



# BEAVERCON AGENDA

October 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24

University of Colorado

Glenn Miller Ballroom // University Memorial Center  
1669 Euclid Avenue, Boulder, Colorado 80309



## Saturday, October 19

8:00am - 5:00pm	CAMERON PEAK WILDFIRE FIELD TRIP - Separate signup required, lunch provided
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## Sunday, October 20

9:00am - 3:00pm	URBAN BEAVER FIELD TRIP - Separate signup required, lunch provided
4:00pm - 5:30pm	Conference Check-In @ Embassy Suites // 2601 Canyon Boulevard, Boulder, CO 80302
5:30pm - 7:30pm	Boulder Watershed Collective Cocktail Gathering @ The Dairy Arts Center // 2590 Walnut Street, Boulder, CO 80302 - Light food & refreshments provided

## Monday, October 21

	Main Ballroom	East Ballroom	Aspen Room
8:30am - 9:30am	Conference Check-In // Please note breakfast is on your own throughout the conference, but coffee, tea & snacks will be available all day		
9:30am - 10:10am	OPENING CEREMONY + Cami Leonard & Lisa Nevada (Artist Commission activation)		
10:10am - 10:35am	Fighting Fire with Beavers: Where, When & Why Beaver Wetlands Stay Green During Wildfires - Dr. Emily Fairfax (University of Minnesota)		
10:35am - 10:40am	Transition		
10:40am - 11:05am	Title TBA - Wade Crowfoot (California's Natural Resources Secretary)		
11:05am - 11:20am	15 MINUTE BREAK: Coffee, Tea & Snacks available all day		
11:20am - 11:45am	Beavers in Colorado: The Once & Future Ecosystem Engineers - Dr. Ellen Wohl (Colorado State University)	Developing High Resolution, Multi-year Wetland & Beaver Pond Maps for Colorado & the West Using Machine Learning Techniques - Sarah Marshall (Colorado Natural Heritage Program)	Q & A // Respite Hall: An informal place for speakers & attendees to convene after presentations to answer further questions. Also a space to retreat if attendees need to step away from the main conference venues for networking or a breather.
11:45am - 11:50am	Transition		
11:50am - 12:30pm	A Comprehensive Review of State & Tribal Beaver Plans or Programs Across the US & UK: Whats Working Well & Making a Difference - Jackie Corday (Riverscape Restoration Network & Colorado Beaver Working Group) & Alicia Marrs (National Wildlife Federation)	Restoration Where There Are No Beavers... - Jennifer Wellman (The Nature Conservancy) & Kawuneeche Valley Restoration Collaborative  Sedimentation & Carbon Accretion in Beaver Ponds & Implications for Restoration - Dr. Katherine Lininger (University of Colorado - Boulder)	
12:30pm - 1:30pm	PROVIDED LUNCH		TRIBAL LUNCH GATHERING (by invitation)
1:30pm - 2:25pm	Are the Fish Dammed? People, Beavers & Fish - Alexa Whipple (Methow Beaver Project), Emily Olson & Sara Porterfield (Trout Unlimited) & others TBA	Principal of Charity Debate on Water Rights - Mark Beardsley (EcoMetrics), Sean Cronin (St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District) & Kelly Romero Heaney (Colorado Department of Natural Resources)	Tribal Affinity Session - developed in partnership with INDIGENOUS LED and the Indigenous Women's Leadership Network (by invitation)
2:25pm - 2:30pm	Transition		
2:30pm - 4pm	Beavers & Agriculture Presentations & Panel - Zach Ducheneaux (USDA - Farm Services Administrator), Dallas May (May Ranch), Deirdre McNab (4M Ranch) & Joaquin Murrieta (Watershed Management Group)	Workplace Safety, Core, Transparency & Belonging Working Panel // Round Table - Elyssa Kerr (Beavers Northwest), Anna Le (Graying Education) & Shelby Weigand (National Wildlife Federation)	Q & A // Respite Hall
		Transition (5 min)	
		Communicating the Dynamism of Healthy Riverscapes - Sarah Koenigsburg (Utah State University)	
4:00pm - 4:15pm	15 MINUTE BREAK: Coffee, Tea & Snacks available all day + "Glacier Melt" videos by Tammy McClennan		
4:15pm - 4:40pm	How We Won: Lessons Learned & Replicable Strategies for Changing Beaver Restoration Policies & Practices - Brock Dolman & Kate Lundquist (Occidental Arts & Ecology Center)	Ancient Sedimentary DNA Shows 5000 Years of Continuous Beaver Occupancy in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming - Nevé Baker (University of Minnesota)	Workplace Safety, Core, Transparency & Belonging Follow-up Work Session, Pt. 1
4:40pm - 4:45pm	Transition		
4:45pm - 5:25pm	The Ksik Stakii Management Plan - Jim Vaile & Alicia Yellow Owl (Blackfeet Nation)		
5:25pm - 5:30pm	Poster Session Meet & Greet: Alyssa Baldwin, Claire Ellerbrook, Keith Guenther, Mason Jacobson, Marin Oschmann, Stacie Robinson, Joel Shottes, Rebekah Stiling + Jennifer Vanderhoof		
5:30pm - 5:35pm	Daily Wrap-Up		
6:30pm - 8:30pm	National Beaver Working Group Social Gathering @ Rayback Collective // 2775 Valmont Road, Boulder, CO 80304 - Refreshments provided, food trucks available		

Tuesday, October 22

	Main Ballroom	East Ballroom	Aspen Room
9:00am - 9:25am	Landscape Restoration Gaps - Janine Castro (Portland State University)	Poster Session Meet & Greet: Alyssa Baldwin, Claire Ellerbrook, Keith Guenther, Mason Jacobson, Marin Oschmann, Stacie Robinson, Joel Sholtes, Rebekah Stiling + Jennifer Vanderhoof	
9:25am - 9:30am	Transition		
9:30am - 10:25am	Revitalizing Riverscapes with Beavers: Partnership, Compromise or Power Struggle? - Dr. Emily Fairfax (University of Minnesota), Dr. Chris Jordan (NOAA Fisheries), Dr. Jordan Kennedy (Outer Coast College), Elyssa Kerr (Beavers Northwest) and Amy McNamara (Natural Resources Defense Council)	Remarkable Journeys with Beaver: "From CEO to Beaver Beliver" - Scott McGill (Beaver Institute) + "Beaver Rehabilitation: A Unique Perspective" - John Aberth (Protect Our Wildlife) + "Beaver Advocacy, Art & Collaboration in Wyoming" - Jenny Reaves-Johnson & Joanna Harter (Wyoming Game & Fish) + others TBA	Workplace Safety, Care, Transparency & Belonging Follow-up Work Session, Pt. 2
10:25am - 10:40am	15 MINUTE BREAK: Coffee, Tea & Snacks available all day		
10:40am - 11:05am		New Mexico Beavers & Fireflies - Peggy Darr (Defenders of Wildlife)	Q & A // Respite Hall + BeaverCorps Info Sessions
11:05am - 11:10am		Transition	
11:10am - 11:35am	Youth Voices: Beavers as a Climate Solution & Local Climate Action - Local 3rd Grade & High School Students, Tiffany Boyd (Classrooms 4 Climate Action & Alison Zak (Human-Beaver Coexistence Fund)	Beavers in Britain 25 Years On - Dr. Roisin Campbell-Palmer (Beaver Trust) & Derek Gow (reintroduction expert)	
11:35am - 11:40am		Beavers in Wales: Where Are We Now? - Alicia Leow-Dyke (Wildlife Trusts Wales)	
11:40am - 12:05pm	Forming People & Place-Based Connections Through Implementing LTPBR Projects within the Northern Great Plains - Maizie Smith (Montana Conservation Corps)	Environmental Influences on Building Behavior in Beaver - Dr. Jordan Kennedy (Outer Coast College)	
12:05pm - 1:30pm	LUNCH ON OWN		
1:30pm - 1:55pm	Rebalancing Connectivity in the Riverscape: to the Beaverscape & Beyond! - Dr. Colin Thorne (University of Nottingham)		Q & A // Respite Hall
1:55pm - 2:00pm		Relational Conservation & Partnering with Tribes Panel Discussion // Round Table - moderated by Cristina Mormorrini (INDIGENOUS LED)	
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Beaver Restoration is Restoring Beavers: Panel Discussion - Mark Beardsley & Jessica Doran (EcoMetrics), Sarah Marshall (Colorado Natural Heritage Program), Torrey Ritter (Montana Fish & Wildlife) & Alexa Whipple (Methow Beaver Project)		
3:00pm - 3:15pm	15 MINUTE BREAK: Coffee, Tea & Snacks available all day		
3:15pm - 4:10pm	Beaver Relocation & Translocation Session - Molly Alves (The Tulalip Tribes), Dr. Roisin Campbell-Palmer (Beaver Trust), Sarah Milligan (Bandelier National Monument) & Gerhard Schwab (Bund Naturschutzin Bayern)	Working with Our National Animal in Alberta, Canada - Holly Kinas (Miistokis Institute), Kerri O'Shaughnessy (Cows & Fish - Riparian Management Society) & Alvin First Rider (Blood Tribe Land Management)	Q & A // Respite Hall
		East Coast Case Studies & Panel Discussion: Designing, Building & Maintaining Stream Restoration Projects to Support Beavers - Sarah Koser (Maryland Stream Restoration Association / Anne Arundel County, MD)	
4:10pm - 4:15pm	Transition		
4:15pm - 4:40pm	A Behind-the-Scenes Look at Beaver Reintroduction, a Panel Discussion with Expert Practitioners - Preston Brown (Boulder Watershed Collective)	Coexisting with Beavers on College & University Campuses: Building a Community Response - Jonah Docter-Loeb & Andrea Knutson (Oakland University, Carelton College, Northfield Beaver Brigade)	Beavers in the Southeast: 3 stories of How Beavers Are Impacting Water Quality - Dr. Sandra Clinton + Elizabeth Chappelle, Emma Lacey & Laney Maxwell (University of North Carolina - Charlotte)
4:40pm - 4:55pm	Transition		
4:45pm - 5:30pm	Beavers on the Hill: Opportunities to Scale Beaver-Assisted Restoration & Co-Existence through Federal Policy - Alex Funk (Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership) & others TBA	Subsistence Living & Holistic Beaver Management Discussion & Panel - Participants TBA	Thirteen Years of BeaverCount: How Volunteers Track Trends in Beaver Activity in the Mink Creek Watershed - Mike Settell (Watershed Guardians) + TBA
5:30pm - 5:35pm	Daily Wrap-Up		
7:30 PM	STORY TELLING CIRCLE @ Dairy Arts Center // 2590 Walnut Street, Boulder, CO 80302 - Snacks & refreshments provided		

Wednesday, October 23

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9:00am - 9:25am	TBA	Poster Session Meet & Greet: Alyssa Baldwin, Claire Ellerbrook, Keith Guenther, Mason Jacobson, Marin Oschmann, Stacie Robinson, Joel Sholtes, Rebekah Stiling + Jennifer Vanderhoof	
9:25am - 9:30am	Transition		
9:30am - 10:30am	LTPBR Partnerships, Collaborations, Communication & Volunteers, Lessons Learned, How To Get Projects on the Ground - Peter Suneseon (Eagle County) + David Fulton-Beale (Wildlands Restoration Volunteers) + Karen Menetrey (Rio Grande Return) + Rosalee Reese (U.S. Forest Service- Rio Grande National Forest ) + Rose Smith (Sageland Collaborative) + Matt Guziejka (Portland State University), moderated by Jackie Corday	The State of the Beaver Union: Updates, Activities, & Research from across North America featuring Elissa Chott & Shelby Weigand (Montana) + Rachel Siegel (Illinois) + Bob Boucher & Clay Frazer (Wisconsin) + Lisa Shipek (Arizona) + Jean-Paul Zagarola & Suzanne Fouty (Oregon) + Chris Smith (New Mexico) + many others TBA	From Pelt to Pest to Protected - Therese-Marie O'Sullivan (Colorado Water Garden Society)  Beavers & Community: A Collective Approach to Beaver Coexistence - Madison Newton, April Rhodes & Ariana Wrinkler (Beavers Northwest)
10:30am - 10:45am	15 MINUTE BREAK: Coffee, Tea & Snacks available all day		
10:45am - 11:45am	LTPBR Sessions Partnerships, Collaborations, Communication & Volunteers, Lessons Learned, How To Get Projects on the Ground (continued)	The State of the Beaver Union: Updates, Activites & Research (continued)	Youth Panel - Alison Zak (Human-Beaver Coexistence Fund)  Beaver StoryMapping Supports Student Learning & Science Communication - Dr. Alexis Mychajliw (Middlebury College) & Students
11:45am - 11:50am	Transition		
11:50am - 12:30pm	TBA	The State of the Beaver Union: Updates, Activities & Research (continued)	Integration of Beaver Habitat Preservation & Restoration Into Watershed Scale Remediation of Abandoned Mine Lands of the Intermountain West - Dr. Rory Cowie (Colorado School of Mines)
	Urban Reintroduction & Rewilding in the UK - Nadya Mirochnitchenko (Eoling Beaver Project)	The State of the Beaver Union: Updates, Activities & Research (continued)	
12:30pm - 1:30pm	PROVIDED LUNCH & FILM SERIES: 'Beavers in Paradise' by Matt Brierley and INDIGENOUS LED // Beaver Institute Film premiere		
1:30pm - 1:55pm	Beaver Colonization of the Arctic - Dr. Ken Tape & V. Sebastian Zavoico (University of Alaska - Fairbanks)	Dam Good Neighbors: Fostering Social Harmony with Beavers - Suzanne Teller (Luckiamute Watershed Council), Holly Purpura (Marys River Watershed Council) & Shannon Richardson (South Santiam Watershed Council)	Workshop: The Beaver Futures Framework: A Broader Look At Beavers - Britt Van Zelst (Wageningen University & Research / Netherlands Institute of Ecology)
1:55pm - 2:00pm	Transition		
2:00pm - 2:20pm	Rewilding the Riparian West: Spatial & Temporal Responses of River Corridors to Beaver Restoration - Dr. Emily Iskin (Boise State University)		
2:20pm - 2:35pm	15 MINUTE BREAK: Coffee, Tea & Snacks available all day		
2:35pm - 3:30pm	Lessons Learned in Planning for BDAs & Beaver Needs - Lori Brown (The Nature Conservancy) + Allen Dysart (Wolf Water Resources) + Sam Bango & Alex Walt (Anabranch Solutions)	Poster Session Meet & Greet: Alyssa Baldwin, Claire Ellerbrook, Keith Guenther, Mason Jacobson, Marin Oschmann, Stacie Robinson, Joel Sholtes, Rebekah Stiling + Jennifer Vanderhoof	Beaver Policy Working Session facilitated by the National Beaver Policy Working Group
3:30pm - 3:35pm	Transition		
3:35pm - 4:00pm	TBA	X	
4:00pm - 4:05pm	Transition		
4:05pm - 4:45pm	What Have We Done Together? Where Do We Go From Here? Facilitated by Beaver Institute Team (Adam Burnett, Avary Sassman, Aaron Hall, Loren Taylor & Mike Callahan)		
4:45pm - 5:00pm	CLOSING CEREMONY		
7:00 PM	Sponsor & Presenter Cocktail Event (TBD)		

Thursday, October 24

8am-3pm	WETLAND FIELD TRIP - Separate signup required, lunch provided
9am - 12pm	Flow Device Workshop with Mike Callahan @ EMBASSY SUITES // 2601 Canyon Boulevard, Boulder, CO 80302 (signup forthcoming)
1pm - 4pm	BDA Workshop - TBA (signup forthcoming)