



# It's our land. United, we defend it.

## About Defiende Nuestra Tierra

Wilderness Workshop is committed to equitable management and use of our local public lands and involving our entire community in conservation efforts. We launched Defiende Nuestra Tierra (Defiende for short), to fulfill this commitment and partner with the influential Latinx communities of the Roaring Fork, Eagle and Colorado River Valleys to steward and protect our public lands.

Defiende works to increase the baseline knowledge of public lands and their management, built and expanded upon a conservation ethos and focus on specific concerns of local Latinx communities regarding public lands. A key component of the program is to create opportunities for members of our Latinx community to learn about, access, enjoy and steward public lands including advocating for equitable management of our public lands, addressing access issues, identifying opportunities to close the nature gap, and ensuring land management policies and practices serve all members of our community.



## Defiende Objectives

The success of Defiende depends upon building strong, authentic and long-lasting relationships with local Latinx communities and identifying community based conservation issues that matter most to these communities. The Defiende program aims to achieve the following:

- Build a local environmental and conservation movement that elevates Latinx issues, voices and leadership
- Develop strategic partnerships with Latinx led organizations, businesses, and formal and informal leaders who can act as ambassadors, public land and environmental advocates.
- Identify and prioritize integrated conservation efforts that benefit all communities in our geography.
- Host a series of hikes and restoration projects that get people out onto the land, educate them on relevant issues facing those areas, and inspire action to preserve and protect the land.
- Educate community members about public lands history, management and how to get involved in protecting public lands, while continuing to build and expand a conservation ethos.
- Engage in state and national environmental justice and equitable access priorities that affect WW's work.
- Mobilize Latinx leaders to change inequitable systems by influencing people and policies.

## About Wilderness Workshop

Our mission is to protect and conserve the wilderness and natural resources of the Roaring Fork Watershed, the White River National Forest, and adjacent public lands. As a nonprofit organization, we engage in research, education, legal advocacy and grassroots organizing to protect the ecological integrity of local landscapes and public lands. We focus on the protection of air and water quality, wildlife species and habitat, natural communities and lands of wilderness quality. We also advocate and organize on national public lands issues as they relate to, or, have the potential to affect Colorado public lands policy and management.