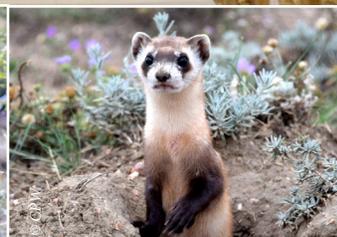


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2019 Partners in the Outdoors Conference

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Welcome

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Dear Conference Attendees:

On behalf of Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), I would like to welcome you to our annual Partners in the Outdoors Conference. Over the past five years, our conference has grown tremendously, and we are pleased to see the continued interest in collaborative solutions to common challenges. For five years CPW has served as the convener of this partnership, but it is each of you that make the event meaningful.



During this year's conference, we are working to shift from planning to action. Based on the Colorado Outdoor Principles and after months of collaborative work across the state from hundreds of partners, stakeholders and citizens, Colorado has drafted one of the finest Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORP) in the nation. Although our agency has served as the lead author of this plan, an important distinction that I would like to make is that this is not CPW's plan, it is Colorado's plan.

Thus, over the course of the next couple days, we will explore the following guiding questions: How do we continue to collaborate, shifting from successful planning to on-the-ground implementation? And how might we turn this plan into action that will positively impact Colorado's future?

To help address these questions we have an exciting slate of keynote speakers and breakout sessions along with plenty of opportunities for networking and collaboration. It is my hope that during this year's conference you will make connections while developing tools, skills, and strategies that will meaningfully affect the evolution of conservation and recreation in Colorado.

Lastly, I would like to promote Colorado's Outdoor Principles. These principles build upon the historic hunter/angler-based conservation model, known as the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, to provide a framework for advancing outdoor recreation while seeking broad-based support for wildlife and public and private lands conservation. As CPW continues to look to the future, Colorado's Outdoor Principles will serve as a code of ethics and complementary document to the North American Model. These two fundamental models will serve as a road map to guide the agency and ensure that our state's fish, wildlife, natural resources and all forms of outdoor recreation remain for future generations. For more information, see page 20.

I ask each of you here today, and the organizations you represent, to consider adopting Colorado's Outdoor Principles so we can stand together in recognizing the value of Colorado's natural resources as well as the need to collaborate in ensuring the Colorado we know and love today is here for future generations.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Ver Steeg
Acting Director
Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Help us shift from Planning to Action as we work to implement the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Objective I: Break Down Barriers - Better understand and address barriers to engaging people in outdoor recreation. Enhance efforts to engage Coloradans who currently lack or have limited opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation.

Objective II: Technology Connects More People to the Outdoors Advance easily accessible information that enhances user experience and offers tools to outdoor recreation providers.

Objective III: Private and Public Lands Support

Outdoor Recreation - Develop strategies across Colorado to build support for sustainable outdoor recreation access. Advance Colorado the Beautiful vision that every Coloradan will live within 10 minutes of a park, trail or vibrant green space.

Objective I: Build Support for Conservation Funding Raise political and public awareness for the value of Colorado's outdoors to Coloradans' quality of life, economic prosperity, heritage and public and environmental health so that more people contribute funds to support outdoor recreation and conservation.

Objective II: Diversify and Expand Funding Source(s) - Identify and pursue new funds available to organizations and management agencies that directly benefits outdoor recreation and conservation of natural resources.

Objective I: Build an Outdoor Stewardship Ethic - Foster awareness and experiences that build an ethic of stewardship and responsibility to care for natural and cultural resources and outdoor recreation infrastructure.

Objective II: Enhance Stewardship Capacity Increase capacity of outdoor recreation providers, stewardship organizations and agencies to engage volunteers, employ youth and young adults, and enhance other types of support for on-the-ground, action-oriented stewardship activities.

Objective I: Advance Landscape-scale Conservation - Work across jurisdictional and land ownership boundaries to plan for wildlife and natural resource conservation along with the growing demand for recreation access. Collaborate to tackle pressing and emerging issues and to identify and safeguard important areas for conservation, working lands and recreation access across the state.

Objective II: Address Recreation Impacts Proactively manage visitors and maintain infrastructure to provide positive outdoor recreation experiences while limiting resource impacts. Utilize best practices when developing new trails or other outdoor infrastructure.



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Schedule of Events

Platinum



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Silver



Contributing



Wednesday, April 24th

Pre-Conference Meetings	8:00 - 6:00 pm	See page 5 for more information
Conference Registration Opens	9:30 am	Colorado Ballroom Lobby
Forever Colorado Social	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Colorado Ballroom

Thursday, April 25th

Guided Hike (Optional)	7:00 - 7:45 am	Meet in Hotel Lobby
Breakfast	7:00 - 8:30 am	Colorado Ballroom
Conference Kick-Off SCORP Session	8:45 - 10:00 am	Colorado Ballroom
Breakout Session 1	10:15 - 11:30 am	See Page 9
Lunch and Opening Keynote	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Colorado Ballroom
Breakout Session 2	1:15 - 2:30 pm	See Page 10
Breakout Session 3	2:45 - 4:00 pm	See Page 11
COTREX Special Session	4:15 - 5:15 pm	Peak 17
Social Hour	5:15 - 6:15 pm	Colorado Ballroom Lobby
Dinner, Keynote and Award Ceremony	6:15 - 8:15 pm	Colorado Ballroom

Friday, April 26th

Guided Hike (Optional)	7:00 - 7:45 am	Meet in Hotel Lobby
Breakfast	7:00 - 8:30 am	Colorado Ballroom
Breakout Session 4	8:45 - 10:00 am	See Page 17
Breakout Session 5	10:15 - 11:30 am	See Page 18
Lunch and Closing Keynote	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Colorado Ballroom

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Wednesday Schedule

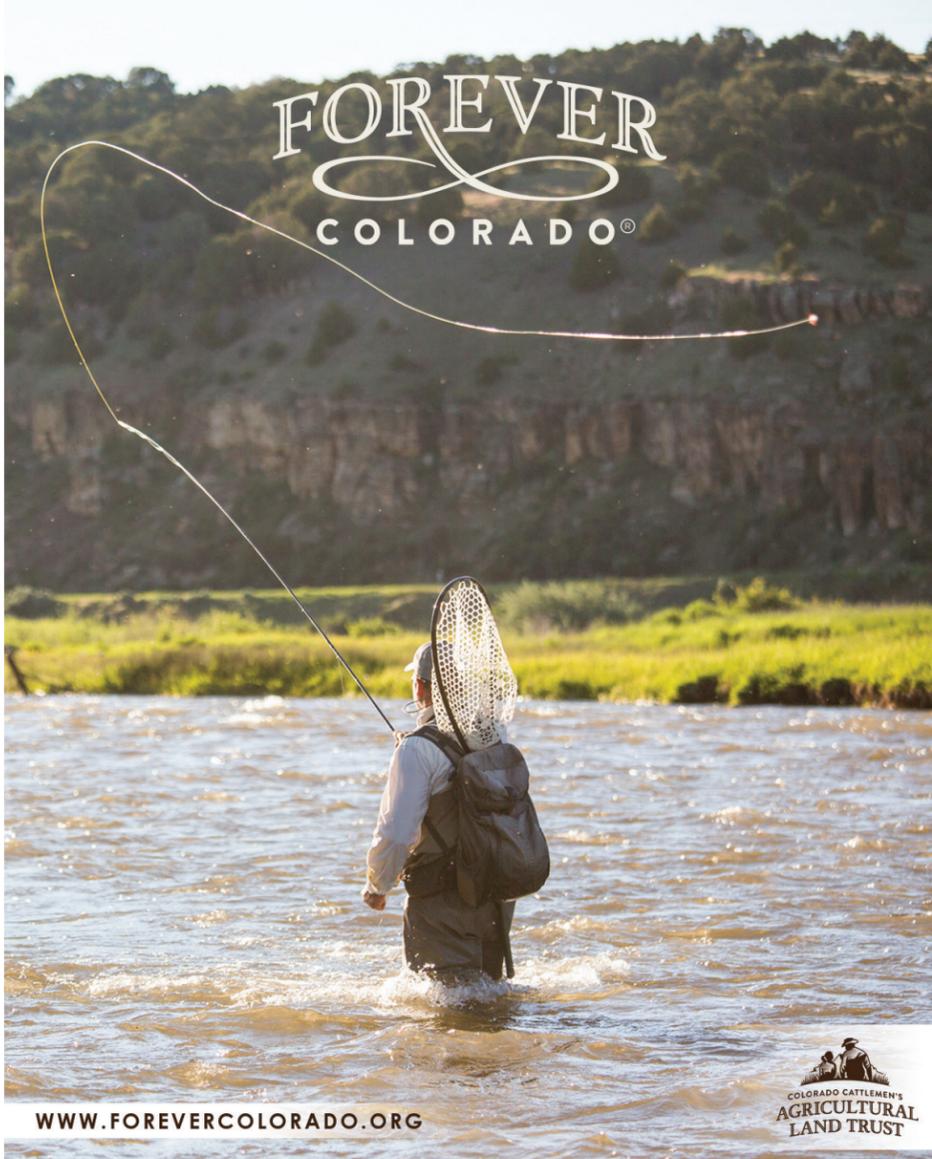
Forever Colorado Social

Event	Time	Location
Hunting for Sustainability** (more information below)	8:30 - 5:00 pm	Peaks 15 & 16
Registration and Booth Set-up	9:30 - 6:00 pm	Colorado Ballroom Lobby
Colorado Outdoor Partnership*	10:00 - 1:30 pm	Imperial Ballroom
Outdoor Recreation Office Advisory Council*	12:00 - 3:00 pm	Imperial Ballroom
Natural Leader Workshop** (more information below)	1:00 - 5:30 pm	Peaks 11 & 12
Friends of State Parks Rendezvous*	2:00 - 5:00 pm	Peaks 9 & 10
Byways Program Meeting: Taking SCORP to action	2:30 - 4:30 pm	Peaks 6, 7 & 8
Forever Colorado Social	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Colorado Ballroom

* By Invitation Only
 ** Registration Required

Hunting for Sustainability
 Backcountry Hunters and Anglers is hosting a skill-building workshop for those interested in learning more about hunting. This program will introduce firearm safety, accessing public lands for hunting, ethical hunting, the history of conservation and the role of hunters and how to care for and butcher game animals.
 Peaks 15 & 16
 **Registration Required, see Attendify app

Natural Leaders Workshop
 As a part of the Partners in the Outdoors conference, we are striving for equity in various ways. One of those ways is by supporting the connection and growth of young leaders in the movement. We are inviting all young leaders (age 30 and under) to join an afternoon of professional development, peer-to-peer learning, and networking with other young leaders from across Colorado, strategizing on ways to learn and engage at the conference and beyond.
 Peaks 11 & 12
 **Registration Required, see Attendify app



Join us:
Wednesday 6:00-8:00 pm
Colorado Ballroom
 Featuring music from High Plains Tradition

Locally sourced beef, wild game and beverages will give you a taste of Colorado's bounty and kick off the conference with the social event that everyone will be talking about for the rest of the week!



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Thursday Schedule

Event	Time	Location
Guided Hike (Optional)	7:00 - 7:45 am	Meet in Hotel Lobby
Breakfast	7:00 - 8:30 am	Colorado Ballroom
Kick-off SCORP Session (more information below)	8:45 - 10:00 am	Colorado Ballroom
Breakout Session 1	10:15 - 11:30 am	See page 9
Lunch	11:30 - 1:00 pm	Colorado Ballroom
Welcoming Remarks: Dan Zimmerer, CPW Platinum Sponsor: Chris Castallian, GOCO Executive Director Opening Address: Dan Gibbs, DNR Executive Director Keynote Sponsor: US Forest Service, Tammy Whittington, Deputy Regional Forester Keynote Speaker: Dr. Carolyn Finney		
Breakout Session 2	1:15 - 2:30 pm	See page 10
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Social Hour	5:15 - 6:15 pm	Colorado Ballroom Lobby
Evening Dinner and Awards	6:15 - 8:15 pm	See page 13 for details

Dr. Carolyn Finney



Carolyn Finney, PhD is a storyteller, author and a cultural geographer. The aim of her work is to develop greater cultural competency within environmental organizations and institutions, challenge media outlets on their representation of difference, and increase awareness of how privilege shapes who gets to speak to environmental issues and determine policy and action. Carolyn is grounded in both artistic and intellectual ways of knowing - she pursued an acting career for eleven years, but five years of backpacking trips through Africa and Asia, and living in Nepal changed the course of her life. Motivated by these experiences, Carolyn returned to school after a 15-year absence to complete a B.A., M.A. and Ph.D.

Along with public speaking, writing, consulting and teaching, she served on the U.S. National Parks Advisory Board for eight years which assists the National Park Service in engaging in relations of reciprocity with diverse communities. Her first book, *Black Faces, White Spaces: Reimagining the Relationship of African Americans to the Great Outdoors* was released in 2014.

In an effort to ensure our conference is representative of the perspectives of all Coloradans, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is partnering with Great Outdoors Colorado and the Children and Nature Network's Natural Leaders Program to bring a cohort of young professionals and students from diverse backgrounds to the conference.



In addition, our Partnership Program and Careers and Workforce Development office has provided scholarships to members of the Next 100 Coalition and other organizations working to advance diversity, equity and inclusion across the state.



Conference kick-off SCORP Session Colorado Ballroom

The Colorado Outdoor Partnership will present the priorities of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORP) then lead a collaborative workshop to advance this plan into action. After months of collaborative work to identify priorities and develop strategies, this session will advance a conversation for what comes next. Participants will connect with other organizations working on similar priorities and be asked to identify next steps and opportunities to collaborate. We will wrap up the session by highlighting participant ideas on how to measure progress at the Partners in the Outdoors Conference in 2020.

- Jody Kennedy:** CPW • **Luis Benitez:** VF Corporation
- Carlos Fernandez:** The Nature Conservancy
- Allison Kincaid:** Colorado Parks and Recreation Association
- Dan Gates:** Coloradans for Responsible Wildlife Management

COTREX Session Peak 17

CPW recently launched a new and improved version of COTREX. Now, from your computer or phone, you can access almost 40,000 miles of trails in the state across all jurisdictions and filter by activity, distance, difficulty, etc. Come learn about the new features of the COTREX app and all that it has to offer!



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Breakout Session 1: Thursday 10:15 - 11:30 am	Location
<p>Play on, Colorado! The Lottery & GOCO's one-of-a-kind Partnership Provides a Steady Stream of Funding for Colorado's Outdoors The Colorado Lottery has provided more than \$3.2 billion to Colorado's outdoor recreation, conservation, and wildlife. The primary beneficiary, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), has invested more than \$1.2 billion of proceeds in 5,200 conservation and outdoor recreation projects across all 64 counties as it shapes Colorado's outdoor future. Learn how the Lottery and GOCO work together to achieve something uniquely Colorado.</p> <p>Colin Waters: CO Lottery • Tom Seaver: CO Lottery • Jackie Miller: GOCO</p>	Peaks 6, 7 & 8
<p>Partnering with Public Health to Enhance Access to the Outdoors for Everyone Providing everyone opportunities to reap nature's many benefits requires eliminating barriers and improving access, especially for communities experiencing health inequities. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) will present information and community-level health data illustrating connections between access to parks and health.</p> <p>Cate Townley: CDPHE • Devon Williford: CDPHE • Megan Snow: CDPHE • Ben White: CDPHE</p>	Peaks 9 & 10
<p>Program Success and Beyond: The Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program The Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program (CWHP) provides funding for conserving Colorado wildlife habitat across the State and is an important tool for accomplishing CPW's mission to perpetuate our wildlife resources. The CWHP funds conservation easements, public access easements, and in rare circumstances, fee title acquisition. In this session, the Habitat Stamp Committee and CPW staff will provide an overview of the program, including conservation successes and information on the 2019 Request for Proposals. Looking to the future, presenters will discuss how to expand the greater reach of Habitat Stamp dollars to fund on-the-ground habitat conservation and other public access projects.</p> <p>Amanda Nims: CPW • Dan Prenzlowl: CPW</p>	Peaks 11 & 12
<p>Taking Care of Our Roots: The Culture of Indigenous and Community Stewardship Indigenous communities and urban communities of color have practiced stewardship for decades. Some of these practices look different from Colorado's SCORP and Colorado's Outdoor Principles regarding stewardship. What can we learn from these indigenous and community sources of knowledge? And how can we blend the two so that our beliefs and practices remain living, breathing, dynamic processes that grow with our ever changing communities and environment? Learn more through young leader narratives and facilitated group interaction.</p> <p>CJ Goulding: Children & Nature Network • Katalina Garcia: Natural Leaders Network Nizhooni Hurd: Natural Leaders Network • Nadia Cordoba: Natural Leaders Network</p>	Peak 14
<p>Changing the Conversation: How Diversifying the Field can Save our Sporting Heritage We are at a crossroads in the history of American conservation and must develop new leaders. Diverse voices will strengthen the impact of all hunters and anglers on conservation by bringing people to the table in a way that has never been done before. We will set examples of ethical hunting and angling and break stereotypes that limit open dialogue. Come hear our amazing panelists talk about how they are taking control of the narrative and overcoming barriers.</p> <p>Marcia Brownlee: Artemis • Kara Armano: Artemis • Crystal Egli: CPW Robyn Smith: Canvas Camp • Heather Dugan: CPW</p>	Peaks 15 & 16
<p>Bikes and Burgers: Finding Common Ground between Livestock Producers and Outdoor Recreation Join us for a stimulating discussion and conversation about the challenges of bringing diverse groups together for stewardship of the land through multiple use including livestock production and outdoor recreation.</p> <p>Janie VanWinkle: CO Cattleman's Association • Rob Schoeber: Grand Junction Parks & Rec Scott Winans: COPMOBA • Chris Pipkin: BLM</p>	Peak 17
<p>Help CPW Plan Your Next State Park With the passage of the Hunting, Fishing and Parks for Future Generations Act, CPW is pursuing 10 goals by 2025, one of which is to identify and begin planning Colorado's next state park. Presenters will share draft, high-level criteria to evaluate new parks or expand existing parks and participants will have the opportunity to give feedback through facilitated discussions.</p> <p>Carrie Besnette Hauser: CPW Commission and CO Mountain College Margaret Taylor: CPW • Krista Heiner: CPW</p>	Imperial Ballroom

Breakout Session 2: Thursday 1:15 - 2:30 pm	Location
<p>You are a Natural Resource Career Influencer! Do you interact with youth and young adults in outdoor recreation, educational programs, stewardship opportunities or other outdoor endeavors? Join us to identify opportunities in your work that can help prepare the next generation of natural resource stewards. Explore resources and tools you can share with young adults to support their interest in natural resource and environmental careers.</p> <p>Katie Navin: CO Alliance for Environment Education • Angie Busby: Cal-Wood Education Center Scott Segerstrom: Colorado Youth Corps Association</p>	Peaks 6, 7 & 8
<p>Connecting Transportation and Wildlife: Solutions for Ensuring the Safety of People and Wildlife The Colorado Wildlife and Transportation Alliance is a collaborative effort to improve human safety while integrating wildlife movement needs into Colorado's transportation system. This includes measures that institutionalize wildlife considerations into transportation projects, and builds partnerships to protect wildlife movements across landscapes, with the goal of reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions while maintaining wildlife populations. This session will discuss wildlife and transportation issues throughout Colorado and identify how to get involved throughout the state.</p> <p>Dean Riggs: CPW • Tony Cady: CDOT • Brett Ackerman: CPW • Emily Orbanek: GOCO Jim Daus: Eagle Valley Land Trust • Ashley Nettles: US Forest Service • Adam Palmer: Eagle County</p>	Peaks 9 & 10
<p>Partnering to Provide Multiple-Use Recreation Areas while Meeting Needs and Minimizing Conflict Leading to Satisfied Visitors Public lands are limited and designated which confines recreation opportunity. This session will explore the assumption that there are more people that want to share than those who do not want to share. It's important we evolve toward a culture of sharing and courtesy while providing sustainable design and managing expectations & information for everyone to truly benefit from outdoor recreation experiences.</p> <p>Drew Stoll: Great Outdoors Consultants • Bill Alspach: Trails Preservation Alliance</p>	Peaks 11 & 12
<p>So You Want to be an Ally? Allyship in Support of a More Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Space. Often, organizations don't know where to start to make their organizations more diverse, equitable, and inclusive. This session will address challenges and opportunities in this space and leave participants with tangible next steps they can take to move towards more equitable practices in their organizations. It will both share and model good allyship practices and invite participants to discuss their own ideas.</p> <p>Parker McMullen Bushman: Butterfly Pavilion • Juan Pérez Sáez: The Wilderness Society Jim Ramey: The Wilderness Society • Kristina Opre Gray: Environmental Learning for Kids Tracy Coppola: National Parks Conservation Association</p>	Peak 14
<p>Take a Walk, Bike or Boat on the Wild-side: How Wildlife Laws Affect Recreation Management As Colorado's recreation economy grows and demand for access to the outdoors increases, land managers and user groups must consider how the federal and state laws that protect wildlife affect land and recreation management. This session will discuss how wildlife laws like the Endangered Species Act and land managers' statutory missions inform recreational planning, access, and management. We will also place those laws in the context of the broader environmental-review processes.</p> <p>Bob Randall: Kaplin, Kirsch & Rockwell • Gary Tennenbaum: Pitkin County Open Space and Trails Lisa Reynolds: CO Department of Law • Nicholas DiMascio: Kaplin, Kirsch & Rockwell</p>	Peaks 15 & 16
<p>Funding for Colorado's Outdoor Future: What's Next for Implementing the Funding Study? Long-term, stable funding is critical to the future of Colorado's wildlife, outdoor recreation, and public lands. Last year, CPW commissioned a study to explore potential funding mechanisms and test them with the individuals and groups who spend time outdoors. Join the Colorado Outdoor Partnership (CO-OP) and the Meridian Institute to discuss next steps for ensuring long-term stable funding sources for outdoor recreation, conservation and wildlife in Colorado.</p> <p>Robyn Paulekas: Meridian • Dan Gibbs: CO DNR • Erik Glenn: CCALT • Chris Castilian: GOCO</p>	Peak 17
<p>Be Seen! Strategic Storytelling Skill-Building Workshop Nature Narratives, the first Metro Denver Nature Alliance collaborative project, provides opportunities for partner organizations to elevate their work and the diverse ways we are promoting healthier people, communities, and natural places in metro Denver. Develop your strategic storytelling skills, craft your own nature narrative, & learn how to use accessible tools & software to get your messages out using video.</p> <p>Dana Coelho: Metro Denver Nature Alliance • Mara Gonzalez: The Creative Umbrella</p>	Imperial Ballroom

Breakout Session 3: Thursday 2:45 - 4:00 pm	Location
<p>Partnering with NFWF and NFF to Advance Community Goals Join the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and National Forest Foundation (NFF) to discuss conservation funding opportunities in Colorado. NFWF works to restore our nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. The NFF works to enhance outdoor experiences and forest health across our National Forests. We are interested connecting our passion to your needs – what are your current and future funding needs in Colorado? How can we work together to sustain Colorado's outdoors in the future? Emily Olsen: NFF • Chris West: NFWF • Susan Alden Weingart: US Forest Service</p>	Peaks 6, 7 & 8
<p>Shaping Colorado's Stewardship Future Colorado's outdoors are at a critical "tipping point," requiring a significant shift in how we manage and sustain them. What we do next as Coloradans to address compounding challenges will shape the ability of residents and visitors to continue to enjoy our mountains, rivers, and forests for generations to come. This session will highlight current efforts to address the growing need for increased funding and capacity for stewardship volunteerism within the context of cultural, social, DEI and political realities. Anna Zawisza: Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado • Chris Yuan-Farrell: GOCO Carrie Besnette Hauser: CPW Commission, CO Mountain College President & CEO</p>	Peaks 9 & 10
<p>Crowding, Congestion and Experiences: the Importance of Visitor Research in Recreation and Tourism Management Across the Western U.S., parks and nature-based destinations are seeing an influx of visitor use. Site managers have looked towards social research to identify how best to handle this large volume of visitation. Understanding visitor behaviors, peak visitation strategies, and expectation management have become necessary tools to protect and provide access to visitors. New research methods from Yellowstone National Park, the Upper Colorado River, and the Breckenridge Tourism Office will be shared. Jake Jorgenson: RRC Associates • Bill Wishinski: Breckenridge Tourism Office Rob Buirgy: RRC Associates</p>	Peaks 11 & 12
<p>Whose Land is it Anyway? Underrepresented Stories from the State we All Love One of Next 100 Coalition's goals is elevating untold or underrepresented stories of experiences on Colorado's lands. Partners provides an excellent opportunity to highlight different stories from Colorado's past and present to help expand attendees' understanding of public lands engagement and draw out similar values among seemingly quite different individuals. Better understanding diverse past and present experiences on the lands we share can help inform conservation and access that is meaningful for all of us. Ernest House: Keystone Policy Center • Mallory Huggins: Next 100 Coalition</p>	Peak 14
<p>Making Connections: The role of Technology and Outdoor Recreation This session will help to better understand how technology might be used to enhance sustainable access and opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. A growing area of consideration is modernizing outdoor recreation to address changing demographics, notably digital natives, and make technology-based tools as usable as possible. The presentation includes an overview of theory, teaching and learning, technology platforms, and implications for engagement in the outdoors. Lincoln Davie: Metro State University • Nick Lux: Montana State University</p>	Peaks 15 & 16
<p>Balancing Outdoor Recreation: A Timely Conversation Recreation and conservation often compete for the same public land resources. Like it or not, projected population growth cannot help but increase competition. A daunting challenge is how to accommodate both future robust outdoor recreational opportunities and conservation. Panelists will begin exploring development of possible strategies. We must ensure we are not promoting one purpose at undue expense to the other. Matt Gray: Friends of CO State Parks • Bill Andee: CPW, Retired • Gary Moore: COMBA Bob Shettel: Backcounty Hunters & Anglers • Julie Mach: Colorado Mountain Club</p>	Peak 17
<p>Keeping Your On-Site Signage FRESH, not Funky How old is your average sign in your park? How many of your signs are worn, damaged, or illegible? Don't have the time, money, or resources to change them frequently (or at all)? Don't fret! We'll introduce you to cost-effective and efficient methods of displaying information that is eye-catching to your visitors while making your organization more relevant. Walk away with design guidelines and templates that will keep your information fresh for your visitors. Mary Ann Bonnell: Jefferson County Open Space</p>	Imperial Ballroom



A 26-Year Partnership

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) invests more than \$35 million of Colorado Lottery proceeds in Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) each year. GOCO's investments support Colorado's 41 state parks, watchable wildlife programs, volunteer and internship programs, and statewide programs that help build trails, reduce wildfire risk, and remove invasive species. GOCO funding also supports CPW in protecting and improving wildlife habitat that is home to hundreds of diverse species across Colorado.

Here's to 26 years of working together for conservation and recreation in Colorado!

Pictured: John Martin Reservoir State Park. Photo by moxie82inc.





Award Banquet

Event	Time	Location
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Social Hour	5:15 - 6:15 pm	Colorado Ballroom Lobby
Dinner	6:15 - 8:15 pm	Colorado Ballroom

Evening Address: Acting CPW Director Jeffrey M. Ver Steeg
 Keynote Sponsor: Wildlife Council, Andy Neinas, Chair
 Keynote Speaker: Mahting Putelis
 Partners of the Year Award Ceremony



Jeffrey M. Ver Steeg

Jeffrey Ver Steeg is the Acting Director and Assistant Director for Research, Policy and Planning. He was the Assistant Director for Wildlife Programs for the Colorado Division of Wildlife (and subsequently Colorado Parks and Wildlife) from 2003-2012. He joined the agency as the Terrestrial Section Manager in 2001. Prior to that, he served 12 years as the Chief of the Division of Wildlife Resources for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He began his career in 1979 as a District Wildlife Manager for what was then known as the Illinois Department of Conservation. He has a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Zoology (wildlife emphasis) from Southern Illinois University and a Master's Degree in Environmental Biology from Eastern Illinois University.

Mahting Putelis



Mahting Putelis is an adventurer, entrepreneur, and photographer who seeks to elevate the conservation conversation. After attending Prescott College, Mahting started off as a mountain guide and educator. He spent more time outdoors than in and developed a broad skill set for communicating with groups of people and managing the complexity of adventure travel. Drawing on his artistic side, he evolved into an adventure photographer, capturing moments of human movement in wild places. As an adult, he uncovered the hunter within and identified a need in the market for hunting apparel that speaks to the conservation ethic of many hunters. He co-founded Hunt to Eat, a lifestyle apparel brand, with the goal of each item being a conservation conversation starter.

Mahting has found himself at a crossroads as his disparate communities intersect with shared values that support wild places, animals and clean air and water. Seeing the possible political power of a united Outdoor Recreation Economy he, along with fellow leaders, has built a coalition of willing do'ers, ready to unite in protecting that which we value most. It is known as The Wild Gathering.

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Friday Schedule

Event	Time	Location
Guided Hike (Optional)	7:00 - 7:45 am	Meet in Hotel Lobby
Breakfast	7:00 - 8:30 am	Colorado Ballroom
Conservation Easement Session (more information below)	7:30 - 8:30 am	Peaks 6, 7 & 8
Breakout Session 4	8:45 - 10:00 am	See page 17
Breakout Session 5	10:15 - 11:30 am	See page 18
Lunch	11:30 - 1:15 pm	Colorado Ballroom

Keynote Sponsor: Colorado Lottery, Tom Seaver, Senior Director
 Keynote Speaker: Stacy Bare
 Closing Remarks: Dan Zimmerer

Conservation Easement: A New Method for Valuation This session will be a round-table discussion about new methods for valuing conservation easements. The discussion will focus on the development of the Conservation Evaluation Review Tool (CERT) that Colorado Natural Heritage Program (CNHP) is building and the formula for alternative valuation using conservation values that CSU's Ag and Resource Economics Department is developing. The discussion will also include updates on potential pilot projects with GOCO and other funding entities. ***Invite only**



Over the past 36 years, the Colorado Lottery has given back \$3.2 billion to Colorado parks, trails, recreation centers, and open spaces. Visit the map at PlayOnColorado.com.

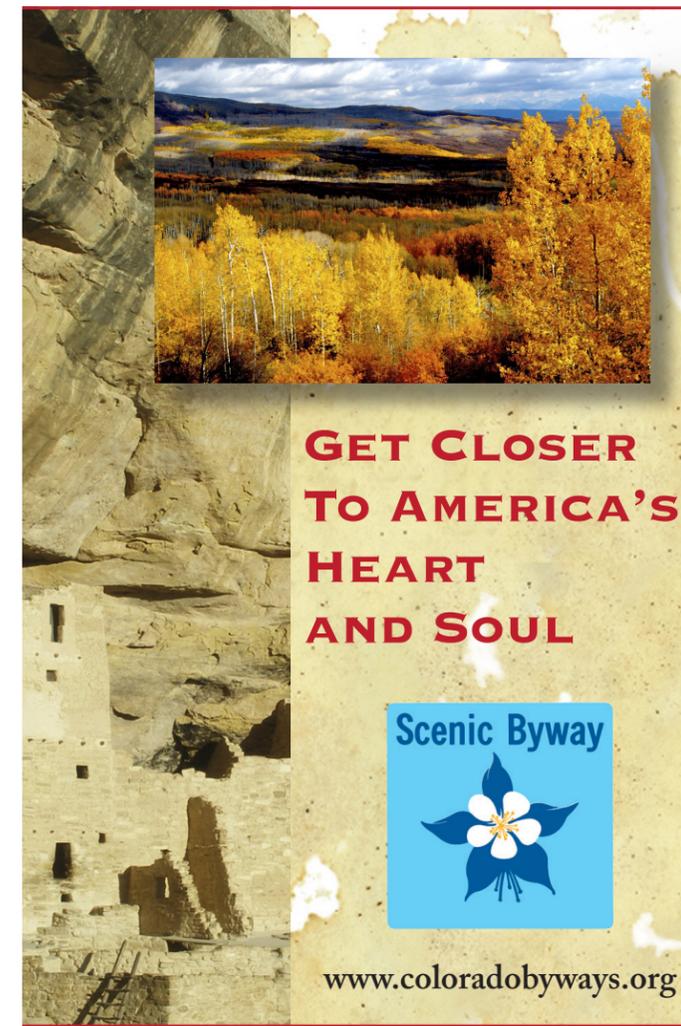
Stacy Bare



Stacy is a veteran of the Iraq war and will share his compelling story on the healing powers of the outdoors and the related importance of balancing conservation and recreation. In addition to being a partner, father, climber, skier, and rafter, he co-founded the Great Outdoors Lab (GO Lab) in 2014 to put scientifically defensible data behind the idea of time outside as a key component of healthcare in partnership with Dr. Dacher Keltner at UC-Berkeley's Greater Good Science Center. Stacy is a 2014 National Geographic Adventurer of the Year & the 2015 SHIFT Conservation Athlete of the Year. In 2017, he and two fellow veterans completed a first ski descent of Mt. Halgurd in Iraq as part of his Adventure Not War project. He also runs Bare, LLC, a boutique consulting firm helping organizations with leadership, strategic planning, and fund development.



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Breakout Session 4: Friday 8:45 - 10:00 am	Location
<p>Envision Chaffee County: Recreation Balance Initiative Envision Recreation in Balance is a unique, community-driven program that will develop sustainable solutions to the urgent challenge of managing the rapid expansion of outdoor recreation in balance with watershed health and diverse stakeholder needs in Chaffee County. The program approach and resultant systems will be transferable to communities state-wide.</p> <p>Dominique Naccarato: Greater Arkansas River Nature Association • Cindy Williams: Chaffee County Ben Lara: US Forest Service</p>	Peaks 6, 7 & 8
<p>Unexpected Partnerships and Innovative Initiatives: Engaging the Next Generation of Outdoor Leaders Colorado Mountain Club and Colorado School of Mines come together via The Wright Outdoor Industry Campus Innovation Challenge to address how we get more people from different backgrounds outside to both protect the environment and enhance the outdoor user experience, while also recognizing issues of overcrowding with a system that does not facilitate both growth and sustainability of getting outside. This non-traditional collegiate innovation challenge brings together entrepreneurial problem-solvers from a variety of backgrounds to address pressing challenges within the outdoor recreation industry.</p> <p>Chuck Sullivan: Something Independent & The Wright • Brittany Smith: Colorado Mountain Club</p>	Peaks 9 & 10
<p>Higher Education Round-table: Career Pipelines, Equitable Opportunities and a Skilled Workforce Join higher education leaders in a conversation that explores how educational institutions can support the goals of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan by preparing a skilled and diverse workforce in all outdoor recreation pathways. Colorado Mountain College will lead this conversation along with representation from higher education across the state to engage stakeholders in discussing the preparation of the next generation of outdoor stewards.</p> <p>Rachel Pokrandt: CO Mountain College • John P Hayes: CSU • Natalie Ooi: CSU Kevin Alexander: Western Colorado University</p>	Peaks 11 & 12
<p>Successful Collaborative Efforts In Outdoor Recreation and Sustainable Tourism Representatives from different entities will share their experiences in developing collaborative partnership structures, how they prioritize projects and efforts, methodology for developing and sharing stewardship principles for sustainable tourism, how they have developed funding mechanisms and the successes and challenges they have experienced.</p> <p>John Messner: Gunnison County Commissioner • Matt McCombs: Gunnison Ranger District Kristi Murphy: Bureau of Land Management-Gunnison • Keith Baker: Chaffee County Commissioner Randy Wheelock: Clear Creek County Commissioner</p>	Peak 14
<p>Realizing the Potential of the Outdoor Recreation Community to Advance Conservation Through Citizen Science Citizen science is a powerful tool to improve knowledge about the impacts of recreation on natural resources and build support for conservation. We will demonstrate how citizen science can: 1) provide opportunities for recreational users to collect data to inform conservation, 2) build a network of informed users who understand and are committed to addressing the impacts of recreation, and 3) facilitate collaboration to ensure recreation access while conserving land, water and wildlife.</p> <p>Megan Mueller: Rocky Mountain Wild • Greg Newman: CSU • Robert Schorr: CSU Joe Neuhof: Colorado Canyons Association</p>	Peaks 15 & 16
<p>Breaking Down Barriers ELK and NPS will showcase our partnership and how we work together to address barriers to access and opportunity in the outdoors. By sharing our successes and challenges and inviting participants to share their challenges and successes we can continue to break down the barriers that prevent Coloradans from receiving the benefits that the outdoors provide.</p> <p>Taylor Ruffin: Environmental Learning for Kids • Tegan Plock: National Park Service</p>	Peak 17
<p>Save all the Pieces: A New Paradigm for Landscape-Scale Conservation In the million-acre Roaring Fork Watershed, biodiversity is highly valued. A public private collaboration has begun the Roaring Fork Watershed Biodiversity and Connectivity Study. The Study will assess current habitat conditions, prioritize the best landscape-scale swaths of habitat and zones of connectivity to protect and restore, and develop an action plan. An engaged community will mobilize.</p> <p>Tom Cardamone: Watershed Biodiversity Initiative</p>	Imperial Ballroom

Breakout Session 5: Friday 10:15 - 11:30 am	Location
<p>Collaboration for Health: Lets Connect the Dots What does “outdoors” look like to you? Whether big or small, built or natural, connecting our outdoors to health has never been simpler. Parks, recreation and public health professionals are collaborating all over the state to connect the outdoors to diverse populations, to ensure access to active living, and to improve community health. Let’s work together to improve health and quality of life in CO. Come learn how, join the collaborating, connect the dots and become a partner.</p> <p>Jo Burns: Colorado Public Health/Parks & Recreation Collaborative</p>	Peaks 6, 7 & 8
<p>Want to Start a Latino Outdoor Education Program? If you want to improve or start a Latino Family Camp program, or simply want to learn about it, this presentation is for you. Since 2014, Cal-Wood has provided Latino family camps. Every year we lead 16 camps and 800 family members at our site, state parks and Rocky Mountains National Park. Come and learn how your organization can partner with us and start your own Latino Family Camp Program.</p> <p>Rafael Salgado: Cal-Wood Education Center</p>	Peaks 9 & 10
<p>Social Marketing and De-marketing to Support Advocacy and Management Organizations This session will aid land managers and organizations looking to promote conservation, through behavior change, to apply the skills of de-marketing and social marketing. With examples from our industry, we will focus on doing and not just theory.</p> <p>Scott Borden: Western Colorado University</p>	Peaks 11 & 12
<p>Recreation Impact Monitoring: An Analytics Approach to Public Lands Management Recreation impacts public lands. We know anecdotally that natural resources, wildlife habitat and user experience degrade when too many people play outside. But how do we accurately measure the local impacts on our trails, campgrounds, 14ers, climbing crags, rivers and snowscapes? Learn how the Colorado Mountain Club is using an analytics approach and mobile app technology to answer this question and help land managers address the increased demand for recreation on public lands.</p> <p>Julie Mach: Colorado Mountain College • Norm Reitter: CANA</p>	Peak 14
<p>Making Change from Change: How Community Fundraising Can Add Up As people increasingly engage in outdoor activities, public lands play a growing role. Meanwhile, conservation and recreation budgets have not increased to accommodate this demand. By enlisting local businesses to participate in a ‘1% for Trails’ donation initiative, non-profit or service organizations can create the revenue needed to create change in their community. Turn non-consumptive user groups into regular donors; engaging locals, visitors, and everyone in between.</p> <p>Ashlee Sack: Fremont Adventure Recreation</p>	Peaks 15 & 16
<p>Reflecting your Community within your Organization Join us as we share our best practices for taking diversity talk to action through community partners. Hear how we are working toward ensuring the community we serve reflects the demographics of our surrounding community. Participants will engage in an exercise designed to incorporate learnings into your day-to-day plans.</p> <p>Michelle Seubert: Barr Lake State Park • Shereen Fink: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Council of Brighton</p>	Peak 17
<p>Creative Collaboration: Misfits Making a Difference How do trails, horses, school gardens, mountain bikes and trail work increase access, engage youth, build community, and inspire the next generation of land stewards? These diverse coalition partners share strategies for working together to create equitable and sustainable growth between like minded organizations serving Colorado in the outdoors. These unlikely partnerships make for interesting programming, profitable jobs and comprehensive introduction to land stewardship ethics for youth. Successful collaboration begins with willing participants.</p> <p>Ami McAlpin: Montezuma Inspire Coalition • Travis Custer: Montezuma Land Conservancy Lynne Howarth: Medicine Horse Center • Laura Hughes-Brown: Montezuma School to Farm Project Teresa DiTore: Southwest Conservation Corps</p>	Imperial Ballroom

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Join the Colorado Outdoor Partnership and adopt Colorado's Outdoor Principles.

These principles help Shape How we Invest For Tomorrow (SHIFT). They are based on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and represent an effort to further refine an outdoor ethic that promotes both recreational enjoyment and thoughtful conservation of Colorado's special places.

More detailed information can be found at: copartnership.org/colorado-outdoor-principles

We invite you to sign on to adopt the Colorado Outdoor Principles, which can be found on the CO-OP web page.



Colorado's Outdoor Principles

1. **Public Lands** - Outdoor recreation and conservation require that a diversity of lands and waters be publicly owned, available for public access, and cared for properly.
2. **Private Lands** - Within Colorado's diversity of land and waters, private land plays a critical role in preserving the ecological integrity of a functional landscape that is necessary for robust and meaningful outdoor recreational experiences.
3. **Working Together** - Both recreation and conservation are needed to sustain Colorado's quality of life. Both are beneficial to local economic well-being, for personal health, and for sustaining Colorado's natural resources.
4. **Minimize Impact** - All recreation has impact. Coloradans have an obligation to minimize these impacts across the places they recreate and the larger landscape through ethical outdoor behavior.
5. **Management and Education** - Proactive management solutions, combined with public education, are necessary to care for land, water and wildlife, and to provide the protections needed to maintain quality recreation opportunities.
6. **Science-based Decisions** - Physical, biological and social science must inform the management of outdoor recreation.
7. **Stable Funding** - Stable, long-term, and diverse funding sources are essential to protect the environment and support outdoor recreation.

Partners Grants

The Partners in the Outdoors Conference is a platform for networking and collaboration to advance and balance outdoor recreation and conservation in Colorado. To support this goal, Colorado Parks and Wildlife provides grant funds to assist partner efforts that advance the priority areas identified in our Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). All organizations in attendance are eligible to apply for the 2019 grant. Applications are accepted until May 3, 2019. Applications should be submitted for funding requests between \$1000 and \$5000.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Grants can not be received more than 3 years in a row
- Must be a collaborative effort that includes multiple partner organizations
- Have matching funds (in-kind and/or dollar for dollar)
- Must utilize and document via photos

Projects should address priority areas identified in the 2019 SCORP:

- Sustainable access and opportunity to enjoy the outdoors
- Stewardship of natural, cultural and recreational resources
- Conservation of lands, waters and wildlife
- Funding the future to sustain Colorado's outdoors

Grant application is available at tinyurl.com/2019-Partners-Grant
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- KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:** Do your research to know what you'll need. Take a reusable water bottle everywhere
- BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE:** Keep campfires small, and put them out until you can handle the embers.
- STICK TO TRAILS:** Help natural areas stay natural by staying on the path.
- KEEP WILDLIFE WILD:** No feeding, approaching or touching, no matter how cute they are.
- LEAVE IT AS YOU FIND IT:** Take home the beauty in a photo and not in your backpack.
- SHARE OUR TRAILS & PARKS:** Yield to the uphill bikers and hikers; silence your cell phone and search for the trail less traveled.
- TRASH THE TRASH:** If you pack it in, pack it out — even food scraps. If you come across trash, pick it up.

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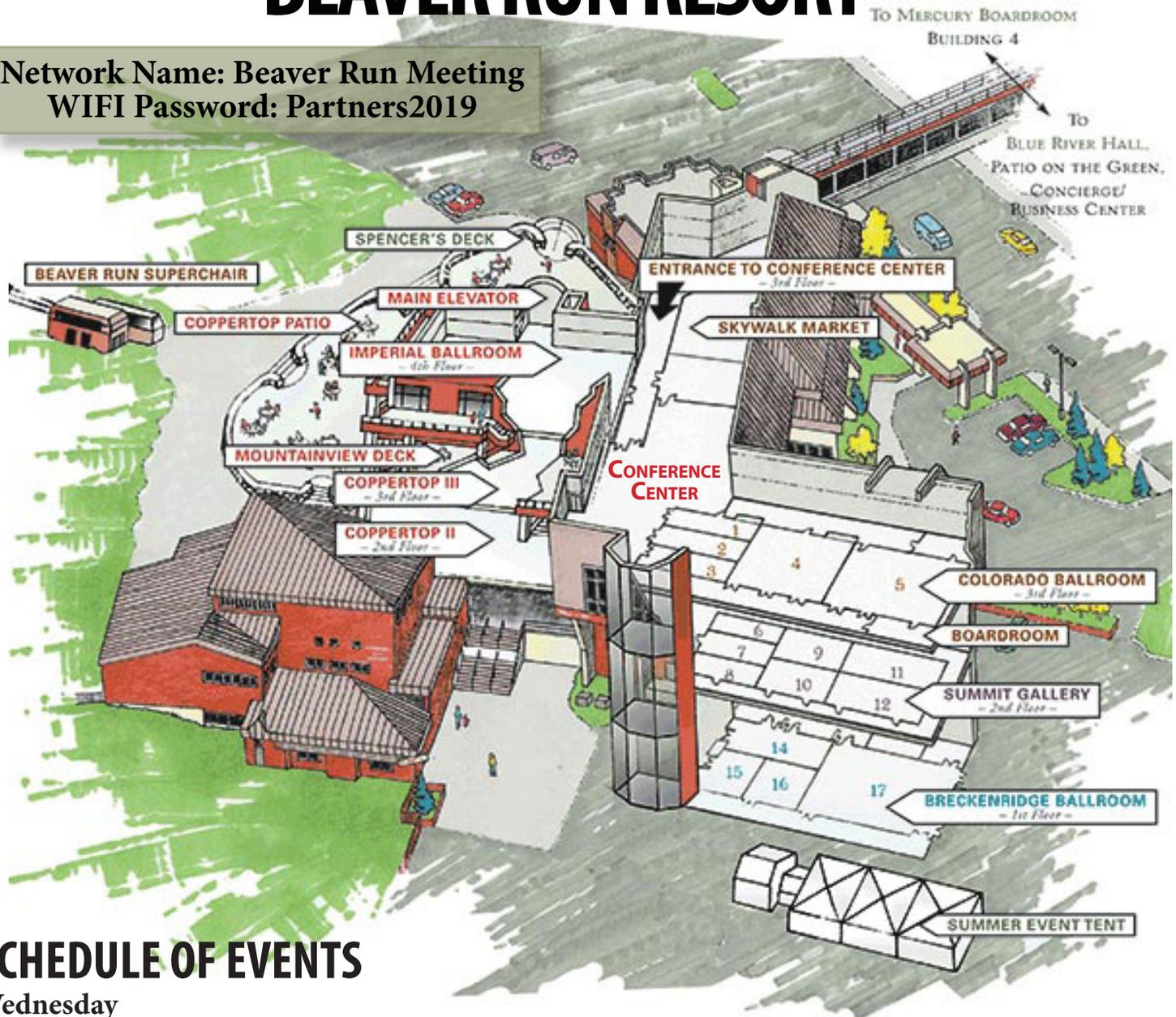
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday

Forever Colorado Social 6:00 - 8:00pm Colorado Ballroom

Thursday

Guided Hike (Optional) 7:00 - 7:45 am Meet in Hotel Lobby
 Breakfast 7:00 - 8:30 am Colorado Ballroom
 Conference Kick-Off SCORP Session 8:45 - 10:00 am Colorado Ballroom
 Breakout Session 1 10:15 - 11:30 am See Page 9
 Lunch and Opening Keynote 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Colorado Ballroom
 Breakout Session 2 1:15 - 2:30 pm See Page 10
 Breakout Session 3 2:45 - 4:00 pm See Page 11
 COTREX Special Session 4:15 - 5:15 pm Peak 17
 Social Hour 5:15 - 6:15 pm Colorado Ballroom Lobby
 Dinner, Keynote and Award Ceremony 6:15 - 8:15 pm Colorado Ballroom

Friday

Guided Hike (Optional) 7:00 - 7:45 am Meet in Hotel Lobby
 Breakfast 7:00 - 8:30 am Colorado Ballroom
 Breakout Session 4 8:45 - 10:00 am See Page 17
 Breakout Session 5 10:15 - 11:30 am See Page 18
 Lunch and Closing Keynote 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Colorado Ballroom