

Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative (RMRI) April 2, 2020 Webinar Meeting Summary - FINAL

ATTENDANCE: Samantha Albert, Jim Aragon, Angela Boag, Christina Burri, Kristin Cannon, Kara Chadwick, Anthony Culpepper, Reid DeWalt, Patt Dorsey, Cindy Dozier, Clint Evans, Rachel Franchina, Russell George, Esther Godson, Aaron Kimple, Zach Knight, Tim Kylo, Damon Lange, Jason Lawhon, Mike Lester, Paige Lewis, Matt Lindler, Mark Loveall, Danny Margoles, Tim Mauck, Ross Melinchuk, Amanda Miller, Emily Olsen, Paul Orbuch, Molly Pitts, Mike Preston, Kelle Reynolds, Laruen Ris, Ellen Roberts, Marcus Selig, Mark Shea, Travis Smith, Tom Spezze, Jodi Stemler, Chris Sturm, Matt Thorpe, Diana Trujillo, Garrett Watson, Chris West, Tammy Whittington, Cindy Williams, Scott Woods, Peter Wyrsh, Chris Yuan-Farrell

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ACTION ITEMS

Aaron Kimple • Share the map that shows the Environmental Impact Fund (EIF) and RMRI-Southwest Colorado (RMRI-SW) project areas with Jason Lawhon, Tom Spezze, and Heather Bergman to distribute to RMRI partners.

• Arrange a meeting to further discuss the EIF model in relation to RMRI-SW with help from Jason Lawhon and Tom Spezze. **RMRI-Southwest Colorado Governance Working Group**

Distribute an updated governance charter to RMRI partners after discussing RMRI partner feedback.

Heather Bergman, Jason Lawhon, Tom Spezze, and Subcommittee Chairs

Finalize the upcoming schedule for RMRI-Colorado (RMRI-CO) and subcommittee meetings.

RMRI-CO Stakeholders Send any ideas to members of the RMRI-CO governance subcommittee (Jason Lawhon, Angela Boag, Samantha Albert, Emily Olsen, Scott Woods, Christina Burri, and Tom Spezze) about how RMRI-CO will provide feedback to local landscapes and how RMRI-CO will address support needs elevated by local partners.

RMRI PARTNER UPDATES RMRI partners provided updates, particularly in the context of changing situations due to COVID- 19. Their comments are summarized below.

US Forest Service (USFS) Regional Office

• The USFS Regional Office has been focused on implementing fast-paced policy and guideline changes coming from the USFS Washington Office in response to COVID-19.

• The USFS Washington Office will likely issue a closure for all developed recreation sites on USFS land in Region 2. The Region 2 Office is currently determining how they would implement a closure order. They have already been discouraging recreation on USFS land to follow state orders on social distancing and limiting large group gatherings, particularly in Colorado. Most USFS employees are also teleworking.

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- The Regional Office is still unsure of how the COVID-19 situation will specifically impact upcoming timber and fire mitigation work, as it is difficult to conduct field work in these current conditions. Prescribed fire implementation has been paused. The Regional Office continues to move forward on project planning and will do what they can to plan and contract projects until there is more clarity.
- RMRI remains a priority for the USFS at a national, regional, and local level, and there have been staffing changes to reflect that priority. Jason Lawhon has been selected to be the USFS lead for the RMRI-SW project, and he will be relocating to Southwest Colorado. The Region 2 Office is currently in the process of filling his current position as the USFS lead to the overall RMRI-Colorado (RMRI-CO) project. Tammy Whittington will be acting as the USFS lead for RMRI-CO in the

interim.

National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) The NWTf's major fundraising efforts occur from February to May due to funds generated through banquets. The NWTf has postponed all their banquets due to COVID-19 concerns, which has impacted their fundraising and revenue stream. The NWTf is currently determining how they will operate for the near future, but they remain committed to RMRI at the highest level.

Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) CSFS staff are mostly working from home. They remain committed to RMRI. Scott Woods, CSFS, will be the CSFS partner in RMRI, particularly in the Southwest Colorado priority area.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) DNR staff is excited that RMRI is moving forward, and they plan to remain engaged as a partner. DNR is expecting to receive guidance from the Office of State Planning and Budgeting on how COVID-19 developments will impact the state budget and DNR programs for 2020 and future years.

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

- NRCS employees are mostly working remotely to distribute conservation payments. There are some employees who are conducting essential field work.
- NRCS is continuing to grow their partnership with the American Forest Foundation and CSFS to build treatment capacity in Southwest Colorado and other priority areas. They have technical funding committed to support new forestry positions for the next two years, and they will continue to support these positions as funding allows. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is fully funded for fiscal year 2020, and they will have the opportunity to request additional funding on July 1.
- NRCS would like to work with representatives from the Southwest Colorado priority area to explore the opportunity to apply for funding through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

Colorado Timber Industry Association (CTIA) CTIA worked with partners, like the CSFS and DNR, to ensure that the timber and forestry industry was considered essential under the Colorado stay-at-home order, so manufacturing facilities remain operational. The opportunity for forest crews to conduct forest treatments later this year will depend on how the COVID-19 situation progresses.

RMRI-SW PROJECT UPDATE Aaron Kimple, Mountain Studies Institute program director, provided an update on RMRI-SW. His comments are summarized below.

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- One of the forestry challenges for rural communities in Southwest Colorado is a lack of access to large funding sources. In 2018, the Walton Family Foundation, Mountain Studies Institute, USFS, Ellen Roberts Consulting, and Quantified Ventures began discussions about how to build a long-term, local funding source for forestry treatments in Southwest Colorado.
- These partners developed an EIF model for Southwest Colorado. The EIF model involves

leveraging investments from municipalities, counties, utilities, and tribal entities to conduct treatments on private lands. The goals of the model are to protect communities in the wildland-urban interface (WUI), protect water resources, sustain recreational opportunities, and improve forest health and wildlife habitat – the four RMRI values.

- The EIF model begins when a fund is capitalized by a combination of bond proceeds, grants, and other appropriations. The bond would be issued to an intergovernmental entity composed of local payors (e.g., municipalities, counties, utilities, and tribal entities) which would be responsible for paying back the bond. Many municipalities, counties, and utilities are interested in the EIF model, and they are willing to invest staff and legal resources to develop the intergovernmental entity. The Southwest Colorado partners are currently exploring the option for the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority to be the authority that issues the bond.
- The capital in the EIF would fund the implementation of treatments identified in a jointly developed treatment plan for around 64,000 acres of forests in Southwest Colorado. Along with the funds coming from the EIF, funds from a private landowner cost-share program, purchases of biomass supply by an industry partner (to be identified), and federal government investment will fund the implementation of treatments.
- The EIF approach creates a long-term source of funding for treatment implementation and allows Southwest partners to treat forests quickly without putting the financial burden on one entity. There may also be an opportunity to set up the EIF as a revolving fund, which would leave capital in the fund to potentially fund a maintenance program or conduct forestry treatments in new areas outside of the first phase of work.
- The area identified for treatment under the EIF treatment plan overlaps with the eastern side of the RMRI-SW project area. The Southwest partners have been discussing the opportunity to expand the EIF project area as they develop the intergovernmental entity. Aaron Kimple will share the map with the RMRI-SW project area and EIF project area with Jason Lawhon, Tom Spezze, and Heather Bergman to distribute to RMRI partners.
- The EIF project complements the RMRI-SW project. As the EIF project partners coordinate with local agencies and implementers to prioritize key landscapes, RMRI partners can take a shared stewardship approach and coordinate with federal and non-profit organizations to help leverage local funding. The EIF funds will be used to conduct treatments on private lands, and federal funds generated through RMRI can be used to conduct treatments on federal lands. By aligning the private and federal land treatments from the two programs, partners can achieve a transformational change on the landscape.
- Leveraging funding from both RMRI and the EIF programs allows partners to engage in a long-term planning effort that accounts for the development of a local workforce, prioritization of treatments areas, and development of a wood utilization market and industry.
- The next steps for the Southwest Colorado partners are to assess and map water resources, WUI resources, and key infrastructure. They also continue to engage with local municipalities, counties, utilities, and tribal entities to develop the intergovernmental entity and refine how the EIF model will operate. They are finalizing the treatment plan and will begin targeted outreach efforts to private property owners and biomass operators.

Southwest Colorado partners would like to organize a more detailed conversation around the EIF model and RMRI, and they will work with Jason Lawhon and Tom Spezze to arrange that discussion.

RMRI-SW TREATMENT PLANNING UPDATE Mark Loveall, CSFS Durango supervisory forester, and Kara Chadwick, San Juan National Forest Supervisor, provided updates on non-federal and federal treatment projects in Southwest Colorado. Their comments are summarized below.

- There are multiple non-federal land treatment projects in various stages of development including some that are shovel ready.
- The RMRI-SW partners want to ensure that any implemented treatments meet the goals established in their vision statement, the values of RMRI, and the goals of shared stewardship. They are developing criteria to evaluate projects to ensure that RMRI-SW partners are working on high-priority lands and that all treatments achieve desired conditions. They are also developing a process that incorporates scientific and stakeholder input and considers all available tools for treatments.
- On the federal side, RMRI continues to be a priority for the San Juan National Forest. The San Juan National Forest has received funding to move work forward, much of which has been put into contracts for fiscal year 2020. Some of the San Juan National Forest funding is for surveying and roadwork to prepare for outyear project planning and implementation. To assist in outyear planning, the San Juan National Forest staff is also delineating smaller areas on the landscape to help partners prioritize projects, identify outcomes, and develop a 10-year plan. Developing a 10-year plan will allow partners to understand the work they need to complete each year and communicate desired outcomes to the RMRI partners. The RMRI-SW partners plan to have identified desired outcomes by the end of May and have a discussion with RMRI partners about those outcomes.
- San Juan National Forest staff is working remotely on grants, agreements, and contracts to complete work this summer. They plan to complete 4,000 acres in thinning and mastication this summer and 5,000 acres in prescribed burning depending on the COVID-19 situation. Prescribed burning is paused for the spring, but there may be opportunities in the fall to continue prescribed burning. Most of that work is intended for the west side of the San Juan National Forest, which is primarily covered by ponderosa pine forest. The San Juan National Forest also has plans to clear trails and thin forests to reduce hazards on recreational trails depending on the availability of the Southwest Conservation Corps crew.
- The San Juan National Forest is also funding the Mountain Studies Institute to conduct pre-monitoring in treatment areas. They are operating under an adaptive management framework, which involves pre-monitoring a treatment area, conducting treatments, monitoring the area post-treatment, and then adapting strategies based on the data.
- The San Juan National Forest is also providing funding to the Wildfire Adapted Partnership, Dolores Watershed Resilient Forest Collaborative, and other collaborative groups to engage in outreach efforts to communities.

RMRI-SW GOVERNANCE UPDATE At the February RMRI meeting, meeting participants discussed governance, and two discussion threads emerged from that conversation: one about the governance structure for the RMRI-SW partners and another about the governance structure for RMR-CO. Kara Chadwick, San Juan National Forest Supervisor, provided updates on the RMRI-

SW governance structure. Her comments are summarized below.

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- A RMRI-SW working group has developed a charter for their governance structure. The charter was distributed to RMRI partners prior to the meeting for them to review.
- RMRI-SW will work with RMRI-CO to address the four values of RMRI: recreation, water, forest health and wildlife habitat, and community. Some of the goals of RMRI-SW are to:
 - Create physical and social resistance to wildfire by conducting treatments around communities.
 - Return the forest to historic conditions.
 - Engage and educate communities on the need for forestry treatments on private property.
 - Work with local collaboratives, including some of collaboratives that are not directly in the RMRI project boundary.
 - Form a science team to inform the design, prioritization, and monitoring of treatments.
- The RMRI-SW governance structure will include a steering committee composed of representatives from the USFS, NWTF, CSFS, NRCS, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), and community, water, and recreation interests. RMRI- SW partners also reached out to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Southern Ute Tribe to participate on the steering committee.
- The charter highlights that the roles of the RMRI-SW steering committee include:
 - Maintaining a close connection with RMRI-CO to implement the RMRI vision.
 - Developing shared goals and outcomes with RMRI-CO.
 - Reporting to RMRI-CO on the work that they have accomplished, are currently doing, and plan to do.
 - Identifying support needs (e.g., funding, expertise, network, training, etc.) and requesting support from RMRI-CO partners.
 - Serving as a conduit between the local community and RMRI-CO.
 - Serving as a decision-making body for prioritizing local projects, fundraising, distributing non-federal funding, and budgeting.
 - Providing oversight, coordination, and strategic and operational direction to RMRI-SW.
 - Determining methods and metrics to measure goals, outcomes, and objectives.
- Since it is not possible to form a steering committee that represents every group, RMRI-SW will also form a local network. The steering committee will work closely with an ad-hoc network that is composed of individuals from the local collaboratives and represents a wide range of values and interests. The roles of the local network include:
 - Assisting the steering committee with developing goals and objectives.
 - Assisting the steering committee with developing a program of work and monitoring.
 - Providing input regarding the prioritization of treatment areas.
 - Providing input on any other issues or concerns.

- The RMRI-SW governance structure will include a science team that will be composed of representatives from the Mountain Studies Institute, retired local scientists, university researchers, etc. The roles of the science team include:
 - Reviewing existing literature to help with problem-solving.
 - Assisting with the collection and interpretation of data.
 - Assisting RMRI-SW in adaptive management practices.
- As RMRI-SW moves forward, RMRI-CO partners should let RMRI-SW partners know if they would like to be more closely involved. The RMRI-SW governance working group will

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discuss the feedback they receive at today's meeting to establish the steering committee. They will circulate an updated charter to RMRI in the next couple of weeks.

RMRI-SW Governance Structure Polling Question Meeting participants were polled on the question “do you approve of the proposed structure and the roles and responsibilities between RMRI-Southwest and RMRI-CO?” The polling results are displayed below.

<i>Response</i>	<i>Number of Responses</i>	<i>Percentage of Responses</i>
Yes	27	87%
No	0	0%
Not sure	4	13%

Clarifying Questions RMRI partners asked clarifying questions about RMRI-SW's governance structure. Questions are indicated in italics with corresponding answers in plain text.

Is there a reason that there is not an industry representative on the RMRI-SW steering committee?

- The official steering committee has not been finalized, and the RMRI-SW working group continues to discuss what representatives will sit on the steering committee.
- The RMRI-SW governance working group is attempting to balance broad engagement with efficiency as they develop the RMRI-SW governance structure. Industry representatives in Southwest Colorado are already asked to participate on many committees and working groups. The steering committee will likely have to meet regularly, so they found it difficult to add another meeting commitment for an industry representative.
- The steering committee needs to be composed so that the committee members can regularly reach quorum, make decisions, and allocate resources in an efficient and transparent manner. The purpose of the local network is to create a more open-ended mechanism for broad-based participation from a variety of groups not on the steering committee.

Will RMRI-SW be a formal organization, such as a 501(c)(3)?

- The RMRI-SW governance working group has not discussed whether RMRI-SW will be a formal organization. For now, RMRI-SW is a programmatic organization. Many of the collaboratives that the RMRI-SW works closely with have 501(c)(3) status.
- There are two tracks toward the type of work that RMRI-SW is trying to accomplish: work on

federal lands and work on non-federal lands. The work on the federal lands already has well-developed institutions, policies, and ways to channel funding. The non-federal lands do not have these same institutions, so partners have to figure out how they will blend resources and funding from many different agencies and organizations (e.g., CSFS, Wild Adapted Partnership, NRCS, etc.) in a way that is accountable and transparent. The RMRI- SW working group will continue to discuss their structure based on what is needed to manage these fiscal resources, including whether RMRI-SW needs to have a formalized structure.

What is the difference between RMRI-SW and RMRI-CO?

- One goal of RMRI-CO is to serve as a champion to build statewide, regional, and national support for RMRI projects and provide a network of advocates to create synergy and serve as a sounding board for the three local priority areas. RMRI-SW implements the mission of

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RMRI in Southwest Colorado by prioritizing local projects and conducting treatments. RMRI-SW serves as a conduit between RMRI-CO and the local community and vice-versa.

- The RMRI-SW governance working group developed a responsible, accountable, consulted, and informed (RACI) chart for the different committees and groups under RMRI-SW, which is included in the governance charter. The columns under RMRI-CO are blank, and they will continue to discuss the role of RMRI-CO using the RACI chart.

RMRI-SW Governance Feedback

- The RMRI-SW steering committee should have industry representation, either a local industry representative or someone who represents industry more broadly. An industry representative could help with long-term industry planning and provide perspective on long-term changes in timber markets as a result of COVID-19 impacts. An industry representative could be beneficial to a steering committee, but it would need to be someone with decision-making authority (i.e., someone who is nominated by other industry members to participate), be able to participate consistently, or be able to provide an alternate with decision-making authority.
- The RMRI-SW steering committee should have environmental/conservation community representation, potentially Jimbo Buickerood from San Juan Citizens Alliance.

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- The RMRI-CO governance subcommittee, which includes Angela Boag, Samantha Albert, Emily Olsen, Scott Woods, Christina Burri, and Tom Spezze, met once since the February RMRI meeting to discuss the RMRI-CO governance structure.
- The RMRI-CO stakeholder group would serve as the primary body of RMRI-CO with smaller subcommittees for each of the three priority areas and cross-cutting issues. The subcommittees and RMRI-CO stakeholder group would establish communication channels to exchange information and

success. The proposed RMRI-CO governance structure also would include a RMRI Leadership Committee.

- The goal of this governance structure is to establish an interface between RMRI-CO and local priority areas that provides flexibility and power to priority areas while also creating a channel for RMRI-CO and priority areas to jointly develop key goals and definitions of success, set shared expectations, and create a mechanism for RMRI-CO to be responsive and support the identified needs of the priority areas.
- The overall goal of RMRI-CO is to work under a shared stewardship model within Colorado to manage forests and engage communities to protect water resources, ensure the safety of communities, support recreation and tourism, and restore forests and habitat at a meaningful scale. This framework for RMRI-CO is informed by and consistent with RMRI-CO's four values. The RMRI-CO framework would also consist of outcomes and site-specific goals and objectives for each of the priority areas and overarching outcomes for each of the four core values.
- The purpose of the RMRI-CO Leadership Team is to encourage high-level support from leaders and agencies across Colorado as more of RMRI-CO's work occurs in subcommittees rather than a whole partner group. The RMRI-CO Leadership Team would consist of seven appointed seats (USFS-co chair, NWTF-co chair, NRCS, CSFS, DNR, BLM, Division of Fire

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Prevention and Control), seven nominated seats (water, communities, recreation, forests, wildlife, science, timber), and three seats for a representative from the three priority areas. The reason for this composition and size of the RMRI Leadership Team is to incorporate federal, state, and local leadership in an inclusive and representative manner.

- The RMRI-CO Leadership Team would not make decisions. Some of their roles and responsibilities would be to:
 - Raise awareness and support for RMRI efforts
 - Provide guidance, leadership, and direction
 - Make recommendations on priorities to stakeholder groups
 - Assist in the exchange of information.
- The proposed RMRI-CO governance structure would consist of subcommittees for communications/social license, governance, wood utilization/workforce capacity, funding, Southwest Colorado, Upper South Platte, and Upper Arkansas. There continues to be a discussion about whether the communications/social license subcommittee should be one subcommittee or two.
- The proposed RMRI-CO governance structure would include a statewide stakeholder group, which still has to be officially named (as of now, RMRI-CO refers to the stakeholder group). This stakeholder group would be the governing body that makes decisions. Some of the roles and responsibilities for the stakeholder group would be to:
 - Ensure goals and objectives from priority areas align with RMRI-CO values
 - Assist in the communication and information exchange among priority area groups
 - Develop a communication strategy
 - Provide support as identified by priority area teams
 - Support the development of outcome-based performance measures

- The stakeholder group continues to evolve in terms of participation, and it is still not clear what the membership of RMRI-CO stakeholder group should be. RMRI-CO needs to maintain a manageable size of participants so that they can make decisions and have productive conversations while also being as open and inclusive as possible. There are multiple options for membership, including keeping the existing RMRI-CO group, opening RMRI-CO for anyone to participate, or including only those working on the subcommittees.

RMRI-CO Governance Structure Polling Question 1 Meeting participants were polled on whether they approve of the proposed structure and the roles and responsibilities of RMRI-CO. The polling results are displayed below.

Response Number of Responses Percentage of Responses Yes 25 96% No 0 0% Not sure 1 4%

RMRI-CO Governance Structure Polling Question 2 Meeting participants were polled on what they think the ideal membership of RMRI-CO should be. Meeting participants could submit multiple responses. Twenty-one meeting participants answered the poll. The polling results are displayed below.

Response Number of Responses Percentage of Responses Original members only 5 15%
Invite anyone who wants to join 8 24%

Keeps the group small 5 15% Subcommittee members only 11 33% Other 4 12%

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Clarifying Questions RMRI partners asked clarifying questions about RMRI-CO's governance structure. Questions are indicated in italics with corresponding answers in plain text.

What is the relationship between RMRI-CO and the development and implementation of shared stewardship?

- RMRI-CO is an example of a shared stewardship project that is occurring in parallel with the development of a statewide shared stewardship strategy. The statewide shared stewardship approach will eventually meld many planning efforts, including RMRI-CO. At this point, RMRI-CO is farther along in its development than the shared stewardship strategy, so it is important to continue to move RMRI forward under a governance structure.
- The purpose of shared stewardship is for states to have equal influence with the USFS on deciding where to complete forestry work. The USFS and DNR have begun the process of developing priorities under the shared stewardship strategy, and the process will eventually be opened up to broad participation. While there are many states with a shared stewardship agreement with the USFS, Colorado is unique because it is the only state with a RMRI-type program.
- As the DNR and USFS continue to define the shared stewardship approach, they are proceeding at a slower pace so that they can incorporate information from technical documents, like the Forest

Action Plan, to inform priorities at the statewide and local level. The priority areas developed under the shared stewardship strategy discussion will serve as another tool to make decisions about where to make strategic investments. Some of the priority areas under shared stewardship will align with RMRI priority areas.

- Another aspect of the shared stewardship strategy is to change the organizational culture in various agencies to encourage coordination of projects across land ownership boundaries at the beginning of any given project. These types of organizational culture changes will occur over many years.

RMRI-CO Governance Feedback

- The communications/social license subcommittee should be split into two different subcommittees because both topics are not entirely in alignment and will require two different communication strategies.
- The RMRI-CO governance structure diagram should emphasize that exchange of information should not only occur between RMRI-CO and the priority areas but also that the priority areas should network and exchange information among each other. There should be double-sided arrows connecting the priority areas to each other.
- The RMRI-CO membership should represent a hybrid option in which there are both closed subcommittees meetings (members only) and larger public meetings open to anyone. Under this model, the subcommittees would drive activity, but it would also provide flexibility for others not involved in subcommittees to engage, including potential funders and other beneficiaries. Those in the broader RMRI-CO group could be a part of the RMRI network but not necessarily be considered a stakeholder.

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FINAL REMARKS AND UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- Meeting participants should send any ideas to members of the RMRI-CO governance subcommittee (Jason Lawhon, Angela Boag, Samantha Albert, Emily Olsen, Scott Woods, Christina Burri, and Tom Spezze) about how RMRI-CO will provide feedback to local landscapes and how RMRI-CO will address support needs elevated by local partners.
- Over the next couple of months, there will be a RMRI-CO stakeholder group and several subcommittee meetings to account for changing meeting logistics as a result of COVID-19. These meetings will be hosted virtually with a maximum meeting duration of three hours. The proposed meeting schedule is as follows:
 - April 8, 9, or 10 – Funding subcommittee webinar
 - April 15, 16, or 17 – Governance subcommittee webinar
 - April 15, 16, or 17 – Communications and social license subcommittee webinar
 - April 15, 16, or 17 – Biomass and workforce subcommittee webinar
 - April 22, 23, or 24 – Full RMRI partnership webinar
 - May 6, 7, or 8 – Funding subcommittee webinar
 - May 13, 14, or 15 – Full RMRI Partnership Webinar
 - May 20, 21, or 22 – Communications and social license

subcommittee webinar ○ May 20, 21, or 22 – Biomass and workforce subcommittee webinar

- Meeting participants were polled on whether they approved the proposed structure. Of those who filled out the poll, 23 indicated they approved the meeting structure and 2 indicated they were not sure because they did not know if their current meeting schedule aligned with the proposed RMRI-CO meeting schedule.
- Heather Bergman, Jason Lawhon, Tom Spezze, and subcommittee chairs will work on finalizing the schedule.
- The webinar today does not replace hosting a meeting in Southwest Colorado, so the hope is to get RMRI stakeholder to Southwest Colorado for a meeting as soon as possible.