



# SAVE THE DATE

Western Collaborative Conservation Network invites you to attend:

## WCCN's Inaugural Confluence 2020

The Western Collaborative Conservation Network (WCCN) promotes & supports community-based collaborative conservation efforts to strengthen and sustain healthy landscapes, vibrant communities and thriving economies.

**Confluence:** a coming or flowing together, joining, meeting place, gathering, a point of mixing.



At **The Confluence**, members of community-based collaborative conservation groups, their conservation support organizations and partners (see *list of participants below*) will gather from across the West to:

- **Connect** to peers in interactive poster & open space sessions, to co-learn through shared case studies, network to discover & develop new collaborations, & build a stronger collective voice for collaborative conservation
- **Convene** in peer-to-peer & expert-led learning sessions to build collaboration skills and practice collaboration tools. Topics: finance, fundraising, storytelling, collaboration 101, facilitation, leadership, partnerships.
- **Catalyze** action in working sessions on critical regional capacity issues to build more support for on-the-ground conservation success. Sessions: public policy, regional funding capacity, organizational and collaborative capacity building.

March 10-12, 2020  
Colorado State University

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<https://conferencereg.colostate.edu/WCCNConfluence2020>  
**Travel Support available for CBCCs**



# Confluence 2020 Schedule

## March 10:

**12pm+:** Participants start to arrive

**1pm-4pm/4.30pm:** Optional field trips - visit Big Thompson Watershed Coalition and Peaks to Peaks Water Fund

**2pm-4pm:** Optional Open Spaces for informal discussions on collaborative conservation topics

**4.30pm:** Orientation for event hosts, facilitators & volunteers

**6.30 pm:** Welcome & Opening Reception - John Sanderson, Director Center for Collaborative Conservation; John Hayes, Dean of Warner College of Natural Resources; August Ritter, The Nature Conservancy; Kate Greenberg, CO Commissioner for Agriculture; and sponsor & co-convenor recognitions

## March 11:

**7am:** Breakfast, Exhibitor & Poster setup & check in, silent auction opens **7.45am:** Opening

**8am:** Welcome: CSU President Joyce McConnell

**8.15am:** Practitioner Plenary: Michellsey Benally, Conservation Legacy-Ancestral Lands Program

**8.45am:** Connecting Session #1

**10.30am:** Morning Break-screen CBCC impact videos

**11am:** Peer-to-Peer Learning Session #1

- How to craft an effective & impactful collaborative conservation story
- How to build capacity through mentoring, coaching and internship programs
- Nonprofit planning & management 101 for conservation collaboratives
- Tips for private individual, corporate & foundation fundraising
- Conservation Collaboratives 101: practical advice from your peers

**12.00 pm:** Lunch-Live podcast-conservation practitioner leader panel: Tuda Libby Crews, Ute Creek Cattle Company; Denny Inverson, Blackfoot Challenge; Gary Severson, National Collaboration Cadre

**1pm:** Peer-to-Peer Learning Session #2

- What's the forecast? Budgeting and Planning for Conservation Funding
- Optimizing Social Media for Conservation
- Incorporating more diversity, equity and inclusion into your work
- 5 key elements that lead to engagement of diverse and multiple partners in a collaborative
- Lessons Learned, Challenges, Solutions to Collaborating Across Landscape Conservation

**2pm:** Afternoon Break, Posters, Record your CBCC story via podcast, silent auction continues

**2.30pm:** Open Space Sessions & Capacity Building Working Sessions #1

- Sustainable Funding Strategies for Collaborative Groups
- Building capacity at the state level and regional level
- Potential New Tools for Financing Conservation
- How to build a pipeline of next-generation conservation leaders

**4.15pm:** Connecting Session #2 & Open Space Sessions

**5.15pm:** Break-sign up for podcast, silent auction continues

**6.30 pm:** Dinner, awards, Live podcast with funding & policy conservation leaders: Tom Gougeon, Gates Family Foundation; Jim Levitt, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Heather Johnson, USFWS Partners for Wildlife

## March 12:

**7am:** Breakfast & Check in & Silent Auction continues

**8am:** Welcome & Logistics

**8:15am:** Capacity Building Working Session #2

- How to Build Organizational Capacity & Effectiveness of Collaboratives
- Public Policy and the Positive Implications of Collaborative Processes
- New Collaboration Approaches
- Methods & Tools to Engage Collaborators and Enhance Conservation

**9.45am:** Morning Break-Silent auction ends

**10.15am:** Sharing Outcomes & Next Steps

**11.15am:** Confluence Evaluation & What's Next & Announce Silent auction winners

**12pm:** Ending Plenary - Bob Budd, Western Landowners Alliance and Join WCCN and Adios

**12.30pm:** Take down vendor tables/posters

**12.30pm:** Western Collaborative Conservation Network Meeting

**12.30pm+:** Optional Open Space meetings for conservation groups