



Colorado Wild Public Lands

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2020 Spring Happenings and 2019 in Review

Hello COWPL Members,

We've enjoyed many gifts this winter, including the bountiful snow and your continued support. THANK YOU!

COWPL's successes of 2019 happened because of you, your interest, your time and your donations.

In addition, the Board members put in many volunteer hours and our consultants worked hard.

In this newsletter, we'd like to share a few of COWPL's highlights of 2019, and our annual financial report.



2019 Highlights by Month!

- JANUARY** Hosted "Our Public Lands at Risk" with The Access Fund at Mountain Chalet, Aspen
- FEBRUARY** Prepared and submitted successful requests to the BLM for information on Blue Valley Ranch Proposed Land Exchange (LEX) via the Freedom of Information Act
- MARCH** Joined efforts to protect sensitive wildlife habitat and prevent the proposed Berlaimont Access Road near Edwards, CO
- APRIL** Spring Board Meeting
- MAY** Hosted Avvy Photo Contest in honor of Colorado Public Lands Day
Participated in Basalt Library Non-Profit Fair
- JUNE** Attended Rural Philanthropy Days for networking and learning
Developed Colorado Wild Public Lands Presentation
- JULY** Researched & prepared comments on GMUG Revised Forest Plan
Reviewed & prepared comments on proposed Forest Service NEPA changes
- AUGUST** Hosted a Postcard Writing Event supporting NEPA at Roaring Fork Conservancy
- SEPTEMBER** Submitted comments on the Blue Valley Ranch Proposed LEX FOIA information
- OCTOBER** We welcomed COWPL's first intern, Sarah Emery
Hosted a Meet 'n Greet with Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
Held a Wildlands Watercolor Workshop with Amy Beidleman

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NOVEMBER Worked with Independence Pass Foundation & Forest Service on Projects for the Pass
Coordinated comments on the proposed Valle Seco Land Exchange in San Juan National Forest

DECEMBER Submitted comments on the proposed BLM to Colorado State Lands Exchange
Completed COWPL's new website, visit: <https://coloradowildpubliclands.org/>
Gained 100 new followers on Instagram!

2019 Highlights by the Numbers!

This year we did most of our technical land exchange analysis work in-house, with many hours of volunteer time and staff assistance. We ended the year with funds in the bank to help us start this year's effort to protect NEPA (see below).

REVENUE

Public Support/Contributions	\$28,646
Grants and Awards	\$12,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$40,646
PLUS IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS(Website)	\$ 2,000

EXPENDITURES

Business Expenses	\$ 955
Contract Staff (Administrative & Technical)	\$18,707
Technical Consultant Services	\$ 585
Legal Fees*	\$ 8,610
Insurance	\$ 1,225
Operations, Subscriptions, Postage & Printing, Copying and Supplies	\$ 3,088
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$33,170

* An additional \$2,070 in legal fees was paid and later refunded through the FOIA process. Attorneys' fees are an important element of our advocacy

TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR VOICE, HEALTH & PUBLIC LANDS

Say NO to proposed NEPA Rollback

Learn more about current threats from the Trump administration to roll back the National Environmental Protection Act including rewriting, minimizing effectiveness and reducing opportunities for public comment. Make your voice heard - we'll provide talking points, addresses, postcards, stamps and snacks.



Tuesday March 3 from 5-7pm
at Roaring Fork Conservancy in Basalt
or
Sunday February 23 from 2-4:30 pm
at Ute Mountaineer in Aspen



Submit your comments by March 10, 2020 via:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov> Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
Mail: Council on Environmental Quality, 730 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503 or Fax: 202-456-6546

**We are excited about other upcoming activities this year including:
Further developing COWPL's Land Exchange Database, cultivating relationships on Valle Seco in the Pagosa Springs area, and hosting several educational events with guest speakers**

**Please continue to keep your membership current, consider additional donations if possible, and share our work with friends. We encourage and appreciate our volunteers - we'll match you with your preferred activity!
COWPL also gets donations from Amazon Smile and City Market, when you shop there. (Please register online.)
Thank you for your support!**