
Salon duc Tape – Rights of Nature – March 12th, 2021

What can Rights of Nature mean for our own beloved Poudre River?

Join us for the launch of a local Rights of Nature campaign at the salon on **Friday, March 12th**! Rights of Nature is a movement to recognize and honor that all living things and natural entities have inherent rights to exist, flourish and evolve. It is a legal revolution underway across the globe, aligning with Indigenous worldviews and building on the foundations of previous movements, including the abolition of slavery, women's suffrage, equal marriage, and animal rights.

Jennifer Sunderland, Gailmarie Kimmel, and Mary Witlacil will lead the discussion. Jennifer is the Program Coordinator of **Save the Poudre**. She writes that “As a tree-hugger and a gardener I’m often trying to figure out how humans can live in sync with the rest of nature. Using a cross-pollinating approach of anthropology, ecology, and education, I am currently engaged in strengthening our sustainable systems, from community supported agriculture to water conservation and wilding projects.” Gailmarie likes starting up good things. She launched the **Local Living Economy/Be Local Book**, and co-catalyzed the **Winter Farmer’s Market, Living Soil Investments** and **Poudre Valley Community Farms**. In addition to collaborating on climate justice efforts, her fierce love of nature has landed her with **IDEA WILD** working in biodiversity conservation and helping her favorite river legally defend itself. Mary is a lifelong outdoor enthusiast and lover of wild spaces who is currently working on a PhD in Environmental Political Theory at CSU. She believes addressing climate change and protecting the environment for the sake of human and more-than-human communities should be a top priority; and that this is done best through valuing the earth intrinsically and incorporating Indigenous ecological knowledge in environmental politics.

Salon duc Tape, a public forum sponsored by the Northern Colorado Alliance for a Livable Future (NCALF), meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from **7:00 — 9:00 p.m.** We have moved to an online format (Zoom) for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. **You will need to register in advance for the salon [here](#).** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information – including a new link – about joining the salon.