

ORRCA

Mission-

ORRCA collaborates to preserve ecosystem health and function across working landscapes and public lands while ensuring equitable access to sustainable recreation, thereby enhancing the region's quality of life.

Vision-

The community will have the resources to fulfill our conservation values and recreation opportunities based on collaborative evaluation of the region's natural landscapes, waterways, wildlife habitats, and existing recreation infrastructure.

Themes that guide ORRCA's vision include:

- Identify and balance outdoor recreation opportunities and conservation values. Prioritize a comprehensive plan for the region based on data that considers wildlife, healthy land and water, climate change, high-quality recreation experiences, agriculture, and resilient local economies.
- Educate about land stewardship, responsible recreation, and cultural history.
- Sustain a resilient community supported by diverse and active collaboration.



SPECIES TASK FORCE & STAKEHOLDER MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023, 5-7 pm

ALL-VIRTUAL

Meeting Description

Topic: June 26 ORRCA STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Join Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

5:00-6:00 SPECIES TASK FORCE MEMBERS MEETING: FINALIZE SPECIES HABITAT SENSITIVITY MODEL INPUTS & RECOMMENDATION

6:00-7:00 ORRCA STAKEHOLDER MEETING -- OBJECTIVES:

- 1) RECEIVE AND UNDERSTAND THE SPECIES TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HABITAT SENSITIVITY MODEL INPUT LAYERS.**
- 2) STAKEHOLDER GROUP DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE HABITAT SENSITIVITY MODEL INPUT LAYERS.**
- 3) RECOGNITION OF ORRCA VOLUNTEERS & EFFORTS.**
- 4) POSSIBLE DIRECTION AND FORMATION OF SPECIFIC TASK FORCE(S) AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

5 pm -- SPECIES TASK FORCE MEETING (all welcome)

6 pm -- ORRCA STAKEHOLDER MEETING: Call to Order, Agenda Items 1-4

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- **Hosted by LYNN PADGETT, OURAY COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

7:00 PM -- Adjourn

- **Save these dates:** 2nd and 4th Monday of each Month, 5 to 7 pm – STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS. See each agenda for location details (most meetings are either all-virtual or at Ridgway 4H Event Center/Zoom Option).
- **Cancellation of July 10 (2nd Monday) Stakeholder Meeting: Cancelled to allow ORRCA Stakeholders to attend the Baldy Mountain Landscape Resiliency and Habitat Improvement Project Open House.** The Baldy Mountain project encompasses multiple jurisdictions including private and public lands. The Open House is in-person at the 4H Event Center and is co-hosted by Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests in collaboration with the National Forest Foundation, Bureau of Land Management–Uncompahgre Field Office, West Region Wildfire Council, Colorado State Forest Service and Ouray County are co-hosting the event on July 10 from 5-7 p.m. in-person at the Ouray County Fairgrounds and Event Center, located at 22739 Hwy 550, Ridgway, Colorado.
- **Next ORRCA Stakeholder Meetings are on July 26, August 7, and August 21, 5-7 pm.**



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Baldy Mountain Project Partners Announce Co-Hosted Open House

Montrose, Colorado, June 22, 2023 – The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests in collaboration with the National Forest Foundation, Bureau of Land Management–Uncompahgre Field Office, West Region Wildfire Council, Colorado State Forest Service and Ouray County announce an upcoming open house aimed at providing the public with valuable information about the Baldy Mountain Landscape Resiliency and Habitat Improvement Project. **The open house will be held July 10 from 5-7 p.m. at the Ouray County Fairgrounds and Event Center, located at 22739 Hwy 550, Ridgway, Colorado.**

Project specialists will be available to engage with attendees, answer questions and provide information to enhance public understanding of the project objectives. Landowners interested in defensible space treatments on their property will have an opportunity to speak with subject matter experts who will provide valuable insight to help individuals safeguard their homes and create fire-adapted communities.

As part of the large-scale land management project, various fuels treatments are planned, including hand thinning of vegetation, mechanical vegetation removal and strategic prescribed fire. These methods are effective management tools for removing excess vegetation, stimulating plant growth and improving critical wildlife habitat. The open house will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about these treatment strategies and their benefits for the Baldy Mountain area and local communities.

The Baldy Mountain project encompasses multiple jurisdictions including private and public lands. For project specific information visit: <https://www.nationalforests.org/regional-programs/rocky-mountain-region/baldy-mountain-landscape-resiliency-and-habitat-improvement-project> or <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58554>. To request a free site visit with a wildfire mitigation specialist or learn about financial incentive opportunities for landowners visit: <https://cowildfire.org/site-visit/>.

Interested community members, landowners and stakeholders are encouraged to attend the open house event. This is an excellent opportunity to gain a comprehensive understanding of the project and contribute to its success through active participation and open dialogue.

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