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Always New Monthly Rabbit Hole

Flock Craze - While Smart Phones, Watches, Vehicles, TVs You Bought Surveil You.

By Kendra Cook

Back to school season, parents and guardians are concerned for the safety of the children as they ride the bus, travel by sidewalks, cross streets and in general are out and about often without direct parent supervision. In rural towns, the crime levels are lower than urban settings, but still, would people welcome security measures that may mean - to paraphrase Benjamin Franklin's famous quote on the matter, " to give up freedoms for security, and you end up with neither."

That's a controversy being tackled worldwide, and into small towns too. Across the rural Southwest, more poles along county roads, near school zones, and at the edges of small towns are sprouting unfamiliar cameras. Some are from Flock Safety, the Atlanta-based company known for its automated license plate readers. Others come from Axis Communications, a longtime maker of professional network cameras used in traffic management and security. Local law enforcement and some municipalities are installing them in the name of public safety. Residents are asking what these systems actually do—and what they mean for the wide-open spaces many here still value.

Traditional traffic cameras, the kind many drivers have seen for years, typically provide fixed views of intersections or roadways. They help monitor congestion, catch red-light runners, or record a simple still image or short clip when a sensor triggers it. The footage is usually reviewed later by a human operator if something happens. Storage is limited, searches are manual, and the systems rarely identify specific vehicles automatically. Modern systems like Flock's Falcon cameras and advanced Axis units operate differently. They function more as data acquisition platforms than simple cameras. Flock cameras, often solar-powered and cellular-connected for easy placement without heavy infrastructure, capture still images of vehicles as they pass. Artificial intelligence extracts the license plate, state, vehicle make, model, color, and distinctive features—roof racks, bumper stickers, dents, or even temporary tags—creating what the company calls a "vehicle fingerprint." That information is stored in a searchable cloud database. Law enforcement can query by plate number (full or partial), description, or other attributes. Real-time alerts can notify officers when a vehicle on a "hot list"—stolen cars, those linked to missing persons, or wanted individuals—passes a camera. Data is shared across participating agencies in a national network when policies allow. There have been instances when the identification of a vehicle has located the wrong vehicle or person. Flock emphasizes the systems do not use facial recognition and focus on vehicles rather than people. But questions remain.

Axis cameras are more versatile. The company produces high-quality IP network cameras, including models with radar-video fusion for speed detection, dedicated license plate readers, panoramic views, and pan-tilt-zoom capabilities. These can record continuous video, support analytics for traffic flow or incident detection, and integrate with broader municipal systems for both public safety and traffic management. Some Axis setups allow on-camera processing of license plates and speed without always relying on external servers. They often form part of larger video

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Dolores County School District RE-2J

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

SEP 1 MS Volleyball @Dolores
HS Volleyball @Mancos
SEP 3 MS Volleyball @Monticello
MS Football @Dolores
SEP 7 LABOR DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED
SEP 8 HS Volleyball (H) Norwood
SEP 10 HS Volleyball @Monticello
MS Football @Monticello
SEP 16 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEP 17 HS Volleyball @Ridgway
MS Football (H) Ignacio
SEP 19 MS Volleyball @Dolores Tri
HS Volleyball @Ignacio
SEP 21 KB @Norwood
SEP 22 HS Volleyball (H) Mancos
SEP 24 MS Volleyball @Telluride
HS Volleyball (H) Norwood
MS Football (H) Nucla
SEP 25 Teacher Work Day
SEP 26 MS Volleyball (H) Ouray
SEP 29 MS Volleyball (H) Norwood



TOWN OF DOVE CREEK UPDATE

By Kendra Cook

Town of Dove Creek Board meeting, Aug. 25 2026 highlights: included opening house keeping, followed by resident 5 minute comments and questions covering the security system and locked town hall, to the water meter status, commercial sewer pricing, to the water issue short term and master plan, along with a statement from Rep. Larry Don Suckla encouraging the board to get things done and get the town hall open as he's been emailed by many constituents about this issue.

Dogs barking and potential for biting while there is no enforcement entity, questions why the Town has not hired a "Marshal", while it is also a challenge for the cost of building a state regulated construction to hold animals, along with the expense of an animal control person, none are in the budget. The bills and notices will include a reminder of dog owners to comply with tags and keeping control of their animals. There were less than 10 people in attendance.

There is a Board seat open since JP Funk resigned and during this meeting, was hired as Town Manager. Look for the specific announcement in the paper, and submit your information to the Board for consideration of the open seat. The current board is headed by Mayor Grant Allen (absent), Pro Temp Mayor Jason Grey, Board members Sally Knuckles, James Pribble, Kevin Hall, Trent Daves. Also in the meeting were Clerk Lana Hancock, and the lawyer on zoom David Liberman. While Board members expressed their concern to let the residents know there are processes needed to get things 'done', by the end of the meeting the lawyer had informed the board certain items can be approved under emergency resolutions.

Everyone thanked the interim manager and current water supervisor. The resolution to select the Pinto Bean as the paper of record passed unanimously. The request for a change to the American Tower contract was turned down. The water system update shared that the TTHM tests are great, but the state wants to see a full year of tests to reconcile the enforcement order. They are working on the meters and the antennas and reader unit for those upgrades. along with continued work on the lagoons and the establishment of a shed with heating put up before winter.

The board went over that the water in the canal will be shut off August 31, and our pond is filled up. There are options being investigated as to stocking the pond for local recreation, along with a possible water dock installation, all with needed due diligence as to any regulations from the state. The shop trailer is ready to have the electric connected, as that cost is over $5000 by a couple hundred dollars, it must be approved by the board, this will connect it to the meter by Greenwood company.

After the Executive meeting to finalize the hiring of the town manager, it was also revealed that they approved getting a security system installed at the Town Hall by Sept 8th meeting at which point the offices are expected to be back open to the public during business hours. Town Board workshops are the first Tuesday of the month, Regular meeting the third Tuesday both at 6:30pm.



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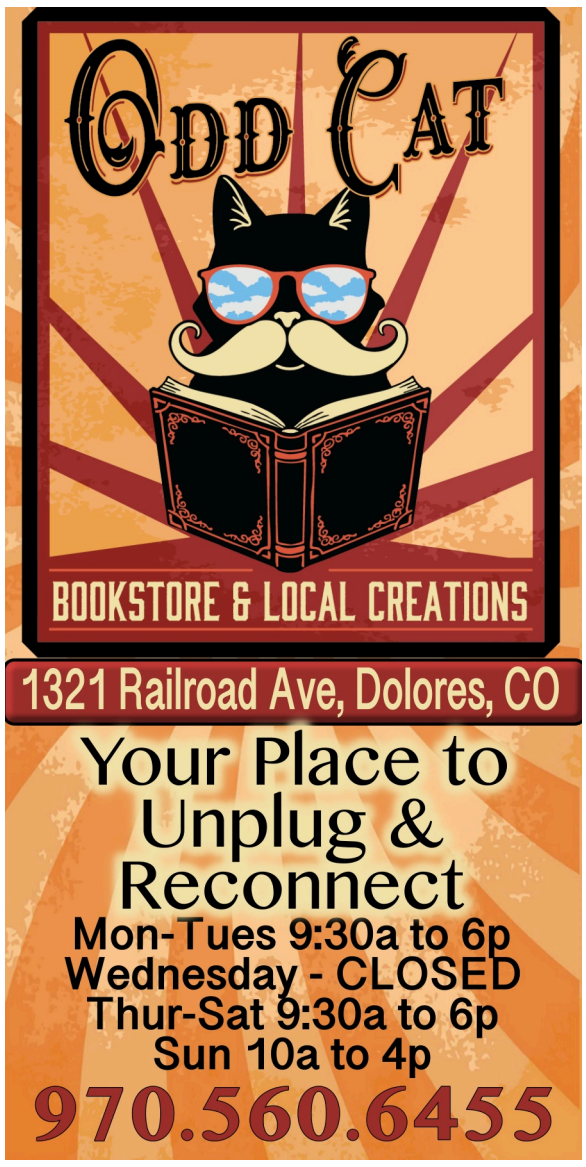
management systems rather than a specialized national ALPR network. In short, older traffic cameras mostly watch and record. These newer systems observe, digitize, index, and make the information quickly searchable and shareable. When humans aren't as much 'in the loop', obvious concerns are raised.

On the 'good side', agencies report the technology helps recover stolen vehicles, locate missing or endangered people, generate leads in smash-and-grab cases or burglaries, and corroborate timelines. Real-time alerts can put officers closer to a suspect vehicle while a crime is still unfolding. For sparsely populated counties, solar-powered, low-maintenance units can cover key roads without the cost of trenching fiber or running power lines everywhere. Proponents argue the cameras capture only what is already visible on public roads and that proper policies—audit logs, required case numbers for searches, and limited retention—can reduce misuse.

Privacy advocates and some residents see a different picture. Because the cameras record every passing vehicle rather than only those already under suspicion, they build a record of ordinary travel. In a network spanning thousands of communities, searches can reconstruct movements across jurisdictions. Critics, including the ACLU and Electronic Frontier Foundation, call this a form of mass surveillance that can reveal visits to sensitive places without a warrant. Misreads have led to documented problems elsewhere: wrong plates triggering stops, sometimes with serious consequences for innocent drivers. Instances of officers misusing systems to track personal acquaintances have also surfaced nationally. Cost is another issue—annual per-camera fees add up, and some smaller communities later question whether the return justifies the expense or the trade-off in autonomy. Several jurisdictions have paused, limited, or canceled contracts amid public pushback. In tight-knit rural places where people already know their neighbors, the sense that "someone is always watching the road" can feel at odds with long-held expectations of independence. Security vulnerabilities and the difficulty of fully controlling data once it enters a shared network add to the debate. Companies and agencies respond with encryption, ownership by the local customer, and audit trails, but oversight varies by community.

Being concerned over tracking and tracing, violation of 4th amendment rights, virtual digital identifications in the making whether you wanted that or not, begs the question - why are so many upset about these cameras, when you are holding a much more invasive device in your pocket or purse, a connected watch, driving a data gathering vehicle, and submitting to all of the other surveillance networks every minute of the day and night.





JOY From Odd Cat Angie B.

By July of 2020, I was like a human Cerberus. I snarled, I snapped, & I had one helluva bite. I was encouraged to take a vacation. Or go shopping! Or simply drink yourself into an oblivion! To seek within for peace?? That calls for a psychiatric evaluation!

I had a lot of work to do.

We told Illinois to kiss the south end of a northbound goat and we moved to Colorado.

I began The Work. I didn't know how to un-crust my soul or unlock the armor that encased my heart. I needed guidance. I went on a retreat in the mountains outside Durango. The man asked me, "What brings you joy?"

I thought for a long time. Finally, I looked at him as tears coursed down my cheeks and croaked, "I don't know".

I was as devoid of joy as an asteroid drifting through space.

For the next 4 years I explored the why behind my joylessness. I was too suspicious, jaded, & scarred. Joy meant dropping defenses- so very difficult to do.

But I kept working. And listening.

Slowly, joy came to me. It was tentative, like a fearful animal. Joy would creep closer, knowing it belonged with me, but unsure of this unfamiliar heart.

I convinced her to curl on my lap and be held. In return, joy gave Life back to me.

Daily now, I am stunned by our startlingly blue skies, our cold, wild streams, and the phantom scents in the air after a much-prayed-for rain. Beautiful moments, simple settings, and long vistas can bring on a powerful feeling that wells up from my heart and spills from my eyes.

Joy is at ease with me now & always in my pocket, waiting to be shared with someone else.

PINTO BEAN BOOK CORNER

By Kendra Cook

MORE THAN JUST MUSIC



For those who just want to let the world roll over you and sit back and listen to the music, stop now, do not learn more, as you can never 'un hear' things. For most Pinto Bean explorers, let's get on with sharing what Mark Devlin has been up to as an author and a music journalist, UK based club d,j radio DJ, playing gigs in over 40 countries. His awakening began in 2010, and saw his niche in the music 'industry', questioning the way "A" list headliner artists have been used to manipulate and mind control the masses - and how that ties in to a larger agenda. His first book came out in 2016, 'Musical Truth', when those 674 pages weren't enough to bring to light exposing all of the corporate manipulations in music and how to take back your power. So he released two more in his first trilogy. MT 2 at 418 pages brings more details of the social engineering that extends from classic rock to heavy rock, hip hop, and the nature of sound itself, the frequencies that affect human behavior. Volume 3 came out in Dec of 2021 to focus "on the way the entertainment industry's owned assets were used to help push the official narrative of the "Covid 19" Scamdemic, (which has been rightly described as "The Greatest Scam Ever Perpetuated Upon Mankind.") So many beloved musicians showed their true colors in helping to push the lies and bad science which paved the way for the tyranny and human enslavement that was always planned to be applied in its wake." Then, the trilogy busted into a 4 part Musical Truth, titled "No-One's Dad's A Plumber". Devlin lays out evidence that nearly all music stars are hand picked and selected for success, particularly off spring of generals, admirals, politicians, civil servants and spies. Book 4 demonstrates further the premise that corporate music exists solely for the mind control of the masses.

He has also penned a "Truth Fiction" trilogy, 'The Cause & The Cure' in 2019, 'The Gift & The Curse' in 2023, "The Tragedy & Triumph" in 2025, and the latest coming out in 2027 with be about God and this Realm. Devlin uses the realm of fiction to drop truth bombs and metaphors using the same characters taking them from the 1990s, to 2001 post 9/11 to 2020 as the continued background for the character's adventures.

You can find many interviews and podcasts if you search for "Forbidden Knowledge" online, or dive into his musical research to reveal what a song really may have meant.

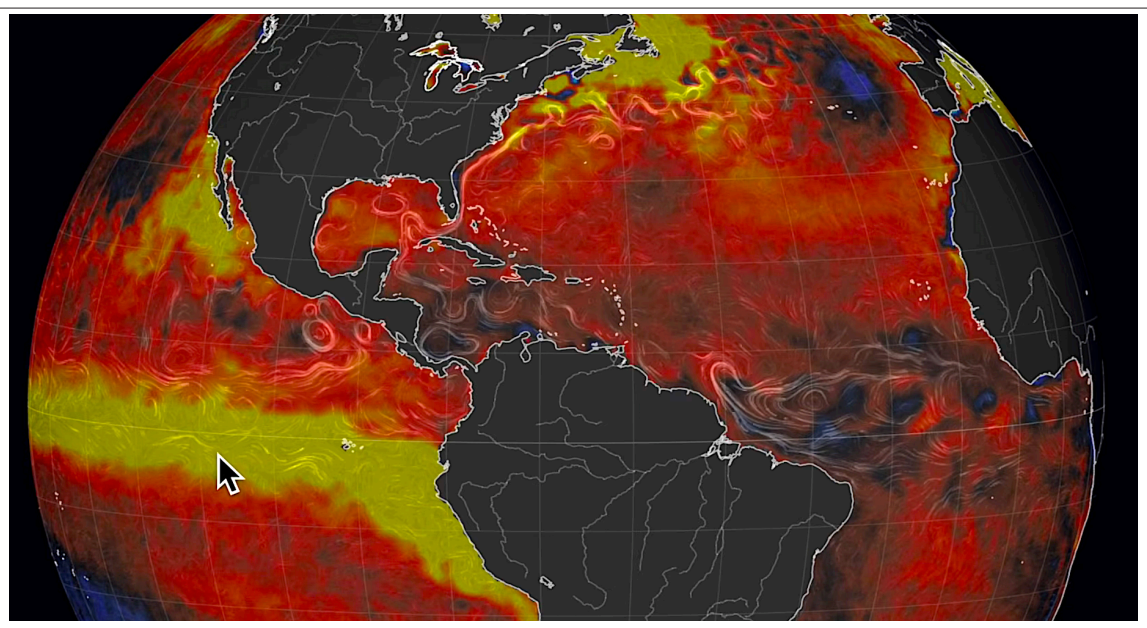




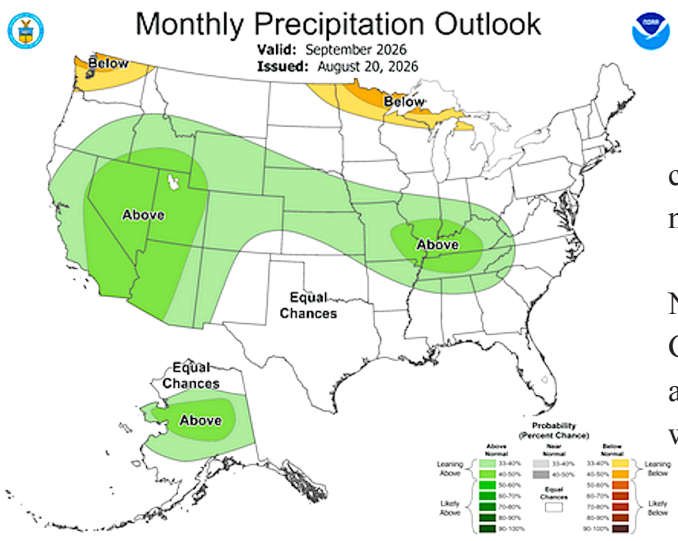
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Nearly 3.9K followers and we continue to grow, as we cover stories every day, - from political issues, election coverage, land and hunting, recreation, arts and music events, the latest road issues, fires, weather, what's happening in Dolores County Colorado, San Miguel, Montrose west end, La Plata, Montezuma, and also Grand and San Juan Counties Utah.

A weekly Dove Creek only "Between the Bean" is available through FB, local post office, substack and on our website. Follow us as we are unique in connecting with communities all around the four corners!



NOAA's Climate Prediction Center says there is greater than a 90% chance of a very strong El Niño during fall and winter 2026–27, with a 69% chance of an event reaching "historic" strength particularly doe southwestern Colorado, southeastern Utah, the setup is favorable for a wetter winter. NOAA research shows El Niño generally strengthens the Pacific subtropical jet stream and shifts more Pacific storms into the southern tier of the US. Historical strong El Niño winters have produced above-average cold-season snowfall across Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico, especially in the higher elevations. El Niño is an odds-maker, not a guarantee, and the area's complex terrain means the relationship is less consistent than it is farther south.

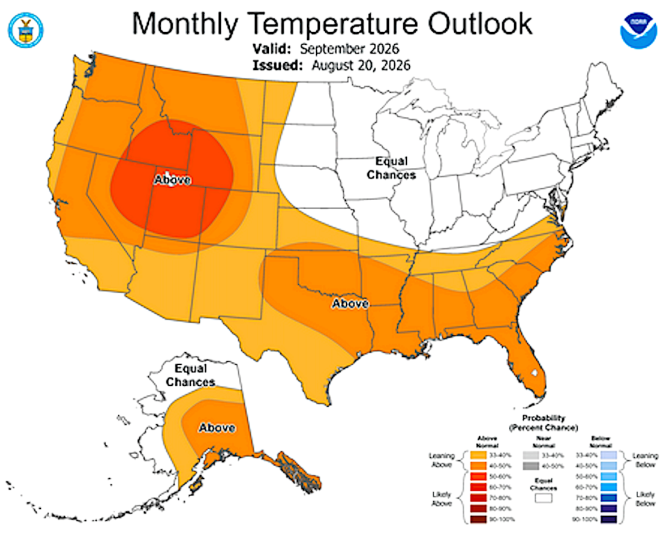


SEPTEMBER WEATHER

September ushers in Fall! With fingers crossed they look to more rains than normal, but also hot. So there's that.

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





My first experience using an elevator was an uplifting experience.
The second time let me down.

Did you hear about the burglar that fell into the cement mixer..
He's now a hardened criminal.

I finally realised why trees don't have teeth.
Turns out they're all bark and no bite

I sued the airline for loosing my luggage
I just lost my case



SEPT WHAT'S UP

Birth Flower - Asters
Birth Stone - Sapphire
Zodiac - Virgo - Libra

SEP 3 National Welsh Rarebit Day
SEP 4 Natl Newspaper Carrier Day
SEP 5 Natl Cheese Pizza Day
SEP 7 LABOR DAY
SEP 11 Patriot and Natl Remember Day
SEP 12 Natl Day of Encouragement
SEP 13 Natl Grandparents Day
SEP 17 Constitution and Citizenship Day
SEP 18 Natl Cheeseburger Day
SEP 19 Wife Appreciation Day ?
SEP 20 Pepperoni Pizza Day
SEP 22 AUTUMNAL EQUINOX
SEP 25 Natl Daughter's Day
SEP 26 Natl Pancake Day
SEP 28 Natl Family Day
SEP 29 Natl Coffee Day /VFW Day



Moon Phases

SEPT 11	- New Moon
SEPT 26	- Full Moon
SEPT 06	- Perigee
SEPT 19	- Apogee



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PIANOS IN PUBLIC SPACES

By Kendra Cook

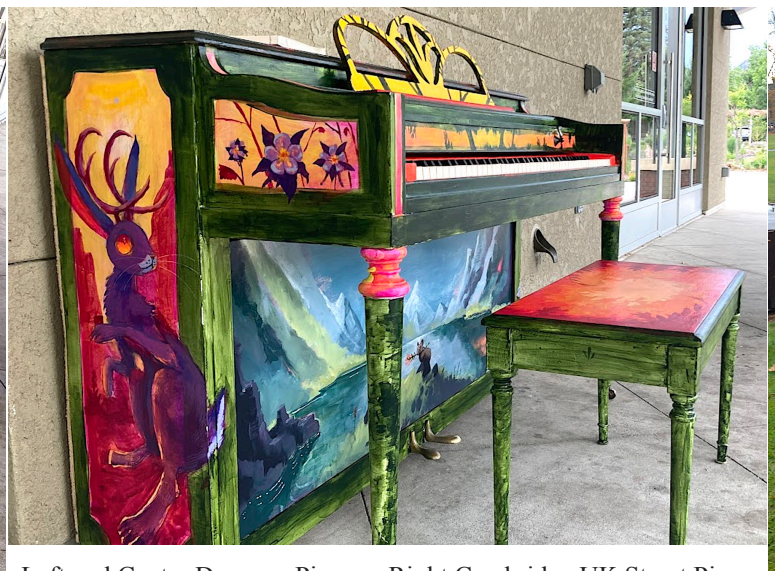
In August of 2026, the latest installation of “Durango Street Pianos” was celebrated with an art walk, featured at the Durango CO Public Library. The mission of the musical art in public spaces is “To install motivating and community building opportunities for people to share their own musical skills and stories and to take in those moments that others are willing to share with us. Pianos are placed in publicly accessible areas for anyone to play. All pianos have been decorated by artists and muralists local to the Durango area.”

Inspiried by ‘Play Me, I’m Yours’ artwork in the UK since 2008 by British artist Luke Jerram, Durango is host to two pianos outside the library, and one in front of Maria’s Bookshop. On their website DurangoStreetPianos .com - they share how this musical interactive concept is seen world wide: “Airports across the world have made space for pianos - available to professionals and amateurs alike. Public piano installations have been a welcome addition to many cities. In Tick, Tick, Boom, Lin Manuel Miranda's musical biopic, the main character conquers his demons and achieves his biggest goals all at the seat of a piano outside in New York City. I want to help anyone in Durango who needs just the right setting for demon-conquering and goal-achieving. The piano they don't know they need is just around the corner.”

Many places and spaces are great for a musical art installation - outdoor pianos are often available for a limited time due to weather conditions, and fundraising periodically is needed for upkeep and tuning or potential winter storage.

If you might be interested in this idea for your community, there are a variety of grants and opportunities for donations right around your corner! Another group you can check out online is playmeagainpianos.org that goes as far as helping positioning a piano with it's new home, connecting an artist with the 'canvas', and locating a tuner, and helping with fundraising efforts for maintenance. If you ask anyone who has experienced this, you know the answer is this is well worth it!







Left and Center Durango Pianos - Right Cambridge UK Street Piano



"Rules for thee…"

Commentary By Aimee Tooker

Public officials have a duty to protect the health, safety, and well-being of every constituent—not just some, but all. As community members and leaders, we also share a responsibility to stand up for fairness and respect. That means speaking out when people are unfairly targeted, supporting those who are treated unjustly, and refusing to remain silent in the face of intimidation or falsehoods. As community members and leaders, we share the responsibility to hold public officials from all political parties to the highest ethical standards, demanding honesty, accountability, and transparency in their actions.

In Colorado, the ethical responsibilities of public officials are grounded in the state Constitution and in the Colorado Revised Statutes. The underlying principle is straightforward: public office belongs to the public, not to the individual who temporarily holds it.

Article XXIX, §1 declares that:

- the conduct of public officers and local government officials must maintain the respect and confidence of the people;
- officials must carry out their duties for the benefit of the people;
- officials must avoid conduct that violates the public trust or creates a justifiable impression that the public trust is being violated; and
- using public office to obtain personal financial gain, beyond compensation provided by law, violates that trust.

When leaders and community members fail to educate themselves or disregard factual information, the resulting discourse can create unintended consequences.

The Colorado Court of Appeals recently addressed the distinction between protected opinion and actionable factual implication in *Wilburn v. Guthrie*, 2026COA13. The Court stated:

"A statement of opinion may be actionable as defamation if it is based on false or undisclosed facts."

The Court further stated:

"But if the factual context for the opinion is fully and accurately disclosed, the speaker's subjective characterization of those facts may constitute a constitutionally protected opinion.

The Constitution reminds us the "people" that public service is about protecting the rights and dignity of all people, and Christian teachings encourage us to fulfill these duties with a selfless heart, placing the welfare of others above personal gain. Humility calls us to serve others without seeking recognition for ourselves, and true charity is expressed in quiet acts of kindness—not through boasting, but through genuine compassion for our neighbors.

It is through our collective vigilance and willingness to speak out that we can ensure our government truly serves the people, and that those who betray the public trust are held accountable for their actions.

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Chemical Imbalance or Chemical Poisoning

Contributed by Julia Lupine, author of the book, "Under a Rock: An Electrosensitive Survival Guide"

When I was a teenager (in the mid-90's, when morning radio shows were still a thing and you could "IM" your friends on your dial-up AOL connection), it was not yet the norm to have a "diagnosis," such as A.D.H.D, chronic fatigue, depression, bipolar, and POTS. I would certainly have not been proud to declare myself "neurodivergent," and I was not proud of the fact that I spaced out at school and work, and could not drive across town without getting lost…I hid these differences just like I hid my pill bottles from my friends - RI's, mood stabilizers, etc, which my doctors said I would need to take for the rest of my life, because there was a "chemical imbalance" in my brain that made me different.

It was organic diet and moving to a remote area, low in artificial electromagnetic fields (EMF) that made my symptoms go away. I can pound fence posts, take care of animals, build a hay shed, plant a garden, and when I'm not doing chores, I can concentrate enough to read research papers and write whole books. I can look people in the eyes and have a normal conversation. I can focus on a task and get it done.

And guess what? If I drive to town, and get too close to a cell tower, or, on the chemical side of things, if I breath in a big whiff of someone's disgusting perfume or Ax Body spray -all the symptoms of my teenage years come back. Instantly. I'm dizzy and can't speak in complete thoughts. I get lost and drive the wrong way out of town. I'm emotional, mopey and experience sudden fits of rage. Once I'm home long enough to "detox," my brain comes back online again.

So it makes me wonder, all these Gen Z kids with diagnoses, perhaps a reevaluation is needed. Instead of normalizing mental illness, can we first look at other possible causes of brain malfunction? Such as, the miasma of chemical fumes off-gassed by body care products and scented detergents, or the millimeter waves emitted by wireless devices (which function as two-way microwave antennas: the same kind of waves used by the microwave oven, but at lower power)?

This is not meant as fear porn meant to scare you or your teenager, but as information, common sense that might, if implemented even on a small scale, bring some relief for people dealing with these diseases of the digital age. Airplane mode, Wi-Fi off at night, organic body care products... these small steps will not fix everything, but it's a starting point toward taking our mental and physical health into our own hands.

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BUSY SEPTEMBER in the FOUR CORNERS

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Green River
Sept 3 Closing Celebration of Glen Canyon Exposed John Wesley Powell River History Museum in Green River
Sept 18 - 19 Melon Days

Moab
Sept 1 Sips & Sounds Locals Night 7pm-10pm Moab's Boutique Spanish Valley Winery
Sept 5-Sep 7 Red Rock Four Wheelers Labor Day Campout
Sept 9 -12 Blazer Bash
Sept 19-20 Rock, Gem and Mineral Show
Sep 17 National Park Service fee-free day
Sept 19-21 Skinny Tire Fall Festival
Sept 22- 26 National Land Rover Rally
Sept 24 Wabi @ the Winery
Moab's Boutique Spanish Valley Winery
Sept 25 -27 Red Rock Arts Festival
Sept 26-27 Barrels for Bucks
Old Spanish Trail Arena

Monticello
Sept 5 Red Rock'n Blue Rodeo
Sept 5 & 12 Astronomy Tour @ Glamping Canyonlands
Sept 16-19 The San Juan ATV Safari

Blanding
Sept 12 Blanding Fall Festival

White Mesa
Sept 4-7 White Mesa Bear Dance

Monument Valley
Sept 12 Monument Valley Mitten Shadow

Dolores
Sept 13 Arts & Crafts Bazaar
Sept 5,12,19,26 Dolores Farmers Market

Dove Creek
Sept 13 Stateline Bar & Grill Riding with the Angles Poker Run
Sept 18-19 Stateline Last Call for Summer Music Festival

Cortez
Sept 12 Ute Mountain Casino's Annual Car / Bike Show
Sept Every Wed The Over The Hill Gang Cortez Car Club
Sept Every Thur Fenceline Cider Bingo 5pm-8pm
Sept Every Wed Open play at Bitter-blossom Games
Sept 18 National Public Lands Day Clean-UpNational Public Lands Day Clean-Up
Sept 18-19 Four Corners Senior / Cortez Women's Club Championship - Conquistador Golf Club
Sept 26 Oktoberfest Cortez Parque de Vida

Mancos
Sept 25 Mancos Brewing Company Rhythm and Roots Harvest Festival
Sept 18 National Public Lands Day Clean-Up Canyons of the Ancients National Monument

Dolores
Sept 19 Odd Cat Bookstore Local Artist & Maker Market

Durango
Sept 2 Bar D Chuckwagon Suppers
Sept 2 Chuck Hank @ The Diamond Belle Saloon.
Sept 3 - 6 Four Corners Motorcycle Rally Durango Harley-Davidson
Sept 4-6 Mushroom & Wine Festival Debut Purgatory
Sept 17 Mesa Verde Entrance Fee-Free Day
Sept 19 Purgatory Oktoberfest
Sept 19 Durango Autumn Arts Festival
Sept 26 Fall Birding National Public Lands Day
Sept 30 - Oct 4 Annual Durango Cowboy Gathering

Pagosa Springs
Sept 5 BBQ Dinner Rides @ Buckaroos Horse-Drawn Rides
Sept 16 Bands & Brews Festival Colorfest @ Yamaguchi park hot air balloons
Sept 26 Bayfield Heritage Day & Sheep Trailing Association Stephenson Park
Sept 26 20th Annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha @ Yamaguchi Park

Telluride
Sept 4-7 Telluride Film Festaval
Sept 12 Imogene Pass Run
Sept 18-20 Telluride Blues & Brews Festival
Sept 24-27 Telluride Autumn Classic
Sept 24-27 Corvettes & Colors @Colorado Avenue

Rico
Sept 25 Cedric Burnside w/ Special Guests Little Brother Enterprise Bar

Norwood
Sept 8 Pioneer Days

Nucla
Sept 3 & 10 West End Farm & Craft Market @ Wild Gal's
Sept 12 10th Annual West End Cowboy Gathering
Sept 12 West End Gravel Rush
Sept 24 Mountains to the Desert Ride

Bloomfield
Sept 19 Fall Festival + Car Show 2026

Farmington
Sept: 2,9,16,23,30 Every Wed.
San Juan Fly Fishing Federation, 7 p.m.
Farmington Civic Center,
Sept 9-11 4 Corners 4x4 Week: Offroad Downtown Takeover
Sept 10-14 Unison Festival Tico Time River Resort
Sept:11 Four Corners Old Car Club-Collector Car Weekend
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FOOD TRUCKS

A non brick and mortar food service industry, continues to grow in SW Colorado and SE Utah. The gathering of food courts, in a semi permanent manner like in Moab, offer a consistent variety of foods in one courtyard. Food truck nights, like Thursdays in Cortez, offer a once a week mobile gathering. Of course all of the events provide access to a range of foods, from gyros to tacos, Korean BBQ to pizza and more.

Some mobile units will have a routine in front of other businesses, while others are more integrated into a semi permanent location. No matter where you can find them, new ones pop up all the time! A new Waffle on a Stick trailer called Sweet Spot was seen at the Dove Creek Farmers Market on Saturday mornings in front of the town hall.



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Colorado Bean Week Sept 14-20

By Kendra Cook

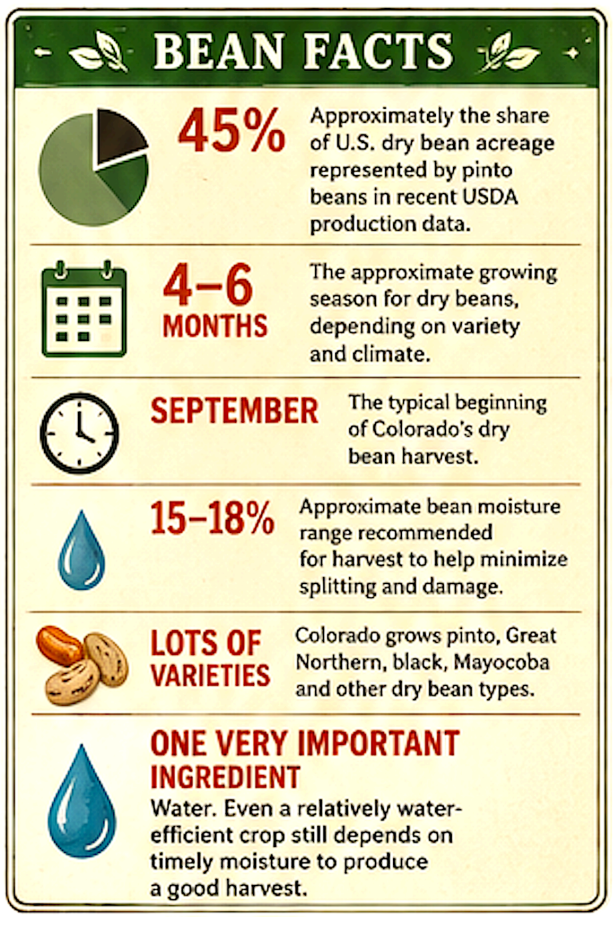
When most of us think about Colorado agriculture, we probably picture cattle, hay, corn, wheat or the vast fields of crops across the Eastern Plains. But tucked among those familiar crops is another important Colorado specialty — the humble dry bean. Colorado Bean Week is September 14–20, a statewide celebration of the farmers, researchers, processors and communities that help put Colorado-grown beans on tables across the country. For a region like Southwest Colorado, where water is never far from the conversation, dry beans are particularly interesting. They are a crop that needs water to produce a good harvest, but generally require considerably less seasonal water than crops such as alfalfa or corn. The big factor can be timing.

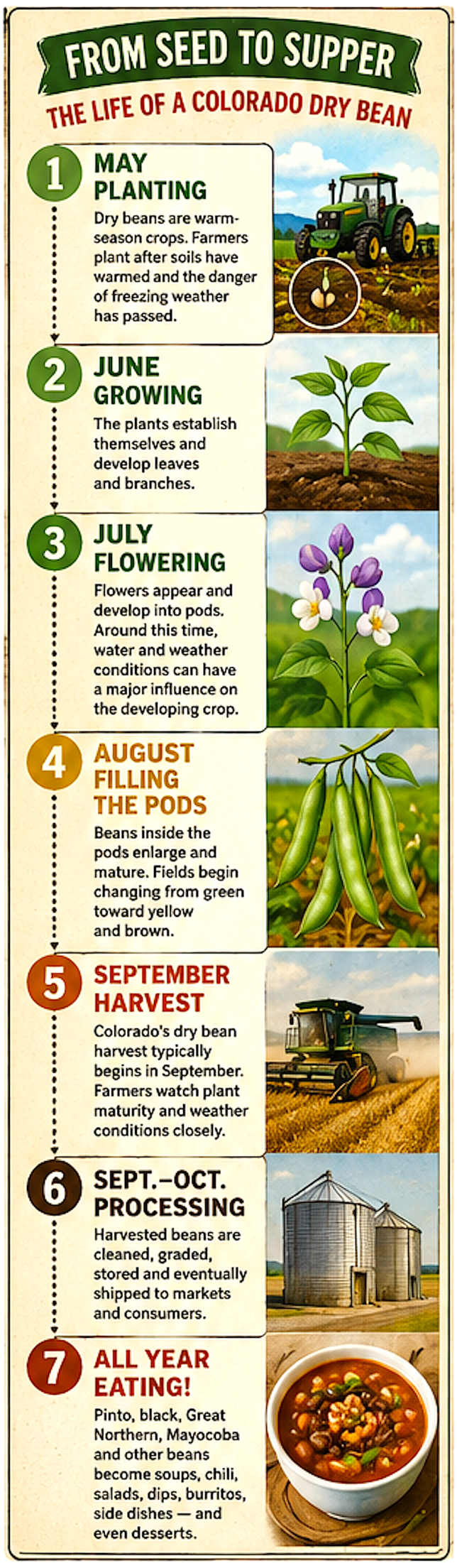
Dry beans are planted after the danger of freezing weather has passed. Colorado's bean industry includes familiar varieties such as pinto, black and Great Northern beans, along with specialty varieties including Mayocoba. After planting in late spring, the plants spend the summer developing foliage, flowering and filling the pods. (see the side bar graphic) By late summer, the plants begin to dry down and the beans inside the pods mature. Then comes harvest. Depending on planting date, variety, weather and field conditions, Colorado dry bean harvest generally begins in late August or September and can continue into October.

The timing is critical. Farmers want the beans mature and dry enough for efficient harvest, but they also have to beat damaging weather. An early frost, excessive rain or wet field conditions can complicate harvest and affect bean quality.

At harvest, specialized equipment cuts and gathers the plants, separates the beans from the pods and cleans much of the crop in the field. The beans then move through additional cleaning, grading, storage and processing before eventually becoming the bags of beans, canned products and other foods consumers recognize at the grocery store.

Across the United States, dry beans are grown from the Great Lakes region to the Northern Plains and the Mountain West. North Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, Colorado, Idaho, Washington and other states all play important roles in the national industry. Beans provide protein, fiber, complex carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals. They are inexpensive compared with many other sources of protein and can be used in everything from traditional chili and burritos to salads, soups, dips, desserts and even baked goods. From **September 14–20, Colorado will celebrate Colorado Bean Week,** recognizing one of the state's important specialty crops and the farmers, researchers, processors and communities that keep dry beans moving from Colorado fields to dinner tables. At the 'Pinto Bean' - we'll be celebrating too!





SPILL THE BEANS.....

WAR FOR YOUR MIND



THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR / PUBLISHER



Kendra Cook

Cognitive warfare. Say what? As ‘info wars’ tagline said, "there’s a war out for your mind” - it certainly is more obvious than before. The extent and depth of manipulation on the masses, absolutely blows your mind once you learn that nearly all aspects of this realm are intentionally designed for control. It’s not a crazy thought, it’s just fact. Have you considered the neurological advertising - targeting your autonomic nervous system - via IEEE 802.15.4 which is a technical standard that defines the operation of a low-rate wireless personal area network (LR-WPAN). Go ahead and go online to look that up. You’ll likely run into a Sabrina Wallace during your research (hint, the front page QR rabbit hole code gets you started).

Back to war and rumors of war that have never ceased in our ‘history’ even during times you think were peaceful, somewhere in the world active wars continued. The 2nd amendment issues remain in the news in the US, and for the past 20 some years the phrase patriots and preppers carried was “God Guns and Gold” for those wanting to be ready for the dismantling of the world. But now you have to consider that the weaponry being used is no longer slinging lead at one another - though it still works on a local person to person level - but those manipulating the world system, the ones who have taken our power, do not rely on ammunition to take over. The technology and techniques are much more advanced.

As just one example, take the mRNA injections, with materials that you allow ‘intra’ or under your skin. This medical technique and technology goes deeper than installing say a pacemaker, or other medical devices, the potential nano bots are self assembling, and literally take over various internal system, and can be operated or communicated with machines on the outside, without your knowledge or consent. There’s something called non contact human activity recognition radar - HARR - a biological to cyber interface - mRNA is the mechanism for becoming the biological interface.

After all this push for better health for Americans, we just recently saw more money allocated to big Pharma for flu mRNA shots, to make sure the new batch of kids and still, the elderly that are seen as useless eaters of a sort, are targeted with the internal warfare on our bodies. Again, this is not a theory, since 2021 there have been a plethora of testimony and studies revealing what is happening - though a majority still seem not to take notice. This is called Molecular Communications. It sounds crazy, but yes, we are here and it is science.

The use of ‘Cognitive Warfare’ is basically the upgrade for MK ultra - lots of lying and deception going on. It is so well done that so many have not been able to see how they are being controlled. Media manipulation is another obvious channel - once you step back and see that there are patterns to the news headlines that seem to ‘pop up’ and then go to the next news cycle - with no follow up, or rarely, and the fear or shock of the day keeps minds distracted and acting in a chaos pattern. It is at that time, that the subconscious mind wants to grab on to any information that appears safe, steady, and latch on that 'this is true'. Voila - like a hypnotist, you are open to manipulation unconsciously, and those in control can get you to dance like a chicken, or what ever other agenda they have in store for you.

It’ll be fun to go through 2026 in December and do a look back at all the fear points of the year. Of course this will be the month that Americans can be drafted for war once again - and the age extension is higher up to 42 years old. Between now and then, maneuvering the public to get behind volunteering to be used as pawns in a physical war, will be obvious if you are looking for it. A good old ‘false flag’ alert, as they have determined a pearl harbor, or a 9-11 accomplished, will be needed to rally the forces behind national security and a common enemy - while the common enemy is not a Russia or any type of religious group exactly, but those entities across the top and the forces behind them.

As the front page story covered, one of the current ‘themes’ is now tearing down or disabling the Flock type cameras. Which, as I said, is not the focus - yes, the surveillance is more than just a license plate reader. Attacking or destroying these machines may be trending on tiktok but they are certainly capturing a lot of those people; They keep their cell phones on them, drive in vehicles with even more sensors detecting and logging info, and connect to a smart watch to monitor your private health info along with who you have talked with and what topics you discussed. Then while at home you talk to your Alexa or Siri as they monitor and record you, and your TV watches and monitors everything as well. So, why would this sudden uprising against flock cameras be the highlight for September?

Some integrated thoughts come to mind: for one thing, anti ‘flock’ people can now be added to yet another list of potential people of interest - those going against the matrix, those who will be on another list ready for submission or elimination under a state of emergency. They could be targeted for digital bio control to start with, which ties in perhaps, why these big data centers are being fast tracked. Once the massive, unfathomable data compilation enhances to needing ever smaller footprints, for storage in crystals or some other tech I’m not privy to, could these facilities then become privatized commercial detention centers / prisons - and for whom.

To be aware is to be alive - you did know the Laws of Combat and Rules of Engagement have been updated by the Dept of Defense / War - section 3000, 2024 update in our law of war manual - it makes you a belligerent - civilians - and includes drone warfare. The FBI told us this during the world cup series, using the same terminology they work with in SOSA and MOSA. The cognitive warfare ultimately interfaces your body with machines - their ‘singularity’ direction to ultimately end the homo sapiens sapiens species, to evolve into AI machine interfaces. They can’t do that without taking over your mind, which is the body interface of your consciousness to your reality. Manipulate or control your mind, and they change the world we live in - and thus their war is won. Will you let them? All I can say is be mindful.

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Space Industry Expansion in Durango CO



By Kendra Cook, Courtesy Photo and info

Agile Space Industries celebrated the expansion of Agile's Durango headquarters with a Durango Chamber Ribbon Cutting and heard perspectives on just how significant this growth has become.

"CFO Kris Schaa reflected on Agile's beginnings as a small Durango company and how far the team has come. U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper spoke about the jobs being created here and the importance of Agile's work to the country. And Durango Mayor Dave Woodruff summed up something worth celebrating: a company can compete nationally and globally, do extraordinary work, and still choose to call Durango home." From a five person start up to 160 employees.

"The company grew from there, expanding into the design, development, and manufacturing of custom thrusters that allow spacecraft to move, slow down, and navigate once they're in space. What sets Agile apart is how they build those engines. Their entire process- design, 3D printing, testing, and delivery- all happens under one roof, which in turn allows them to move faster and iterate more quickly than traditional aerospace suppliers. That Agile is pulling it off in a small, quiet mountain town in southwest Colorado makes it even more remarkable. They now have locations in several states, with Durango as headquarters" their website states.

'Agile is scheduled to deliver its 139th piece of flight hardware by the end of 2026, including rocket engine thrusters that will be going to the moon on the Griffin-1, a robotic lunar lander mission scheduled to launch in 2026. Built by the Pittsburgh-based company Astrobotic Technology, this mission is destined for the Moon's South Pole as part of NASA's broader Artemis Program, which ultimately aims to develop a permanent base on the Moon and set the stage for future exploration of Mars. It's an inspiring endeavor. And thanks to Agile, Durango has a front-row seat. ' Look for news on a November launch date.

RAPID RAFTING CHANGES

Rafting season across Southwest Colorado and Southeast Utah has been anything but typical this year, as historically low river flows have forced some outfitters to cancel or alter trips.

Low water on the Colorado River and its tributaries has particularly affected Westwater Canyon and the Yampa River. Some commercial outfitters canceled multiple trips, while smaller operators on other Utah rivers reportedly lost more than half of their normal rafting days. In Southwest Colorado, some guides reportedly stopped running trips before the season even began.

The picture has not been uniformly bleak. Water released from Flaming Gorge Reservoir has helped maintain flows on the Green River and portions of the Colorado River below its confluence. Summer monsoons in Colorado also provided enough additional water that Westwater Canyon was closed to larger rafts for only about a week.

Meanwhile, the changing river is creating an unexpected development in Cataract Canyon, as new rapids appear from the low water levels. The Returning Rapids Project has been documenting these changes along the Colorado and lower San Juan River corridors.

The changes illustrate the complicated future facing the region's rivers. Agriculture, growing communities, reservoirs and declining overall Colorado River flows are competing for a resource that was historically allocated at levels exceeding what the river now reliably provides. For river outfitters, this season may be a warning of what increasingly variable water supplies could mean.

News from Around the Southwestern Adventure Corridors

CORTEZ CO

The City of Cortez is moving toward placing a Lodger's Tax question on the November election ballot, increasing the rate from 2 percent to 6 percent. The Lodger's Tax is paid only by visitors who stay in hotels, motels, and short-term rental properties. Cortez residents do not pay this tax. The City of Cortez currently levies a 2 percent Lodger's Tax (increased from 1 percent in 1981), one of the lowest rates among comparable communities in the region. Even at this rate, the tax generates approximately $250,000 each year. Increasing this revenue source would allow for direct investment in community improvements without increasing taxes for residents. City of Cortez invites public comment on November ballot question to increase Lodgers' Tax from 2% to 6% (effective Jan 1, 2027).

Revenue projected up to $900,000 in first year (2027) for tourism marketing/economic development.

Written comments from eligible electors due Friday, September 18, 2026, by 12:00 p.m. for inclusion in TABOR Notice.

Comments submitted to cityclerk@cortezco.gov or Cortez City Hall.

Lodger's Tax rates in nearby communities include:

- Cortez (current) – 2%
- Cortez (proposed) – 6%
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- Grand Junction – 6%
- Montrose – 6%
- Rico – 7%
- Ridgway – 6%
- Denver – 10.75%

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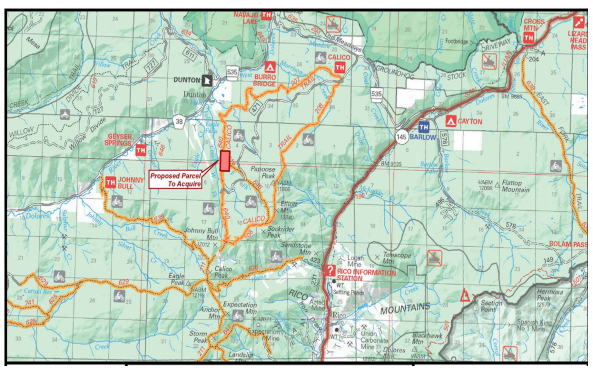
In Grand County UT, a 0.3% sales tax is being discussed to build a new jail and sheriff office complex. If passed, Moab's tax rate would go to 9.65%, the highest for any Utah city or town. This however, would be a county wide tax. The new facility is estimated in the $30 million dollar range, and a tax like this one should raise just over $2 million a year. Once the numbers are established, the bond would be set to keep the payments within that projected revenue amount.

This is all still in the planning stages, the proposed complex would be located where the county courthouse, Star Hall, and the Center Street Gym currently stand, between 100 North, 100 East, 200 East and Center Street. What additional facilities this could house is also still in the proposal stage.

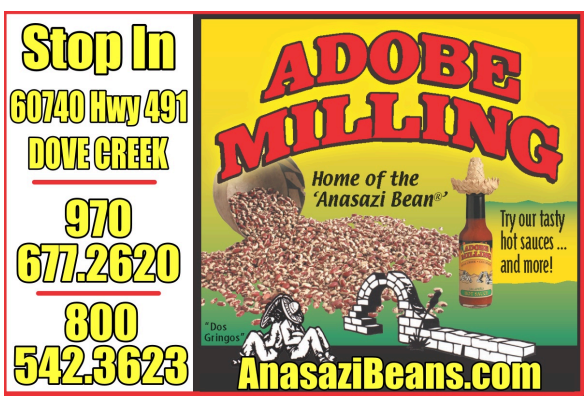


DOLORES CO

The San Juan National Forest recently acquired 80 acres of ecologically significant wildlife habitat situated within a key migration corridor on the Dolores Ranger District from The Conservation Fund. This milestone represents a successful partnership between the U.S. Forest Service and The Conservation Fund, initiated in January 2024 and finalized in August 2026 through the formal conveyance of the parcel. Funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund made the purchase possible, and was supported by Dolores County, sportsmen's organizations, conservation groups, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.









MONTEZUMA COUNTY CO

The Montezuma County Road & Bridge Department broke ground last month on a project to improve the intersection of County Road 25 and Highway 184. The project is designed to enhance safety by realigning County Road 25 to intersect with Highway 184 at a 90-degree angle, providing improved visibility for motorists entering the highway.

The project was designed by Bechtolt Engineering. Montezuma County Road & Bridge crews are completing the dirtwork and site preparation on the county side, while Four Corners Materials was the successful bidder and was awarded the contract to construct the roadway improvements within the CDOT right-of-way.

Funding for the project is being provided through Road Impact Fees paid by development in the County. As construction starts, the intersection of Road 25 and Highway 184 will be closed for construction beginning Monday, August 31, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. They advise drivers to use Road 27 as the detour. The closure will remain in effect until further notice.



DURANGO CO

In 2024, Durango City Council adopted a Strategic Plan that names Innovative Housing and Economic Development as one of the city's strategic goal areas, including objectives to advance the development of a variety of housing options to support a multigenerational and mixed-income community. The City and its partners have completed a comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment for La Plata County, updated key policies to produce more attainable homes, advanced public-private partnerships to convert City land and resources into workforce housing, and made progress on a commitment to increase housing affordability under Colorado's Proposition 123. go to engage.durangoco.gov to find out more about the update to the 2017 plan.



Commentary by Linda Cunningham

Data Centers seem to be the hot button topic of the day, and depending on what you read or what the next tv news person is reporting, they all seem to have different information on the subject. Getting straight forward truths are difficult, weeding thru the conspiracy theories, separating fact from fiction, and sometimes just using common sense and logic are the only options for the average person to use in making rational decisions. I've done a little research into the water usage for these data centers and it seems like there are options for operating these monstrosities to make them more efficient, but of course the cost for making it more efficient is considerably higher. And because of the increase in cost to do it the "right" way… most companies don't want to incur that extra cost, save water be damned.

Doug Sevey is president and CEO of his company, Enseva. A company that builds and operates data centers. He said there is a way to build and run these data centers with systems that don't guzzle water and will maximize efficiency. The system is a closed-loop cooling system, that can reduce the amount of water usage by 70% and therefore reduce the electrical usage as well.

I'm not by any means advocating for these data centers, but if these centers are the thing of the future, let's build them as efficiently as possible.

Stay alert, stay aware, and stand for the truth!

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Unigrid has a CA office, manufactured in China, Darren Tan founder, came from a chemical engineering background. Commercial and off grid residential use set for the end of the year or early 2027. Solar panels are dirt cheap, so with some effort pv wire and an inverter - this will be a cheap method; Batteries being the biggest expense in a home system - as well as the concern of how hot they can get and cause fires. (UL listed batteries have built in safety features).

Right now the US power grid is becoming less reliable - over stressed by new data centers, and lack of investment in infrastructure. There have been warnings from various Federal offices to be aware of a possible 18 month grid down situation. They have launched publicly in Europe. Na+Casa stores 9.25 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity and is compatible with most existing hybrid inverters, making it suitable for both new solar installations and retrofits. The company website says they are priced competitively with other systems. To offer a battery system for your home electrical needs, without depending on critical mineral extractions, but abundant inexpensive sodium, may be a great option for independent living.

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For the Love of Food

By Kendra Cook

Tapas. Spanish for deliciouso well actually it means lid, covering, and is known to be small plates of different foods. The origin perhaps, stems from when ordering a glass of wine, copa de vino, a bar tender would place a slice of cheese or thin slice of cured meat across the top as a 'lid' in case a fruit fly might want a sip or sand might blow in? However it started, serving something salty with a sherry or wine that is prevalent across Spain, particularly in the south, keeps the bar tender's tender happy. It's really a gesture of hospitality too - an invitation to stay a while, have a drink or two, and a little tasty bite at the discretion of the host.

The "Iberian Peninsula" commonly known today as Portugal and Spain, has a rich history of a variety of cultural inhabitants. From Greeks and Phoenicians, Cathaginians and Romans, Germanic tribes, to the Moors: and their cuisine offerings reflect the abundance of influences.

So tapas. A definite alternative to a charcuterie board, which is usually cold/room temp cheese, nuts, meats bread or crackers - while tapas are served on small plates, including cured meats, olives, and breads, to hot garlic shrimp, blistered shishitos, jamón serrano (my favorite), salted small fish, and warm tortilla espanóla type dishes.

While living in Madrid, I was at a plaza, we stopped in for a drink, and was offered a pulpo a la gallega tapa, not familiar, I said ok, I like to try things, and then it arrived with a wide smiled flashy eyed bartender, and so I ate it - though I regret that decision,



Ingredients for 6 servings

10 large eggs
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 (7.5-ounce) bag kettle-cooked potato chips, coarsely crushed (about 4 cups)
6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced or diced (about 2 1/2 cups)

it was small octopus tentacles, suction cups and all, on tiny slices of potatoes. Very chewy. But most of my tiny plate adventures have turned out well. This recipe, is often used for a tapa, taking the Spanish tortilla, of eggs and potato, to a quick and tasty new level.

Tortillas, a sort of omelette meets quiche without the crust, can be found all over the country, often using local and fresh available ingredients like asparagus in season, or peppers, to change up the standard egg potatoes and onions. In this recipe, the potatoes that can be thinly sliced, and take time to cook just right, are replaced with potato chips. The original concept attributed to a Chef Ferran Adria. As with any recipe, you are encouraged to add your own flare, a spice you like, an ingredient that blends well or provides a contrapuntal culinary point like throwing in some roasted chili peppers. Your choice. ¡Chinchín!

TORTILLA TAPAS

Directions for Tortilla Espanola

Whisk together eggs, salt, and pepper, gently fold in the potato chips, let them sit until softened, folding over occasionally for a total of about 10 minutes. Heat 3-5 tablespoons oil in a 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the onion, cook until lightly browned around edges and softened, around 10 minutes. Remove from the heat to cool off.

Next, stir the onions into the egg mixture, while bringing the skillet to medium heat, with 1-3 tablespoon evoo. It should be hot enough to sizzle a drop of the mixture. Gently pour in the egg mixture, gently shaking the skillet and stirring, dragging the mixture with a spatula for about 15-20 seconds. Then spread it out evenly, and clean up around the edge, reduce the heat, cover and good another 2-4 minutes to brown the bottom, shaking the pan occasionally. The egg in the center will still be not be fully set.

Take the skillet off the heat, shaking to make sure the bottom of the tortilla slides freely, and slide it off to a plate, cover with matching size plate to flip and invert it, add another tablespoon of evoo to the pan, then slide tortilla back into the skillet and cook on medium heat for another couple of minutes, tucking in the outer edges, shaking the pan and getting the bottom side browned. It should be 150-155 degrees in the center, it is then ready to slide it onto a plate, to let it rest for 5 minutes. Cut into pie slices or cubes, and serve with an allioli and chives, or whatever you'd prefer.

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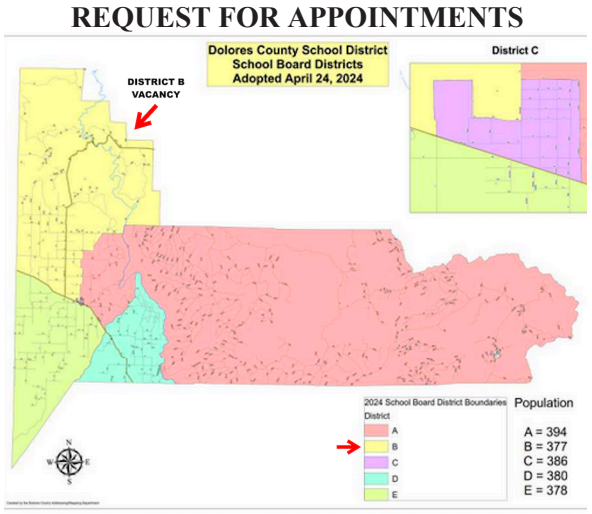
San Miguel County Board of County Commissioners Meeting

Egnar Fire Station
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If you have thoughts or topics you would like to discuss, please get in touch with us at bocc@sanmiguelcountyco.gov or toll free at 1-800-816-5824

NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCY AND REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS



The Board of Education of the Dolores County School District RE-2J is accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the Board of Education from the date of appointment until the next regular biennial school election in November 2027. To be eligible for appointment, each candidate must be a registered elector of the school district for at least twelve consecutive months prior to the date of appointment. The applicant must also be a resident of the director district "B" in which the vacancy exists.

Any person who meets the qualifications and who desires to be considered for the appointment is invited to file a written notice of such intention with the secretary of the Board of Education, Crystal Jarmon by September 10, 2026 at 813 North Main, PO Box 459, Dove Creek CO 81324. The Board will interview prospective candidates on September 16, 2026 at a public meeting.

For further information, contact Stacy Hankins, Administrative Assistant, DCSD 970-677-2522.







PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN BOARD VACANCY

The Town of Dove Creek is now accepting applications from residents who are interested in an appointment to the Dove Creek Town Board.

If you have been a resident of Dove Creek for twelve consecutive months, are at least 18 years of age, are registered to vote, live within the city limits of Dove Creek, and have an interest in serving on the Board, send a Letter of Interest to the Town of Dove Creek, at 314 W. HWY 491, Dove Creek, Colorado, 81324 or bring your Letter of Interest to the Town Office at 314 W. HWY 491, Dove Creek, CO. Office hours are 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday.

The deadline for submission is Thursday September 3rd by 4:30 pm.

For additional information regarding the vacancy, please contact Lana Hancock, Town Clerk, at (970) 677-2255.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town of Dove Creek has hired J.P. Funk for the position of Town Manager 8.26.26

Monday Septmeber 7 2026 Labor Day is officially a Federal Holiday with all /governmental agencies and many businesses closed.

Dolores County Commissioner Board Meeting moves from that first Monday to Tuesday Sept. 8 2026.

DCWD Water was officially turned off on August 31 2026 (irrigation secondary taps)

Follow your local Town and County YouTube channels for learning about agendas and plans.

Classifieds

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Join the Groups on Facebook for posting your job listings and or looking for a job in the Four Corners - employees will drive for a good position - reach more people through this online option as part of your personel search.

Also post your events in the Regional Events Group to share with others and to get in our Events listing on page 8 each month. Visit our Daily Updated Facebook page **@ThePintoBean**



FALL HUNTING SEASON IS ON

Colorado Hunting Season Dates 2026

Colorado Elk Hunting Season

As mentioned earlier, 2025-2029 marks a new Big Game Season Structure (BGSS) for Colorado. So, if you're relying on information or processes from prior years, you'll want to double-check the latest information to make sure you plan a hunt during the right dates and can get your license before your hunt.

- **Colorado Elk Archery Season:** September 2 – 30, 2026
- **Elk Muzzleloader:** September 12 – 20, 2026
- **Rifle**
  - **First Season:** Oct 14 – 18, 2026
  - **Second Season:** October 24 – November 1, 2026
  - **Third Season:** November 7 – 15, 2026
  - **Fourth Season:** November 18 – 22, 2026

Additional season dates are available for limited license hunts.

Deer Season in Colorado

- **Archery:** September 2 – 30, 2026
- **Muzzleloader:** September 12 – 20, 2026
- **Rifle:**
  - **First Season:** Oct 14 – 18, 2026
  - **Second Season:** October 24 – November 1, 2026
  - **Third Season:** November 7 – 15, 2026
  - **Fourth Season:** November 18 – 22, 2026
  - **Plains:** October 24 – November 3, 2026

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Mountain Lion

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Black Bear

* **Archery:** September 2-30, 2026
* **Muzzleloader:** September 12-20, 2026
* **Sept Rifle:** September 2-30, 2026
* **Sept Plains Rifle:** September 2-Nov 22, 2026
* **Rifle:** Oct 14-18, Oct 24- Nov 1, Nov 7-15, and Nov 18-22, 2026
* **Private Land Only (PLO):** September 2-Nov 22, 2026

Increase of Bears in Towns



A tough year for everyone and that goes for bears too. Bears are making appearances in towns trying to forage for food - feeding them doesn't help - "whether it is intentionally or by negligently leaving attractants unsecured, can make a dangerous situation worse." CO Parks and Wildlife says.

"Bears are very hungry right now. On top of a tough summer, we have begun the time period known as "hyperphagia," a term for extreme, insatiable hunger. In the world of bear management, it is used to describe the late summer and fall months of near nonstop eating, when bears become more active in an attempt to gain three to four pounds a day ahead of denning."

It's been an active summer of bear interactions in towns all across the four corners, and human-bear conflict is only ramping up. Reminders:

*Lock your vehicles — bears can easily open unlocked car doors and may find food or other attractants inside.

*Lock first-floor doors and windows, especially when you are away or sleeping.

*Do not leave food outside.

*Bring your trash bin inside as soon as possible and keep it secured until pickup.

*Never leave food scraps outside.

*Burn all food scraps off your grill and clean your grill after use.

*Bring bird feeders and hummingbird feeders inside. These can be significant attractants to bears.

*Keep pet food and other food sources indoors.

2026 season dates in Utah

General-season dates

Buck deer hunts	Weapon type	Season dates
General-season units	Archery	Aug. 15–Sept. 11
	Extended archery	See page 9
	Muzzleloader	Sept. 23–Oct. 1
	Restricted muzzleloader	Sept. 23–Oct. 1
	Early any legal weapon (rifle)	Oct. 7–11
	Any legal weapon (rifle)	Oct. 17–25
	Restricted rifle	Oct. 17–25

Bull elk hunts	Weapon type	Season dates
Any bull units	Archery*	Aug. 15–Sept. 16
	Extended archery	See page 9
	Early any legal weapon (rifle)	Oct. 3–9
	Late any legal weapon (rifle)	Oct. 10–16
	Muzzleloader	Oct. 28–Nov. 5
Spike units	Archery	Aug. 15–Sept. 4
	Extended archery	See page 9
	Any legal weapon (rifle)	Oct. 3–15
	Muzzleloader	Oct. 28–Nov. 5
Youth hunts	General-season youth elk permit	See page 39 for dates
	Draw-only youth any bull/hunter's choice elk	Sept. 12–22

No general-season archery elk hunt on the Paunsaugunt unit.



Photo Wildlife Through Hope's Eyes

LAND CONUNDRUM

By Dexter Gill

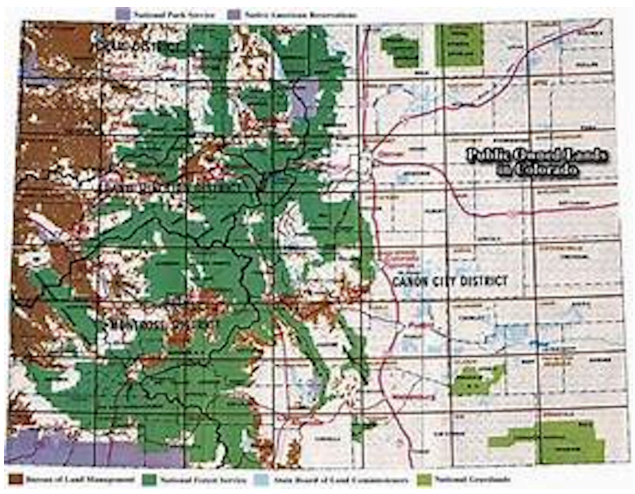
Save our public Lands! Put out the fires!, Fire is needed to thin the forest! Save the Spotted owl and NM Jumping Mouse! Bring in more wolves and Wolverines! Remove the cows and sheep! Save our forests! Stop the climate from changing! No drilling for oil & gas.! More recreation, like river floating, hiking , biking and of course skiing. DON'T raise my taxes! The list goes on! This week's PANIC, is the move to rescind the "Roadless Rule" and re-start forest and range management to reduce wildfire costs, improve watersheds, and create economy. What an unusual thought!

I'm so old, I remember when the Forest Service and BLM actually made money with a handful of employees, as it conducted management of the resources of the land for industry to create economy in the area. That all ended in 1976 with two Congressional Bills, the Federal Lands Policy Management Act (FLPMA), which we addressed earlier. Second was the National Forest Management Act of 1976. (NFMA). Both Acts were the result of a growing Environmental movement to stop forest management, especially logging on the federal controlled "public" lands. What has happened?? Simply put, it raises the question, whose land is it? Who can be held accountable for what happens? For thought, I opine that the land is federally held territory within a designated State, but is not land of the State, while being held for all the public, leaving the States not fully a Constitutional State. The land is administered by the Forest Service, or Bureau of Land Management federal agencies, with power to make their own administrative regulations/laws, in addition to higher Congressional laws. Congress has given the public power to sue the Agencies for doing or not doing the desire of the public. That opened the door for the wealthy non-profit environmental organizations to take control, which has and is being done constantly by the environmental non-profits.

The original Forest Service Organic Act of 1897 (21 years after Colorado became a State), stated the purpose of creating a national forest was to,"improve and protect the forest, or to secure favorable conditions of water flows, and to furnish a continuous supply of timber."… That was amended by the Multiple Use and Sustained yield Act of 1960, which added management direction to also include outdoor recreation, range and wildlife &fish. That all worked until 1976, when the non profit environmental groups took control, using laws on biodiversity and threatened and endangered species as grounds for stopping road construction, logging, forest and range improvement, mining, and drilling, ALL of which are mandatory to improve the watersheds to prepare for future droughts and build economy.

This destructive action is International as well as national and State. In searching the "IUCN" website, we find listed 33,972 national/international environmental groups that employ 147,648 people who generate/receive 31 Billion annually, that focus their efforts to fight Climate Change, pollution, and environmental depletion.. Colorado lists 918 groups that employ over 10,000 people and generate $2 Billion annually, to continue pushing their agenda against land and resource management, use and improvement using political and legal processes. The Environmental "system" has become a very lucrative tax free income source for many. The Trump administration's effort to restore management and use of the Public Lands and resources has the Environmental cabals in a fit of apoplexy.

The Climate, weather, and drought was not caused by man, livestock government or the Environmentalists. The negative impacts, however, were and are exacerbated by all, and will continue. The generator of the "problems" is the "public lands" of the western States. The only possible solution is to restore the States Constitutional Statehood status of land and resources, equal to the 35 Eastern States, giving the peoples of the local Counties control over management and use of their lands and economic futures. Federal land in Colorado Brown BLM, Green USFS.
Counties have no control.

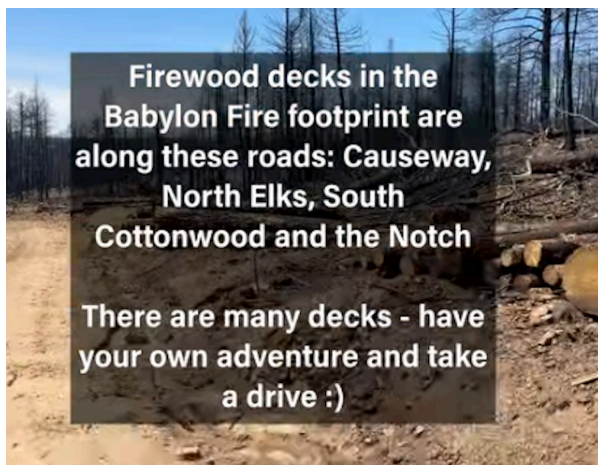


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You can easily get your wood permit on their website or in their offices, minimum 4 cords at $5 per cord, limit of 10 cords.

The website is ***epermits.fs2c.usda.gov*** or the office locations are

Moab Ranger District 62 East 100 North Moab, UT 84532 435-259-7155

Monticello Ranger District 397 North Main Street Monticello, UT 84535 435-636-3340



DOLORES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACTIVITY REPORT: 07/26/2026-08/23/2026

07/28/2026- Tristian Andrew Perez was arrested in relation to Theft and Fraud.
07/29/2026- Received a report of a stolen 4-wheeler at Groundhog
07/30/2026- Received a call for a trailer's brakes catching on fire. The brakes also began catching the grass on fire. Dove Creek Volunteer Fire Department put out the fires.
08/01/2026- Multiple calls about a potential drunk driver led to the arrest of Ezekiel Samuel Lee.
08/07/2026- A report was made about an individual for trespassing. The deputy spoke with the individual and they agreed to leave peaceably.
08/13/2026- A report was made regarding stolen property. The suspected party was contacted, and they agreed to return the property.
8/13/2026- A report was made about possible elder abuse. The case is under investigation, and Montezuma County was advised of the situation as the individual resides in their county.
All arrests are innocent until proven guilty.

FALL COLOR OUTLOOK

The drought conditions across the region may create a less colorful fall foliage season for 2026, but that doesn't mean the leaves aren't going to give a show in many spots.

In Colorado, the drought effects are expected to result in less color and less vibrant, as the trees will shut down to prepare for winter more quickly, sending the energy back down into the root systems. The CPW expects many tree leaves to start to brown around the edges. The usual span of seasons starts in late September, and can extend into November, but is likely to be peak and poop out by mid October, in the SW corner, certainly by the end of October. There's also the combination of timing and winds that are notorious for shortening the days to get up into the mountains for those spectacular views.

In Utah, once again there's a wide array of blm, forests, state and national parks with plenty of various trees and elevations, all receiving different amounts of moisture this year. The Visit Utah website encourages explorations along all types of trails and roadways where you can "spot breathtaking colors courtesy of the canyon maples, quaking aspens, scrub oaks, Douglas hawthorns, serviceberries and more." Most peak timing occurs in early October. The colors start at the higher elevations and cascade down the mountain sides. Sadly, much of the area that has scars from the wildfires will likely be affected negatively this year as well.



Wherever you may roam by foot, pedals, tires, be very careful and aware of animal movements out there where the devastating fires have taken habitat and food sources. Also check with maps to make sure your road routes are open - getting out in nature is always worth the effort!



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