



**Colorado  
Wildlife &  
Transportation  
Alliance**

**TERC Meeting  
October 11, 2018**

# Presentation Overview

1. Recap of the 2017 Summit
2. Creation of the Colorado Wildlife & Transportation Alliance
3. Technical Team Updates
4. Concurrent Efforts
5. Next Steps



# 2017 Colorado Wildlife & Transportation Summit

## 80 Participants

### Goal:

Establish partnerships and develop an Action Plan to improve highway safety, and protect wildlife populations and their movement corridors.

The Summit focused on informing and engaging agency staff, decision-makers, and public and private stakeholders on: wildlife concerns, wildlife-vehicle collisions, highway safety, highway mitigation, partnership opportunities



**Outcomes & Action Items:**  
Participants of the summit formulated key themes, goals and suggested actions or next steps

# Colorado Wildlife & Transportation Alliance

## Wildlife on the Move

**Mission:** Provide safe passage for people and wildlife in Colorado.

**Vision:** A collaborative effort to **improve human safety** while fully **integrating wildlife movements into Colorado's transportation system**. This will include measures that institutionalize wildlife considerations into transportation projects, **build partnerships and awareness** to protect wildlife movements across the landscape, reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions while maintaining wildlife populations.



# Education & Outreach

## Technical Team: Strategies

Membership: CDOT, CPW, USFWS, ARC, CDR

- Brand/Logo
- Engagement and Communication Strategies
- Identify Similar Initiatives
- Identify Audiences & Events
- Develop Collateral
  - Meeting in a Box Development
  - Slide deck
  - Fact sheets
  - Messaging matrix





# Funding & Partnerships

## Technical Team: Strategies

Membership: CPW, CDOT, CDR, GOCO, Mule Deer and Elk Foundations, USFWS, BLM

- Identify Funding Needs and Opportunities
- Current & Potential Partners
- Establish Champions
- Mechanisms for Partnership
  - Non-Profit Organization - 501(c)(3)
  - Intergovernmental Agreements
  - Dedicated Staff/Resources
  - Ongoing Operating costs
- Joint Workshop with CPW/CDOT Commissions



# Concurrent Efforts : Rural Road Safety Challenge (Governor's Office & RoadX)

CDOT is challenging the public to come up with ideas that **use innovation and technology to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions on rural roads.** The RoadX Rural Road Safety Challenge, incentivizes partners to come up with a **technology-based idea that could be developed and used to minimize harm to wildlife and human drivers.** The agency is offering \$15,000 in cash prizes plus additional financial incentives to develop & implement the idea into reality.



# Concurrent Efforts : West Slope Wildlife Prioritization Study

- Collaborative effort between CPW and CDOT to conduct an analysis of:
  - wildlife populations,
  - wildlife movement patterns,
  - roadway infrastructure and travel demand overlap.
- Looks at current and projected scenarios to highlight regional mitigation priorities.
- Improved understanding of respective goals and processes relative to increasing mule deer populations and wildlife-vehicle collision mitigation decision-making, so project planners can employ the most cost-effective mitigation strategy for a given situation.
- Efforts underway to conduct similar exercise for remainder of State



# Concurrent Efforts : Federal, State and Local Partnerships in Colorado

**DOI Secretarial Order 3362:** Instructs BLM, NPS and USFWS to prioritize the improvement of large animal migration corridors and winter range throughout the West. They are to work with 11 Western states (including CO) to make big game habitat more sustainable. **USGS:** assisting states in mapping their wildlife migration data and conflict points.

**USFS:** Researching wildlife migration patterns and transportation issues. School-based education on Wildlife and Transportation issues this winter.

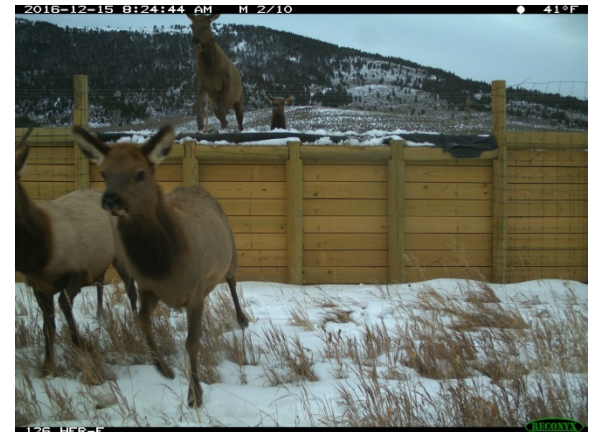
**Summit County:** Planning & prioritization (local agencies, NGOs, CPW, CDOT, USFS) –resulted in a non-profit Safe Passages, with a fiscal sponsor. They have a semi-active [Facebook](#) page. The success is not just the prioritization plan, but the formation of the partnerships in Summit County as a result of this process.

**Eagle County** is undertaking a similar efforts



# Next Steps

- Develop/ID shovel ready **five candidate projects** in need of design or construction funding (Could be from Prioritization list or Ballot list of projects)
- Participate in **local and regional education events**
- **Coordinate** with similar and parallel initiatives
- Host 2<sup>nd</sup> **Wildlife Summit** (2019)



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