

Highlights from the Field

Commissioner Adams'
January 2023 Update

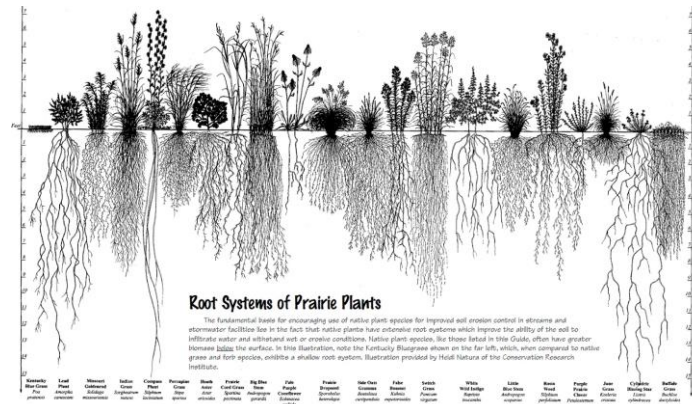
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Colorado Natural Areas Program

January 2023 Updates

- **New proposed state natural area designation and expansions** - Coal Creek Tallgrass Prairie, White Rocks, and Colorado Tallgrass Prairie Natural Areas Designation and amendments tentatively planned to be presented to PWC for approval in June 2023.
 - CNAP staff will be hosting a field visit for CPW commissions in Feb/March 2023. Please let us know if you would like to join us.
- **2023 CNAP Meeting Dates** - March 30, June 6, September 28, and December 5





All In Ice Fest Ouray

- ▶ Elevate and highlight marginalized communities- including Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), LGBTQIA2S+ communities, and Adaptive climbers.
- ▶ Ice Climbing Essentials with Brown Girls Climb hosted a one-day clinic focused on building a solid base of skills for ice climbing. Participants will learn essential skills such as equipment fitting and use, belaying technique, strategies for staying comfortable at the crag, and will practice movement on ice climbs.



Next 100 Colorado End of Year Celebration December 2022

Next 100 Colorado was formed in 2017 by national members based in Colorado and is the first chapter specifically focused on statewide efforts.

Next 100 Colorado focuses on workforce diversity (at land management agencies but also broadly across the conservation and outdoor recreation industries); ensuring equitable outdoor access for all people; and using our outdoor spaces to tell accurate, complex, uplifting, and healing stories about our state lands.

Next 100 Colorado uses an inclusive approach to public lands over the next 100 years must be driven by three guiding principles: reflect the faces of our country, respect all cultures, and actively engage all people.

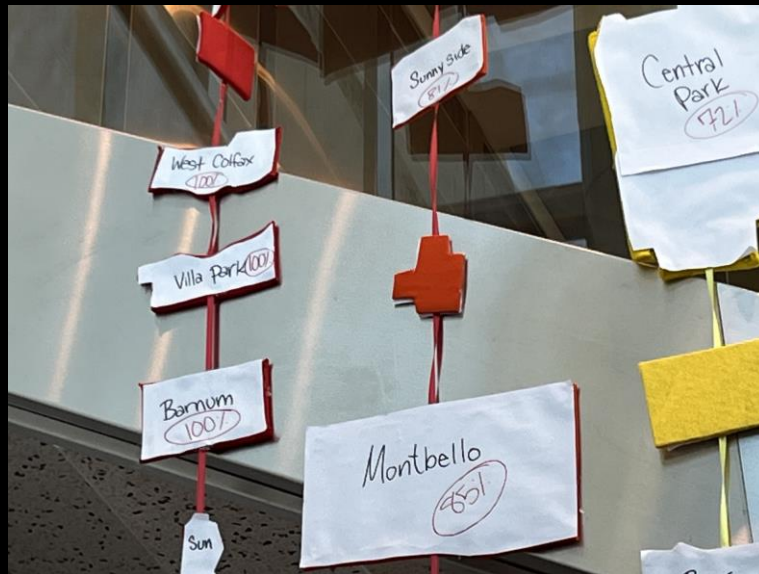
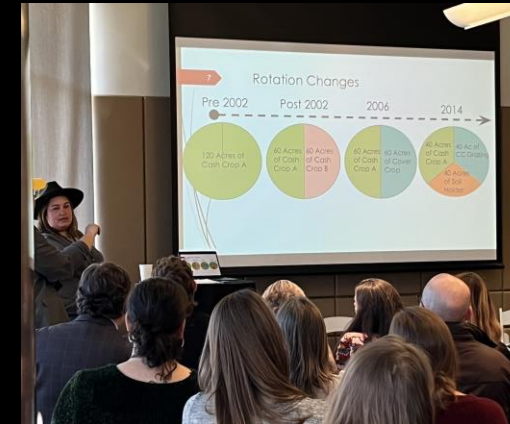
Learn more and/or become a member at <https://www.next100colorado.org/>



Colorado Food Summit - December 2022

Thank you to Colorado State University Food Systems program for hosting this year's summit. The Summit brought together food and agriculture stakeholders from across the state to help build shared understanding of the complex opportunities and challenges facing our food and agriculture systems.

Sessions included important agriculture and food systems conversations and showcase innovative projects from across the state. Ranging from land and water policy to effective strategies for mitigating stigma in the work of hunger and nutrition security, there's a place for everyone at the table.



NORTHWEST COLORADO

HOSTED BY THE **FOOD POLICY GROUP** OCTOBER 29, 2022

FUTURE: WHERE WE WANT TO GO! (HAPPENING THROUGH)

ACCESS TO LOCAL HEALTHY FOOD FOR EVERYONE

WISER WATER USE

PRESENT: OPPORTUNITIES: MORE LOCAL PRODUCTION, LOCAL PRODUCERS, FREEDOM TO OPEN, LOCAL FOOD, PRODUCE REGULATORY SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CHALLENGES: COSTS, INCURRING AND OBTAINING LAND, OBTAINING LANDS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, FOOD SYSTEMS, ACCESS, REGULATORY SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CHARACTERISTICS & OUR PAST: STRONG COMMUNITY, LETTUCES, STRAWBERRIES, SPINACH

WATER, LAND ACCESS, TRANSFORMING SYSTEMS

LARIMER COUNTY

HOSTED BY **POUDRE FOOD PARTNERSHIP** APRIL 5th, 2022

PRESENT: THINGS WORTH CELEBRATING & NURTURING: LOCAL FOOD, LOCAL PRODUCERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL FOOD, LOCAL PRODUCERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL FOOD, LOCAL PRODUCERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

THINGS NEEDING CARE & ATTENTION: SUPPLY CHAINS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL FOOD, LOCAL PRODUCERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL FOOD, LOCAL PRODUCERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

FUTURE: WHERE WE WANT TO GO! PRECONSUMER WASTE, LOCAL PRODUCERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL FOOD, LOCAL PRODUCERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

DENVER METRO

HOSTED BY **FOOD POLICY GROUP** OCTOBER 12, 2022

OUR FOOD SYSTEM: HEALTH, EQUITY, COMMUNITY, MARKETS, EDUCATION, POWER, POLICY, ACCESSIBLE FOOD FOR ALL, POVERTY

THINGS WORTH CELEBRATING & NURTURING: GROWING FOOD, ACCESSIBLE FOOD FOR ALL

THINGS NEEDING CARE & ATTENTION: MARKET VARIETY, POVERTY

BOULDER

HOSTED BY **BOULDER COUNTY** MARCH 17, 2022

FUTURE: WHERE WE WANT TO GO! PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE TRUE COST OF PRODUCING FOOD

PRESENT: THINGS WORTH CELEBRATING & NURTURING: FARMER BUSINESS COACHES/MENTORS, SUPPORTING BASIC NEEDS OF WORKERS, ACCESS TO LOCAL HEALTHY FOOD FOR ALL, SPECIALIZED FUNDING PROCESSES

THINGS NEEDING CARE & ATTENTION: ACCESS TO RESPONSIBLE, HEALTHY FOOD, NEED REPRESENTATION & VOICES FROM WORKERS

NORTHEAST COLORADO

HOSTED BY **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** APRIL 1, 2022

THINGS WORTH CELEBRATING & NURTURING: COMMUNITY GARDENS, SUPPORT FOR FOOD & AG, FAITH NETWORKS, VET SUPPORT

THINGS NEEDING CARE & ATTENTION: SELLING TO/WORKING WITH AG PRODUCERS, CONNECTION TO FOOD MANAGERS, LOCAL MARKETS, AGRICULTURE

STATE-WIDE ISSUES: WATER, DEVELOPMENT OF AG LANDS, CARE OF HUNTING

SOUTHWEST COLORADO

HOSTED BY **FOOD POLICY GROUP** MARCH 9, 2022

KEY ACTIONS: STORYTELLING, MESSAGING & EDUCATION, BOOSTER LOCAL PRODUCTION, IMPROVE POLICY & REGULATORY BARRIERS, BUILD LOCAL LEADERSHIP AS A COMMUNITY

THINGS WORTH CELEBRATING & NURTURING: EDUCATION, MARKETING WORK, OUR CONFIDENCE, LOCAL FOOD

THINGS NEEDING CARE & ATTENTION: CLIMATE CHANGE, WATER, INFLATION, LAND ACCESS, EQUITY, PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH CARE

WESTERN SLOPE

HOSTED BY **Valley Food Partnership** FEBRUARY 25, 2022

FUTURE: WHERE WE WANT TO GO! COOPERATIVE MARKET, SUPPLY DEMAND

PRESENT: WE ARE STRENGTHENING: FOOD PRODUCERS HAVE THE SUPPORT THEY ARISE TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES

THINGS NEEDING CARE & ATTENTION: WHAT WE NEED: PROVISIONS, WATER, DIVERSITY

SOUTH-CENTRAL COLORADO

HOSTED BY **MOUNTAIN ROOTS** MARCH 25th, 2022

PRESENT: THINGS WORTH CELEBRATING & NURTURING: HEALTHY GOLF, SEED SAVING & REGIONAL SPECIALTY FOODS, CO-OPS & FOOD HUBS

THINGS NEEDING CARE & ATTENTION: SPECIALTY FOODS, DIVERSITY, NETWORKS, FAIR FOOD PROGRAM, DIVERSITY PROBLEMS

THINGS WORTH CELEBRATING & NURTURING: MOUNTAIN ROOTS, SEED SAVING & REGIONAL SPECIALTY FOODS, CO-OPS & FOOD HUBS

PUEBLO

HOSTED BY THE **PUEBLO FOOD PROJECT** FEBRUARY 25, 2022

PRESENT: THINGS WORTH CELEBRATING & NURTURING: STUDENT PERFORMANCE, COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS, LOCAL FOOD, LOCAL PRODUCERS

THINGS NEEDING CARE & ATTENTION: OPPORTUNITIES: COMMUNITY GARDENS, LOCAL PRODUCERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL FOOD, LOCAL PRODUCERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

THINGS WORTH CELEBRATING & NURTURING: COMMUNITY GARDENS, LOCAL PRODUCERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL FOOD, LOCAL PRODUCERS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

SOUTHEAST COLORADO

HOSTED BY **NOURISH** APRIL 11th, 2022

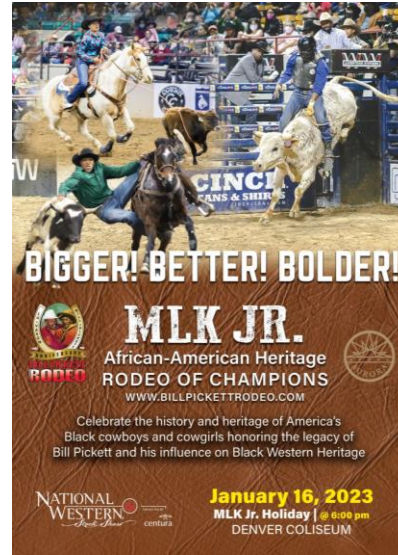
PRESENT: THINGS WORTH CELEBRATING & NURTURING: DEEP ROOTS, RESILIENCE & GROWTH, ENTREPRENEURIAL AND INNOVATION, YOUTH & THEIR WORK ETHIC

THINGS NEEDING CARE & ATTENTION: WATER & AGRICULTURE, CLIMATE CHANGE, LAND ACCESS, EQUITY, PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH CARE

CHARACTERISTICS & OUR PAST: CLIMATE CHANGE, WATER, INFLATION, LAND ACCESS, EQUITY, PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Thank you to the 125th Bill Pickett Rodeo at the National Western Stock Show!

- ▶ The Annual MLK, Jr. African American Heritage Rodeo of Champions features African American Champions and African American cowboys and cowgirls who have qualified for the finals of the NFR, IFR, PBR and BPRF. Denver gets the best of all.
- ▶ Visit the newly REOPENED **Black American West Museum and Heritage Center** to learn more about the history of Black cowboys, ranchers, farmers, and business leaders from Colorado and throughout the West. The Center also owns the land the Dearfield Black Homestead. Now open on Saturdays - <https://www.bawmhc.org/>
- ▶ Let's keep working on the 2019 Colorado Wildly Important Goal of telling a fuller Colorado history in our state parks, visitor centers, and wildlife area signage.



Wildlife and Habitat Roundtable Meeting

December 2022



The Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program (CWHP) is a statewide program that supports Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) mission by offering funding opportunities for landowners who wish to voluntarily protect important wildlife habitat, and/or provide sustainable wildlife-related recreational access to the public.

The CWHP is an incentive-based, voluntary program that utilizes conservation easements, public access easements and, in some circumstances, fee title purchases to accomplish strategic wildlife conservation and public access goals.

The CWHP achieves multiple goals tied to the CPW Strategic Plan as well as the State Wildlife Action Plan:

- ▶ Build collaborative conservation partnerships that enhance the capacity to deliver CPW's mission.
- ▶ Conserve wildlife and habitat to ensure healthy sustainable populations and ecosystems.
- ▶ Increase awareness and trust for CPW.
- ▶ Connect people to Colorado's outdoors.

Visit to Cheyenne Mountain State Park

- ▶ Cheyenne Mountain State Park is a Colorado state park that was acquired in June 2000 through a partnership between the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado State Parks, Great Outdoors Colorado, Colorado Lottery, El Paso County, and other local private organizations.
- ▶ The campground is open year round*
 - ▶ 51 full service campsites
 - ▶ 10 basic walk-in tent sites
 - ▶ *early March to late October, the Camper Services building offers coin operated showers, laundry, a playground and activity room
 - ▶ Swift Puma and Gobbler Grove campground areas will be closed starting November 1, 2022 at noon and will reopen March 1, 2023
- ▶ Archery Range - youth, standard, 3D
- ▶ Online Camp Reservation System - though beneficial, a 2022 University of Montana study for lack of equity in federal park reservation websites. Disparities identified included low-wealth/income people/families unable to plan 6 months in advance do to vacation scheduling limitations and racially/ethnically diverse people with limited broadband, high speed internet. Rice said they got the cellphone data for over 3,000 users and looked at five campgrounds across the country, including sites in Colorado, Utah and Oklahoma. The study can be found online at bit.ly/3LPc7eK.

