

TOWN OF IGNACIO

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Jill Seyfarth
Coordinator
Scenic and Historic Byway Project
PO Box 295
Durango, Co 81302

October 8, 2013

Dear Ms. Seyfarth,

The Town of Ignacio Town Board of Trustees is writing to express support for the proposal for the designation of a historic and scenic automobile byway on public roads along the old Denver & Rio Grande narrow gauge railroad route between Chama, New Mexico and Durango, Colorado. The route re-connects the Durango & Silverton Railroad with the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, offering travelers a chance to better understand the crucial role of the D&RG in the region, and the connection with Ignacio's history. The route will help raise awareness of and access to many of our local cultural, scenic and recreational features.

We recognize and appreciate the opportunity afforded by this project for improving the overall knowledge of the heritage of the Town and surrounding region. The objectives of the project are consistent with our own interest in fostering locally sustainable economic development within Ignacio, including tourism and cultural heritage.

It is our understanding that you will be seeking support for the designation from other interested parties and that you are working with the historic and scenic byway commissions of the states of Colorado and New Mexico. We are pleased to join other La Plata County entities who have already offered their endorsement, such as the Southern Ute Tribe, La Plata County and the La Plata County Historical Society, in support of these efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stella Cox".

Stella Cox, Mayor
Town of Ignacio

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January 28, 2015

COLORADO SCENIC & HISTORIC BYWAY COMMISSIONERS

C/o Lenor Bates, Program Manager
Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways
Colorado Department Of Transportation
4201 E. Arkansas Avenue. Shumate Bldg.
Denver, CO 80222

Dear Commissioners,

I have read the nomination and support the designation of the Tracks Across Borders Scenic & Historic Byway (TABB). The designation of the TABB is important to economic development needs and initiatives of the anchor communities as well as for those along the route.

Project sponsors, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, and the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad have already committed \$56,000. Please help us ensure a return on their investment

Both of the scenic & historic railroads connected via the TABB have been designated National Historic Landmarks.

The TABB Charter Commission and steering committee members are committed to continuing support, including necessary fund-raising efforts to ensure the byway's long-term success.

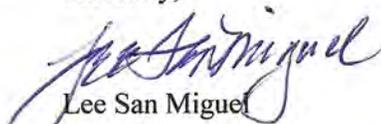
Unlike many of Colorado's existing scenic byways, the TABB emphasizes HISTORY and offers beautiful scenery. A section of the route, in New Mexico, was designated a scenic byway for more than 25 years.

The region continues to be underserved by the byway program and does not replicate any other bayway.

I am asking you to conduct a thorough and objective evaluation of the nomination using established, long-standing criteria (which the nomination meets or exceeds).

Thank you for your consideration, support, and vote in favor of designating the Tracks Across Borders Scenic & Historic Byway Colorado's newest byway.

Sincerely,


Lee San Miguel
Town Manager



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

November 14, 2012

Dan Love
28 Polo Field Ln.
Denver, Colorado 80209-3331

Re: **Letter of Support for Listing of Pagosa Junction Area on
National Register of Historic Places and Scenic Byway
Designation**

Dear Mr. Love:

Thank you for meeting with our staff and the Tribal Council regarding your proposals for (1) the listing of the historic railroad stop/logging area on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation known as Pagosa Junction (which is also sometimes known as Gato) on the National Register of Historic Places and, (2) the corresponding but separate proposal for the designation of a scenic byway along the old Denver & Rio Grande railroad route between Chama, New Mexico and Durango, Colorado, to the extent the route is adjacent to existing roads, including the route between Dulce and Ignacio across the southeastern part of the Reservation. This letter expresses the Tribe's conceptual support for both proposals.

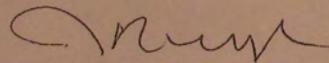
After meeting with you and after carefully evaluating the proposals, we have concluded that we share your interest in preserving and perhaps restoring railroad structures and related artifacts in the Pagosa Junction area for the benefit of tribal members and others. Those structure and artifacts, if not preserved or restored, could soon be lost forever. We recognize and appreciate the opportunity afforded by the projects for improving the overall knowledge of the heritage of the area. The objectives of the proposals, we have found, are consistent with the mission of our recently established Culture Department.

It is our understanding that you will be seeking support for the proposals from other interested parties. Toward that end, you have our permission to share this letter as evidence of the Tribe's support. Once the support of other interested parties is obtained, our understanding is that you will be working with the non-profit organization known as "History Colorado" to prepare the nomination form and prepare the supporting documentation needed for the listing of the Pagosa Junction area on the National Register of Historic Places. Regarding the scenic

byway designation, it is our understanding, that you will be seeking support for the designation from other interested parties and that you will be notifying the scenic byway commissions of the states of Colorado and New Mexico that there may be interest in having the old railroad route designated as a narrow gauge scenic byway.

Thank you again for meeting with our staff and the Tribal Council regarding the proposals. The primary tribal contacts for these projects are Elise Redd (970.563.0100, ext. 3623), who is the director of the Tribe's Culture Department, and Lena Atencio (970.563.0126), who is the director of the Tribe's Natural Resources Department.

Sincerely,



Jimmy R. Newton, Jr., Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council



Academy students tour solar plant

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Bobcats pretty in pink, during 'Pink Digs'

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TRIBAL PLANNER

Scenic byway through reservation may soon be reality

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe may be seeing a few more tourists to the area if the proposed state-to-state scenic and historic byway is approved.

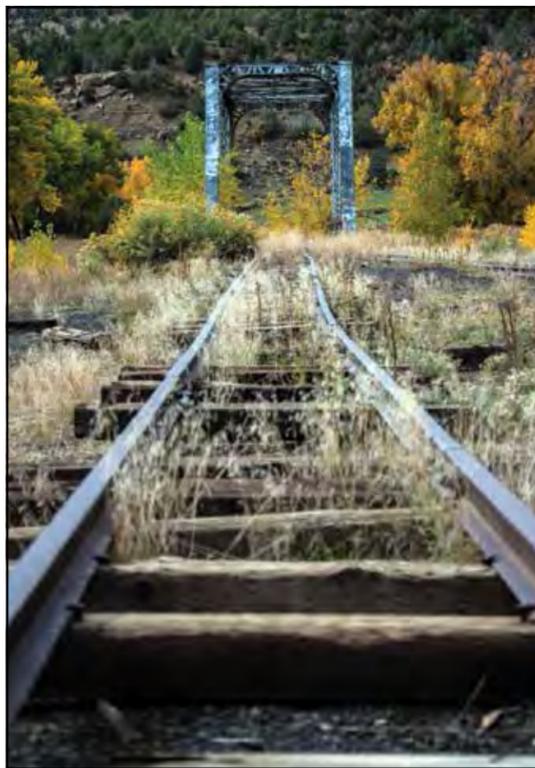
The Southern Ute Tribal Planner Apprentice, Edward B. Box III and Culture Director, Elise Redd, took a tour of the 125-mile proposed route Friday, Oct. 10.

The byway route will follow the old route of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad that ran between Durango and Chama, NM until the late 1960's.

"We use to talk and have meetings with the Jicarilla Apache [Nation] about this," Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Clement J. Frost said. "The council and the Tribe has been in support of this for a long time."

The byway was first proposed in the 1970's shortly after the stretch of railroad from Chama to Durango was shut down, Box said.

The byway was only made a possibility thanks to the conceptual support of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Jicarilla Apache Na-



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Deserted tracks of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad lay on Southern Ute private land in Pagosa Junction. There are plans to make the route that follows the old railroad between Chama, NM and Durango, Colo. a scenic and historic byway.

tion, Dan Love, early supporter of the byway, said. The state-to-state byway will pass through both reservations.

The tour through the Southern Ute Indian Res-

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TRIBAL LAW

Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act becomes law

Staff report
SU LEGAL DEPT.

On Friday, Sept. 26 President Obama signed the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act into law, which marked a legislative victory for tribes and their members.

The new law provides clarity for tribal members who may be uncertain whether payments or services provided by their tribe are subject to federal income taxes. The law also provides guidance for tribal leaders who may be considering programs to benefit their members but are unsure whether their members will face income tax consequences as a result of those benefits.

For many years, the tax treatment of these tribal benefits was uncertain and depended upon how the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) interpreted various court cases and revenue rulings. The enactment of the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act means that these exclusions are now codified as federal law (26 U.S.C. §139E).

The Act amends the In-

ternal Revenue Code by defining the types of benefits that will be excluded from income for tax purposes. To qualify for the exclusion, a payment or service must be provided from a tribe, pursuant to the terms of a tribal government program, and made to or on behalf of a tribal member, a tribal member's spouse or dependent. The tribal government program must also meet certain criteria.

For example, the program must be administered under specified guidelines, be available to all tribal members who meet those guidelines, promote the general welfare of the tribe and its members, and not unfairly favor Tribal Council members.

In addition, the benefits cannot be "lavish or extravagant" or compensation for services. The Act also recognizes that certain benefits are traditional tribal practices, such as cash honorariums given for participating in cultural or ceremonial activities.

Furthermore, the Act establishes a seven-member advisory committee that

will advise the Secretary of Treasury on issues relating to taxation of Indians. This Tribal Advisory Committee will, among other tasks, develop guidelines regarding what constitutes a "lavish or extravagant" benefit.

Lastly, the Act suspends IRS audits of tribal governments and tribal members related to exclusions of tribal payments or benefits under the Act until the advisory committee receives the training required by the Act.

Many tribes, including the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, supported the passage of the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act and that support led to its relatively swift passage and adoption.

Now that the Act has been signed into law, tribes and their members will be able to better understand and address potential tax consequences associated with tribal benefit programs.

Copies of the Act as passed by Congress and signed by President Obama can be found at: <https://www.congress.gov/113/bills/hr3043/BILLS-113hr3043enr.pdf>

TRIBAL HEALTH

Important notice to all patients of the Southern Ute Health Center

SUHC Clinic Closed Oct. 29-31

Lola Osawe
TRIBAL HEALTH
DEPARTMENT

On Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 4 a.m. the Southern Ute Health Center's Electronic Health Records (EHR) system will undergo a major systems upgrade. The primary purpose of the upgrade is to improve patient care through documentation in your health record and improve quality and access to care to you.

This upgrade and installation is expected to be completed by the end of Thursday, Oct. 30, and areas impacted will remain closed through Oct. 31. To ensure all systems are operational and our clinical staff is properly trained, please know that the Southern Ute Health

Center and other Tribal Health Services will not be open during this upgrade period. We will devote this down time to staff training and completing projects that will improve our services to you.

Dental office will remain open to see scheduled patients since they can operate under a different system. However, the dental office will not be able to assist walk-ins.

What does this mean for you as a patient?

SUHC will not be scheduling patients or be able to see walk-ins during this period.

SUHC Pharmacy will remain closed during the upgrade as well. Patients are encouraged to pick up their orders and refills be-

fore Oct. 29.

The Dental Clinic will only be able to see scheduled patients during this upgrade.

After the upgrade, the Health Department staff will need time to learn and adjust to the new changes so fewer patients will be seen in clinic.

Experiencing a longer wait time, including receiving your medicine, is to be expected. We will work hard to get back up to speed as quickly as we can.

Patients are welcome to call our clinic at phone 970-563-4581. During the upgrade you will be automatically transferred to our back line to speak to a Registered Nurse. For any medical emergency, please call 911.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Robert Burch, board chairman of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum gives a Pendleton blanket to Tom Towner, club organizer of the Douglas Society, on Wednesday, Oct. 8 recognizing the Douglas Society's monetary donation to the museum.

CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM

Museum receives Douglas Society donation

by Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The recognition of American Indian art continues to grow as associations from across the nation show their support by making donations to various organizations that honor the creative work of native artists.

The Douglas Society is a support group established in Denver who recognizes the influence of American Indian art, African art, and Oceanic art. They host special workshops and programs regarding the collection and preservation of native objects and art.

Additionally, they host lectures and meetings with distinguished scholars and native artists/performers as they tour all throughout the United States.

The society paid a visit to the Southern Ute Indian Cultural Center and Museum on Wednesday, Oct.

8, providing a monetary donation, which will be used towards education Shirley Cloud-Lane, acting museum director said.

"We want to do more outreach to the community and schools," she said. "We want to let people know about the exhibits and the beautiful story of the Utes."

Robert Burch, board chairman of the museum, accepted the donation and gave thanks to the society with the gift of a Pendleton blanket.

"[The museum] has been open for four years and we're moving along really good," he said. "Additionally, we will be starting the Friends of the Museum campaign to invite people to go on a journey with us and tell the story of the Ute people. We hope to get other exhibits to join in on this campaign."

Friends of the Museum is a campaign intended to

bring together communities through the influence of art. It will be open to the public, allowing any artist to bring their creative works to the museum for display.

"[The museum] is a good place to come and learn about history," Cloud-Lane said. "We set up events, host movie nights that display typical native stereotypes in films and adapt from it. People who come and watch all of the films can be awarded with a Pendleton blanket."

The Friends of the Museum campaign hopes to branch a connection between creative artists and the community, all with hopes of telling a story through the voice of art.

"Anyone is welcome to come and bring art to the museum and show people," Cloud-Lane said. "We want to get the word out to the community that we are here and that people can visit us."

Meet the Candidates Night

Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center

Tribal Council Seats
October 23, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Chairman Seat
October 30, from 6 to 8 p.m.



SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 7, 2014
SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER, 7 A.M. – 7 P.M.

CANIDATES FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SEAT ARE: VOTE FOR ONE

Clement J. Frost
Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie
Bernie Cuthair

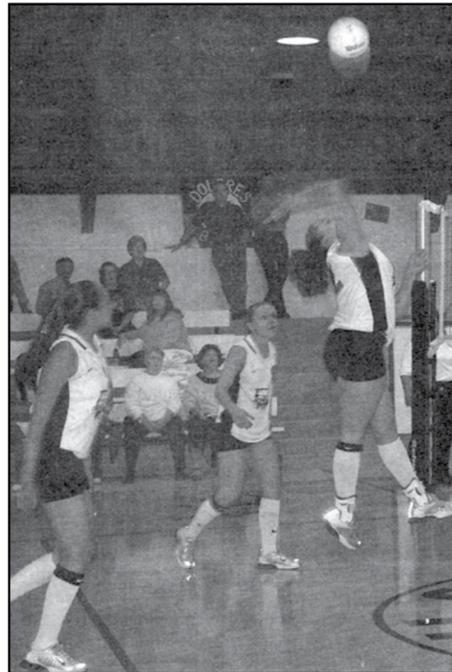
CANIDATES FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER SEAT ARE: VOTE FOR TWO

Aaron V. Torres
Amy J. Barry
Pathimi M. GoodTracks
Renee J. Cloud
Janelle F. Doughty
Tyson Thompson
David Latham
Andrew C. Frost

NOTE: THE CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

- Polls open at 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center
 - Voting is by secret ballot
 - Voting by proxy is not allowed
 - Persons waiting in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote
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- Official Voter Registration Deadline – Oct. 29, 2014 by 5 p.m.
 - Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – Oct. 29, 2014 by 5 p.m.
 - Emergency Absentee Deadline – Nov. 6, 2014 by 5 p.m.

MANY MOONS AGO



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Senior middle blocker Lindsay Box goes for a kill against the Dolores varsity teammates. Senior outside hitter Josie Pinnecoose and freshman setter A.J. Vigil look on. The Volleycats beat the Lady Bears in three games in Dolores Oct. 12.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 15, 2004, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

30 years ago

There is not a photo available for the 1984, edition of The Southern Ute Drum. Look for the 30 years ago in upcoming issues of the Drum.

IT'S YOUR VOTE • IT'S YOUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2014 General Election, according to the Constitution and the Election Code.

SOUTHERN UTE GENERAL ELECTION Friday, November 7, 2014

GENERAL ELECTION RESIDENCY DEADLINE: Friday, August 8, 2014

Constitution; Article IV, Section 5: A candidate shall physically reside within the present exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation for at least ninety-days (90) preceding the election.

STATEMENT OF INTENTION DEADLINE: Monday, September 8, 2014 by 5 p.m.

Election Code 11-3-101 (3): A Statement of Intention shall be filed with the Election Board not less than sixty-days (60) preceding the date of the General Election.

ELECTION BOARD DECISION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE: Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Election Code 11-3-102 (2): Any decision of the Election Board regarding eligibility shall be made at least forty-five (45) days before the election

NOTICE OF ELECTION: Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Election Code 11-4-102 (1): Election Board shall post notices of the election within the Southern Ute Reservation at least thirty-days (30) before each election.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 by 5 p.m.

Election Code 11-1-104 (1): Any enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member, 18 years or over, shall register themselves to vote by this date and time to be qualified to vote at the upcoming election. The deadline to do so is seven (7) business days before the election.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 by 5 p.m.

Election Code 11-5-102 (2): The application, letter, or telephone call requesting an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election

EMERGENCY BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE: Thursday, November 6, 2014 by 5 p.m.

Election Code 11-5-107 (1) (2) (3): A voter may make a written request that the Election Board provide him an emergency absentee ballot if: (a) He will be confined in a hospital or at his place of residence on election day because of events arising after the deadline for absentee ballot requests; or (b) He must be absent from the reservation on election day and the reason for such absence arose after the deadline for absentee ballot requests. The written request shall contain the following: (a) the voter's name and address; (b) The nature of the emergency causing confinement or absence from the reservation; and (c) The voter's signature.

The emergency ballot request must be made before the day of the election. The Election Board shall review emergency requests on a case-by-case basis. If the Election Board determines not to grant the request, the voter shall be promptly notified of the denial and the reason. If the Election Board determines that the request should be granted, the Election Board shall deliver the emergency absentee ballot at its office during regular business hours or, in the case of a medical emergency, at the place where the voter is confined.

GENERAL ELECTION: Friday, November 7, 2014 – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Constitution; Article IV, Section 1: There shall be annual elections on the first Friday in November.

Questions or concerns, contact our office at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305.
Off-Reservation tribal members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303.
Email is election@southern-ute.nsn.us

CULTURAL UPDATE

CULTURE CLASSES FOR OCTOBER AT SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM

Culture Classes:
SUCCM large and small classrooms, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
• Oct. 21: Beaded Hat/Head Bands
• Oct. 23: Finish Hat/Head Bands
Ute Language Classes:
SUCCM large and small classrooms, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
• Oct. 30: Conversational Ute

Givon Reading & Writing Ute Classes:

• Monday evenings, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Youth Language and Activity Classes:
SUCCM large and small classrooms, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
• Oct. 19: Ute Language and Mini Teepee
Youth Class Format:
• 11 a.m.- 12 p.m., Ute Language
• 12–12:30 p.m., Lunch
• 1–2 p.m., Class activity
Some classes run a little longer, based on participation.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Parents of F.L.A.G., tour of Chimney Rock as part of the ongoing activities in October, parents and children ages 0-3 years are welcome to attend the F.L.A.G. classes.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 14, 1994, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Elder Services October Activities

Oct. 21 – Movie day in Durango: Please call for show listings one day prior to trip.
Oct. 23 – Farmington Shopping Trip: Van will be leaving at 9 a.m.

All trips are subject to change without prior notice.

There will need to be four or more tribal elder, handicapped or disabled members to attend.
If you have any questions please call the Elder Services office at 970-563-0156.

SUCCM UPDATE

NATIVE CUISINE & CULTURAL EXPO

4th Annual "Taste of Native Cuisine & Cultural Expo" Celebrate Native American Indian Heritage month at the museum. Experience the inspired entrée's and deserts blending traditional native foods, and modern culinary techniques as expressed by indigenous chef M. Karlos Baca, and sous chefs, Anthony Hamlin and Stephen Mann. Enjoy performances by local Ute dancers, singers and musicians. Visit our new Art gallery, which will feature the inspired work of local artisans and vendors. Saturday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum Located at 503 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, Colo. 81137. Cost for this exciting event is: \$12 dollars for Adults \$7 dollars for Children ages 7-15 Children under 7 are free with an adult paid entrance which includes museum admission. Purchase tickets at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum or by calling 970-563-9583. You may purchase with Cash, Check or, Credit card. All proceeds will support our Education and outreach programs.

service employees or call 970-563-9583 for more information on this program.

MATINEE MOVIES AT SUCCM

As part of the Museum's exploration of Native American Stereotypes in the movies, each Saturday afternoon for the next 5 weeks the museum will feature early Hollywood films that included Native Americans. Larry Gooden, Museum Archivist, leads discussions and critiques after each showing. Come join us as we explore and discuss the exploitation of Native American culture in the movies! We have popcorn, drinks and candy for sale. All proceeds are for our Education programs and outreach.

ATTENTION LOCAL ARTISANS

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum would like to extend an invitation to local Ute artist to come and display/sell their work in the former gift shop. The new locals Art Gallery will be used as a showcase for contemporary local Ute art and traditional Ute works. The museum is offering a venue for your work to be displayed, viewed and possibly sold. Your work will have chance to be seen by consumers from around the world, as we often have international visitors. So if you would like to reserve a place for your art in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum new Art Gallery, please stop by to talk with an employee today!

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE MUSEUM

A Friend of the Museum is a rewards program that the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) will be implementing at the beginning of September. This is a free program where we will reward you for coming in to visit us. Ask any of our visitor



RESERVATION SCENIC BYWAY • FROM PAGE 1



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The touring group poses for a group photo in front of one of the many tourist attractions along the proposed scenic byway, the Navajo State Park information center.

ervation led the crew from Ignacio down CO Hwy 151 W to Arboles; then north to Chimney Rock; and back down to Indian Route 169 to Pagosa Junction, where the remains of the old railroad are most evident.

Though many tour attendees wanted to explore the deserted railroad tracks, the tracks are on Southern Ute private land.

Box said, this is where concerns about trespassing and land use control became evident.

“Having this [byway] open leads to possible trespassing by non tribal members on tribal land, and the need to increase patrol.”

With the increased traf-

fic to the area the Tribe will need to figure out whose job it is to patrol the Southern Ute tribal land the byway will pass through, he said.

Another concern is the maintenance of roads, he said. The byway will pass through a variety of different roadways along the route.

According to Box, the development of a byway commission with representatives from all involved parties will help hash out problems and concerns.

The Southern Ute representative has not been selected yet, but will be appointed by Tribal Council, he said.

Though there are some preliminary concerns, Box believes there will be some

benefits for the Tribe, tourism being number one.

“The [byway] can increase tourism to our reservation, casino resort and museum,” he said.

Though the Tribe has been in support of the byway, he said that the Tribe has no funding commitment to the project.

There is no definitive date as to when the route will be named a scenic byway but Box said this tour was a good update, and served as a chance for the Tribe to see what the byway has to offer.

“The [byway] all relies upon Tribal Council and where they want to take it,” he said.

A bite of bison



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Bison Educator, Marjorie Borst describes the different cuts of bison meat to the hungry audience that attended the taste test during lunch Wednesday, Oct. 15 at the Cultural Center large classroom.

SUIMA to Sutherland Farms



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students enjoy a sunny afternoon at Sutherland Farms hitching a ride on the tractor-trailer during their field trip to Sutherland Farms outside of Aztec, NM Wednesday, Oct. 15.



Students bury their feet in a corn pit during the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's field trip to Sutherland Farms this past Wednesday.

Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy take a walk through the corn maze.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

Come visit the Sky Ute Casino Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair
November 22, 9AM - 4PM

Held during the Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner.

For vendor information please call Dustin Weaver at 970.563.1759

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum Presents

Movies at the Museum

Saturdays in October and November starting @1:30

Oct. 4th	The Vanishing American (1925, 109 min.)
Oct. 11th	Stagecoach (1939, 97 min.)
Oct. 18th	MacKenna's Gold (1969, 123 min.)
Oct. 25th	When the Legends Die (1972, 105 min.)
Nov. 1st	Last of the Dogmen (1995, 117 min.)
Nov. 8th	The Fast Runner (2002, 161 min.)
Nov. 22nd	Cowboys & Aliens (2011, 119min.)

Come one come all to this family event!!

Warning: The Fast Runner has sporadic scenes of nudity.

Do you want to learn more about your culture? Learn to make a dress, shawl or moccasins? Learn more about your history, or learn traditional Ute dances or Pow Wow Dances?

The Culture Department is forming a group the "Culture Club" (sample name).

Call 563-0100 ext. 3620 to sign-up. First meeting in November 2014



TRIBAL HEALTH

Update on Tribal Health Benefit Plan

Lola Osawe
SU TRIBAL HEALTH DEPT.

Each Newspaper edition we will be trying to add some Value, and help YOU, our most valued assets, use the Tribal Health Plan to get the most out of it.

As you may have heard, you will be receiving new ID Cards in the mail shortly, and the best part about them is that they are now plastic and will last longer than our

previous cards.

Please make sure that you present the new ID card to your Doctor on your next visit as this will help to get your bills processed quicker!

As part of this mass mailing, there will also be a Coordination of Benefits Questionnaire. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and return to us as quickly as possible.

This will not only help YOU in getting your claims processed quicker, it will

also greatly benefit the Local Providers in getting paid. Please help us help you, and return this at your earliest convenience.

The address, phone and fax will be at the bottom of the questionnaire for our convenience.

If you have any questions please contact our Benefit Coordinators at 970-563-4704/4813.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Health Center's pharmacy team (left to right): Phyllis Rhodes, Paige Kapp, Denise Turner, Angela Rose, and Emily Flores.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Reintroducing your pharmacy team

By Angela Rose
SU HEALTH CENTER

The Pharmacy at the Southern Ute Health Center has had many changes this past year to better serve the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and its members. There have been staff additions, new clinical programs, expanded formulary for all natives, and many additions to the enrolled Southern Ute tribal member formulary.

We have a wonderful staff with a combined 82 years of diverse experience in the pharmacy field.

PHARMACY STAFF

Paige Kapp is our newest pharmacist, joining our team here in February. She lives in Durango with her husband, Jake, and two young children, Cecilia and Harrison. She is currently developing our Clinical Pharmacy program in which she will be spending more one-on-one time with patients at the clinic, helping them meet their health goals. She is always happy to talk with our patients about their medications, and address any questions or concerns.

Emily Flores, Pharmacist, was born and raised in Durango. She attended pharmacy school in Denver and lived there for 19 years. Emily worked in a small retail pharmacy for four years and then worked for the state for 12 years at a long-term-care facility and psychiatric hospital as the Pharmacy Director. Emily, her husband and two daughters moved back to live next door to her parents when she started working for the Southern Ute Health Center in June 2012.

Denise Turner has worked as a pharmacy tech for about 15 years in multiple settings, the hospital in Vail

Colorado, City Market in Pagosa Springs, and at Mercy Regional for the last 7 years. She lives in Arboles with her husband and they have 2 daughters who live in Durango. Denise came to the Health Center in May 2014.

Phyllis Rhodes, pharmacy Tech, was born and raised in Cortez, Colo., and after completing high school in Cortez she spent three years in nursing school at Mesa State College in Grand Junction Colo. She left school to become a wife and mother, one of her greatest accomplishments. She has over 15 years of experience in pharmacy, and came to work at the Southern Ute Health Center a little over a year ago.

Angela Rose is the Pharmacy Director and comes to the Tribe with 27 years of experience. She moved to the area 5 years ago from Arkansas. She worked for the Tribe as a contractor for almost four years before becoming the pharmacy director in December 2013. Before that she was the pharmacy manager at Ozarks Medical Center Employee Pharmacy in West Plains MO. Angela is married and has 2 sons, one lives in Durango and one is attending Arkansas State University.

NEW AND EXPANDED SERVICES

The pharmacy is starting a Clinical Pharmacy program, which will give patients one-on-one time to talk with Pharmacist, Paige Kapp, about their medications for dosage adjustments, clarifications or side effects.

The first two clinics we will be starting will be for Anti-Coagulation therapy and Smoking Cessation, which will come no later than January 2015. We will be attending the Health Fair with additional information on how to get in-

involved in these programs.

The pharmacy has expanded the formulary this year to provide a larger variety of products for all Native Americans. If you have been purchasing medication from local pharmacies because the medication was not on the formulary; you might want to contact the pharmacy to see if your medication was added to the formulary this past year.

TRIBAL HEALTH BENEFIT PHARMACY UPDATE

With the current changes to the Southern Ute Tribal Health Benefit Pharmacy Plan your Health Center Pharmacy will be ordering medications to take care of the enrolled members.

You may call the pharmacy to inquire about getting all your medications filled at the clinic so you don't have to travel to Durango or Bayfield for medication.

The new plan will require the use of mail order after 3 fills of a long-term medication at a local pharmacy or you may use the Southern Ute Health Center Pharmacy instead of mail order.

Call the pharmacy staff for more information on obtaining your prescriptions at the Health Center. We would love to serve you.

Using the Health Center Pharmacy will help in reducing the cost of your benefit plan because of the buying power and programs the Southern Ute Indian Tribe uses.

The Pharmacy is here to take care of you and your medication needs. Each member of the staff is competent, friendly and eager to serve. Come by and get to know the staff, ask questions and let us know how we can better serve you.

Handling a field emergency



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Wilderness Risk Management is a course that teaches the fundamentals of how to handle an emergency when the situation arises. Throughout the course, Southern Ute staff was instructed on how to evaluate a head injury, how to stop bleeding, tell sick versus non-sick, and use proper CPR etiquette.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Brad Sablosky and Josh Kling, experts in emergency care, provided the lecture on Oct. 7 and Oct. 8, passing the knowledge of safety to members of the Southern Ute tribal divisions.

Charise Hunter gets assistance during a training scenario. Trainees were given a type of injury that could be possible happening in the work field, while another goes through the steps of diagnosing the problem with proper aid.



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4-week Fall Series Diabetes Education Classes

Once a week starting Oct. 28 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Oct. 28	Nutrition
Southern Ute Cultural Center Large Classroom	Nov. 4	Medication
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Program Staff

Deanna Frost
Program Coordinator

Kim Heintzman
Registered Dietitian Nutritionist
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Shawmarie Tso
Special Patient Coordinator

For More Information call 563.4741



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116 Capote Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
Kathryn Jackett, Foster Care Coordinator
(970) 563-4735





CU-BOULDER

Upward Bound program wants you

By Tanaya Winder
UNIVERSITY OF BOULDER

The University of Colorado at Boulder's Upward Bound Program (CUUB) started in Boulder in 1981. Since then, this program funded through the U.S. Department of Education has been successfully serving Native American youth ages 13-17 from across the country. CUUB is currently seeking students from the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to apply to join the program.

The program's current grant period allows the program to recruit approximately 103 students from targeted areas located on or near 8 major Native American reservations or communities throughout the United States including the Comanche Nation, Lumbee Indian community, Jemez Pueblo, Navajo Reservation, Pine Ridge Reservation, Umatilla Reservation, Ramah Navajo community, and the Southern Ute Reservation, targeting approximately 21 high schools.

To be eligible students must be enrolled in grades 9-11 and reside within the target areas. Prospective students must either meet federal low-income guidelines, be potential first generation college students, or both.

The program prepares students from these rurally isolated high schools for college entry and graduation. CUUB includes both an Academic Year Component and a Summer Academic Institute.

During the Academic Year students receive monthly homework assignments, ongoing academic advising, and personal mentoring from CUUB staff through site visits that occur throughout the academic year.

The summer students are invited to participate in a six-week long residency program at the University of Colorado Boulder. The program is designed to develop college-requisite competency in mathematics, read-

ing, writing, science and academic study skills while simultaneously developing critical thinking skills.

However, CUUB does much more than prepare students for the academic rigors they will encounter in their own schools. CUUB mentors its students by hiring Native American college students (who are also CUUB alumni) to serve as Resident Advisors (RAs) for their Summer Academic Institute. RAs continue to maintain their mentorships with students long after the summer program by offering advice and insight into the educational realm.

Beyond the socio-economic and educational conditions faced by this particular population, other societal factors exist that create a harsh living environment for those in Native American communities throughout the U.S. including the reservations listed as CUUB Target Areas.

With an absence of basic services that contribute to quality of life and limited health care, the proliferation of problems such as substance abuse and teenage pregnancy, coupled with the rural isolation of most reservations and the increasing prevalence of family and community dysfunction, continue to impact Native communities in ways difficult to quantify. Such problems within the community surface within the academic environment and are also echoed in students' ability to cope and succeed under such conditions.

There is a need for Native American youth to learn different coping mechanisms to address these concerns directly. CUUB prioritizes these needs by devoting a significant portion of the program to mentoring students by pairing them with roommates, offering counseling, and putting students into leadership courses.

It has been shown that for all of the reservation communities located in the CUUB target areas, eco-

nomie opportunities are extremely limited, poverty is rampant, and educational attainment is severely low.

With so many issues prevalent in Indian Country there is an overwhelming need for increased educational opportunities in the target areas/schools and programming to address and take preventative measures to these issues.

Geographic isolation from institutions of higher education, coupled with lack of exposure to college students and graduates, may lead Native American students to make uninformed conclusions as to the accessibility of higher education. With little exposure to off-reservation environments, making the decision to leave the home community to pursue education is extraordinarily difficult at best.

Because the current conditions on Native American reservations are a reflection of longstanding trends of economic and educational disadvantage, it is the goal of CUUB to continue to provide Native American students a unique opportunity to fulfill their educational potential, an opportunity rarely afforded them within their communities.

In addition to coursework, CUUB also provides spoken word workshops, digital storytelling courses, and outdoor fitness classes to provide creative outlets for our students. CUUB encourages its students to find and pursue their passions.

Our ultimate mission includes establishing pipelines of possibility by introducing them to mentors and other young leaders who work in multiple fields, careers, and disciplines. We endeavor to help students create their own path and narrative in life.

For further information and to download an application please visit our website <http://www.colorado.edu/odece/cuub/> or contact the program Director, Tanaya Winder at Tanaya.Winder@Colorado.edu

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



ABRIANA SILVA-BAKER

Abriana Silva-Baker attends Ignacio High School, where she is a senior. Her favorite subjects in school are English and Civics. My Parents/Guardians are Shawnda Baker, David Silva and Lyente Lucero. She likes to participate in fast pitch softball. When I grow up I want to go to the Army and go to Texas Tech after high school. I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for September because of my excellent effort in school. Teacher comments: Abriana has shown persistence and dedication in achieving her academic goals. She has maintained good grades and excellent attendance. She has exhibited the character trait of responsibility and has been recognized at the high school for this. With her continued effort and steady work habits, she will see great success this year.



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RANDY DOYEBI JR.

Randy Doyebi Jr. attends Ignacio Middle School where I am an 8th grader. My favorite subjects in school are Math and Science. My parents/guardians are Alberta Doyebi and Randy Doyebi Sr. I like to participate in sports, going to club venture and Gourd Dancing at Pow Wows. In addition, I want to be a NBA Basketball Player when I grow up. I want to go to Oklahoma University. I have been chosen Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for October because I have been doing good in school and have good grades. Teacher comments: It is an honor to nominate Randy for this award. He is a pleasure to work with and a read hard worker in class. Randy is a very pleasant and respectful young man.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Archery Club 12:00 to 12:30	6 Men's Softball Championship Match	7	8	9	10	11 Youth Soccer
12 Archery Club 12:00 to 12:30		13	14	15	16	17 Pumpkin Patch Field Trip Registration starts October 18
18 Archery Club 12:00 to 12:30		19	20	21	22	23
24 Archery Club 12:00 to 12:30	25 Men's Open Basketball League!	26	27	28 COED Volleyball League!	29	30 Halloween Carnival Checkout our booth!
31 Archery Shoot Lake Capote						1 Fall Draw Soccer Tournament

EDUCATION UPDATE

ATTENTION STUDENTS ENTERING COLLEGE

If you are interested in expanding your education by entering college but are not sure if your academic skills are up to college standards, the ACCUPLACER test provides you information about your Math, English, and Reading skills. The results of the assessment, in conjunction with your academic background, goals, and interests, are used by academic advisors to determine your course selection. It is an on-line exam and is an untimed test. So, take your time, but you can plan on about an hour and a half to complete! The ACCUPLACER is a great indicator to 2 and 4 year Institutions for College Readiness. You do not "pass" or "fail" the placement test, but it is very important that you do your best on these tests so that you will have an accurate measure of your academic skill and preparedness for college level

courses. Southwest Colorado Community College is conducting the test thought the Education Department in Ignacio. Education Department Building – Computer Lab at 1 p.m., Oct. 30. Cost is \$10. If you would like to take the test please call so we can reserve your spot or if you have any questions and need help, call Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger, Adult Education Program Manager at the Education Dept. 970-563-0237, ext. 2784.

CURING CANCER WITH CRAFTS

Curing Cancer with Crafts is back again this year, with a new look, new ideas, and a new date! This year our event will be held at Ignacio Middle School on Nov. 22. This will be held in conjunction with "Shoot for the Cure" our middle school tri (Ignacio, Ridgeway, and Dove Creek) basketball competition. If you are interested in reserving a space to sell your crafts or for more information please contact Deb Otten at 970-563-0661.

Bobcats of the month



Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn, congrats Bobcats!

Daymien Aguilar, Kalia Anthony, Aven Bourriague, Malenia Carel, Robin Johnson, Keevin Reynolds, Stoney White, Thulder, Roney Annen Frost, Adilyne Tallbird, Hunter Vicenti and Marcus White.



SUIMA brings the energy



Zachariah Red (left) and Ebonee Gomez analyze the number of volts being conducted through a miniature solar panel.



One activity involved the use of solar energy to generate the flow of running water.



Joe Lounge from the Powerhouse Science Center discusses how energy is directed through the solar panels, resulting in electricity.

Photos by Damon Toledo
The Southern Ute Drum

Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy traveled to the Durango Solar Garden One site on Tuesday, Oct. 14 to learn how solar energy is conducted. As part of their energy lectures, students learned how electricity is managed through solar panels. There are 690 solar panels on the site, with an average of 18 panels being used to power a single household. The solar garden produces enough energy to power about forty average sized homes. Amanda Saunders, outreach coordinator, had the students name each important section of the solar panel. The students later returned to school for further energy demonstrations led by Ashley King and Joe Lounge from the Powerhouse Science Center in Durango. They worked with simple solar kits and electric conductors to power wind-fans and flowing water.

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TRIBAL CREDIT

Tribe announces secured home loan program

Staff report
SU TRIBAL CREDIT

Tribal Council in coordination with the Tribal Credit Department has announced the new Secured Home Loan Program.

Applications for the Secured Home Loan Program will be available from the Tribal Credit Department starting on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Loans will be available for home loans on Tribal trust and Tribal fee land within the Reservation. Loans must be for the Tribal Member's primary residence. Tribal member must have or be in the process of obtaining an assignment through the Department of Natural Resources, Lands Division.

Length of loan will be for 10 to 30 years depending on the purpose of the loan. Interest rates will be 3.75 percent. Two percent down payment or equity value of 2 percent in the property. Loan maximums will be determined on property value and affordability.

Insurance must be maintained on the house. Individuals with low credit scores will be required to obtain financial literacy counseling. Loan documents will include: Grant of Assignment or Lease, Security Agreement and Promissory Note.

Applications will be evaluated on approved policy and procedures and a debt-to-income ratio of 40 percent or less.

Secured Home Loans not available Oct. 15 include:

- Purchase and placement of mobile or modular homes
- New construction of homes or additions
- Remodels requiring inspections for building code compliance (structural, electrical, plumbing).

These will be available upon adoption of a building code, which is currently in development.

Secured Home Loans NOT available within the policy for the following:

- Loans for housing on allotments
- Loans for housing on fee land (non-tribal)
- Home Equity/cash out loans

This process will be coordinated among the Tribal Credit Department to provide financing, Department of Natural Resources Lands Division to verify home site assignment and or lease and assess the land for preparedness for development, Housing Department to provide construction oversight and assistance.

Tribal Council has approved these changes to better serve the Tribal Membership via the Tribal Credit Department. If you have specific questions, you may contact the Tribal Credit Office at 970-563-4744, Lands Division at 970-563-0126, Housing Department at 970-563-4710.

On Oct. 15 applications will only be available for:

- Refinancing existing real estate loans on Tribal assignments
- Purchasing a home on Tribal land
- Renovations which do not require inspections (flooring, windows, doors, cabinets, etc.)

SAN JUAN COLLEGE

Four Corners Startup Weekend

Staff report
SAN JUAN COLLEGE

San Juan College Enterprise Center hosts its second Four Corners Startup Weekend, November 14-16 at the Quality Center for Business at San Juan College.

Last year a team from Ignacio came in second place. Startup Weekend is a global grassroots movement of active and empowered entrepreneurs who are learning the basics of founding startups and launching successful ventures.

Startup Weekend events are offered in cities around the world – from Mongolia to South Africa to Canada to Brazil. The basic idea is to bring potential entrepreneurs and technology developers alongside business development individuals for a weekend-long workshop to pitch ideas, form teams and start companies. It is designed to be the time to test startup ideas, meet

potential co-founders and launch a startup.

An organizing team representing business development resources, entrepreneurs and the Four Corners region is bringing the event to the area.

"We're looking for ways to educate and support people interested in developing a business concept, product or service," explained Judy Castleberry, San Juan College Enterprise Center director. "We're excited about Startup Weekend because of the success we enjoyed with it last year and of the success it has had in other areas."

Startup Weekend is a non-profit group based in Seattle, WA that organizes 24-hour events in cities around the world, all of which help educate, support and empower people to become entrepreneurs.

There have been more than 1,500 events worldwide that have resulted in more than

13,000 new startup businesses in diverse industries and populations. The organizing team hopes to build a stronger base of locally grown businesses by bringing the event to the Four Corners again this year.

The event is open to everyone in the Four Corners, including students, entrepreneurs, potential entrepreneurs, people with a technology background, people with a good idea they would like to develop, and anyone who wants to learn about business development.

The cost is \$75 for the general public and \$25 for students with an ID from any of the surrounding colleges. The admission price includes all meals and the possibility of scholarships.

For more information or to register, go to www.fourcorners.startupweekend.org or contact Judy Castleberry at 505- 566-3699 or email at castleberryj@sanjuancollege.edu.

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IMS VOLLEYBALL

Young Cats 'golden' in cancer-awareness bid

IMS, Pagosa Springs raise nearly \$1K

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Iris Frye got an extra applause from her young Lady Pirates when introduced prior to the A-team feature Tuesday, Sept. 30, inside Ignacio Middle School Gymnasium.

They perhaps knew something most fans in the house didn't, which Frye later revealed following IMS' first-ever "Play for Gold" childhood cancer-awareness/fundraiser volleyball match night:

"It's very close to my heart, being an adult who beat childhood cancer myself." Pagosa Springs middle school coach said. "So this is an incredibly special night – I teared up several times."

Noting she herself had been diagnosed with the targeted disease – September, with gold being the theme color (akin to the familiar pink in October), is the designated month for awareness of the childhood variety as



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

The Ignacio Middle School volleyball team's first-ever 'Play for Gold' fundraiser night, against Pagosa Springs on Tuesday Sept. 30, raised over \$900 to help battle childhood cancer and its causes.

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IHS FOOTBALL

No. 8 Falcons blank Ignacio, 41-0

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Evilly awful with all his kickoffs – none had a chance of reaching Ignacio junior return specialist/wide receiver Wyatt Hayes – Centauri senior Devon Barrows all but painted a "kick me" sign on the Bobcats' collective back when he drilled an Ignacio upman square in the reverse digits with his initial attempt, humorously getting the teams underway Friday, Oct. 10 at IHS Field.

Had it not been for junior Chase Sanchez's quick smothering of what was unintentionally, yet essentially an inside kick, the No. 8 ranked [CHSAANow.com poll, 10/6] Falcons might have enjoyed a swifter start towards what ended a 41-0 shutout – with CHS cruising into halftime already up



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Chase Sanchez (6) gets a good hold of Centauri quarterback K.C. Jarvies (9) in the Falcons' backfield during the teams' Friday, Oct. 10 game at IHS Field.

by 34 points.

Starting from their own 47-yard line, the Bobcats' opening series ended after Hayes' first (of five) punt was blocked and Centauri recovered the ball at the 30 with 10:47 left in the first quarter.

Eighty-seven seconds and five powerful runs lat-

er, alternating between seniors Jareb Aziz and James Richardson (six if one adds Richardson's two-point conversion), CHS was on the board with Aziz crashing in from two yards.

Ignacio's next series ended with Barrows fall-

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IHS VOLLEYBALL

Volleycats trip tricky Telluride

Spikers prevail in October-pink match

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Losing Saturday, Oct. 11, was simply not an option.

Not only because the Cats were finally back on friendly ground – this time the SunUte Community Center court, rather than Ignacio Middle School Gymnasium – but because their full-pull battle with visiting Telluride ultimately became metaphorical of a far greater struggle.

"Just to know that you're playing for these patients, it gives us hope," said sophomore Alex Forsythe, of the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League match's inclusion in the annual "Pink Digs for the Cure" series involving IHS, 3A Bayfield and 4A Durango during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"Like, 'Just keep pushing through!'" she continued. "I mean, their life is so hard right now and they keep pushing through. That's what we can do, and that's what we do during the game. It's great knowing you're playing for someone."

That being stated, Ignacio still had to play for themselves on the smaller scale of their 2014 home finale – and never more urgently than after the Lady Miners somehow erased a 12-6 deficit in Game 5, and drew even in eerily similar fashion to their cancellation of IHS' 23-19 advantage in Game 4.

"A huge margin for error!" quipped head coach Thad Cano afterwards.

Both rallies, in fact, began after junior libero Chrystianne Valdez stood smiling at the service line – prior to THS' Fawnda Rogers' timeout after nailing down an ace, and later while hustling back to quickly restart play after an IHS point against a stunned Telluride in the tiebreaker.

But both ended via kills delivered by Forsythe's right hand, and Ignacio saved Game 4 25-23 after a Lady Miner freeball sailed out of play on game point, and soon saved a badly-needed win when freshman Chasity Bean stuffed a Telluride over-pass down and out of bounds off an enemy for the clincher.

"We were kind of getting down," admitted Forsythe. "We just had to take a deep breath, like It's o.k., let it all go ... let's smash 'em right here!"

Anytime we were down as team we helped each other back up, freshman Shoshone Thompson said.

"These girls are working



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Chrystianne Valdez gets down for a ball, with teammate Alex Forsythe and Telluride's Annika Valerio (5) both observing during the teams' Saturday, Oct. 11 match inside SunUte Community Center.

so hard – I want to let everybody know how hard these young ladies are working," Cano stressed after the 20-25, 25-18, 24-26, 25-23, 15-13 victory. "It's definitely appreciated!"

The Lady Miners (5-12, 4-9 SJBL) managed to put the Cats (2-14, 2-8) in a hole early, when freshman middle Hannah Gundelfinger downed a kill off Bean to end Game 1.

But Ignacio, bent on ending a three-match road slide including a five-game loss at Dove Creek [Oct. 7; 15-25, 23-25, 25-15, 25-20, 13-15] between a three-gamer at Ridgway and a four-gamer at Mancos, blasted their way out to a 9-1 lead in Game 2 after Thompson opened with a kill. The lead would balloon to as great as 13-3 and 15-5, and Rogers needed to burn her second stoppage of the stanza with her team trailing 16-8 after a Ryley Webb kill.

Thompson cleverly dumped a settable ball to even the match at one game apiece, but THS rebounded well in Game 3, forcing Cano to call time with Ignacio behind 14-12, and his second with the guests still leading at 22-18.

But just as Telluride senior Mikaela Balkind's ace necessitated the breather, Webb's serving reinvigorated the Cats – all the way back to a 24-24 tie – after

exiting it.

"She's been doing great the last couple games she's played. And I'm really surprised, because she came in and she was ... scared, you know," Forsythe said. "And we're like, 'Don't worry; you're going to do great!' She knows where she is on the court, knows the rotation, can hit the ball."

THS senior Briana Santa Ana finally got Webb off serve with a kill, and the Lady Miners went into Game 4 up 2-1 in the match after Ignacio junior Ellie Seibel clipped the antenna with an attack.

A Forsythe ace then sparked an undaunted 5-1 reply, and IHS held the upper hand until a Gundelfinger ace knotted the score at 16. But consecutive Seibel aces during an ensuing 4-0 burst forced Rogers to call time, likely knowing the Cats had just shown the heart to take the tilt the distance.

"Any coach that looks at our team ... we're throwing out serves from all different angles, and that's what's important – keeping the opponent guessing," said Cano. "The girls ... their focus to keep those tough serves in and keep aggressive is amazing!"

Up next the Cats travel to No. 10 ranked Norwood tomorrow for an 11 a.m. start, and the regular season ends Oct. 21 at Pagosa Springs.

JV team digs pink



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio JV head coach Melanie Seibel (collared shirt) regroups her troupe during Oct. 11 action inside SunUte Community Center versus Telluride. The teams' 2A/1A San Juan Basin League match was designated as IHS' for the 2014 'Pink Digs for the Cure' series in La Plata County and prior to varsity play, the THS JV stopped the Lady Cats 19-25, 25-18, 25-15. After the varsities' five-game thriller, Ignacio's C-team took the floor and took care of the Lady Miners 25-16 and 25-21.

SUNUTE RECREATION PRESENTS

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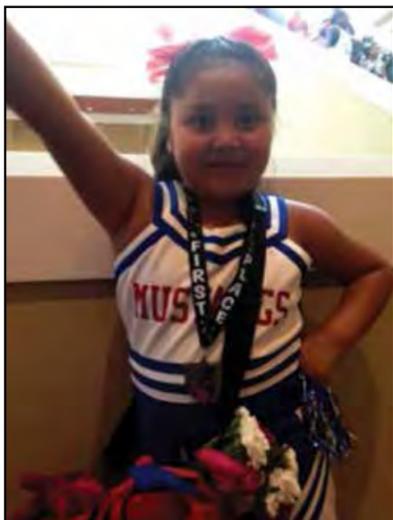
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COMMUNITY GREETINGS



CONGRATS J DOVE

We're so proud of you. Keep up the good work. We love you!

Dad, Mom, DJ, Cynda, Grandma, Auntie, Uncle and family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MATAYA

I'm very proud of you. May all your wishes come true.

Love you always - Mom XOXO

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUNTIE DENISE

Thank you for all you do for me.

Love your neice Mel



HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY

Happy 3rd Birthday to our Beautifully Handsome Grandson & Nephew, Orion Hunter Watts on October 22nd!!

Our family has been blessed in so many ways since the day we brought you home, all the diaper changing and burping now you're running around the house and we're chasing you everywhere.

May the Creator continue to bless you as you grow into a strong young boy.

You're going to love your Ninja Turtle Party and all your gifts we got you!!

Love G-Ma 'T', Uncle Jes, Auntie Angel, Uncle Carlos & Auntie Nanz

GOING HOME

Don't cry for me if I should die,
don't mourn and feel so bad,
For where I'll go, what you should feel,
is happiness, and glad.
Because you see, I'm going home,
to all the things I love,
To long lost friends and family,
all waiting up above.

We'll all be going home some day,
on that you can rely,
To be together, once again,
so there's no need to cry.
For we're all here on borrowed time,
to learn our lessons well.
To earn our way, from day to day,
until that final bell.

To die is not the end of life,
it's passage through a door, a door
That leads to Heaven's gate,
where life's forever more.
Where ageing bodies don't exist,
and no such things as pain,
Eternal life, of love and bliss,
and happiness again.

So if at times a loved ones lost,
try not to feel so sad,
For he or she's the lucky one and you
should not feel bad.
Just think that they have "Made it home",
and now they wait for you,
And while we do our earthly time,
they linger in the blue.

The Lord aboe has made it so,
and so it shall be done,

Where we shall all return to Him,
and be with Him as one.
So do not cry, if I should die,
and do not feel alone,
For I'll be waiting for the day,
I welcome you, back home.

Jerry Genovese

THE SKY HAS NEW MEANING

Since the day I was born,
when I looked up above,
The sky was always the same
"Twas a blanket of blue, all smiling with sun,
Or dark shadow, crying with rain.
It just never seemed much of anything else,
The sky was the sky, and no more.
For what could it be, but moisture and air,
And the stage for the season four.
But now things are different
when I look up above,
The sky has new meaning to me.
For my sister had died,
and gone to the Lord,
And no more "just the sky" do I see.
For now I see Heaven when the sun's
shining bright,
And God's blessing when it's crying with rain.
With islands of paradise floating high,
soft and white,
And a world of no hardships and pain.
So now when I happen to raise my head high
Expecting to see just the sky,
I see more beauty than could ever be told,
Right through these very same eyes.
I look at it now, as the home of my sister,
And have comfort in knowing she's near.
For wherever I go, she's always above,
Every day, every night, every year.

Jerry Genovese

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

ACKNOWLEDGE & HONOR

Dear Tribal Membership:
In this day and age most of our lifestyles are fast pace, meetings to attend, working non-stop on projects or whatever...it is very easy to go to fast food places because they fit the lifestyle. A majority of the menus reflect fried, reconstructed food, sugar laden, and these types of foods lead to several diseases. My relatives and friends, we need to take

a moment and think about how important our health is. So important, it determines our future and our grandchildren, children's future. First, our ancestors gave us the knowledge of hunting, fishing, and gathering the herbs, berries and many of the other foods that supply us with good nutrition and made us strong. Today, we have strayed away because of the times but all we have to do is return. Learn to hunt again, learn about animal's

habitat, go fishing or plant a garden. Learn good nutritious foods that give us energy and learn what makes us happy. Most important is to give thanks; honor our bodies, appreciate our families and acknowledge who we are. Let us continue to sing our songs.

I am looking forward to sharing with you a taste of Bison and good conversation.

*Marge Borst, Bison Instructor
970-563-0100, Ext. 3627*

EDITOR'S NOTE: ALL LETTERS PUBLISHED IN THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM ARE PUBLISHED AS SUBMITTED AND DO NOT REFLECT THE OPINION OF THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM OR THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE.

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Birthday wishes, holiday greetings, congrats?

Say it in the Drum!

Call 970-563-0118 or email the Drum at sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov



OBITUARIES



WOODHULL – Robert Lee "Woody" Woodhull, Sr., 63, died Tuesday, October 14, 2014 in Durango, Colorado. No services are planned at this time and a viewing will be held at Hood Mortuary from 2-7 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2014. Cremation will occur at Hood Mortuary Crematory in Durango. Woody died due to a short battle with cancer.

Woody was born March 29, 1951 in Winnebago, Nebraska, the son of Albert and Lucy Woodhull. He grew up in Macy, Nebraska and he was drafted in the US Army during the Vietnam war. Upon his return, he attended a vocation school for welding and auto restoration and repair, lived in California for a short time, then returned back to Denver. Woody moved to Ignacio in February of 1994 and lived there until his passing. He worked for the Sky Ute Casino, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and then for the Southern Ute Tribe in construction services – remodeling, building and maintaining tribal housing and facilities. He retired in 2009.

Woody enjoyed lawn and garden care – his home was his pride and joy. He restored and maintained cars and especially enjoyed his friends, co-workers and family. He treasured his pets as part of his family.

He is survived by his wife Nova Burch of Ignacio, Daughter: Nicole Burch-Woodhull of Denver, Colo., Felicia Woodhull of Ignacio, Step-children: Aaron Burch of Montrose, Colo., Ronalynn Tiznado of Denver, Charles Buffalomeat of Ignacio, and numerous grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother and sisters.

SunUte softball league champs



courtesy McKean Walton/SunUte

2014 SunUte Recreation softball league Coed Champion team, Taylor Security.

2014 SunUte Recreation softball league Men's Champion team, CJ's Plumbing.



courtesy Virgil Morgan/SunUte

NEW EMPLOYEES



Edward B. Box III

Job title: Tribal Planner Apprentice

Description of duties: To learn under apprenticeship to direct, oversee and coordinate planning activities related to the development of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, the tribal community, and the tribal government.

Hobbies: I enjoy beading which I have completed my own regalia. I collect shot glasses which I have over 700 collected.

Family: I live here with my partner, Anthony Box, and am the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Box Jr., grandson of the late Eddie Box Sr. and Dorothy Burch Box.

Tribe: Southern Ute/Navajo/Spanish.

Drum Deadline

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Oct. 17

Deadline:
Oct. 13

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age; Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of

interest and confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5:00 PM, Friday, October 31, 2014. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180. Posted September 29, 2014 – D.O.G.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Tribal Credit Committee Vacancy

The Southern Ute Tribe Credit Committee has (3) vacancies. The Credit Committee members must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass a criminal background and reference checks. The term may be for a three (3) year period. All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the committee are to

submit a letter of interest to Andi Cook-Hiett in Human Resources.

Duties of the Credit Committee:

- Approve loans as required by the Declaration
- Monitor compliance with Declaration
- Monitor approved loan performance
- Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations
- Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business
- Hold monthly regular meeting and other special meetings as necessary
- Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM Board of Directors Vacancy

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is actively seeking a qualified tribal or community member who would be available for regularly scheduled and emergency meetings throughout the year for its Board of Directors. For more information, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. A letter of intent should be submitted in person to SUCCM or by mail at PO Box 737 #95 Ignacio, CO 81137.

KSUT Board of Directors Vacancy

KSUT Radio is seeking two Southern Ute tribal members to fill a vacancy on its board of directors. This is a non-paid position that requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Rob Rawles at KSUT, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Open until filled.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC

It is illegal to graze unauthorized livestock on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe shall continue to strictly enforce Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code and applicable federal regulations which prohibit trespass by livestock and the running-at large of livestock on Tribal lands. Violators of Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code are subject to civil penalties and fines up to \$1000, impoundment of livestock and all impoundment costs. In addition, violators may be subject to actual and punitive damages and injunctive relief. If you have livestock trespassing on Southern Ute Indian Tribal lands, you have until 4 p.m. on **October 22, 2014** to contact Southern Ute Animas Control to claim/gather said trespass livestock and pay any associated fines. After this date and time the Tribe will take any necessary action to ensure the protection of the Reservation and its natural resources, including those actions authorized by the Tribe's Constitution and Code. You may contact Southern Ute Animal Control at 970-563-0133.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SunUte Gymnasium HVAC Replacement Professional Engineering Design Services

**Owner: Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737, 116 Memorial Drive
Ignacio, CO 81137
970-563-0138**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Professional Engineering Design Services for the SunUte Gymnasium HVAC System. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Memorial Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2:00PM MDT, on November 17, 2014. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on November 3, 2014 at 116 Memorial Drive, Ignacio, Colorado, Construction & Project Management Office. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Design Review and Commissioning Services SunUte Gymnasium HVAC Replacement

**Owner: Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737, 116 Memorial Drive
Ignacio, CO 81137
970-563-0138**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Design Review and Commissioning Services for the SunUte Community Center Gymnasium HVAC System Replacement project. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Memorial Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2:00PM MDT, on

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Long Range Transportation Update

**Owner: Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Tribal Planning Department
P. O. Box 737, 116 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-4749**

Separate sealed bids to provide transportation planning services and assistance for updating the Southern Ute Tribal Transportation Program Transportation Improvement Program (TTPTIP), will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the Tribal Planning Department office located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2014 and then at said office privately opened and reviewed. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. This project will be funded through Federal contracts, and is contingent upon contract awards. Pre-determined wages (Davis Bacon) will apply to this project. A mandatory site visit meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. To receive a RFP Packet contact the Tribal Planning Department at the address and/or number indicated above. The Southern Ute Tribal Long Range Transportation Plan Update 2015 is a planning document for the National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory (NTTFI) within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This plan will be updated to identify and prioritize

the NTTFI improvement projects as well as to establish priorities for improvements to roads on the BIA inventory. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has adopted a Tribal Employment Rights Code, which provides for Indian preference in contracting and employment. To receive a copy of the Code, or for more information, contractors should contact the Southern Ute TERO Office at 970-563-0117. For the purposes of this RFP, Qualified local Indian Owned Businesses certified through Southern Ute TERO Office will receive preference in accordance with the Code. A TERO Certified Indian Owned Business will, if its initial bid is not within 5% of the lowest bid by a qualified, non-certified or non-Indian owned business, be given a single opportunity to submit a revised bid. Proof of certification as an Indian Owned Business by the Tribe's TERO Office will be required if claiming this preference. The Code will apply to all sub-contracting, if any, which may be needed in the course of this project. In addition, pursuant to the Code, the successful contractor may be required to pay a TERO fee in the amount of 2% of the total project cost. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in proposals and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

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Human Resources • PO Box 367, Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024
Tribal member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test and background check

Measurement III – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 10/22/14
In Gilcrest, Colo. Completing all gas measurement and cathodic protection related activities and work tasks. Performs work related to operation and maintenance of measurement equipment at plant and field facilities, including processing plants, compressors, compressor stations, and dehydration equipment. Maintains and calibrates measurement equipment and facilities.

Office Assistant – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 10/22/14
In Durango, Colo. Clerical support and receptionist duties for the staff of Aka Energy Group (Aka), Growth Fund Safety, Environmental and Compliance Management Group (SECMG), and Growth Fund Information Technologies (GFIT).

President/COO – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 10/21/14
In Ignacio, Colo. Works collaboratively with the Operating Director and Growth Fund Management Committee to identify Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) goals and objectives. Directs company activities to achieve approved goals and objectives. Provides administrative and supervisory oversight to company employees and project activities. Provides recommendations and reports to the Growth Fund Management Committee and Tribal Council. Authorizes or delegates all management decisions not requiring higher approval. Serves as company spokesperson in external relations.

Land Records Analyst II – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 10/24/14
In Ignacio, Colo. Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land and lease records, including all related documents and contracts, for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works

with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. This position provides a wider scope of support to more senior level Land Records Analysts.

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Senior Land Records Analyst – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 10/24/14
In Ignacio, Colo. Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land and lease records, including all related documents and contracts, for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. Works independently, follows existing processes.

Operations Tech II – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 10/24/14
In Maljamar, NM. Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. Facility will be operated as efficiently and profitably as possible.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations. ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE. Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Associate Judge - Law

Closing date 10/24/14
Hearing criminal, civil, traffic, juvenile delinquency, dependency and neglect, domestic, probate, protective custody cases, wellness court cases and all other matters arising under tribal or other applicable law, as assigned by the Chief Judge.

Air Quality Analyst - MSP

Closing date 10/30/14
Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists in coordinating and conducting technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade 17; \$17.22/hour.

Tribal Credit Division Head

Closing date 10/30/14
Manages the Tribal Credit Department that serves the Tribal Membership with mortgages, consumer and business loans and ensures that all activities and interactions with the Tribal Membership is held to the highest levels of professionalism and customer service. Takes the leading role in the development of all credit programs related to mortgages, consumer

and business loans and reports periodically as necessary on the status of the program utilizing reports or direct meetings with Tribal Council. Pay grade 25; \$86,431/annual.

Human Resources Director

Closing date 10/31/14
Under general direction of the Executive Officer. Management of the Human Resources Department, Employee Benefits Division, and the Risk and Emergency Management Division within the Tribal Organization. Incumbent is responsible for planning activities, overseeing direction of department and establishing an internal evaluation process for the Human Resources Department. Responsibilities include the day-to-day supervision, problem resolution, support, guidance, policy interpretation, and technical assistance to directors, division heads, and supervisors. The Director of Human Resources will identify and train a Southern Ute Tribal Member to assume the position of Director of Human Resources within five years of hire. The training program will follow a written training plan to be development in conjunction with the Tribe's Executive Officer and other personnel as appropriate

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Coroner Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest for persons interested in the appointed positions of Tribal Deputy Coroner. Qualifications are as follows:

- Must be at least twenty-one years of age
- Must have law enforcement experience
- Must be EMT certified or possess other similar medical training
- Must have a valid Drivers License for state of residency and be insurable under the Tribal vehicle insurance policy
- Must maintain a telephone for emergency notification purposes

The position is compensated at a rate of \$100 per call-out. The Coroner budget is administered by the Southern Ute Police Department and is available for advanced training and needed equipment. Please submit letter of interest for the Deputy Coroner to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737 – MS#10, Ignacio, Colorado 81137 or in person at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building at 71 Mike Frost Way by Nov. 21, 2014. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council for their consideration.

SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • www.sucap.org

Early Care Educator

Open until filled – So. Ute Early Head Start
Exceptional opportunity for those who love children. Southern Ute Early Head Start has one full-time position available. High School diploma/GED and CDA, AA, or Infant/Toddler Certification required; BA in Early Childhood Education preferred. Must pass background checks. Pay based on education/experience.

Teacher

Open until filled – So. Ute Head Start
Looking for someone who wants to make a difference. Exceptional health care benefits. High School diploma required; CDA, AA or BA preferred. Must have at least one year experience in early child care in a provider setting. Must pass background checks.

Bus Monitor

Open until filled – Southern Ute Head Start
Work with bus driver to ensure the safety of children to and from the center. Must work well with the public, parents and staff. Must have or be able to obtain CPR/1st Aid certification. Must pass background checks and TB test.

Residential Assistant

Open until filled – Peaceful Spirit
Currently hiring one part time RA with benefits. General clerical duties, willing to work in a treatment facility with clients dealing with addiction and recovery issues. Must have High School diploma/GED, 2 years of continuous sobriety. Must be available to work weekends, nights, midnight shifts, irregular shifts and holidays. Must pass background checks.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe MIS Seeking Tribal Member

Management Information Systems Seeks Tribal Member for Starting an Information Technology Career. Management Information Systems (MIS) is looking for Tribal members who may be interested in careers in information technology (IT) areas such as personal computer repair, support, operations, security and customer service. MIS's work also includes data and voice networking as well as audio

and visual management. MIS has an opening on our service desk team that performs most of the functions listed above. We can hire either a Tribal member who has skills in IT or is willing to coming to the MIS Department as a trainee. If you are interested in speaking to us about a IT job with the Tribe or becoming a trainee in this area, call us at 970-563-0128 or email us at MIS@southernute-nsn.gov

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

In the Legal Name Change of, Marietta Ann Watts Soto, Civil Subject, Case No.: 2014-0109-CV-NC

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Marietta Ann Watts Soto has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Marietta Ann Watts. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than November 14th, 2014. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2014.
James Crowdes, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, Xavier Savon Watts-Hight, Civil Subject, Case No.: 2014-0110-CV-NC

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Xavier Watts-Hight has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Xavier Watts-Hight. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than November 14th, 2014. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2014.
James Crowdes, Court Clerk

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

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Banquet Staff – On-call

Closing date 10/17/14
Assists in serving, set-up and clean-up of all banquet functions. High School diploma/Equivalency preferred. 18 years old+. Preference will be given to those over 21 years of age for alcohol laws. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have food service experience. Work experience in all areas of Banquet Events and Catering; setting up events, food lines, beverage set-up, service procedures and bartending preferred.

*Bartender – Full-time

Closing date 10/20/14
Provide beverage and cocktail service to bar patrons and restaurant guests. Must have High School diploma/Equivalency. 21 years old+. Completion of an accredited bartending course, or at least 1 year experience in high volume cocktail service, preferably in a hotel, restaurant and/or Casino environment.

*Bell Person – On-call

Closing date 10/20/14
Assists Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. 21 years old+. Must have a High School diploma/Equivalency. Must have at least 3 month of prior customer service. 6 month School of prior hotel/motel (front of house) operations preferred. Must have valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Busser – Full-time

Closing date 10/20/14
Clears off and sanitizes tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as: plates, glasses, silverware and napkins. Busser will help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed. 14 years old+. Preferably 16 years old+. Must have reliable transportation. Must have a minimum of an 8th grade education, able read and write at an 8th grade level.

*Craps Dealer – Full-time

Closing date 10/17/14
Deals all craps games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. 21 years old+. High School diploma/Equivalency. 1 year experience as a Craps dealer with Dealer School Certification or 3 years experience dealing craps, or Sky Ute Casino Dealer Certificate. Must pass audition.

*Fine Dining Server – On-call

Closing date 10/20/14
Provides an exceptional fine dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. High

School Diploma/Equivalency. 21 years old+. Minimum 1 year waiter/waitress experience in a luxury hotel, resort or fine dining restaurant. 1 year of cashing and food service experience. Must be able to demonstrate superior food and wine knowledge. Must have knowledge of service techniques including French Service dining experience.

Front Desk Staff – Full-time

Closing date 10/17/14
Responsible for providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. High School diploma/Equivalency. 18 years old+. Must have previous experience in hotel front desk. Must have 3 month previous customer service experience. Must possess a valid driver's license and be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Line Cook – Full-time

Closing date 10/17/14
Prepares Al La Carte menu in the Shining Mountain Café and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. High School diploma/Equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have at least 1 year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant or 6 month In House training.

*Multi-Games Dealer – On-call

Closing date 10/17/14
Deals Blackjack (Class 3), Three Card poker, Roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School Diploma/Equivalency. 6 month Table Games Dealer experience or Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition.

*Poker Dealer – On-call

Closing date 10/17/14
Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School diploma/Equivalency. 21 years old+. 6 month experience as a poker dealer or Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition.

*Restaurant Supervisor – Full-time

Closing date 10/24/14
Monitors and supervises the day-to-day operations of the Rolling Thunder Grill and lounge area, ensuring guests are provided with an exceptional guest service experience. High School diploma/Equivalency. 21 years old+. At least 5 years in the restaurant industry with a minimum of 3 years experience as a Restaurant Supervisor in a restaurant or in a hotel environment.

*Must be at least 21 years old.

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YOUNG CATS 'GOLDEN' • FROM PAGE 8

well as others – in seventh grade at age 12, wearing the proverbial shoes of many of her current players, she later starred in volleyball and soccer at PSHS and then in volleyball at Fort Lewis College.

If they didn't know already, Cindy Valdez's Lady Bobcats now know exactly the worthiness of their chosen cause. One that Valdez and assistant Kathy Herrera both praised for not only its sudden success on relatively short notice – the night raised \$935 for national non-profit foundation CureSearch – but for also having been proposed and pursued by their young ladies in red.

"We took one practice for a little bit and asked all the girls, 'What do you want to do?' And we had more suggestions than we knew what to do with." Valdez recalled. "So we took some of those suggestions and ran with it, had parents get involved ... this whole event was positive, what better way to raise awareness, kids raising for kids?"

Frye commented on the success of the event and hopes to do something similar at her school

"I'm so honored our team was picked to come play at this event, this fundraiser, and I hope we get to do that next year also."

Pagosa prevailed in the limited-time, running-clock C-1 and C-2 matches, though scores were unavailable. Ignacio turned the tables in the best-of-three 'B' and 'A' contests, winning the former 25-21 and 25-23, then the latter 25-23 and 25-20.

"What we've been working a lot on is coverage, and talking and moving. Just the tiny, itty-bitty skills that make your team just a little



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio Middle School A-teamer Reyna Cruz (56) makes a clean bump to the front row during IMS' 'Play for Gold' childhood cancer-awareness/fundraiser evening versus Pagosa Springs on Sept. 30. The 'A' defeated the Lady Pirates 25-23 and 25-20.

bit more on edge than the other team," Valdez said. "I'm fortunate that I have great bench players, I have great starters, can rotate them and I don't have to worry about a whole lot because they cover for each other. And they help each other a lot."

Sharing the gym with the highschool has been a challenge at times this year, Valdez said.

"We've talked about blocking and hitting and covering, and it's nice to have the high-school coach here because he'll see things...and tells me, 'Here's what you need to work on.' And I'm like, 'Alright, I'll do it!'"

IHS head volleyball coach Thad Cano – a mentor for Frye during his years as a PSHS assistant – did take time to absorb the evening's electricity.

"It was super high-energy ... and that was the first time the girls had been exposed to that," Frye said. "So we learned a lot from this game and we'll take it with us. I loved the camaraderie; everybody was cheering for everybody out here."

Both teams made for a positive atmosphere, Cano said.

"We had a lot of ... community support here, so everybody was just excited to be playing – on our home court, for childhood cancer."

FALCONS BLANK BOBCATS • FROM PAGE 8

ing upon a botched snap to quarterback Adison Jones (9-of-25, 89 yds.), and four plays later counterpart K.C. Jarvies (7-of-13, 86) hit wide-open sophomore Dustin Sowards up the left sideline for a 19-yard score with 6:15 left. Junior Devon Chacon toed the point-after and the rout was on as IHS dropped to 1-6 overall, 1-2 in the 1A Southern Peaks Conference.

Coming off a 45-8 road loss a week earlier to the SPC's other predominant team, then No. 6 Monte Vista, the Cats struggled to stop Aziz (15-118 rushing, 2 TD) and Richardson (25-163), but did catch a small break when the former was ejected for throwing a punch after a 13-yard pickup on the second-to-last play of the second quarter.

Chacon, to the visitors' chagrin, was lost to a left knee injury just two plays into the fourth quarter when his pressure on Jones led to the senior being sacked to halt the locals' last promising drive [two plays before, an 18-yard Jones-to-Kruz Pardo touchdown, apparently capping a nine-play,

59-yard push, was nullified by penalty].

But Jarvies rallied Centauri (4-3, 3-0) offensively, and after an encroachment infraction against Ignacio, and a 42-yard Richardson romp, Jarvies carried for the last nine yards of a speedy 69-yard surge. And ironically, out of all head coach Kyle Forster's available players, Barrows somehow booted the PAT in Chacon's stead to enact CHSAA's 40-point 'mercy rule.'

The Bobcats' only other noteworthy drive – eight plays, 30 yards starting from their own 36 – was ended by Sowards intercepting a Jones jump-ball rainbow, intended for Hayes, at the Falcon 4 with 5:36 left in the third and CHS seated upon their aforementioned 34-0 pad.

IHS' defense had just set a promising tone for the second half, with senior Mike Perez sacking Jarvies for a two-yard loss back to the Ignacio 36, ending a nine-play Falcon drive and forcing a turnover-on-downs with 8:22 remaining.

Under nearly constant pressure, Jones finished the

game with minus-24 yards rushing on five carries. Perez was held to 11 on eight, senior Blaine Mickey -1 on one and Hayes -8 on one. Hayes did catch five passes for 63 yards, Pardo snared two for 17 and Keith Joosten two for nine.

Senior Mitchell Wilson caught a 14-yard touchdown pass and also ran in another from two yards during Centauri's decisive second quarter in which IHS' offense was active for fewer than 90 seconds.

CHS junior Nikolai Pawloski recovered Barrows' only legit onside, immediately after Wilson began the frame with his TD grab and after Aziz scored from four yards out with 9:57 remaining, Jarvies & Co. trotted back out after senior OL/DL R.J. Ruybal covered a bad snap to Jones with 9:48 left – leading to Wilson's six-point run with 7:01 to go.

Ignacio next hosts Center (3-4, 1-2) on the Friday, Oct. 17 and closes out the regular season versus Dolores on the Friday, Oct. 24. The Vikings defeated the Bears, 16-8, the night before Centauri visited IHS.

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are free to the public. Following the scrimmages the team will hold a free one-hour basketball clinic for Ignacio Youth. The clinic will focus on: healthy living, diabetes, education and basketball skills.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Oct. 17



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Saturday, Oct. 18



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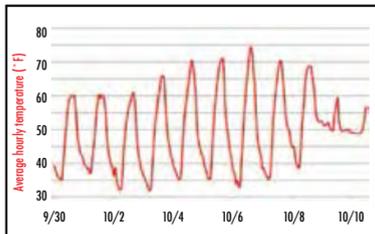
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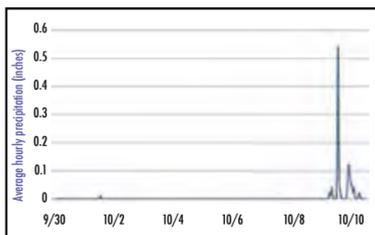


Weather data for September 30 – September 10



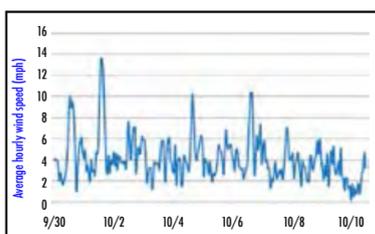
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High 74.3°
Low 31.8°
Average 49.6°
Average last year 47.6°



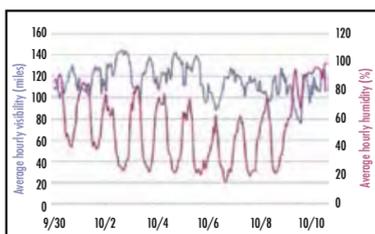
Precipitation

Total 1.130"
Total last year 0.340"



Wind speed

Average 4.1
Minimum 0.2
Maximum 13.6



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility 116.0
Average humidity 53.4%

Air quality

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Tracks Across Borders Byway

1 message

Rodney Proffitt <planatlaw@gmail.com>

Fri, Feb 6, 2015 at 10:44 AM

To: Lenore.Bates@state.co.us

Cc: skaverman@gmail.com, Muriel Eason <meason@centurytel.net>

Ms. Bates: Articles have appeared in the Pagosa Daily Post and the Pagosa Sun indicating there is an effort on to designate a segment of road in Archuleta County as a scenic byway under the C-DOT program for Scenic Byways.

I want to add my name to the list of supporters for this effort. Not only do I think this segment has merit, but I also believe Wolf Creek Pass is a candidate for American Road status under the national scenic byway designations.

Thank you in advance for any contribution your office can make to moving this project forward. I hope you will take the time to visit our community to discuss the many benefits of designation under the scenic byways program.

Rodney Proffitt
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November 24, 2014

Steve Kaverman
Tracks Across Borders Scenic & Historic Byway
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Canon City Co 81212

Dear Mr. Kaverman,

Thank you for introducing and engaging Rio Arriba County in the proposed Tracks Across Borders Scenic & Historic Byway initiative. In addition to our several conversations, we have reviewed the documents provided and we also toured the proposed byway and met with several key stakeholders along the way. This initiative fits well within the stated community and economic development objectives for Rio Arriba County. Therefore, the County not only offers its strong recommendation and support for this initiative, know that we commit to participate as a strategic partner both in the development and implementation phases of the Byway.

We appreciate your vision and leadership for bringing this opportunity about. Your verbal representations garnered our interest but when we actually took the tour we understood well the under appreciated asset represented by the initiative.

We look forward to working closely with you on this effort.

Christopher Madrid
Economic Development Director



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May 30, 2013

Mr. Dan Love
28 Polo Field Ln.
Denver, Colorado 80209-3331

Re: Letter of Support for Scenic Byway Designation

Dear Mr. Love:

This is regarding Councilman Billy Elbrock and your proposal for the designation of a scenic automobile and recreational byway along the old Denver & Rio Grande narrow gauge railroad route between Chama, New Mexico and Durango, Colorado, to the extent the route is adjacent to existing roads along the northern part of Rio Arriba County. This letter expresses the Board of County Commissioners' conceptual support for this proposal.

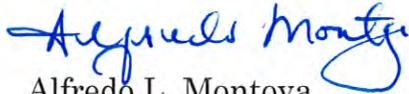
We recognize and appreciate the opportunity afforded by this project for improving the overall knowledge of the heritage of the area. The objectives of the project are consistent with our own interest in fostering historic awareness and heritage tourism within the County.

It is our understanding that you will be seeking support for the designation from other interested parties and that you will be working with the scenic byway commissions of the states of Colorado and New Mexico toward having the old railroad route designated as a narrow gauge scenic byway. In particular, it is your intent to extend the existing "Narrow Gauge Scenic Byway" between the New Mexico-Colorado state line and Dulce eastward to Chama.

We are aware that a five mile portion of the route between the state line and Navajo Dam will require upgrading to make it passable during adverse weather conditions. We understand that the Jicarilla tribe has acknowledged this and will work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs toward that end. We stand ready to cooperate in that process.

Please feel free to contact our County Manager, Tomas Campos, if you should have any questions regarding this letter of support.

Sincerely,



Alfredo L. Montoya
Commission Chairman

ALM/jel
cc: Tomas Campos, County Manager



From:
Rio Grande Scenic Railroad
601 State Ave.
Alamosa, CO. 81101

To:
Colorado Scenic & Historic Byway Commissioners
c/o Lenore Bates, Program Manager
Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways
CDOT
4201 E Arkansas Ave. Shumate Building
Denver, CO. 80222

We at Rio Grande Scenic Railroad have read the Nomination and support the Tracks across Borders Scenic & Historic byway. With this Designation being so important to the economic development of the anchor communities along the route, we feel it is very important to support this Project.

The project sponsors, Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad and the Durango Silverton Narrow gauge Railroad having committed \$56,000 to help ensure their return on their investment and have been designated National Historic Landmarks.

The Tracks across borders Scenic & Historic Byway Charter Commission committee members are committed to supporting, including necessary fundraising efforts to ensure the long term success of this project. Unlike many of Colorado's existing scenic byways, this project emphasizes the History and beautiful scenery, with a section of the route in New Mexico that has been a scenic byway for 25 years already. This region is underserved by the byway program and this does not replicate it in any other byway.

Please conduct a thorough, objective evaluation on the nomination using the established and long standing criteria that meets or exceeds the nomination.

We would really appreciate your support and Please vote in favor of designating the tracks across borders Scenic & Historic byway Colorado's newest byway.

Thank you for your Support!

Rio Grande Scenic Railroad Management



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
OF SOUTHWEST COLORADO**

February 4, 2015

Colorado Scenic & Historic Byway Commissioners
c/o Lenore Bates, Program Manager
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Dear Commissioners,

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado, Inc. is writing this letter in support of the Tracks Across Borders Byway (TABB) application. Region 9 serves the five counties, ten towns and cities and two Tribes in Southwest Colorado. Our Board of Directors includes representation from each of these governments. Region 9 staff has participated in the planning meetings for this effort and encourage your approval of this proposed designation.

As an economic development district, Region 9 promotes economic diversification so that each community is not dependent on one economic sector. The designation of this byway we believe will bring additional visitors to the area, strengthening the service sector which includes the purchase of food, lodging, supplies, fuel and amenities. Due to the remote rural location of Southwest Colorado, the local economy relies heavily on entrepreneurial small scale businesses for both jobs and tax revenues.

Our regional has amazing geography, cultural attractions, and outdoor recreation that will only augment the attraction of this proposed byway.

We are in full support of the byways designation and the positive exposure it brings to the region, as well as developing jobs for the community. If you need any additional information, feel free to contact me at 970-247-9621.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura Lewis Marchino".

Laura Lewis Marchino
Assistant Director

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January 28, 2015

COLORADO SCENIC & HISTORIC BYWAY COMMISSIONERS
c/o Lenore Bates, Program Manager
Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways
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4201 E Arkansas Ave, Shumate Bldg
Denver CO 80222

Dear Commissioners:

I have read the nomination, and support designation of the Tracks Across Borders Scenic & Historic Byway.

Designation of the TABB is important to **economic development** needs and initiatives of anchor communities, and those along its route.

Project sponsors, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, and Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad have **already committed \$56,000**. Please help us ensure a return on their investment.

Both of the scenic & historic railroads connected via the TABB have been designated **National Historic Landmarks**.

The TABB Charter Commission and steering **committee members are committed to continuing support, including necessary fund-raising efforts to ensure the byway's long-term success.**

Unlike many of Colorado's existing scenic byways, **the TABB emphasizes HISTORY, and offers beautiful scenery**. A section of the route in New Mexico has been designated as a scenic byway for 25 years.

The region is underserved by the byway program, and does not replicate any other byway.

I am asking you to conduct a thorough and objective evaluation of the nomination using established, long-standing criteria (which the nomination meets or exceeds).

Thank you for your support, and for your **vote in favor** of designating the Tracks Across Borders Scenic & Historic Byway Colorado's newest byway.

Sincerely,



Cathy Calderwood
Executive Director

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February 9th, 2015

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Pagosa Springs Town Tourism Committee, we fully support the designation of the Tracks Across Borders Byway (TABB). The designation of the TABB is important to economic development in a region that is extremely dependent on tourism and critically needs additional economic drivers.

We appreciate the funding commitments from both Cumbers Toltec Railroad and the Durango Silverton Railroad. Additionally, the TABB Charter Commission and steering committee members have expressed their commitment to continuing support, including necessary fund-raising efforts to ensure the byway's long-term success. Along with these financial commitments, the Pagosa Springs Town Tourism Committee will promote the newly designated byway through its continuous efforts to market Pagosa as a tourism destination, in part by highlighting the significant historical elements in Pagosa Springs and the surrounding region.

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We thank you for your consideration and support of this incredibly important designation and sincerely hope that you will vote in favor of designating the Tracks Across Borders Scenic & Historic Byway Colorado's newest byway.

Respectfully,

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Jennifer Green
Executive Director of Tourism
Town of Pagosa Springs
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February 10th, 2015

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, we fully support the designation of the Tracks Across Borders Byway (TABB). The designation of the TABB is important to economic development in a region that is extremely dependent on tourism and critically needs additional economic drivers. We fully appreciate the effort and funding that both the Cumbres Toltec Railroad and the Durango Silverton Railroad have put forth to bring this project to fruition. The Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce realizes this Byway as a major tourism project, and stands ready to support this project in the Pagosa Springs area.

The board of the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce thanks you for your consideration and support of this incredibly important designation, and we sincerely hope that you will vote in favor of designating the Tracks Across Borders Scenic & Historic Byway as Colorado's newest byway.

Sincerely,

Clinton Alley
Executive Director of the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce



February 6, 2015

COLORADO SCENIC & HISTORIC BYWAY COMMISSIONERS
c/o Lenore Bates, Program Manager
Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways
CDOT
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Denver CO 80222

Dear Ms. Bates,

As a Board Member with the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC), I have read the Tracks Across Borders Scenic and Historic Byway nomination and fully support designation of this program. The mission of the PSCDC is to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County by creating jobs, encouraging new capital investment, and creating a business friendly community. In addition the PSCDC works closely with existing businesses in order to maximize their profitability and sustainability.

Designation of Tracks Across Borders Scenic and Historic Byway will positively impact the economic health of Pagosa Springs and surrounding areas in Archuleta County. Byway designation is expected to have direct beneficial economic impacts on visitor traffic, visitor expenditures and total retail sales- all very important to our rural community. The byway will also have the potential to provide additional revenue and lodging and sales tax dollars from tourists visiting from the byway via Trujillo Road and Chimney Rock National Monument.

Unlike many of Colorado's existing scenic byways, the TABB emphasizes the diversity of Southwest Colorado through the history, geology and wildlife of the area while also offering beautiful and ever-changing scenery. Furthermore, a section of the route in New Mexico has already been designated as a scenic byway for 25 years. Additionally, the region is underserved by the byway program and does not replicate any other byway in Colorado.

The TABB Charter Commission and steering committee are committed to continued support and fund-raising to ensure the byway's long-term success. Please consider conducting a thorough and objective evaluation of the nomination using the established, long-standing criteria, which the nomination meets and/or exceeds. Thank you for your support and for your vote in favor of designating the Tracks Across Borders Scenic and Historic Byway, Colorado's newest byway.

Sincerely,

Cindi Galabota
Secretary BOD, Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation



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Bates - CDOT, Lenore <lenore.bates@state.co.us>

Fwd: Scenic Byway

1 message

Steve Kaverman <skaverman@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 11, 2015 at 4:16 PM

To: "Lenore C. Bates" <Lenore.Bates@state.co.us>

Cc: Dan Love <dlovecwolfe@me.com>, Roxanne Eflin <roxanne.eflin@gmail.com>

Lenore,

Last email for today, I promise, though there may be a few more to pass along before the Commission meets on Friday.

Mrs. Baker is the only byway area resident I have spoken to who is not entirely supportive of the proposed byway. She owns property that lies along the route between Pagosa Junction and Navajo Lake, and missed newspaper articles and publicity about the project until a recent item in the Pagosa paper. She was grateful for the 30-minute conversation I had with her this afternoon as we talked about each of the questions in her email, but she remains steadfast in her opinion.

In my experience as a legislator, people who have been a resident of *any place* for 45 years, much less one that enjoys the beauty and relative isolation of a place like Archuleta County near the New Mexico border, are not ones to support change of any kind. Still, she concedes she would appreciate some improvements along the road to Dulce (through the Gap, as locals call it) that might be an outcome of byway designation.

We would like to thank you, and the Commissioners, for endorsing the TABB nomination, and for forwarding an affirmative recommendation to the State Transportation Commission for further consideration.

The TABB Project Team

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Luann Baker** <luhoney@wildblue.net>

Date: Wed, Feb 11, 2015 at 12:51 PM

Subject: Scenic Byway

To: skaverman@gmail.com

I would like to say "NO" to the Scenic Byway going from Dulce, NM, J9 along the Navajo River to the Colorado border and beyond.

After reading the letter to the editor from Muriel Eason, Thursday Feb, 5th, Pagosa Spring Sun, I was wondering why we land owners in the area were not informed of this possible byway happening in time to get our say in. I could also tell those involved had never driven that road when it is bad. To put a new road in would put that whole area in risk of losing what it has now. It's scenic beauty.

The road does go through through the reservations of the Jicarilla and Southern Utes, plus a lot of Private land.

1. Have you spoken to the private land owners?
2. Have you traveled the road yourself?
3. What does the county of Archuleta Road & Bridge think of this idea? They have to maintain it from the border.
4. What do the tribes think of this, they will have people all over their lands and that is a BIG NO for them.
5. Are you going to improve the road? If so it will destroy the area.

Leave the connection between Dulce J9 and CR500 out, they can step back 130 years from CR500 which is now the connection to the outside world. It will not preserve & promote anything but trouble for the tribes, private land

owners, wild life and the pristine areas along that road. It will be a major headache for all who live along it.

Sincerely,

L.A. Baker

Pagosa Junction, Co.

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Steve Kaverman

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1060 East 2nd Ave
Durango, CO 81301
(970) 382-6219

September 3, 2013

Jill Seyfarth, Coordinator
Scenic and Historic Byway Project
PO Box 295
Durango, Co 81302

Re: Letter of Support for Historic and Scenic Byway Designation

Dear Ms Seyfarth:

We are writing to express our support for the proposal for the designation of a historic and scenic automobile byway on public roads along the old Denver & Rio Grande narrow gauge railroad route between Chama, New Mexico and Durango, Colorado. The route passes through much of La Plata County and has the potential to raise awareness of many of our county's historic and cultural features.

We recognize and appreciate the opportunity afforded by this project for improving the overall knowledge of the heritage of the area. The objectives of the project are consistent with our own interest in fostering historic awareness and heritage tourism and locally sustainable economic development within the County.

It is our understanding that you will be seeking support for the designation from other interested parties and that you are working with the historic and scenic byway commissions of the states of Colorado and New Mexico. We are pleased to join other La Plata County entities who have already offered their endorsement, such as the Southern Ute Tribe and the La Plata County Historical Society, in support of these efforts.

Thank you again for contacting us on this important project. You may direct communications on this to Damian Peduto at (970) 382-6271 the County's Planning Director.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Lieb Jr.
Board of County Commissioners, Chairman

STATE OF
COLORADO

Bates - CDOT, Lenore <lenore.bates@state.co.us>

Fwd: Tracks across Borders Byway

1 message

Steve Kaverman <skaverman@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 11, 2015 at 3:55 PM

To: "Lenore C. Bates" <Lenore.Bates@state.co.us>

Cc: Roxanne Eflin <roxanne.eflin@gmail.com>, Dan Love <dlovecwolfe@me.com>

Lenore,

Forwarding one of three recent emails we have received supporting the TABB. Mr. Chambers is the owner of Navajo River Ranch. I spoke with David Shear, President of the Navajo River Ranch property owner's association following our June tour of the toure, and he has been included in correspondence and byway updates since that time. Mr. Shear has communicated their interest and support.

Rodney Proffitt copied you on an email he wrote February 2, referencing recent articles in Pagosa Springs area newspapers, and stating his support.

I will be forwarding an email received today from a Ms. Luann Baker, whom I have since had a 30-minute telephone conversation with.

Thank you for passing these emails along to Scenic & Historic Byway Commissioners.

The TABB Project Team

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Jim Chambers** <jchambers@mwdkits.com>

Date: Mon, Feb 9, 2015 at 10:57 AM

Subject: Tracks across Borders Byway

To: skaverman@gmail.com

Sirs,

I am writing in response to the proposed Byway.

My name is Jim Chambers and I am a landowner along the proposed route. My property is located in Archuleta county a few miles from the New Mexico border.

My property includes the ghost town of Juanita. It is approx. 750 acres currently and is a rectangular property that the Navajo and the San Juan pass thru. I also own two bridge structures. One is a single span across the Navajo and a double span that crosses the San Juan.

My property is also the site of a lumber mill in times past.

I fully support this project and will be available to help.

Sincerely,

Jim Chambers

1521 East Richey Road

Houston, Texas 77073

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The Jicarilla Apache Nation

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Jicarilla Apache Reservation
February 11, 1887-1987

March 7, 2013

Mr. Dan Love
28 Polo Field Lane
Denver, CO 80209

Re: **Letter of Support for a Scenic Byway Designation**

Dear Mr. Love,

This letter expresses the Tribe's conceptual support for the proposed designation of an automobile byway along the old Denver and Rio Grande railroad route between Chama, New Mexico and Durango, Colorado to the extent the route is adjacent to existing roads, including the route between Dulce and the state line that crosses the northern part of the Jicarilla Apache Nation Reservation. We also understand the project will involve a separate proposal for the listing of the historic railroad stop/logging area just across the state line known as Pagosa Junction (which is also sometimes known as Gato) on the National Register of Historic Places. Both proposals are understood to have the dual, combined purpose of enhancing overall knowledge of the heritage of the area and to increase added tourism potential for sites along the route.

It is our understanding that support for the proposals will be sought from other interested parties. To that end you have our permission to share this letter as evidence of the Tribe's support. Among those in New Mexico to be notified will be the scenic byway commission and the tourism department, along with the local entities adjacent to the route.

We are aware that a critical part of the proposed byway is the condition of the unpaved portion of the extension of Narrow Gauge Street (BIA-J44) from Navajo to the state line (BIA-J9). This part of the road connects with CR-551 after crossing into Colorado and it, too, needs improving. We understand that there are plans in Colorado to attend to this problem and we will support such be implemented on the New Mexico side. The total distance on both sides of the border is approximately 10 miles.

During your presentation, our Legislative Council noted a plan from almost two decades ago to rebuild the railroad track along its original right-of-way. We believe this plan had merit but understand your proposal is limited to an automobile byway along existing roads.



Letter of Support for a Scenic Byway Designation
March 7, 2013
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Thank you for meeting with our Public Relations and Marketing staff, and the Legislative Council regarding the proposal. The primary tribal contact for this project is Mr. Leon K. Reval, Public Relations Officer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ty Vicenti", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. Ty Vicenti, President
Jicarilla Apache Nation

Cc: File



Colorado Scenic & Historical Byway Commissioners
Lenore Bates, Program Manager
Colorado Scenic and Historical Byways
CDOT
4201 E Arkansas Ave, Shumate Bldg
Denver, CO 80222

Dear Commissioners,

The Tracks Across Borders Byway connects the towns Durango, CO to Chama, NM via 124.5-mile route along a combination of US and State Highways, County roads and Bureau Of Indian Affairs road. The Byway designation is expected to have direct beneficial economic impacts on visitor traffic, visitor expenditures and a boost of retail sales. These are all very important to rural communities.

Consisting of archaeological visitation, old west heritage, cultural diversity, abundant wildlife and many visual opportunities. The connection and collaboration of La Plata County, Archalleta County, Navajo State Park, Chimney Rock National Monument, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Jicarilla Apache Indian Tribe is of great significant for this corridor.

The Byway provides a unique adventure on paved and remote roads following the route of the historic Denver Rio Grande Railroad between Durango, CO and Chama, NM. Giving individuals the opportunity to enjoy, learn about and appreciate the natural and cultural history of the Sovereign Nations of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Jicarilla Indian Tribe and of Northwestern New Mexico and Southwest Colorado. We feel this byway would be well received by the locals and visitor alike.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely
Grace Shepard
Visitor Services / Operations
Durango Area Tourism Office



Cumbres Toltec Operating, LLC 1-888-286-2737
500 S. Terrace Ave. PO Box 1057 Chama NM 87520 575-756-2151
5234 B US Hwy 285 PO Box 668 Antonito CO 81120 719-376-5483

November 17, 2014

To: Steve Kaverman
Project Co-Coordinator
Tracks Across Borders Scenic & Historic Byway
c/o ASK & Associates
380 Antero Drive
Canon City CO 81212

Re: Letter of Support for Scenic Byway Designation

Dear Mr. Kaverman,

We are writing to offer our strong support for the proposed Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad Narrow Gauge Scenic Byway. The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad is the official New Mexico sponsor of the TABB, and along with the Durango & Silverton Railroad, are the last surviving segments of the original narrow gauge rail route that tapped the mining, logging and ranching activities of the San Juan Mountains. The goal of the Byway is to preserve and promote some of the last surviving remnants of this historic narrow gauge route and help interpret the local cultural history of the area.

The proposed 110-mile byway will run from Chama New Mexico to Durango Colorado through the lands of the Southern Utes and the Jicarilla Apaches, through ghost towns and past railroad structures. This journey will offer beautiful scenery, wildlife, great hiking and fishing.

The objectives of the project are consistent with our interests of promoting historic awareness, protecting our rural character and scenic beauty, and enhancing economic opportunity.

We applaud you for the work you have done to develop this vision and make it a reality. Thank you for contacting us regarding this proposed byway.

Sincerely,

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John Bush, President



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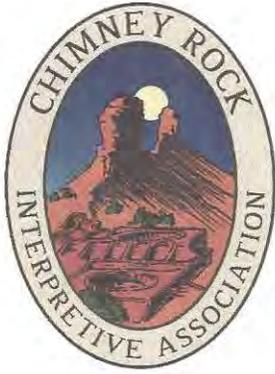
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John Bush, President



Chimney Rock Interpretive Association
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Colorado Scenic & Historic Byway Commissioners
c/o Lenore Bates, Program Manager
Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways
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Denver CO 80222

Byway Commissioners,

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that conducts daily tours and operates the visitor cabin at Chimney Rock National Monument during the season from May 15 through September 30. Our mission, in partnership with the San Juan National Forest, is to provide the site's care, protection, and preservation, as well as public interpretation and education, and manage the interpretive program at the Monument under a special use permit with the Pagosa Ranger District, USDA Forest Service.

We have read the nomination, and support designation of the Tracks Across Borders Scenic & Historic Byway. Since the designation of Chimney Rock National Monument we have experienced a slight increase in visitation. We believe that the designation of TABB would increase the exposure and traffic to the monument and is important to the economic development needs and initiatives of anchor communities, and those along its route. Much like Chimney Rock, the TABB emphasizes history, and offers beautiful scenery. Both of the scenic and historic railroads connected via the TABB have been designated National Historic Landmarks and Chimney Rock has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1970.

We believe the TABB Charter Commission and steering committee members are committed to continuing support, including necessary fund-raising efforts to ensure the byway's long-term success. We ask you to conduct a thorough and objective evaluation and vote in favor of designating the Tracks Across Borders Scenic & Historic Byway as Colorado's newest byway.

With great hope,

William A. Beno

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) Board of Trustees

Darren DeYapp
MAYOR

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ATTORNEY

April 9, 2013

Mr. Dan Love
28 Polo Field Ln.
Denver, Colorado 80209-3331

Re: Letter of Support for Scenic Byway Designation

Dear Mr. Love:

This is regarding Commissioner Elbrock and your proposal for the designation of a scenic automobile and recreational byway along the old Denver & Rio Grande narrow gauge railroad route between Chama, New Mexico and Durango, Colorado, to the extent the route is adjacent to existing roads along the northern part of Rio Arriba County. This letter expresses the Village of Chama conceptual support for this proposal.

We recognize and appreciate the opportunity afforded by this project for improving the overall knowledge of the heritage of the area. The objectives of the project are consistent with our own interest in fostering historic awareness and heritage tourism within Northern New Mexico.

It is our understanding that you will be seeking support for the designation from other interested parties and that you will be working with the scenic byway commissions of the states of Colorado and New Mexico toward having the old railroad route designated as a narrow gauge scenic byway. In particular, it is your intent to extend the existing "Narrow Gauge Scenic Byway" between the NM-CO state line and Dulce eastward to Chama.

We are aware that a five mile portion of the route between the state line and approximately Navajo will require upgrading to make it passable during adverse weather conditions. We understand that the Jicarilla tribe has acknowledged this and will work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs toward that end.

We stand ready to support the process. Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention to this important project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 575.756.2184.

Sincerely,

Darren DeYapp
Mayor

Jennifer Gallegos
MAYOR

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ATTORNEY

November 11, 2014

Steve Kaverman
Project Co-Coordinator
Tracks Across Borders Scenic & Historic Byway
c/o ASK & Associates
380 Antero Drive
Cañon City, CO 81212

Re: Letter of Support for Scenic Byway Designation

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It is our understanding that you will be seeking support for the designation from other interested parties and that you will be working with the scenic byway commissions of the states of Colorado and New Mexico toward having the roadways paralleling the old railroad route designated as a scenic & historic byway. In particular, it is your intent to extend the existing "Narrow Gauge Scenic Byway" between the NM-CO state line and Dulce eastward to Chama.

We are aware that a five mile portion of the route between the state line and approximately Navajo will require upgrading to make it passable during adverse weather conditions. We understand that the Jicarilla tribe has acknowledged this and will work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs toward that end. We stand ready to support the process.

Thank you again for contacting us on this important project. You may direct communications on this to Jennifer Gallegos, the Village's Mayor.

Sincerely



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February 2, 2015

Steve Kaverman, Project Co-coordinator
Tracks Across Borders Byway
380 Antero Drive | Cañon City, CO 81212

Via e-mail – skaverman@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Kaverman:

Please accept this letter from the Chama Peak Land Alliance expressing our support of the Tracks Across Borders Scenic and Historic Byway.

The Chama Peak Land Alliance is an association of conservation-minded landowners working collaboratively to practice and promote ecologically and economically sound land management in the southern San Juan Mountains of Colorado and northern New Mexico. In particular, we are interested in the:

- Agricultural significance of this historic route, especially railroad spurs that accessed the Chromo area for timber.
- Economic development for Chama that the byway would support through increased train ridership and visitation to the town of Chama, NM.
- Natural resource protection and information that might associate a byway designation, including:
 - Wildlife migration routes of elk and mule deer that intercept the byway, and the importance of reducing barriers that impede wildlife movement.
 - Migratory flyways along the San Juan and Navajo rivers that intercept the byway.
- Any natural resource studies that could accompany the byway designation, again with a focus on wildlife migration.

We greatly appreciate your efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact the Alliance Executive Director, Monique DiGiorgio (chamapeak@gmail.com | (970-335-8174), with questions or comments about our support and interest in the byway. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Frank Simms, Chair

Jeb Binkley, Co-Chair

Chama Peak Land Alliance



November 18, 2013

Jill Seyfarth, Byway Project Coordinator

Via e-mail: jillseyfarth@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Seyfarth:

Please accept this letter from the Chama Peak Land Alliance expressing our interest in the Durango – Chama Scenic Byway proposed by the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad and the Durango and Silverton Railroad.

The Chama Peak Land Alliance is an association of conservation-minded landowners working collaboratively to practice and promote ecologically and economically sound land management in the southern San Juan Mountains of Colorado and northern New Mexico.

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- Any natural resource studies that could accompany the byway designation, again with a focus on wildlife migration.

We greatly appreciate your efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact the Alliance representative, Monique DiGiorgio (chamapeak@gmail.com | 406-548-1592), with questions or comments on our support and interest in the byway. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Gooding, Chair

Jeb Binkley, Vice-Chair



April 16, 2013

Dan Love
28 Polo Field Ln.
Denver, Colorado 80209-3331

Re: Letter of Support for Scenic Byway Designation

Dear Mr. Love:

This is regarding your proposal for the designation of a scenic automobile and recreational byway along the old Denver & Rio Grande narrow gauge railroad route between Chama, New Mexico and Durango, Colorado, to the extent the route is adjacent to existing roads (CR-551 and CR-500) along the southern part of Archuleta County. This letter expresses the Board of County Commissioners' conceptual support for this proposal.

We recognize and appreciate the opportunity afforded by this project for improving the overall knowledge of the heritage of the area. The objectives of the project are consistent with our own interest in fostering historic awareness and heritage tourism within the County.

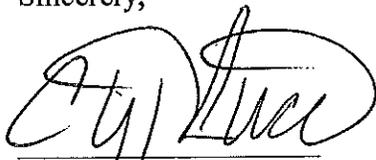
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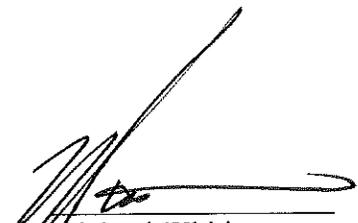
In a related but separate project, we understand that you are seeking to add Pagosa Junction to the National Register of Historic Places. It will become an important point of interest along the byway.

Thank you again for contacting us on this important project. You may direct communications on this to Jess Smith the County Administrator on this matter.

Sincerely,


Clifford Lucero


Steve Wadley


Michael Whiting



April 9, 2013

Dan Love
28 Polo Field Ln.
Denver, Colorado 80209-3331

Re: Letter of Support for Listing of Pagosa Junction Area on National Register of Historic Places

Dear Mr. Love:

This is regarding your proposal for the listing of the historic railroad stop/logging area known as Pagosa Junction (which is also sometimes known as Gato) on the National Register of Historic Places. This letter expresses Archuleta County's Board of County Commissioners conceptual support for this proposal.

We share your interest in preserving and perhaps restoring railroad structures and related artifacts in the Pagosa Junction area for the benefit of County residents and others. Those structures and artifacts, if not preserved or restored, could soon be lost forever. We recognize and appreciate the opportunity afforded by the project for improving the overall knowledge of the heritage of the area and for increasing heritage tourism throughout the southern part of the County.

It is our understanding that you will seek support for the proposal from other interested parties. Once obtained, our understanding is that you will be working with History Colorado to prepare the nomination form and supporting documentation needed for the listing of the Pagosa Junction area on the National Register of Historic Places. We also understand from you that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the principal land owner in the Pagosa Junction area, have voiced their support for this project.

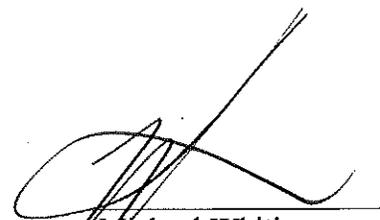
We also are aware that you plan to seek designation of a scenic byway paralleling the original route of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad across the southern part of the County. If this is successful, Pagosa Junction will become a major point of interest on that route.

Thank you for contacting us. We look forward to supporting your efforts on this project. You may contact Jess Smith the County Administrator on this matter.

Sincerely,


Clifford Lucero


Steve Wadley


Michael Whiting



February 12, 2015

Colorado Scenic & Historic Byway Commissioners
c/o Lenore Bates, Program Manager
Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways
CDOT
4201 E. Arkansas Ave., Shumate Bldg
Denver, CO 80222

Letter of Support – Tracks Across Borders Byway (TABB)

This letter is in support of Tracks Across Borders Byway as Colorado's newest Scenic & Historic Byway.

TABB combines regional beauty with the historic connection of the two major sponsors of the Byway, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad and the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. The proposed byway follows the historically significant road grade of the 1881 D&RG narrow gauge from Chama to Durango. Both the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad and the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad have been designated as National Historic Landmarks.

TABB, like other scenic byways, would be an important economic catalyst for the communities along the byway. The Colorado Railroad Museum is an active member of the Lariat Loop Scenic & Historic Byway, and has realized direct tourism and economic benefits as a result. The designation of TABB will become an important tourism magnet for those interested in the rich heritage of narrow gauge railroad history.

Thank you for your support, and your vote in favor of TABB as Colorado's newest byway!
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald Tallman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Donald Tallman
Executive Director



February 12, 2015

Lenore Bates
Colorado Scenic Byways Coordinator
4201 E. Arkansas Avenue, Shumate Building
Denver, CO 80222-2406

Dear Colorado Scenic & Historic Byway Commissioners:

As the State Historic Preservation Officer in Colorado, I am writing this letter of support for the Tracks Across Borders Scenic & Historic Byway as it opens yet another wonderful Colorado vista to increased tourist and citizen notice and traffic. This proposed byway displays yet another view of Colorado's wonderful and varied landscapes, which in many cases surrounding this byway, are unlike other parts of the state.

History Colorado and the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office also supports this proposed byway as a route through an area of inherent historical, archaeological, and cultural value. The history of the area and of the people, as well as the archaeology there are of great importance to the history of Colorado and New Mexico. The byway will enhance knowledge of that part of our history.

Sincerely,

Ed Nichols
President and CEO, State Historic Preservation Officer