



January 2021 SER-Rocky Mountain Chapter Member Newsletter

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Wetlands Project Funding

New Funding Available for 2021

The application deadline is Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

APPLY NOW!

The Colorado Wetlands for Wildlife Program is a voluntary, collaborative, and incentive-based program to restore, enhance and create wetlands and riparian areas in Colorado. Up to approximately \$2.5 million of funds are available thanks to Great Outdoors Colorado and Colorado waterfowl stamps.

[Wetlands Funding Request for Applications \(RFA\) \(docx\)](#)

The intent of this funding is to support the two primary goals of the program:

1. Improve
the
distribution
and

abundance
of
ducks,
and
opportunities
for
public
waterfowl
hunting.
Applications
supporting
this
goal
should
seek
to
improve
fall/winter
habitat
on
property
open
for
public
hunting
(or
refuge
areas
within
properties
open
for
public
hunting),
or
improve
breeding
habitat
in
important
production
areas.

2. Improve
the
status
of
declining
or
at-
risk
species.
Applications

supporting
this
goal
should
seek
to
clearly
address
habitat
needs
of
these
species.
See
species
list
on
the
[Wetlands
Priority
Species
page.](#)

SER-RM Outreach Activities are Back!

The Outreach Committee began a transition from the Pub Talk Series to a webinar based platform to keep members of SER-RM up to date on recent news related to ecological restoration in the Rocky Mountain region. Currently, three speakers are lined up to start a wildfire restoration webinar series, following Dr. Mark Paschke's late 2020 webinar. All webinars will allow for SER-RM (and other SER) members to get CERP credits for attending. Look for social media announcements in the coming weeks.

Upcoming SER Webinars

January 27, 2021--and Beyond

As part of our webinar series, SER hosts at least one webinar each month to provide opportunities for members to engage with restoration experts from academia and the practice. Each [SER webinar](#) is pre-



approved for 1 CEC under the [Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner program](#) unless otherwise noted.

Seeds of Success: Fort Belknap Indian Community/BLM/SER Native Seed and Grassland Restoration Program

Wednesday, January 27th, 10 - 11 AM MST

Speaker: Cristina Eisenberg is an Indigenous (Raramuri, Western Apache) restoration ecologist and graduate faculty at Oregon State University. The former Chief Scientist at Earthwatch Institute, she has worked with Indigenous people around the world to empower them to restore their traditional lands using Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK). Cristina is on the Board of Directors of SER where she leads the SER TEK sub-committee of the Science and Policy Committee.



The Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) Native Seed & Grassland Restoration Program was designed to meet DOI, BLM, and Plant Conservation and Restoration Program Strategic Goals, via partnerships with FBIC and the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER). Launched in 2019, and led by an Indigenous PI, this Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)-based program focuses on developing genetically appropriate native plant material for habitat restoration; inventorying and prioritizing plant populations; and implementing and assessing restoration efforts through monitoring. Working on BLM lands, in consultation with Aaniiih and Nakoda elders and employing and empowering tribal youth, we are using Assessment, Inventorying, and Monitoring (AIM) protocols to identify plant populations, and then making collections from them for the Seeds of Success (SOS) program.

Using the ecological restoration of dunes along the north coast of Puerto Rico to increase climate change resilience

February 10th, 2021 8 - 9 AM MST

Speaker: Robert J. Mayer Ph.D., CERP (University of Puerto Rico at Aguadilla and Director of the Center of Conservation and Ecological Restoration, “Vida Marina”)

Puerto Rico was severely impacted by hurricanes Irma and María in 2017 and winter storm Riley in

2018. As a result of this most of the coastal dunes on the north coast of the island were destroyed or degraded making coastal communities more vulnerable than ever to the effects of future storms or other effects of climate



change. Since 2018 we have been restoring the affected areas using natural regeneration, assisted regeneration and reconstruction approaches with simple but effective ecological restoration treatment prescriptions. This has allowed us to repair breaches or start dunes in areas that were destroyed by the storms with significant success. We are using unoccupied aerial vehicle technology and biomimicry software to collect baseline data, plan and monitor our restoration work. Our efforts also include an environmental education component that is helping us educate the communities on the importance of ecological restoration of coastal areas. Our project is not only restoring the coast but is restoring our younger generations creating more resilient communities and a new generation of environmental professionals that will probably turn, solutions to environmental problems, into effective public policy.

Enabling factors to scale up forest landscape restoration: the roles of governance and economics

February 24th, 2021 8 - 9 AM MST

Speaker: Stephanie Mansourian (Research Associate with Geneva University, board membership with SER and Deputy Coordinator of the IUFRO Task Force)

A study of 10 long term and large scale forest restoration initiatives reveals some of the key governance and economic factors that support restoration. This WWF and IUFRO study entitled "Enabling factors to scale up forest landscape restoration: the roles of governance and economics" highlights the key factors at the national or sub-national scale that motivate the initiation of forest restoration, enable its implementation at scale and sustain it. The report features examples of how these enabling factors have played out in different countries, and finds that approaches have to be context-specific to be successful.

Check back often as we are constantly adding new sessions at [Restoration Resource Center » Webinars!](#) Recordings of past webinars can be found in our Webinar Library.

Mastermind Group for Collaborative Conservation Practitioners

Lupine Collaborative & Western Collaborative Conservation Network collaborate to offer a 6-session Collaboration Mastermind Group program training.

Are you...

- Actively engaged in collaborative conservation?
- Craving a confidential community of peers for mutual support and learning, problem-solving, celebration, and accountability?
- Feeling stuck, isolated, frustrated, and/or lost?

You can view the recording of the December Introductory Session [HERE](#).

For questions or to sign up for the program which starts January 21st, contact Deb Kleinman at deb_at_lupinecollaborative.com. Financial support is available and BIPOC, emerging professionals, and others from groups under-represented in collaborative conservation are encouraged to apply.

RELATED: [Collaboration Program in Natural Resources: Building Collaborative Capacity In Wyoming and Beyond](#)

The Collaboration Program in Natural Resources works with mid and upper career natural resource professionals to help them maximize their impact in complex and often contentious collaborative settings. CPNR seeks to increase knowledge and skills in three main areas:

- * Collaborative leaderships skills in areas such as effective communication, conflict resolution, and innovative problem solving
- * Designing, convening, and facilitating collaborative problem-solving processes
- * Participating effectively in collaborative problem-solving processes

CPNR graduates go on to lead collaborative problem-solving processes throughout Wyoming and across the West, ensuring that natural resource management decisions are more inclusive, consider more community and stakeholder needs, and will be more robust and longer-lasting than they could ever be without collaboration.

The program brings up to 20 participants together for a ten-month training program focused on collaborative leadership and problem-solving. The first five sessions include interactive hands-on training in leadership, collaborative

process design, negotiation, facilitation, and more. Participants then apply what they've learned to a practicum: a real-world collaboration project at work or in their community. The program culminates in April, with project presentations and a celebration for the graduates.

View the [2021 CPNR Program Outline](#)

SER Virtual Conference on Ecological Restoration

June 21 - 24, 2021



The 9th World Conference on Ecological Restoration moves online. SER2021 will provide a high quality, lively, and interactive forum for learning and networking with members of the restoration community from around the world. An online conference offers new options for participation and engagement, and we're developing exciting activities to bring restoration into your home or office.

Learn more about the conference and how you can participate [here](#).

Register Now! Early bird rates are available through March 15th. SER Members receive an additional discount on conference registration!



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