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DRY - THEN FIRE - THEN FLOODS - WHOSE TURN TO BURN

By Kendra Cook

Mud Floods - Then & Now

A rough year continues on so many fronts, in the weather realm, the dry winter has held many implications for everyone from a simple home owner trying to save their plants and trees, to large scale farmers and ranchers loosing crops and pastures, working to find feed and hauling water. The lawns and fields dried up, water being scare and suggested conservation and restrictions implemented, fire ban stages to max and back down to stage 1, and then, the dreaded fires. Ferris Fire near Dove Creek went to almost 65K acres, sneaking it in on 10 of the top 10 big Colorado fires, while the Babylon fire currently ranks number 4 in the state of Utah at 107K acres. Rounding out July, another Cross Canyon fire popped up just over 129 acres, SW of Dove Creek.

Nothing new to the cycle of dryness, fires, rains and floods. But looking at the Watch Duty map, it seems this summer the entire west is on fire somewhere. Once the flames are out, the debris left behind presents a whole new challenge. The stabilization teams scurry in (BAER) to implement treatments and rehabilitation efforts. Some areas where the high heat incinerated the fuels, you'll find hydrophobic water repellent covering, as the soil vaporized organic material, such that the organic gases are pushed into the soil and condense - creating a barrier to absorption, and the water washes down hill. This sets up the run offs when the rains come; and debris flows, as the powerful water carries timber and rocks, gouging everything in its path along the way.

Which brings up an interesting 'theory' you likely have heard about in the past decade: what were the 'mud floods' and what happened to 'Tartaria' that is shown on many old maps. Why was this not in our history course in public school? The more you research, the more it beckons additional questions. Was there a technologically more advanced civilization that was destroyed, potentially intentionally, by a massive catastrophe by mud burying so many cities all across the world?

Once you begin to look at older buildings, that show a first floor below the level of the road, half windows often bricked off, elaborate designs, like so many of the state capitals, we do not see created in today's architecture, and a massive depletion of the population shown in photos, it certainly is some physical evidence that is worth investigating. The time frame seems to indicate between the late 1700s and the mid 1800s, which is if true, certainly a massive literal cover up.

If you really feel like digging out the mud of 'history', begin to examine the orphan trains of the late 1800s to 1900s, and ask why there were so many orphans, why did they get sent across the US, and ultimately what was involved with the World Fairs - from the technology and buildings then destroyed, to the incubators with babies for sale. Cloning? Gives one something to do while staying inside out of the intense heat in August, and the air that is still retaining a particulate level that is in the 'warning' alert from air quality monitoring stations. Continued prayers for all those in the path of fires and floods, our humanity comes together in these times.

Many Area Schools Reopen
for the 2026-27 School Year

Check with your local district, as Pre School Elementary and Middle and High Schools may have different start dates. In Colorado - Dolores Aug 10, Cortez Aug 10, Mancos Aug 12, Bayfield Aug 12, West End Aug 12, Norwood Aug 17, Telluride Aug 18, Durango Aug 25, in Utah - Blanding UT Aug 17, Monticello Aug 17, Green River Aug 19, Moab Aug 20.



Dolores
County
School District
RE-2J

NOTE: The Dove Creek School will not field a HS Football Team this year.

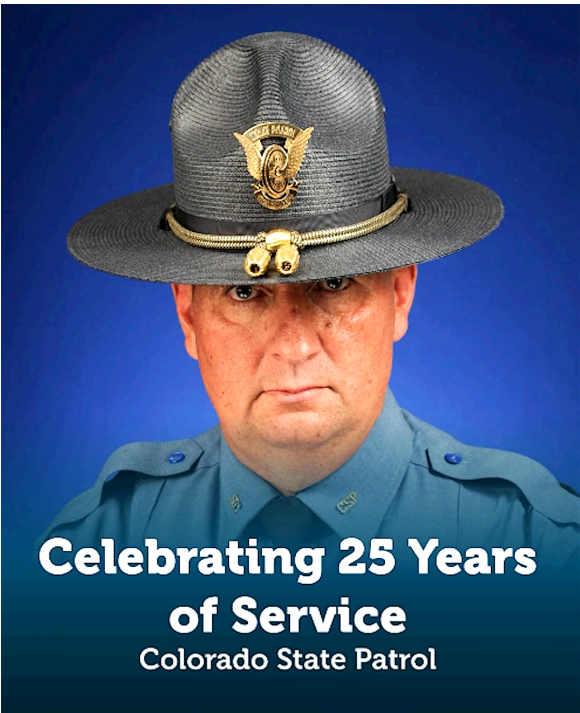
- Aug 3 HS Football Practice Starts—
Aug 5 School Offices Open
Aug 10 Fall Sports Practice Starts
Aug 12-13 Staff Training Days
Aug 17-18 All Staff Inservice
Aug 19 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Aug 20 FFA Intro night
Aug 21-22 HS Volleyball Tournament
@Rangely
Aug 22 MS Vollebally @Ouray
Aug 26 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Aug 27 MS Volleyball @Norwood
MS Football (H) Mancos
Aug 28-29 HS Volleyball Tournament
@Center
Aug 28 HS Football (H) Plateau Valley
Aug 29 MS Volleyball @Ridgway
Sept 1 MS Volleyball @Dolores
HS Volleyball @Mancos



Shield 616 donated equipment to the Dolores County Sheriff Office along with other groups in the SW Colorado region. shield616.org



VFW Auxiliary 5181 announced that Auxiliary Member Crystal Proffitt has been elected to serve as the 2026-2027 VFW Auxiliary Dept. of CO Senior Vice President.



**Celebrating 25 Years
of Service**
Colorado State Patrol

Trooper Technician Travis Randolph retires from the Colorado State Patrol after 25 years of serving the citizens of Colorado. It is admirable not only for his continued dedication but also because he is the last Trooper in our 90-year history to hold the rank of Technician. This rank was assigned to troopers with specific, specialized skills focused on traffic investigation and/or specialized field operations, such as the HAZMAT unit, where he served in his last assignment.

Travis Randolph is also the pastor at the Cahone Baptist Church, and will be continuing and enhancing his efforts for the Church and fellowship.



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Dolores County Looks Ahead - Economic Challenges

By Staff

As Dolores County completes its annual financial audit, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is turning its attention toward preparing the 2027 budget and examining long-term financial sustainability. While the county remains in solid financial condition today, officials are also facing the reality of changing revenue sources and steadily increasing operating costs.

According to county financial data, Dolores County has maintained a healthy financial position over the past decade, with total revenues consistently meeting or exceeding operating expenses. Historical audit data from 2016 through 2024 demonstrates stable fiscal management despite fluctuations in oil and gas revenues.

One of the largest factors influencing the county's future finances is the gradual decline in assessed valuation associated with oil, gas, helium, and CO₂ production. Over the past decade these industries have represented a significant portion of the county's tax base, but projections indicate that assessed values could continue to decline over the coming years. The Commissioner Board has started holding workshops with all of the Departments, to discuss the current situation and better guide the direction of the government's future.

A long-range revenue model included in the county presentation estimates potential reductions in annual county tax revenue of approximately \$250,000 in 2026, growing to roughly \$440,000 in 2027. Longer-term projections estimate annual reductions approaching \$780,000 by 2032 and more than \$1 million annually by 2037 if current trends continue. The presentation notes these figures are projections based on historical assessed valuation trends and projected energy revenues.

At the same time revenues may become more constrained, operating costs continue to rise. Health insurance alone represents one of the county's fastest-growing expenses. Current projections estimate annual health insurance costs of approximately \$1.33 million in 2026, increasing by roughly 10 percent annually and exceeding \$3.1 million within ten years if current trends continue with no changes. To make ends meet as they say, several potential health insurance contribution structures are being considered, that could reduce annual costs by approximately \$62,000 to more than \$217,000 depending on the option selected. Those figures reflect health insurance only and do not include dental, vision or GAP coverage.

Cutting the budget and trimming the 'fat' is just one part of steering the County in a

healthy direction. Additional considerations include pursuing grants, encouraging commercial and industrial investment for a broader tax base, supporting the small business growth and tourism initiatives, proposing a county sales tax, along with reviewing operations for efficiencies, employee benefit structures, and looking to diversify county revenues, something many residents have expressed, should have been actively part of the County strategy years ago.

Dolores is not the only county facing this scenario - in Montezuma County, the assessor report followed similar trends, quoting a reduction of \$2.7million from 2023-2026, with oil and gas production down the main cause.

As commissioners begin building the 2027 budget in all of the surrounding counties, many observers believe the discussion will focus on balancing continued delivery of essential county services while identifying efficiencies and developing new revenue opportunities. The public is welcome to attend the bi monthly regular meetings in person or via Zoom as posted on the County website, along with watching the YouTube replays on their channel online. Pro actively being involved and aware of what your County government is doing, makes for a better future for everyone.

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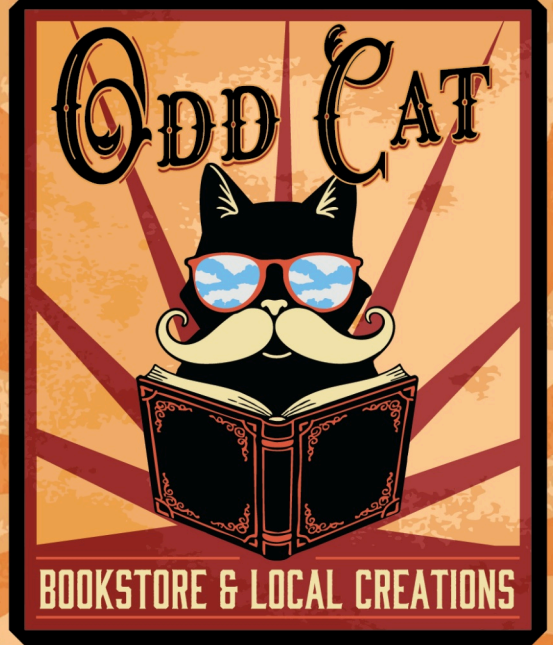
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From Odd Cat Angie B.

August already?

Let me first give deep thanks to all firefighters, support staff and Mother Nature for getting the Ferris Fire under control!

Quick reminder- ALL 1st RESPONDERS (Fire, Police, Corrections, Dispatch and Medics) ALWAYS receive 20% off at Odd Cat. I was once a 1st Responder myself, and it is my honor to serve them!

We celebrated our One-Year Anniversary on July 18 th with great food from The Chuckwagon, sweet music from Charles Wecker and local author Doug Freed, and some lovely handmade offerings from near and far. It was wonderful and made me feel warm & fuzzy!

August will be pretty laid back here at the O.C., but in September we have two gatherings that I want to tell you about so you can plan ahead and spread the word!

September events are free to all and are in conjunction (but not affiliated) with larger events happening in the area. Here's the skinny: Saturday, Sept. 5 th from 10a to 3p, we will host local authors/writers to show, discuss and sell their works. This is in conjunction with the Mesa Verde Writers Conference. Registration closes on Aug. 29 .

Then on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10a to 3p, we'll host artists & makers during the Four Corners Studio Tour to do the same! We aren't allowed to participate in their event so we are doing our own! Registration closes Sept. 12 th. *Both events are open to creatives from Dove Creek to Rico and everywhere in between. I will expand the number of spaces if it becomes necessary!

There is a \$10 registration fee for each event. The fee will be returned to you when you arrive to set up your booth. Limited to 12 spaces. Stop by Odd Cat or call 970.560.6455 with questions or to get registered!

PINTO BEAN BOOK CORNER

Of Pawns and Kings

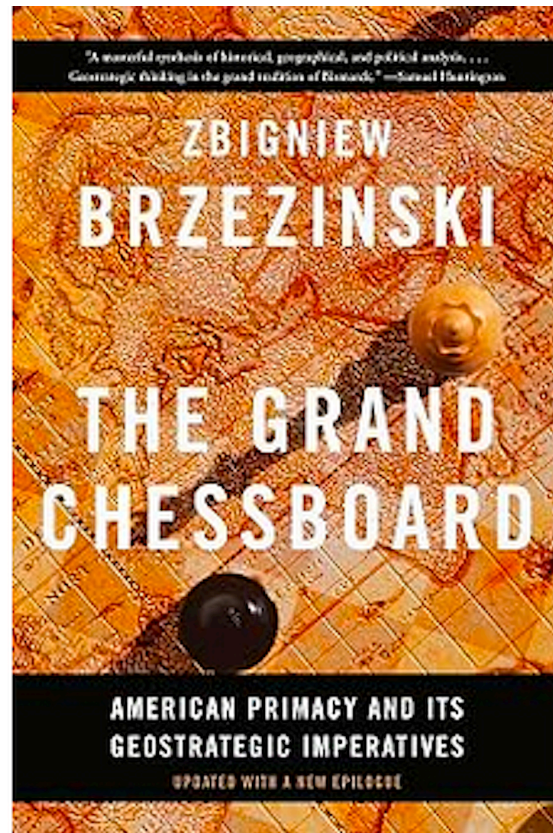
"American Primacy And Its
Geostrategic Imperatives"

Without a doubt, Zbigniew Brzezinski and Henry Kissinger, will go down as the two most important and influential global foreign policy thinkers of the 20th century. Love them or hate them, they were key to many 'maneuvers'. Brzezinski (d. 2017) originally published The Grand Chessboard book, in 1997, with a 2016 2nd edition simply adding some updated context in an epilogue. He writes "A framework of cooperation and pressure is needed in order to promote long-term collaboration between all three sides: China, the problem of the future; Russia, the disrupter of the present; and the United States, the aging superpower caught in the vice of history." Though three decades ago, the core concepts remain quite relevant, as current events showcase the intertwining of large and small 'players', or 'pieces' in a chess metaphor, his classic treatise on America's strategic mission in the modern world, rings true at least in part today. Though the "NWO" is thrown around a lot in current discussions, this author turns out to be a little less globalist and more American hegemony driven, in assessing the major moves to make with the other players on the board.

From page 40, "A world without U.S. primacy will be a world with more violence and disorder and less democracy and economic growth than a world where the United States continues to have more influence than any other country in shaping global affairs." The author insists that the imperatives are "to prevent collusion and maintain security dependence among the vassals, to keep tributaries pliant and protected, and to keep the barbarians from coming together." Well. His stance feels a bit arrogant, but there is truth in how geopolitics are played.

At that time, he looked at Eurasia as the chessboard, with China on one side the US on the other. Additional major players identified include France, Germany, Russia, India, Great Britain, Japan and Indonesia. He denotes their values according to political and diplomatic dynamism. However, that's not to dismiss the military components. Being born in Poland, his nod to the pivot countries of Turkey, Iran, Azerbaijan and the Ukraine remains relevant historically and those relationships are critical today. A side note, his son, Mark Brzezinski, was appointed Ambassador to Poland from 2022-2025 under the Biden admin. (Ambassador to Sweden under Obama 2011-2015, worked in Clinton Whitehouse prior to that on Russian/Eurasian affairs) , he was the valdictorian in my class at Dartmouth. His

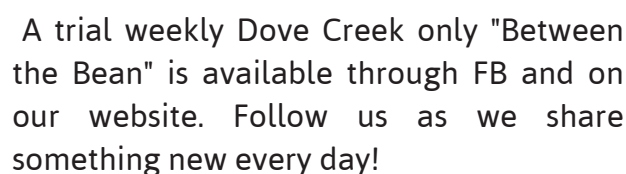
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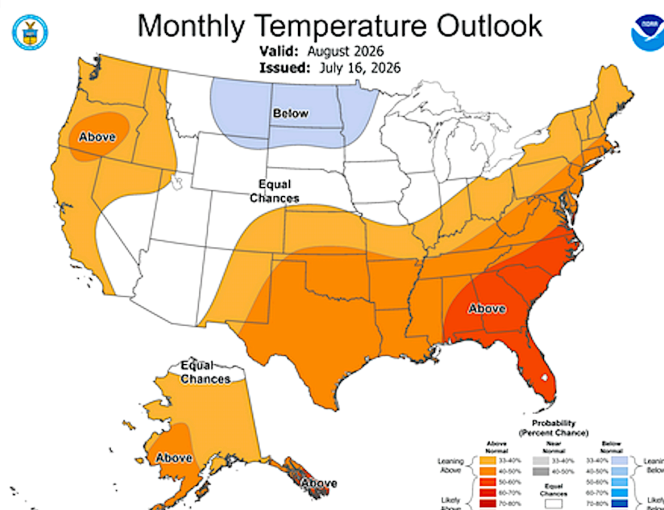
sister is Mika married to Joe Scarborough, the TV news couple. With the swing back to the other main party admin., as do so many in these strategy positions, he is now back to the private sector, running Brzezinski Global, helping clients navigate global complexity and seize local opportunity across some of Europe and the world's most dynamic regions. Apple doesn't fall far.

Back to the book. It is also referenced for saying that a Pearl Harbor event (do your research on how that really happened), will have to take place to unite the USA for war - think 9/11 three years after this publication. The chess analogy or metaphor, focuses on being able to think multiple steps ahead. The strategy being implemented today, may make more sense to the layman eyes in 5 to 10 years in the future, as he points out. It does beckon the question, do the 'parties' really matter, if there are unelected positions behind the scenes navigating the global strategies.

Any time an entity chooses to engage - to fight, it is a sign of weakness. The concept of strength can be seen in many ways, continuing wars, threats, devastation via military actions or through physical starvation and famines, or psychological strategies. All of these mechanisms are tools for manipulation on a global scale - Brezsinki delivers a provocative focus on the preeminence of America for the 21st century. Are his predictions and prescriptions for how to proceed, being followed, or has the playing field changed. His focus was on Eurasia. Perhaps it is still today. Though the concept of chess is a win loose game -perhaps the thinking of those 'in charge' should be more of the win-win strategy for a better future. If nothing else, this book makes the reader have to think.



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Colorado Gun Law Change

By Pinto Bean Staff

Beginning August 1, 2026, a major new Colorado firearms law took effect, changing how, many semiautomatic firearms may be purchased in the state. Senate Bill 25-003 establishes a permit-to-purchase process for many specified semiautomatic rifles, shotguns, and certain handguns that fall under the law's definitions.

Before purchasing an affected firearm, prospective buyers must complete several new steps, including a background check through an approved vendor, obtaining an eligibility card from their county sheriff, paying required fees, completing a state-approved firearms safety course, and passing a written examination before a licensed dealer can complete the sale. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife website now provides information on the new process and an online application portal for firearm eligibility.

Colorado Specified Semiautomatic Firearms Information
Supporters of SB 25-003 say the law is intended to improve public safety by ensuring purchasers of specified semiautomatic firearms receive additional training and screening. Critics argue the law creates significant financial and administrative barriers for law-abiding gun owners while placing broad discretion in the hands of government agencies.



Link to the online application on the CPW website, with the list of specified guns.



The law is already facing a constitutional challenge in federal court. In Del Toro v. Polis, the Colorado State Shooting Association, represented by the Mountain States Legal Foundation and supported by the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action, argues that SB 25-003 violates the Second Amendment by requiring government permission, mandatory training, fees, and administrative approval before citizens may purchase protected firearms. The lawsuit also challenges provisions allowing sheriffs to deny eligibility cards based on a "reasonable belief" regarding an applicant's past behavior.



Colorado Parks & Wildlife

State officials have defended the law and have argued that the legal challenge is premature while implementation continues. The case remains active in the U.S. District Court, with litigation expected to continue through 2026 unless the court issues an earlier ruling.
Colorado firearm owners seeking to purchase a firearm covered by the new law are encouraged to review the state's requirements carefully before beginning the application process, as the permitting, training, and eligibility requirements are now in effect.
Follow the QR code above for the CPW firearms safety application online.

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Commentary By *Aimee Tooker*

“Proclamations 9558 and 10285 established the Bears Ears Commission (BEC) to provide guidance and recommendations on the development and implementation of management plans and on management of the Monument. The BEC is hereby disbanded and terminated, and the Secretaries shall have no obligation to engage, consult, or coordinate with the BEC or a comparable entity as provided in, or derived from, either Proclamation 9558 or 10285, though the Secretaries shall continue to consult with Tribal Nations in accordance with other applicable authorities.”

The BEC consisted of elected Tribal Leaders from the five Tribal Nations- the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Zuni Tribe and the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation.

“Proclamation 9558 established an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) to provide information and advice regarding the development of management plans for the Monument and, as appropriate, management of the Monument. Proclamation 9558 is hereby revised to clarify that the Monument advisory committee shall consist of a balanced representation of interested stakeholders that specifically includes one member each from the Hopi Nation, the Navajo Nation, the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and the Pueblo of Zuni; one member each from San Juan County, Monticello City, Blanding City, and the Town of Bluff; and six members recommended by the Governor of Utah. Of those six members recommended by the Governor of Utah, each shall belong to one of the following stakeholder groups: archaeological or historical experts; livestock grazing permittees; outdoor recreation participants, including commercial recreation providers or off-highway vehicle users; conservationists; private landowners; and local business owners.”

The Secretary of Interior “shall ... to the extent consistent with the laws governing the administration of the public lands, coordinate the land use inventory, planning, and management activities of or for such lands with the land use planning and management programs of other Federal departments and agencies and of the States and local governments within which the lands are located –FLPMA (43 U.S.C. § 1712(c)(9)). Also see the USFS Act in (16



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The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition (BEITC) is a tribal-led advocacy and support entity founded by five sovereign Tribal Nations in 2015, while the Bears Ears Commission (BEC) was a formal collaborative management body established by presidential proclamation in 2016 and disbanded 2026, replaced with an Advisory Committee.

U.S.C. § 1604(a)), and National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4331). Words matter and Federal regulations and policy have chosen their words deliberately:
Coordinate: Of the same order or degree, equal in rank or importance;
Consult: To seek advice or information of;
Collaborate: To work together, especially in a joint intellectual effort;

This is one more reason why the Antiquities Act of 1906 needs to be amended. Congress and the Supreme Court need to prevent the abuse of power, designation whiplash and ideological control over the local stakeholders and communities. It seems that “smallest area compatible” is up for interpretation. One president should not be persuaded, coerced or autopen to sign over exponentially more land than is compatible based on campaign donations, rewilding efforts, and personal ideological missions.



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Aug 15 La Sal Work day campout
by Moab Cyclery

Monticello

Aug 1 Down N Dirty Mud Bog 2026
Aug 1- 8 San Juan County Fair
Aug 8 &15 & Sept 5th Astronomy Tour
Glamping Canyonlands

Flagstaff

Aug 1 Flagstaff Internatiønal Film Festaval
Aug 2 Route 66 to the Grand Canyon
Aug 15 Ride till the Wheels Fall Off Tour

Dove Creek

Aug 5-8 Dolores County Fair
Aug 12 PintoBean.Co BornDay Party Bangers
Aug 22 Stateline Car Show
Aug 29 GROUNDHOG - Annual Kiwanis
Poker Run

Cortez

Aug 7-9 Cortez Rendezvous Balloon Rally

Aug 15 Pinto Bean Classic Gold Tourn
Aug 22 Medicine Horse Tourn Conquistador
Aug 29 Play Music on the Porch Day

Mancos

Aug 15 Mancos Valley Summer Brew Fest

Dolores

Aug 1 28th Boggy Draw Beat Down
Aug 8 Escalante Days in Flanders Park

Telluride

Aug 1 Top Chef and Taste of Telluride
Aug 7 - 8 Telluride Jazz Festival
Aug 12 - 16 Telluride Mushroom Festival

Durango

Aug 1 Buckley Park Arts Crafts Fest
Aug 7 La Plata County Fair Chili Cook off
Aug 8 5K at the Fair
Aug 20 Durango Blues Train
Aug 22 6th annual Harvest Fest
Aug 28 San Juan Brewfest

Bayfield

Aug 21 Dustin Burley Weminuche Woodfire Grill

Pagosa Springs

Aug 1 Archuleta County Fair @ Archuleta County Fairgrounds
Aug 1 Archuleta County Ranch Rodeo
Aug 3 Sunrise at Chimney Rock National

Monument

Aug 7 Pino Nuche Indigenous Art Market and Juried Show @ Sky Ute Casino & Resort
Aug 14 BBQ Dinner Rides @ Buckaroos Horse-Drawn Rides
Aug 23 Fall 3D Archery Shoot

Farmington

Aug 1 Shindig with the Sheriff 6pm-11pm
Aug 10 San Juan County Fair takes place at McGee Park
Aug 14 The Lovin' Spoonful @ Farmington Civic Center

Rico

Aug Music at The Enterprise Bar weekends

Norwood

Aug 8 Music on the Mesa
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'DO MAGNETS'

By Pinto Bean Staff

At the White Mesa Mill facility in SE Utah, Energy Fuels Inc. has begun construction on an expansion to “enable the large-scale production of heavy rare earth oxides, which are planned to be used by Energy Fuels to produce rare earth metals, alloys and magnets essential to the automotive, robotics, data center, energy and defense industries. The expansion of the Company's existing light-rare earth oxide production capacity to also produce heavy-rare earth oxides is a critical step in the execution of Energy Fuels' integrated mine-to-magnet program.” according to their press release at the end of July.

"Heavy rare earth production is a severe pinch point in North American and European permanent magnet supply chains," said Ross Bhappu, President and Chief Executive Officer of Energy Fuels. "Given our ongoing success in piloting heavy rare earth oxides, we are now ready to advance to commercial-scale production. This is an exciting moment for Energy Fuels as we continue to build a fully integrated Western mine-to-magnet rare earth platform with proven commercial expertise at each step of the supply chain. The production of both light and heavy rare earth oxides is a key differentiator of Energy Fuels' strategy to build an integrated rare earth supply chain that is expected to be completed upon the anticipated closing of our pending acquisitions of Australian Strategic Materials (ASM) and Vacuumschmelze (VAC)1."

Here’s the tech aspect: “The Mill has the current commercial capacity to produce up to 1,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of separated

NdPr oxide. The planned expansion is designed to add the capacity to produce up to approximately 20 tpa of terbium (Tb), 120 tpa of dysprosium (Dy), 140 tpa of samarium (Sm), 20 tpa of europium (Eu), and 140 tpa of gadolinium (Gd) oxides, along with other rare earth elements2: Tb and Dy are heavy rare earths added to most high-end rare earth permanent magnets (REPMs) to increase resistance to demagnetization (coercivity) and high-temperature performance, and to enable smaller, lighter, more powerful, and more efficient electric motors.”

The company is looking to complete the expansion by the end of next year, adding Tb and Dy circuits, and the following year in 2028 to add the Sm Eu and Gd circuits.

Further they state “The White Mesa Mill's heavy rare earth expansion is sized and timed to process the anticipated near-term monazite output from the Company's Donald Project joint venture in Australia. Subject to additional details. The planned expansion is also expected to include a circuit for the processing of mixed rare earth carbonates (MREC) to enable Energy Fuels to process additional types of feedstocks produced globally that are rich in heavy rare earth oxides. Importantly, the new MREC circuit will enable the Mill to produce rare earth oxides and uranium simultaneously at commercial scale.”

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$104 million, which is expected to be supported in large part through various government grants and loans. The debt component for the heavy rare earth expansion is planned to be covered by a previously announced conditional loan commitment from the U.S. government. The equity component will be covered out of the Company's working

capital, which totaled approximately \$0.96 billion as of March 31, 2026. The Company has also applied for grant funding from other U.S. government agencies they report.

Beyond that, “Energy Fuels plans to further expand the Mill in 2029 to increase overall capacity to 6,294 tpa NdPr, 80 tpa Tb, and 288 tpa Dy oxides. This second expansion is expected to process monazite supplied largely by the Company's current and development projects, including all phases of the Donald Project in Australia, the Vara Mada Project in Madagascar, and the Bahia Project in Brazil, along with third-party monazite concentrates and MRECs. The oxides produced at the Mill from these sources will support more than 100% of the expected internal demand of the planned expansion of ASM's metal and alloy facility in South Korea and its planned new facility in the U.S. This in turn will produce sufficient magnet alloy to supply more than 100% of the internal demand for VAC's planned U.S. and European magnet manufacturing expansions, resulting in a total integrated mine-to-magnet supply chain capable of producing 15,700 tonnes of REPMs per year in the coming years.” the press release continues. “These volumes of magnets are sufficient to supply up to six million electric/hybrid electric vehicles per year, four million humanoid robots per year, 31 million internal combustion engine vehicles per year, 3,140 offshore wind turbines per year, or 7.8 million iPhones per year.” This may have been what the President was meaning when he said to defense contractors in mid July "I hope you're gonna do magnets. Somebody out there, I hope, you're all brilliant people, magnets. Do magnets, OK?" .

SPILL THE BEANS.....

SLIDE ROCK BOLTER

Along the dusty back roads of rural tourist towns in the southwest, you may have heard a phrase lightly dancing on the afternoon breeze - a simple murmur “if it’s tourist season, why can’t we shoot them”. While their quiet simplified back to basics daily existence can be in great part, funded through tourism and surrounding economies, the sentiment that this is their backyard, their home, only earned by those who brave the icy winters, the droughts and fire seasons, the births and deaths alongside the native animals, and vast variant vegetation - seeing the shimmery glints of SUVs to RVs taking snap shots to make a fleeting memory, while the ‘locals’ feel their deep seated recollections of what happened on that mesa, the year the river flowed high over its banks, or that time we all came together when the local church burnt down in the center of town. It’s our place.

To say there’s a love hate relationship might be too simplified, you see it’s complicated business. Generations have held the same work titles - farmers, ranchers, miners - while many have beaten the same ground over decades, while the cattle come and go - the same process confronts you daily, and the coal and uranium moved on to copper and potash, but they remain, grandkids after grandkids. To some degree the pains and turmoil faced by earlier generations is passed down, be it from stories around the campfire, or actual DNA embedded information, as they say, it’s ‘in the blood’.

While the four corners is known for finding deep levels of ancient living proved by pottery, pictographs and ruins, the stories of the red headed giants persists though remains shared in hush tones. The Native reservation lands matter of fact speak of shape shifters and other worldly presence from the caves to the mesa tops. The mysteries of the mountains also have their share of intrigue and myth. Not on par with the stories of Sasquatch or Bigfoot, though many believe hairy giants may walk the woods around us too, but something called the Slide Rock Bolter - SRB or Bolter for short I’d like to say - is lore that seeps out of the high mountain crevasse, and onto the pages of history’s mysteries, and is set right here in San Miguel and Dolores County.

Haven’t heard of a Bolter - from the view in 2026, early sketches show it resembles the monster worms of the movies Tremors, mixed with a massive whale, with a split tail that features ginormous hooks that hold it in place on the top of steep mountain slopes. The stories come from lumberjack writing,

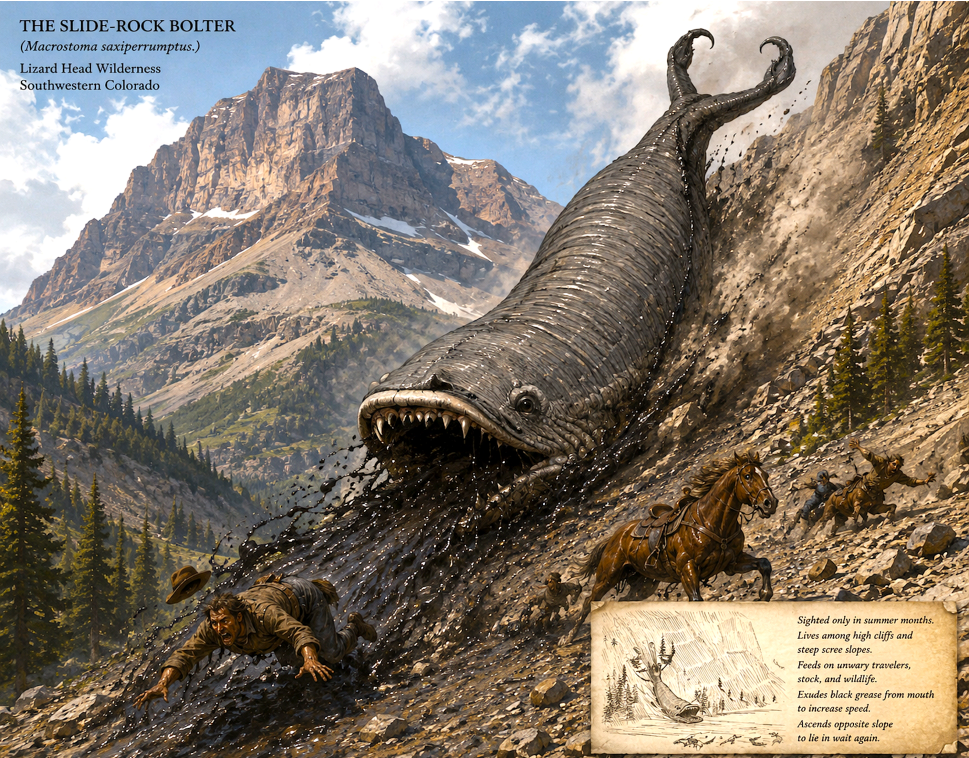
THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR / PUBLISHER



Kendra Cook



What do you think? Should we start selling Tshirts with the Slide Rock Bolter on it - a new / old tourism hook? Definitely not the best looking monster... but it is unique - if you've spotted one, do contact the Bean and let us know!



akin to the old cowboy poetry stories and songs, so too did the timber slicing logger spend many hours of back breaking sweat working tree felling, often alone in the woods; which made for sharing stories and telling tales a part of their entertainment and culture. The storyline that persists, is that of the time the locals were fed up with the Bolter sliding down an un seen mountain slope, to scoop up the unwitting cowboy, horse, miners, or visiting tourists. A plan was hatched to establish a decoy dummy, filled with explosives and blasting caps, near Lizard Head (aptly named), to set out for the Bolter to slide down the rocks, and with a unearthly sounded gulp, engorge its inner being with the fake, just to have it explode

and splatter the cryptoid parts from within, from valley floor to valley wall. Some tell that an early version of the town of Rico was destroyed during the trap. And so, it happened just like that?

Is this a tale passed down to keep the tourists out, and keep others from homesteading or mine claiming in an area the locals well, want to keep local? Or. Just like a “unicorn” was said to be a myth, in recent years the discoveries of equine style bones with a spear like horn have been uncovered in Mongolia... was the Slide Rock Bolter really living in the mountains - or something big and scary and unknown to this realm of man, and are there any lurking in the ‘teeners’ there today?

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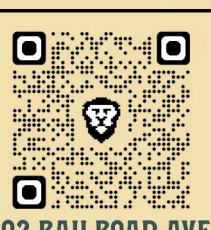
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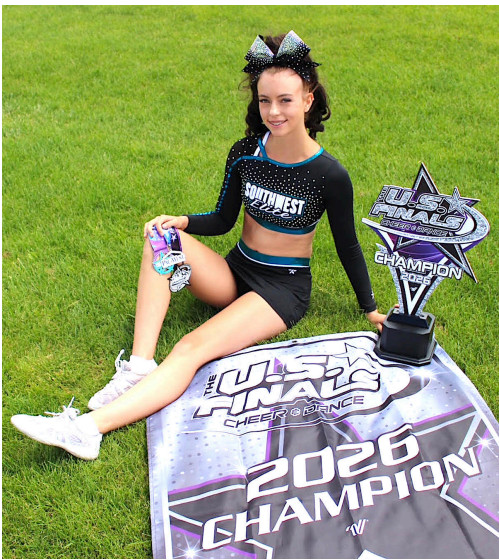
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Local Spotlight: Alyssah Johannsen
Small Town Heart National Stage Cheer

Dove Creek sophomore Alyssah Johannsen, 16, is proving that hard work, heart, and determination can take an athlete far beyond a small town. Alyssah is a member of the Southwest Elite All-Star cheer team. Her journey includes long drives, early mornings, late nights, and a level of commitment that extends far beyond the mat; cheerleading is more than competition—it is passion, discipline, and perseverance. Each time she steps onto the floor, she carries the pride of her team as well as her hometown of Dove Creek. On the competitive cheer circuit, Southwest Elite earned 2nd place at PacWest in Farmington, UT, followed by a 1st place championship title at CHEERSPORT in Phoenix, AZ. They went on to earn a championship title at the U.S. Finals in Sandy, Utah, solidifying their place among top competitors. Closing out their season, the team earned 2nd place at the Valley of the Sun Grand Canyon State Championship in Mesa, AZ, along with a Judges Choice Award for sportsmanship and crowd engagement.

Those closest to Alyssah say it is not only her talent that stands out, but her heart. She leads with quiet strength, supports her teammates, and consistently gives her full effort in every practice and performance. Alyssah’s success is shared with the Dove Creek and Nucla communities that have stood behind her from the beginning. The support from sponsors, donors, and local supporters has made a lasting impact, helping provide opportunities that allow her to compete at the highest level. A special thank you is extended to those who contributed to the online auction, as well as everyone who placed bids in support of Alyssah’s journey. Auction items included baked goods from Sharon Johannsen, Joyce Barnett, Francie Gardner, Crystal Barnett, Terri Buffington, Donella Fury, Tammy Gillaspy, Shayla Posner, and Shannon Reeder. More items included: prime rib dinners from The Dinner Bell; handmade jewelry and a Dolores River print from Stacy Bosch; hand-dug and thrown pottery from Neil Hankins; a



Wrangler purse set from Autumn Daves Brown; and tires and an amplifier donated by Kurt and Brandi Barnett.

Sponsors who helped make this journey possible include Venus Stylin Studio, Ranger Maintenance, Adobe Milling, Frosty's Liquor, Vestal House at Tabeguache Park, Rimrocker Real Estate, Citizens State Bank of Ouray, Rimrocker Aviation, Kerri and Bobby Tabor, Cindy Reiva, Jill Storey, Justin and Mandy Wilson, Memaw Sharon and Pepaw Duane Johannsen, the late Lawry Debevort, Kati and Buddy Banks, Amber and Norman Hickman, Cindy Peterson, Josh Johannsen, Papa Harley and Granny Denise Gardner, Anita Fernandez, Brandi Thompson, Nanny Jane Thompson, Maggie Nelson, Papa Greg and Gigi Francie Wild, Kelly and Kent Tomlinson, Papa Tom Short, Kretha and Don Colcord, Marti and Billy Spitzer, Loyd and Deann Knuckles, Sonya Buffington, Barbra Saunders, Shelly Bjerk, Angela Beanland, Brooke and Dustin Ernst, Slade Hendrickson and Cheyenne Venturella, and Cary and Lylia Davis. Additional thanks to Chris and Katrina Sharp for generously providing accommodations in their Arizona home during travel.

What Alyssah is building goes far beyond competition results. It is a journey of dedication, growth, and gratitude for the communities behind her. Alyssah looks forward to the opportunities, challenges, and memories that the next season will bring.

**HUNTING SEASON
POST WILDFIRES**

The 2026 hunting season could see some changes in both CO and UT due to the recent massive fires in both states. Hunters planning to head into the field this fall should know that licenses and permits remain valid, but access to some hunting areas continues to change due to wildfire closures and recovery operations. Beyond that, the animals may not be in some of the burn areas, where food and water have become compromised. Every unit could be treated differently. In Utah, authorities need to assess the burn locations which for many, are not yet fully accessible. If the hunting areas meet the criteria for disaster relief as per Utah Admin Rule R657-42-12(6-8). Relief is only offered when more than 50% of hunting opportunities within the unit are unavailable AND access to more than 50% of the public land within the unit is closed through state or federal administrative action.

Meanwhile CPW is assessing the areas of concern, and will be developing decisions based on many inputs for the safety of the hunters and the lands.

Will the fires impact the economic influx simply due to the decreased value of the hunting experience through burnt areas? It’s yet to see. Check Forest Service and BLM closure maps before traveling - Carry paper maps and have alternate access routes planned - Expect potential smoke, damaged roads, and increased hazard trees - Be prepared for rapidly changing weather that could trigger flooding in recent burn scars.

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Photo Judy Fielding

For residents of the Four Corners, Lake Powell is more than a vacation destination. It is part of the Colorado River system that supports agriculture, municipal water supplies, recreation, hydropower, and tourism throughout the Southwest. As July 2026 comes to a close, both Lake Powell and Lake Mead remain at critically low levels despite scattered summer monsoon storms.

Federal forecasts now show Lake Powell ending the 2026 water year at approximately 22% of capacity, while Lake Mead is expected to remain near 25–27% full, placing both reservoirs among the lowest levels seen since they were first filled. Even more concerning, the combined storage of Lake Powell and Lake Mead has fallen to the lowest level since Glen Canyon Dam was under construction in the 1950s. Lake Powell currently sits only a few dozen feet above the minimum elevation needed to efficiently generate hydroelectric power at Glen Canyon Dam. If water levels continue declining, power production could eventually be reduced or suspended until water levels recover. Unless an unusually wet autumn develops—which is not currently anticipated—water managers expect reservoir levels to remain near historic lows into the fall.

The white "bathtub ring" around Lake Powell shows where the water used to be—but beneath today's water lies a growing layer of mud, sand, and silt that permanently reduces how much water the reservoir can store. Every year that layer gets a little thicker, even if the lake returns to full pool.

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The National Interagency Coordination Center (NIFC) and regional dispatch centers assign the wild land aircraft that are applicable for each case.



Photo Jesse Raby

Some of the locations around the region include the Montrose Air Tanker Base, Durango Airtanker/Helibase, Cortez Helibase, Grand Junction, CO state Firehawk helicopter based in Montrose, and others as needed. In SE Utah, additional large packages were requested to include smoke jumpers and multiple very large air tankers. Cedar City and Richfield UT were additional bases, along with Twin Falls and Boise Idaho. The Ferris was a Regional priority while the Babylon was a National Priority 1 for aviation.

Some of the equipment used included: Type 1 heavy helicopters (such as Chinook or Skycrane-class aircraft when available) making large water drops. Type 2 and Type 3 helicopters for bucket drops, crew transport, reconnaissance, and sling-load operations. Large Air Tankers (LATs) dropping long-term fire retardant when weather permitted. Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs) used for rapid initial attack and reinforcement on the flanks. Air Attack aircraft directing aerial operations. And Lead planes guiding the larger tankers onto drop runs. Helicopters were repeatedly supporting firefighters with water drops, while air tankers were used whenever winds allowed. Drones were also in use for heat monitoring the hot spots.

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Fungal Solutions - Wildfire Ltd, a company that designs and manufactures innovative landscaping solutions for fire mitigation and erosion reduction, was approved by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) as a Rural Jump-Start Company and plans to open its headquarters and facility in Durango.

Fungal Solutions - Wildfire Ltd provides three trade-marked products that use local fungal cultures for fire barriers, wood sponge systems, and erosion control features, trademark Fungal Fire Barriers™, WoodSponge™ and BioBerms™ “Region 9 Economic Development was happy to sponsor Fungal Solutions – Wildfire Ltd as a Rural Jump-Start Company in La Plata County. Rural Jump-Start provides an opportunity to provide rural businesses the support of the statewide ecosystem. Finding and supporting businesses that offer unique products or services in our region is one of the best parts of my job,” stated Laura Lewis Marchino, Region 9 EDD Executive Director.

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Commentary by Linda Cunningham

“The Commies are coming the Commies are coming”, and some are already here. Never in my lifetime did I ever think Americans would vote in a communist for a government position, but here we are. After the Mamdani election in New York, it emboldened those waiting in the background to step out into the political arena. The DSA, Democrat Socialists of America, have gathered their army of idiots and have started their march toward the takeover of our constitutional republic. Biden’s open border policy let millions of undocumented, un-vetted, low life individuals into this country and handed them a silver platter full of free stuff, and now those same low life individuals are the ones radicalizing American citizens and turning them against our constitutional republic and then some. They spew hatred, they talk of a free society, (I thought we already live in a free society, well kind of anyway) free housing, free groceries, free tuition, abolishing the Senate and who needs a President anyway?? It’s crazy talk for sure, but unfortunately there are the uninformed idiots who believe this crap. Pray for America.

"You can be loyal to Karl Marx, or you can be loyal to America. You can be a communist or you can be a patriot, you cannot be both".
RONALD REAGAN

**BLM Designates 10
Backcountry Airstrips in
Southeast Utah**

From the BLM

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has officially approved the continued use of ten backcountry airstrips across southeastern Utah, preserving access to some of the state's most remote public lands for pilots, emergency responders, and outdoor recreationists. The decision follows an Environmental Assessment conducted through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Five of the designated airstrips are located within the Moab Field Office, while the remaining five are managed by the Monticello Field Office, covering much of San Juan County and the Bears Ears region. These primitive dirt airstrips have existed for decades and are primarily used by small, fixed-wing aircraft capable of operating on unimproved surfaces. Unlike commercial airports, they have no fuel, buildings, lighting, or paved runways. Many consist simply of a graded strip of dirt marked by windsocks or basic signage. Supporters of the decision say the airstrips



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For the Love of Food

By Kendra Cook

If your garden has reached that time of year when zucchini seem to multiply overnight, you're not alone! One day you have a few tender squash, and the next you're wondering how they grew to the size of baseball bats. It's getting to that time where you lock your car so you don't get a load of zukes dropped in the backseat... but, how could you turn down fresh garden veggies? Bored by another loaf of zucchini bread, tired of the 'zoodles' that were the rage years ago, why not turn this summer favorite into a crispy side dish or appetizer to delight everyone. Zucchini fries are crunchy on the outside, tender on the inside, and make a great alternative to traditional French fries. They're perfect alongside burgers, grilled chicken, sandwiches, or simply served with your favorite dipping sauce. And they aren't hard to make.

Clean your zucchini and cut it into 'fry shape' strips about 1/2 inch thickness. Heat your oven to 425 degrees, and line a baking sheet with parchment paper (or lightly greased). Take a shallow bowl, and combine the panko bread crumbs, Parmesan, garlic powder, Italian seasoning, paprika, salt and pepper. In another bowl beat the two eggs. Dip each zucchini into the beaten eggs, and coat thoroughly with the seasoned breadcrumb mixture (classic coating, you can change up the seasoning from Italian to whatever flavors you enjoy). Arrange the 'fries' in a single layer on the baking sheet. Drizzle evoo across the top of all the fries. Bake for 25-30 minutes, turning halfway through using tongs or a fork, and make sure they are golden brown and all crispy.

CRISPY ZUCCHINI FRIES



If you fancy using an Air Fryer - you can cook them at 400 degrees for 10-12 minutes, shaking the basket halfway through to get them extra crispy.

Some dipping sauces to consider is the standard ranch dressing, so popular with the soccer fans that came to the US from all over the world for the FIFA cup. Alternatively you could go with marinara sauce, a garlic aioli, honey mustard, or a chipotle mayo or a mix of your own!

Garden Tip: The best zucchini for fries are about 6 to 8 inches long. Smaller zucchini have fewer seeds and a firmer texture, making them ideal for baking or air frying. If yours have grown into huge garden giants, don't throw them away! Scoop out the seeds and use the flesh for breads, muffins, soups, or shredded into casseroles.

Harvest these easy to grow goodies from your own garden or pick up fresh zucchini at the local farmers market, then try these crispy fries as an easy way to celebrate one of summer's most abundant vegetables. You may even find that picky eaters ask for seconds!

Ingredients

- 2 medium zucchini
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

HOMEMADE RANCH

Why not! Whisk the mayonnaise, sour cream, buttermilk, lemon juice, vinegar, and dried herbs and seasonings in a medium bowl.

Thicker dip, add more mayo. For a thinner dressing, stir in more milk.

Chill until ready to use. (keeps for 5 days in a ball jar in the fridge)

Ingredients

- ½ c. sour cream or whole milk Greek yogurt
- ¼ to ½ c. mayonnaise
- 2 to 4 tablespoons buttermilk or any milk
- 1 teaspoon dried dill
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon distilled white vinegar
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- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives, optional
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill, optional



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"Freedom to Fix" Rights

The EPA released new guidance on July 1, 2026, expanding what it calls the "Freedom to Fix" initiative, following a presidential memorandum signed by President Donald Trump earlier this year. The guidance is intended to clarify that manufacturers must provide independent repair shops and vehicle owners with the same service information, diagnostic tools, and repair procedures that are available to their authorized dealerships.

For many in Southwest Colorado and Southeast Utah, where the nearest dealership may be miles away, the change could be particularly significant. The EPA says manufacturers of light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles must make available the information necessary to diagnose and repair emissions-related components, including Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) systems.

For years, many owners of diesel pickups, tractors, heavy equipment, and commercial trucks have complained that repairs often required specialized dealer-only software or equipment. In some cases, relatively minor issues forced operators to haul equipment long distances, accrue high costs for in field repairs, or wait weeks for dealership appointments.

Under the EPA's new guidance, manufacturers are expected to provide repair information on reasonable terms so independent mechanics and owners can perform many of those repairs themselves.

The agency now emphasizes that temporary overrides of emissions systems are permitted when they are necessary to properly diagnose or repair a vehicle or piece of equipment. Once repairs are completed, emissions systems are still required to function as designed. The guidance does not change federal emissions standards or legalize removing emissions equipment.

The EPA also reaffirmed that manufacturers cannot require consumers to use only their own branded replacement parts.

Vehicle owners may choose equivalent aftermarket parts for emissions-related repairs, including DEF system components.

For many residents of the Four Corners region, where agriculture, trucking, construction, and energy industries depend heavily on diesel-powered equipment, access to timely repairs can mean the difference between staying productive or losing valuable work days.

Independent repair shops may also benefit by gaining greater access to diagnostic information that has traditionally been available only through dealership service departments.

While the EPA's guidance does not eliminate emissions regulations or allow emissions systems to be removed, it is intended to make legal repairs more accessible, reduce downtime, and increase competition in the repair market.



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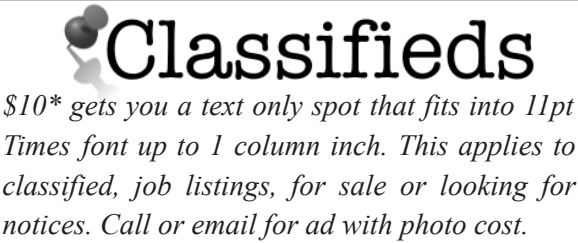
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Thanks to the FFA for volunteering in the cook shack - High School Volleyball for Trash clean up Friday - High School Football trash clean up Saturday - Middle School Volleyball trash clean up on Sunday.

I know there are a lot of people who helped in many different ways and many different days!!! To everyone who helped with cutting up and seasoning the meat. To everyone who helped serve and helped on the day of the 4th.

To all of you who helped in anyway, your help is the reason the event was able to happen and I couldn't have done it without you please know that I appreciate all of you so much!!! Thank you!!!

- Teresa Martin, Pick n Hoe Chairperson

Dove Creek's 2026 Pick N Hoe 70th Annual Celebration



70th Grand Marshal Rick Ernst
(posthumous)

Thank you for 'saving our bacon' Wigglin Pig - they jumped on smoking the meat, when a fire ban restricted use of our own fire pit at the park, thanks for all your crew to get the BBQ done for the 4th.



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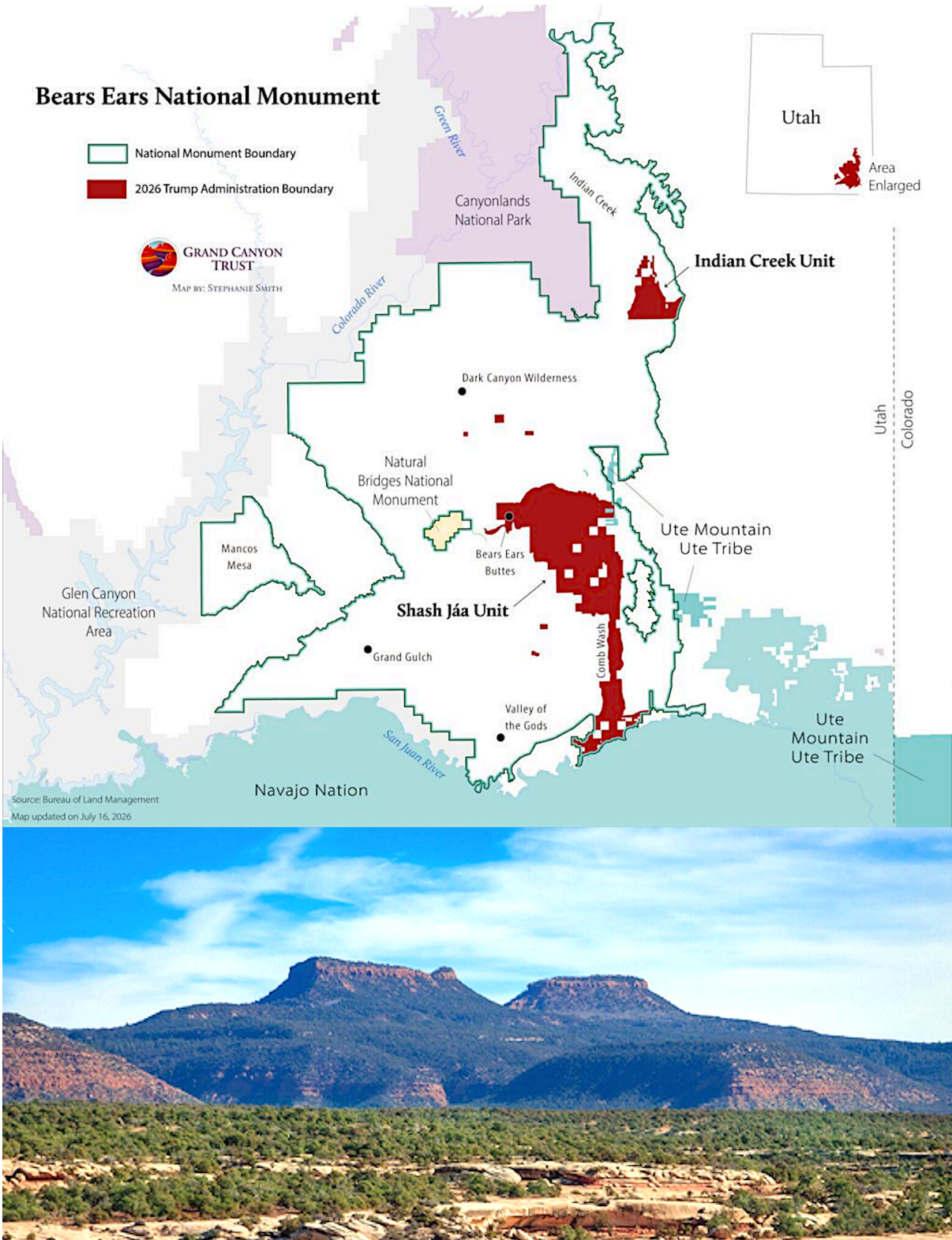
By Dexter Gill

“Bears Ears”, what is it? Where is it? Actually it is a pair of peaks in the Abajo mountains in San Juan County Utah, and which has recently become the reference name for an extended area of 1.3 million acres of mostly inaccessible sandstone canyons and peaks. The area figured heavily on Navajo and other Tribes’ history and use, prior to the Navajo ”Long Walk” which began in 1864. Four years later, the Navajo were allowed to return home to their land in 1868, while Mormon settlers also began to settle in the area about 10 years later. Following the Treaties and new State compact, the area was defined to be part of the State of Utah In 1896, while continuing to be held in federal control. The Land sat mostly idle through the following two world wars and Korea and Vietnam, being used by the local people. In 2016, it was designated a National Monument by President Obama!

WHY?

What is all the fuss today about a “National Monument”? Well it is all about LAND, and who CONTROLS it. This actually began 50 years ago in 1976 when the National Wildlife Federation secured Senator Henry M. Jackson of Washington to sponsor a proposed bill known as “Federal Lands Policy Management Act” (FLPMA), which was co-sponsored by Rep. Morris K. Udall of Arizona in the House. The key phrase was in Sec.1701 (a) “It is the policy of the United States that the public land be retained in federal ownership”, thus ending the compacts with States, to dispose of the territory public land to create the States, and opened the policy of federal lands managed for ALL people, not just the local people of the county or State.

Next came the United Nations Earth Summit in Rio in 1992, where “Agenda 21” was the proposed Treaty for Sustainable environmental development with man as an entity within the environment.. The Treaty was not confirmed, however, when President Clinton came into office, he had “Sustainable America” document prepared from the Agenda 21, that had all Government land agencies to reconstruct their purpose and direction to follow Agenda 21 principles. While this was happening The UN Convention on Biological Diversity took place to establish the “Wild lands Project” which sought to lock up vast acreages from development and use, to be left as “wilderness”. The earlier1976 establishment of permanent federal lands provided the perfect controllable land base, which has been active in a plan called the “Western Wildways”, placing wildlife above man. The plan is to lock up federal lands using Parks, Monuments, etc. During President Obama’s reign, he designated 29 new National Monuments that will prevent uses for other



than wilderness character, including agriculture, wood products, minerals, housing, etc. “Bears Ears” is one of those.

Now enter the Bears Ears controversy. Over the years, there has been controversy between the local peoples over land use, so in 2012, the Navajo Nation and San Juan County Utah, signed a Memorandum of understanding to “identify conservation areas, set aside wilderness, propose mineral zones and pursue economic development opportunities”. In 2013, Representative Bob Bishop announced an initiative (UPLI).[56][57] as a locally driven resolution to the most challenging disputes. The initiative was believed “to be rooted in the belief that conservation and economic development can coexist to make Utah a better place to live”. The SUWA participated to “try and find a compromise that would provide lasting protection for Utah’s public lands”. That began the move to stop and prevent the local peoples use of the Public Lands and resources. Protect what from what or whom?

Three years later in 2016, using the 1906 Antiquities Act, President Obama designated “Bears Ears” a National Monument covering 1.36 million acres, as recommended by Sally Jewell, who had stepped off the Board of The Nature Conservancy, to sit as Secretary of Interior.

One year later in 2017, new President Trump reduced Bears Ears acreage 85%. Then New President Biden restored Bears Ears to the 1.36 M acres. On July 13, 2026, now President Trump reduced the Bears Monument acreage down to 121,100 acres, based upon the purpose of the 1906 Antiquities Act designating smallest area that can be reasonably “protected” for scientific study. It is interesting that Trump’s reduction was signed 18 days after the Babylon Fire first started and controlled [57] days later, after BURNING 23 days covering 107,173 acres which included five cabins, four Forest Service and one owned by non-profit, tax exempt,”The Nature Conservancy,” interesting. Preliminary fire suppression costs are reportedly, ranging from “over 20 million to 52 million so far. Establishing Bears Ears as a National Monument did not “protect” it! The lack of cooperative USE and MANAGEMENT, by and for the local peoples, over the past 50 years can be viewed as major cause for the extent of damage and costs, which will continue. Think about the current Colorado River issue, as the Bears Ears are in the watershed! What will be the future, and WHO will be in CONTROL, the Local people or the national and international environmental cabals?

DOLORES COUNTY
SHERIFF’S OFFICE
ACTIVITY REPORT:

06/26/2026-07/25/2026

06/25/2026- Dakota Cannistraci, and Roxana Cordova were arrested following a report of a domestic disturbance.

06/27/2026- A report of harassment over the phone was made. Incident is under investigation.

06/28/2026-Customer wrote help on a piece of paper and gave it to cashier at a local business. Deputy arrived and was unable to locate individual or vehicle on highway. Neighboring counties were notified to be on the lookout.

07/02/2026-Long horn cow reported to have been lost between Monticello and Dove Creek. Possibly fell out of trailer somewhere on highway 491. Please report if found.

7/09/2026- An individual made a report of a dog biting them. Due to multiple complaints, the owner has been issued a summons.

07/10/2026- An arrest was made on Tristian Perez following a short chase. The arrest was for driving while suspended as well as illegal possession of a firearm.

07/23/2026- A report of a possible theft of a tractor was made. Incident is under investigation.

07/25/2026-Tristian Perez was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Identity theft, fraud by check, theft, and unauthorized use of a financial transaction device.



"When wildfire threatens a community, the first people to respond are the ones who know it best. Firefighters, law enforcement, emergency managers, and neighbors all come together to protect lives, homes, and livelihoods." Dist. 3 Rep. Jeff Hurd wrote about his visit to Dolores County to listen to those involved with how the Ferris Fire was dealt with by so many who came together.

DOLORES COUNTY
STAGE 1 FIRE REGULATIONS
Check for Local Fire Bans Aug.



We apologize that our Activity Report is a little short this month. With fire season in full swing, our department has been focused on assisting with security and spotting for the various fires cropping up. We are hoping the risk of more fires diminishes, and as it does we will be able to devote our time to our standard duties. We urge everyone to be mindful of the fire restrictions that are still in place. If you see smoke, please don’t hesitate to report it.

THANK YOU - POST FERRIS FIRE

“Our community and county have endured a traumatic experience over the past couple of weeks. The first has destroyed thousands of acres of the land that so many of us call home. Throughout this tragedy, it has been inspiring to witness each and every one of you pour your hearts and souls into caring for one another.

We have received an incredible outpouring of support from our county employees, including Road and Bridge, Public Health, Senior Services, the Fairgrounds, Search and Rescue, Emergency Management, and Social Services. Our EMS ambulance crews have been on the front lines, providing emergency medical care since this incident began. Our Dove Creek Volunteer Fire Department members have fought as true heroes, protecting our residents and their property alongside the many firefighters who came to assist our community.

So many individuals stepped forward to volunteer their time, not because they expected anything in return, but simply because they wanted to help keep our community safe. Team 8 and Team 7 Incident Management have worked tirelessly to keep us informed about firefighting efforts and the progress of fire containment.

Thank you to the Sheriff’s Office staff who also put themselves on the line - our dispatchers, who ensured 24 hour coverage, and our deputies, who worked countless long hours to protect and serve.

Watching our community come together during this difficult time has made me incredibly proud to serve as your County Sheriff.

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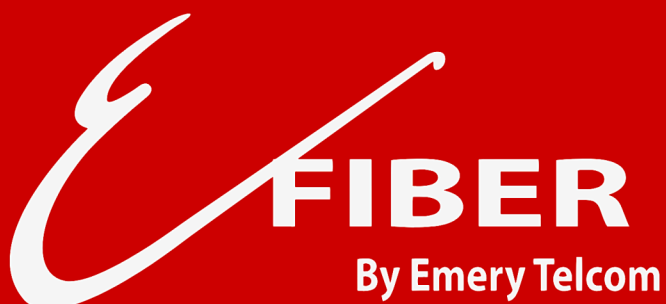
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