

# RIPPLES ACROSS WYOMING & THE WEST

## COLLABORATION & ITS IMPACT

**Presented by the Ruckelshaus Institute & the Collaboration Program in Natural Resources.**

**April 18, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm** Happy Hour & Social Gathering (please RSVP here)  
**APRIL 19, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm** Collaboration Symposium: Ripples Across Wyoming

Throughout the day, interactive sessions will be focused on creating opportunities to learn from each other and our shared successes, failures, and course corrections when it comes to collaboration in natural resources & conservation.

Sessions will be organized according to three themes:

*First Ripple: Cultivating  
Internal Collaborative  
Cultures*

*Second Ripple: Making  
Existing Processes More  
Collaborative*

*Third Ripple: Creating  
Collaborative Processes  
Where They Don't (Yet) Exist*

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Coffee & Networking

8:45 - 9:15

Welcome & Warm Up

9:15 - 11:15

Opening Discussion & Activity: Three Things I Wish I'd Known Earlier in my Career

Mary Margaret Golten, Founder & Mediator, CDR Associates

John Ehrmann, Co-Founder & Senior Fellow, Meridian Institute

**Moderated by Steve Smutko**, Associate Dean and Spicer Chair of Collaborative Practice, Haub School of Environment & Natural Resources, University of Wyoming

11:15 - 12:15

Collaboration & Tribal Sovereignty: The Story of Bears Ears National Monument

Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, Cross-Cultural Programs Manager at the Montezuma Land Conservancy & Former Co-Chair, Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition.

**Moderated by Melanie Armstrong**, Director of the Ruckelshaus Institute, Haub School, University of Wyoming

12:15 - 1:15

Lunch

1:15 - 2:45

World Cafe: Take a Quick Deep Dive into Two Small Group Discussions

*Cultivating Collaborative Cultures: Help Conceptualize and Design a Collaborative Futures Game around Water & the West.*

Caitlin Ryan, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, WYACT & CPNR '23

*Cultivating Internal Collaborative Cultures:*

Kyle Bernis, Wyoming State Parks, CPNR '21

Beth Bear, Wyoming Game and Fish, CPNR '23

*The Rock Springs RMP: Using Collaboration to Improve Federal Planning Processes*

Selena Gerace, CPNR '18

Melanie Armstrong, Ruckelshaus Institute Director

*Collaboration, Tribal Sovereignty and Co-Management*

Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk

2:45 - 3:00

Break

3:00 - 4:15

Afternoon Panel & Discussion: How Can Collaboration Transform Organizations & Communities?

Jeff Cowley, Administrator, Interstate Streams, Wyoming State Engineer's Office & CPNR '17

Chip Jenkins, Supervisor, Grand Teton National Park

Linda Merigliano, Public Engagement Specialist & Recreation Program Manager (Jackson District), Bridger-Teton National Forest

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4:15 - 4:30

Wrap Up Remarks

4:30 - 5:30

Casual Happy Hour