



Confluence, a 3-day conference in September 2022, brought together 115 collaborative conservation practitioners from across the West to share successes, lessons-learned, and to provide support to one another. We were inspired by the collaborative efforts being done in Montana and through immersion in an exceptional landscape. We connected with our shared collaborative conservation community and brought folks together across fields, ages, and geographies.

***See what our participants had to say about Confluence 2022:***

"[The WCCN] struck me as something very different... It struck me as a philosophy of teaching people how to collaborate rather than doing it for them."

"There is not another conference or network like this."

"The best conference experience since COVID. Amazing atmosphere, people, food, subject matter, facilitation, rhythm, everything."

"I don't meet a lot of people like me. It [felt] so good to be surrounded by people doing the same stuff, that care about the same things, that are passionate, and who come here with good hearts. You don't always have that."

"Confluence provided me a chance to connect with individuals and their organizations from across the West, gaining knowledge and inspiration from those more experienced with collaborative conservation and gaining ideas from everyone."





# Confluence 2022

"I left feeling on top of the world... I was so inspired. Hearing different perspectives really opened my eyes [and] for the first time, I placed more value on these kinds of [events] and decided I would make more of an effort to communicate with others doing similar work."

"I feel like this is filling a special space that no other gatherings quite have. I appreciate that the leadership of the committees is grassroots and comes from the practitioners themselves."

The work of the Western Collaborative Conservation Network is not possible without the support and generosity of our partners and funders.

If you feel moved to support the Western Collaborative Conservation Network in reaching our goals for Confluence 2024, donate [here](#).



Check out the work and learning accomplished at Confluence 2022, via our [Key Takeaways](#) report. If you would like to join the collaborative conservation community across the West, learn more at [our webpage](#) and reach out to [Dr. Aireona B. Raschke](#) to connect.