



# Grounded in Community

Grand Junction Convention Center, Grand Junction, Colorado

September 30-October 2, 2024

## Sunday, September 29

4:00-5:30 pm Early Arrival Registration

## Monday, September 30

7:00 – 9:00 am Registration and Sponsor Expo

7:30 – 8:30 am Breakfast service

8:30 – 8:45 am Welcome

### Session 1: 9:00 – 10:15 am

1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1F
Ephemeral to Perennial: How Understanding Change Keeps Us Grounded in Community (Future of OS)	Research-Based Benefits of Nature Connection through Equitable Access, Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, and Equitable Evaluation Techniques (Public Health/Wellness)	Funding Nature's Future: Colorado Parks and Wildlife Grant Funding Opportunities (Partnerships/ Grants)	Denver Park Ranger Peer Support Partnership (Partnerships/ Grants)	Resources for Educators About Wolves (Environmental Education)	Signage of the Times (Visitor Mgmt & Human Dimensions)

### Session 2: 10:30 – 11:45 am

2A	2B	2C	2D	2E	2F
Outdoor Accessibility through Regional Partnerships (Outdoor Accessibility)	Show Me the Money: How to secure grant funding for your projects (Partnerships/ Grants)	Healthy by Nature: CSU Extension's Role In Bridging Health, Nature, & Community (Public Health/Wellness)	Colorado's Wildlife Viewer Survey- Engaging a Broader Constituency (CPW) (Environmental Education) NAI	Recording Rangers: Body-Worn Cameras for the Limited-Commission Ranger (Ranger Roles & Responsibilities)	Engaging your community in the work of ecological monitoring (CoNPS) (Natural Resource Mgmt/ Stewardship)

12:00 am – 1:15 pm Lunch and Great Outdoors Colorado Presentation

### Session 3: 1:45 – 3:00 pm

3A	3B	3C	3D	3E	3F
Coming Together for Colorado's Outdoors (Future of OS)	Climate Ready Trailheads (Climate Change)	Empowering Communities Through Beaver Mimicry: A Model for Restoration and Engagement (Natural Resource Mgmt/Stewardship)	Cone Collection for Post Wildfire Remediation: A Community Effort (Forest Health/Wildfires)	E&O is No Accident: Making Room for Ranger-led Education Programming (Ranger Roles & Responsibilities)	Visitor Data: Leveraging Technology for Informed Open Space Decision-Making (Visitor Mgmt & Human Dimensions)



**Session 4: 3:15 – 4:30 pm**

4A	4B	4C	4D	4E	4F
Director's Session (Other)	Creating the Mount Tom Conservation Corridor (Land Acquisition)	Collaborative Stewardship: Data, Communities, & How We Can Do More With Less (Future of OS)	Making Non-motorized Trails Sustainable Through Public Health Collaborations (Public Health/Wellness)	COTAK: A Free Common Operating Picture for Colorado's First Responders (Ranger Roles & Responsibilities)	RESTORE: Scaling Conservation and Stewardship through Collaborative Funding (Partnerships/ Grants)

Avalon Theater 645 Main St, Grand Junction  
 5:30 – 6:45 pm            Networking Event  
 7:00 – 8:00 pm           Mountainfilm on Tour

**Tuesday, October 1**

7:00 – 8:00 am            Registration and Sponsor Expo  
 7:00 – 8:00 am            Breakfast  
 8:00 – 9:30 am           Presenting Sponsor: CO Lottery & Starburst Awards, Keynote Speaker: Kriste Peoples- Where We Go From Here: Navigating The Path Toward Community

Keynote Summary: *No matter how you view it, community is complicated both as a concept and as a lived experience. Join this exploration of what it means to strengthen our connections, sense of purpose, and belonging to ourselves, each other, and to the land.*

**Session 5: 9:45 – 11:00 am**

5A	5B	5C	5D	5E	5F
Enhancing Community Partnerships and Stewardship through Climate-Adaptive Management (Climate Change)	Volunteers-Building Effective Volunteer Engagement for Conservation through Collaborative Partnerships. (Public Outreach & Communication)	From Pastures to Peaks: Regional Partnerships Strengthening Community Collaboration (Part 1 of 2) (Partnerships/ Grants)	Unearthed: Finding Balance in South Canyon through Community-Driven Management Planning (Rec Mgmt)	Use of Community-Wide Partnerships and Technology to Address Challenges of Persons Experiencing Homelessness (Ranger Roles & Responsibilities)	Effective Community Engagement with Best Practices from NAAEE (Public Outreach & Communication ) NAI

**Session 6 : 11:15 am – 12:30 PM**

6A	6B	6C	6D	6E	6F
Integrated Resource Management: Balancing the Protection of Heritage and Natural Resources (Natural Resource Mgmt/Stewardship)	Local Solutions for Wildlife Connectivity Challenges: Case Studies and Best Practices (Future of OS)	Peer Learning and Crowdsourcing Solutions for Community Engagement with the CPW Regional Partnerships	Collaborative Front Range Bird Monitoring (Natural Resource Mgmt/ Stewardship)	Trespass Poaching on Open Space (Ranger Roles & Responsibilities)	Welcome to the OUT! (Outdoor Understanding for Teachers) Tour (Environmental Education) NAI



		Initiative (Part 2 of 2) (Partnerships/ Grants)			
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12:30 – 1:00 pm      Boxed lunch Pick-up  
 1:15 pm              Field Trip Check-in  
 1:30 – 5:30 pm      Field Trips (refer to [Field Trip Summaries](#))

Evening              Dinner on your own in Grand Junction

**Wednesday, October 2**

7:30 – 8:15 am      Breakfast  
 8:30 – 9:00 am      COSA Blue Grama Awards & Rocky Mountain Ranger Association Announcement

**Session 7: 9:30 – 10:45 am**

7A	7B	7C	7D	7E	7F
How We Get There: Looking Back, Thinking Ahead, Moving Forward Together (Outdoor Accessibility)	NOCO Places - Working across boundaries for sustainable solutions on public lands (Partnerships/ Grants)	Connecting the Statewide Natural Heritage Survey with your community (Natural Resource Mgmt/ Stewardship)	Data Beyond Borders: Creating Meaningful Partnerships for Public Land Research (Partnerships/ Grants)	Reimagining the Ranger Selection Process for a More Authentic and Modern Workforce (Ranger Roles & Responsibilities)	Cultivating a Public- Private Partnership (Partnerships/ Grants)

11:00 am – 12:30 pm      Lunch with Presenting Sponsor: GOCO  
 Keynote Speaker: Luke Runyon

Keynote Summary: *Water has a way of both uniting and dividing us. Join Luke Runyon in an exploration of storytelling through journalism and how narratives around water and community in the West shape conversations and perceptions of environmental issues.*

12:30 pm              Conference Concludes (please return your conference lanyard)