

Connecting for Conservation



C4C Santa Fe

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Spring has (almost) Sprung!

Dear C4C SF Member,

I hope everyone has settled into the new year and has had the chance to enjoy some warmer weather, longer days, and hopefully minimal allergies! I'm looking forward to watch relationships continue to bloom within C4C and provide support where I can. Here are a couple of events coming up and a reminder to send in your updates to be featured in April's newsletter.

A peony for your thoughts?

As I begin working on the Spring newsletter, I'm calling on your support to submit any stories, updates, or events happening within your communities.

I'm also excited to begin reaching out to those who have expressed interest in the group spotlight! This spotlight is to highlight the work being done in the network and connect on a personal level to share with the group. This opportunity is a great way to showcase your work and reflect on the years to come. If you are interested, please fill out this [form](#).

If you have anything you'd like to submit or are interested in a brief interview, you can email me here: berit.robnett@nmhu.edu.

Upcoming Events:



The Fire Circle: A Community Fair

Saturday, March 21 from 10 AM – 2 PM

Media Education Center, Luna Community College

366 Luna Drive, Las Vegas, NM

Wildfire vulnerable communities live within a continuum that is cyclical, often navigating between pre-wildfire mitigation and post-fire restoration, with the occasional (we hope!) wildfire response. This reality requires frequent community action and active land management.

The Fire Circle is a community convening for co-learning, knowledge exchange and resource gathering. At the fair, community members can gain updates on:

- Groundwater contaminants in our drinking water
- Hazard tree removal to protect the Mora/San Miguel Coop electric lines
- New Mexico's new Wildfire Prepared Homes initiative
- How it can impact your homeowners insurance
- What is growing back in our forests after the HPCC fire

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Why volunteer firefighters are your first line of defense in a wildfire.

The fair will also bring together many organizations who are offering resources for landowners and homeowners, live demonstrations, and activities. Many communities remain vulnerable to wildfires as we have many acres of green islands within, and forests adjacent to, the HPCC burn scar.

The Fire Circle Fair attendees can:

- grow their knowledge
- ask questions
- talk to restoration professionals
- bring in unknown plants for identification
- learn the status of public trails access for your upcoming hunt

We hope to see you there!

Confluence: The Future of Collaboration- The Power of Working Across Divides.

The Western Collaborative Conservation Network (WCCN) and Confluence 2026 Planning Committee are happy to share that [registration for Confluence](#) 2026 is now open!

[Confluence 2026](#) will be held in Fort Collins, CO from [May 19-21, 2026](#) – and the overarching theme is: **The Future of Collaboration: The Power of Working Across Divides.**

This year Confluence is focused on collaborative skill-building related to this theme, and indigenous engagement, thanks to the leadership of one of the co-conveners - [Trees, Water & People](#) as well as the Indigenous Engagement Subcommittee. In addition, the planning committee is designing the event to support community building, and the second co-convener, [Crowd Conservation](#), is again leading a Mentorship Match program at the event. The amazing Planning Committee is

working hard to create an amazing event that will inspire, teach, and connect everyone who attends!

Happy Spring!

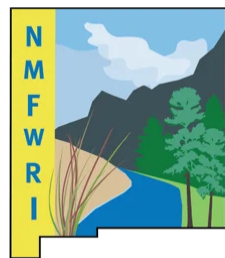
-The NMFWRI Collaboration Program Team



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