



## Expect the Unexpected: Building Resilience to Adapt to Change

October 11-13, 2021

Grand Hyatt, 1300 Westhaven Drive, Vail, CO 81657

### Monday, October 11

7:30 – 9:00 Registration and Expo; coffee service

#### Session 1 - Opening Panel Discussions, 9:00-10:15 (15 min for welcome and introductions)

1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1F
<b>Leadership:</b> Servant Leadership, Mark Sears – retired, Fort Collins Natural Areas	<b>Rangers:</b> Collaborating with Local Law Enforcement: How rangers and local agencies work together, Zach Cook	<b>NR &amp; Planning:</b> Change How You Plan, Heidi Wagner	<b>Environmental Ed:</b> Education Outreach Framework: Building Resilient E&O Experiences for All, Curry Rosato	<b>Recreation Planning &amp; Trails:</b> You Are What You Leave Behind: Kellie Flowers,	<b>Comm &amp; Outreach:</b> Managing expectations for success and increased visitation, Bill Wildenberg

#### Session 2 – 10:45-11:45

2A	2B	2C	2D	2E	2F
<b>DEI:</b> Lived Experiences and Action: Advancing Equity in Open Space through Partnership, Engagement, and Design, Juliet Bonnell	<b>Rangers:</b> Ranger Safety and Situational Awareness, Travis Bernstein	<b>NR &amp; Planning:</b> Managing Annual Grasses to Mitigate Wildfire Risk, Shannon Clark	<b>Environmental Ed:</b> Agents of Discovery: Using AR Technology to Encourage Outdoor Learning, Mary McCormack	<b>Recreation Planning &amp; Trails:</b> How to Create and Utilize an Adjunct Staffing Model, Daniel Rubenstein	<b>Resilience:</b> Strengthening Volunteer Programs for Resiliency, Jennelle Freeston, Sue Schafer, Dan Williams

11:45 – 12:45 Lunch buffet, Welcome, Land Dedication, COSA Blue Grama + Rocky Mountain Ranger Awards

#### Session 3 – 1:00-2:15

3A -	3B	3C	3D	3E	3F
<b>Recreation Planning &amp; Trails:</b> Managing Visitor Use, Dave Irwin	<b>NR &amp; Planning:</b> Monitoring sensitive, threatened, and endangered species, Logan McConnell	<b>NR &amp; Planning:</b> Welcome to CODEX: Colorado's Conservation Data Explorer, David Anderson	<b>Environmental Ed:</b> Kids Grow Better and More Resilient in Nature Through Education, Play and Discovery, Mark Davison	<b>DEI:</b> Nature & Nurture: Connection to the natural world as a tool for recovery, David Ford	<b>Leadership:</b> We Need to Pivot: Leading successful projects during change, Barb Waters – Peak Business Mgmt

#### Session 4 – 2:45-4:00

4A	4B	4C	4D	4E	4F
<b>Recreation Planning &amp; Trails:</b> Examining the Effects of COVID on recreation patterns & strategies for managing impacts, Ben Lawhon	<b>Resilience:</b> Resilient Streams and Diversions, Tracy Immanuel	<b>NR &amp; Planning:</b> The Resilient and Connected Network: A Roadmap For Climate Informed Conservation, Drew Rayburn	<b>Environmental Ed:</b> Keeping it Relevant with Teens, Deborah Price	<b>DEI:</b> Lived Experiences and Action: Advancing Equity in Open Space through Partnership, Engagement, and Design, Juliet Bonnell	<b>Leadership:</b> What We Are Learning and Hope to Never Forget, Jeremy Call and Mark Davison

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Expo Social (Main Foyer) – DINNER ON YOUR OWN!



## Tuesday, October 12

7:00 – 8:00 Registration & Expo

7:15 – 8:00 Breakfast Buffet

8:00 – 8:10 Welcome: (Eagle County Commissioner)

8:15 – 9:00 **Keynote Address: Breece Robertson, “Protecting the Places We Love”** (Breece will be selling and signing her new book, “Protecting the Places We Love” following the keynote.)

### Session 5 – 9:15-10:15 AM

5A	5B	5C	5D	5E	5F
<b>Public Communication &amp; Outreach:</b> Engaging in Effective Climate Change Messaging, Dakota Anderson	<b>DEI:</b> Operationalizing Your Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Values, Casey Bries	<b>NR &amp; Planning:</b> Sampling snakes with artificial cover objects in a Front Range grassland Andrew Dubois	<b>Environmental Ed:</b> The Curious Interpreter Mary McCormack	<b>Resilience:</b> Empowering Independent Volunteers, Dan Williams	<b>NR &amp; Planning:</b> Carbon Sequestration Strategies and Opportunities in Colorado's Open Spaces, James Hartsig and Therese Glowacki

### Session 6 – 10:45-11:45 AM

6A	6B	6C	6D	6E	6F
<b>Recreation Planning &amp; Trails:</b> Understanding and Managing Your Recreation Capacity, Ellie Wachtel (virtual)	<b>Rangers/DEI:</b> Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Ranger Involvement, Melanie Garlin	<b>NR &amp; Planning:</b> Investing in Ecological Restoration: Tools for Holistic Site Selection, Bernadette Kuhn	<b>Leadership/ Future of OS:</b> Benchmarks and Best Practices, Linda Lidov and Jeremy Call	<b>NR &amp; Planning:</b> Profile of a Rogue Burrowing Owl, Pete Dunlaevy	<b>Future of OS:</b> A Land Trust, a Housing Authority, a Board of Realtors, and a Town Walk into a Brewery Kristina Kachur, Scott Robson, Bobby Lipnick

11:45 – 12:15 Boxed lunch

**12:30 – 5:30 Field trips**

	Field Trip	Max.
FT1	Working Landscapes of Eagle County	50
FT2	Brush Creek Valley Ranch and Open Space Site Visit & Tour	30
FT3	Creekside Walking Tour to the Vail Nature Center & Betty Ford Alpine Gardens	20
FT4	Self-Guided Tour of Walking Mountains Science Center & Interpretive Nature Walk	Unlimited for self-guided tour; 15 for nature walk
FT5	Conserved Landscapes of Vail	25
FT6	Vail Village History Walking Tour	20
FT7	Guided Backcountry Hike	12
FT8	Everkrisp Bike Tour (Intermediate)	20
FT9	Will's Thrill Bike Tour (Advanced)	15
FT10	Off Road Hand Bike Tour on Vail Mountain	10
FT11	Adopt a Trail in Eagle County	15
FT12	EthnoBotany and Local Lore	15

**5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Colorado Open Space Alliance Annual Networking Dinner, Bol Vail**



### Wednesday, October 13

7:00 – 8:00 Registration & Expo  
 7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast Buffet  
 8:00 – 8:15 Starburst Awards, Daniel Bewley, Colorado Lottery

#### Session 7 – 8:45 – 9:45 AM

7A	7B	7C	7D	7E	7F	7G
<b>Leadership:</b> Role of Colorado Open Space Programs in Water Resource Management, Alex Funk	<b>Rangers:</b> Seasonals for Success, David Kaiser	<b>Resilience:</b> Coordinating Resiliency in Denver's Park System, Ian Schilling	<b>Public Communication &amp; Outreach:</b> Signaling Stewardship Through Art, Mimi Mather	<b>NR &amp; Planning:</b> Wildfire Mitigation - Opportunities and Barriers on Open Space Lands, Angela Boag	<b>NR &amp; Planning:</b> Developing a prioritization framework for effective and strategic forest management, Steve Murdoch	<b>Keep it Colorado Fall Summit:</b> 2021 Legislative Update with Keep it Colorado, open to all

#### Session 8 – 10:15 – 11:15 AM

8A	8B	8C	8D	8E	8F	8G
<b>Resiliency:</b> Leveraging Lessons from COVID to Cultivate Lasting Partnerships, Jennelle Freeston	<b>Rangers:</b> Body Cameras for Non-Commissioned Rangers, Benjamin White Patarino	<b>NR &amp; Planning:</b> UAVs - A Smarter Way to Weed Mapping and Monitoring, James Hartsig, Steve Murdock	<b>Public Communication &amp; Outreach:</b> Trails Users → Trail Participants, Jacob Baker	<b>Rec. Planning:</b> “If you build it...” A Study in Water Recreation Planning, Kerri Liljegren, Byron Fanning, Jason Trujillo	<b>Resilience:</b> Elk Meadow Off Leash Dog Park Restoration,	<b>Keep it Colorado Fall Policy Summit:</b> Summit Continues for KIC members

11:30 Lunch (buffet)  
 12:15–1 **Keynote: Craig DeMartino, Adapt“able”**  
 1:00 p.m. Conference Concludes