5\_29\_25 NFR Broadband CNHP training with Jessica Cheadle

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After introductions, Jess covered these points:

* Be safe out there! No need to take risks you would not usually take. Send an email or text to Jess before your hike to let her know where you are going and when you will return. Then be sure to let her her know that you returned.
* We don’t have permits to collect specimens. We use iNaturalist to record our observations in the field.
* Later, we would enter data into the plant map from CNHP, the information we collect and comments.
* If you have questions, let Jess know.

We looked at the map and Jess clicked on a dot (where plants were documented in the past) to show us the information about the location and what data we would enter. Here are a few notes on entering data to the map:

* Click edit on the information pop-up
* Enter your full name and Northern Front Range Broadband
* Enter date and your iNaturalist username
* Enter the total number of hours spent looking for the plant. You may include hiking time and/or driving time, if the main reason you did those things was to look for the plant. If you were going for a hike anyway, and just happened to look for the plant, maybe don’t add in the hiking or driving times.
* Use the verbatim coordinates if there is a difference between those and the location coordinates.
* Answer options to the question, “Did you find the plant?”:
	+ Yes – you got to the location and found the plant. You take photos (from different angles to observe key identifying aspects) of the plant and entered your observation in iNaturalist.
	+ No – you did not reach the location. Or, you did reach the location, but the landscape has changed (eg. There is a building or a road or a reservoir there now) and the plant is no longer there. Please note this, and send it to Jess.
	+ Maybe or Other – you got to the location and did not find the plant after looking in a reasonable amount of time or distance, but you see that there is habitat at a distance, which might have some plants. Just send Jess a message explaining this.
* Describe the plant population in iNaturalist, for example – population size, estimated (or counted) size, area of land the population covers, the substrate, slope aspect, elevation, or land features that are helpful to note when finding the plants, if they are flowering or in another state of phenology.
* The uncertainty level of your observation – how close the location on your GPS is likely to be.

If you need to update your observation later, you can send an email to her with the information.

I will send the following to this group of Broads, attached to this email:

* CNHP brochure
* Map of priority counties for 2025
* A link to my presentation for CNHP about Broadbands in Colorado, their locations, and Colorado Wilderness Areas

Jess is going to send to me, and I will send to the group:

* A link to the rare plant map we looked at with dots representing the location of rare plants to look for
* a checklist for us to use before going out to look for rare plants.