

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CONSERVATION IMPACT

OCTOBER 6-7, 2022

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PRE-SYMPOSIUM OFFERINGS

In the two weeks preceding the event, the Center will kick off the conversation with two free webinars and a podcast that all attendees are encouraged to check out:

- September 28** The Rio Grande/Rio-Bravo River: Connector of communities and ecosystems
- Alan Hamilton, Founder, Rio Grande Return
 - Armando Valdez, State Director of Colorado, USDA Rural Development
 - Barbara Warren, Architect, Overland Partners
 - Moderated by Dr. John Tracy, Director, Colorado Water Center

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- September 29** Mountain & Prairie podcast with Ed Roberson
Featuring Francesca Claverie, Native Plant Program Manager, Borderlands
Restoration Network

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- October 3** The importance of private lands in borderland conservation
- Jeremiah H. Leibowitz, Executive Director, Cuenca Los Ojos
 - Rodrigo Sierra Corona, Director of Ecological Management, Santa Lucia Conservancy

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OCTOBER 6, 8:00AM - 4:00PM MDT

- 8:00AM** **Welcome and introductory remarks**
- Beth Conover, Executive Director, Salazar Center for North American Conservation
 - Tony Frank, Chancellor, Colorado State University System

- Jordan Dresser, Chairman, Northern Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation
- Luis Benitez, Vice President for Government Affairs and Global Impact, VF Corporation (emcee)

8:30AM **Setting the stage: How do we define transboundary conservation in the borderlands?**

- Valerie Gordon, Secretary/Treasurer of the Board, Cuenca Los Ojos

8:45AM **Social ties: Culture and connectivity in the borderlands**

- Irasema Coronado, Director & Professor, School of Transborder Studies, Arizona State University
- Verlon Jose, Governor of the Traditional O’odham Leaders, Tohono O’odham Nation
- Erick Meza, Borderlands Coordinator, Sierra Club
- Moderated by Teresa Martinez, Executive Director, Continental Divide Trail Coalition

9:45AM **America the Beautiful and how cooperative conservation can serve the U.S. and Mexico**

- Tommy Beaudreau, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior

10:05AM **Break**

10:30AM **Connectivity in the borderlands: Exploring important ecological pathways across land, water, and air**

- Luke Cole, Director, Sonoran Institute
- Osvel Hinojosa-Huerta, Director of the Coastal Solutions Fellows Program, Cornell Lab of Ornithology
- Rurik List, Head of the Research Area on Conservation Biology, Metropolitan Autonomous University - Lerma
- Moderated by John Sanderson, Director, Center for Collaborative Conservation, Colorado State University

11:30AM **Chasing water in drying times: Challenges and successes in the Colorado River Basin — snow to sea**

- Pete McBride, Contributing Photographer, Writer, Filmmaker at National Geographic and Smithsonian Magazine

12:00PM **Lunch**

1:15PM **Learnings across transboundary river basins: Case studies from the Colorado and Rio Grande**

- Lorelei Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Council and Co-Chair, Indigenous Women’s Leadership Network
- Oscar Leal, Water Program Director, Pronatura Noreste
- Enrique Prunes, Senior Program Officer for Freshwater, World Wildlife Fund
- Moderated by John Tracy, Director, Colorado Water Center

2:15PM **Break**

- 2:25PM** **The border wall over time: Policy, ecological, and cultural outcomes**
- Dinah Bear, Attorney and Consultant, Former General Counsel, White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
- 2:45PM** **Border wall impacts on connectivity, water, and biodiversity**
- Lorraine Eiler, San Lucy District Alternate of the Tohono O’odham Legislative Council, Hia-Ced O’odham Nation
 - Diana Hadley, Founding President, Northern Jaguar Project
 - Myles Traphagen, Borderlands Program Coordinator, Wildlands Network
 - Moderated by Sharon Wilcox, Senior Texas Representative, Defenders of Wildlife
- 3:45PM** **Closing remarks**
- Gloria Schoch, Senior Director of Global Impact and Executive Director of the VF Foundation, VF Corporation
 - Luis Benitez, Vice President for Government Affairs and Global Impact, VF Corporation (emcee)
- 4:00PM** **Break**
- 4:30PM** **Reception and open bar**

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OCTOBER 7, 8:00AM - 4:00PM MDT

- 8:00AM** **Welcome and introductory remarks**
- Beth Conover, Executive Director, Salazar Center for North American Conservation
 - Luis Benitez, Vice President for Government Affairs and Global Impact, VF Corporation (emcee)
- 8:15AM** **Federal perspectives on transboundary rivers**
- Tanya Trujillo, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, U.S. Department of the Interior
- 8:35AM** **Multi-national cooperation on water: Interstate compacts as a model for transboundary cooperation**
- Roberto Salmon, Founding Partners, Luken Center for Strategies in Water and the Environment, and Former Commissioner, Mexico-United States International Boundary and Water Commission
 - Carlos de la Parra, Chair of the Board, Raise the River
 - Jennifer Pitt, Colorado River Program Director, National Audubon Society
 - Moderated by Anne Castle, Senior Fellow, Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment at the University of Colorado Law School
- 9:45AM** **Break**
- 10:15AM** **NADBank: Promoting sustainable development while protecting the environment across the U.S.-Mexico border**
- Calixto Mateos-Hanel, Managing Director, North American Development Bank

- 10:45AM** **Climate impacts to biodiversity and water in the border region**
- Jon Dale, Director, Rio Grande Valley & Mexico, American Forests
 - Serge Dedina, Executive Director, WILD Coast
 - Fay Hartman, Conservation Director, Colorado River Basin Program, American Rivers
 - Moderated by Jen Kovecses, Assistant Director, Salazar Center for North American Conservation
- 11:45AM** **Lunch**
- 1:00PM** **Financing ambitious conservation across the border: Innovations in financing critical conservation in Mexico**
- Lorenzo Jose De Rosenzweig Pasquel, Founder and CEO, Terra Habitats
- 1:20PM** **Business needs biodiversity: Case studies from the U.S. and Mexico**
- Valeria Cañedo, Conservation Biologist, Wild Sonora Collective
 - Alejandro Espinosa Trevino, Biodiversity Conservation Manager, CEMEX
 - Alberto Garza Santos, Chairman, Promotora Ambiental S.A.B. (PASAB MX)
 - Moderated by Jennifer Gooden, President/CEO, Biophilia Foundation
- 2:20PM** **Break**
- 2:35PM** **The role of philanthropy in the future of climate resilience and transboundary conservation**
- Renee Gonzalez, Director, Mexican Fund for the Conservation of Nature
 - Ted Kowalski, Colorado River Initiative Lead and Senior Program Officer, Environment Program Walton Family Foundation
 - Emily Warren Armitano, Director, Land Conservation and Water Programs, Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation
 - Moderated by Beth Conover, Executive Director, Salazar Center for North American Conservation
- 3:35PM** **A vision for the future: Ambitious ideas for advancing conservation for healthy landscapes and people in the borderlands**
- Ron Rael, Chair, Department of Art Practice, and Professor of Architecture, Eva Li Memorial Chair, University of California Berkeley
- 3:50PM** **Closing remarks**
- Beth Conover, Executive Director, Salazar Center for North American Conservation