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Natural resource management is highly complex, affecting not only biological values, but also social, cultural, economic, and other values in nearby communities. To address these factors, policies directing natural resource management often mandate public involvement. The idea is to bring the people who will be affected to the table and give them an opportunity to weigh in on decisions.

Stakeholders want to be involved. Decision makers desire meaningful public input. But creating processes that can gather and use stakeholder input in a meaningful way requires specialized skills.

The Ruckelshaus Institute's Collaboration Program in Natural Resources, or CPNR, is building collaborative capacity for natural resource decision-making in Wyoming and the West.

Every spring, we welcome a cohort of 12–16 mid- and upper-career professionals into this year-long training program. Participants attend a series of hands-on learning sessions where they receive professional training in negotiation, facilitation, leadership, and collaborative processes. They also design and map out a practicum, a real-world collaborative process that could be applied in their own communities or work.

Participants in the program have the option to earn academic credit through the University of Wyoming Outreach School. Our graduates go on to lead collaborative problem solving processes throughout Wyoming and across the West, ensuring that natural resource management decisions are more inclusive, consider more community and stakeholder needs, and will be more robust and longer-lasting than they could ever be without collaboration.



CPNR participants attend five rigorous, hands-on sessions to develop collaborative problem-solving skills for natural resource issues. They also complete a skills practicum (Session 6). Sessions run from noon Wednesdays to noon Fridays as follows:

Session 1	July 17–19, Lander, WY
Session 2	August 14–16, Lander, WY
Session 3	September 25–27, Casper, WY
Session 4	October 30–November 1, Laramie, WY
Session 5	December 4–6, Laramie, WY
Session 6	April 2020, Date and location TBD

Institute tuition is \$1,000. Tuition covers workshop instruction, educational materials, and other session essentials. Participants are responsible for their lodging, meal, and travel expenses. Tuition and travel support is available. A limited number of scholarships from **Rocky Mountain Power** are also available to cover partial travel or tuition costs.

Application deadline is May 17, 2019

Access the online application at:

uwyo.edu/haub/ruckelshaus-institute

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