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Re: Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Update

The Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative, as directed by [Executive Order B 2020 008](#), convenes a broad spectrum of voices to identify, create, and formalize local and regional collaborations as Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships (Regional Partnerships). Through this Initiative, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), in collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the [Colorado Outdoor Partnership](#) (CO-OP), will establish a state-level vision for balancing recreation and conservation and to ensure equitable and sustainable access to the outdoors. This vision will guide development of a Statewide Conservation and Recreation Plan (Statewide Plan) and inform a framework to establish Regional Partnerships.

Funding Program:

To achieve the goals of this initiative, CPW and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) are collaborating to fund new and existing coalitions that adopt the state-level vision and provide local/regional planning elements to inform the Statewide Plan. Funding will support capacity building, facilitation, administration, coordination, plan development, and applied research. Successful proposals must address how coalitions are committed to advancing criteria that were developed in collaboration with the CO-OP. These criteria include:

1. **Wildlife & Natural Resources:** How will this project help recognize high-priority public and private land conservation needs for ensuring healthy lands, water, and wildlife?
2. **Sustainable Outdoor Recreation:** How will this project help recognize high-priority outdoor recreation needs for maintaining and improving equitable access and quality outdoor recreation experiences?
3. **Collaboration:** How will this project convene new or existing coalitions with broad representation of outdoor related interests including local, state, federal, and tribal government?
4. **Statewide Framework & Plan:** How will this project advance development of a conservation and recreation plan to achieve the state-level vision?
5. **Public Comment & Involvement:** How will this project engage the public and capture community input?

