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## Department of Natural Resources

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Collaborative leaders and partners,

I would like to start with a warm thank you to all our forest collaborative leaders and partners for all your hard work. As Coloradans face increasingly difficult forest health challenges, some of our greatest successes are thanks to your dedication, creativity, and ability to bring people together. On behalf of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources – thank you!

I am pleased to share my support for the all-new Colorado Forest Collaboratives Network. Launched in January 2022, the network will help connect collaboratives like yours to resources, opportunities, and other collaboratives. I personally know, understand and appreciate the value of forest health collaboratives in bringing diverse voices together. Earlier in my career, I worked as the Summit County Wildfire Mitigation Specialist in a challenging yet personally rewarding position. However, it was local collaboratives who I leaned on and were the sounding board for me on what areas of focus I should work on and prioritize.

In the next few months, the network's Coordinator, Katie McGrath Novak, will be conducting individual and regional listening sessions to learn about you and ensure the network is driven by collaboratives, for collaboratives.

Please reach out to Katie McGrath Novak ([katie.mcgrath@colostate.edu](mailto:katie.mcgrath@colostate.edu)) with questions and ideas about the network, and be on the lookout for an invitation for one of the network's regional listening sessions later this year. I hope you will find great value in the CFCN.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

