

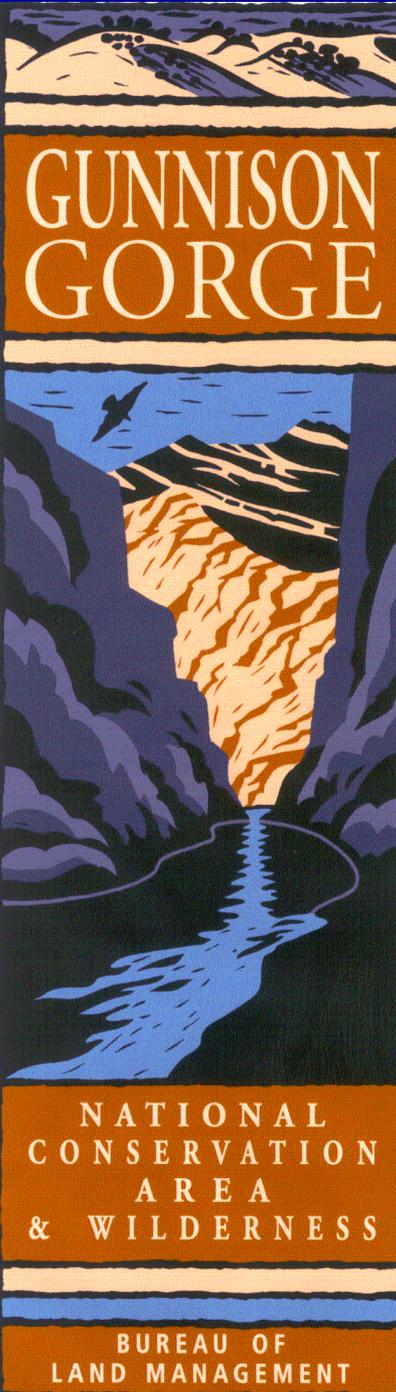


# **GUNNISON GORGE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA & WILDERNESS**

## **Managing by Network Case Studies**

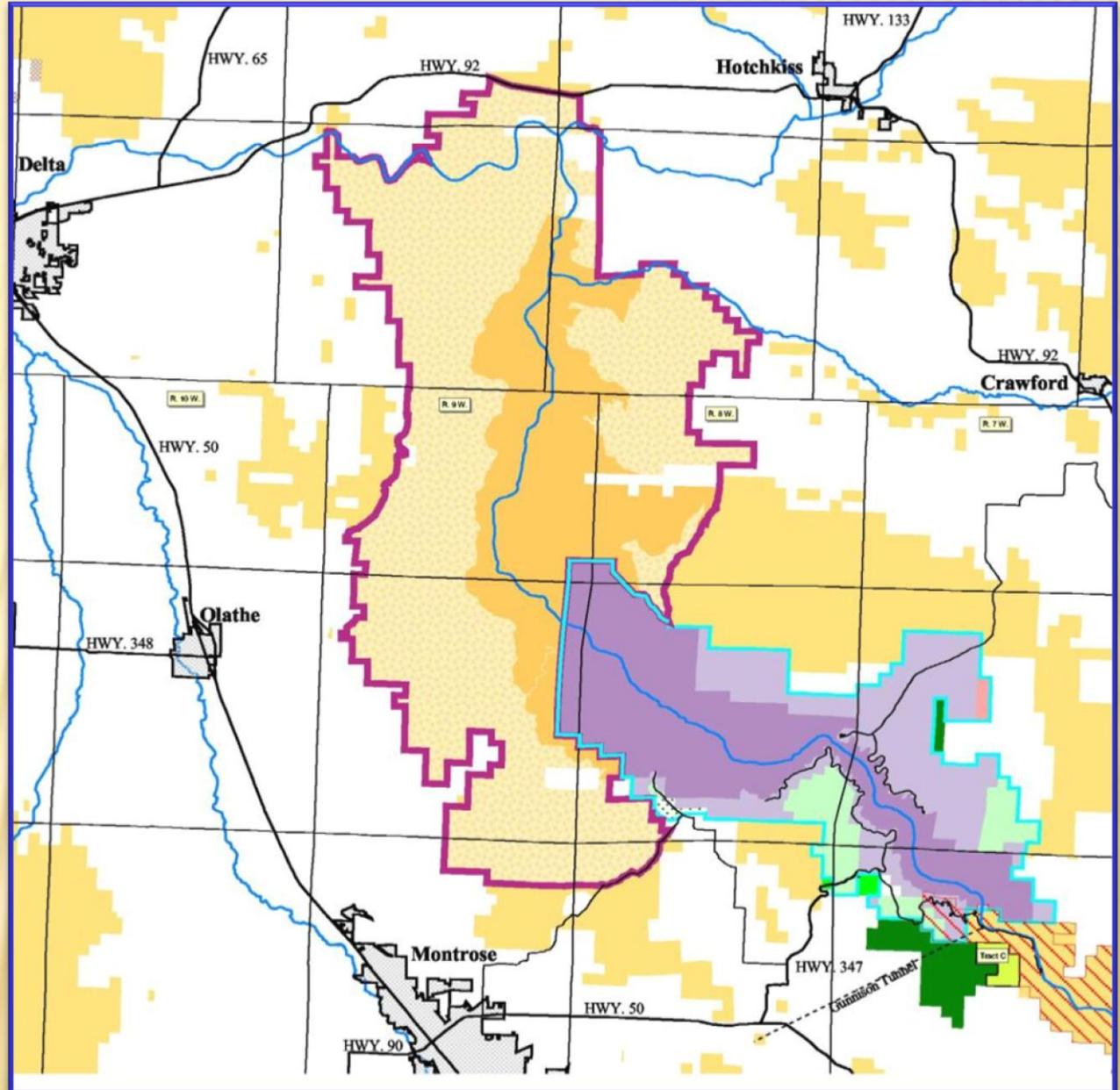
**GGNCA 10 Year Anniversary  
Gunnison Sage Grouse Network**

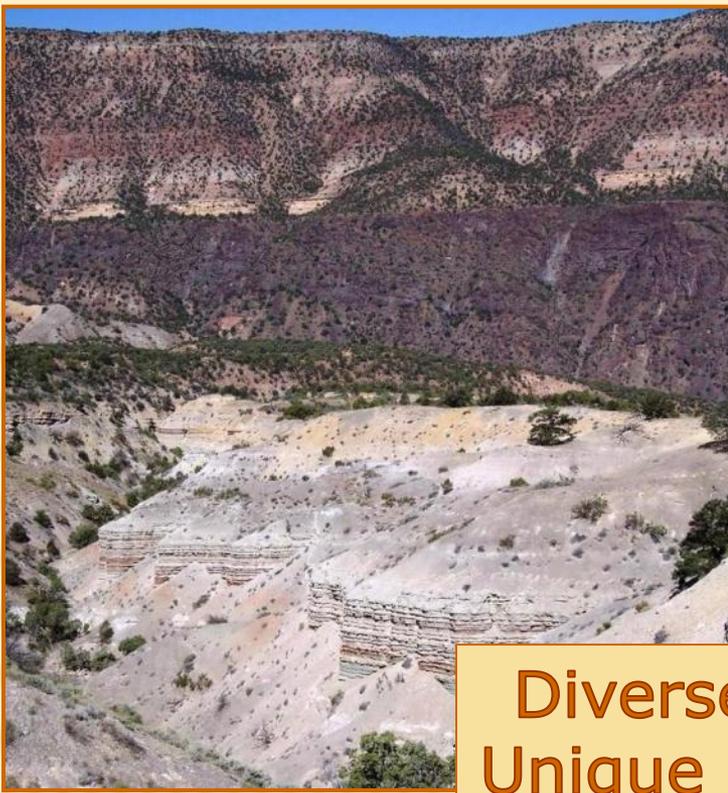
**Karen Tucker, GGNCA Manager  
June, 2011**





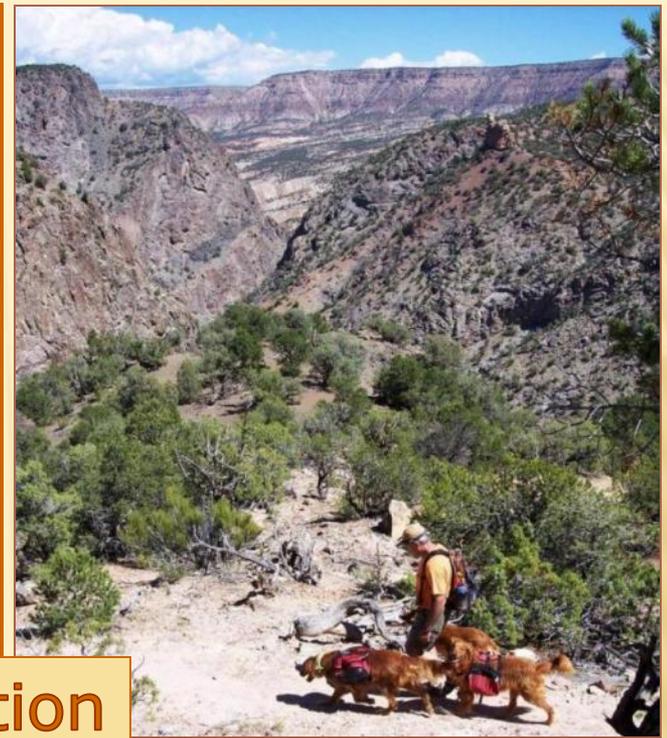
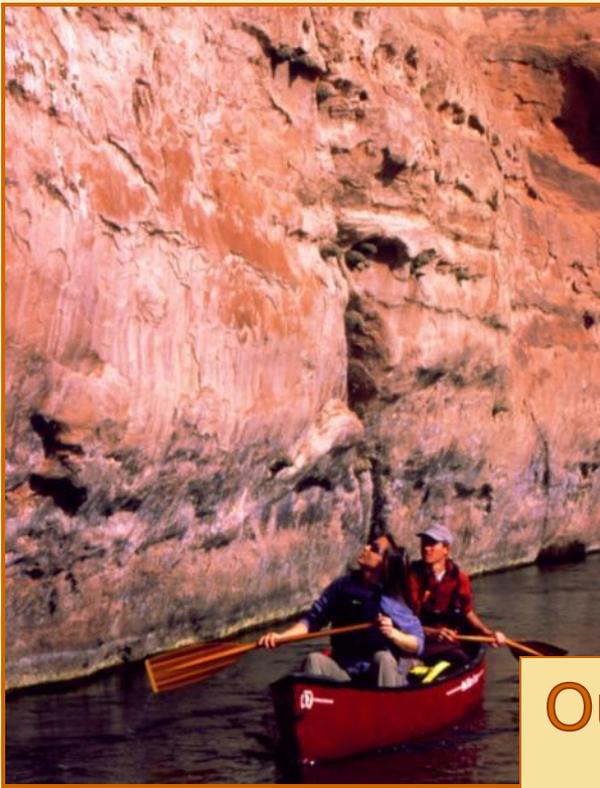
**Gunnison  
Gorge  
National  
Conservation  
Area (NCA)  
& Wilderness  
62,840 acres**



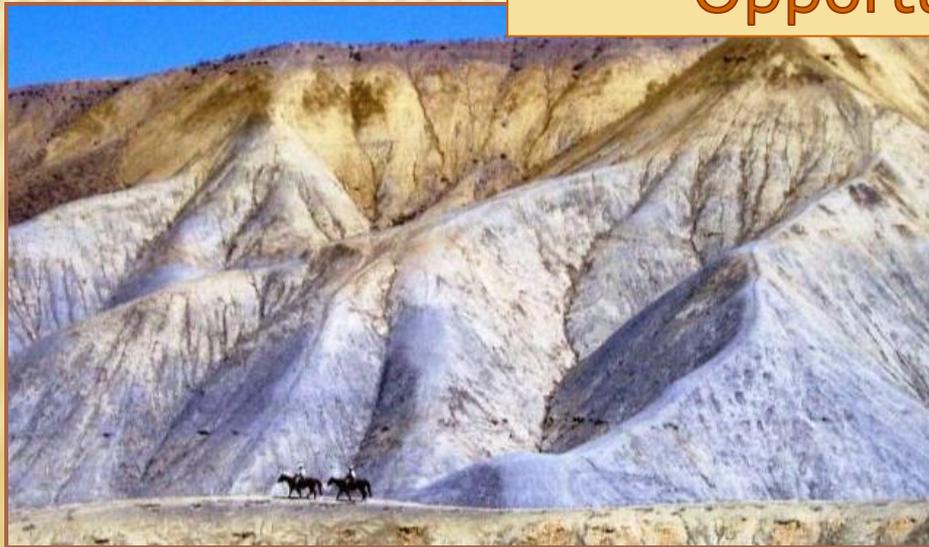


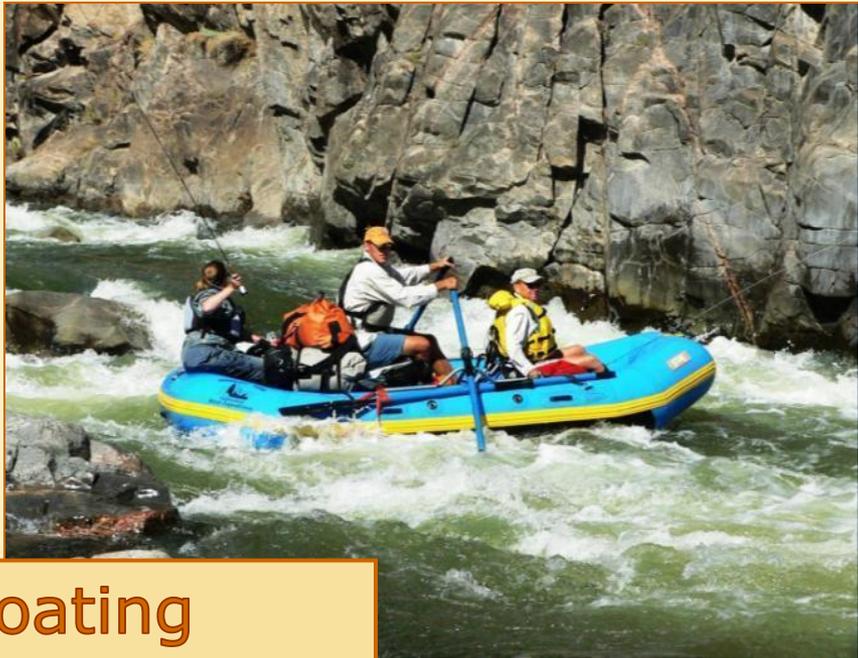
**Diverse Landscapes  
Unique Geologic Areas**





## Outstanding Recreation Opportunities





**Wilderness Boating  
World Class Trout Fishing**



# Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park



*Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park  
Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area*

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*10th Anniversary*



**10 Year Anniversary  
October 21, 2009**

- ❖ **BLM & NPS**
- ❖ **Montrose & Delta**
- ❖ **Ute Indian Tribes**
- ❖ **Tourism Partners**
- ❖ **Friends Groups**

# *Visions, Goals, Must dos, Don't dos....*

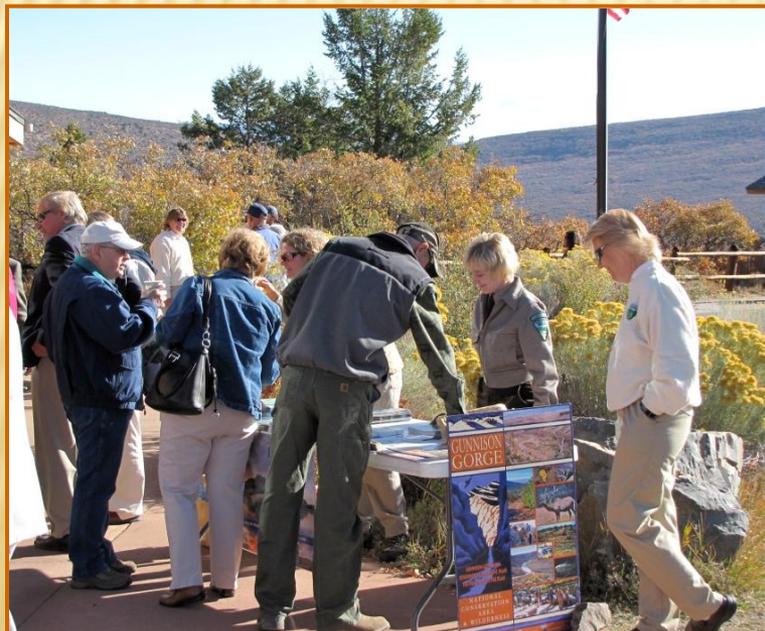


**Create a celebration that captures the collaborative spirit of partners in ways that enrich public and staff awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of the NCA and NP.**

# ***BLM/NPS Outreach Efforts***



- ❖ **Partner interview videos**
- ❖ **NPS/BLM Podcasts**
- ❖ **Special newspaper articles & editions; websites**
- ❖ **NPS/BLM Visitor Guide**
- ❖ **Souvenir T-shirt, poster, & program**
- ❖ **Youth field trips/programs**



Gunnison Gorge  
National Conservation Area

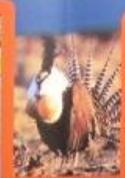
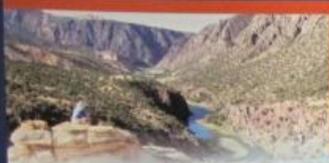


# LINKED LANDSCAPES

## DIVERSE EXPERIENCES



Black Canyon of the  
Gunnison National Park



**A**s part of BLM's National Landscape Conservation System, the Gunnison Gorge NCA protects cultural, ecological, and scientific resources while allowing for a variety of uses. Landscapes range from adobe badlands and rugged pinyon-juniper covered slopes to the spectacular and colorful double canyon system of the Gunnison Gorge Wilderness.

### Our Story

The NPS and BLM manage 33,300 acres of wilderness within the Gunnison River canyon system.

We work together to provide a balance of recreation opportunities and visitor services while protecting natural areas, plants, and wildlife.

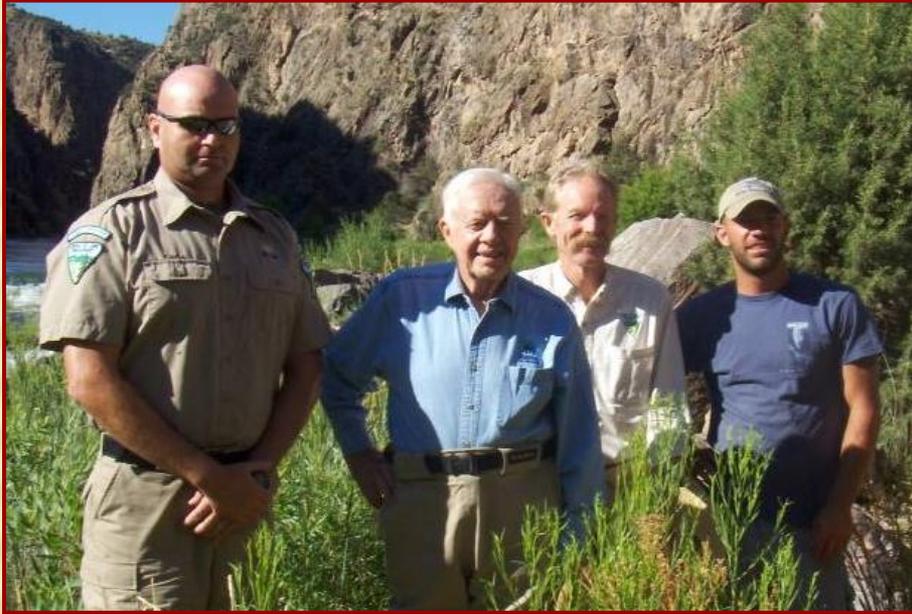
Partnership and coordination between these agencies and the public is directly responsible for the existence of the Gunnison Gorge NCA and the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. Creating these special areas allows us to protect our land for future generations.

Local citizens continue to collaborate on management plans for these "linked landscapes" to meet a wide range of community needs and agency goals.

**A**s part of the National Park System the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park preserves the stunning steep, deep, and narrow Black Canyon for the education, inspiration and enjoyment of this and future generations. The impressive inner canyon is a designated Wilderness Area.

**"LINKED LANDSCAPES"**  
Travelling Display

# *Key BLM Outreach Efforts*



❖ **Nat'l. Trails Day, NPLD,  
River Awareness Week**

❖ **President Carter's  
Gorge Trip**

❖ **Director's Field Trip**



# ***NLCS 10 Year Anniversary Outreach Efforts***

- ❖ **NLCS articles in BLM/NPS Visitor Guide and program**
- ❖ **Sonoran Institute Friends Network interviews and article**
- ❖ **CNN This American Land– Assignment Earth PSA**



## ***If We Have to Do it Again...***

- ❖ **START EARLIER!!!** It's already **MUCH** later than you think!
- ❖ **Get public affairs involved from the "get-go!"**
- ❖ **NEVER UNDERESTIMATE** how many people need to review **EVERYTHING** and how long that's going to take!
- ❖ **Set up a Sharepoint site ASAP, constantly update it, and remind people about it!**
- ❖ **Include ALL staff; make sure EVERYONE gets recognized for something!**



# Gunnison Sage Grouse Partner Network



**VISION – Gunnison Sage Grouse UNLIMITED!**

**GOAL – Get ANYONE doing SOMETHING that affects that bird plugged into our NETWORK!!**

# Identify the Partners

## Intra/Inter Agency Partners

- Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP, USFS, USFWS, BOR, USGS, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Colorado State Parks, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS),
- Colorado State University Extension Service
- Western Area Power Administration
- Tri-State Generation and Energy

## Partners with Volunteers Agreements

- North Fork River Improvement Assoc.
- Western Slope Environ. Resource Council
- 50+ landowners

## Partner Grants

- Together GREEN - Toyota Corporation
- U.S Geological Survey Research Grant
- National Park Service Research Grant
- Uncompahgre Plateau Project
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Wild Turkey Foundation

## Partners Under Contract

- Uncompahgre/Com. Inc

## Partners With MOU

- Delta and Montrose Counties
- Black Canyon Audubon
- Trout Unlimited
- Southwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council
- Black Canyon Land Trust
- Habitat Partnership Program

## Partners With Assistance Agreements

- Crawford Gunnison Sage Grouse Partnership
- San Miguel Gunnison Sage Grouse Working Group
- Gunnison County Sage Grouse Working Group
- Montrose-Delta Public Lands Partnership
- Western State University & Northern Arizona University



Crawford Sage  
Grouse Group

Increase Grouse

Agencies &  
Advocacy  
Groups

Habitat  
protection

Uncompahgre  
Plateau Project

Community  
Collaboration



North Rim  
Landscape Group

Cooperative  
Science & Management

**Your Mission: Connect groups with similar, but distinct missions into one happy, functional, "blended family" that works together in ways which help save the Gunnison Sage Grouse.**

# WHAT CAPACITIES DO WE HAVE?

## PLANNING

Crawford Sage  
Grouse Group

Increase Grouse



North Rim  
Landscape Group

Cooperative  
Management

## SCIENCE

## OUTREACH

Uncompahgre  
Plateau Project

Community  
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## FUNDING

Agencies &  
Advocacy  
Groups

Habitat  
protection

# WHAT CAPACITIES DO WE NEED?



# Partner Roles and Responsibilities

	<b>Deliverables</b>	<b>Who Has the Lead?</b>
1	Advance strategic priorities of the agencies	North Rim Landscape Group - Strategic Plan
2	Big-picture thinking & landscape-level project planning	North Rim Landscape Group
3	Special project planning, implementation & monitoring	Agencies and Advocacy Groups; Crawford Sage Grouse Group
4	Leverages funding	North Rim Landscape and Uncompahgre Plateau Project
5	Science and Research Coordination	Crawford Sage Grouse/North Rim Science Committee
6	Management of formal agreements and contracts	Uncompahgre.COM
7	Effective external and internal communication	Crawford Sage Grouse Group and UPP Coordinators
8	Fiscal Accountability	Uncompahgre.COM
9	Meetings and Friends Groups Coordination	Uncompahgre Plateau Project
10	Education and Outreach	Uncompahgre Plateau Project

# HOW'S IT WORKING FOR US?



UNC.com - 501(c)(3) umbrella organization

Public outreach, meetings, field trips, website

Landscape Strategy for 221,000 acres

Grants for Coordinator position

Gunnison Sage Grouse Conservation Plan

\$1.5 m. for Habitat Restoration Projects

Environmental Education Program

# ***MAKE THAT CONNECTION!!***

## **Lessons Learned in Networking**

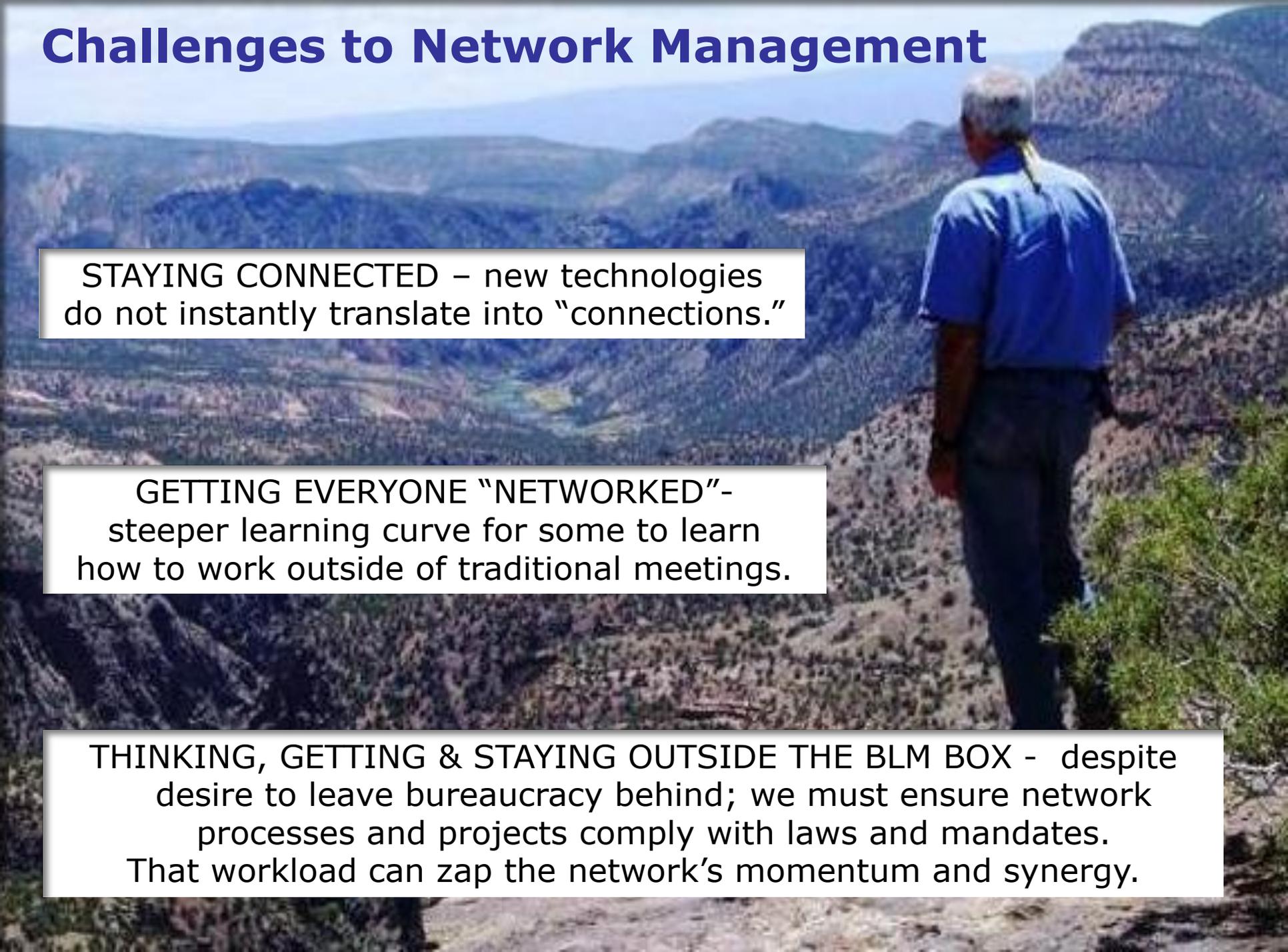
**Talk to everyone you can think of and ask: Who else should we talk to?**

**Keep dialogue going: never assume everyone in the network is on the same page with you.**

**Don't re-invent the wheel! Incorporate strengths and capabilities of existing partners; figure out what's missing and focus efforts on filling in the gaps.**



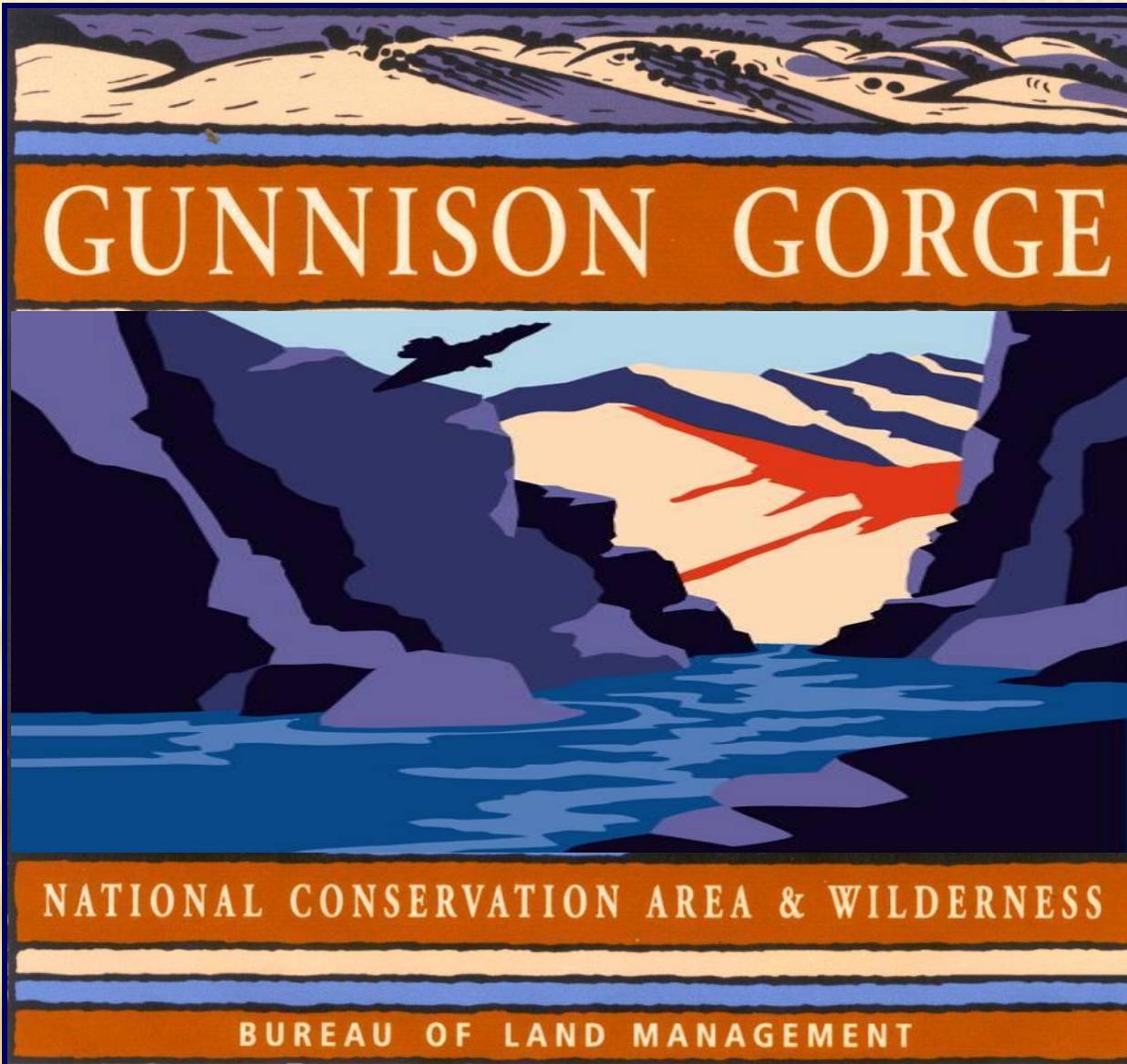
# Challenges to Network Management



STAYING CONNECTED – new technologies do not instantly translate into “connections.”

GETTING EVERYONE “NETWORKED”- steeper learning curve for some to learn how to work outside of traditional meetings.

THINKING, GETTING & STAYING OUTSIDE THE BLM BOX - despite desire to leave bureaucracy behind; we must ensure network processes and projects comply with laws and mandates. That workload can zap the network’s momentum and synergy.



**GUNNISON GORGE**

**NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA & WILDERNESS**

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