

Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships
Working Definitions
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This document provides working definitions for terms that are frequently used in Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships planning and outreach materials. These are intended to provide clarity to planning entities and funding program applicants.

Lead Entity This is the responsible party for the funding request, project oversight, and deliverables. This party should be closely connected to the coalition. (e.g. county, agency, or nonprofit)

Fiscal Agent This organization assumes the accounting and financial reporting responsibility for funding. This organization may be different than the Lead Entity.

CPW Region The largest administrative boundaries within CPW. The four regions, Northeast, Southeast, Southwest and Northwest, follow major watershed boundaries. To see regional and other administrative CPW maps, office locations or contacts, click [here](#).

Coalition A group where local governments, land managers, and stakeholders convene to collaborate on planning, education, and/or stewardship efforts.

Colorado Outdoor Partnership (CO-OP) is a collaboration of influential state leaders from a cross-section of organizations working together to address the opportunities and challenges that a growth in population and outdoor recreation poses for our wildlife, waters, economy, and land. The CO-OP commits to promoting the importance and stewardship of lands and water to support sustainable habitat conservation and responsible outdoor recreation. The CO-OP commits to support, improve, and strengthen public and private funding to conserve these resources. The CO-OP's collective commitment means that Colorado will remain a beautiful and healthy place to live, work, and play for generations to come.

Colorado's Outdoors Strategy Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Colorado Governor's Office are convening an effort to develop a regionally rooted, statewide vision and action plan for conservation, recreation, and climate resilience.

Operations Manual & Implementation Plan A living guidance document developed by the Colorado Outdoor Partnership (CO-OP) which outlines collaborative cornerstone goals and measurable objectives to ensure the CO-OP achieves its vision that *in 2050, Colorado's people and economy thrive because of our healthy lands, water, wildlife, working farms and ranches, and improved hunting, angling and recreation opportunities for all.*

Diversity A description of differences usually based on identities such as race, gender, ability, etc. Diversity ≠ Equity and does not always happen intentionally.

EDI Collectively refers to the terms equity, diversity and inclusion. See individual definitions.

Equity When everyone, regardless of who they are or where they come from, has the opportunity to thrive. This requires eliminating barriers like poverty and repairing injustices in systems such as education, health, criminal justice and transportation.

Goal Desired outcome that demonstrates achievement toward the vision.

Inclusion What you do with diversity to ensure individuals have the opportunity to fully participate in decision-making processes. Intentionally promotes a sense of belonging where the inherent worth and dignity of all people are recognized and leverages abilities, unique qualities, and perspectives of individuals.

Initiative Refers to the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative, set forth by [Executive Order B 2020 008](#) and defined as an initiative to convene a broad spectrum of voices to identify, create, and formalize local and regional collaborations as Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships (Regional Partnerships). This Initiative directs the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in consultation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the CO-OP, to establish a State-level vision for balancing recreation and conservation and to ensure equitable and sustainable access to outdoor recreation.

Jurisdictional Boundaries A boundary between electoral areas, municipalities or regional districts. For the purposes of this initiative, coalitions are being asked to work across jurisdictional boundaries (e.g. United States Forest Service, local and county governments, etc.) and land ownership boundaries to collaborate on conservation and recreation priorities in their respective region.

Landscape-scale Refers to a large spatial area that encompasses a unique assemblage of interdependencies between natural and human systems. Distinctive landscapes often span multiple administrative units and require coordinated planning and stewardship to preserve unique ecological characteristics in balance with cultural and recreational values and economic and community development. Although there is no fixed spatial definition and boundaries can be perceived by ecological or cultural character, a landscape's spatial extent is often defined by the scale at which relevant management objectives can be achieved. Examples of landscapes within Colorado include the San Luis Valley, the Gunnison Basin and the Eastern Plains.

Measurable Objectives A result or benchmark expected to be achieved from the implementation of the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships initiative. These should be specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time-bound.

Regional Partnerships Refers to the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships, which is defined as a coalition or network of coalitions formalized for this initiative. Partnerships may be

formed at varying scales within and across county boundaries. To be considered a member of the Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative, coalitions must convene broad interests representing conservation, outdoor recreation, and land management committed to advancing the State-level Vision. Funding is available to support new and existing coalitions committed to identifying and achieving locally-driven and balanced conservation and recreation priorities which will inform a Statewide Conservation and Recreation Plan.

Local/Regional Conservation and Recreation Plans Plans which frame local/regional values and offer insight and strategies for how each region's conservation and recreation needs will be addressed at the local level. Content should be locally driven and specific to each region, but the document should include components that enable it to roll into and inform larger Statewide Conservation and Recreation Plan (The Plan, or Statewide Conservation and Recreation Plan). For a useful model, see Colorado's [Basin Implementation Plans](#), which collectively feed into the [Colorado Water Plan](#).

SCORP Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. This five-year plan reflects the shared vision and commitment of Colorado outdoor partners to advance recreation enjoyment and conservation of Colorado's outdoor resources.

State-level Vision The CO-OP adopted a state-level vision that *in 2050, Colorado's people and economy thrive because of our healthy lands, water, wildlife, working farms and ranches, and improved hunting, angling and outdoor recreation opportunities for all*. This vision embraces Colorado's [Outdoor Principles](#) and acknowledges that outdoor recreation and conservation should reflect, respect, and value the demographic and cultural diversity of our state.

Statewide Plan Key Elements Critical components to include in Regional Conservation and Recreation Plans which ensure consistency statewide while also being tailored to support planning at local and regional levels. These elements are intended to capture local and regional values, needs and priorities under a shared strategy to advance the State-level vision. Elements prepared at local and regional levels will be compiled into region-specific sections of the statewide Plan in order to highlight high priority needs around the state.