

# PIKES PEAK OUTDOOR RECREATION ALLIANCE



## GROW

Responsibly grow outdoor recreation in the Pikes Peak region



## STEWARD

Support stewardship of our outdoor environments and promote outdoor ethics for responsible recreation



## STRENGTHEN

Strengthen the Pikes Peak region's outdoor recreation industry



## INSPIRE

Inspire greater participation in outdoor recreation

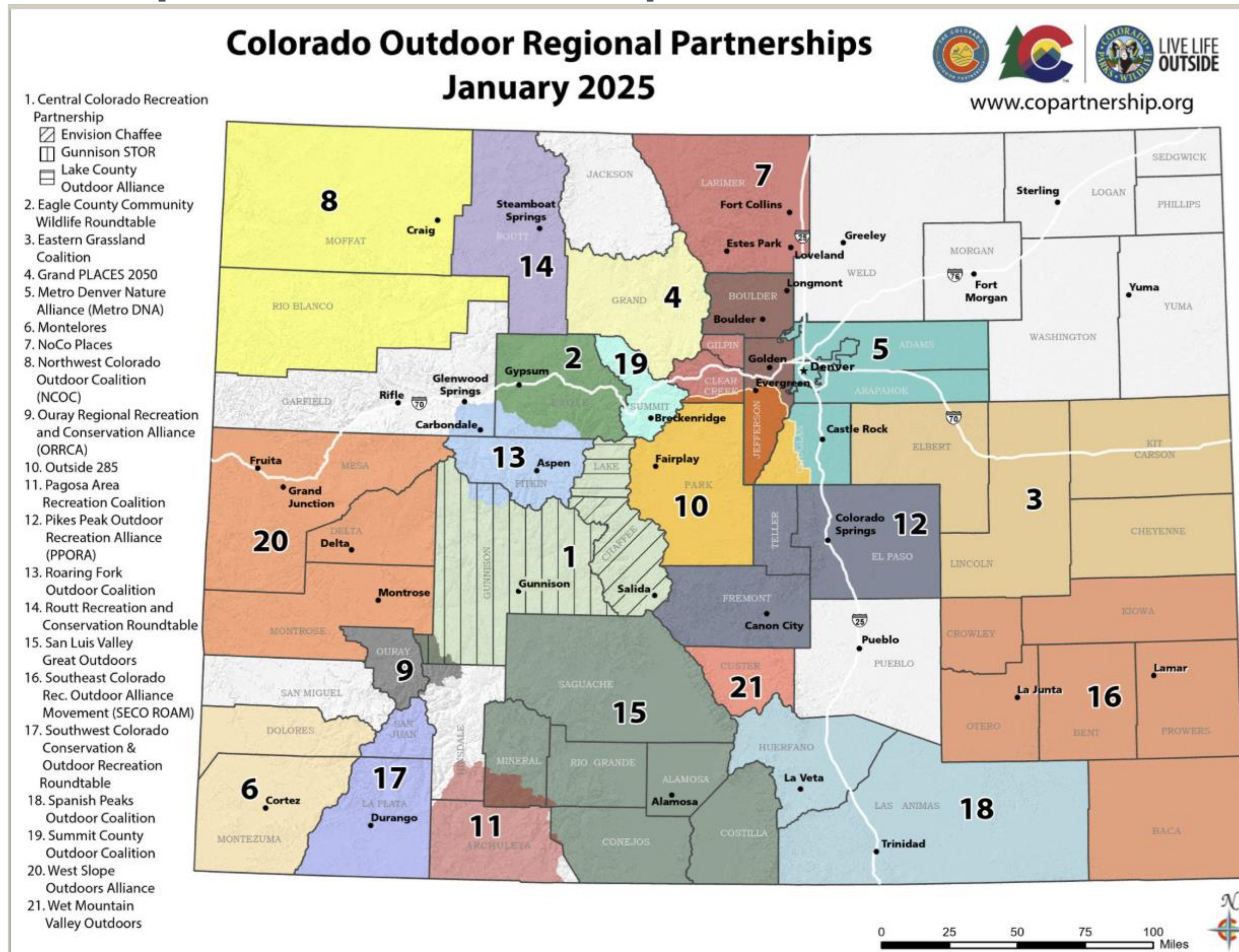


## ADVOCATE

Advocate on behalf of the outdoor recreation industry at the local, state and national levels



# Map of Partnerships across Colorado



# OPPI Mission



**OUTDOOR**  
PIKES PEAK INITIATIVE

To collaboratively identify and advance priorities and innovative strategies to ensure the resiliency and improvement of our natural and recreational values for the Pikes Peak region's future.

*\*Pikes Peak region is loosely defined as El Paso, Teller, and Fremont Counties*

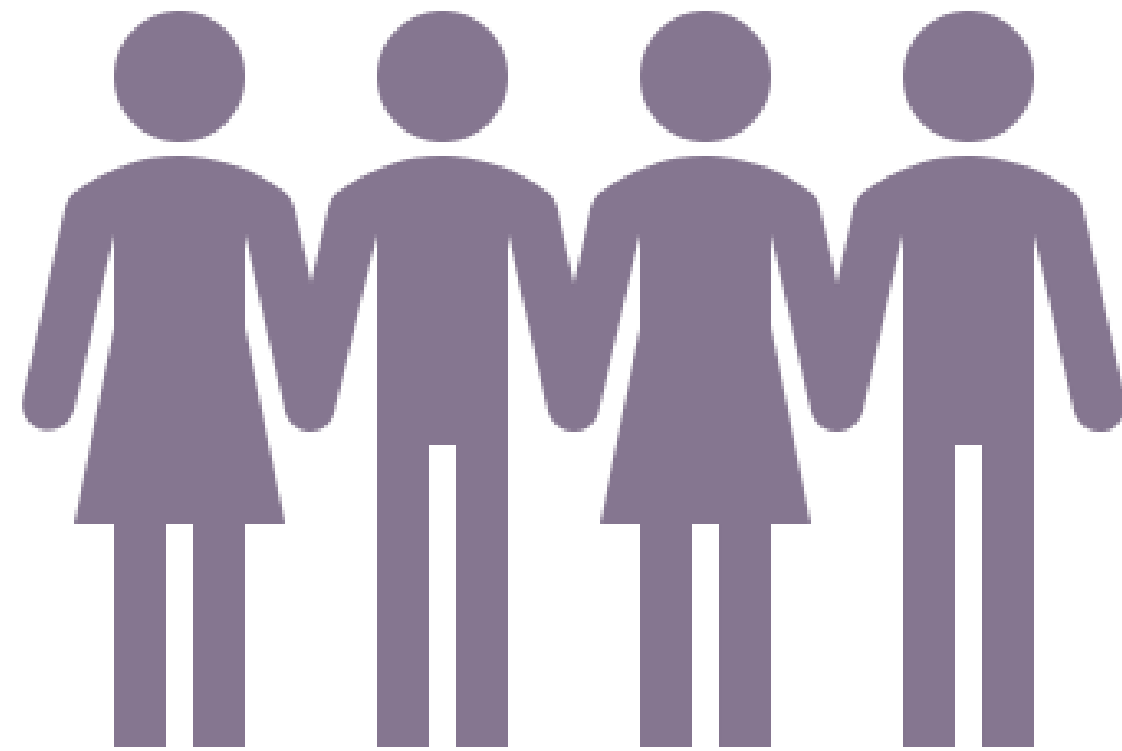


# VIDEO





# The People & Partnerships



# Leadership





# Focus Group Work



Task Force Meeting to Give Feedback  
on Strategies & Action Items





# Listening Sessions - Round 1



Cheyenne Mountain Jr. High, Co. Springs



Pathfinder Park, Florence



Library 21C, Northern Colo. Springs



Cripple Creek Heritage Center



Ute Pass Cultural Center, Woodland Park



Pikes Peak State College, Southern Colo. Springs



# Additional Outreach

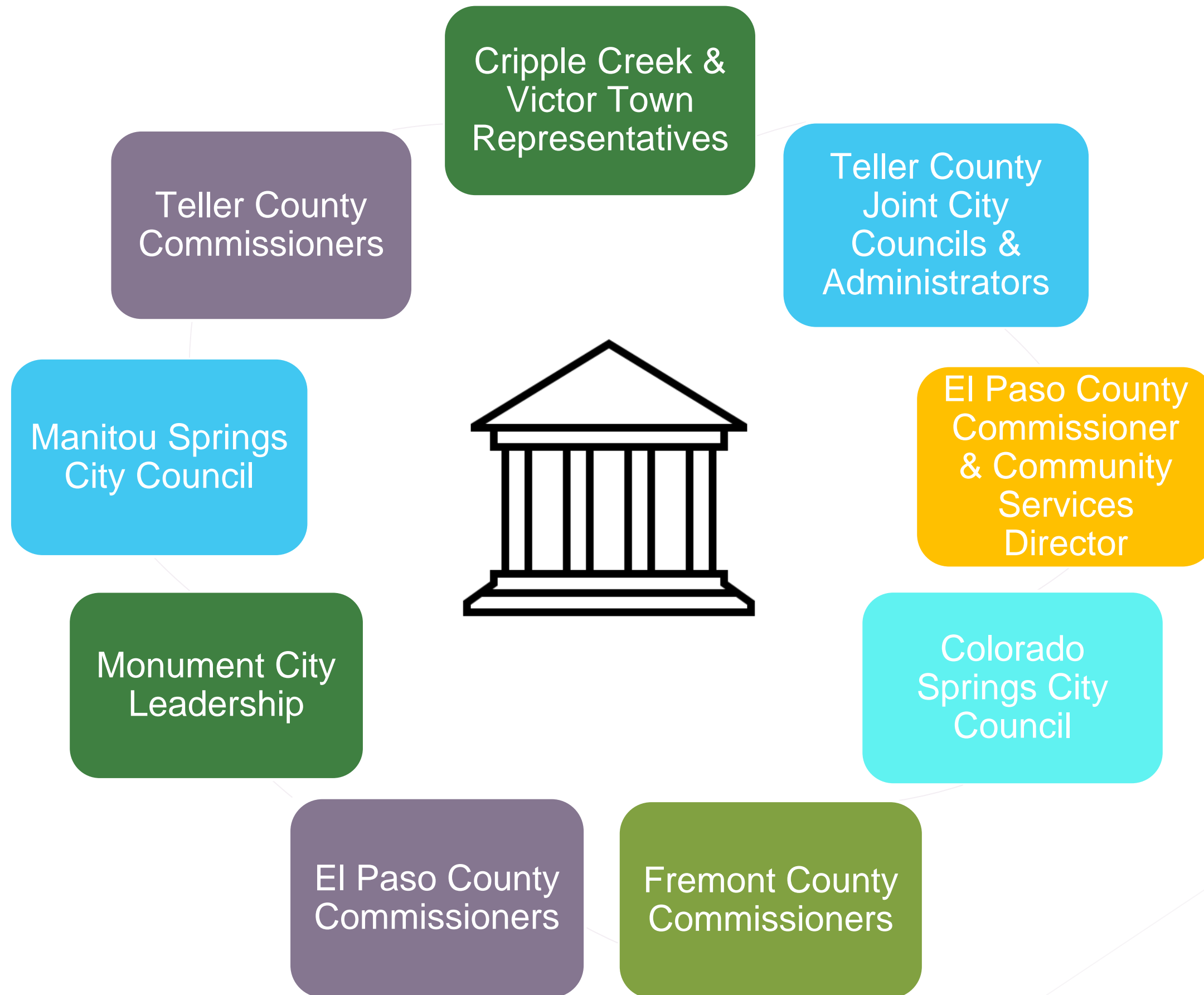


- Underserved Communities
- Spanish & English Materials
- Military Community
- Private Landowners
- Business & Community Leaders
- Youth
- Tribal Representatives



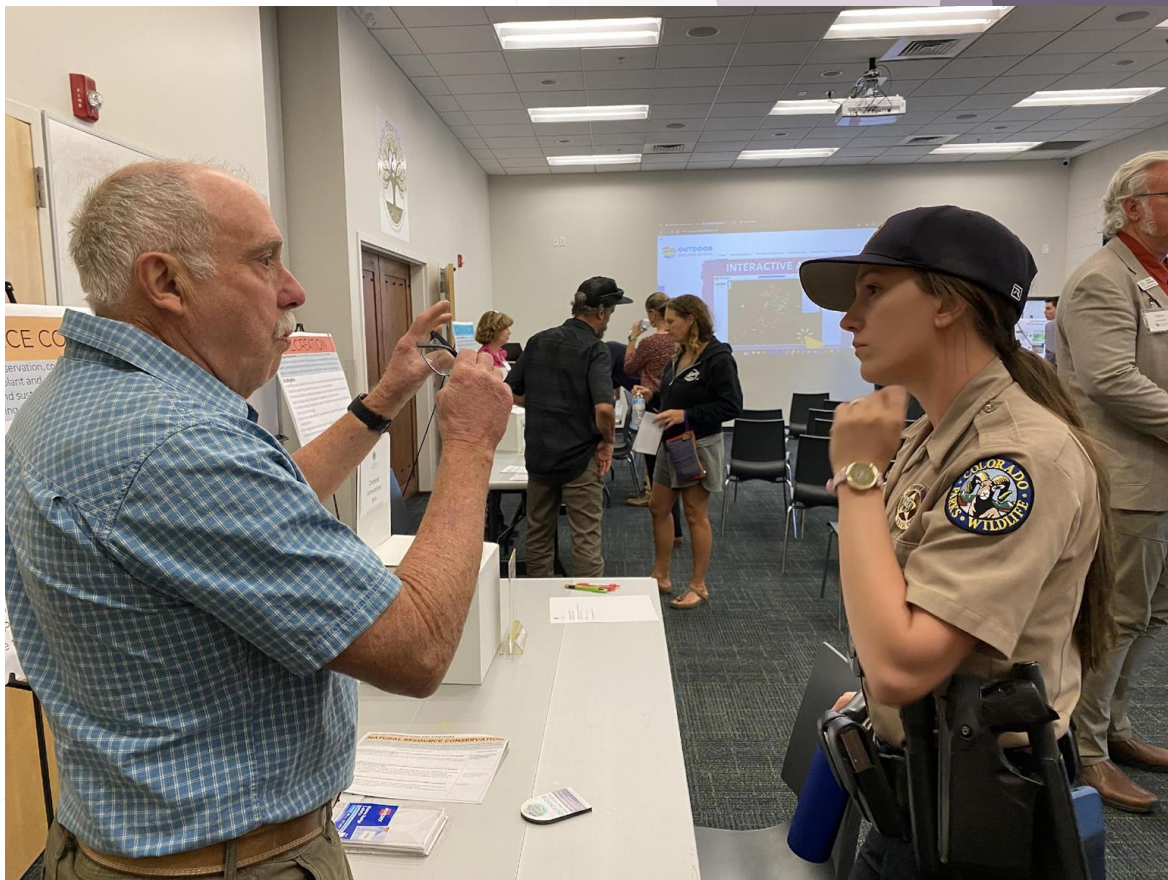


# Meetings with Elected Officials



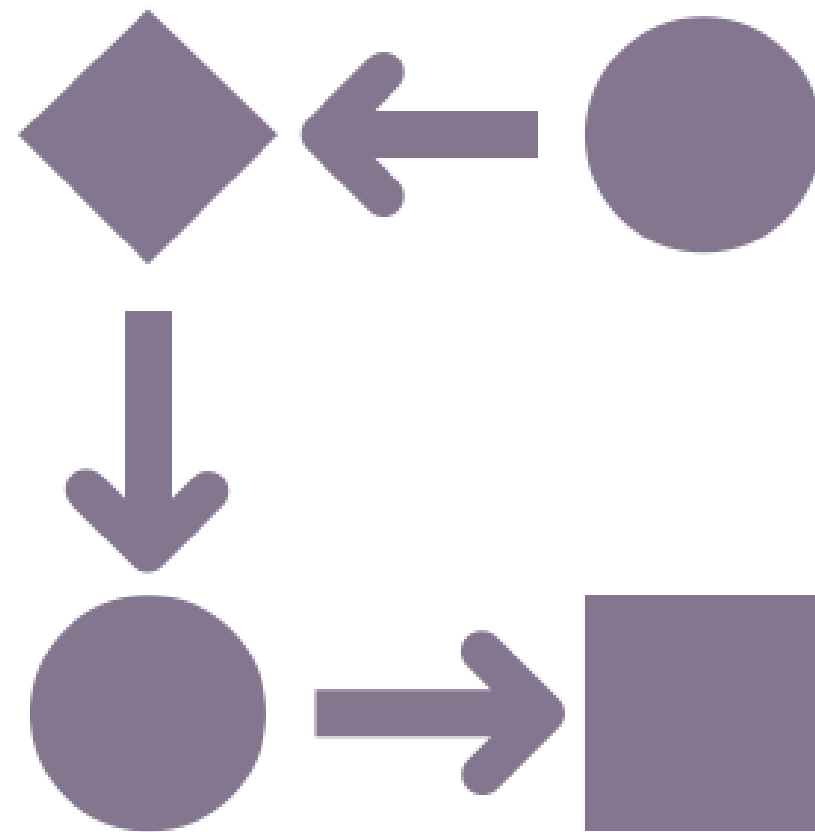


# Listening Sessions - Round 2

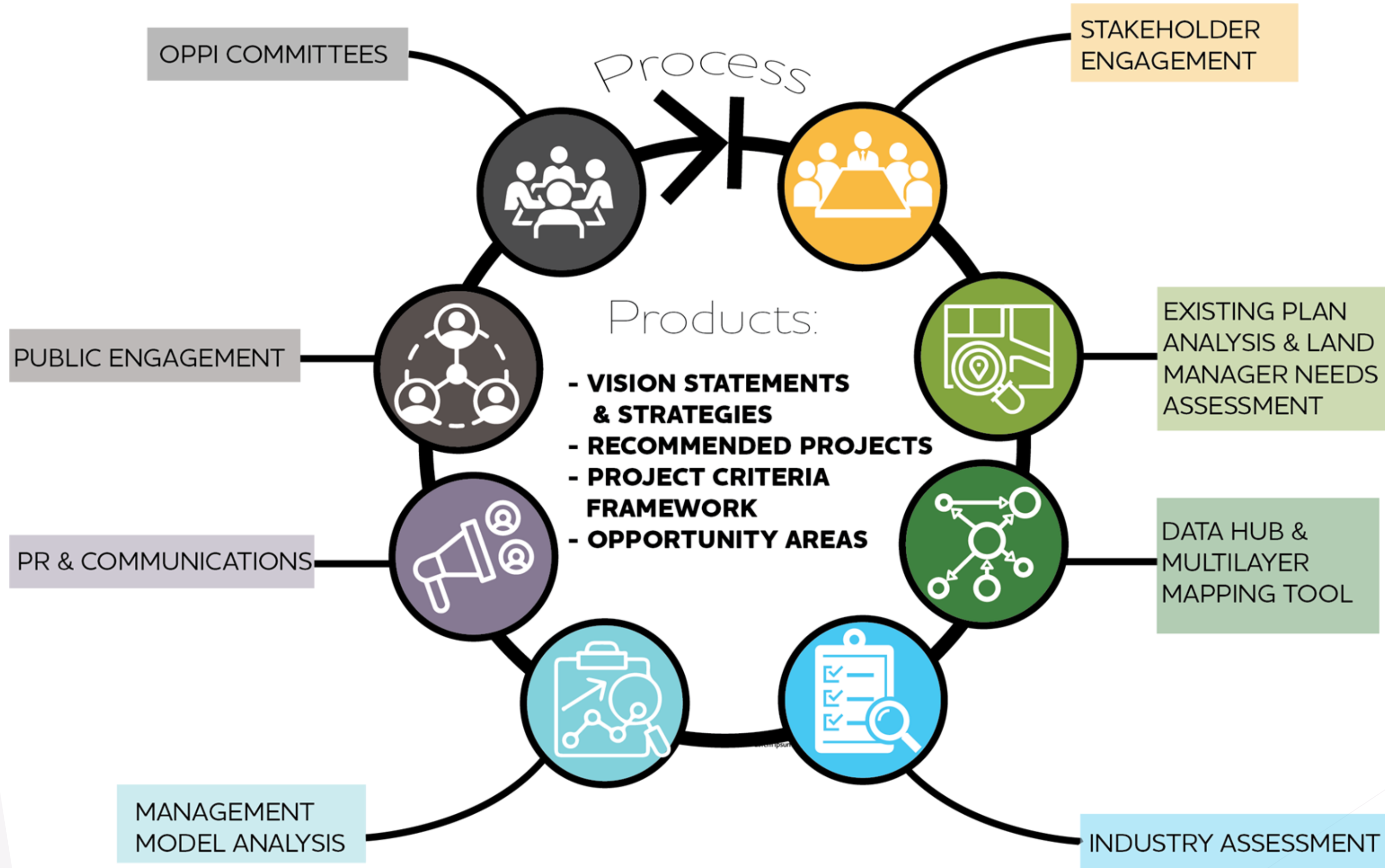




# The Process









# Existing Plan Analysis & Land Manager Assessment

## Land Manager Recap

- Feedback received representing 32 plans
- Summary of Consistent Feedback:
  - Plans are still relevant
  - Funding is a challenge for staffing and additional projects
  - Concerns for maintaining existing let alone adding projects
  - Agencies desire partnership, collaboration, and coordinated effort





# Innovative Management & Funding Model



ARKANSAS HEADWATERS  
RECREATION AREA, CO



BOUNDARY WATERS  
CANOE AREA, MT



CITY OF MOAB, UT



COLORADO TRAIL, CO



EASTERN SIERRA SUSTAINABLE  
RECREATION PARTNERSHIP, CA



GEORGE S. MICKELSON  
TRAIL, ND



MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL  
PARK, WA



NORTH FRUITA DESERT  
RECREATION AREA



NORTH & SOUTH SLOPE  
RECREATION AREA, CO



PIKE SAN ISABEL  
NATIONAL FOREST, CO



ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
NATIONAL PARK, CO



STATE FOREST STATE  
PARK, CO



SWEETWATER LAKE  
STATE PARK, CO



TAHOE RIM TRAIL, NV



WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST  
BAILEYS TRAIL SYSTEM, OH



WHITE RIVER NATIONAL  
FOREST, CO

## Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area

**Location:** Colorado  
**Size:** 150 miles  
**Established:** 1989  
**Land Manager:** BLM and Colorado Parks & Wildlife  
**Partners:** BLM, CPW, USFS  
**Model:** Government  
**Fee:** Varies per use

The Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) was created in 1989 with the passage of Colorado State House Bill 1253.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) manages the recreation under a Cooperative Management Agreement (CMA) with the BLM and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and includes the Cooperative Management Lands (CML), which is a defined area adjacent to the river where recreation related activities occur.

Through this partnership, the AHRA provides visitors with outstanding recreation opportunities and care for the nationally significant natural resources of the Upper Arkansas River Valley. CPW maintains a Citizen Task Force comprising of no more than 16 members to serve as representatives of eight public interests. The CTF shall provide recommendations to CPW for the management of the AHRA.

### Key Take Aways

1. Funded through passes, fees, outfitter permits, lottery/GOCO, grants, registrations, sales and donations.
2. Implementation of the management plan is accomplished through the Cooperative Management Agreement that creates a partnership between the BLM, CPW, and the U.S. Forest Service.
3. Diverse management approach. Multiple agencies must work together. Where conflict over goals and objectives occurs, balance and compromise should be found that recognizes the value of authorized recreational activities without diminishing

### Pikes Peak Region Application

1. Create CML, Cooperate Management Lands, among multiple entities.
2. Evaluate fee structure in conjunction with grants.

**COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE (CPW)  
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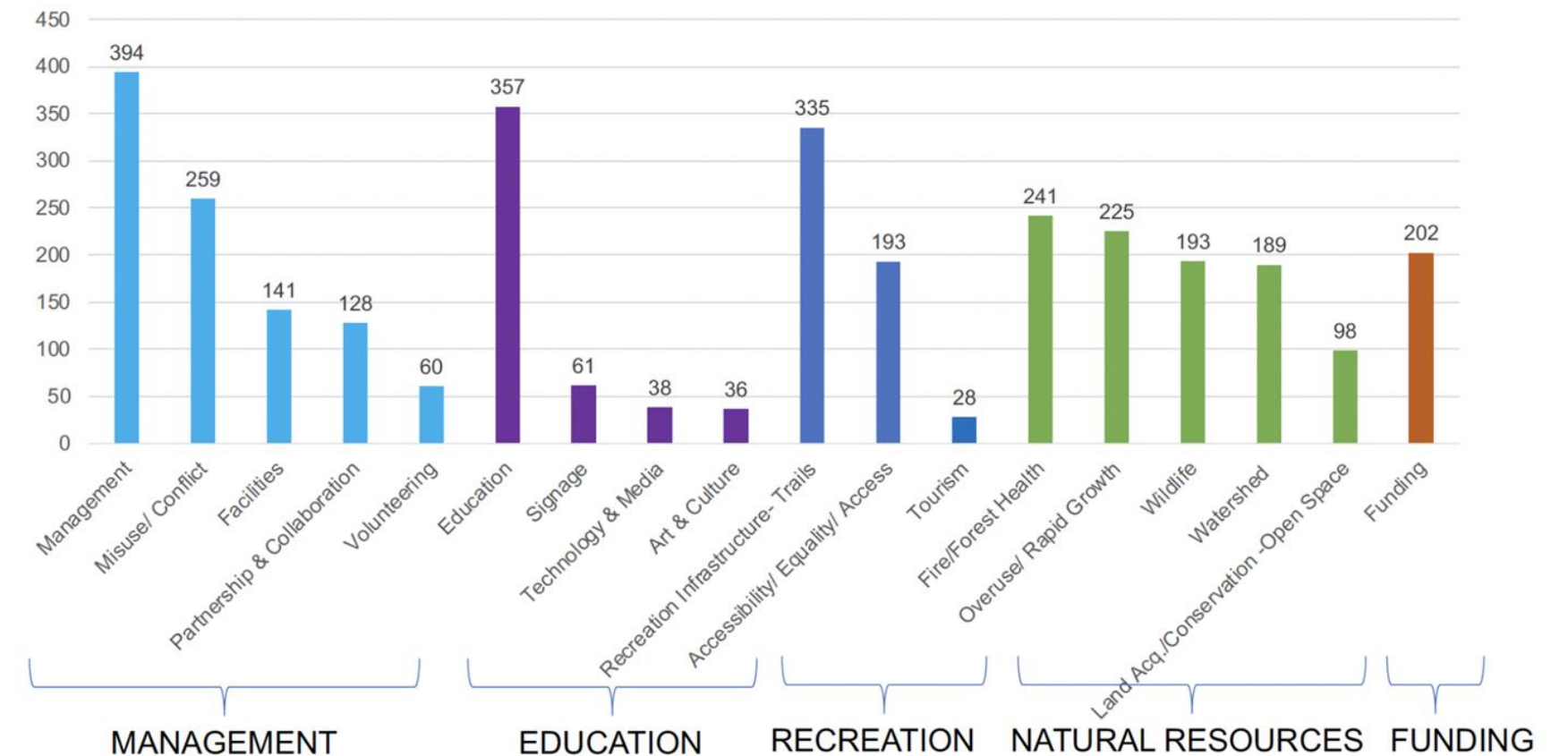




# Key Themes and Sub-Topics

Education	Management	Recreation	Natural Resources	Funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage/ Maps</li> <li>• Arts &amp; Culture</li> <li>• Technology/ Media</li> <li>• Youth Programs</li> <li>• Outdoor Ethics- LNT</li> <li>• Stewardship Incentives</li> <li>• Curriculum</li> <li>• Safety</li> <li>• Storytelling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance</li> <li>• Enforcement</li> <li>• Misuse/ Conflicts</li> <li>• Reservations/ Permits</li> <li>• Planning</li> <li>• Partnerships/ Cross-jurisdiction</li> <li>• Volunteering</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreation Infrastructure</li> <li>• Accessibility/ Equality</li> <li>• Multi-Use</li> <li>• Facilities</li> <li>• Group Sports</li> <li>• Connectivity</li> <li>• Ring the Peak</li> <li>• Tourism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildlife</li> <li>• Fire/Forest Health</li> <li>• Watershed</li> <li>• Land Acquisition/ Conservation</li> <li>• Changing Climate/ drought</li> <li>• Urban Development</li> <li>• Overuse/ Rapid Growth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pay to Play/ Fees</li> <li>• Grants/ Donations</li> <li>• Tax/ LART/ TOPS</li> </ul>

## What we Heard – OVERALL TOTALS



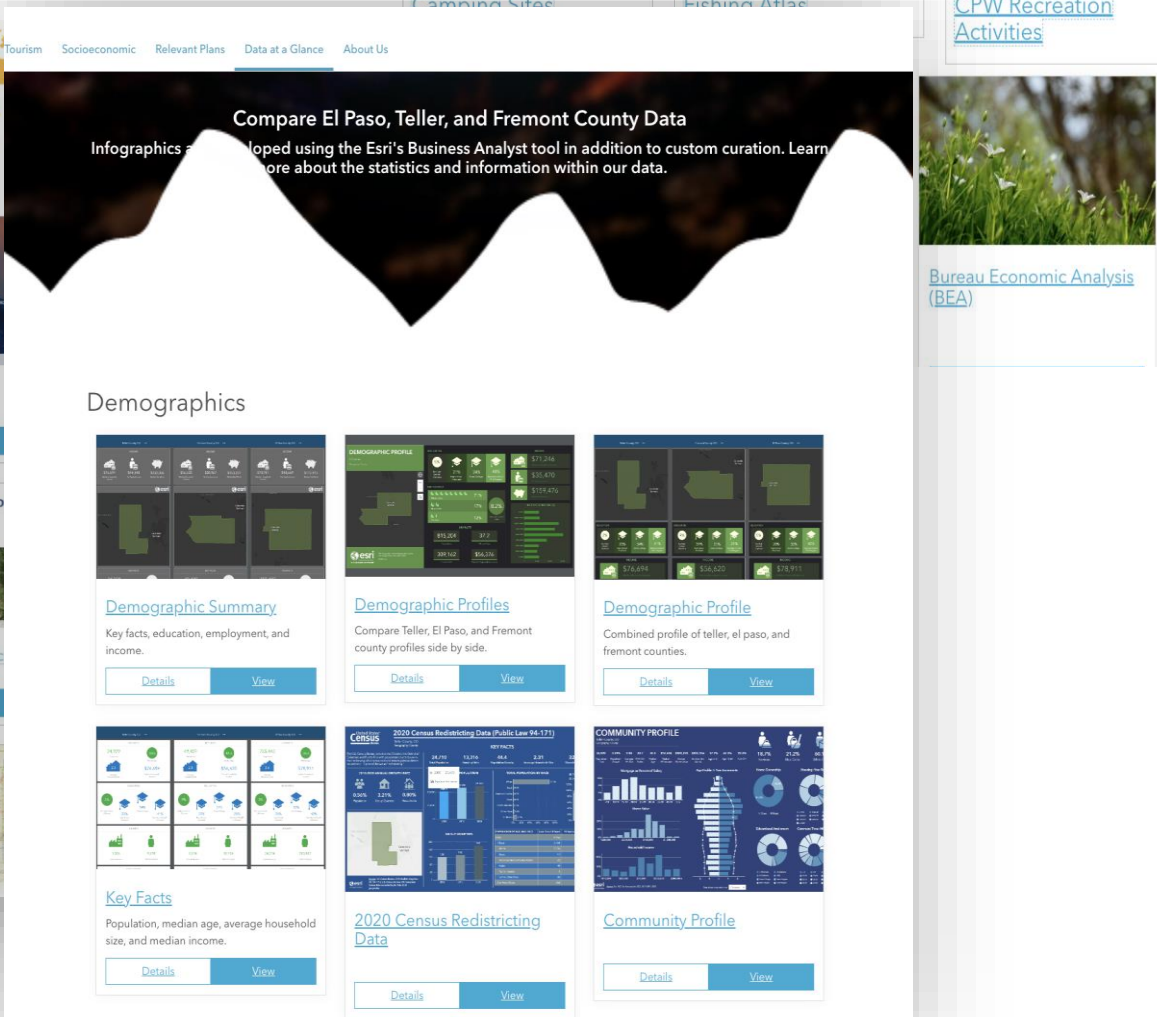
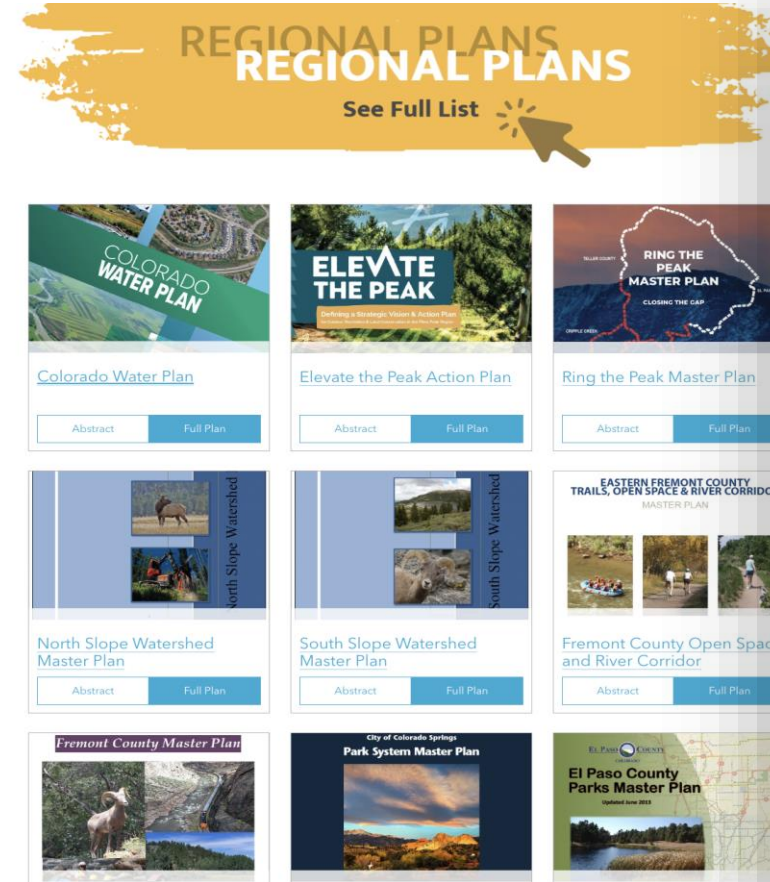
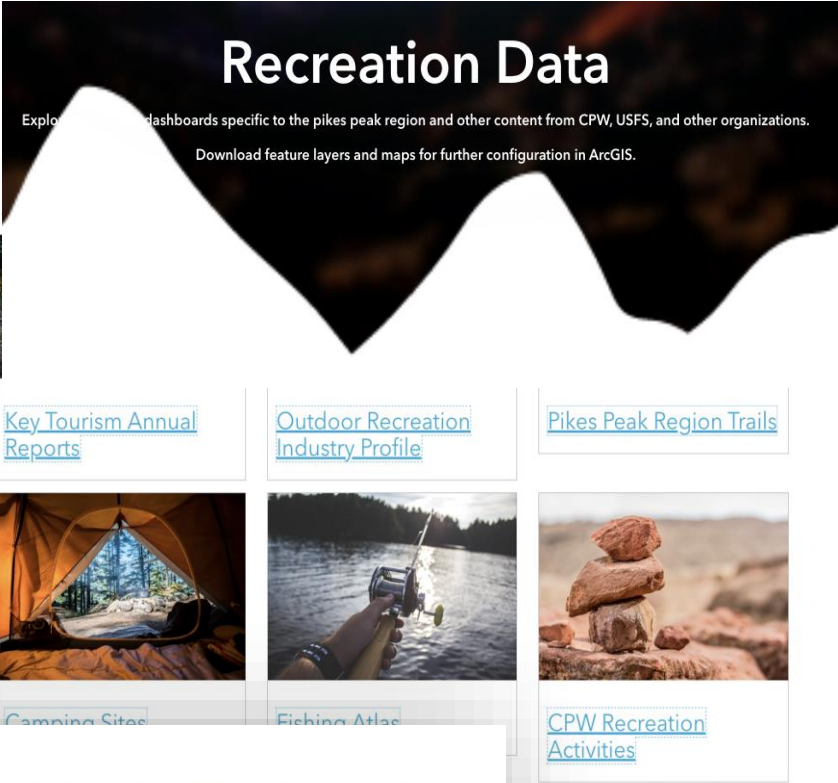


# The Product/Outcomes





# Resources/Decision Support Tools: Data Hub



## Project Criteria Framework



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### PROJECT CRITERIA FRAMEWORK

CRITERIA BASED ON VALUES ALIGNED WITH OPPI

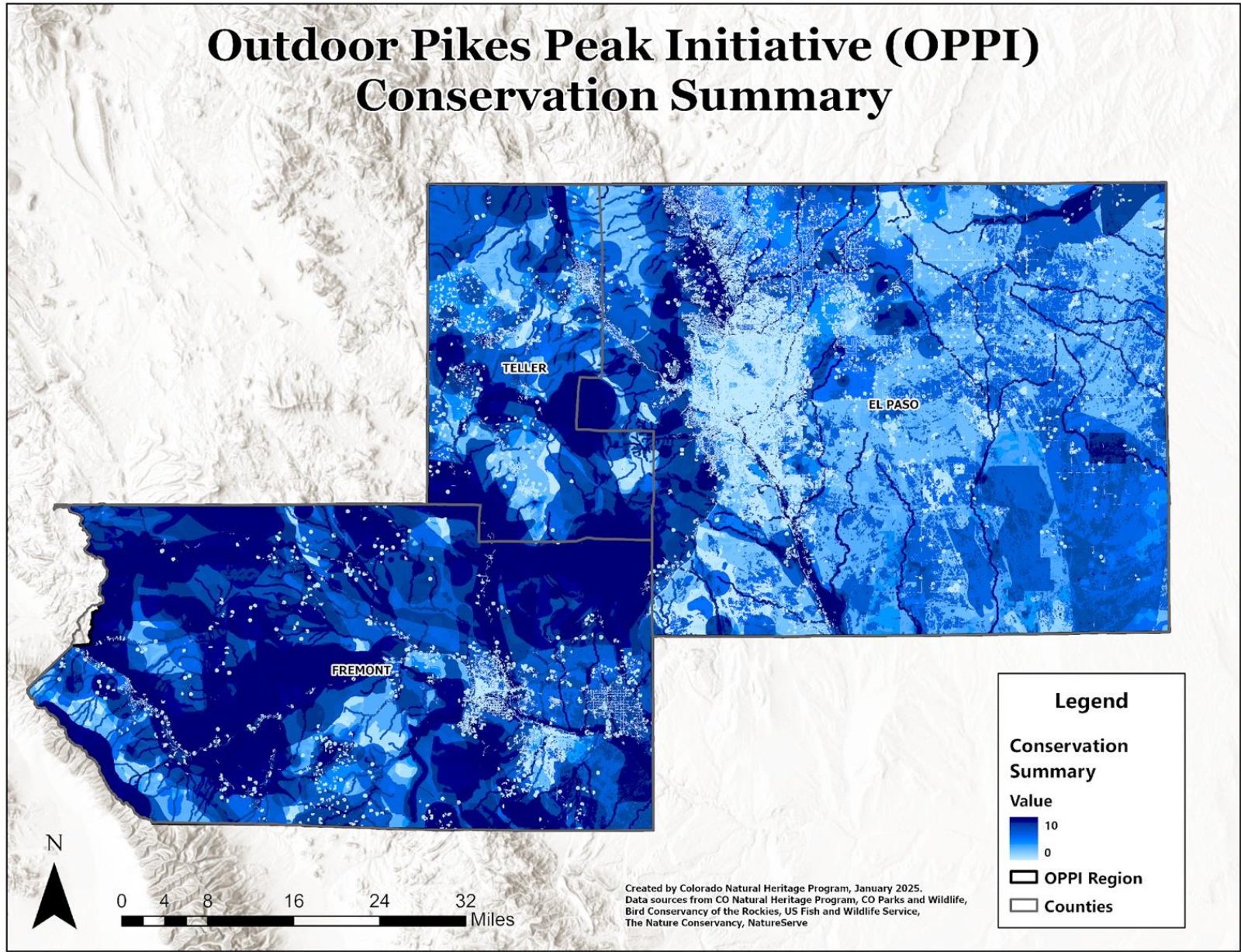
This decision support tool is a resource to help decide if a project fits the Outdoor Pikes Peak Initiative Vision. Each question or question group can be answered "Yes," "Maybe," or "No." "Yes" means it aligns with the specific goal while "Maybe" or "No" means further evaluation will need to be completed to see if that project aligns with regional goals. However, this does not mean that this project is not a good fit overall, and can still be considered. Please also include the rationale or reason for answering as you did when bringing this to conversations and the OPPI Task Force.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER FOR MOVING PROJECTS FORWARD:	RATIONALE/NOTES:	YES/MAYBE/NO
Is this project on the OPPI Proposed Project List?		
<b>CONNECTIVITY:</b> Connecting communities and recreation opportunities within the Pikes Peak region creates a more sustainable, equitable, and enjoyable future.		
<b>PROXIMITY:</b> Is there proximity to existing transportation access? Is it public? Is the project close to an urban core, remote area, or agricultural area?		
<b>ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION:</b> Does the project provide access to disproportionately impacted communities? * <i>RESOURCE: Look at Trust for Public Land "Access to Recreation Report" on Data Hub</i>		
<b>CREATES RECREATION CONNECTIONS:</b> Does the project connect trails, corridors, communities or to other recreation opportunities?		
<b>MANAGEMENT:</b> Exceptional cross-jurisdictional management provides collaborative planning and delivers effective staffing, maintenance, enforcement, and funding for the Pikes Peak region's natural resources and recreational opportunities.		
<b>COMPATIBLE WITH LEGAL MANDATES:</b> The project needs to work with existing local, regional, state, and federal structures in place.		

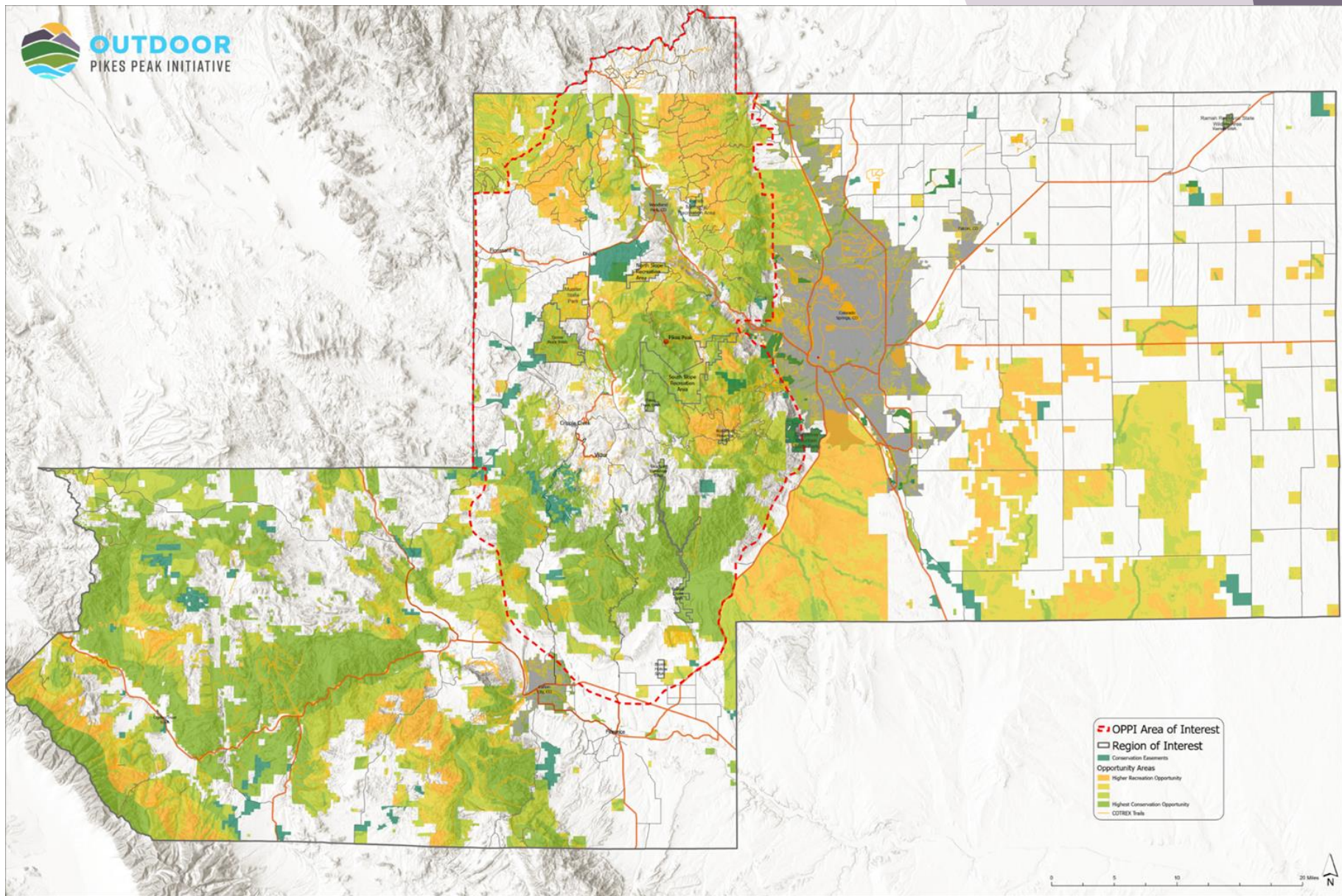


# Decision Support Tools: Mapping

## Pikes Peak Region Conservation Summary



## Opportunity Area Maps: Recreation & Conservation



Mapping Tools developed in partnership with UCCS  
Department of Geography and Environmental  
Studies & Trails and Open Space Coalition



**Colorado Natural  
Heritage Program**



**OPPI**



# Vision Statements, Strategies & Action Items

## MANAGEMENT

**Vision/Value Statement:** collaborative planning and funding for the opportunities.

### Strategies:

- Establish cross-j
- provide enforce
- Explore single e
- existing land r
- provide excep
- Enhance visit
- better collab
- Prioritize plan
- reduces barr



### Strategies:

- Identify areas currently being used for recrea
- recreation asset improvement, expansion, an
- Prioritize acces
- asset and oppo
- Increase the sa
- training, and t
- Determine sui
- development
- Encourage o
- developmen



## RECREATION

**Vision/Value Statement:** A broad spectrum of exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities that are accessible, inclusive, enjoyable, and provide health, wellness, and economic benefits to local communities. A sense of appreciation and stewardship for the Pikes Peak region.

## NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION

**Vision/Value Statement:** Exceptional conservation, connectivity, and adaptive management of the Pikes Peak region's plant and wildlife species, and the habitats on which they depend, ensures resilience and sustainability in the face of stressors such as changing climate, increased and changing recreational use, and urban development.

### Strategies:

- Sustain key wildlife corridors to reduce habitat fragmentation, encourage species health, and provide climate resiliency
- Conserve priority public and private lands to ensure they continue to provide their many benefits long into the future
- Limit development in prioritized wildlife corridors and areas of high conservation value
- Preserve and restore riparian areas within the Pikes Peak region to sustain the

## COMMUNICATION

**Vision/Value Statement:** Intentional communication is essential to fostering support and involvement.

## PARTNERSHIPS

**Vision/Value Statement:** Partnerships among land managers, volunteers, businesses and the community are key to maintaining resources and recreation assets.

## CONNECTIVITY

**Vision/Value Statement:** Connecting communities and recreation opportunities within the Pikes Peak region creates a more sustainable, equitable, and enjoyable future.

activity: trail to trail, trail to opportunity, etc.

creation opportunities

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View Detailed Action Items for Strategies Here



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# Single Entity Recreation Management Exploration:

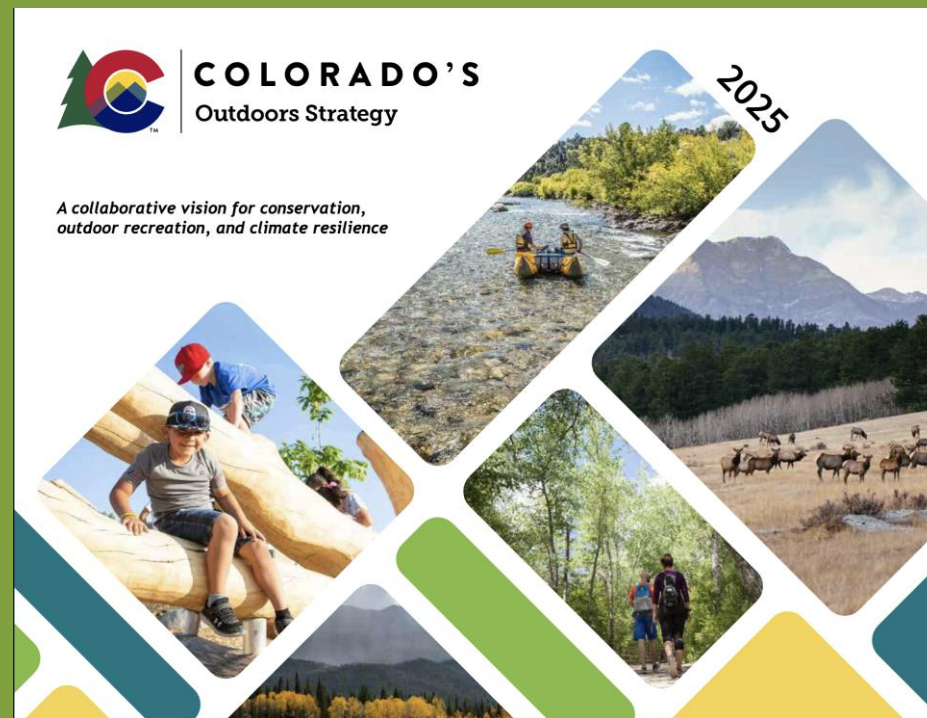


# Governor Polis Recognition & Support





# PPORA & other Regional Partnerships: Strategy Implementors



## Colorado's Outdoors Strategy - PPORA's Role





# Assessing and Prioritizing Projects & Initiatives



	Votes				Score	Priority			Category			
	High	Med	Low	Total		Top	Secondary	Elevate	Management	Recreation	Resource	Connection
Regional Trail Master Plan	16	3	0	19	54	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ring the Peak Trail	13	3	1	17	46	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Slope Management Plan Update	10	3	3	16	39	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional Recreation Management Model-CPW	9	5	2	16	39	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Camping Management Plan	6	7	6	19	38	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waldo Canyon	6	9	1	16	37	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Downhill Mountain Bike Course	9	3	3	15	36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pikes Peak Highway Management Plan Update	9	2	3	14	34	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
USFS PSICC Forest Plan Update	7	5	1	13	32	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Centennial Park Play Wave II (More than just a play wave)	4	4	7	15	27	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minnequa Dam Restructuring	4	6	2	12	26	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COS Creek Plan	2	6	6	14	24	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional Land Conservation Plan (REPI, Open Space, Views)	4	4	4	12	24	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visitor Use/Cell Phone Data Project	5	4	1	10	24	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Watershed Protection Strategy	6	2	1	9	23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest Health/Wildfire Mitigation: Implementation of Fuels T	6	1	2	9	22	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional OHV Training Facility	4	3	4	11	22	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Front Range Trail	2	5	5	12	21	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land Manager Summit (hosting)	2	3	8	13	20	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional Recreation Ranger Program	1	6	3	10	18	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black Hills Property Plan	3	2	3	8	16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional Education/Messaging Plan (Stewardship +)	0	8	0	8	16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center	1	2	7	10	14	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



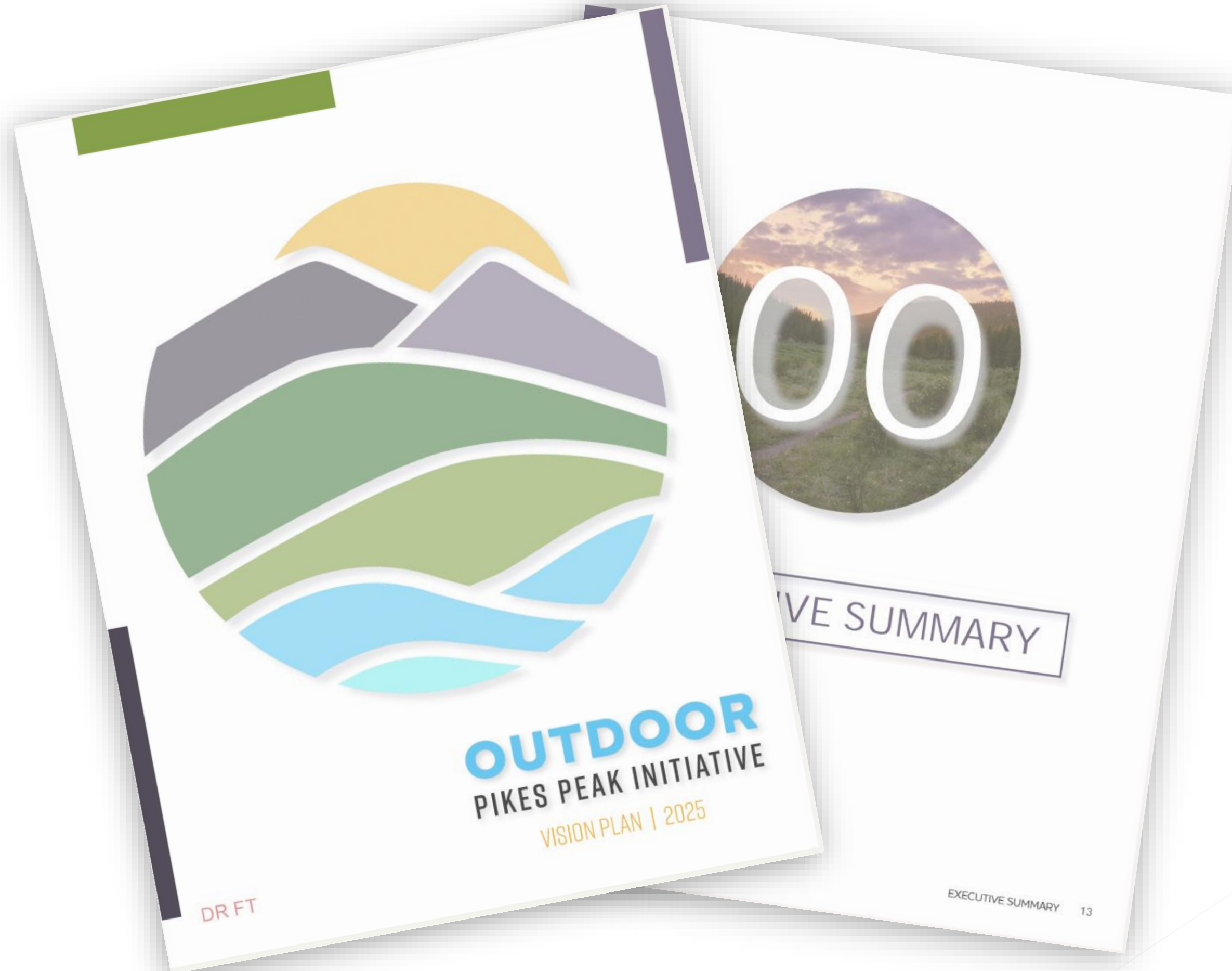


# Adaptive Leadership Training





# Draft Vision Plan RELEASE!





# What this means for our region & communities

✓ Our region's aspirations, concerns & priorities

✓ Collaboration across boundaries & sectors

✓ Diverse voices informed process & outcomes

✓ Research and tools to inform decision making

✓ Regional, impactful strategies & projects identified

✓ Alignment for funders to streamline investment





**THANK**  
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