

Confluence 2020 Program Addendum

The following are changes to the Confluence 2020 Program.

March 11th Dinner

Plenary Panel Conversation: Jim Levitt replaced by Seth Gallagher



Seth Gallagher is the Manager for Conservation Programs in the Rocky Mountain Region for the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation. Seth is passionate about grassland conservation throughout the rural ranching communities of the west and manages grant portfolios for the Northern Great Plains, Rocky Mountain Rangelands and Western Big Game Migrations Programs for the Foundation. Prior to working at NFWF, Seth spent eleven years with Bird Conservancy of the Rockies managing their private lands program to provide technical assistance and habitat restoration expertise to landowners and two years managing partner positions for the Sage Grouse Initiative throughout the west.

Laura Cutlip, Western Governor's Association, co-hosting awards presentation



Laura Cutlip, who earned a B.A. in Environmental Policy from Colorado College, joined the Western Governors' Association as a Policy Fellow in January 2019. As a fellow, and later as an associate, Laura worked in support of WGA's working lands roundtable, the Western Governors' Reimagining the Rural West Initiative, and other cross-boundary projects. Laura became a Policy Advisor in December 2019, whose portfolio now covers energy, minerals and public lands policy. In this capacity, she works as team support on WGA's conservation efforts through the working lands roundtable.

March 11th Peer-to-Peer Learning Session #2, 1pm-2pm

Incorporating more diversity, equity and inclusion into your work: Kristina Ortez unable to attend, Shonto Greyeyes connecting remotely.

Optimizing Social Media for Conservation: Host Gregg Elliott connecting remotely, Co-Host Nick Schrader onsite with support from Nicole Reese.



Nicole Reese is facilitator and conservationist. Nicole received her Masters of Science in the Human Dimensions of Natural Resources from CSU. During her research with stakeholders involved in an endangered species recovery effort, Nicole realized how vital facilitation can be in supporting the success of collaborative processes.

After she graduated, Nicole pursued facilitation training with the International Association for Public Participation. She founded the nonprofit Crowd Conservation to provide facilitation and community outreach services to research teams and collaborative conservation efforts. Past projects have ranged from western bird conservation to wildfire and watershed issues.

March 11th Capacity Building Working Session #1, 2.30pm-4pm

Sustainable Funding Mechanisms: Gary Wolfe and Gary Burnett connecting remotely, Steve Smutko facilitating onsite with support from Nicole Reese, and presenter Henry Rael connecting remotely

Potential New Tools for Financing Conservation: Claire Harper unable to attend, and presenter Galen Guerro-Murphy connecting remotely.

March 12th Capacity Building Working Session #2, 8.15am-9.45am

Public Policy and the Positive Implications of Collaborative Processes: Jessica Western unable to attend, Natalie Sexton as co-host.



Natalie Sexton is chief of the Branch of Human Dimensions of the Natural Resource Program Center of the National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Before coming to the Service in 2012, she spent the last 10 years of her career with U.S. Geological Survey, where she provided human dimensions research and expertise to Refuges. In her current role, Natalie's focus is putting tools and resources into the hands of USFWS practitioners to address the human dimensions of conservation and bring more social science to complex conservation decisions. Her background is grounded in an MS in Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University. She lives in Fort Collins, Colorado and there she enjoys hiking and camping with her family as well as gardening and cooking.

How to build organizational capacity and effectiveness of collaboratives: Gary Burnett connecting remotely.

New Collaboration Approaches: Cindy Dohner unable to attend.

Methods and Tools to Engage Collaborators and Enhance Conservation: Patrick Bixler and David Baker connecting remotely.