

60 Year Anniversary Easter Jeep Safari[®]

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Moab Utah - 1998 EJS Photo from 4X4 4U Coverage Photos by Frank Hayes & Quinn Thomas

Diamond Jubilee Good Old Traditions and Something New

By Kendra Cook

The desert air is already thick with dust (and you never know if one day might be rain or snow flakes in the air!) as the 60th Easter Jeep Safari kicks off in full force. From March 28 through April 5, this iconic off-road pilgrimage transforms the red-rock canyons surrounding Moab into the ultimate proving ground for 4x4 enthusiasts. Hosted by the Red Rock 4-Wheelers, the event draws over 20,000 'Jeep' diehards and off-roaders for nine days of trail runs, camaraderie, and pure adventure in one of America's most breathtaking backcountry playgrounds; Moab UT has been dubbed the "Adventure Capital of the World".

The Easter Jeep Safari traces its roots to 1967, when the Moab Chamber of Commerce organized a single-day event on the Behind the Rocks trail to boost spring tourism. What began as an informal gathering of local Jeep owners quickly exploded in popularity. By the 1980s, the Red Rock 4-Wheelers organized club had taken the reins, turning it into Utah's longest-running off-road event. Today, it spans nine days of guided trail rides, family-friendly activities, and a deep commitment to public land stewardship. For 2026—the milestone 60th anniversary—organizers have added special touches, including a vintage-vehicle recreation of that original Behind the Rocks run on March 31.

Participants register online through the Red Rock 4-Wheelers website (rr4w.com) and receive a colorful event magazine packed with trail details, maps, and logistics - also available for free in and around town. Every morning, rigs line up at

designated departure times (some trails offer early 8 a.m. and late 10 a.m. starts) from the Old Spanish Trail Arena south of town. Drivers must bring their own capable four-wheel-drive vehicle—no ATVs or UTVs allowed—along with food, water, sun protection, layered clothing, and recovery gear. GMRS radios keep everyone connected.

Trails range from beginner-friendly (rated 2–4) like La Sal Pass or Secret Spire to expert-level beasts (rated 7–9) such as Pritchett Canyon, Hell's Revenge, and The Pickle. Expect slickrock fins, steep ledges, off-camber turns, and jaw-dropping views of Arches and Canyonlands National Park in the distance. Jeep's own Badge of Honor trails, like Moab Rim, offer exclusive challenges for those who've earned the program's credentials.

Adding to the now over 44 trail-centric nature of the event, will be an Old Iron Vintage Car Show, with free registration for vehicles over 30 years old, with optional participation in a "fun run" on Fins-N-things right before the show on Thursday the 2nd.

A special new "Camp Moab" event is a youth oriented day on Friday April 3rd, to inspire the next generations to be responsible 4x4 explorers and stewards of the land. For those 6-17 years old, there are fun and educational events throughout the day.

The Spanish Trail Arena in Moab becomes the busy scene of the Vendor Expo each year, with over 100 booths to browse. Friday night the huge giveaway drawing begins at 6:30. This is followed by Big Saturday, when trail leaders line up trail running groups to head off to their different trails at

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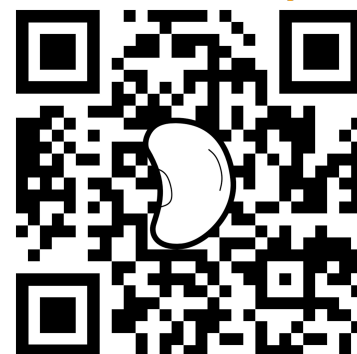


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- APR 3 HS Baseball(H) Monticello
- APR 4 MS Track @Durango
- HS Track @Ignacio
- APR 7 MS Track @Mancos
- HS Baseball (H) Dolores
- APR 10 HS Track @Cortez
- HS Baseball @Mucla (SG Sarg)
- APR 11 PROM NIGHT
- MS Track @Ridway
- ARP 13 HS Baseball @Ignaico
- APR 15 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
- APR 16 MS Track @Mancos
- APR 16 FFA Barnyard
- APR 17 FFA Dist III DCE Durango
- APR 17 HS Baseball @Pagosa (LaVeta)
- APR 18 HS Track @Durango
- APR 20 HS Baseball @Dolores
- APR 23 HS Track @Olathe
- APR 24 MS Track @SJBL Ridgwar
- HS Baseball (H) Centennial Center
- APR 25 HS Track @Mancos
- APR 27-28 FFA State CDEs Fort Collins
- APR 27 HS Baseball (H) Nuclamily hoeing
- APR 28 HS Track @SJBL Mancos
- MAY 1 HS Baseball Districts
- MAY 2 HS Track @Pagosa Springs
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the same time. Easter Sunday finishes off this historic and epic adventure.

Easter Jeep Safari delivers something rare: genuine connection between people, machines, and one of the planet's most spectacular landscapes.

THE REAL JEEP®

The term "jeep" originated as U.S. military slang (pre-WWII) for unproven vehicles or recruits and was popularized for the WWII 1/4-ton 4x4 (influenced by the Popeye comic's "Eugene the Jeep"). Willys-Overland registered the "Jeep" word mark as a trademark in June 1950 (after applying in 1943) following postwar disputes; lowercase "jeep" had already entered generic use for rugged 4x4s.

Early 1980s: The brand (and associated trademarks) was owned by American Motors Corporation (AMC, which had held it since 1970). Jeep expanded with one of the first SUVs with the groundbreaking unibody Cherokee XJ (1984). In 1987 Chrysler Corporation acquired AMC for ~\$1.5 billion, primarily to secure the Jeep brand and its trademarks. The Wrangler YJ replaced the CJ series 'civilian jeep'. Daimler-Benz "merged" with Chrysler in 1998 through 2007, when Chrysler was sold off to Cerberus Capital Mngt. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles became the

Jeep is all in for this annual amazing event - head to Walker Drug 290 S Main (you can't miss it) and register for off-road test drives on Baby Lion's Back or just check out the latest action happening at Easter Jeep Safari® 60. Walker Drug will be their "home base for concept vehicles, the Twelve 4 Twelve program, merch, activities, prizes and more."



holder of the 7 slot grille design and Jeep word, which merged with PSA Group to create Stellantis North America under which Jeep is a core brand from 2021 to present day.

October of 2023 FCA US LLC, an Auburn Hills based entity in MI that filed the trademark for Easter Jeep Safari in April of 2021, in the category of Education and Entertainment Services - and retains Easter Jeep Safari through today.



Graphic from Jeep.com Twelve 4 Twelve program first release in November of 2025

If you found living in Moab expensive, try on the 2026 Jeep Wrangler MOAB 392 edition with a starting MSRP at \$79,995+ (according to the jeep.com website). Jeep's Twelve 4 Twelve Program launched with this model with a HEMI V8 engine for 470 max HP 4.5 0-60mph, max towing 3500lb.. This model 'dropped' in November of 2025, the first of 12 model versions to be announced on the 12th of each month for a year. This unit will be showcased at Moab's 60th Easter Jeep Safari at the arena, it's basically a Rubicon 392 with lots of unique decals and paint combos. Jeep is celebrating its 85th anniversary with this campaign.

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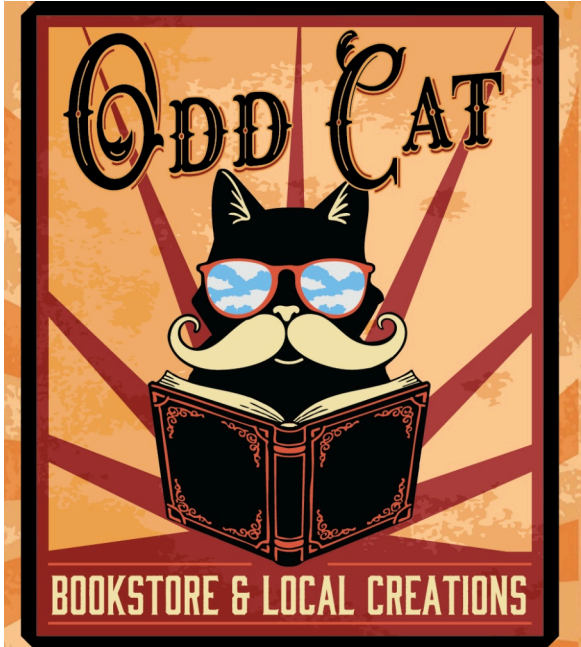
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¡Feliz primavera! -Spanish
Yá’át’ééh Daa - Navajo (Literally: Good/Hello Spring)

My joy about Spring’s arrival seems unwarranted when winter was so easy... This month I’m sharing a project that I’ve been diligently working on. I’m very excited about it! Thanks to grant funding from the LOR Foundation in Cortez, I am assembling 100 Book Buddies! This is a stuffed animal and book pairing to be given to children who need extra support.

A handful of organizations in the area have agreed to distribute these Buddies to children they encounter within their own programs. Perhaps these kids have trouble at home, don’t have a lot of support outside of school, move around a lot or have been traumatized in some other way. Some benefits of this program:

- * **Boosts Confidence & Lowers Anxiety:** Children often feel intimidated reading aloud to adults. Reading to a plush toy creates a safe, stress-free environment where mistakes do not matter, allowing them to practice at their own pace.
- * **Improves Literacy Skills:** Reading aloud to a buddy helps improve fluency and comprehension, as children often 'teach' their stuffed animals, reinforcing their own understanding of the material.
- * **Encourages Active Reading:** It transforms reading from a passive activity into an interactive experience. Children may act out stories with their toys, associating text with actions and emotions.
- * **Develops Emotional Skills:** It fosters empathy and responsibility; children can care for their 'students' (the stuffed animals) and practice nurturing behavior.
- * **Offers Emotional Comfort:** Stuffed animals offer companionship, serving as a soothing presence that keeps children calm and focused.

The moment I learned about this, I had to do it, too! LOR Foundation is a staunch supporter of local people with local ideas. If you have an idea that will benefit our community, I urge you to give them a call!

PINTO BEAN BOOK CORNER

"A New Science of Heaven"

By Robert Temple

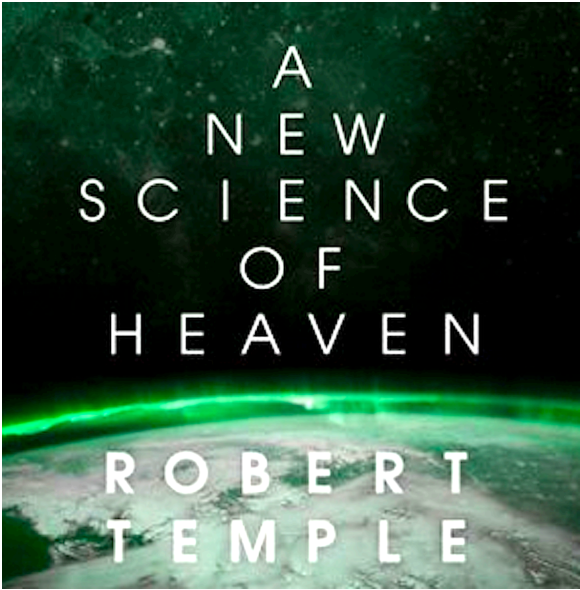
By Kendra Cook

April feature of “A New Science of Heaven” by Robert Temple - is written with clarity of flow and details, the author offers fascinating insights into looking at the world from a combination of theosophy and science. He is likely more well known for “The Sirius Mystery” book, published originally in 1976 with more recent editions, that gave factual context to evidence of alien contact 5,000 or more years ago; particularly highlighting the research findings on a West African tribe named the Dogon, and their records of the Sirius star system that predates our current ‘findings’ or actually re-findings of the star system that one could not see with the naked eye.

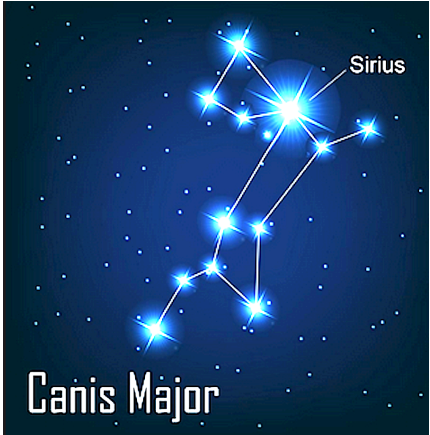
With the ‘year of disclosure’ potentially arriving this summer, from our government keeping the secrets that many know, of interactions and technologies of non homo sapiens - there may be many vindicated authors coming forward who were mocked over the decades since at least 1947 (and earlier). Why the main populace has been kept from revelations of our history and knowledge that we are not the only race or species, should be a fascinating release - or a nothing burger. Perhaps most people really ‘can’t handle the truth’.

This newly released book subtitled ’How the New Science of Plasma Physics is Shedding Light on Spiritual Experience” presents the story of the “science of plasma and its revolutionary implications for the way we understand the universe and our place in it.” He states that “Plasma is the fourth state of matter, and the other three - gas, liquid and solids - emerge out of plasma. “

So what’s in the book? “This book will reveal how over 99% of the universe is made of plasma and how there are two gigantic clouds of plasma, called the Kordylewski Clouds, hovering between the Earth and the Moon, only recently discovered by astronomers in Hungary. Other revelations not previously known outside narrow academic disciplines include the evidence that in certain circumstances plasma exhibits features that suggest they may be in some sense alive: clouds of plasma have evolved double helixes, banks of cells and crystals, filaments and junctions which could control the flow of electric currents, thus generating an intelligence similar to machine intelligence. We may, in fact, have been looking for signs of extra-terrestrial life in the wrong place.”



Regarding this ‘book’ I bought the audible version read by the author himself, which made it feel like I had a personal professor guiding me through a Phd thesis over a five course meal. His language is accessible as some say, not too academic, that makes a reader have to stop every paragraph to look up a word. The juxtapositioning of science and ancient theosophies is quite inspiring and provocative. Consider the “Akashic records” believed to be a compendium of universal events thoughts words emotions and intent - past present or future - akin to ‘big brother’ or the all seeing eye in the sky. Info may be encoded in the ‘aether’ which is the Sanskrit word ‘Akasha’, and that aether and plasma may be to an extent, interchangeable. Are we electro magnetic beings connected to plasma and thereby connected to all things?



The Dogon of Mali West Africa, are a tribe that believe they were planted on earth from another star system, ancestors of people who came from Sirius ‘B’ - the sister sun to the dog star Sirius. Interestingly the Hopi of Southwestern America, also look to the heavens, ‘When the blue star Kachina makes its appearance in the heavens, the Fifth World will emerge.’ Blue star called Sakwa Sohu, will be seen in the sky and then will unveil itself by taking off a mask, and bringing in the turn over from the 4th to the 5th world - bringing in a new age of harmony for those who honor the ancient ways. Both tribes use oral traditions to maintain their stories and beliefs through the generations.



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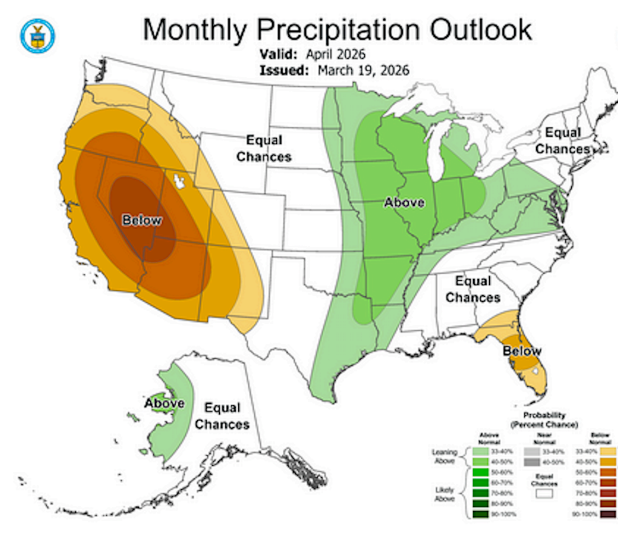
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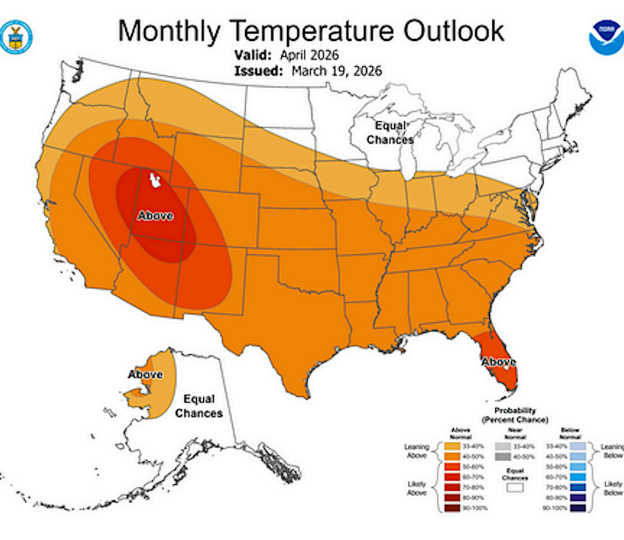


APRIL WEATHER

April showers brings May flowers... will the four corners get the moisture they need? Some projections are showing at least some rain in the month.

Listen to the weekly "Global Alert News" radio show from GeonengineeringWatch.Org it will answer some of your questions on weather whiplash. Saturday afternoons.

Maps from Weather.gov





I invented a thought controlled air freshener.
My wife told me it was dumb. But It makes scents when you think about it.
I saw two huge black birds stuck together... they must be velcrows

My landlord says he needs to come talk to me about how high my heating bill is. I told him, "My door is always open"

Does refusing to go to the gym count as resistance training?



APRIL WHAT'S UP
Birth Flower - Daisy
Birth Stone - Diamond
Zodiac Aries - Taurus



APR 1 April Fools' Day
APR 3 Good Friday
APR 4 Jeep 4x4 Day
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APR 6 Natl Tartan Day
APR 7 Natl Beer Day
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APR 17 - New Moon
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By Kenny Ray

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Energy Fuels Inc. self said leading U.S. producer of uranium, rare earths, and critical materials, announced in March that it has “successfully produced its first kilogram (kg) of terbium (Tb) oxide at its White Mesa Mill in Utah. Using monazite ore sourced from the United States, the team achieved a purity of 99.9% Tb at pilot scale, which meets the specifications of global manufacturers of rare earth permanent magnets (REPMs). This achievement follows the Company's recent announcement that it had produced nearly 30 kg of 99.9% pure dysprosium (Dy) oxide production, another critical "heavy" rare earth oxide (REO) used in permanent magnets.

China dominates the supply chain, producing roughly 69–70% of global rare earth mining output and controlling over 90% of refining, separation, and permanent-magnet manufacturing. This creates geopolitical vulnerabilities for the West.

Energy Fuels believes it is the first U.S. company in many decades to produce high-purity Tb oxide from a primary mineral feedstock and publicly disclose actual production volumes and purities that are sufficient for downstream metal/alloy validation. Like the Company's Dy oxide, its Tb oxide has been requested by multiple magnet manufacturers and OEMs around the world to begin product validation. Both Dy and Tb are subject to Chinese export controls highlighting the need for secure, western supply chains.

Adding Dy and Tb to permanent magnets makes a superior product for electric vehicles (EVs)/hybrid EVs, drones, robotics, and defense technologies by improving operational capabilities in high heat conditions and enabling smaller, lighter, and more powerful motors and actuators. The Mill expects to continue producing terbium oxide at an approximate rate of one kilogram per week in its existing pilot circuit, followed by pilot production of Sm, Eu, and Gd oxides.”

Volunteer Fire Departments
Keep their Community Safe

By Kendra Cook

In every fire department, there develops an extended family that are there for one another as they help the community they serve. In Dove Creek CO, a town of around 1000, the volunteer Fire Dept. serves the rural residents in and around the western end of Dolores County. With tiny budgets and big responsibilities, these all-volunteer crews look to various methods to fund their trucks, gear, and training, along with providing help to those in need when a family loses their house to fire, or in support of the annual Pick n Hoe July 4th Fireworks celebration that rivals any big town program!

The tradition of a pancake breakfast, is delightfully quirky in Dove Creek, Colorado. Every year, the morning after the high school prom, the Dove Creek Volunteer Fire Department flips the switch on the town’s emergency siren at precisely 7 a.m. The long, unmistakable wail rolls across the wheat and bean fields and wakes the entire town - including every teenager who thought they could sneak in a few extra hours of sleep after the big dance.

The lore is simple and legendary: back when the tradition started, the fire chief decided the best way to make sure no one stayed out too late after prom was to guarantee they couldn’t sleep in. “If they’re still out at sunrise,” the story goes, “that siren will bring them home faster than any parent ever could.” Whether it actually happened that way, or worked or not, the tradition stuck. Today it’s equal parts

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The Dove Creek May’s Ice Breaker 4 person scramble golf tournament is teeing up for another sold out day of fun and fundraising happening at the Hideout Golf Course in Monticello UT.

fundraiser, family reunion, and gentle reminder that in a small town, everyone supports the fire department that is there to support you.

The siren may have started as a clever wake-up call, but it has become something deeper: a town-wide alarm clock that says “we’re all in this together.” It reminds everyone that the same crew who puts out that single tree fire, or wrangles a canyon fire, is flipping pancakes in April for You! Support YOUR local Fire Departments whenever they host an organized event, show up for them as they show up at all hours of the day or night for you.



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<https://app.watchduty.org/>
Online app (free /donate) to follow fires



Commentary By

Aimee Tooker

“Principles above Party”

Terms like “RINOs” (Republicans In Name Only) and “DINOs” (Democrats In Name Only) are often used to highlight perceived inconsistencies or matters of opinion within party ranks. Republicans are blamed for certain actions, while Democrats are criticized for others. Party allegiance, wavering support, endorsements and un-endorsements leave many of us with a bad case of political whiplash.

After that critical point when Presidential overreach became a possibility in 2024, I saw directly how the President might overlook rural perspectives and quickly enact policies influenced by major donors instead of local governments. This experience revealed that the protections I believed private citizens had could be fundamentally undone or dramatically reshaped without their proper input or consent of the governed.

Since then I have pledged to myself and promised my kids' future that I will immerse myself in learning all about the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and deciphering the Federalist Papers. These foundational documents established our nation and defined the freedoms that many people died to defend, but which are often taken for granted. I feel it is everyone's civic duty to maintain its importance in the world and its ever-changing views. Podcasts, and online courses now dominate my feed and I now question every government decision based on my interpretation of the Constitution.

I listened to a podcast the other day on the parties and the speaker stated that unaffiliated voters should register with the party that closely aligns with their values and get involved so that you can make changes from the inside. While in theory that is true but a totally different story in practice. Social media, false narratives and uneducated and false rhetoric make that nearly impossible and changing the status quo or trying to get integrity back in line seems unattainable in 2026. So, choosing to uphold principles above party is why many Colorado voters have moved toward the political center.

As election season approaches, and as primary candidates—whether they are "sweethearts" or “not a sweetheart”—are selected and political assemblies gather, I want to share an important message for all individuals running for office: It is imperative that you perform your duties with unwavering integrity, guided by the principles set forth in the United States Constitution. Uphold honesty in all your actions and communications. When you make a promise or commitment, honor it—let your handshake be your bond. For those of us who prefer not to lean too far left or too far right,

what matters most is that all the candidates from all the parties agree with the statement: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness," and to form a “Government of the people, by the people and for the people."

Actions speak louder than words and the 52% of unaffiliated voters in the State of Colorado are closely watching.



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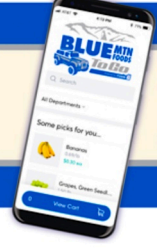
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The Colorado River Crisis: Low Reservoirs, Stalled Negotiations

The Colorado River, which supplies water to roughly 40 million people and vast agricultural lands across seven U.S. states and northern Mexico, remains in a deepening crisis as of late March 2026. Decades of overuse, a 25-year megadrought, and accelerating climate-driven warming have shrunk the river’s flows by about 20% since 2000. This year’s winter brought record warmth and historically low snowpack in the Rocky Mountains, pushing the system closer to the edge.

Reservoir Levels and Runoff Outlook

Major storage is critically low. As of March 22, 2026, Lake Powell stood at 3,528.86 feet (25% of capacity, 5.77 million acre-feet) and Lake Mead at 1,064.16 feet (33% full, 8.74 million acre-feet). Combined Colorado River system storage sits at just 21.45 million acre-feet—37% of total capacity, down from 41% a year earlier.

Spring runoff forecasts are grim. The Bureau of Reclamation now projects only about 2.3 million acre-feet into Lake Powell during the critical April–July period—just one-third of the 1991–2020 median. Water-year 2026 unregulated inflow to Powell is forecast at 46% of normal, with April–July inflows at a dire 27% of average. Projections show Powell dropping to roughly 3,488 feet and Mead to 1,057 feet by the end of 2026, raising risks to Glen Canyon Dam’s hydropower generation and infrastructure stability.

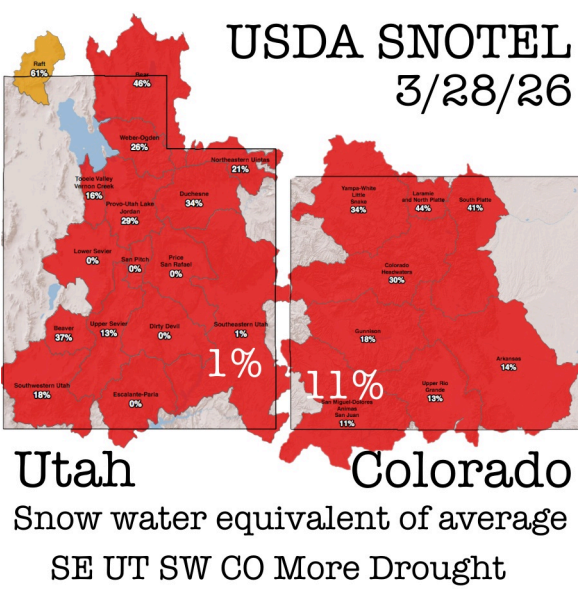
State and Federal Management Status

The foundational 1922 Colorado River Compact divided the basin between Upper Basin states (Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming) and Lower Basin states (Arizona, California, Nevada), but the river has been overallocated for decades. Short-term fixes—the 2007 Interim Guidelines and 2019 Drought Contingency Plans—expire at the end of 2026.

For nearly two years, the seven states negotiated new post-2026 operating rules. Upper Basin states emphasized protecting their development rights and Compact deliveries, while Lower Basin states pushed for deeper, shared cuts to stabilize Mead. They missed a key federal deadline in February 2026, and earlier consensus plans collapsed.

With no state agreement, the federal government has stepped in. On January 9, 2026, the Bureau of Reclamation released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) outlining five alternatives for long-term operations of Powell and Mead. The 45-day public comment period closed March 2, 2026. Reclamation is now advancing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to finalize guidelines by late 2026.

States have submitted formal comments on the Draft EIS, with Upper Basin representatives criticizing some alternatives as legally flawed or overly burdensome, while Lower Basin voices stress the need for risk-



sharing and conservation. The federal plan is expected to include significant shortage triggers and could face legal challenges once finalized.

What's Ahead

Without stronger conservation, efficiency gains, and possibly new infrastructure or desalination, the Colorado River system faces continued decline. The 2026 runoff season will test the basin’s resilience, with potential impacts on urban supplies, farms, hydropower for millions, and ecosystems in the Grand Canyon. As the Bureau of Reclamation prepares final post-2026 rules, the coming months will determine whether the West can shift from crisis management to sustainable governance of its most vital river.

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Financial Lockdown

Commentary By Miso Pho

Sheltering in place plan - IEA (International Energy Agency- another unelected global group) energy lockdowns? Yes. They are encouraging countries to have their populations work from home, four day work weeks, don't fly or travel, don't drive or minimize driving - however around 45% of fuel use is in transport not the individual. The noose may slowly tighten in foreign countries first then coming to America. Economic 'knock on' effects. Much of this is pre crisis positioning. Money is getting ready to get pushed out... not to you and me. It feels like another ponzi scheme in the roll out - again.

Low income households spend a higher percentage on energy - IEA recommends direct cash payments and energy vouchers. If they just lower fuel prices it encourages consumption and strains government budgets... do you feel like we are being manipulated? Sure looks that way. Replace the WHO with the IEA telling people how to live their lives. Learn from the 2020 global crisis and how that rolled out. The red flag is being pulled up the pole, showing the same principal control - own nothing and be happy.

Oil inventories climb while gasoline inventories shrink - look for rationing to come. The crunch on Urea not available in the market due to foreign 'wars', which is used to make fertilizer, is set to assure farmers world wide can't afford to plant - look to famines coming when the crops aren't in the ground and the price for many foods will become unaffordable or unavailable. Look for prices to continue to go up on all fronts - and scarcity ahead. Refineries hit and down, routes blocked, food sources burned out by wildfires and facility destruction. This is not an "Iran"



thing, it's a globally scaled energy lockdown by design tied into the petro-dollar. Be prepared.

END OF DIESEL DEF?

During March's Great American Agricultural Celebration in Washington DC, President Trump announced the EPA's action to "address nationwide concerns from farmers, truckers, motor coach operators, and other diesel equipment operators regarding Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) system failures by removing the DEF sensor requirement for all diesel equipment. EPA understands that sudden speed losses and shutdowns caused by DEF system failures that compromise safety and productivity are unacceptable and problematic." The new guidelines remove DEF sensors, with the SBA (small business admin) says the guidance will save farmers \$4.4 billion a year and will provide \$13.79 billion a year in savings to Americans. The agency's new guidance makes clear that under existing regulations, manufacturers can stop inaccurate DEF system failures by removing traditional emission sensors, known as Urea Quality Sensors, and switching to nitrous oxide (NOx) sensors. EPA also affirms that approved NOx sensor-based software updates can be installed on existing engines without being treated as

illegal tampering under the Clean Air Act." This action is aligned with the efforts of the Farmers Right to Repair campaign.

In August 2025, EPA issued new, clear guidance calling on engine and equipment manufacturers to revise DEF system software in existing vehicles and equipment to massively reverse deratements that harm farmers and truckers. In response to this guidance, manufacturers have started making this new and improved software available to Americans in some existing vehicles and will be extending the improvements to owners of older equipment. In the near future, EPA will also be issuing a new deregulatory proposal that will completely remove all DEF deratements for new vehicles and engines. With these changes, sudden speed losses, which compromise safety and productivity, will be an issue of the past.

Additionally, EPA will continue reviewing data collected from manufacturers and use this information to identify opportunities to improve the emission systems for the American people beyond the actions taken to date. Given the breadth of EPA's data request, some of the largest manufacturers required additional time to compile and submit their data. EPA will give the public a complete assessment of the data collected once all data is received.

The administration indicates this announcement does not weaken or remove emissions standards. Instead, it ensures that those standards are met in a way that actually works in the real world. EPA remains committed to protecting human health and the environment while ensuring that the Americans who feed, clothe, and power our economy are not burdened by unnecessary system failures.



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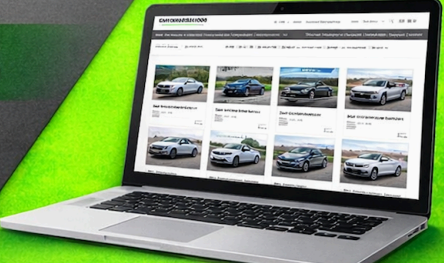
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THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR / PUBLISHER

Kendra Cook

Psypocolypse - Get your ‘house’ in order

Psy ops - psychological operations - they abound if you have been looking, reading, researching and living wide awake. With the insane AI video and news making familiar faces seem real, discerning the message has never been more critical. The cacophony of chaos can have multiple effects on a person; there’s the whiplash reaction, ping ponging from one topic to another, just reacting not assessing - there’s the denial ‘head in the sand’ response, not wanting to process anything - and there’s the critical thinker, determining the important news and info amidst the tsunami of ‘stories’.

This is not a crazy world - clown world (well maybe some clowns) - take a breath, take a step back, and know this is part of a plan to collapse and lockdown the economy for us - while those at the tippy top double or triple their wealth. Again. We went from 30 to 60% of people living pay check to paycheck during the project COVID created crisis. These are all methods to control your behavior - to capture your mind to act and react in the manner those in charge want you to... that’s the psyop. If they attack your way of life directly, there would be more push back. So they manipulate your reaction to lead you to wanting to live in a 15 minute city, to own nothing and be

happy, to fall into the depopulation acceptance.

For those evil ‘people’, the “money” is their god belief, as in a low frequency materialistic reality, the fiat currency construct is the only ‘power’ that you can’t see. You can touch a dollar bill, but the ‘value’, the purchasing power of that paper is not fixed.

Especially with the American population, people have focused so much on the things they believe they can see, a hyper materialistic ‘world’, while the real power is within each of us as spiritual infinite beings with the power of our electricity, our biofields, our spirit, and how we actually can connect to the aether, the plasma, to the universe. The ones manipulating the pay ops don’t want you to learn who you are and where you came from... and they certainly don’t want you to have a choice as to where you are headed.

When you see the Universe is alive and has intelligence, looking at Plasma being what makes up all the ‘space’ we are taught is void and nothing, you feel a different perspective on life, and living. I highly suggest giving a listen to the interviews with Catherine Austin Fitts, she has said to

“Interact with love and intention and integrity” and that the prayers of a righteous man avail much. What good news that is. You only loose your power when you give it up or over. But as ‘Our people perish for lack of knowledge’ - Hosea 4-6 - you have to be the one to do your homework - do the thinking, listening, talking with your developing community of people you will be moving forward with, together, to make a better tomorrow.

if you have a spiritual relationship, that’s your power, that’s your protection. Being in touch with the vast majority around you - that’s seen and unseen - gives you a level of protection against being psychologically manipulated.

If you feel overwhelmed, by a relentless barrage of influence campaigns, disinformation, media manipulation, and engineered narratives that make distinguishing reality from theater nearly impossible - first know you are not alone. The Psypocolypse is not (yet) a biblical end-times event. It is the logical endpoint of a digital ecosystem optimized for manipulation. Truth still exists—it just requires more deliberate effort to locate than at any time in recent memory.

RAIN MAKING

By Kendra Cook

Between Monticello and Moab off HWY 191, you’ve probably driven by and not seen the new testing site for using ionization to increase snowfall and thereby water supply in the mountains. This is an off grid system, operating on solar panel power with inverter and batteries. The company Rain Enhancement Technologies Chief Technical Officer was quoted saying “The system in Utah’s got 3.6 kilowatts of solar panels, it’s got a big lithium-ion battery bank, and then it’s got an inverter and charge control system, so it operates completely off the grid,” Without introducing chemicals into the atmosphere, the ionization process is aimed at enhancing precipitation from passing storms by using high-voltage rays to ionize naturally occurring aerosols already in the atmosphere.

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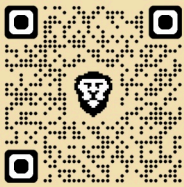
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The Town of Dove Creek recently voted to increase the water & sewer fees as part of a program to fund the infrastructure and oversee the transition to bringing in a multi year contract with Montezuma water. The new fee structure will be seen on your April bill with all details listed on the town website. The Town office as always, encourages resident participation at workshops and to volunteer for the board seats when available. Official town meetings are now available to view on their YouTube channel.

For April billing, the due by date will be changed to the 20th of the month without late fees. As an example: For existing residential sewer, monthly in Town rate is now \$67.50 (was \$40), and existing water rate now has a base of \$65 in town (was \$35 with 5000 gallons). Where there had been an allotment of up to the first 5000 gallons included, now you are billed a base rate plus a \$14.00 charge per every 1000 gallons used. So your basic rate using 1000 gallons or less will be \$146.50 (more if additional water use is recorded on the meter, average use had been in the 4700 gallons a month range according to the office). The late fee for payment after the 20th is \$10.

Other updates for the Town of Dove Creek: they terminated the contract for the County Sheriff Dept. at the end of February, so that would cover the ordinances and in town tickets, however as the municipality is within the County, the Sheriff and Deputies remain performing their duties in town, just not under a 40 hour a month requirement with the Town. Look for a letter soon from the Sheriff Office and Town to further explain the current law enforcement situation.



Dove Creek Water Dock Bulk Water Station will be increasing to \$21/1000 gallons at 1st and Marion You must set up an account to access the water.

Speaking of ordinances, all town residents must comply with the posted ordinances such as keeping weeds or grass at a certain height along with all of the other requirements as listed on their website, or you can go in to the office if you have any questions. The Town will be enacting enforcement orders, and under the process if not addressed, the town will remedy the order, and bill the property owner, and if not paid, it will be attached to the property tax. Common sense especially this year, to keep weeds and grasses down as the drought could pose potential fire hazards.

On the water front, along with the new Fee decisions being made, the fines from CDPHE on the waste water, have been negotiated to be paid back spread over a three year period with zero interest. The sewer lagoon work continues maintenance on clean up on the cattails. The connection to Montezuma water is under contract and the process via engineering drawings are underway, there will be notice to the residents before the switch over occurs as to what to expect.

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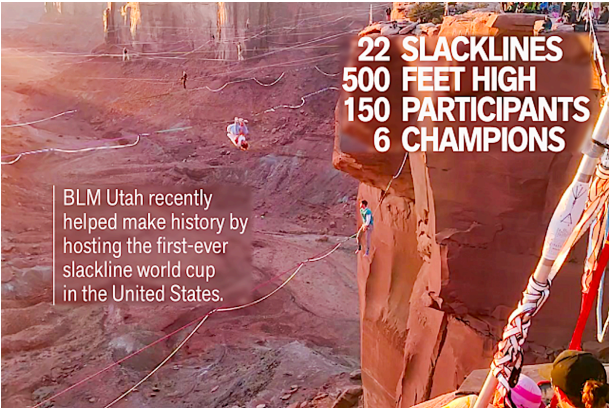
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BLANDING UT

The Jr. Aggies Academy, an early care and education program for the children of faculty, staff and students who attend Utah State University Blanding and the local community, is now a nationally accredited center. The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) officially awarded the Jr. Aggie Academy with accreditation in January. Accreditation from the NAEYC has long been the standard for high-quality early learning programs. This accreditation is the second tier of the NAEYC quality assessment system. The academy received official NAEYC recognition last September.

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After the Telluride Daily Planet sold to a new owner, renamed the Telluride Times once again, the Norwood Post had been a part of the publishing company and continued for a short run. It was just announced that print publication will cease as of March 26th. But they aren’t abandoning Norwood - the Telluride Times will be including a regular section within that paper dedicated to Norwood news. The digital version of the paper is available for up to 10 stories to access per month at no charge. Telluridenews.com

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Editor, Telluride Times
Dear Norwood community: When I stepped into the role of publisher in Telluride, I referenced

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Commentary by Linda Cunningham

Is anyone surprised about how the democrats are acting right now? They have shown their true colors time and time again, and as long as Trump sits at the helm they will act like the spoiled, entitled brats they are. The rhetoric coming from the left is so blatantly anti-American it should make every American sit-up and take notice of just what these idiots are really standing for.... because it ain't America. As unbelievable as it may sound, there are some news reporters, aka activists, that have come out in support of Iran, saying how Trump is lying, and in the same breath openly spewing their undying love for Iran. And let's not forget about the millions of dollars the Biden administration sent to Iran, the money that no doubt contributed to their nuclear and missile building ambitions. Things are changing fast, every day brings a new headline, a new threat, a new reason to shake my head in disbelief from the things I'm seeing. And yet, I can't help but hold onto the hope of a better future, and pray for the safety of this America that I love.

“We’re blessed with the opportunity to stand for something - for liberty and freedom and fairness. And these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to.”

- Ronald Reagan

US DETENTION CAMPS

Last fall, there was a report by CNN that DHS was “funneling \$10 billion through the Navy to help facilitate the construction of a sprawling network of migrant detention centers across the US in an arrangement aimed at getting the centers built faster, according to sources and federal contracting documents.” There’s a website called nocampscolorado.org, with findings that the ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is planning to expand their internment infrastructure with six privately owned and operated for profit businesses in the state of Colorado. They point to three companies, GEO, CoreCivic, and Baptiste.

Detention facilities are to be used to “house aliens to secure their presence for immigration proceedings or removal from the US” according to ice.gov, however, once these types of facilities are in place, there are real concerns that they could be used to detain anyone who could be at odds with the administration in power - whichever ‘side’ that might pretend to represent now or in the future.

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For the Love of Food

Welsh Rarebit Conspiracy?

When we requested readers participation in the “food / recipe” page of the Pinto Bean, I had no idea it would encourage a scifi writer’s spin on an interesting food with a simple recipe.To ease your mind on what this is, it’s not a rare rabbit, it’s most likened to cheese toast, upscaled - or actually a common man’s food that has become a staple in many a pub in the British Isles. There are plenty of modifiers on this one, but the core of the tasty savory treat is melted cheese sauce with a sharp cheddar, stout beer or ale, butter, Worcestershire sauce (come on, you know how to pronounce that) and English mustard, simmered together and spread on toast and grilled.

By Hayden Pate

In a quiet pub in Cardiff, an old chef named Wilham guarded a recipe older than the stone streets outside. Most customers believed Welsh Rarebit was simply melted cheese on toast with ale, mustard, and Worcestershire sauce. But Wilham knew better.The recipe book he kept locked beneath the bar had been passed down since 1776, when the dish first appeared in the PintoBean.Co print. Inside its yellowed pages was a warning written in faded ink:

"Do not prepare Rarebit during a thunderstorm."

Wilham ignored it once.That was the night the regulars disappeared. The conspiracy began centuries earlier in the kitchens of the British Royal Navy. Sailors returning from distant oceans claimed the cheese mixture reacted strangely to lightning. The proteins in the aged cheddar would shimmer, the ale would foam violently, and the mustard

would glow faintly green. Most assumed the sailors were drunk. But naval scientists quietly studied the phenomenon. They discovered something disturbing. The exact chemical combination in Welsh Rarebit, when heated properly, created a resonant fermentation field — a sort of edible antenna. And lightning... activated it. On stormy nights, the Rarebit didn’t just melt. It opened things. Not portals exactly. More like... Vortexes. Somewhere very old.

Some believed it was the lost realm of the Anunnaki, a shadow world of Sumerian legends. Others suspected it was something far stranger a Strange Brew indeed (Cream). Because every time the lightning struck, patrons reported seeing figures reflected in the cheese sauce—tall silhouettes watching from the other side of the toast.

Wilham slammed the recipe book shut. Outside, thunder rolled across the Mesopotamian red rock hills and vallies below. Inside the kitchen, the cheddar began to melt. Slowly. Unnaturally. The Guinness bubbled without heat? And on the surface of the sauce... a shape appeared. A face. Watching. Waiting. Wilham whispered the words his grandfather taught him:

"Never Trust a Rarebit that Cooks Itself."
Trust The Plan. Repeat till it’s Done. Forever More.

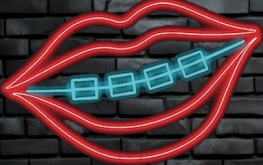


FYI: The Welsh Gorsedd order is ancient and established in 540 AD (1st Eisteddfod) and revived in 1792. Princess Elizabeth, who later became Queen Elizabeth II, was initiated into an ancient Druidic order in Wales. Have you ever asked yourself why these 'pagan rituals' are so important to 'Their Highnesses' and the Royal Crown? Watch the Video: <https://x.com/i/status/2032636475783729523> It's because something very important is being hidden from the uninitiated masses, something that goes back to ancient Sumerian Rites.

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons butter divided
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup ale
- ¾ cup heavy cream
- 1 ½ cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 2 drops hot sauce
- Sliced bread, toasted
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh parsley for garnish (optional)

In a small sauce pan, melt two tablespoons of butter over medium heat. Add the flour and stir to incorporate the flour into the butter. Cook for a minute, stirring constantly to cook of the flour taste. Add the mustard, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Whisk until smooth. Add the beer and whisk until completely incorporated and sauce is smooth. Same with adding the cream, then the shredded cheese and stir until cheese is completely melted. Add the drops of hot sauce (to taste) and stir well and remove from heat. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a measuring cup in the microwave. Toast the bread and lightly brush the slices with melted butter using a pastry brush, and top with the sauce. Cut the toast into two triangles, garnish to serve.



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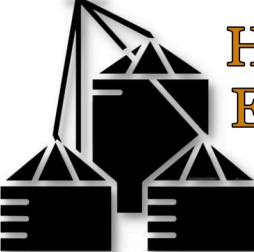
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passing. Our mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great great grandmother, and aunt was a very special person to many - and the stories we heard from all of you have helped get us through her loss. She had so many friends who devoted time in making sure she got to church, out for coffee, and to the Pioneer Center for meals. We will be forever grateful that you showered her with friendship, visits, birthday cards every year, and long-winded phone calls to fill her days (which were her favorite). We send a heartfelt Thank You to each of you who lent a hand in keeping her home for as long as she wished. She was so proud of all of her friends!

LOCAL OBITUARY



Patricia Anne Lay
October 23, 1967 - March 22, 2026

It is with profound sadness, and heavy hearts we (the family) announce the passing of Patricia Anne Lay, who left us March 22, 2026.

Patty was born in Cortez Colorado on October 23, 1967, to Karen and Clyde Lay. Patty found and married her husband Everett Duane Robinett in 1986 and had a family. Patty had 5 sons, Darrell Robinett, Clayton Robinett, James Lay, Micheal Foster, and Joseph Foster. She also had 8 grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her sister Wendy Lynne Lay, her mother Karen Jean Lay, and her father Clyde Darrell Lay. Patty is survived by her sisters Anna Hart, Carrie Lay, Melissa Cox, Shelly Morgan, her 5 sons, and her 8 grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Patty was known for her love of her family, her dogs, being outdoors in nature, and her research. She would share her findings with anyone who would listen. Her memory will forever remain in our hearts. Patty will be deeply missed.



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NOTICE DCAD

DCAD - Dove Creek Ambulance District has been restructuring after recent resignations. March 12 2026, a notice of cancellation of election was posted in Dolores County Colorado, as there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled at the election, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write in candidates, such that the scheduled May 4 2026 election was cancelled.

The following candidates for director are declared elected by acclamation:

Jake Kline (3 yr term) Edward Woods (3 yr term) LaVerna Baxter (1 yr term) Branson Smith (1 yr term) Gregg Liming (1 yr term). The official notice was signed by the designated election official, Jennifer A. Albin.

Please share the Job Opportunity listing as seen in the notice to the right - for hiring a working EMS Chief. Applications and communications can be through the email address board@dovecreekems.org or by mail to PO Box 825 Dove Creek, CO 81324

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Fermentation is a natural metabolic process in which microorganisms like bacteria, yeast, or fungi convert carbohydrates—such as sugars and starches—into alcohol or organic acids. This process not only preserves food but also creates beneficial enzymes, probiotics, vitamins, and other nutrients that weren't present in the original ingredients.

Perhaps the most celebrated benefit of fermented foods is their positive impact on gut health. Fermented foods are rich in probiotics—live beneficial bacteria that colonize the digestive tract. These microorganisms help maintain a healthy gut microbiome, which is essential for: Improved digestion and nutrient absorption; reduced bloating and digestive discomfort; better bowel regularity; enhanced immune function, as approximately 70% of the immune system resides in the gut.

Popular fermented superfoods like yogurt, kefir, sourdough bread and sauerkraut are just scratching the surface of the world of fermented foods.



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Organizer Michele of Songhaven Farms in Cahone CO has been working a natural permaculture styled homestead farm with Mark since 2005; growing, living, singing, loving and learning throughout it all! Find them at the Cortez Farmers' Market starting May 30th. Use the QR code or type in the website link to find out more about this event or to volunteer to help.

EGG TRADITIONS

By Sarah Toenin

Eggs-traordinary Spring Traditions: How Easter Eggs Are Celebrated Around the World — and Right Here in the Four Corners

Easter Sunday falls on April 5, 2026, and with spring warming the high desert, families across Southwest Colorado and Southeast Utah are cracking open more than just chocolate bunnies. The humble egg — symbol of new life, resurrection, and the season's renewal — takes center stage in celebrations that span centuries and continents. Not just colored plastic eggs, many cultures celebrate in different ways.



In Ukraine, eggs become wearable art called pysanky. Artisans use a beeswax stylus to draw intricate patterns on raw eggs, then dip them in successive dye baths. The wax resists the color, revealing stunning geometric, floral, and symbolic designs when melted away. The tradition dates back before Christianity, rooted in ancient spring fertility rites. In Mexico, cascarones turn eggs into party favors. Hollowed-out shells are filled with confetti (or sometimes tiny toys), sealed with tissue paper, and brightly painted. Piñata style! Egg Rolling tradition came from England and Scotland, “pace eggs” (from the old word for Passover/Easter) are boiled, dyed, and rolled down grassy hills. The furthest roll wins - a tradition that continues on the White House South Lawn in Washington, D.C. In Greece, Russia, Poland, and other Orthodox Christian countries, eggs are dyed deep red to represent the blood of Christ and new life.

Here at home, the classic Easter egg hunt reigns supreme. Kids race across parks and yards searching for plastic eggs stuffed with candy or clues. High-desert spring brings its own brand of egg-citement. Local events turn public spaces into wonderlands of pastel eggs and happy kids: for example in Moab, Utah: The annual Moab City Recreation Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday, April 4, at Swanny City Park starting at 10 a.m. — perfect for families visiting from Blanding or Monticello. Many churches, city parks, and recreation departments in Durango, Cortez, Pagosa Springs, Bayfield, Blanding, and Monticello also host hunts each year (often the Saturday before Easter). Check community calendars and Pinto Bean facebook page for listings.



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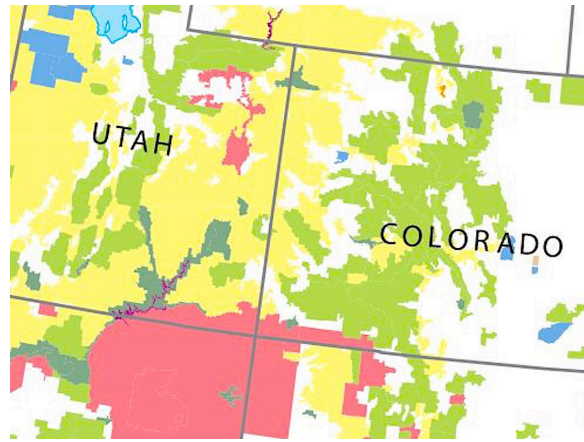
LAND & WATER GRAB

By Dexter Gill

There has been much accusation about “federal land grab” of the “Public Lands”. That already happened back in 1976 with passage of the Federal Lands Policy Management Act, where the unclaimed federal territory within the designated State would be retained in federal control, leaving the States not fully a State. The real issue today is, if federal held land is “public land”, who is the public? Is it the public of the State where the land is, or is it the public of the United States? Or is it the public/people of a designated County that is dependent upon those lands and resources, especially the water, for their economic and literal survival?

The “Land Grab” legislation of 1976 was instigated by environmental NGO’s, who, using numerous subsequent environmental laws, has provided the means for the NGO’s to gain “control” over the lands and resources. All without any financial, stewardship responsibility or accountability, while being paid handsomely for preventing wise land and water use by the “people” on the lands, for their livelihood and economy.

Today, the concern is over the waning flow of water from the forested watersheds, mostly in federal control. This involves seven (7) States, Native peoples, and Mexico. Colorado watersheds produce the largest single volume of the three upper producing. Watersheds for the down stream water users. This is all on the West Slope of Colorado, where surface water flow is most critical for virtual survival of the lower



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populated agricultural lands. The Current drought and low water production has created a new “Water War” with different players than ever before.

Droughts. have always come and gone. In the past, the people learned and adapted to survive and prepare for the next one with management tools and storage. Since 1976 that has changed, with the environmental cabals using new EPA Laws and Rules to prevent and stop land and resource management to “Re-Wild” with Biodiversity of wildlife, over the Rocky Mountains and beyond. That effort started in 1976 with forest watersheds ceasing to be actively managed to “protect” them, resulting in over growth of trees and shrubs, which in turn depleted soil moisture and drying up springs and seeps, reducing forage and habitat for livestock and wildlife. The most egregious “tool” in this effort was, and is, the use of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973.

The “Perfect Storm” conditions have been set up over impending water shortages that



will impact the lives and economies of peoples on the West Slope of Colorado and six other western States. This has been created in only 50 years on lands that everybody claims a right to, but nobody is responsible or accountable for. Will the “people” of the Counties of the upper producing watersheds gain control over their lands and economic futures as fully governing bodies within the State, or continue down the current Socialist path as renters and subjects of a federal State?

Backcountry Search and Rescue Colorado IAA

The State of Colorado through Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM), in collaboration with the County Sheriffs of Colorado (CSOC) announce the signing of a State of Colorado Interagency Agreement (IAA) on the coordination and response to Colorado backcountry search and rescue emergencies. Backcountry search and rescue (BSAR) teams throughout Colorado are a network of first responders who provide critical, life-saving services to the public. These teams are affiliated with county sheriff’s offices and are composed of dedicated, highly skilled professionals and volunteers.

The IAA provides for mutual cooperation, coordination, and support among DHSEM, CPW and CSOC when responding to BSAR incidents, in alignment with the Colorado State Emergency Operations Plan. It also establishes expectations through the Office of Emergency Management when the federal government, a state government, a tribe, or a county sheriff’s office requests assistance. The agreement goes into effect on Aug. 1, 2026.

The purpose of this interagency agreement is to: (1) identify responsibilities of each of the state agencies pertaining to backcountry search and rescue activities within the state of Colorado, and in support of other states and the federal government; (2) Establish expectations for state backcountry search and rescue coordination of small and large scale emergency operations; and (3) acknowledge limitations of authority and delegation of responsibilities.

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2/24/2026 -Vehicle accident involving a rollover was reported. Pleasant View Fire, Dove Creek Fire and Dove Creek Ambulance responded to the scene. The injured party was transported to the hospital in a Flight for Life helicopter.

2/26/2026 -Received a report of an abandoned vehicle at High County Elevator. After speaking to the owner, it was discovered that the vehicle was having issues and the owner towed it away.

2/26/2026 – Lawrence Smith was arrested on an arrest warrant in Rico.

2/28/2026 – A report of harassment was made. An individual was reported to be in an OHV and following another individual, making indecent gestures and yelling. A deputy took the report and spoke with both parties and took appropriate action. The victim is looking to press charges.

3/01/2026 -A routine traffic stop for speeding led to the arrest of Daekwan Mason for speeding 70mph in a 45mph zone and driving with a revoked license.

3/01/2026 – A report of a single vehicle accident with no injuries was received. A deputy and Dove Creek Ambulance responded. CSP took charge of the scene.

3/02/2026 – A report of an active domestic disturbance was reported. Multiple Deputies responded and calmed the situation down. One individual was transported to the hospital by the Dove Creek Ambulance.

Investigation is still ongoing at this time.

3/03/2026 – A routine traffic stop led to issuing a summons for failure to provide proof of insurance and driving with an expired license plate.

3/08/2026 – Received a report of a semi-truck rollover. Deputies, Dove Creek Fire and Southwest Ambulance responded to the scene. Traffic was shut down and CSP took over the scene.

3/09/2026 – Received a report of Banger’s Bar and Pizza Place being robbed. Deputies spoke with the owners and many individuals. Investigation is ongoing.

3/10/2026 – A report was made of a malicious scam. A person wanted to pay an individual for their time. They transferred \$1000 into the victim’s bank account and requested \$500 be sent back. The victim informed them that they wouldn’t send any money back for 24 hours. The scammer sent pictures of deceased individuals and the check bounced. The victim was referred to IC3.org to make an internet crime report.

3/13/2026 – A report of a vehicle rollover with unknown injuries was made by OnStar. One individual was reported as trapped. Dove Creek Ambulance, Dove Creek Fire and CSP responded. Classic Air Medical was dispatched but later called off. One individual was removed and transported to the hospital.

3/16/2026 – A two vehicle accident was reported. Dove Creek Ambulance responded along Dolores County Deputies. There were no injuries from the accident.

3/18/2026 – Courtney Ogas was arrested on a Contempt of Court warrant out of Cortez. The

individual was transported to Cortez.

3/18/2026 – Dakota Linton turned himself in for a warrant out of Dove Creek. The warrant was serviced.

3/21/2026 – Received a report of a person stuck in the snow. The call was given to Dolores County Search and Rescue. The individual was rescued and the vehicle was freed from the snowbank.

3/22/2026 – A report of shots fired was made. It was determined to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound. There is no ongoing or imminent threat to the residents. If there is ever any cause for us to believe there is a threat to the public, residents will be notified properly.

We urge everyone to stay mindful while driving. We have had some terrible accidents lately. Just because the snow is gone, doesn’t mean we can be any less vigilant while driving. Deer and elk as well as other dangers are still present on the roads.

If anyone has any evidence for the theft at Banger’s Bar and Pizza Place, we urge you to come forward with any information.



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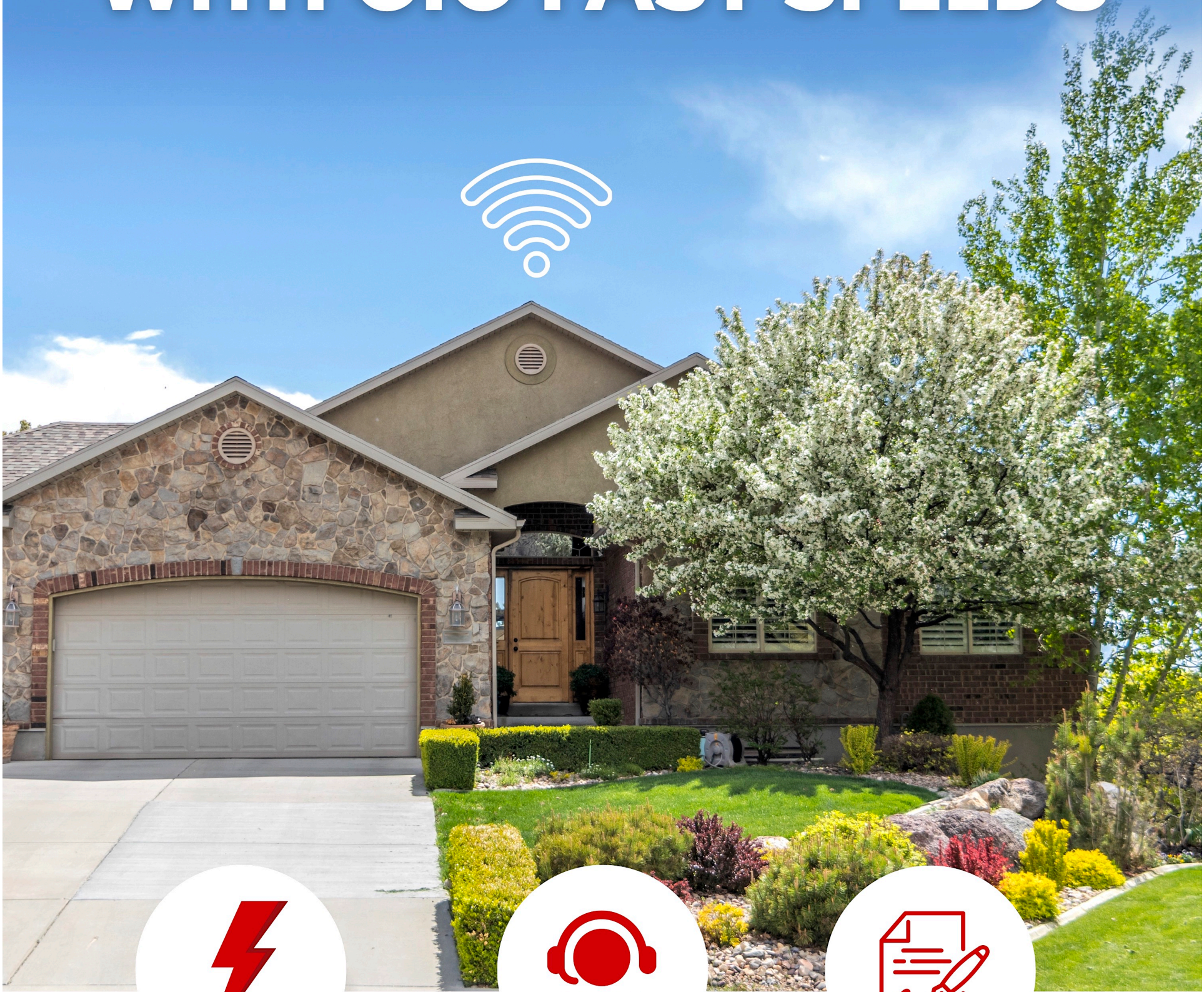




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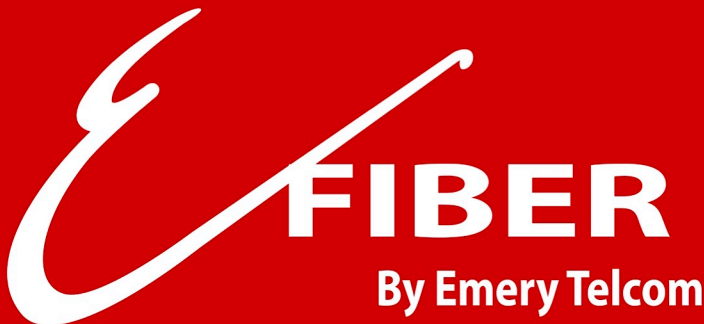


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