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.

The WCCN is comprised of:
- Private landowners, rural & agricultural communities, tribes
- Business and Industry
- Community-Based Collaborative Conservation leaders and practitioners
- State, sub-regional, and national conservation organizations
- Local, state, & federal land management agencies
- Academic institutions
- Conservation non-profits

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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Register Online Now
https://conferencereg.colostate.edu/WCCNConfluence2020
Travel Support available for CBCCs
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-convener 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