

Dolores River Restoration Partnership (DRRP)

Biannual Full Partnership Meeting Wednesday, May 15th, 2013
Montrose, Colorado - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



PLEASE RSVP by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 13th to:
Kathy Sherer: jksherer@q.com or 970-884-2355.

Meeting Location: Montrose County Fairgrounds
Address: 1001 N Second St Montrose, CO 81401

Proposed Outcomes:

- A clear understanding of ecological accomplishments to date
- Celebration of the Partnership's successes
- Collective dialogue and action items addressing key Partnership questions

Proposed Agenda Start: 10:00 AM

- 1. Introductions** (10 minutes)
- 2. Agreement on outcomes and the agenda for the day** (5 minutes), Marsha Porter-Norton, Facilitator
- 3. Welcome by the Uncompahgre BLM Field Office** (10 minutes), Barbara Sharrow, Field Office Manager
- 4. Reflecting on ecological accomplishments of the first four years** (1 hour 30 minutes)
 - A. Tracking on-the-ground investment: An implementation story, Jim Cagney, District Manager, Northwest District BLM, and Peter Mueller, TNC, Co-Chair of the Implementation Subcommittee
 - B. State of the transects: A watershed-wide monitoring story, Nikki Grant-Hoffman, Grand Junction-BLM Field Office
 - C. Discussion, reactions, and questions about where we're at
- 5. Lunch:** Taco bar for vegetarians & carnivores (45 minutes)
- 6. Presentations & Discussion:** Applying recent research and field experience towards future revegetation on the Dolores River (1 hour 30 min)
 - A. Presenters: John Sanderson, TNC; Amanda Clements, Uncompahgre-BLM; Sparky Taber, Grand Junction-BLM; Justin Marler, Tres Rios-BLM
 - B. Discussion and Q&A with partnership about implications for future work

Break (10 min)

- 7. Bridging Social and Ecological Goals:** The Corps-BLM Internship Program (35 min)
 - A. Setting the context: Mike Wight, Southwest Conservation Corps
 - B. Discussion with Chris Shea, former Corps Intern, about his experience
 - C. Managers' perspective: Mike Jensen, Tres Rios-BLM Field Office
- 8. A Quick Look Ahead:** Upcoming Events and Initiatives (45 minutes)
 - A. Interpretive Trail Dedication, Mike Wight, SCC
 - B. A funding forecast, Rusty Lloyd, TC
 - C. 2013 implementation work; plant ID & monitoring training; setting the stage for the fall partnership meeting; and XWN Workshop, Daniel Oppenheimer, TC
 - D. Other...

~DRRP Vision Statement~

The Dolores River watershed is dominated by native vegetation, where the threats from tamarisk and other associated invasive species have been mitigated and the riparian areas of the watershed continue to become more naturally functioning, self-sustaining, diverse, and resilient over time.

- 9. Wrap-up and Evaluation** (10 minutes)

May 14th DRRP & Conservation Corps Volunteer Event

On May 14th, 2013, we will continue a new DRRP tradition: hosting a volunteer event the day before our bi-annual partnership meeting. Like last year's cottonwood caging event in Slickrock Canyon, partners and Conservation Corps crews will spend a day working together, learning from each other's experiences, and taking on some hearty restoration work along the banks of the Dolores River.

This year, we will be working on a beautiful stretch of the Dolores River in Bedrock, CO. Come learn about a new method for tamarisk treatment being conducted by Western Colorado Conservation Corps and help us manually treat tamarisk in the nearby Wilderness Study Area. We'll bring the handsaws and loppers; you bring the elbow grease.



Above: Last year's volunteer project with Southwest Conservation Corps.
Below: Beautiful Bedrock, CO, location of this year's event.

When: Tuesday, May 14th from 11 am – 3:30 pm

Where: meet at the Bedrock General Store (about 20 miles west of Naturita on CO-90)

We provide: hand saws, loppers, snacks, and extra water

You bring: personal water, work gloves, lunch, hat, sunscreen, boots, pants, and long sleeves

Who: members of the DRRP and good friends

Please RSVP to: Mike Wight at (970) 749-2796 or mike@sccorps.org by Friday, May 10th.

Questions: Mike Wight's your guy

Thanks and see you soon!