



Western Collaborative Conservation Network

presents the inaugural

Confluence 2020

March 10-12, 2020
Colorado State University

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

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

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



Confluence 2020 Co-Conveners



Confluence 2020 Schedule

March 10:

12pm+: Participants start to arrive

1pm-4pm: Optional field trips - visit Big Thompson Watershed Coalition

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

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

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, Registration

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

6.15pm: Social Hour/Bar Opens 6.30pm: 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, Registration

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 Leadership Team Meeting

12.30pm+: Optional Open Space meetings for conservation groups