

Confluence 2020 CS2 Yellow Table Session Notes

Session Notes: (insert below notes below by question)

Question 1: What inspires and motivates you?

- Coming together to preserve a healing place (Bears' Ears NM). Different Indigenous groups, some with historical tensions, joined together in this effort: Diné (Navajo), Zuni, Ute, Hopi. And the people (non-Natives) who stand with us (allies).
- Preserving (land, sacred places) for future generations and increasing their understanding of the outdoors. Focus on what we are leaving for the next generation.
- The threat posed by the current administration is a big motivator.
- Relationships with people and places, and seeing the relationships of specific communities/peoples and their places.

Question 2: What are your greatest successes and challenges?

- Success: Designation of Bears Ears National monument, 1.35 million acres. Multiple tribes coming together and the support that we received from other non-Native organizations. The fact that we are still working together.
- Success: Pride and empowerment from the collaborative process
- Challenge: Current administration decision to decrease the monument area by 85%.
- Challenge: Loss of Indigenous language and heritage
- Success: Sage Grouse Initiative, collaboration to avoid listing
- Challenge: SGI, loss of protections
- Challenge (general): Leadership transitions (in a collaborative group)

Question 3: What are collaborative learning opportunities, tools and resources do you need?

The group did not prioritize these items.

- Contact information from the WCCN Confluence participants
- How to communicate to different groups, audiences and cultures
- Information for students on where and how to start in this field. Perhaps a WCCN committee for students.
- More meetings like this one
- An evaluation check-list or process to help collaborative conservation groups/initiatives self-reflect and think through what works and what doesn't

