



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
Leadership: Servant Leadership, Mark Sears	Rangers: Collaborating with Local Law Enforcement: How rangers and local agencies work together, Zach Cook	NR & Planning: Change How You Plan, Heidi Wagner	Environmental Ed: Education Outreach Framework: Building Resilient E&O Experiences for All, Curry Rosato	Recreation Planning & Trails: You Are What You Leave Behind: Kellie Flowers	Comm & Outreach: Managing expectations for success and increased visitation, Bill Wildenberg

Session 2 – 10:45-11:45

2A	2B	2C	2D	2E	2F
Future of OS: Case Law Update, Jessica Jay	Rangers: Ranger Safety and Situational Awareness, Travis Bernstein	NR & Planning: Managing Annual Grasses to Mitigate Wildfire Risk, Shannon Clark, Jake Courkamp, Joe Swanson, Ryan Vincent	Environmental Ed: Agents of Discovery: Using AR Technology to Encourage Outdoor Learning, Mary McCormack, Joel Krupa	Recreation Planning & Trails: How to Create and Utilize an Adjunct Staffing Model, Daniel Rubenstein, Amara Meier, Colorado School of Mines student team	Resilience: 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
Recreation Planning & Trails: Managing Visitor Use, Dave Irwin	NR & Planning: Monitoring sensitive, threatened, and endangered species, Logan McConnell	NR & Planning: Welcome to CODEX: Colorado's Conservation Data Explorer, David Anderson, Michael Menefee	Environmental Ed: Kids Grow Better and More Resilient in Nature Through Education, Play and Discovery, Mark Davison, Erin Saunders	DEI: Nature & Nurture: Connection to the natural world as a tool for recovery, David Ford, Amanda Wroblewski	Leadership: We Need to Pivot: Leading successful projects during change, Barb Waters

Session 4 – 2:45-4:00

4A	4B	4C	4D	4E	4F
Recreation Planning & Trails: Examining the Effects of COVID on recreation patterns & strategies for managing impacts, Ben Lawhon	Resilience: Resilient Streams and Diversions, Tracy Immanuel, Sharla Benjamin, Carrie Cimo	NR & Planning: The Resilient and Connected Network: A Roadmap For Climate Informed Conservation, Drew Rayburn, Mark Anderson	Environmental Ed: Keeping it Relevant with Teens, Deborah Price	DEI: Lived Experiences and Action: Advancing Equity in Open Space, Juliet Bonnell, Leticia Abajo Torrijos, Jetzabel Martinez	Leadership: What We Are Learning and Hope to Never Forget, Jeremy Call, 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”**

Session 5 – 9:15-10:15 AM

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

Session 6 – 10:45-11:45 AM

6A	6B	6C	6D	6E	6F
Recreation Planning & Trails: Understanding and Managing Your Recreation Capacity, Ellie Wachtel	Rangers/DEI: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Ranger Involvement, Melanie Garlin, Maggie Krause	NR & Planning: Investing in Ecological Restoration: Tools for Holistic Site Selection, Bernadette Kuhn	Leadership/ Future of OS: Benchmarks and Best Practices, Linda Lidov, Jeremy Call	NR & Planning: Profile of a Rogue Burrowing Owl, Pete Dunlaevy	Future of OS: 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
FT5	Brush Creek Valley Ranch and Open Space Site Visit & Tour	30
FT2	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
FT10	Conserved Landscapes of Vail	25
FT12	Vail Village History Walking Tour	20
FT3	Guided Backcountry Hike	12
FT7	Everkrisp Bike Tour (Intermediate)	20
FT8	Will's Thrill Bike Tour (Advanced)	15
FT9	Off Road Hand Bike Tour on Vail Mountain	10
FT6	Adopt a Trail in Eagle County	15
FT11	EthnoBotany and Local Lore	15

5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Colorado Open Space Alliance Annual Networking Dinner, Donovan Pavilion



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
Leadership: Addressing Agricultural Buy and Dry, Alex Funk, Kimberly Kewless	Rangers: Seasonals for Success, Dave Kaiser	Resilience: Coordinating Resiliency in Denver's Park System, Ian Schillinger-Brokaw, Emily Zeller	Public Communication & Outreach: Signaling Stewardship Through Art, Mimi Mather	NR & Planning: Wildfire Mitigation - Opportunities and Barriers on Open Space Lands, Angela Boag	NR & Planning: Developing a prioritization framework for effective and strategic forest management, Steve Murdoch, Andrew Slack	Keep It Colorado Fall Summit: 2021 Legislative Update with Keep it Colorado, open to all

Session 8 – 10:15 – 11:15 AM

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

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