

# THE ATLAS PROJECT: MAPPING AND DOCUMENTING COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES IN COLORADO

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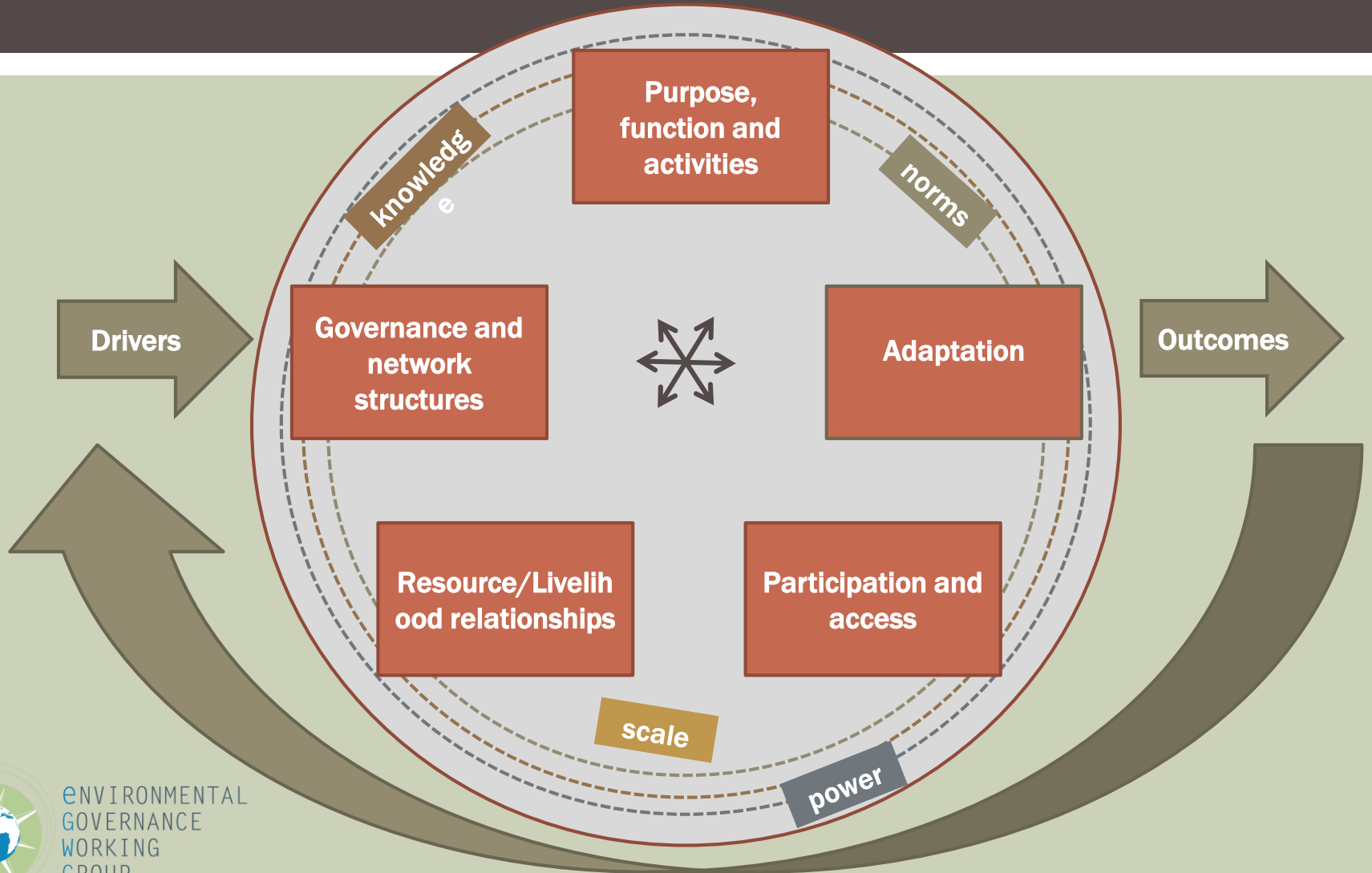
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# THE ATLAS PROJECT



# THE INVENTORY: WHO'S DOING WHAT?

Project-Based  
Groups

Output-  
Based  
Groups

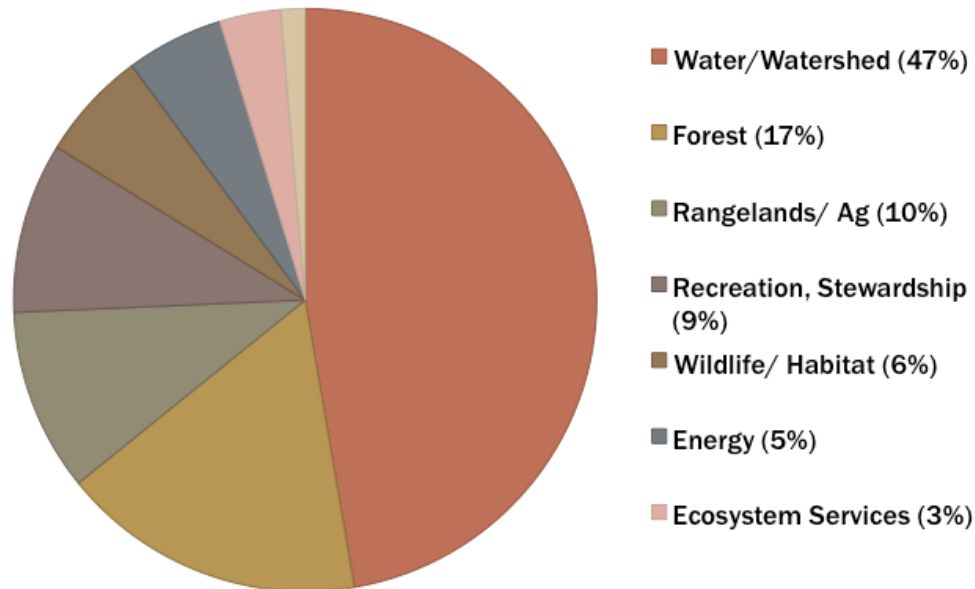
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Coalitions

Visioning  
Groups

Round-  
tables

Sectors of Collaborative Initiatives



# SOME EARLY INSIGHTS\*

## External

- Drivers
- Authority and legitimacy

## Internal

- Leadership
- Access and participation
- Adapting to change

# WHAT'S THE MOTIVATION?



Abrupt  
Events

Longer-  
Term  
Drivers

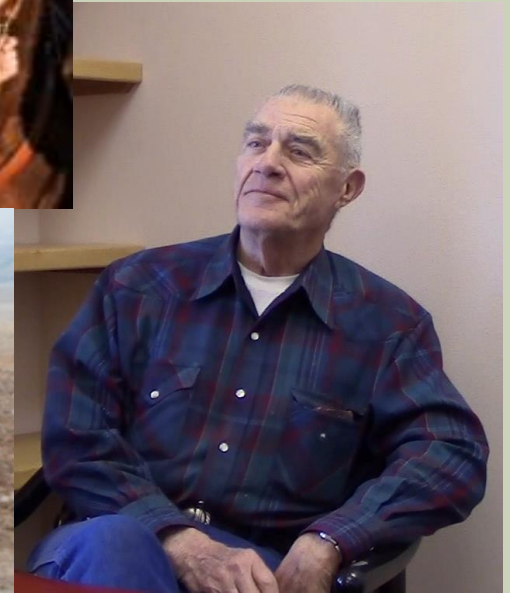


# AUTHORITY AND LEGITIMACY

- Lacking support from key partners
- No mandate to formally advise
- No enforcement or regulatory authority
- Attract diverse, high quality participation
- Maintain important vertical networks and relationships
- Influence through new knowledge

# LEADERSHIP

- Who is convening the process?
  - If you're an outsider, integration is key
- Is the collaborative lucky enough to have a champion?
  - Put these people up front!
- What happens if they leave?
  - Build resilience into your group





# ACCESS & PARTICIPATION

**What is the goal?**

Float trips    Education    Management  
Plan

**What's the scale?**

Local    Multi-County    Regional

**Access to the Table**

**Quality of Participation**

Invitation only

Open to specific stakeholders

Totally open

Informing

Capacity building

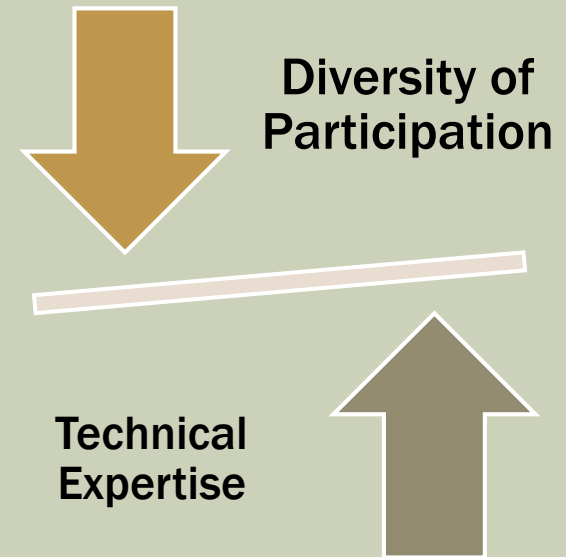
Feedback

Input

Decision making

Action

# TRADEOFFS?

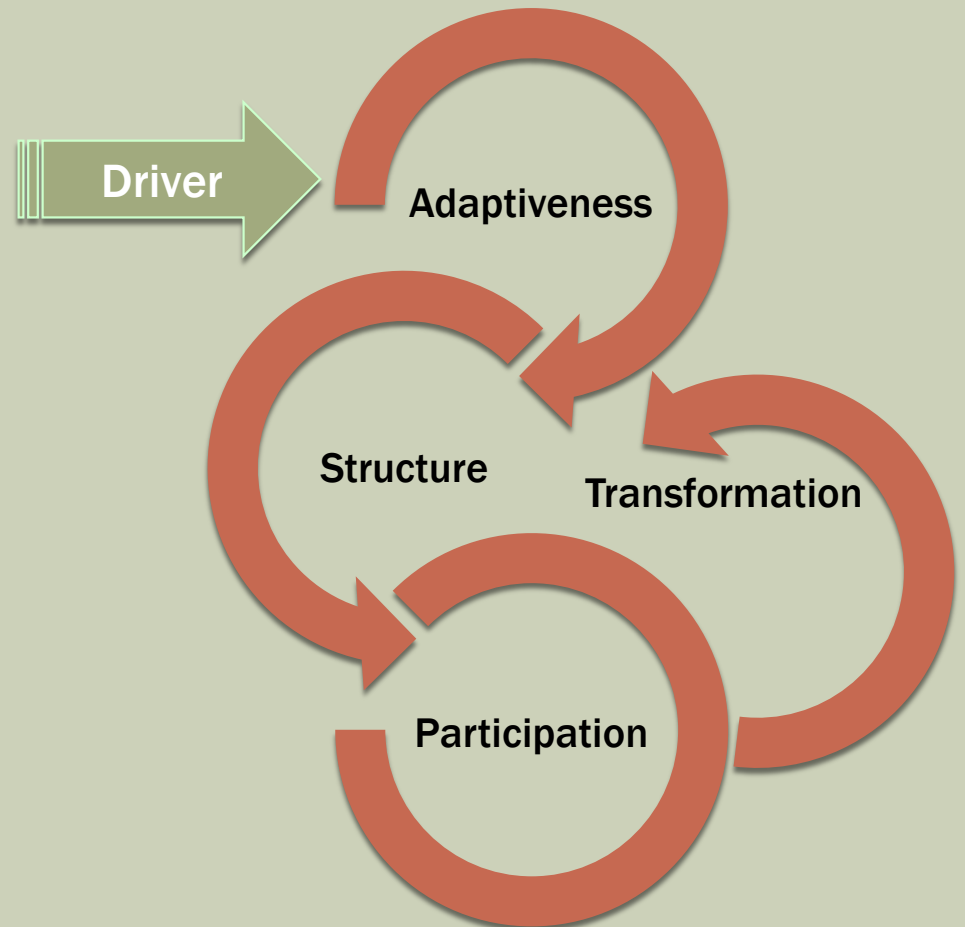


“Because we are so diverse... people come to our meetings with all sorts of different agendas, POV, and expertise... sometimes all you get is a discussion that goes off in different directions.” – Howard Holman, FHTF

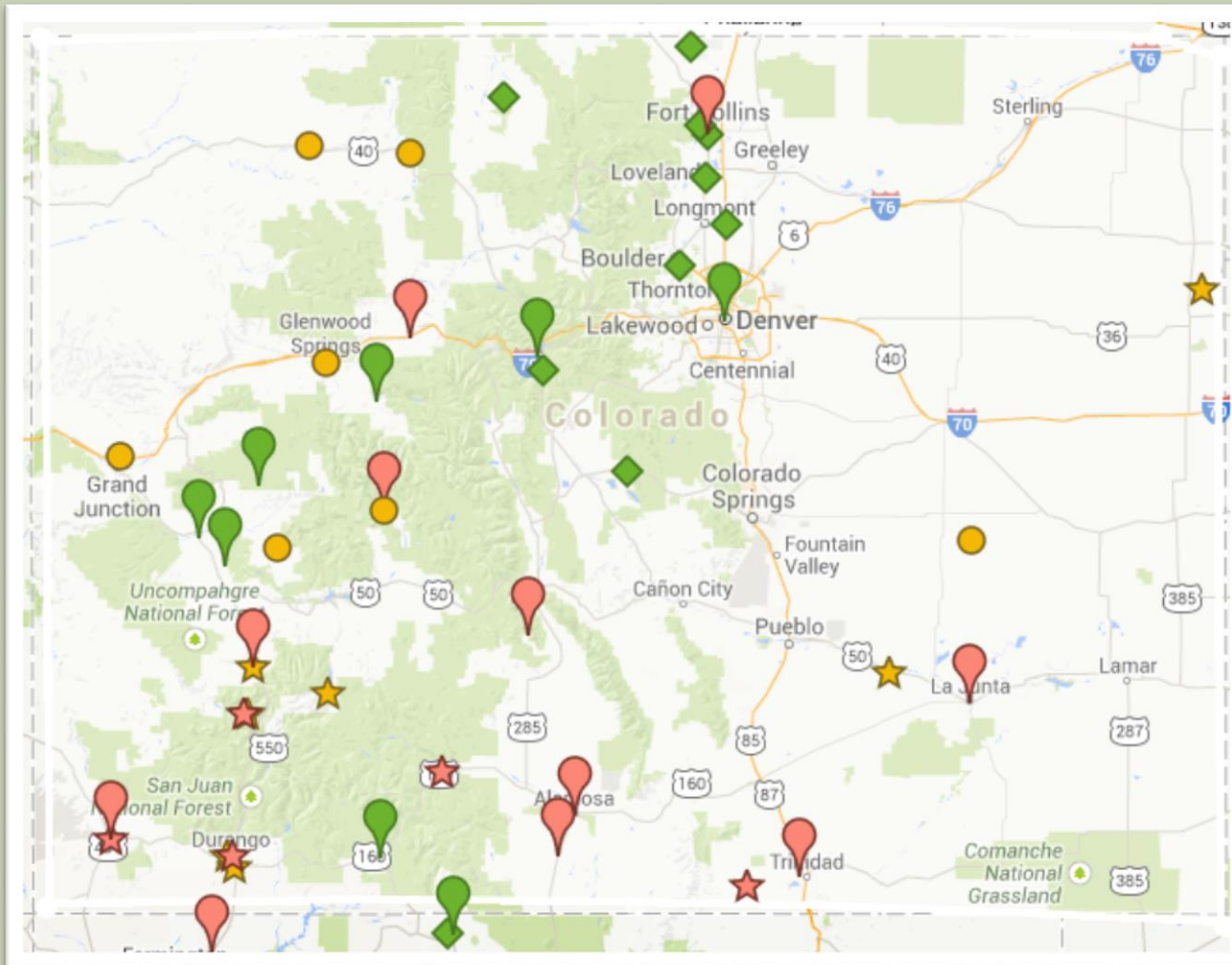
Sometimes a process with a specific goal or output is open to the public, but the knowledge or expertise required for engagement is a barrier to participation.

# ADAPTING & EVOLVING

- Plan for change
- Monitoring
- Reward participation
- Recognize opportunities
- Build community capacity



# HOW TO SHARE ALL THIS INFORMATION?



# TOOLS FOR MONITORING

- CitSci.org
- Encouraging and facilitating citizen science
- Step towards addressing information gaps

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## The Middle Colorado River Watershed Partnership

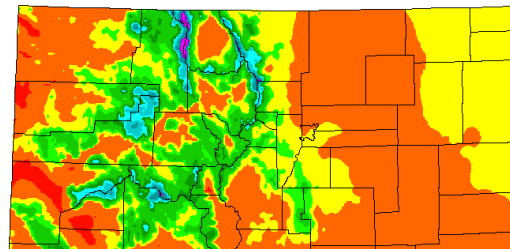
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