

# Public and Private Lands Collaboration on the Dolores River

Riparian Restoration Conference

Rivers Edge West

2020

Sparky Taber, BLM Grand Junction, retired

# Scope

- Apply restoration work to 175 river miles of riparian habitat (the "thin green line")
  - 4 Field Offices, 4 counties, 2 states
  - Public and Private Lands
  - "Erasing the Boundaries"
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- \$3.7M projected cost
  - \$7M spent



# Erased Boundaries



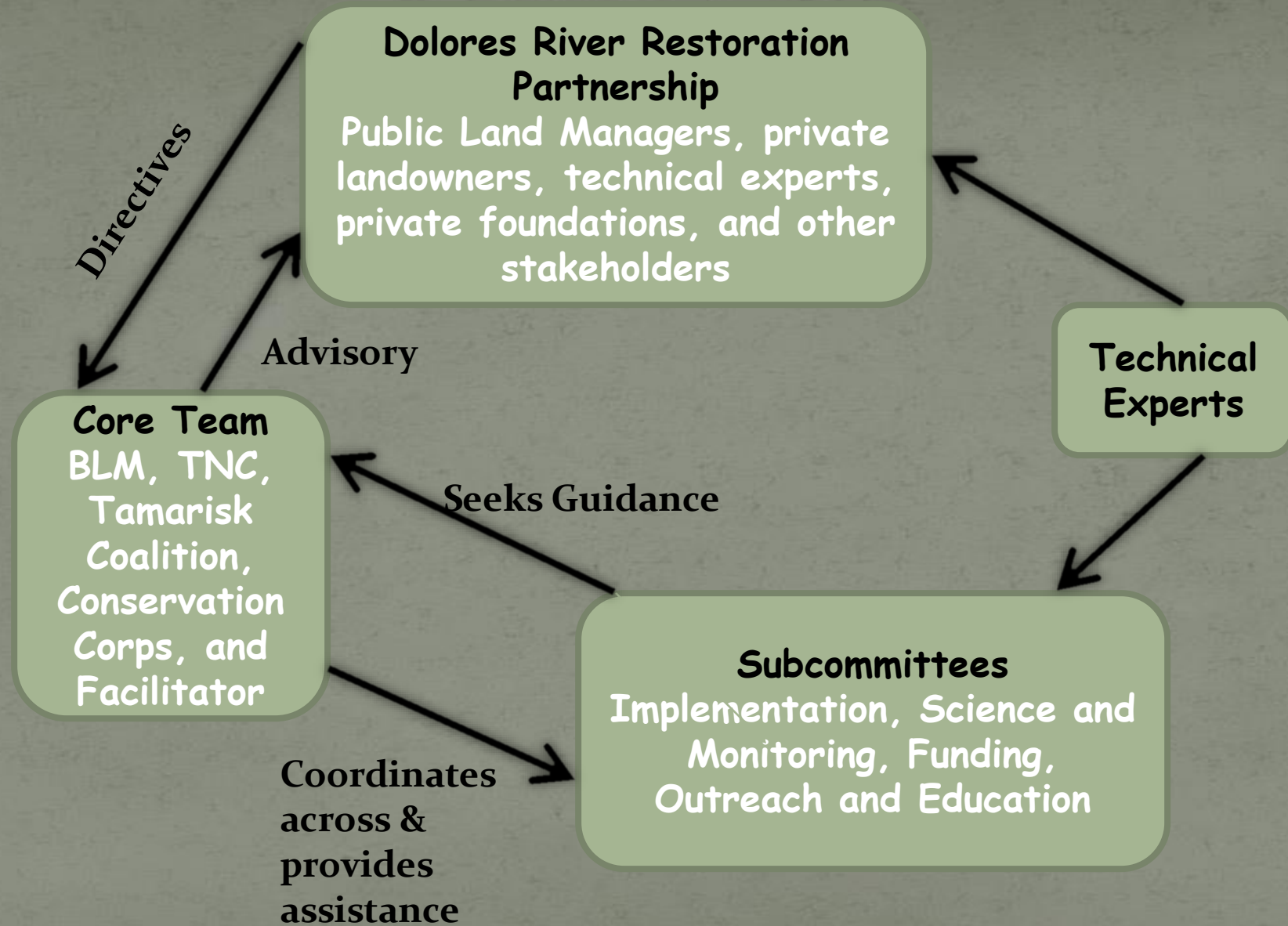


# The Plan

- "A plan without action is a daydream, action without a plan is a nightmare"
- 2009- The Dolores River Riparian Action Plan—DR-RAP.
- A 2-year collaborative planning effort by TNC and the Tamarisk Coalition with funding from the Packard Foundation. Included public and private input

# Governance

- MOU signed by 20 partners from federal, state and local governments, private corporations/foundations, and non-profit groups
- An "Inter-organizational network"
- Non-regulatory-relies on **trust and good working relationships** to make decisions and get work done





# Funding Sources

- Bureau of Land Management
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund
- Colorado River Water Conservation District
- Colorado State Forest Service
- Colorado Water Conservation Board
- Commission for Environmental Cooperation
- David & Lucile Packard Foundation
- El Pomar Foundation

# Funding Sources, con't

- Hendricks Charitable Foundation
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- National Resource Conservation Service
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action
- Packard Foundation
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife
- Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative
- Walton Family Foundation



# DRRP Coordinator

- Employed by the Tamarisk Coalition
- Direct link to BLM Field and state offices
- Develops and coordinates the annual implementation plan—which tracked every dollar contributed to the Partnership for on-the-ground work.
- Provided accountability

# Administrative Tools

- Wyden Amendment
- MOU
- Assistance Agreements: Federal Funds to Non-Profits. 5-year life
- Cooperative Agreements: Public/Public, Public/Private
- Hand-Shake Agreements: Agreeing to do something over coffee.



# Building Relationships

