

Vision #1 - Healthy Landscapes & Recreation
Top Ideas by Ranking & Champion(s)

Idea		Build-Ons	Score	Champion(s)	Emails	Notes
1	Complete a county-wide comprehensive trail development and public access plan. Identify areas for future development and areas for no development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * create non-electronics zone! (suggest to people don't require) * catalogue existing trails, appropriate uses and broken links * public buy-in plan through public meetings and education * engage with user groups to distribute uses across the landscape and prevent potential recreation conflicts * get trail development plan idea into schools 	23	Ben Lara Dylan Lang Lois Walton	blara@fs.fed.us dylan@conservationlegacy.org lwalton4elk@hotmail.com	
2	Non-traditional use of wood processing to make a building product that is stronger than steal and fire proof.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * turn wood into biochar to filter water * backpack-mounted "chipper"/beetle kill converter so no need for additional roads, heavy equipment * create a catalog of products that are possible/desirable from these resources * create local jobs and local markets for these products * set up criteria so that wood harvesting (logging) is practiced in environmentally sound manner (best practices) 	21	Hank Held	hank.held@gmail.com	
2.1	Local wood used in construction, probably non-load bearing (i.e. balusters, decorative entry, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a certification sticker that identifies builders/contractors that use local wood * developing biomass use of pine beetle kill * identify chain-of-custody program that educates end purchaser/owner about how their local purchase has helped their local economy and environment * local, state & federal incentives to help create a local market for processing wood 	14	Kathryn Hardgrave	kathryn.hardgrave@colostate.edu	
3	Implement wetland and riparian area restoration projects that increase water quality and quantity to meet multiple goals outline in the CO Water Plan including recreation, environment and storage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * "true grit" - a "Sedimental Journey" (specifically a erosion/sediment control project) * Envision Chaffee must "promote" the importance of our agencies that do this work already * CCC and other proponents must coalesce and work hard during comp. plan * Need a local funding mechanism for groups such as CCC to use as match for larger funding (state or national) * get volunteers to help promote action of projects. 	20	Buffy Lenth Greg Felt	buffy@centralcoloradoconservancy.org greg@arkanglers.com	
4	In anticipation of the availability of large tracts of land in CC coming up for sale in the near future, develop a plan and funding to purchase with intent to create additional open space complete with recreation and conservation plan similar to Breckenridge and Boulder.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * need solid list of development priorities to determine purchasing emphasis (eg winter range vs recreation vs defensible space, etc.) * Don't limit to "large tracts" involve all towns in county as collaborators * work with developers if they buy those lands to cluster houses and leave open space in the tracts of land * Need an open space & trails tax (sales tax) * Work with current private land owners to implement conservation on property 	19	Brink Messick Keith Krebs	brinkmessick@cmc.org keithkrebbsarchitect@gmail.com	
4.1	Incremental sales tax to acquire open space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * get business to add 1% to bill using opt out option, like Boathouse for SPOT * formal presentation to all business in CC steamplant or Mt. Princeton * Research the process of implementation the tax * Educate the public on the reason for the tax - news media * Identify piece of land rather than keeping it general 	14	Andrew Mackie	andrew@centralcoloradoconservancy.org	

4.2	County-wide voter approved bond issue to fund restoration, fire mitigation and recreation infrastructure on public lands (fed, state, county, city...).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * begin an county-wide trail master plan showing usage and accessibility * establish citizen/business task force or board to administer these funds or have them managed by non-profit that can leverage or seek out other grants to match bond \$ * offer tax incentives for private lands who also participate in restoration, mitigation and infrastructure * work with neighboring counties/communities to support implement similar measures 	16			
5	Look at ways local, state and federal governments could create incentives to help create a sustainable biomass industry here in CC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * educate governments on what a sustainable biomass industry looks like and how it will positively impact the community in a bipartisan way * collaborative planning with all stakeholders so priorities are all discussed and met and all parties have a voice * create on-going publications/adverts for widespread exposure * sell some as firewood to support the business 	19	Craig Carter	craigcarter1@hotmail.com	
6	Wildlife management funding (alternative funding sources).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * connect to ag lands conservation * fund ag owners for wildlife "services" * tie to land use code - fees for wildlife * support fees for activities outside hunting and fishing, such as wildlife viewing and using trails for mtn biking * optional County visitor pass to fund effort * portion of revenue for sale of forest products to fund wildlife projects (unenforceable) 	17	Jim McGannon	forestermcgannon@gmail.com	
7	Funding - review availability federal/state grants available to properly-identified projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * look for synergic with other projects to combine and then broader funding sources and size of benefit * generate list of specific projects, prioritize them and write grants to get funding (use round table like CO Watershed Assembly * use grant-writing as student exercise * work with other cities/counties to determine which funding they have used successfully * generate local matching funds & buy-in for grants 	21	Hank Held Alex Rudney	hank.held@gmail.com arudney@fs.fed.us	
7.1	Follow the Denver Forests to Faucets model to generate collaborative funding for watershed management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> program * this is a water purity issue by the Denver Water Board * request a synopsis of the model and lessons learned * I am part of the Denver Water District that collaborates on water sources and funding, collaborate - collaborate! * discuss with UAWCD about what they are doing/can do on this front 	16	Sue Greiner	suegreiner@yahoo.com	
7.2	Establish a county-wide fund for sustainable recreation infrastructure supported by county levy and/or partnerships with local businesses, ski areas, hotels, AHRA, outfitters, and health care providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * fund with more conventional process (sales tax) in lieu of levy * have businesses join "The Conservation Alliance" Elevation Beer has, they commit a portion of annual revenue to protection of and access to public lands * combine open space tax with trails (many cities and counties have) * fee stations where funding stays with local forest * expansion of OHV tag system to other recreation - MTB, horses, fly rods 	16	Marcus Selig	mselig@nationalforests.org	

7.3	Develop a list of businesses we could contact to solicit contributions for education programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * provide recognition for these businesses through social media and yelp types of online reviews * offer incentives live free advertising for groups/businesses that participate * work with/coordinate with other groups that are doing something similar so that businesses are not over-asked for donations * business owners part of existing groups 	12	Dominique Naccarato	dominique@garna.org	
8	Contact organizations, cities, agencies who've successfully developed forest resilience programs as to how they did it and paid for it and successes and failures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * filter aspects similar and different from CC and collect data from websites, then call the best, then visit the best of the best, take tours of actual sites * reach out to other sectors that might be locally involved (business, utilities, marketing) and bring them in on the ground floor * need to assign ownership to group that combines best ideas and generates specific plan for CC * expand beyond county borders and use basin approach 	15			
9	Work with local agriculture community to integrate sustainable/experiential agriculture, environmental education, citizen science, wildlife monitoring and other conservation projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * contact ranchers to ask for their input * give financial incentives to ranchers to do above, i.e.. buy-backs of migration route * "working farm" is a distinction for tourists to help fund efforts * fund ranchers for time spent doing this * living history ranch tour as fund-raiser 	13			
10	Work with private landowners on the boundary of public lands to address wildlife mitigation, wildlife movement and public recreation impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * community funding to cover costs of wildfire mitigation establish of wildlife corridors, repair of public recreation impacts * provide incentives to land owners for outdoor recreation access * Funding and resource for private land owners to incentive treatment for all access * create county codes that require such land owners to do all the above * use "good neighbor" agreements. public & private 	15	Andrew Mackie	andrew@centralcoloradoconservancy.org	
11	Work through Colorado County Inc.'s (CCI) lobby group regarding common fire/beetle problems and needed funding to create larger entity to push ideas into political system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * develop strategies for CCI with local representation on the committee * get volunteers to help interface political system - use local networking * with CCI it can be pushed to state government for funding * initiate a pilot project based on strategy 	9	Keith Baker Bill Goosman	kbaker6474@me.com milehighgoose@gmail.com	
12	Use Envision umbrella to connect great ideas into a proactive, collaborative, funded, cohesive program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * use social media to connect people and collect ideas, schedule events * host "food for thought" community potlucks with free child care to collaborate on natural resource management issues and build ground up support * get a coalition of local businesses to promote and support the group * create a CC Foundation for funding, connectivity and continuity * hold fundraising events to generate Foundation awareness and support for campaign 	15	Cindy	boardpresident@centralcoloradoconservancy.org	

13	Form a coalition of organizations (county, towns, UAWCD, CPW, etc.) to collaborate on tracking water quality, encourage monitoring, identify sources of pollution and obtain funding for restoration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * media coverage - news, etc. on water quality issue to encourage public support * identify sources of plant material - free cuttings * have an Eagle Scout do this as their project - then use results to go after funding * pull in GARNA and research, compile and submit grants * contact key people in target organizations to discuss 	16	Wano Urbonas Rick Hum	wurbon@gmail.com rick.hum@gmail.com	
14	Encourage local outdoor recreation industry here: REI, Patagonia, Kayaks, backpacks, fishing etc.; design, build, test and demo products; educate public on outdoor recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the outdoor recreation "show" industry moved from Utah to Denver * 17s happening - build upon it! * work with gov's outdoor industry office (Luis Benitez) * seek one or two smaller (up and coming) outdoor industries * film a commercial in CC (just like REI's recent feature on Seward, AK) * do any of the above to get out County's name in the general public 	16	Chuck Azzopardi	Azzopardi@FirstColorado.com	
15	Create a marketing (branding and communication) campaign around sustainable tourism and recreation in CC: "Now This is How We Recreate"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * study the "Don't Mess with Texas" campaign- it was a very successful anti-littering marketing effort * get funding from CCVB and CO Tourism Office * Do a presentation in schools about this and then promote to local businesses to get the word out to tourists * involve CC outdoor (rec biz in efforts - specific products, services related to) * train guides, eateries, motels, service industry, etc. on how to make tourists aware and educated 	16	Dominique Naccarato	dominique@garna.org	
15.1	Use social media for environmental education and make it "cool" "#MeGreen"					
16	Identify key indicator species, then map at critical habitat - focus on non "forest" areas, and determine how much of this we want present in the future or "need."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the mapping is done by others already - state agency does this already * add layers to map that qualify sensitivity * state does this for some species but many other species (many limited as in need of conservation) are not counted, including many songbirds, small mammals, insects, etc. - this could add to the data already out there. 	15	Scott Bealer Floyd Freeman	smbealer@gmail.com floydsliv@bresnan.net	
17	WHITE WATER - We Help Integrate Technology and Education and We All Take Equal Responsibility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * example: Beetlejuice with Nestle to produce a carbonated water product (in a recycled bottle with profits going to a local watershed project) * As part of County level sustainable outdoor recreation campaign * coordinate with lecture series for speaker related to this area * show how this product helps local area it is produced in also portion of profits back to sustain forest management is key, but it is kind of a double-edged sword 	12			
18	Continue and expand an army of trail ambassadors (with ID & t-shirts) to patrol and education in popular recreation areas at peak tourist times.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * create educational webpages and brochures * use youth athletes as ambassadors (kayakers, mountain bikers) * involve church or scouting groups to take on certain areas -perhaps use a sign similar to certain roads that a group pick up litter * have them also gathering relevant data on use and environment * use social media to communicate between patrols and the public on trail issues and conditions * have ambassadors poll people encountered re: other ideas or problems encountered 	13	Bill Helms	wrhelms@juno.com	

18.1	Personal contacts (local) environmental educations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> issues, concerns, interesting facts about the area * happy hour environmental education talks at local breweries/restaurants * trail maintenance workshops using volunteers (retired, youth groups, or Southwest Conservation Corps.) * develop environmental education certification program where volunteers are teaching other volunteers about env. education * lots of this is going on - need an idea to magnify 	8			
18.2	Educate public about "leave No Trace" - what does it mean and how to incorporate individuals into the mission through signage at trailheads, tourism, videos, websites, etc. What do you need when hiking in the area and how to protect the public land - campfires, trash, protecting wildlife, and even "are you ready to hike" basic information on what	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * give "get into-dump free" cards to collectors of trail trash * consistent messaging at all local events, outdoor stores, trailheads * incentivize clean-up days - team competition to collect most/heaviest/unique trash * instigate special presentations in schools to educate impressionable youth regarding LNT * rangers hand out "rewards" for doing good in the forest (versus handing out tickets) 	12	Ruth Runge-Barnes	RRB43@centurylink.net	
19	Celebrate controlled burns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * article on controlled burn in Mountain Mail - these are "dangerous" fires - need widespread notification/alerts * create a community presentation; newspaper stories; and, fun videos emphasizing what we value (clean forest/water) and what is lost during and after "uncontrolled" burns * pub talks on fire mitigation in CC * "burning man" festival every summer in connection with controlled burns 	13	Chris Naccarato Angie Jenson	cnaccarato@fs.fed.us Angie@TerraFirmaForestry.com	
19.1	Do a "show-me" forest health restoration project in the County so the public knows what it looks like.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * contact USFS or State FS * prepare exhibits to document the project * news media/social media to spread the word of the project * need before photos and data (restoration will look different in different forest types) * set up trip with high school 	12	Marsha Brown Angie Jenson	marsha.satya@gmail.com Angie@TerraFirmaForestry.com	
19.2	Local universities partner with high schools to engage students in citizen science projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * monitor water quality or wildlife use * work with Boy Scouts for Eagle Scout projects * Boys & Girls Club as well * brainstorm with science teachers about possible projects * would be good for environmental science majors - contact those university departments 	16	Donna Maloney Aubrey Tamieth	donna.maloney@mac.com aubrey@conservationlegacy.org	
19.3	Politely push back against War on Science/Fake News/War on Facts via social media.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Hash tags #FactsMatter, #ScienceMatters, #NotFake * share High Country News, et al articles * not aware of of High Country News - wider circulation - who determines if news is fake? * blogs that show multiple diverse perspectives * newspaper articles on science for education vs fake news - use local examples * find a grant for this * send positive editorials with great facts and fun facts to local papers * teach public school students the methods of critical thinking and logic - i.e. how to look for bias in data, scientific method, etc. 	8	Keith Baker	kbaker6474@me.com	

19.4	Write "best case" and "worst case" fake news accounts of a significant wildfire in CC to highlight what we should do and what the risk are.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * include source water pollution/flooding impacts in worst cases scenarios * have facts to back up news story * make fake news so outrageous it's not possible to have really happened, get folks from outer space involved * we need not go down this trail * investigate a continuum - here say through truth 	11			
19.5	Forest ecosystems change due to climate change as it effects catastrophic fires and changing forest to grasslands and shrub land.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * mitigation in forest areas - removing dead wood/fuels - use prison inmates for some of this * more widespread educational programs * plant trees in areas that have not regenerated with shading to get established Forest Service doing research on trees which are more drought tolerant - hate to see grassland turned in place of trees * incorporate this idea with education materials 	3	Jim Thompson	mtngoat@centurylink.net	