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Research questions

• What are the different ways that CBOs organize and govern?
• What strategies do CBOs use to facilitate conservation-based economic development in public lands communities?
• What policies and other contextual factors either inhibit or facilitate their ability to foster conservation-based development?
• How do CBOs develop and organize networks among citizens and stakeholders, the public sector, and private enterprise to mobilize resources for local economic development?
• What are the strengths and weaknesses of different CBO approaches?
Objectives

1. Develop a robust understanding of strategies CBOs use to create economic development

3. Illuminate anatomy of natural resource-based economic development

4. Generalize our findings about CBO roles and networks across the West

1. Investigate the relationship of CBO social networks to outcomes

5. Disseminate
Approach

Case studies—in-depth data collection

Surveys—generalizability

Qualitative analytic modeling—drawing conclusions

Dissemination and policy—affecting change
Case study locations
Case study findings

CBOs are:
• Early innovators and risk takers

CBOs do:
• Development work, but it’s often not recognized as such
Case study findings

- Building infrastructure from the ground up
- Unique entrepreneurial context → recruitment challenging
Case study findings

• Extra local, multi scalar network building

• Embedded, dynamic, and unbounded character of networks
Upcoming outcomes

Generalizability about:

- Roles of community based organizations
- Natural resource business use of economic development assistance
- Value of CBOs to rural natural resource businesses
Future outcomes

- Working and briefing papers
- Policy briefings
- Peer-reviewed articles
Thank you

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