



Hilary Cooper

## EXPERIENCE:

2017-2024 (2-term limit) **San Miguel County Commissioner**

2016 – ongoing **Founder and Director, The Forest Ecology Project** A program to document forest ecology research in the field and bring it into the classroom to encourage an ecological understanding of place and motivate young scientists.

2006 – ongoing **Program Director, Valley Floor Preservation Partners** Incorporated a non-profit organization and filed the IRS 501c3 application. Directed a successful 3-month \$25M land conservation fundraising and education campaign. Continued organizational management and grant coordination for a \$5-6M river restoration and tailings remediation project.

2007 – 2014 **Executive Director, Sheep Mountain Alliance** An environmental advocacy organization covering southwest Colorado. Initiated a federal Wilderness bill from the ground up and assisted in its drafting. Managed citizen participation for multiple federal and state land management plans. Initiated environmental sciences curriculum in two regional schools.

2001 – 2005 **Member, Telluride Town Council** Accomplishments include; creation of the Green Building Code, inclusion of solar panels in historic architecture guidelines, creation of the Ecology Commission and new Wetlands Regulations, President of the Block 23 Housing corporation which developed four workforce housing projects in four years, securing the first energy audit of the Town's facilities detailing the savings of over \$2 million in five years, securing a \$75K Dpt. of Energy Grant to add the first municipal bio-diesel bus in Colorado, and grabbing international headlines by engaging a shaman to smudge the council chamber.

1995 – 2001 **Founder and Publisher, Mountainfreak Magazine** Birthed as a zeroxed black & white ski and organic lifestyle magazine, Mountainfreak grew into an internationally distributed publication of Adventure, Culture and The Earth. Managed all aspects of publishing. Secured \$1 million in capital investments.

1990 – 1996 **Assistant Director, Telluride Film & Mountainfilm Festival's** Managed communications and marketing, staff and volunteers, fundraising, film selection and festival production.

## EDUCATION:

2020 Harvard Kennedy School, Senior Executives in State and Local Government (deferred to 2021)

1989 University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill  
BA in Communications

1985 Lakeside High School, Seattle, WA

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2021 — Chair Colorado Counties Inc. Local Government Steering Committee & Member of the Public Lands Steering Committee Traveling Team

2020 — Co-Chair, Counties and Commissioners Acting Together

2020 & 2021 — Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute's Western Space's Conferences

2019 — Initiated the Colorado Collaborative for Healthy Soils to partner with Colorado Dpt. of Agriculture  
2019 — Speaker — Colorado Health Institute's Hot Topics in Health Conference  
2019-ongoing — Member of Western & Rural Colorado Health Care Coalition seeking cost and access solutions  
2019-ongoing — Governing Board of Counties and Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) A progressive policy alliance representing Colorado counties in the legislative process  
2019 — Vice-Chair San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation  
2017-2018 — Facilitated a regional forest health stakeholder group which produced a series of story maps produced through GIS Optimization modeling showing current and projected conditions of regional forests  
2017 – ongoing — Attend National Association of Counties Conferences  
2017-2019 — Chair Public Lands Partnership, a collaborative stakeholder group working on public lands issues  
2014-ongoing — Member of the U.S. Forest Service's Spruce Beetle Epidemic Aspen Decline Management Response (SBEADMR) Adaptive Management Team and Monitoring Committee (guiding the science team)  
2006 — Authentic Leadership Certificate from The Marpa Center for Business & Economics at Naropa Institute