

Initiating Partners

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The Community-Public Land Partnership mission is to foster cooperation, learning, and open communication that will improve ecological stewardship and strengthen communities.

Purpose

Social, economic and cultural changes occurring in the West call for more problem-solving collaboration between community members and leaders, and public land managers and users. CPLP members believe that the future well-being, quality and improvement of communities and public lands are uniquely intertwined and mutually dependent. Formed in 1994, the Community-Public Land Partnership addresses critical relationships between public land stewardship and sustainable communities.

Vision

The Community-Public Land Partnership envisions utilizing citizen participation, community building, and organizational capacity development to establish collaborative community ecosystem stewardship projects in the Four Corners region of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and the Rocky Mountain West.

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Project Initiatives

The Community-Public Land Partnership undertakes initiatives in the following areas:

- Public participation in resource management planning and community sustainability
- Ecosystem stewardship and restoration
- Ecological research, monitoring and evaluation
- Public education and dissemination through workshops and policy development communication

Principles

Community-Public Land Partnership members have established a network to undertake collaborative projects based on five guiding principles:

Leadership

Addressing complex issues through community members and public land managers sharing power and accepting mutual responsibility for community and ecological stewardship and sustainability.

Common Values

Encouraging citizens, communities and public land managers to work together to sustain long-term interdependencies of communities, economies, public lands, and cultures.

Building Relationships

Increasing partnership capacities between communities and public land agencies, enabling both to collaboratively share resources in order to facilitate an appropriate integration of desired community and ecological futures.

Shared Knowledge

Integrating scientific information with the knowledge of community members and leaders in order to improve resource management and planning, research and monitoring.

Constructive Action

Achieving real progress on the land by transcending ideological polarization and procedural gridlock through face-to-face problem solving and local community development processes.