



# Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program Workshop

June 12-13, 2023

Durango, CO

NAFWS Partners: Wildlands Network, Center for Large Landscape Conservation (CLLC), Animal Road Crossing Solutions (ARC), National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA).



## Workshop Agenda: Wildlife Crossing Program Technical Assistance

*Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Durango Downtown*

**Animas/Lightner Room: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

*Coordinator: Shailyn Wiechman, Wildlife Connectivity Coordinator – NAFWS*

### June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### **8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions**

*Shailyn Wiechman, Wildlife Connectivity Coordinator  
Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (NAFWS)*

#### **Intro to Wildlife Connectivity partners:**

*Wildlands Network – Michael Dax, Western Programs Manager  
Center for Large Landscape Conservation (CLLC) – Elizabeth Fairbanks, Road Ecologist  
Animal Road Crossing Solutions (ARC) – Renee Callahan, Executive Director  
National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) – Tracy Coppola, Colorado Senior Program Manager  
National Park Service (NPS) x Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) – Darin Martens, Project Manager*

#### **10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. BREAK (*snacks & refreshments provided*)**

#### **10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Navigating the Grant Portal**

*NAFWS Staff*

#### **11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Successful Tribal Wildlife Crossing Projects**

*Aran Johnson, Wildlife Division Head - Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Tony Cady, Region 5 Planning & Environmental Manager – Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)*

#### **12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. GRAB & GO LUNCH PROVIDED**

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## June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (continued)

- 1:00 pm. – 2:00 p.m. Free tools and processes to help Tribes collect and analyze data on wildlife-vehicle collisions and wildlife movement  
*Liz Fairbanks, Road Ecologist, CLLC*  
The nuts and bolts of Designing Integrated and Stand-alone wildlife crossings  
*Darin Martens, Project Manager – NPS x RTCA*
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Overview of the Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program  
- Proposal Narrative & Criteria  
*Colleen Fletcher, National Program Manager – Federal Highways Administration (FHWA)*
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. BREAK (*snacks & refreshments provided*)
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Discussion (*match requirement, follow-up questions, etc.*)
- 4:30 p.m. ADJOURN
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner on your own (Optional to join us at the [11<sup>th</sup> St Station](#) for dinner/networking)

## Field Trip Day: June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Load vehicles and depart  
*\*Transportation Provided.*
- 8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Travel to the crossings  
*\*please see next page for map directions*
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Visit crossings
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Closing Remarks & Adjourn  
*Shailyn Wiechman, Wildlife Connectivity Coordinator*  
*Native American Fish & Wildlife Society*
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Drive back to Durango

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