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A Note from the CCC Director

In our [collaborative conservation needs assessment](#), the most-often cited needs were “**listening and communicating**” and “**finance and fundraising.**” In February, I shared some [resources on listening](#). Today I would like to share some upcoming resources to advance funding capacity.

Many millions of new dollars will flow into conservation over the next several years, much of it from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. (Watch CFCN's recent [webinar on the IJJA](#).) Philanthropic foundations are also joining in, including several foundations who joined us for the [conservation philanthropy workshop](#).

Federal, state, and philanthropic dollars are only part of the world of “conservation finance.” It’s not too late to join four key sessions of the

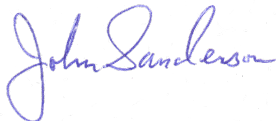
Conservation Finance Boot Camp virtually during the week of June 27 (more information below). Additional resources can be found in the “finance and funding” section of the CCC's [“how to” page](#).

Note: for the moment you can get 25% off the two books being used for the Conservation Finance Boot Camp by using promo code “CFN25” – thank you [Conservation Finance Network!](#)

Increasingly, these new funding sources are open to supporting “collaborative capacity” or, as our friend Sharon Farrell at [The Stewardship Network](#) suggests, “collaborative infrastructure.” This is especially important to many of the smaller non-profits at the core of collaborative conservation initiatives who can be hobbled by a lack of support for basic critical work like planning, grant management, and community engagement. Yet I still often hear that if we want funders to invest more in collaborative infrastructure, we all need to do a better job of demonstrating the value of those investments.

Want more insights into these topics? Join us at the [Western Collaborative Conservation Confluence](#) gathering where there will be learning sessions on fundraising, investing in collaborative capacity, storytelling, and more. I hope to see you there!

Be well,



John Sanderson

News from the CCC



CFCN Continues to Grow

The newly formed Colorado Forest Collaboratives Network is excited to share the support of Colorado State Forester Matt McCombs:

“Community-based collaboratives are engines for action in Colorado... The Forest Collaboratives Network will build on this history of success in Colorado by ensuring existing and new collaboratives are better positioned for success by sharing working models, building capacity and ensuring that stakeholder driven planning and implementation continues to drive Colorado forward.”

Read Matt’s full statement on the [CFCN webpage](#).

This webpage continues to grow! We’ve recently added resources from last month’s Infrastructure Law for Forest Collaboratives webinar and two collaboratives mapping tools. The webinar featured a variety of speakers who provided information about IIJA and how this laws may influence environmental conservation work throughout the West. You can find links to resources shared and presentation slides on [our site](#). **If you missed the event, you can view a recording of the complete webinar [here](#)!**

Thank you to all of you who attended!

[Click here](#) to sign up for the CFCN mailing list to learn about future events.



Registration for the 2022 Confluence

General registration for the Western Collaborative Conservation Network's 2022 Confluence is now open! This year's Confluence will take place **September 19-21** in Paradise Valley, Montana and focus on *sharing knowledge around cross-cultural collaboration, regional governance, and watershed-scale conservation.*

Confluence 2022 is a perfect conference for conservation practitioners, academics, students, and volunteers from across the Western United States who are experienced or interested in collaboration as a key element of their work.

Early Bird Registration (\$295) closes July 10.

Regular Registration is \$395 after July 11.

Registration will close on August 26th or when we have filled all slots; unfortunately no on-site registration will be offered.

[Register here!](#)

We hope to support diverse participation in this unique collaborative conservation knowledge-sharing event; therefore the network is excited to offer several full and partial scholarships, as well as travel stipends. To find more information and to apply, please visit our **Confluence Scholarship Form** [here](#).

Interested in sponsoring this event? Contact Aireona Raschke at araschke@colostate.edu to learn more about how you or your organization can support Confluence!

THE CONSERVATION
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2022 CONSERVATION FINANCE BOOT CAMP

June 27 - July 1 | Colorado State University, Fort Collins

Last Call for Boot Camp!

There's still time to register to participate virtually in the 2022 Conservation Finance Boot Camp! Boot Camp is an intensive multi-day workshop for conservation professionals to learn about innovative and effective funding strategies. Virtual participants will have access to four key sessions **Monday through Thursday (June 27-30).**

Presentations led by many different funders, agency, and nonprofit staff **delve into principles of finance, federal public funding opportunities, federal-private partnerships, and conservation investing.** See the full list of speakers, times, and topics [here](#).

Don't miss it! [Register now](#) to participate in the 16th Annual Conservation Finance Boot Camp online and find out more on the [CFN website](#).

Get to Know the CCC



Meet our CCC Fellow: Phoebe Suina

Phoebe Suina is the founder and owner of High Water Mark, LLC (HWM), which works with New Mexico communities, Tribes, and Pueblos on a variety of issues and initiatives from environmental policy, land acquisition, planning, infrastructure, and how governmental (Federal, State, and Local) policies, laws and priorities affect Tribal communities. Ms. Suina has over 20 years of experience providing technical, regulatory, and project management expertise to construct and implement utility projects, hazard mitigation projects, flood mitigation, environmental remediation initiatives, water infrastructure, and emergency and disaster recovery projects.

She is active in Pueblo cultural activities and is rooted in her Pueblo communities of Cochiti and San Felipe Pueblos. She has a deep-rooted understanding, respect for and love of water, which drives her work in the stewardship of water. **Her consensus-based approach incorporates traditional, cultural, and local knowledge and includes initiatives that engage local leadership and support resilience.**

Learn more about Phoebe's CCC Fellows project [here!](#)



Meet the Fur & Feathered Friends of the CCC!

We have gone through quite the transition at the CCC in recent months!

As we've gained many new faces on our team, we wanted to take a moment to

recognize our fur and feathered friends who put a smile on our faces, offer snuggles and pets when we are in need of comfort, join our zoom calls for fun, and support us as we work hard towards CCC's mission to build capacity for collaborative conservation!

Meet our fur and feathered friends [here](#).

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.

[Kachergis, E, et al. 2022.](#) **Adaptive monitoring for multiscale land management: Lessons learned from the Assessment, Inventory, and Monitoring principles. Rangelands, Volume 44 Issue 1, pp 50-63.**

Less than a year after participating in Cohort 4 of the CCC Fellows program, lead author **Emily Kachergis** began working for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as a technical monitoring lead for the Assessment, Inventory, and Monitoring (AIM) Program, a structured approach to multiscale, multi-use adaptive management.

This publication provides a detailed overview of the AIM principles, which are not only applicable to rangeland monitoring programs worldwide, but also address shared decision-making, empowering land managers, and overcoming challenges by focusing on people, communication, collaboration, and building consensus. In fact, Emily states that *“many of the tools we use are right out of the CCC toolbox. For me, having spent that year doing the CCC fellowship allowed me to develop skills that have been absolutely essential for leading change in monitoring for land management.”*

[Simulating Social Tolerance and Retaliatory Killing of Lions in Conflict Areas of Tanzania](#)

CCC Fellow **Andie Conlon** produced a poster presentation for the 2021 International Congress for Conservation Biology Conference, presenting her CCC Fellows project on human-lion conflict in Tanzania.

The poster explores factors that contribute to tolerance of lions, including how tolerance levels might shift due to events such as livestock depredation. Andie is helping create an agent-based model that visually represents this, and that will simulate the transmission of tolerance through social networks.

Other News and Opportunities

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is pleased to announce the **2022 Rocky Mountain Rangelands Request for Proposals**. Over the next decade, the [Rocky Mountain Rangelands Program](#) will contribute over *\$56 million dollars* for conservation initiatives focused on: restoration of sagebrush rangelands, conservation of wildlife migration corridors, and habitat restoration for wetland birds and native fish. To learn more, join the [informational webinar](#) June 21 at 11 a.m. MT and review the [RFP](#). **Proposals due July 28.**

Colorado State University's [Public Lands Policy Group](#) recently published **research** on how fuel treatments (e.g. prescribed burns, thinning) influence wildfire response by fire management teams. **Learn about their research results in this [2-page research brief](#).**

Pride Month gives all of us an opportunity to look inward and question the culture and level of inclusivity of our organizations, work spaces, and the conservation profession as a whole. A [new article by Plantae](#) considers the unique challenges that LGBTQ+ people face in environmental conservation careers and provides suggestions for creating a comfortable workplace for LGBTQ+ scientists.

The [Community Science Fellowship](#) of the **American Geophysical Union (AGU) Thriving Earth Exchange provides conservation practitioners with volunteer opportunities to work directly with communities to identify local goals and to lead a collaborative impact project from initiation to completion. The next cohort starts October!**

Jobs

Check out the CCC's [Job Board](#) for a list of jobs focused on natural resources and collaborative conservation! Here are just a few postings shared through our board:

RiversEdge West (REW), based in Grand Junction, Colorado is seeking a **Development Director** to manage funding operations that support REW's strategic and operational goals. [Applications close June 30.](#)

Klamath Bird Observatory is hiring an **Ecologist & Partnerships Coordinator** to inform forest management and restoration efforts and advance bird and habitat conservation. [Apply before June 27.](#)

Sierra Forest Legacy is seeking a dynamic **Executive Director** to lead biodiversity and ecosystem conservation efforts in the Sierra Nevada. [Opportunity open until filled.](#)

A **Postdoctoral Scientist** position with **Conservation Science Partners** is available! In collaboration with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife, the scientist will provide analytical and client relations to support a sagebrush biome conservation project. [Apply here ASAP!](#)

If you have job openings that are aligned with our work on collaborative conservation and you want us to share them, submit them to our [job board](#).

If you think a colleague would find value in reading CCC news, please forward this email to them and invite them to subscribe to our email list using the form at the bottom of the [CCC home page](#).

If you feel moved to support our work supporting conservation, please consider [supporting the CCC with a donation](#).

Questions? Ideas? Opportunities? Please email the CCC Director [John Sanderson](#).

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