and grow over the years. Besides helping communities collaborate on contentious environmental issues, I think my most rewarding experience here at CSU has been working with all the students and our CCC Fellows. I love seeing them all go forth, do meaningful work, and start changing the world! Their enthusiasm is so uplifting. I plan to stay in the area, work on a blog, write, and do what I do best: take people out in the mountains and connect them emotionally and spiritually to nature.”*

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## **Meet our CCC Fellows: Stewart Breck**

Stewart is a researcher with the USDA Wildlife Services National Wildlife Research Center and a founder and co-director of the Center for Human-Carnivore Coexistence at Colorado State University. His work is focused on developing innovative solutions to problems that people face when living with large carnivores in shared landscapes. He defines shared landscapes broadly to include urban, rural, and wild environments in which people live with species

such as coyotes, mountain lions, wolves, and black bears. Problems that can occur include carnivores threatening human health and safety, killing livestock or pets, or damaging property. Finding solutions that move people and predators toward coexistence involves a nexus of technological innovation, social science, and behavioral and population ecology and it is at this nexus where his research and outreach focuses.

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## Scholarly and Applied Impact

**Current and past CCC Fellows and staff publish impactful research on collaboration and conservation. Here is the latest. CCC Fellows and staff are indicated by bold font.**

**Manzollilo, B.** and C. Schultz. 2021. Policy Lessons for Colorado Wolf Reintroduction. ([Read here](#)).

*To inform Colorado's wolf reintroduction process, this policy brief describes a one-year study to understand policy and management strategies from past wolf reintroductions, including the Northern Rocky Mountains and the Mexican wolf recovery area.*

**Juarez Michelloti** and **Felipe Zanusso**, Sebastian Rossi, y Adriana Otero. 2021. Inclusión y accesibilidad en áreas protegidas. ([Watch here](#)).

*Una presentación a la Conferencia Virtual Sobre Áreas Protegidas en un Mundo Cambiante, Moderado por **Jim Barborak**. De parte del Centro para el Manejo de Áreas Protegidas de la Universidad Estatal de Colorado y los Programas Internacionales del Servicio Forestal de los EE.UU.*

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## Other News and Opportunities

Visit Colorado State University's campus for an **in-person discussion titled "Social Justice and Human-Carnivore Coexistence: Considering Indigenous Voices and Rights in Wolf Reintroduction and Management,"** October 21. Find more information [here](#).

**Applications are open for Managing by Network -- a series of interactive webinars** to improve skills in natural, cultural, and recreational resource management. Learn to leverage partnerships and build trust, facilitate meetings, recognize and effectively respond to conflict, and more. Apply by November 3. Find more information [here](#).

**A request for proposals for funding through the Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program is open.** This grant program is meant to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses, while working to benefit local communities. Proposals are due January 10. View the full request [here](#).

**The Network for Landscape Conservation is continuing their ongoing Landscape Conservation in Action Webinar Series.** The next installment is October 27 and will explore how the conservation efforts across the Arizona-Sonora Borderlands. Sign up to join [here](#).

**Take a look at the Conservation Alliance's Confluence Program with an information session October 14 at 4pm MST.** This program works to provide funding to historically racially marginalized people for the protection of natural places. Find out more [here](#).

**The Colorado Watershed Assembly has a great list of funding opportunities** across the state for conservation projects of all types from water to wildlife to land. Find the latest listings [here](#).

**Great Outdoors Colorado has launched the Resilient Communities Program** to develop and revitalize parks, trails, and other outdoor projects in Colorado communities. Find out more about this funding program and how to apply [here](#).

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## Jobs

The **Big Thompson Watershed Coalition** is hiring an **Executive Director** to lead their effort to secure the health and resilience of the Big Thompson in Loveland, Colorado. Application review starts October 17. View the full position description [here](#).

The **Heart of the Rockies Initiative** is looking for a **Sagebrush Partnership Project Manager** in Southwest Montana. This position was created to accelerate cross boundary land stewardship in southwest Montana's sagebrush steppe. Apply by October 15. Find the full job posting [here](#).

The **National Parks Conservation Association** is looking for an **Indigenous Fellow** to work on organizational campaigns that hold personal or cultural significance, while deepening NPCA's capacity and awareness of intersectional Native American policy issues as they relate to public lands. Apply [here](#).

**Pheasants Forever** is looking for a **Local Implementation Team Coordinator** in Lakeview or Hines, Oregon to promote working land conservation and restore sage-grouse habitat and populations in Oregon. Apply by October 18. Find the full job description [here](#).

The **South Yuba River Citizens League** is hiring a **Forest Conservation Program Manager**. This position will lead an effort to improve forest health and resiliency while engaging diverse stakeholders, based in Nevada City, California. Apply [here](#).

*If you have a job openings that are aligned with our work on collaborative conservation and you want us to share them, email a link to the job description to [conserve@colostate.edu](mailto:conserve@colostate.edu).*

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