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The Southern Ute Drum unveils new website design at sudrum.com



courtesy Lisa Yellow Eagle/SU Legal Dept.

Attendees of the Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA), left to right: SUIT Water Consultant Christine Arbogast, SUIT Water Attorney Lisa Yellow Eagle, Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud, Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton, and Council Member Vanessa Torres at CRWUA.

COUNCIL CORNER

Safeguarding our water resources

By Vanessa Torres
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Maykh!

I am thrilled to share a few updates on projects I have been working on to safeguard our water resources. Over the past few months, I have actively participated in initiatives and committees, strengthening our commitment to responsible water management.

In December, I was honored to attend the Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) with Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud and technical water staff. CRWUA is held annually to bring together the Upper and Lower Basin stakeholders.

The theme of the conference was “Constructing a Resilient Future: Rebuilding from the Ground Up.” This theme was very fitting, as many tribal leaders, including Vice Chairman Cloud, highlighted the importance and necessity for tribes and tribal voices to be

included in policy-making discussions.

I am the Tribe’s representative to the Ten Tribes Partnership (TTP). This is a coalition of upper and lower basin tribes that collectively work to elevate tribal voices and concerns regarding the management of the Colorado River. We meet every other month to discuss issues on the Colorado River with tribal updates, guest speakers, and updates from the Bureau of Reclamation.

The Ten Tribes are coming together to identify shared ground in negotiation principles for the post-2026 Colorado River guidelines. We are working to find areas of agreement, address potential conflicts, and offer mutual support. Our common goal is to have a strong voice for all tribes at the negotiating table.

On Monday, March 4, I provided an update from our Tribe to the Upper Colorado River Commission (UCRC) during the 306th meeting.

The UCRC’s goal is to promote collaboration and allocation of water between the Upper Basin States in addition to compliance with the 1922 Colorado River Compact. Historically, tribes and their senior water rights have been excluded from water management and allocation discussions. It is encouraging to see a positive shift towards tribal inclusion in Colorado River Basin discussions. It is critical for tribes and tribal leaders to be present to ensure that our voices and concerns are elevated. Our presence signifies that we are here, and we are committed to protecting our water.

I am thankful for the opportunity to represent our Tribe to ensure our seat in shaping policies that directly impact our water resources. Together with other dedicated members, we are crafting solutions that balance the needs of various stakeholders while prioritizing the long-term health of our rivers.

DURANGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Taylor receives Morley Ballantine Award

Dgo. Chamber recognizes individuals, organizations

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member and educator, LaTitia Taylor was awarded the Morley Ballantine Women’s Leadership Award by the Durango Chamber of Commerce at the Durango Rocks Awards Celebration held Thursday, Feb. 29 at the Fort Lewis College Concert Hall in Durango, Colo.

Every year the Durango community gathers for an Oscar-esq celebration of Durango’s most ambitious, giving, and talented folks. The recognition ceremony, dubbed Durango Rocks, is a long-standing tradition hosted by the Durango Chamber of Commerce. The community nominates individuals, organizations, and businesses that are making a difference in Durango, culminating with the annual Durango Rocks



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

LaTitia Taylor holds the Morley Ballantine Women’s Leadership Award following the Durango Rocks presentation ceremony at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College, Thursday, Feb. 29, the event was sponsored by the Durango Chamber of Commerce.

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Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Elliott and Nate Hendren take the stage during a brief q&a session with members of the audience, following the screening of “A Place to Explore” on Saturday, March 2 at the Durango Arts Center.

INDIGENOUS MEDIA

Tribal youth highlighted during Durango Film Festival

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Durango Film Festival returned for its 19th year beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 28 and ending Sunday, March 3 with screenings in multiple locations. On Saturday, March 2, Tribal members Nate, Elliott, and DJ Hendren had the opportunity to showcase their most recent summer film

project. Tribal Royalty was also highlighted in film as part of the projects created by the Native Lens Fellows for this event.

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Aerial view of the Piedra River as it winds its way through the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in 2012. Seven rivers in total cross through the boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation in Southwest Colorado.

COLORADO RIVER BASIN

Landmark deal offers Upper Basin tribes a foothold in Colorado River discussions

By Shannon Mullane
THE COLORADO SUN

Tribal nations in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming are one step closer to having a seat at the table in Colorado River discussions thanks to a historic interstate agreement.

Native American tribes have over the past century been left out of key agreements that manage the river. The Upper Colorado River Commission, an agency at

the nexus of many Colorado River discussions in the Upper Basin, voted Monday to back a new proposed agreement that would, for the first time in the group’s

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A day of reading



Summer Begay/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Chairman Baker captivated Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a powerful and inspiring story about the importance and legacy of family names. See additional coverage in Eagle’s Nest on page 6.



LANDMARK DEAL • FROM PAGE 1

76-year-history, make regular meetings with tribes mandatory.

“This is a big deal. It is the start, not the finish line. It is the beginning of doing better,” Colorado commissioner Becky Mitchell said during Monday’s Upper Colorado River Commission meeting.

Six Upper Basin tribes must also approve the agreement for it to be finalized. Representatives of five tribes spoke in support of the agreement during the meeting. Members from one tribe were unable to attend.

The Upper Colorado River Commission, created in 1948, has permanent seats for a federal representative and commissioners for the four Upper Basin states — Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. Upper Basin tribes have long asked for a seat at that table and in other forums where Colorado River decisions are made.

“The tribes have always been a little frustrated that they just don’t automatically have a seat on the UCRC,” said Peter Ortego, general counsel of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe. “When the UCRC was created ... I think, for the most part, people didn’t recognize the importance of having the tribes involved.”

Congress and states formed the river commission to make sure the Colorado River’s water is properly allocated according to agreements like the 1922

Colorado River Compact, which governs how the water is split between the upper and lower basin states.

The 30 tribal nations in the Colorado River Basin, which are sovereign entities that have rights to about 26% of the river’s average flow, were excluded from those compact negotiations.

The river commission operates in the Upper Basin. It has no authority in the Lower Basin — Arizona, California, Nevada and more than 20 tribal nations — which does not have a similar, centralized commission.

In recent years, Upper Colorado River commissioners’ discussions have focused on key issues, like how to spend federal dollars, navigate interstate negotiations about the river’s management, and respond to a prolonged drought that is threatening the future water security of 40 million people across the West.

As recently as 2007 and 2019, state and federal partners developed new rules for managing the river in response to that prolonged drought, but again, tribes were not included.

Since mid-2023, Upper Basin tribal nations and the river commission have been working together to develop an agreement to formalize dialogue with the tribes.

Under the agreement, tribal representatives would not be voting members or have permanent seats on the commission, which would require Congressional approval, Ortego said.

Instead, the commission would meet with tribes every two months to talk about interstate Colorado River issues. Meetings would be open to Upper Basin tribes, consisting of the Jicarilla Apache Nation, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah and Navajo Nation, according to the Upper Colorado River Commission.

The proposal is modeled on collaboration that is already taking place, New Mexico commissioner Estevan Lopez said.

“The importance of it is that it institutionalizes what we’ve begun. Right now we’ve got folks in these seats that all feel this is important, but we think institutionalizing it will assure that it continues.”

With meetings permanently on the schedule, tribal representatives would have opportunities to work out conflicts, coordinate their efforts and operate in a more unified way, Ortego said.

Working together more closely has helped build trust and relationships, said Vanessa Torres, a member of the Southern Ute Tribal Council, during Monday’s meeting.

“Southern Ute, along with many other tribes, have been asking for greater inclusion in the Colorado River discussions and decision makings,” Torres said. “The UCRC responded to the request.”

Ute Day at the Capitol: Tribal member invite

Dear Southern Ute Indian and Ute Mountain Ute Tribal community,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to attend Ute Day at the Capitol on Friday, March 15. This day is an annual event which celebrates and honors the invaluable contributions that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe have made to the State of Colorado. This is one of my favorite events of the year, and I am so excited to celebrate with you all.

The day will kick off with breakfast and an opening ceremony, featuring the Yellow Jacket Singers, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Color Guard, Southern Ute Indian and Ute Mountain Ute Royalty, and remarks from Chairman Melvin J. Baker and Chairman Manuel Heart, along with a proclamation from Governor Jared Polis.

Following the ceremony, the Chairmen will address the General Assembly in their annual State



Dianne Primavera
Lt. Governor
State of Colorado

of the Tribes address. The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs staff along with representatives of the two Ute Tribes with jurisdiction in Colorado have prepared activities for attendees, including two tours of the Capitol, information tables on the various state agencies, and free admission to History Colorado. In the afternoon, you are invited to participate in topic discussions at the Carriage House, located

at the Governor’s Mansion. Following Ute Day at the Capitol, I hope you also take some time to attend the Denver March Powwow that will be taking place at the Denver Coliseum from Friday, March 15 - Sunday, March 17.

Ute Day at the Capitol is an impactful day of the year where we can truly celebrate the Ute tribes and the unique government-to-government relationships that we share. I hope you and your families can join us to hear the heartbeat of the drum in the Capitol rotunda along with our various additional events.

For more information or additional questions, please contact CCIA’s Project Coordinator/Executive Assistant Meaghan Aylward at meaghan.aylward@state.co.us or 720-402-4206.

Respectfully,
Dianne Primavera
Lt. Governor of Colorado
Chair, Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs

Tribal and State leadership will celebrate the rich heritage, culture, & contributions of the Ute people to the State of Colorado during

Ute Day at the Capitol

Friday, March 15, 2024 | Colorado State Capitol

This event is open to Tribal Members and the Public

Independent Travel
Attendees are responsible for arranging their transportation and accommodations.

Specialty Tours
In-depth tours led by Capitol staff will be offered on-site. Sign-up sheets for these tours will be available at the event on a first-come, first-served basis.

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:15 a.m. Speaking Program

- Invocation
- Drum Group
- Color Guard
- Remarks
- Southern Ute & Ute Mountain Ute Royalty

9:45 a.m. Chairman’s Annual Address to the Joint Assembly

- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- Southern Ute Indian Tribe

11:00 a.m. Conclusion of Morning Agenda

1:45 p.m. Topic Discussions - Governor’s Mansion

For more information, please contact Meaghan Aylward with CCIA at 720.402.4206.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Ignacio Middle School students take a stance against bullying on Wednesday, Feb. 26, displaying their symbolic pink attire with hopes of keeping the school grounds friendly and sociable for all students.

This photo was first published in the March 7, 2014, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Scott Baker (right,) a teacher with the Ignacio Adult Education Center, presents Southern Ute Tribal member Chris Cloud (center) and Rose Valencia (left) with their G.E.D. certificates on Friday, February 27th. Cloud and Valencia earned their GED’s as clients of the Southern Ute Detention Center.

This photo was published in the Feb. 20, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Lyndell Chee, an educational talent scout for minorities, was one of the guest DeeJays during the KSUT fund-raising drive. Over the thirteen-day “On the Air Drive,” the radio station generated over \$42,000 in contributions, with more to come via mail. Other DeeJays included Latitia Taylor-Odoms from the 7 River 4-H Club, U.S. Rep. Scott McInnis, La Plata County DA Greg Lyman and many others.

This photo was published in the March 4, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Vida Peabody, Council secretary was given a surprise birthday party by the tribal staff members.

This photo was published in the March 8, 1984, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



HEALTHY RECIPES

Louisiana dirty rice and beef

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN, CLC
Shining Mountain Health & Wellness

Celebrate the flavors of Louisiana and Mardi Gras with this basic Cajun dish! You can make this anytime, of course, as you will see it is super easy. The brown rice adds fiber, and you can also substitute the ground beef with ground turkey. Other options include adding red beans, tomatoes, and cayenne pepper.

Lisa B. Smith, RDN is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist with the Southern Ute Shining Mountain Health and Wellness.



courtesy Southern Discourse

Louisiana dirty rice and beef

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups uncooked brown rice
- 3 cups water
- 1 teaspoon oil of choice
- 1lb lean ground beef
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 bell pepper, diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons Cajun spice
- Water (or broth) as needed
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Green onion, chopped for garnish

Directions:

1. Cook brown rice according to package directions (use 1 1/2 cups rice to 3 cups water).

2. Chop all veggies as indicated above.
3. In a large pan, heated to medium-high, add oil and cook ground beef for about 4 minutes. Crumbling with a spatula.
4. Add onions, bell pepper, celery, garlic, and Cajun spices. Stir to combine. Turn heat down to medium-low and let cook for an additional 8-10 minutes or until vegetables begin to soften. Keep covered and stir occasionally. Add a bit of water or broth as needed to keep it from drying out or burning.
5. When rice is done, add it to meat mixture and stir to combine. Salt and pepper to taste.
6. Serve topped with chopped green onion.

Servings: 5

Nutrition per serving: 220 Calories, 11g Fat, 27g Carbohydrates, 4g Fiber, 23g Protein.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: How is your self-talk?

By Tamara D. Turner
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Growing up (and still today) my mother reminds me to watch my self-talk. "What are you telling yourself about this situation?" she will say. Self-talk is sometimes known by other terms like "inner voice" or, unfortunately, self-talk might appear as an "inner critic." Managing or shaping self-talk is one of the foundations for a lot of therapies. The goal is to be aware of the kinds of thoughts you might have about yourself that either nourish and support you or tear you down.

I was the kind of kid who was always hard on myself. I'm not sure why and how I developed that habit, but even if I did well on something, I would still catch myself thinking, "I should have done even better." I have to work every day on catching myself on the words I use. If I start a sentence with, "I should ..." I try to stop myself there. Even switching from "I should have ..." to "I could have ..." helps ease that self-critique.

Another common example is that let's say we all do something we know isn't in our best interest. We might start self-blaming and guilt-ing ourselves which won't help us feel much better and might even de-motivate us. But if supplementing those critiques for something like, "I'm not a perfect human being. Expecting myself to be perfect and always do things perfectly is not only unrealistic but also a huge, unfair burden to place on myself. When I don't do things perfectly, it's a great opportunity to remind myself what my values are.

And why I'd like to stick to such-and-such path."

There's actually quite a lot of behavioral science around positive messaging and the tremendously productive effect it has on humans and animals versus punishment approaches. This might sound funny, but I started learning about this in training an abused dog I recently rescued. I started reading all kinds of books about training and taking some lessons with trainers. To boil it down, although many of us grew up with an idea that we should be hard on animals, ourselves, or others to make them do something or to shape behavior, behavioral science (that studies success levels as well as stress levels) now demonstrates that behavior is more likely to improve if we encourage, support, and reward that which is going well. But it's a hard habit to break, that conditioning we get that being tough produces results.

So, when I think about this and my mother's reminder, "watch your self-talk" I try to reshape what I tell myself when things don't work out like I hoped or when I wish I had done better at something. Some examples that you might find therapists recommending are phrases such as:

That was really hard, and I was doing my best to survive. I learned a lot from that experience and my eyes are opened again now.

Perhaps that situation was a test from the Creator. If we always did everything perfectly, we would lose opportunities to grow.

Even though none of us like difficulty and struggles and painful times, when we look back on our lives and think about those experienc-

es that really shaped us into better people, it's usually those hard times.

Has someone ever told you to talk to yourself like you would talk to your best friend? That's another helpful guiding tool. The more we can have compassion for ourselves and save the energy that it takes to critique ourselves, the more we can invest that energy into all the things we are doing well. Forgiving ourselves helps refill our cup in life, it helps us feel good about ourselves too so that we have more love and energy to give to our families, friends, and community.

Here's to your good health!

It's okay not to feel okay.

If you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use please reach out to us. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist.

Reminder: If you need to talk to someone, please reach out.

And for those interested in opioid use education, harm reduction, and support, please contact us for quick Naloxone (Narcan) training and fentanyl test strips. We can schedule individual, family, or friends training times at our Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building, or we can come to you, and the training is around 30 minutes. Please call us at 970-563-5700 to set up a training appointment.

Shining Mountain Fresh

March

Sign up for a **FREE**, healthy meal kit for you and your family with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness's monthly program

Sign up for your meal kit now! Use the link below, or scan the QR code to quickly register in under 2 minutes!

www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFreshMarch2024

Sign-up Deadline: Monday, March 25
Pickup Date: Wednesday, March 27

Meal Kit Includes:

- Primary Ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
- Kitchen Hacks

Contact:
Lisa B. Smith (970)-563-2344
lsmith@southernute-nsn.gov

If you need to schedule a different pickup time/date, please reach out to Lisa

Breastfeeding & Parent Support Class

Baby Food

Join us on **March 14th** for food, education, and good company.

Free goodies • Nutritious Lunch • Raffle Giveaway

We invite anyone to attend. Please feel free to bring your support group and children

This is a monthly event that strives towards building community for women to feel safe and connected. If you are not currently breastfeeding or want to learn more about breastfeeding, we encourage you to come and share what you do know or learn, so that we can keep traditions and knowledge alive!

Contact: Shawmarie Tso (970)-563-2163

Where: Mouache-Capote Building (116, Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO)

When: Thursday, March 14th

Time: 12-1pm

Behavioral Health Presents:

MENDING BROKEN HEARTS

In-person group focused on culturally based healing for Grief & Loss and Intergenerational Trauma

It is our mission to inspire and empower other sisters and brothers in treatment and help those in recovery live a life of integrity, honesty, and resiliency. Knowing that honesty is the foundation of change, if we live our lives one moment at a time and rationalize every thought before it becomes an action, We Will Change.

Facilitators:

Peer Recovery Coach: Marvina Olguin
Peer Recovery Coach: Preston Barry
Substance Abuse Counselor: Jay Hayes

Group starts on: Tuesday, February 20th

- Occurring every Tuesday evening from 5:30PM-7:30PM

For more information, please contact: (970)-563-5700

In the event the Southern Ute Health Center's phone lines are down. Patients may use the RefillPro App to order prescriptions/refills.

How to Use the RefillPro App

1. Download the RefillPro app from your smart phone's app store, available on Google Play Store and Apple Store.
2. Enter the pharmacy's phone number and select continue. When a match is found, the RefillPro home screen is displayed. Pharmacy phone number is 970-563-4781.
3. Enter the prescription number or scan the vial barcode and select continue. Add your next prescription by pressing "Add Rx" at the bottom of the screen. Select "continue" when finished.
4. Enter additional comments on the order confirmation screen, if applicable, and select complete order.

If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 970-563-4781.



Heart health



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Shining Mountain Health and Wellness in collaboration with Community Home Health Services program held a Heart Healthy Lunch and Learn in the Buckskin Charley room on Wednesday, Feb. 21 during American Heart Month. The luncheon focused on the importance of keeping your heart healthy, checking blood pressure, knowing where your levels should be if you're diabetic. Karen Forest, a nurse with Southern Ute Health Center showed attendees how Tai Chi can help maintain a healthy heart in a fun and easy way.



Elijah Lucero, fitness trainer with Sun Ute Community Center spoke on how exercising regularly can strengthen and keep your heart healthy.

Important Notice for Tribal Members Receiving Medicare Reimbursements

This notice is to clarify the Medicare Premium Reimbursement program policy administered by the Tribal Health Department. The Social Security Administration (SSA) sends out a statement with the monthly premium amount due each calendar year. The Tribal Health Department policy (THD. RS.6.2) requires a copy of the SSA statement be submitted to the Tribal Health Department Benefits Coordinators to have the reimbursement processed. It is important that Benefits Coordinators receive this information to continue the process of monthly reimbursements in a timely manner. The SSA 2024 statement should have been received by participants between October 2023 and January 2024. If the Benefits Coordinators have NOT received a copy of the 2024 SSA statement, monthly reimbursements will discontinue until the 2024 SSA statement is provided. The deadline to provide SSA statements to the Benefits Coordinators without interruption of reimbursement is January 31, 2024. If you should have any questions, or need clarification, please contact the Tribal Health Department's Benefits Coordinators, Ms. Lori Herrera at 970-563-2371 or Ms. Phyllis Rhodes at 970-563-2211.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Tùuchupikivi Sàmuguavi
“Good Brain, Strong Heart”

Measles

By Sandra Beirne, MD
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

Measles is an ancient disease, first described in the ninth century and became widespread 500 years later. But thanks to an effective vaccine developed in the 1960s, it is not a disease we usually encounter in the United States. And that is good because measles can be very serious. Unfortunately, due to outbreaks elsewhere in the world and lack of vaccination here in the U.S., there have already been 15 states with measles cases in 2024, and Colorado had a case in December of 2023.

Measles is both very contagious and very preventable. It is passed between people through breathing, sneezing, and coughing. Unlike most viral illnesses, infectious droplets can remain in the air for two hours after an infected person leaves the area.

Infection with measles can cause fever, rash, pneumonia, brain swelling that can cause deafness, and death. For people who are not vaccinated against measles, one



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

in every five who become infected will be hospitalized. There is no antiviral treatment for measles.

Measles vaccines are part of the MMR combination vaccine which includes measles, mumps, and rubella. Typically, it is first given between the ages of 12 and 15 months, and again between four and six years old, and is very effective, preventing 96% of infections when children have received both vaccines.

Worldwide, measles caused 136,000 deaths in 2022, with most of those in unvaccinated young children.

Sometimes effective vaccines do their job too well

and we lose our concern about serious diseases because we don't see them anymore. Hopefully, it won't take an outbreak to remind us that measles can be a fatal disease in children and that it can be prevented with two doses of vaccine.

For more information about measles, check out [CDC.gov/measles](https://www.cdc.gov/measles) or [healthychildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org). “How to protect your children during a measles outbreak”.

You can make an appointment for your child to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Center to get a measles vaccine that is due or talk about anything else by calling 970-563-4581.

MENTAL HEALTH

Grief groups are available in Southwest Colorado

by Judy Austin, LPC,
LPC-S, NBCC, Director
THE GRIEF CENTER OF
SOUTHWEST COLORADO

This is the time of year we see an increase in requests for grief groups. We'd like to let you know of some new opportunities in the region to come together with others who have experienced loss or attempted.

Adults with young children who have lost their parenting partners. The Grief Center of SW CO, griefcenterswco@gmail.org or 970-764-7142. This is a whole-family program providing grief support for surviving parents, therapeutic grief processing activities for kids, and babysitting for infants and toddlers. Starting in April.

Young adults who have lost partners or former partners to suicide. The Grief Center of SW CO, griefcenterswco@gmail.org or 970-764-7142. A group offering

a safe and healing space for this particular and vulnerable loss. Days and times will be created around participant schedules.

General grief group for anyone experiencing a loss. Julia Griffith, Summit Church, julia@summitdurango.org or 970-247-4213. This group uses the non-denominational Grief-Share curriculum. Register online at griefshare.org using 81301 as the code. Sundays 5 – 6:30 pm, begins March 10.

Hospice of Mercy general grief group for anyone experiencing a loss. Sara Barnes, sarabarnes@centura.org or 970-764-3532. Begins in March.

Hospice of Montezuma Cortez. Men's and Women's support groups. office@hospiceofmontezuma.org or 970-565-4400.

Ongoing peer support groups:
Monthly Suicide Loss

Survivor Group, The Grief Center of SW CO, Rhonda Ledford, rhonledford@outlook.com or 505-330-7897.

Monthly GRASP (loss after substance passing) Group, The Grief Center of SW CO, Deanne Slaughter, deanne.ickler@yahoo.com or 314-443-0445.

New suicide attempt survivor groups in Durango and Cortez (online group available). A safe place for those who have attempted suicide to meet and process their experiences. The Grief Center of SW CO, griefcenterswco@gmail.org or 970-764-7142. Beginning this spring.

The Grief Center of SW CO will also be conducting Children's and Teen Grief Camps in both Durango and Cortez during the summer.

As always, if you would like individual grief support, please contact us at griefcenterswco@gmail.org or 970-764-7142.

Try something new.....
Nourish your body & spirit
With gentle movement and warm tea!

Come join us at the Southern Ute Museum
classroom Thursday, March 28 from 2-3 pm for:

TAI CHI &
CHAI TEA

Tai Chi exercise can:

- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce risk of dementia
- Improve strength and flexibility



Chai (Masala) Tea is:

- Easy to make
- Yummy
- Soothing

(We will also provide tasty energy bite snacks!)

All are welcome!

Questions? Call Karen 563-2340



Presented by: Shining Mountain Health and Wellness & Community and Home Health Services



March Activities

March 15-17, 2024
Elder's trip to the Denver March Powwow.
We have 8 rooms available. First come, first serve.
Call Elder Services for more information.
Van will depart Elder Services @ 6:00 a.m. Friday, March 15, 2024.

March 19, 2024
Movie Day - Durango
Van will depart Elder Services @ 1:00 p.m.

March 21, 2024
Casino (Northern Edge)
Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

March 28, 2024
Pagosa Hot Springs
Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

Call Elder Services @ 970-563-2309 to have your name added to the activities list or if you have any questions.



Summer Begay/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! The Tribal Council joined the fun at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy for Read Across America Day, sharing their favorite stories with the next generation of readers on March 1, 2024.

SUIMA

Pawaaghani po'ekwatu – Eagle's Nest

Excellence in education

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Based on records of a 1984 Tribal Council proclamation making "Excellence in Education" one of the Tribe's strongest commitments, we acknowledge our responsibility to fulfill the ever-growing commitment we have to the students.

We recognize that learning is a lifelong endeavor. The first mission statement that was written for SUIMA stated, "To preserve, protect, and share all that is uniquely Southern Ute in a stimulating, educational environment and thereby encourage, develop and enrich each Southern Ute Indian tribal child to reach their full potential and excel in any endeavor they choose." While our mission statements have changed over the years, our goal is to still provide a strong educational foundation to preserve and share the Southern Ute language and culture within a Montessori environment.

With the Southern Ute culture being the cornerstone of the school, the staff works hard to uphold tribal traditions, values, culture, and language. Though the language is the hardest to maintain as we don't have any fluent speakers at the school, we have grown it within the school.

With impressive results, we have been compiling data to show how much time the teachers and students use the language on any given day and how much the students



courtesy SUIMA

On Read Across America Day, students in primary classroom three, enjoy having Southern Ute Councilman Marvin Pinnecoose read to them.

understand it. It is inspiring to have students come up to any adult in the school and greet them using their Ute language knowledge.

THANK YOU TO TRIBAL COUNCIL AND SUIMA SCHOOL BOARD!!! You made our Read Across America Day a success! The students enjoyed the time you spent with them and were enthralled by your hats!

SUIMA School Board

The School Board is currently updating policies and procedures. If you'd like to bring something to their at-

tention, you can find a tab on our school's website (www.suima.org) to submit your concern. A board member will get in touch with you.

Reminders

Conference week was held the last week in February with 85% - 90% attendance. There are a few families that had to reschedule so look for the percentage to reach 100%.

Parent Advisory Group

The next PAG meeting will be March 26 from 6 – 7 p.m. via Zoom. These meetings are typically held every third Tuesday of the month.

Family Night group

Family Night is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13 with the theme of Legos! Come join us for dinner and some family fun! Drum group will be held in the Ute Language room that night.

Upcoming SUIMA events

- Early Release at 2 p.m. every Friday!
- March 15: Last day to bring material for ribbon shirts or skirts.
- March 18 – 22: Spring Break
- April 1 – 5: Book Fair

BOBCAT BULLETIN

February was a great month for learning!

By Cori Stevens,
Curriculum Director
IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Our Bobcats participated in many fun and engaging activities. Thirty-two students from Ignacio Middle School and High School attended the San Juan Basin Regional Science Fair at Fort Lewis College. I'd like to give a shout-out to students Evan Perkins and Max Montoya, who were awarded third place for their A.I.-based voice recognition project.

On Feb 20, our Middle School Students participated in History Day, a national competition that provides students in grades 6-12 with an exciting way to learn about historical issues, ideas, people, and events. Students presented on a variety of topics of historical significance, such as the Great Chicago Fire, the History of Basketball, and even the History of Bread! It was fun to hear students speak in-depth about top-



Cori Stevens
Curriculum Director
Ignacio School District

ics of personal interest. We have 15 students who will be participating in the Regional History Day, which is on March 15 at Fort Lewis College. The exhibits are open for parents and the public to view from 12:15 – 1 p.m. on that day.

On Feb 27, our students celebrated the art of film with the Durango Independent Film Festival's screening of REEL Learning School Program. Students watched educational and creative short films which

were curated to spark rich discussion and to inspire.

March brings a variety of programming and activities as well! The elementary school will showcase their young authors on Writer's Night on March 13 at 5:30 p.m. Come see our aspiring musicians in kindergarten and fifth grade during a special musical event on March 14 from 2 – 3 p.m. This musical celebration will take place in the High School Auditorium.

State testing will be from April 8 to April 26. It is so important that students show up to school every day so we can ensure that they are feeling confident and prepared. State test results are an important measure for districts in determining areas of strength and areas for growth.

Don't forget to follow Ignacio School District on Facebook and to check the district's website periodically to stay tuned to upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you there!



READ MORE IN '24!

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy
Scholastic Book Fair!!!

The 2024 book fair will be held **April 1 – April 5**
in the SUIMA Dining Hall

Monday, April 1: 7:30am-4:00pm
Tuesday, April 2: 7:30am-6:00pm
Wednesday, April 3: 7:30am-4:00pm
Thursday, April 4: 7:30am-4:00pm
Friday, April 5: 7:30am-8:30am



Online shopping available April 1 – April 14
at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/southernuteacademy>

Alive At 25

Defensive Driving Course

Saving Lives
Through Education

**4/14/24
Sunday**
Time: 12:30 to 5:00

Ignacio Library
Community
Room



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Call 866-605-3900

Instructor: Don Folsom SUPD
Cell: 970-769-9431

**Automobile Crashes
are the leading cause
of death for 15-24
year olds.**
**The life you save may
be your own.**

Sign up now for this defensive driving educational course and become a better driver. You may use this course for getting your learner's permit under the graduated licensing law. You can satisfy a court ordered defensive driving course requirement. You may ask your insurance company for a discount after completing this course. You learn how to take control when driving.

Recreation Presents:

Ski and Snowboarding Field Trip

March 29th-31st, 2024

Ages: 10-17 yrs old. Over night Ski Trip at Telluride Seating is limited

SUIT Members/1st Descendants \$20.00

Bring: Bed Roll /Sleeping Bag, pillow, snow pants, coat, gloves, snow boots, goggles, change of clothes

Provided for Youth: All ski/board gear, Ski/Snowboard lessons & Lift Ticket

Registration Deadline: 3/27/24

Leave From SunUte: Mar. 29th @ 12:00 pm

Return To SunUte: Mar. 31st @ TBD

For more information contact

Bird (970) 563-2664, Kelsey (970) 563-2660, Elijah (970) 563-2655

Darnell (970) 563-2667

TELLURIDE

EST. 2001



'Cats receive awards!



photos Rosaleigh Concepcion/SU Drum

The Ignacio Elementary School held an academic assembly for the third-grade class on Thursday, Feb. 29. The students were called up to receive their awards and to be recognized for their hard work and achievements. Students were ecstatic to show off their awards to family members.

One student from each class received an award for being an outstanding student by coming into class ready to learn, helping their peers, and showing what it means to be a Bobcat that represents Character Counts.



INTERNSHIP OPPERTUNITIES

The Community Foundation announces \$2,500 grant opportunity

Staff report
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation serving SW Colorado will again offer a paid summer internship opportunity to 10 local high school students which also benefits 10 selected Durango nonprofits. Through the CAUSE (Community Action Utilizing Service Experience) Youth Internship Program, participating nonprofits will receive a complete marketing/social media campaign for their 2024 SW Colorado Gives outreach and an operational grant of \$2,500 for marketing. The grant application for nonprofits opens on March 1, and it closes on April 1.

The CAUSE youth internship program is funded by local philanthro-



pists who want to provide enriching workplace experiences for high school youth, while benefiting local nonprofits.

Selected nonprofits will host a rising junior or senior intern for four weeks in June (3-28). Interns will help the organization's team and produce a complete social media campaign for SW CO Gives Day by the end of the internship. The work environment must be engag-

ing, onsite, and professional. A nonprofit staff member must be assigned as the intern's mentor and supervisor, working in-person with them four days per week (Mon. – Thur.).

To be eligible, nonprofits must be Durango-based and a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization or under the fiscal agency of a 501(c)(3). Nonprofits must have public office space. Nonprofits must also be approved on the Colorado Gives platform.

Durango nonprofits interested in applying for this grant can visit swcommunityfoundation.org/youth-internship-grants or call Rachel at 970.375.5807 ext. 5. Students interested in applying for this paid internship may also contact the Community Foundation to learn more.



SPRING BREAK FIELD TRIPS!

Limited participant space.

FLY HIGH+BOWLING 18TH
DURANGO REC+MOVIE 19TH


FIELD TRIP DATES
MARCH 18TH-19TH.

DEADLINE REGISTRATION
MARCH 13TH.

AGES 8-17

\$10 registration fee

please contact us :
Kelsey 970-563-2660
Bird 970-563-2664
Elijah 970-563-2655
Darnell 970-563-2667



Southern Ute Indian Tribe

POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

Honoring our Tradition by Honoring our Children

Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) has been used for over 35 years and remains popular today because the teachings are timeless. Historically, we had rich teachings that helped children grow up safe with strong families. Colonization threatened those teachings—our Native families were being separated and traditional practices were at risk of being lost. PIP was developed in the 1980s to fill this void and was designed to help parents and families remember our traditional teachings and apply them in the modern world.

In part one of each session we will discuss examples of traditional practices and teachings from several different tribes. Instructors also share teachings from local areas and communities. Part two of each session discusses how to apply those teachings and values today. Complete all 8 sessions to receive a certificate.


WHERE: Online – Virtual sessions –

Download the “Microsoft Teams” App for access

WHEN: 12 to 3 p.m., Tues. and Thurs. in March 2024

March 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 26th, 28th,

Call Kellie at Southern Ute Division of Social Services to sign up
(970) 563-2337



CALLING ALL PARENTS

Parenting isn't easy. Come connect with other caregivers and local professionals over locally-catered dinner and learn tools to support yourself and your family.

RSVP below to let us know your food and childcare needs!

LOVE AND LOGIC: FEBRUARY 28
with Ignacio School District's Bree Duran

Utilize a balanced, loving approach that puts parents back in control and teaches children of all ages to be responsible and prepared to live in the real world.

INTERNET SAFETY: MARCH 27
With La Plata Youth Services' Chris Brown

Learn supportive tricks for your family's online safety in our social media infused world! Learn how to recognize and track hurtful and helpful behaviors within your family.

CHALLENGING CONVERSATIONS: APRIL 24
with Communication Coach Rachel Turlel


learning practical tools to create more honesty, trust and openness around challenging conversations with your children.


PRIZE DRAWINGS:
restaurant and grocery gift cards, activity passes, gas cards, and more!
Prizes at every event

DINNER AND CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

Scan or visit unitedway-swco.org/workshops to register

QUESTIONS? EMAIL CAROLINEH@UNITEDWAY-SWCO.ORG





Vocational Rehabilitation and Behavioral Health present...

LOOKING FOR HELP IN APPLYING FOR EMPLOYMENT?

1:00-4:00PM

OCCURS THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING FEBRUARY 23 AT THE BH BUILDING

A representative from Voc Rehab will be here to help with job applications, resume writing, etc.
No appointment needed. Just drop in!

VR'S MISSION IS TO PROVIDE DEDICATED, QUALITY AND CULTURALLY SENSITIVE SERVICES TO NATIVE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES RESIDING ON OR NEAR THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THEIR VOCATIONAL POTENTIAL AND INDEPENDENCE.

4101 CR 222, Durango, CO 81301
970-563-5700



PUBLIC HEALTH

\$73M allocated for Colorado water infrastructure upgrades

Staff report
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced \$73,742,000 from President Biden’s Investing in America agenda for Colorado drinking water and clean water infrastructure upgrades.

The funding is part of the over \$50 billion investment in water infrastructure upgrades from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – the largest such investment in American history. Today’s announcement will support essential water infrastructure that protects public health and treasured water bodies across the state. Almost half of this funding will be available as grants or principal forgiveness loans, ensuring funds reach underserved communities most in need of investments in water infrastructure.

“Over the past three years, EPA has invested nearly \$300 million for new and upgraded wastewater and drinking water services in Colorado communities through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law,” said EPA Regional Administrator KC Becker. “These projects are building new treatment systems and hard infrastructure, creating jobs, and securing healthy watersheds and safe drinking water across the state.”

“Coloradans deserve to know the water they and their children drink is safe,” said Senator Michael Bennet. “This funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is an important investment to deliver reliable drinking water for more communities in Colorado. I’ll keep pushing for additional funding to ensure every community receives the resources they need.”

“Access to clean, safe water is a crucial building block to improve public health and foster thriving communities in Colorado and beyond,” said Representative Brittany Pettersen. “Especially in our state, we know all too well how precious and fragile our water resources are—and this investment will not only help

us ensure access to drinking water, but also install infrastructure upgrades to serve generations to come. Democrats and the Biden Administration are delivering investments like these to build a healthier, more resilient Colorado and America.”

“In the pursuit of improving water infrastructure and ensuring access to clean drinking water for underserved communities, bipartisan actions are more important than ever,” said Representative Yadira Caraveo. “I am very happy to see the community I grew up in receiving federal funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law aimed at updating our local water systems. This investment will help to ensure public health for years to come and develop the water infrastructure that Colorado’s 8th District deserves and needs.”

Communities across the country are facing water infrastructure challenges. Many cities and towns have aging water infrastructure – old, broken or lead pipes carrying drinking water and wastewater treatment plants in need of major upgrades. Some communities struggle to maintain adequate stormwater infrastructure to effectively manage flood impacts from climate change and others need to upgrade their water treatment to address emerging contaminants like PFAS.

The funding EPA announced for Colorado is part of a \$5.8 billion investment through the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF), one of EPA’s signature water investment programs. This multi-billion-dollar investment will fund state-run, low-interest loan programs to address key challenges, with \$2.6 billion going to the Clean Water SRF for wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and \$3.2 billion going to the Drinking Water SRF for drinking water infrastructure nationwide. Today’s announcement includes allotments for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law General Supplemental funds and Emerging Contaminant funds for SRF programs for fiscal year

2024. EPA anticipates announcing allocations for billions of dollars in additional resources for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Lead Service Line Replacement fund later this spring.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in Action in Colorado

Since 2022, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has injected more than \$296 million into water infrastructure projects across the state protecting public health, preserving water resources, and creating jobs. These funds are provided to state revolving funds managed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, which identifies priority projects across the state.

These investments are unprecedented and transformational. View stories about how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has impacted communities across the country in the Investing in America’s Water Infrastructure Storymap. Additional projects are available in the State Revolving Fund Quarterly Report.

Background

The Drinking Water State Revolving Funds and the Clean Water State Revolving Funds have been the foundation of water infrastructure investments for more than 30 years, providing low-cost financing for local projects across America. SRF programs are critically important programs for investing in the nation’s water infrastructure. They are designed to generate significant and sustainable water quality and public health benefits across the country. Their impact is amplified by the growth inherent in a revolving loan structure – payment of principal and interest on loans made are available to address future needs.

For more information, including state-by-state allocation of 2024 funding and a breakdown of EPA State Revolving Fund funding available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, please visit the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund website and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund website.



MARCH UPDATES SUNUTE UPDATES

SUNUTE HOURS

Mon – Fri 7am–7pm

Sat – Sun 10am–5pm

SUNUTE POOL HOURS

Pool closes 15 minutes prior to building closing.

Look out for events that are in collaboration with culture and higher education.

Sundays the gymnasium is open and available 10am–5pm

UPCOMING SUNUTE EVENTS

3/8/24

“FLC Youth Volleyball Camp”

3/11/24

Phase 2 of floor resurfacing begins.

3/18-3/19

“Spring Break Field Trips”

3/29-3/31

“Telluride Ski Trip”

Contact 970-563-0214 for more information.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Free SunUte Membership

Free 24/7

Free Unlimited Personalized Training

Free Elder Classes

Free Swim Lessons

Free Active Kid Care

FLIP YOUR PERSPECTIVE INVERSION WORKSHOP

10AM-12PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR ANYONE WHO HAS WANTED TO EXPLORE AND INCORPORATE THE MECHANICS OF HEADSTANDS, TRIPOD HEADSTANDS AND FOREARM BALANCES INTO THEIR REGULAR PRACTICE.

WE WILL FOCUS ON ALIGNMENT, STRENGTH BUILDING, THE TECHNIQUE, BREATH AND THE USE OF PROPS TO HELP YOU LEARN TO FLY.



THIS IS AN ALL LEVEL CLASS. BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME.

CONTACT SAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION- 563-0214

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EACH CLASS IS DESIGNED TO BE DIFFERENT WHILE PUSHING YOU OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE! WITH A MIX OF CARDIO AND STRENGTH, YOUR BODY AND MIND WILL NOT KNOW WHATS COMING NEXT. KETTLEBELLS, EXERCISE BANDS AND BODY WEIGHT WILL BE USED.

FRIDAYS, MARCH 15TH, 22ND AND 29TH FROM

12:10-12:50PM

@ SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Southern Ute Education Department,
Public Education

THE SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

SCSYAC is looking for new council members, tribal members aged 11-17

Needs to be enrolled in public, private or home school program and maintain a 2.0 GPA

The youth council meets twice a month for regular meetings



Contact Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council
Coordinator | Dustin Weaver 970.563.2786
dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov



Share Your Story!

The Southern Ute Culture Center and Museum (SUCCM) is looking for Ute Tribal Members interested in sharing familial oral histories or information related to cradleboard making, the cultural significance, and the historical importance of the cultural item for an upcoming exhibit.

If you are interested in participating and sharing your story and knowledge, please contact any of the following SUCCM staff members to learn more about the project.

- Collections Manager, Tallias Cantsee
970-563-2996, tcantsee@southernute-nsn.gov
- Museum Education & Outreach Coordinator, Raelynn Frauenhoff
970-563-2998, rfrauenhoff@southernute-nsn.gov
- Museum Special Projects Support Staff Member, Rhonda Price
970-563-2972, rprice@southernute-nsn.gov

Multi-Purpose Facility
Easter Elder Craft Day



Wednesday March 27, 2024
10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Crafting - Treats - Socializing - Fun



Elders - Adults Only Please

Please call to sign up
- space is limited -



256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
970-563-2640, e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Multi-Purpose Facility
Easter Youth Craft Day and Egg Hunt



Southern Ute Chapel

Saturday March 29, 2024
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Youth 6 - 17
Parents - Grand Parents Welcome

Call to sign-up  970-563-2640



258 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
970-563-2640, e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY
Easter Sip, Chat & Chew
Friday March 29, 2024
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM



Easter Fun activity is Ute Bingo

The Dinner is open to members of the 3 Ute Tribes,
and their families, all ages are invited.

Door Prize donations are appreciated.



Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
970-563-2640 email: multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

2024
Easter Gourd Dance

Towaoc, CO

March 30, 2024

Where: Ute Mountain Rec. Center

Time: 12 pm – 8 pm

All Gourd Societies welcome

Supper Break: 4 pm – 5 pm

Closing of Gourd Dance 5 pm – 8 pm

Head Staff

MC: Rusty Cozad – Kiowa – Anadarko, OK
Head Gourd Singer: Kevin Sovo – Comanche - Lawton, OK
Head Gourd Dancer: Afrem Wall – Ute Mountain – Towaoc, CO
Arena Director – Val Uentillie – Navajo – Kirtland, NM

Vendors Welcome

Egg Hunt for the Kids
Potluck style supper break
All Royalties welcome

Contact person: Willa Whiteskunk (970) 560-4338 or (970) 844-3082

UTE MOUNTAIN TRIBE AND GOURD DANCE COMMITTEE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR: ACCIDENTS, THEFT, INJURIES, OR AND NO SOLICITORS. THIS EVENT IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT.

Easter Sweetz
Bake Sale

AVAILABLE MARCH 30, 2024
OLD CASINO PARKING LOT
12-4PM

Cupcakes

Mixed flavor cupcakes
\$45 for a box of 6
\$5 per cupcake

Cake Pops

Mixed Flavored cake pops
\$8 per pop
\$35 for 6

Chocolate covered items

Easter designed
Strawberries & Pretzels Boxes
\$35 for 6 strawberries & 6 Pretzels

Beaded Items

Earrings \$35-\$60
Badge reel w/holder \$35-\$50
Badge reel \$35
Badge Holder \$30

Max's Sweet
Treatz & Crafts

IGNACIO COMMUNITY
EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

10:00AM

SUNUTE PARK

(FIELDS BEHIND COMMUNITY CENTER)

AGES CATEGORIES

0-4 YEARS 5-8 YEARS 9-14 YEARS

STOP BY THE WRISTBAND BOOTH FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GRAND PRIZE

COME MEET THE EASTER BUNNY!
PLUS FOOD VENDORS, GAMES, & TONS OF OTHER PRIZES
BRING YOUR OWN BASKET FOR HUNTING



FOR MORE INFORMATION, BOOTH INFO, OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
DON FOLSOM AT (970) 563-2899 OR JASPER ABEYTA AT (970) 563-2808



Shawna Steffler and Dominique Rael stand together for a photo during the Extra Day of Appreciation event on Thursday, Feb. 29 in the Hall of Warriors.

256 Ute Rd. Ignacio CO 81137
970-563-2640 - multipurpose@southernnute-nsn.gov

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970-563-2641 or 970-563-2640 - email: multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Proceeds support the MPF Community Events - 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

Youth Easter Craft Day—Saturday March 30, 2024 10:00 AM—2:30 PM



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

StrongHearts Native Helpline celebrates seven years of advocacy

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE
HELPLINE

Seven years of culturally appropriate support and advocacy has been reached at StrongHearts Native Helpline, where advocates were brought to fruition through the hard work and sacrifice of survivors and grassroots advocates.

“March 6, 2024 marks the seventh anniversary of StrongHearts advocacy,” said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. “It is not our way to boast or brag, but it is our way to teach what we have learned. As an organization steeped in Native American and Alaska Native culture and tradition, we use seven principles as a guide and seven generations to measure how far we have come and how far we have yet to go.”

To date, Stronghearts advocates have helped more than 50,000 contacts and tallied more than half a million visitors to its website. The main need being met by advocates is peer support and that requires the lived experience of being Native American.

“Native people need to be able to trust the assisting advocate,” explained Jump. “Our advocates are Native and provide a service that no other agency can simply due to the historical distrust of non-Natives.”

As a testament to the unique challenge of being Native, three StrongHearts advocates shared their stories about the importance of culturally appropriate support and advocacy.

Addressing Colonization

Advocate 1: “When assessing cultural abuse and using traditional methods for self-care, I connect what colonization did and how it ties into abuse and the mistreatment of Native women throughout history. Reclaiming and reinforcing our indigenous culture can make us stronger as a community.”

Addressing A Form Cultural Abuse

Advocate 2: “I actually spoke to someone on the phone who was from my Tribe. She was white presenting and all her life was told that she was white and she should not be allowed to access Tribal resources or even refer to herself as



a Native woman. We talked a lot about colonization, blood quantum, and I offered her a lot of validation and a little bit of information about our Tribe and available domestic violence resources.

[We also talked about] how she could begin to reconnect with heritage, reclaim her language, and how that could be really validating and healing for her as well. When she called in she was feeling hopeless, crying or on the verge of tears. By the end of our call she was laughing and excited to grow her knowledge about our culture. She felt a sense of community and knew that she was not alone on her healing journey and she had not only a resource, but relatives, that she could rely on.”

Addressing Lived Experience

Advocate 3: “I draw from my upbringing. Of course, there is the training, but if a contact inquires about where I’m from or what I know about being Native I tell them. Nine times out of ten, they are seeing if I “get it,” and it takes nothing for me to simply speak to them in a way they are used to or share with them like their relatives do.”

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Not only does StrongHearts as an organization see through the lens of seven generations, it also uses seven guiding principles to navigate culturally appropriate support and advocacy. In brief, those guiding principles include:

- 1. Culture is the heart of our

- existence connecting and honoring diversity.
- 2. Balance is rooted in traditional lifeways and the equality of mind, body and spirit.
- 3. Interrelatedness to honor each other, our ancestors and the earth.
- 4. Humility to learn from all lessons with empathy - even those that are difficult and non-traditional.
- 5. Bravery to face unique challenges and prejudices with mental and moral strength and courage.
- 6. Resilience enough to adapt in the face of adversity in our work as Indigenous peoples.
- 7. Trust is the duty to our ancestors and to future generations to honor our commitments.

“Our ancestors have taught us these principles and so we shall continue in that tradition,” concluded Jump. “We’ve known all along that our relatives need: to trust, to speak and to heal. It’s a reciprocal exchange between our advocates and their contacts where we feel a sense of hope and find a mutual path toward healing.”

Serving all individuals who reach out for help regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or any other factor protected by local, state, or federal law, StrongHearts advocates are available 24/7 to provide support and advocacy, make referrals to Native centered service providers and connect our relatives to regionally available resources. Call or text 1-844-762-8483 or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month

Staff report
COLORADO LOTTERY

Colorado Lottery, in collaboration with the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) and the Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado (PGCC), dedicates March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month (PGAM).

PGAM is a crucial opportunity to engage the Colorado community in a dialogue about the impact and risk of gambling-related harm on individuals and their loved ones. This annual observance provides an essential platform for organizations across the country to highlight the availability of support services for those affected and generally raise awareness regarding the problem itself. In Colorado, a few of the organizations that offer services to people who may have a gambling problem and their loved ones are the Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado, Kindbridge Behavioral Health, and peer support services through Gamblers Anonymous (GA), Gam-Anon, Debtors Anonymous (DA), and Gamtalk.

The Lottery has made critical strides in enhancing its responsible gambling efforts in recent years. Colorado is the first state of only two total to have installed underage verification on every Lottery kiosk in the state. The Lottery has also increased its financial commitment five times over in the last five years and continues to pursue additional responsible gambling certifications and accreditations. The Lottery recently started underage compliance checks across the state to ensure Lottery tickets are not being sold to minors. Problem gambling messages can be found on every kiosk, at every retailer, and game ticket, all year long.

Throughout March, Coloradans will have an opportunity to learn about problem gambling, the Lottery’s efforts to minimize harm, and engage with PGAM activities and relevant information shared via Lottery’s digital platforms throughout the month. National Gambling Disorder Screening Day is March 12. This is an opportunity for Coloradans to participate in a self screening. On March 27, the Lottery will join other gaming organizations and problem gambling partners in the state for a special day at

the Capitol to raise awareness about problem gambling and the efforts Colorado is making to keep players safe.

All month, groups across America hold conferences, air Public Service Announcements, provide counselor training, host health screening days, run social media campaigns and engage in other activities to increase public awareness of problem gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment, and recovery services.

“Our players’ health and operating ethically is a priority for the Colorado Lottery,” said Tom Seaver, director of the Colorado Lottery. “In addition to increasing our monetary commitment to player safety and attaining the highest level of responsibility, by hiring a dedicated player health program manager, we hope to take our responsible gaming efforts to the next level, driving the vision for the entire industry.”

Problem gambling is defined as all gambling behavior patterns that compromise, disrupt or damage personal, family or vocational pursuits. Approximately 2 million U.S. adults (1% of the population) are estimated to meet the criteria for severe problem gambling. Another 4-6 million (2-3%) meet the mild or moderate problem gambling criteria.

Data shows for every individual impacted by problem gambling, an additional 8-10 people feel those effects. These effects can ripple through a person’s relationships, employment, physical and mental health, result in criminal activity, and more. Problem gambling is often referred to as the hidden addiction because the signs and symptoms are not always visible as with other addictions. Recognizing and participating in PGAM helps to reduce the shame and stigma associated with problem gambling and normalize access to support services when needed. Common warning signs of problem gambling include experiencing financial strain, lying about gambling activities, or difficulty controlling gambling habits.

The Colorado Lottery is one of few lotteries across the nation to have a full-time dedicated player safety staff member. Colorado is among just 10 lotteries in the country that have

reached the highest level, Level 4, certification for Responsible Gaming from the World Lottery Association (WLA). The WLA and its certified lotteries are committed to the highest standards of corporate responsibility and the WLA Responsible Gaming Principles and Framework. The Lottery has also submitted for the Parallel Verification through the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL) and NCPG’s Responsible Gambling Verification Program.

“Problem Gambling Awareness Month promotes essential awareness for individuals affected by problem gambling, as well as their impacted loved ones,” said Amanda Quintana, the Lottery’s new Player Health Program Manager. “The Colorado Lottery stands behind initiatives aimed at enhancing accessibility to prevention, treatment, and recovery services. We believe player health is public health. For anyone experiencing problems related to gambling activities, we want to amplify the message that help and hope are available, and recovery is possible. Assistance for problem gambling remains readily available in Colorado, not only during March but throughout the entire year.”

PGAM brings together a wide range of stakeholders, including public health organizations, treatment providers, advocacy groups and gambling operators - Colorado Gaming Association (CGA), Colorado Division of Gaming, Colorado Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), Kindbridge, National Council on Problem Gambling, and DraftKings. These organizations work collaboratively to let people know that hope and help exist.

For more information about problem gambling and how to increase awareness of problem gambling, visit <http://www.ncpgambling.org/FAQs> For more information about problem gambling and how to increase awareness and action on problem gambling, go to www.ncpgambling.org/pgam and Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado (PGCC).

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call or text the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLER or visit www.1800gamblerchat.org. Help is available 24/7/365 – it is free and confidential.



Women's History Month

This month, we celebrate our extraordinary Nuumamachiu ancestors.

But let us not forget the incredible women who are shaping our world right now - the leaders, the dreamers, the everyday heroes. Here is to their strength, resilience, and boundless potential. They are our mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, cousins, and many more.

Together, we keep writing history.

FREE

Table Games Dealer School

Tuesday, February 27 - April 4, 2024
3:30PM - 7:30PM
Classes: Tues, Wed and Thurs each week
Games taught will be Shoe Blackjack, Three Card Poker and Roulette
Contact David Oelschlaeger to Register
970.749.6257 or david.oelschlaeger@skyutecasino.com
Must be registered prior to February 27!

Must be 21 years of age or older. Students who successfully complete the course will receive a dealer certificate, however, no employment is guaranteed for completion. Must complete full course to receive certificate.



AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

That Farm Life: Shared experiences to benefit the beginning farmer

Soil amendment and the fidgety farmer



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

I have a love-hate relationship with the dirt diggers in my field; who am I kidding, it's a hate-hate relationship.

By Marvin Pinnecoose
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Spring is in the air?

The prairie dogs are awake and making their presence known. As I drive to work, I look out to the field and see them standing on their back legs giving me a chin scratch as if to say, “Have a great day, we’ll work on multiplying ourselves and digging more holes in the fields”.

It is amazing that we are barely coming into the month of March and it looks so much like spring already. The air is warming up and it feels like snow might be done for the year. There was a good amount of snowfall in the mountains. I’m hoping it will be a slow warming year and the runoff will be steady and extend well into the summer.

The Pine River Indian Ir-

rigation Project is expecting a late April water turn on. Hopefully this means that we aren’t just letting a bunch of water run downstream that could have been turned into the laterals. If the year warms up earlier, perhaps the expected turn-on date should be amended to capture much of melting snow and get a jump on agriculture productivity ... just my thoughts.

My past few years of working the farm has given me a lot of data to develop best practices, while zeroing in on dates of when to execute tasks. Metrics are important. For me, it helps to have a soil analysis done each year to gauge changes in the ground from the previous year’s activities. Having this done also helps to dial in an effective fertilizer mix for the current year.

The winter thaw usu-

ally has an impact on the soil and it is a good idea to know what you are dealing with at the start of the year. Aeration may be necessary to break up hard pan, tough ground, and give the roots some room. “Piercing” or “Punching” the ground also creates small cups that could help hold onto water and fertilizer and prevents both from just running down the field and into the discharge ditches.

A book can be your best friend

The one thing I recommend for the 2024 season, if you don’t have one, is keep a small book of highlights for your operation this year. I use a small book to be the centralized place to summarize what I do on a regular basis. This can be as detailed as you want, but the

idea is that it contains information to look back upon through the year and over the next few years. It is a source of reference. It should contain your contact information for many different types of people: suppliers, clients, customers, and people who help you in your operation. It should have basic information for orders, mixes, or compositions that you use on an annual basis (think fertilizers, seed mixes, etc.). It should have prices you paid for large items and prices you charge for your products and services.

This book can be a running journal of weekly activity so that you can compare year to year to really dial in a cadence for doing things in the future. Tracking the information in this book over the past three years has really helped me out.

Sko-Farm-Den

It’s nice to see the sun come up a little earlier and stay up a little longer each day. Temperatures are also becoming tolerable for a fidgety farmer to want to linger around a little longer in the outdoors. It’s tempting to want to start throwing out seed and fertilizer. This is a good time to walk around the machinery and look at what needs maintenance. Tires will need air, oil will need some changing, and I’m hoping we can pinpoint that darn hydraulic leak on the Kubota sometime this year.

Even the grass looks like it is already trying to free flow chlorophyll and start



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Originally, I thought it was an optical illusion; the fields cannot already be starting to green up. Blades of grass are showing promise to a new 2024 harvest season.

greening up. Not sure if this is a good thing or not. I know temperature-wise; the grass is not ready to start waking up, but this is the way it’s heading.

My thoughts turn toward my fellow farmers. I hope that we all have a good strong harvest this year. I hope that the snow melts nice and slow and that the rivers fill steady with water through the year. I hope that the creator blesses us with hydration and rain through the spring and summer. I hope that we can help

each other share knowledge and learned practices. I hope that we all become a stronger farming and ranching community this year and that the entire community works together to find more ways to revitalize our agricultural practices. I especially hope that we find ways to keep our youth involved in wanting to follow in the tracks that we are trying to walk from our fathers and grandfathers.

The farm season is about to start, and the anticipation of 2024 is already here.

**SMART PHONES 101**

Come and learn the basics of Smartphones!

- Differences between Apple and Android phones
- Basic navigation
- General terms, such as Data vs. WiFi
- And plenty of time for specific or general questions from you!

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 AT 3:00 P.M.



Come and try virtual reality at Ignacio Community Library!
Thursday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered about VR gaming or other uses for VR headsets? Do you think you might like one but don't want to drop \$300 to try it out? We have you covered! Come in and try an Oculus 2 headset here at the library.



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teens 13 and older are welcome to attend with an adult and a completed waiver.

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TAYLOR RECEIVES AWARD • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Supporters stand with LaTitia Taylor on stage following the Durango Rocks presentation ceremony at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College, Thursday, Feb. 29. LaTitia Taylor received the Morley Ballantine Women's Leadership Award presented by the Durango Chamber of Commerce.

Awards Celebration.

"I am truly honored to be a part of the women who have received this award before me," Southern Ute Education Director, LaTitia Taylor said. "I honestly didn't realize the prestige of the award. I have worked for the Tribe for 32 years and with those entities on the outside, local and across the world for my tribe in Natural Resources and Education. It is humbling that they saw the work I have done."

"To the women who nominated me, Stephanie Moran, I just want to say thank you for seeing me," Taylor said.

The Morley Ballantine Award is given to a woman in the community who has exhibited excellence in business or a non-profit, demonstrated initiative and creativity, and enhanced the stability and improvement of the community. It is a time-honored award for an individual who demonstrates support of the goals of professional women and provides unselfish assistance on their behalf. Past winners include Ann Morse, Rep. Barbara McLachlan, Karen Midkiff, Tiffany Lee, and Melissa Glick.

"It was so wonderful to watch LaTitia receive the Ballentine Leadership award for Women," Sun-Ute Community Center Director Robin Duffy-Wirth said. "She paved a path of



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

LaTitia Taylor stands with her sons, Addison Jones and Micah Odoms after receiving the prestigious Morley Ballantine Women's Leadership Award presented by the Durango Chamber of Commerce.

influence with her courage. She not only represents the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in such a positive way, but she is also a powerful representation of all women."

Taylor serves as the Director of the Southern Indian Tribes Education Department which oversees Higher Education for tribal members, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and the summer youth employment program in Ignacio. Most recently, Taylor has been instrumental in establishing the Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute (SILDI) for preservation of the Ute language in partnership with Fort Lewis College.

When asked if there was a message she would like to share with other Ute wom-

en, or with other educators out there, Taylor said, "I grew up on the reservation, I experienced life there, some people don't realize my experiences are the same. None of us are immune to the pain and struggles of the reservation; every single one of us have experienced this. Don't be ashamed, or let others judge you."

"What is important is how we can help each other grow and be the person you want to be."

In her acceptance speech for the Morley Ballantine Women's Leadership Award, Taylor said it was such an honor to be added to the list of strong trailblazing women.

"On behalf of women, I'm here to say, see us, cherish us, respect us and most of all love us," Taylor said.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Shane and Melanie Seibel were among the many attendees at the annual Durango Rocks presentation held in the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College, Thursday, Feb. 29, the event was sponsored by the Durango Chamber of Commerce.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribe celebrates reaffirmation of AAA credit rating

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is proud to announce the reaffirmation of its AAA credit rating by Fitch Ratings.

Fitch Ratings, a global leader in credit ratings and research, has recognized the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's steadfast dedication to economic stability and prudent financial practices since 2001. The AAA rating reflects the Tribe's ability to meet financial commitments and uphold a robust financial profile, even in the face of national and global economic challenges.

"We are honored and grateful for the reaffirmation of our AAA credit rating by Fitch Ratings," said Chairman Melvin J. Bak-



er. "This rating underscores our Tribe's unwavering commitment to sound financial management, responsible governance, and the well-being of our Tribe."

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has consistently demonstrated financial resilience, leveraging strategic investments and responsible fiscal policies to maintain its AAA credit rating. This prestigious rating not only reflects the Tribe's financial strength but also enhances its ability

to pursue economic development initiatives, secure favorable financing terms, and ensure continued prosperity for its members.

"Having an AAA credit rating places the Tribe amongst a very small group of governments and companies that enjoy such a prestigious standing. By way of comparison, Fitch has rated the United States at a lower AA+ level. The AAA rating is reflective of the Tribe's commitment to sound financial planning and preservation for future generations," said Permanent Fund Chief Financial Officer, Christine Hudgens.

As the Southern Ute Indian Tribe celebrates this noteworthy achievement, it remains dedicated to continuing its financial excellence and sound practices.

TRIBAL YOUTH HIGHLIGHTED • FROM PAGE 1



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Royalty stood before the Native Lens Fellows to give their individual introductions to the crowd following the showing of the film "Standing Looking Toward the Future" by Tonya Tolino, Evan Smith, Ellyse Fredericks and Sommer Lopez. Royalty also took time to extend their gratitude to this year's Native Lens Fellows for their hard work and interest in learning more about the Tribe.

Filmmakers and their invited guests gathered at the Durango Arts Center to enjoy a pre-screening reception along with the official showing of both "A Place to Explore", directed by the Hendren brothers, and films directed by the Native Lens Fellows: "Standing Looking Toward the Future" featuring Southern Ute Royalty and "Rainbow Youth Rising" featuring Xander Hughes and the Rainbow Youth Center.

Welcoming remarks were provided by Carol Fleisher, Colleen Thurston, Esther Belin, Gilda Yazzie, and Clyde Church. "Standing Looking Toward the Future" filmed by Tonya Tolino, Evan Smith, Ellyse Fredericks, and Sommer Lopez focused on Southern Ute Tribal Royalty and their important roles as young ambassadors for the Tribe. In the film, Autumn Sage, Maileina Carel, Shayne White Thunder, Henry Elkriver Whiteskunk II, and The-

oden Greany share their stories. Each member of Tribal Royalty spoke of the importance of continuing to learn about their cultural heritage.

In a recent interview with Nate, Elliott, and DJ Hendren the brothers spoke about their experiences in learning filmmaking and encourage other tribal youth to try new things as well as to apply for this year's Film Workshop for Southern Ute high school students.

"I used [Native Summer Workshop] as an opportunity just to better myself and get ready for filming [Nate and DJ] for snowboarding and skateboarding," Elliott Hendren said.


"The whole film process was not too bad; it was really fun - we would go out, like at nine o'clock and film for two to six hours," Nate Hendren said. "We didn't do any editing, so it was not too much of a hassle, all we did was film."

"Don't be afraid, 'full send' and take a risk," DJ

Hendren said. "Do it for yourself and then you get better experiences, more opportunities, and you get to meet so many more new people all just by taking that risk."

The brothers hope to have their final project shown within the community in the near future, they want to continue to encourage their peers to expand their knowledge and explore the film industry. Southern Ute tribal students can also look forward to applying for this workshop this summer, with tentative dates to be in early August. The workshop has availability for ten Southern Ute high school students for the opportunity to earn a stipend, learn real-world filmmaking skills, get hands-on work experience, and create a short film.

For more information on the Native Summer Workshop contact ShaRay Rock at srock@southernute-nsn.gov or Dustin Weaver at dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov



did you know?!


Climate variable/event	Recent trend	Projected future change	Confidence in change
Spring Snowpack	Lower	Lower	Medium 🟡
Runoff timing	Earlier	Earlier	High 🟢
Annual Streamflow	Lower	Lower	Medium 🟡
Summer soil moisture	Lower	Lower	High 🟢
Evaporative demand	Higher	Higher	Very High 🟢

The Climate Change in Colorado 2024 report shows recent trends and projected future changes for variables including snowpack, runoff, streamflow, soil moisture, temperature, precipitation, and more.

You can read the full report at: climatechange.colostate.edu

Source: Bolinger, R.A., J.J. Lukas, R.S. Schumacher, and P.E. Goble, 2024: Climate Change in Colorado, 3rd edition. Colorado State University, <https://doi.org/10.25675/10217/237323>. Image: Executive Summary Chapter 3—Climate Change in Colorado: A Report for the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

Please contact the Environmental Programs Department at 970-563-2272 with any questions or comments.



2024 Annual Spring Clean-Up

April 15-19, 2024

By Appointment Only No pickups over the weekend or the week after.

Save the date! Fall Clean-up Oct 7-11, 2024!

Tribal Members, Tribal Departments, and any tenant of the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority. We will not pick up for non-tribal tenants living in Tribal Member owned rental homes. All pickups must be within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation only. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE AREA and general trash **MUST BE BAGGED FOR PICK UP**. No Pickups will be made without prior scheduling with the homeowner or department. **APPOINTMENT ONLY**.

If you have tires, only 4 tires per household will be picked up. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. No semi-truck or heavy equipment tires accepted.

We will not pull your trailer to the transfer station for you.

Tribal Elders. Please contact Elder Services at (970) 563-2323 if you need help with bagging and piling of your trash.

All vehicle disposals please call Building Maintenance at 970-563-0265.

HAZARDOUS WASTE. If think your trash is hazardous waste, or you cannot identify the waste, please call Environmental Programs at **970-563-2272**. If the pickup teams suspect that your trash may contain hazardous waste, or it is not identifiable, we will call Environmental Programs.

LARGE SITE or DANGEROUS or HAZARDOUS WASTE testing and cleanup will be completed at the **HOMEOWNER'S EXPENSE**. This will be on a case-by-case basis and scheduled dependent on program availability.

Areas of Operation

- Motor Pool, 970-563-0280, Tribal Member homes **west of the Pine River except those areas listed below**.
- Building Maintenance, 970-563-0265, Tribal Departments, **Tribal Member homes on Cr 314, Cr 315, Cr 316, and Cr 311 and ALL VEHICLES**.
- Grounds Maintenance, 970-563-0272, Tribal Departments, **Tribal Member homes located in Cedar Point East & West, Ignacio Peak and the La Boca area west of the Pine River, Tribal Member tenants of Quichas Apartments**.
- Construction Services, 970-563-0260, Tribal members within the **Town of Ignacio and Tribal Member homes east of the Pine River**.
- Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority, 970-563-4575, Southern Ute Housing Authority renters and Senior Center.

Southern Ute Property and Facilities, Tyson Thompson, 970-563-2945



2024–2025 HUNTING PROCLAMATIONS
Southern Ute Indian Reservation

2024-2025 SOUTHERN UTE HUNTING SEASONS		
	Pick-up	Season Dates
Deer, Elk, Fall Turkey	Aug. 12	
Early Archery		Aug. 24 – Sept. 1
General		Sept. 2 – Dec. 31
First Descendant	Nov. 18	Dec. 1 – Dec. 31
Upland Game Birds	Aug. 12	Sept. 2 – Dec. 31
Mountain Lion	Sept. 16	Nov. 1 –Aug. 3, 2025
Spring Turkey	Mar. 11	Mar. 23 – May 26
Small Game	Anytime	Calendar Year
Waterfowl and Migratory Game birds	Aug. 12	See CPW season dates

WHAT’S NEW FOR 2024-2025

Gray Wolves

In December 2023 the state began releasing gray wolves into northern Colorado, north of Interstate 70 near Kremmling. We do not anticipate gray wolves migrating south onto the Reservation in 2024, however Tribal Member hunters should be aware of the state’s reintroduction effort and that wolves are now present in Colorado. Gray wolves are a federally protected species, and the Tribe does not issue permits to hunt, trap or kill wolves for sport. Please contact the Wildlife Division for more information on gray wolves.

Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) has recently been detected in mule deer in the San Juan Basin. CWD is degenerative brain disease of deer and elk that takes time to progress but is always fatal to the infected animal. CWD is most prevalent in adult male mule deer greater than two years old. The prevalence of CWD in our mule deer herd is currently very low (less than 1%), however the Wildlife Division (Division) recommends having harvested adult male mule deer tested for CWD. There is no evidence that CWD can spread between infected animals and humans, however the Division recommends not consuming meat of tested animals until the results are obtained and not consuming meat from CWD positive animals. Testing is voluntary and will be free of charge for Tribal Members wishing to have their animals sampled. The Division will test any deer or elk that Tribal Members wish to have sampled.

Spring Turkey permits

Continued for 2024, Tribal Member hunters may pick up permits for and harvest up to 2 spring gobblers. To receive a second spring turkey permit you must have the first bird validated by SU Wildlife Division or Wildlife Enforcement staff.

First Descendant Hunting opportunity

A limited number of Southern Ute first descendants may receive a permit to harvest one antlerless elk from tribal land December 1 – 31, 2024. See details below under the list of hunts.

REMINDERS FOR 2024-2025

Continued Mandatory Validation on bucks and bulls

All bucks and bulls harvested on the Southern Ute reservation or within the Brunot Treaty Area are subject to a mandatory validation by the Wildlife Division. Bucks and bulls must be validated within 5 business days of harvest. Hunters can call the Wildlife Division or simply stop by our offices for a validation. Division staff are flexible on when and where we perform validations. Please be prepared to answer some basic questions on where and when the animal was harvested.

OHV Approved Roads

In 2018, the Tribal Traffic Code was updated. This update included specifying approved roads for Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use. OHVs include 4-wheelers, side-by-sides, snowmobiles, motorcycles, jeeps and trucks. Not all remote reservation roads, two-tracks etc. are approved for OHV use. Maps can be obtained from SU Wildlife.

HUNTING PERMITS

Southern Ute Tribal Members

The following conditions must be met to obtain Southern Ute Tribal Member hunting permits:

1. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member 12 years old or older and be able to present an enrollment card at the time permits are picked up.
2. Hunters under the age of 21 must possess a hunter safety card and must present it at the time permits are picked up.
3. Issued permits must be signed by the applicant.
4. Mail-out permits will be provided to non-resident Tribal Members only after receiving a letter including the Tribal Member’s name, date of birth, copies of their enrollment card and hunter safety education card (if applicable), and a list of permits desired. Permits will not be valid until signed by the applicant.

First Descendants

The following conditions must be met to obtain a First Descendant hunting permit:

1. Must present paperwork from Tribal Information Services certifying that they are a first descendant of an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member
2. Hunters under the age of 21 must possess a hunter safety card and must present it at the time permits are picked up.
3. Issued permits must be signed by the applicant.

Duplicate Permits

Lost or destroyed hunting permits will be replaced by the Division of Wildlife Resource Management for a cost of \$5.00 per permit.

New Address / Telephone Number / Driver’s License Information

If you held a previous year’s hunting permit and your home address, telephone number, or driver’s license information has changed, you are required to provide the new information to the Division of Wildlife Resource Management.

Legal Weapons

Legal weapons for mule deer, elk and mountain lion shall include:

- Shotguns of 20 gauge or larger firing a single slug.
- Any bow with at least 40 pounds of draw weight. Hunting arrows must include a broadhead with an outside cutting diameter of at least 7/8” with at least 2 blades. Each cutting edge must be within the same plane throughout the length of the cutting surface.
- Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, and a minimum draw length of 14” from the front of the bow to the nocking point of the drawstring. A positive mechanical safety device is required. Bolts must be a minimum of 16” long, having a broadhead a minimum of 7/8” wide and a minimum of 2 cutting blades. Cutting edges of broadheads must be in the same plane for the entire length of the cutting surface. Unless specifically approved by the Management Division, crossbows are illegal during the early archery season.
- Muzzleloading rifles with a single barrel of at least .40 caliber for deer, and .50 caliber for elk.
- .357 magnum or larger handguns with a barrel length of 6 inches or longer, using .357 magnum or larger caliber ammunition with soft nose or hollow point bullets.
- Center-fire rifles or center-fire handguns chambered for a center-fired cartridge, a minimum of .23 caliber. No fully automatic firearm may be used. All bullets must be soft nose or hollow pointed and not weigh more than 350 grains.

Legal weapons for turkey shall include:

- Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns except .410 gauge; bow and arrow, crossbow; rifles and handguns, center-fired cartridges only; and muzzleloading rifles and handguns;

Legal weapons for waterfowl shall include:

- Any shotgun 10 gauge or smaller and not capable of holding more than 3 shotshells in the chamber and magazine combined. Shotshells must not contain lead pellets;
- Legal weapons for small game (including upland birds) shall include:
- Any rimfire or center-fire rifle or handgun, any shotgun, any bow and arrow or crossbow.

HUNTER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Hunter Safety Requirements

All hunters under the age of 21 years must have successfully completed a hunter safety education course prior to issuance of permits. Hunters under age 21 must present their hunter safety education card to the Division of Wildlife Resource Management when acquiring permits and must carry the card with them while hunting. The DWRM offers hunter education classes twice per year. Please contact the office for more information.

Hunters Under Age 18

Hunters under 18 years of age may only hunt regulated species when accompanied by an adult.

DESIGNATED HUNTING

Designating Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members

Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members over the age of 12 may designate another enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member who meets the hunting permit eligibility requirements to hunt for them during the regular hunting season. Southern Ute Tribal Members who wish to designate another Southern Ute Tribal Member must pick up and sign their own permits, and the Division of Wildlife Resource Management will place the name of the designated hunter on permits at that time. Designated hunters will only be allowed to harvest female deer and elk, or turkey of either sex during the general fall hunting season. Designated hunters will not be allowed for any other form of hunting.

Designating Division of Wildlife Resource Management

The Division of Wildlife Resource Management will provide designated hunting services to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member elders (55 years of age or older), single women, or physically disabled individuals. Requests must be made to the Division of Wildlife Resource Management, and all animals will be harvested during the regular Southern Ute Tribal Member hunting season. If the Division delivers the animal to a processor the requesting Tribal Members is responsible for all processing fees. If fees are not paid to the processor, the Division reserves the right to deny designated hunting services to that Tribal Member in the future.

TAGGING AND VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS

Tagging Requirements

All big game must be tagged by the person who harvested the animal. The hunter must physically notch (cut) the Month and Day of harvest on the tag and sign the permit in Ink immediately after harvesting the animal. The hunter must then affix the tag to the carcass. All big game animals must be securely tagged with the carcass tag prior to transportation. If numerous trips are required to remove the carcass from the field, the tag should remain attached to the portion of the carcass left in camp or in a vehicle. Validation is the inspection of a harvested animal and may or may not be required depending on the

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL SEASON DATES AND BAG LIMITS (Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members Only, unless specified)	
MULE DEER AND ELK	
Season Dates	
Archery:	August 24 – September 1, 2024
General:	September 2 – December 31, 2024
Permits Issued:	Beginning August 12, 2024
Bag Limits:	3 Mule Deer (1 Buck and 2 Does**) 3 Elk (1 Bull and 2 Cows**)
**Tribal Members must have their first doe or cow validated to receive their second doe or cow tag.	
FIRST DESCENDANT ANTLERLESS ELK	
Season Dates:	December 1 – 31, 2024
Weapon Type:	Any Legal Weapon
Application:	Apply through the Wildlife Division
Permits Issued:	Beginning November 18, 2024
Bag Limits:	1 Antlerless Elk
10 permits available by limited draw only. Successful first descendant hunters must have their elk validated	
Application Fee: \$25 + Permit Fee: \$75 = Total Fees: \$100	
Applications must be submitted by October 25, 2024. If more than 10 first descendants apply, then permits will be issued through a random draw. If less than 10 first descendants apply, then all the applicants will receive a permit to hunt.	
SPRING TURKEY	
Season Dates:	March 23 – May 26, 2024
Permits Issued:	Beginning March 11, 2024
Bag Limit:	2 bearded turkeys. No beard length restrictions, but a harvested bird must have a beard naturally attached.
Validation:	1st bird must be validated prior to picking up 2nd permit
FALL TURKEY	
Season Dates:	Early Archery: August 24 – September 1, 2024
General:	September 2 – December 31, 2024
Permits Issued:	Beginning August 12, 2024
Bag Limit:	1 Turkey (either sex)
MOUNTAIN LION	
Season Dates:	November 1, 2024 – August 4, 2025, or until the harvest quota is filled
Permits Issued:	Beginning September 16, 2024
Bag Limit:	1 mountain lion (either sex)
Dogs: Using trained hunting dogs in the take and attempted take of mountain lions will be allowed.	
Restrictions: It is unlawful to kill mountain lion kittens or female mountain lions accompanied by kittens. Kittens are defined as mountain lions exhibiting visible spotting of the fur. Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens are defined as female mountain lions that have kittens traveling with them or dependent on them.	
Harvest Quotas:	7 mountain lions total or 4 female mountain lions
It is the hunter’s responsibility to call the harvest quota information line to check the status of harvest quotas and hunt area closures prior to hunting. Call 970-563-0130 any time for quota status. ***The mountain lion hunting season will remain open until the season ending date or until the harvest quota is filled, whichever comes first.	
Crossing Permits and Guiding and Outfitting for mountain lions: Non-members accompanying Tribal Member lion hunters must possess a Hunter Accompany Crossing Permit, which can be purchased from the Wildlife Division. The Crossing Permit is specifically to accompany a permitted hunter while hunting on Tribal land. The permittee is expressly prohibited from carrying a firearm, or providing hunter assistance in the form of equipment, specially trained dogs, pack animals, or other similar types of hunting aids commonly provided by professional guides and outfitters.	
BLACK BEAR**	
Season Dates:	There is no open season for black bear.
**The Tribe designates the black bear as a protected, culturally sensitive species that shall not be subject to harvest by Tribal Member hunters either on-reservation or within the Brunot Treaty area under a Southern Ute Tribal-issued permit.	
UPLAND GAME BIRDS INCLUDING DUSKY GROUSE AND QUAIL	
Season Dates:	September 2 – December 31, 2024
Permits Issued:	Beginning August 12, 2024
Bag Limit:	Dusky Grouse: 3 birds per day; Quail: 8 birds per day
MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS INCLUDING DOVES, PIGEONS, RAILS AND SNIPE	
Permits Issued:	Beginning August 12, 2024
Migratory game bird season dates and bag limits will coincide with the State of Colorado migratory bird hunting seasons. Please obtain and read the Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2024 Small Game Hunting Brochure for more information regarding migratory game birds.	
WATERFOWL INCLUDING DUCKS, GEESE AND COOTS	
Permits Issued:	Beginning August 12, 2024
Waterfowl season dates and bag limits will coincide with the Pacific flyway season framework and the State of Colorado waterfowl hunting seasons. Please obtain and read the Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2024 Waterfowl Hunting Brochure for more information. Waterfowl hunters are required to obtain a federal duck stamp before hunting waterfowl (available at the Post Office).	
SMALL GAME (INCLUDING FURBEARERS)	
Permits may be picked up at any time during the calendar year. The season runs year-round.	
Small game shall include beaver, badger, bobcat, coyote, fox species, muskrat, prairie dogs, rabbits and hares, raccoon, ringtail, squirrel species, and weasel species (excluding river otters). While no bag limits apply to small game species, certain rules and regulations do apply to trapping: Important Regulations for Trapping: 1. Permission from assignee to trap. No person shall trap furbearers on private, assigned and allotted lands without the permission of the landowner, assignee or person in charge of the property. 2. Interference with traps. It is unlawful to interfere with, disturb, remove or otherwise molest any trap, snare or other device lawfully set by a trapper, or remove any furbearer from said devices. 3. Unattended traps. It is the duty of a trapper to endeavor to prevent undue suffering by wildlife captured or trapped. It is unlawful for any person to set a trap and leave it unattended in excess of twenty-four (24) hours unless chemical or mechanical methods are provided to prevent suffering of trapped animals. 4. Traps in the field must have identification of the trapper attached and available for Enforcement to see upon checking the trap. Identification must include the trapper’s name and phone number. Identification methods can include engraving into a trap or attaching an identification tag (metal preferred). Other methods can be acceptable as long as the tag is visible for inspection.	
SHED ANTLER COLLECTION SEASON	
No Permit Required	
Season Dates:	Year Round
Shed antler collection on Tribal Lands is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members only. There is no permit required or restrictions on Tribal Members pertaining to shed antler hunting/collecting. Non-members, including spouses, immediate family or others, may not pick up and possess shed antlers while on tribal lands.	



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species or hunt type. Part of the validation process may also require the hunter obtaining a validation tag as proof of inspection prior to the hunter leaving the reservation with the harvested animal. For further information regarding validations and validation tags, please contact the DWRM.

Validation Requirements

Depending on the season and species hunted, validation of harvested animals may be required. Guidelines vary and are given in detail by species and hunting season below.

- Early Archery mule deer, elk, and turkey: Mandatory Validation
- Buck Deer and Bull Elk: Mandatory Validation Tribal Member hunters are required to have mule deer bucks and bull elk validated within 5 business days of harvest. Please call the DWRM to make arrangements.
- First descendant Antlerless Elk: Mandatory Validation
- Spring Turkey: No validation required EXCEPT to pick up a second turkey permit
- Fall Turkey: No Validation Required
- Doe mule deer and Cow elk: Mandatory Validation Exception Hunters planning to pick up a second doe tag or a second cow elk tag must have their doe or cow validated prior to picking up additional tags.
- Mountain Lion: Mandatory Validation
- Validation must take place within 24 hours of the kill. Contact the Division of Wildlife Resource Management or Southern Ute Tribal Rangers during regular business hours or contact Southern Ute Dispatch outside of regular business hours to arrange validation.
- Upland game birds, waterfowl and small game: No Validation Required

EVIDENCE OF SEX REQUIREMENTS

Evidence of sex of harvested mule deer, elk, wild turkeys, and mountain lions must remain naturally attached to carcasses while transporting animals from the field, while in camp, or until the animal is validated (if necessary). Evidence of sex for mule deer and elk include the head and/or the testicles or udder. Evidence of sex for wild turkeys is the beard (for males). For mountain lions, the reproductive organs of both males and females must be left attached for sex identification purposes.

GUIDING AND OUTFITTING

Guides and outfitters must be permitted by the Division of Wildlife Resource Management before operating on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. To obtain a guiding and outfitting permit or to acquire a list of permitted guides and outfitters, contact the Division of Wildlife Resource Management. Illegal guiding and outfitting on the reservation is a serious offense with consequences for both the hunter and the person providing the guiding or outfitting services. Please contact the Wildlife Division immediately if you suspect illegal guiding and outfitting is taking place on the reservation.

ACCOMPANY CROSSING PERMITS

The Division of Wildlife Resource Management issues crossing permits to non-Southern Ute Tribal Members to accompany permitted hunters while hunting. Persons holding crossing permits may not hunt or carry a firearm of any type while accompanying a permitted hunter. Persons holding a crossing permit may not provide specialized guiding and outfitting-type assistance to permitted hunters. Contact the DWRM for more details on crossing permits or to have crossing permits issued. Non-Southern Ute Tribal Members who are not in the immediate family of a Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter must acquire a crossing permit so that they may accompany the permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member while hunting. Non-Southern Ute Tribal Members who are in the immediate family of a permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter may accompany the hunter without obtaining a crossing permit. For the purposes of accompany crossing permits, immediate family is considered a spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law or legal guardian of the permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter. Note that a maximum of two permittees at a time are allowed per Southern Ute hunter and the crossing permit will be valid for 30 days or until the end of the hunt season, whichever comes first. Cost for crossing permits will be \$20.00 per permittee, and each permit is valid for accompanying a single specified Tribal Member hunter.

OPEN AND CLOSED AREAS FOR HUNTING ON THE RESERVATION

Open Areas

Open areas for huntable species shall include all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. For private, assigned and allotted lands, hunters must first obtain written access permission from the landowner. For USFS lands and Navajo State Park lands contact the respective agencies for information pertaining to access restrictions.

Closed Areas

Closed areas shall include all grounds immediately surrounding the Lake Capote Recreation Area including the campground and Indian Mesa (La Boca area). For precise boundaries contact the Wildlife Division.

ADDITIONAL HUNTING REGULATIONS

A complete listing of regulations pertaining to hunting on the Southern Ute Indian reservation is contained in Title 13: Wildlife Conservation Code. Contact the DWRM for a current copy of Title 13 or visit our website: <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wrmweb/>. Additionally the Division has a limited number of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Wildlife Laws Handbook 2008 available to Tribal hunters. Please ask about them in the Wildlife office.

Failure to wear Daylight or Fluorescent Orange or Pink Garments

During the big game hunting season, it is unlawful to hunt mule deer and/or elk with a firearm unless the person hunting is wearing a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline, both of solid daylight fluorescent orange or pink color, totaling five hundred (500) square inches or more of clothing. Penalties include a \$50.00 fine and 5 points towards permit revocation. Persons specifically hunting for fall turkey, or specifically hunting for mountain lions when big game seasons are running concurrently are not required to wear blaze orange, but are encouraged to do so for their own safety in the field.

Failing to Tag Wildlife Properly

It is unlawful for any person to fail to tag wildlife properly. In its simplest form, tagging means to sign and punch the dates on your tag and affix it to the animal’s carcass. Penalties include a \$100 fine and 10 points towards permit revocation.

Shooting from a Motor Vehicle

It is unlawful for any person to shoot any type of firearm from a motor vehicle to take wildlife. Penalties include a \$300 fine and 15 points towards permit revocation.

Wastage of Game Meat / Abandoning a Carcass
It is unlawful to abandon any edible portion of wildlife or permit it to go to waste. Penalties for big game include a \$1,000 fine and 15 points. Other wildlife includes a \$250 fine and 15 points towards permit revocation.

Additionally it is unlawful to take any wildlife and abandon the carcass or take wildlife only for the head, claws, teeth, hide, antlers, horns, tusks, or organs with the intent to abandon the carcass or to mutilate any living wildlife. Penalties include fines ranging from \$25 - \$20,000 and 25 points towards permit revocation.

Closure of Lake Capote Recreation Area

The Lake Capote Recreation Area will be closed to all hunting. Hwy 160 borders the closure area on the north and Hwy 151 on the west. The range fence directly south of the lake (running east/west) defines the southern boundary and the east boundary will follow the eastern bank of Stollsteimer Creek running north.

Closure of Indian Mesa

Indian Mesa (La Boca area) was closed by Resolution (2000-215) in December of 2000 and prohibits any activity which might jeopardize the cultural sensitivity of the area. Prohibited activities include firewood cutting, hunting, camping, leasing and grazing. Contact the Wildlife or Lands Divisions with questions.

Off-road Travel on Tribal Lands

It is unlawful to travel off of established roads and two-tracks with any vehicle while on Tribal lands. This includes ATVs. Penalties include a \$100 fine and 5 points towards permit revocation.

Schedule of Civil Penalties Connected to Poaching Convictions on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation	
Big Game: Mule Deer	
Trophy Buck (24" or greater inside spread)	\$10,000 + 15 Points
Buck	\$5,000+ 15 Points
Doe	\$1,000+ 15 Points
Big Game: Elk	
Trophy Bull (6 + points on one antler)	\$10,000+ 15 Points
Bull	\$5,000+ 15 Points
Cow	\$1,000+ 15 Points
Mountain Lion	\$5,000+ 15 Points
Shed Antlers	\$2,500+ 15 Points
Additional penalties associated with poaching convictions often include point accrual and revocation of hunting and fishing privileges on the Southern Ute Indian reservation for 2 – 5 years	

AUTHORITY

These hunting regulations are approved by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council under authority as outlined in Title 13, Article 1, Section 13-1-106, Subsections (1) through (3); Article 2, Section 13-2-101, Subsections (1) through (5); Article 2, Section 13-2-104; Article 2, Section 13-2-105, Subsections (1) through (3); of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code revised and amended by Tribal Resolution No’s. 89-34, 01-69, and 02-215.

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Any questions regarding this proclamation should be directed to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife Resource Management.

2024-2025 Brunot Area Hunting and Fishing Seasons

2024-2025 BRUNOT AREA HUNTING AND FISHING SEASONS		
Season Type	Permitting Start Date	Season Dates
Spring Turkey	March 11	March 23 – May 26
Mule Deer Rocky Mtn. Elk Fall Turkey	August 12	August 24 – November 24
Bighorn Sheep* Mountain Goat* Moose*	August 12	August 24 – October 31 (Sheep) September 2 – October 31 (Goat) September 2 – October 31 (Moose)
Mountain Lion	September 16	November 1, 2024 – April 20, 2025
Upland Game Birds	August 12	September 1 – December 31 (Grouse, Ptarmigan, Pheasant and Chukar)
Waterfowl and Migratory Game Birds	August 12	Waterfowl season dates and bag limits will coincide with the Pacific and Central flyway season framework and the State of Colorado waterfowl hunting seasons.
Small Game	Anytime	Calendar Year
Fishing	Anytime	Calendar Year
* Permitting for these rare game species takes place through a special application and drawing process each spring. For more information, see Rare Game Permitting.		

WHAT’S NEW & REMINDERS
2024/2025 HUNTING AND FISHING

Gray Wolves

In December 2023 the state began releasing gray wolves into northern Colorado, north of Interstate 70 near Kremmling. We do not anticipate gray wolves migrating south into the Brunot Area in 2024, however Tribal Member hunters should be aware of the reintroduction effort and that wolves are now present in Colorado. Gray wolves are a federally protected species, and the Tribe does not issue permits to hunt or kill wolves for sport. Please contact the Wildlife Division for more information on gray wolves.

Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) was detected in a mule deer buck in the San Juan Basin in 2020. CWD is degenerative brain disease of deer and elk that takes time to progress but is always fatal to the infected animal. CWD is most prevalent in male mule deer greater than two years old. The prevalence of CWD in our mule deer herd is currently very low (less than 1%), however the Wildlife Division (Division) recommends having harvested adult male mule deer tested for CWD. There is no evidence that CWD can spread between infected animals and humans, however the Division recommends not consuming meat of tested animals until the results are obtained and not consuming meat from CWD positive animals. Testing is voluntary and will be free of charge for Tribal Members wishing to have their animals sampled. The Division will test any deer or elk that Tribal Members wish to have sampled.

Ute Hunting Access to Lone Mesa State Park
Lone Mesa State Park (LMSP), located 23 miles north of the Town of Dolores, is a closed-access

park specially managed by the State of Colorado for limited deer and elk hunting. Negotiations between the Tribe and Colorado Parks & Wildlife led to a hunting opportunity for Tribal Members within the state park. The Tribe will permit interested enrolled Tribal Members on a limited-draw basis for deer and elk hunting in LMSP for 2024. Applications for limited park access permits will be accepted at the Wildlife office during the month of May. Please contact the Southern Ute Wildlife Division for more information or visit the Park website at <https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/LoneMesa>.

Rare Game application and draw schedule
Applications for rare game (Bighorn Sheep, Moose, Mountain Goat) will be accepted at the Wildlife office during the month of May. The draw and subsequent notification of winners for rare game permits will take place in June. Contact the Wildlife office for applications and any questions about this process.

Continued Buck and Bull Mandatory Validation
In order to better support harvest management and protection of deer and elk resources, the mandatory buck and bull validation continues. Buck deer and bull elk taken from the Brunot Area must be validated by Wildlife Division or Wildlife Enforcement staff within five (5) business days of harvest.

INTRODUCTION TO BRUNOT AREA HUNTING & FISHING

In 1873, the confederated bands of Utes ceded a large portion of their 1868 reservation to the Federal government under a treaty commonly known as the “Brunot Agreement”. This ceded area – or “Brunot Area” – is approximately 3.7 million acres of the San Juan Mountain region within the

State of Colorado. The Agreement represented a major loss to the reservation land base and was yet another blow to the Utes’ traditional hunting-and-gathering way of life. Included within the 1873 Agreement was an important provision reserving for the Utes the right to “hunt upon said land so long as the game lasts and the Indians are at peace with the white people.” Despite the continued loss of lands, the corresponding reduction in the size of the Ute reservation, and the relocation of certain Ute bands outside of Colorado – this reserved right within the Brunot Area has remained undiminished to this day. Based on historical evidence and testimonials from Ute elders, this reserved right includes not only hunting but also fishing and gathering activities by which the Utes supported themselves in the region for centuries prior to the Agreement. In 2008, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe entered a new agreement – this time with the State of Colorado – addressing the Tribe’s exercise of its long-held Brunot Area hunting and fishing rights. This agreement – or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – details how the Tribe and State approach Brunot Area hunting, fishing, and wildlife law enforcement, and expresses the intent of both governments to work cooperatively toward long-term conservation of wildlife within the Brunot Area. With the completion of the MOU, Tribal Members are once again able to exercise the Tribe’s long-held rights to hunt and fish within the Brunot Area, in accordance with regulations established by the Tribe. This document is an annual proclamation, approved by the Southern Ute Tribal Council, and applies only to hunting and fishing by enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members within the Brunot Area. For more information, please contact the Tribe’s Division of Wildlife Resource Management.

SEASON FRAMEWORK

Hunting and fishing seasons are established annually by the Tribe for all game species found within the Brunot Area. The table found on the inside cover of this proclamation specifies the current seasons (i.e., the start and end dates for legal harvest), as well as the permitting start dates. Most seasons will be the same or very similar from year to year, however, dates of several seasons may vary slightly. Those animal species not identified as having designated seasons, and those not protected by the Tribe from harvest for cultural or conservation reasons (see Protected Fish & Wildlife), may be harvested without a Tribe-issued hunting or fishing permit.

Cultural and Ceremonial Hunting

Those Tribal hunters wishing to hunt for cultural or ceremonial purposes within the Brunot Area and outside of the regular, Tribal-approved seasons must contact the SUIT Division of Wildlife prior to hunting. Special authorization is required for any hunting outside of the established seasons, and at least two weeks advance notice of a cultural/ceremonial hunting need should be provided.

PERMITTING

All Tribal Members hunting or fishing within the Brunot Area must carry with them the appropriate permit(s) issued by either the Tribe or State of Colorado. Tribal Members who obtain Tribal per-

mits are subject to the Tribal seasons and regulations set forth in this Proclamation, to be enforced by the Tribe. Those who obtain State hunting or fishing permits must hunt or fish in accordance with State seasons and regulations (see the Colorado Parks and Wildlife), which will be enforced by the State. It is unnecessary, but allowable, for a hunter or angler to be permitted by both entities. On-Reservation hunting and fishing permits (i.e., within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation) and off-Reservation hunting and fishing permits for the Brunot Area are separate and non-interchangeable. It is the responsibility of each hunter and angler to be properly permitted for the area hunted or fished, and to follow all applicable regulations for that area. Permitting for Brunot Area hunting and fishing is managed entirely through the Tribe’s Division of Wildlife office, located in the Annex Building on the tribal government campus near Ignacio, Colorado. Permits may be obtained in-person at this office or by mail for those Tribal Members living outside the Reservation area. Brunot Area hunting and fishing permits are issued free-of-charge for the first issuance. A \$5 fee applies for replacement of lost or damaged permits.

Permitting Start Dates

Brunot Area hunting and fishing permits are available to pick up at the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife office (or mail out) beginning on the start dates specified on the inside cover of this Proclamation through the end of the established season. Note: Except for Fishing and Small Game, the permitting start dates do not correspond to the actual season start dates. For Rare Game (i.e., bighorn sheep, moose, mountain goat), successful applicants in a lottery process will be notified of their permit availability through the Division of Wildlife following permit drawings held each June.

Permit Eligibility

Only Southern Ute Tribal Members may obtain Brunot Area hunting and fishing permits from the Tribe and the following criteria must be met in order to obtain a valid permit:

- All applicants must present a Southern Ute Tribal identification card at the time of permit pick-up.
- For hunting, but not fishing, only applicants 12 years old or older may obtain a permit, and those under the age of 21 must present a hunter safety card.
- The applicant’s hunting and fishing privileges must not be currently suspended or revoked through the Tribe’s wildlife penalty-point system.
- Issued permits are not valid unless signed by the applicant.

Permit Transferability

The transfer of Brunot Area hunting and fishing permits is strictly prohibited, even to other Southern Ute Tribal Members or other Native Americans. Only the individual named on the Brunot Area permit is authorized to hunt or fish, per the terms of the permit. “Designated hunting” – the transfer of certain permit types between Tribal Members – is an option only for on-Reservation



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hunting (i.e., hunting within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation) and is not allowed within the Brunot Area.

Mail-Out Permits

Mail-out permit(s) will be provided at no-cost by the SUIT Division of Wildlife only to a non-local Tribal Member and only upon receipt of a signed letter of request from the Tribal Member. The letter must include the hunter’s name, mailing address, date of birth, copies of the Southern Ute Tribal identification card and hunter safety education card (if applicable), and a list of the permit(s) desired. Permits will not be valid until signed by the applicant.

Permit Replacement

Lost or damaged Brunot Area permits may be obtained at the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife office for a \$5 per permit fee, regardless of permit type. Lost or damaged permits will be immediately voided, and notification of voided permits will be sent to tribal law enforcement.

Rare Game Permitting

Unlike other Brunot Area permitting, permitting for Rare Game (i.e., Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, moose, and mountain goat) is handled through a permit application and drawing process. Availability of applications will be announced through local media in the Ignacio area, and applications will only be accepted during the month of May. Random drawings from among the applicants will then determine the recipients of a very limited number of hunting permits. Notification of these individuals will occur during the month of June. Those who repeatedly apply but do not receive a permit will accrue bonus points, which will improve future chances of selection. For detailed information on the rules governing the Tribal Council-approved lottery process and bonus point system, please contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife office.

HUNTING REGULATIONS

Presented in this section are the 2024/25 Tribal Council-approved regulations pertaining to the harvest of Brunot Area *Big Game, Rare Game, Small Game, Upland Gamebirds, and Waterfowl*.

Legal Weapons

Legal weapons for harvesting mule deer, elk, mountain lion, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose shall include:

- Any bow with at least 40 pounds of draw weight. Hunting arrows must include a broadhead with an outside cutting diameter of at least 7/8 inch with at least 2 blades. Each cutting edge must be within the same plane throughout the length of the cutting surface;
- Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs. and a minimum draw length of 14 inches from the front of the bow to the nocking point of the drawstring. A positive mechanical safety device is required. Bolts must be a minimum of 16 inches long, having a minimum broadhead width of 7/8 inch, and a minimum of 2 cutting blades. Cutting edges of broadheads must be in the same plane for the entire length of the cutting surface;
- Shotguns of 20 gauge or larger firing a single slug;
- Muzzleloading rifles with a single barrel of at least .40 caliber for deer, and .50 caliber for elk;
- .357 magnum or larger handguns with a barrel length of 6 inches or longer, using .357 magnum or larger caliber ammunition with soft nose or hollow point bullets;
- Center-fire rifles or center-fire handguns chambered for a center-fired cartridge, a minimum of .23 caliber. No fully automatic firearm may be used. All bullets must be soft nose or hollow pointed and not weigh more than 350 grains.

Legal weapons for turkey shall include:

- Shotguns except .410 gauge; bows and crossbows (i.e., as specified above for deer, elk, etc.); rifles and handguns, center-fired cartridges only; and muzzleloading rifles and handguns;

Legal weapons for waterfowl shall include:

- Any shotgun 10 gauge or smaller and not capable of holding more than 3 shotshells in the chamber and magazine combined. Shotshells must not contain lead pellets.
- Legal weapons for small game and upland gamebirds shall include:
- Any rimfire or center-fire rifle or handgun, any shotgun, and any bow and arrow or crossbow.

Evidence of Sex

Evidence of sex for harvested mule deer, elk, mountain lion, turkey, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose must remain naturally attached to the carcass while transporting animals from the field, while in camp, or until the animal is validated (if required). Evidence of sex will include the head and/or testicles or udder. For mountain lions, the reproductive organs of both male and female must be left attached for identification purposes. For wild turkey the beard must remain attached.

Carcass Tagging

The carcass of a harvested large game animal (i.e., mule deer, elk, mountain lion, turkey, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or moose) must be tagged by the person who harvested the animal. The hunter must physically notch (cut) the Month and Day of harvest indicated on the permit and sign the permit in ink immediately after harvesting the animal. The hunter must affix the permit to the carcass. All big game animals must be securely tagged with the carcass tag prior to transportation. If numerous trips are required to remove the carcass from the field, the tag should remain attached to the portion of the carcass that is first brought to camp or to a vehicle.

Deer & Elk Harvest Reporting

For 2024, hunters are still required to have buck deer and bull elk validated. Hunters should be prepared to describe generally where and when an animal was harvested. Validation must occur within five business days of harvest. The Division will work with hunters to arrange a time and place to meet to validate their animals. Doe deer and cow elk harvests still must be called into the Division; however, a full validation isn’t required. Failure to report the successful harvest of any mule deer or elk from the Brunot Area could subject the hunter to penalties under the Tribe’s Wildlife Conservation Code.

Rare Game and Mountain Lion Harvest Validation

Hunters are required to have validated any mountain lion, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or moose harvested from the Brunot Area. Validation is the physical inspection of the animal by the Tribal Wildlife Division staff. Validations are not available on weekends; therefore, animals must be validated during regular business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:00 – 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.). For mountain lions, the carcass must be inspected within 48 hours of the harvest. The hunter must present the carcass with skin attached. For bighorn sheep, mountain goat and moose the carcass must be inspected within five business days of the harvest. The hunter must present the carcass, if requested, as well as the head with horns or antlers and skull intact. The carcass may be quartered in the field. If the harvested animal is a ram bighorn sheep, the Tribal Wildlife Division will affix a permanent mark (plug) to the horn as proof of legal harvest.

Mountain Lion Hunting

Mountain lion hunting in the Brunot Area is divided into four separate units, and each unit has an associated harvest quota. The mountain lion season is open either until the season end-date or until the unit quota is filled, whichever occurs first. If the quota for a unit is filled, the season will immediately close for that unit. A Brunot Area lion permit is valid for hunting in all units that have not reached the designated harvest quota. Please refer to the mountain lion unit map in this Proclamation for the location of each unit.

LION HARVEST QUOTAS, BY UNIT	
Lion Unit	Harvest Quota
L1	7 lions or 4 females
L2	1 lion either sex
L3	2 lions either sex
L4	2 lions either sex

Lion hunters should be aware that Lion Unit 1 (L1) encompasses both the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and a portion of the Brunot Area. Even though L1 is a combination of Reservation and Brunot lands, lion hunting on the Reservation portion requires a reservation permit, while lion hunting in the Brunot portion requires a Brunot permit. The lion permits for both areas are not interchangeable.

*** Important Mountain Lion Hunting Information ***

A mountain lion telephone information line is available for hunters to call to check on the status of the quotas in each unit. It is the hunter’s responsibility to call the harvest quota information line IMMEDIATELY BEFORE hunting to check the status of harvest quotas and unit closures. Call 970-563-0130 at any time for quota status. It is unlawful to kill mountain lion kittens or female mountain lions accompanied by kittens. Kittens are defined as mountain lions exhibiting visible spotting of the fur. Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens are defined as female mountain lions that have kittens traveling with them or dependent on them. Trained hunting dogs may be used to hunt mountain lions.

Upland Gamebird Hunting

Hunting for Upland gamebirds is allowed within the Brunot Area. Upland Gamebirds includes dusky (blue) grouse, ptarmigan, pheasant, and

chukar partridge. Columbian Sharp-tailed grouse and Gunnison Sage Grouse may occur within the Brunot Area also; however, populations of these birds are very low and hunting of these species is not allowed.

Trained hunting dogs may be used to hunt upland game birds.

Waterfowl and Migratory Gamebird Hunting Hunting for Waterfowl and other migratory gamebirds is allowed within the Brunot Area. Waterfowl includes various species of ducks, mergansers, coots, dark and light geese, snipe, and rails (Virginia and Sora). Migratory gamebirds include doves (mourning, white winged and collared) and band-tailed pigeons. Because waterfowl and migratory gamebird seasons and bag limits are set by the federal government, the Tribe does not currently have the ability to set its own season dates and bag limits for these species. Therefore, Tribal Member hunters pursuing these species must abide by season dates and bag limits set by the State of Colorado.

The Brunot Area encompasses parts of both the Central and Pacific Flyways. Most of the Brunot Area is within the Pacific Flyway, while the Central Flyway portion is a much smaller area located east of the Continental Divide. Please note that, under Federal law, all waterfowl hunters are required to purchase and possess a Federal Duck Stamp. A Duck Stamp can be purchased at a local Post Office.

Trapping of Small Game

Trapping of small game is a special harvest methodology that is highly regulated at the State level and is similarly regulated by the Tribe within the Brunot Area. The purpose of the regulations is to minimize the potential impacts of trapping on non-target wildlife, especially rare, threatened, or endangered species. For the Brunot Area, the species of concern with trapping are the Canada lynx and river otter, both of which are the subject of major re-introduction efforts and are protected from take throughout the San Juan Mountains region. Trapping is allowed year-round, per the established Small Game season, and a trapper must obtain a Small Game permit to engage in any trapping of wildlife in the Brunot Area. Wildlife that may be trapped are those species covered under the Brunot Area Small Game permit, including bobcat, coyote, fox, all weasels (except river otter), ringtail, raccoon, prairie dog, beaver, muskrat, rabbit/hare, marmot, and tree squirrel. All trappers must comply with the following tribal trapping regulations:

- Trapper Notification & Reporting.** A trapper must provide at least two weeks advance notice to the Tribal Division of Wildlife of any planned Brunot Area trapping effort. The notice must include approximate location of traps, number and type(s) of traps to be used, and approximate timeframe for operating the traps. Within two weeks of completing the trapping, the trapper must have traps completely removed from the field and report to the Division the trapping results (i.e., identify all target and non-target species captured, animals retained or harvested, and all non-target mortalities).
- Trap Attendance.** Any individual operating a trap within the Brunot Area is required to physically inspect the trap at least once every 24 hours. Note that this is not a “once daily” requirement; a trapper cannot inspect a trap on one morning and return in the afternoon the next day, as this would be in excess of 24 hours.
- Trap Types Allowed.** Only live traps may be used for trapping in the Brunot Area, which includes any non-lethal cage, box, or Snead-design colony traps. All other methods of trapping are prohibited, including, but not limited to, all types of legholds, snares, and instant kill traps.
- Bait Restrictions.** Visual lures, fresh meat baits, fish oil, and anise oil lures meant to attract felids are not permitted due to the risk of injury or mortality for Canada lynx.
- Target and Non-Target Captures.** All captured target species must be killed on-site when the trap is checked. All captured non-target species that are un-injured must be released. Accidental mortality of non-target animals must be reported to the Wildlife Division, per the trapper reporting requirement. Canada lynx and river otter that are captured but un-injured must be immediately released. Accidental capture of these species must be reported within 12 hours of discovery to the Tribal Wildlife Division.
- Interference with Traps.** It is unlawful to interfere with, disturb, remove or otherwise molest any trap lawfully set by a trapper, or for a non-operator of a trap to remove any animal from said trap.

OTHER HUNTING REQUIREMENTS

- Hunter Safety Requirements.** All hunters under the age of 21 years must have successfully completed a hunter safety education course prior to issuance of permits. Hunters under age 21 must be able to present their hunter safety education card when acquiring permits. Both the Tribe and Colorado Parks and Wildlife offer hunter education classes and should be contacted for more information.
- Hunters Under Age 18.** Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.
- Daylight Fluorescent Orange or Pink.** For non-archery hunters hunting mule deer, elk, or moose within the Brunot Area, it is required that the hunter wear a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline of solid daylight fluorescent orange or pink color, totaling 500 square inches or more of clothing. Penalties include a \$50 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.
- Loaded Firearm in Vehicle.** It is unlawful for any person, except those authorized by law, or by the Tribe’s Department of Justice and Regulatory, Wildlife Enforcement Division, or Wildlife Management Division, to carry or possess any firearm other than a pistol or revolver in or on any motor vehicle, unless such firearm is unloaded. For purposes of this section, a rifle or shotgun shall be considered unloaded if it is unloaded in the chamber; a muzzle-loader shall be considered unloaded if it is not primed, and, for such purpose “primed” means having a percussion cap on the nipple, a primer in the breech, or flint in the striker and powder in the flash pan; and a bow shall be considered unloaded if an arrow is not nocked on the string. Penalties include a \$300 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.
- Shooting from Road.** It is unlawful for any person to shoot any type of firearm from or across or onto any maintained public road. “Road” shall mean the area extending 50 feet on either side of the center line of the roadway. Penalties include a \$250 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.
- Shooting from a motor vehicle.** It is unlawful for any person to shoot any type of firearm from a motor vehicle to take wildlife. Penalties include a \$300 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.

BRUNOT AREA FISHING REGULATIONS

Presented in this section are the Tribal-approved seasons and regulations pertaining to fishing within the Brunot Area for 2024. The fishing season is the calendar year, January 1 through December 31. Except as noted under *Special Management Fisheries*, standard angling methods and daily bag limits apply to all Brunot Area fishing by Tribal anglers.

Important Note: Numerous creeks and rivers with sport fisheries *cross over* the Brunot Area boundary. It is important for anglers to remember that, upon leaving the Brunot Area, Brunot fishing permits are *no longer valid*; State permit requirements and regulations apply outside of the Brunot Area. When entering the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, reservation requirements apply.

Standard Angling Methods

Game fish may be taken by hook and line, as well as by bowfishing (see Bowfishing). Fishermen are allowed up to two fishing rods at a time per angler. For bait fishing, one line may be used with up to two single baited hooks attached. For lure fishing, one line may be used with one artificial lure attached. Artificial lures may have up to two hooks (single, double, or treble) attached. For fly-fishing, one line may be used with up to two flies attached.

General Fishing Restrictions

- Legal Fishing Hours/Duration.** Fishing may occur 24-hours a day, unless the daily bag or possession limit is met. Once the daily bag or possession limit is met, the angler must discontinue fishing.
- Illegal Fishing Gear/Methods.** Use of the following gear or methods to catch fish is prohibited on all Brunot Area waters: all net types (excluding hand-held landing nets), trotlines, traps, explosives, poisons, guns, or any other gear or method not specified in the *Standard Angling Methods* section.
- Chumming.** Chumming, or placing in the water any type of fish attractant for the purpose of catching fish, is prohibited in all Brunot waters. Chumming does not include the use of bait, lures, and flies as specified in the *Standard Angling Methods* section.

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SEASON BAG LIMITS FOR BIG GAME, RARE GAME, AND SMALL GAME	
Hunt Type	Bag Limit (per hunter)
Mule Deer	2 (1 buck and 1 doe)
Rocky Mtn. Elk	2 (1 bull and 1 cow)
Mountain Lion	1 (either sex)
Fall Turkey	1 (either sex)
Spring Turkey	1 (bearded gobbler)
Bighorn Sheep (<i>Three permits available for 2024</i>)	1 (either sex)
Mountain Goat (<i>Two permits available for 2024</i>)	1 (either sex)
Moose (<i>Two permits available for 2024</i>)	1 (either sex)
Small Game¹	Unlimited
¹Small Game includes: bobcat, coyote, fox, all weasels (except river otter), ringtail, raccoon, prairie dog, beaver, muskrat, rabbit/hare, marmot, and tree squirrels.	
Upland Gamebirds	Daily Bag Limits
Dusky Grouse, Ptarmigan, Pheasant, Chukar	3 of each per day
Waterfowl and Migratory Gamebirds	
Waterfowl and migratory game bird season dates and bag limits will coincide with the Pacific and Central flyway season framework and the State of Colorado waterfowl hunting seasons. Please obtain and read the Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2024 Waterfowl Hunting Brochure for more information. Waterfowl hunters are required to obtain a federal duck stamp before hunting waterfowl (available at any Post Office).	

FISHING DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS		
Game Fish	Limit (All Water Types)	
Trout* (<i>Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat, Splake, Golden, Lake, Brook over 8"</i>)	4	
Brook Trout (under 8")	10	
Kokanee Salmon	10	
Northern Pike	Unlimited	
Common Carp	Unlimited	
Yellow Perch	Unlimited	
Bullhead	Unlimited	
White Sucker	Unlimited	
Game Fish	Limit	
	Lakes/Reservoirs	Rivers/Creeks
Channel Catfish	10	Unlimited
Bass (<i>Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted</i>)*	10	Unlimited
Sunfish (<i>Bluegill, Green, Redear, Pumpkinseed</i>)*	20	Unlimited
Crappie (White and Black)*	20	Unlimited
Walleye and Saugeye*	5	Unlimited
Tiger Muskie	1 fish, 36" or larger	Unlimited
* The Daily Bag and Possession Limits for trout, bass, sunfish, crappie, walleye and saugeye are <u>IN AGGREGATE</u> , meaning that the limits for each group of fish consist of one species or a mix of the different species indicated.		



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- **Bait.** Permitted baits are worms, insects, crayfish, vegetable matter, artificial salmon eggs, PowerBait, fish (dead only) and amphibians (live or dead), provided that fish and amphibian species used for bait must be non-native to the Brunot Area. Check with the Wildlife Division on native species prohibited from use as bait. Bait restrictions still apply in certain Special Management Fisheries identified herein.
- **Planting Fish.** It is unlawful to release or move into any Brunot Area waters any fish from aquaria, ponds, bait buckets, or any other external fish source.
- **Fishing Pole Attendance.** Anglers must attend their fishing pole (be within 50 feet) at all times.
- **Minnows.** It is unlawful to take, possess, transport, or sell live minnows anywhere within the Brunot Area.

Bowfishing

Bowfishing is allowed for northern pike and carp at all times in all Brunot Area waters. Bowfishing is also allowed for kokanee salmon concurrent with times and locations designated for salmon snagging. See *Salmon Snagging* for specific locations and timing. Legal equipment for bow fishing shall include recurve, compound or longbows with reels and arrows attached with fishing line. Arrows must have barbed heads and be equipped with a safety slide keeping the line in front of the bow at all times.

Daily Bag and Possession Limits

The **Daily Bag Limit** is the maximum number of game fish you can take in one day. The **Possession Limit** is the number of fish you may have in your possession at any one time, including in your creel, ice chest, vehicle, camp, or home. The possession limit for all game fish is *no more than one daily bag limit* (single species or in aggregate), as indicated in the *Daily Bag and Possession Limits* table. Bag and Possession Limits do not apply to those species where “Unlimited” take is indicated.

Special Management Fisheries

Special Management Fisheries are specific streams and lakes within the Brunot Area where closures and/or special harvest and tackle restrictions are in place to protect or enhance the local fish population. These locations include: *Trophy Trout Waters, Cutthroat Conservation Waters, Trophy Bass Waters, Spawning Waters, and Salmon Snagging Waters*. All anglers must comply with the special regulations in place for these designated waters.

- A. Trophy Trout Waters.** For the waters listed below, anglers may use *artificial flies and lures only*, with no bait fishing allowed. Unless otherwise noted, only *two trout 16 inches in length or longer* may be kept, per day.
- **Animas River.** From Lightner Creek to the south Brunot Area boundary located at Rivera Crossing Bridge.
- **Bear Creek.** From headwaters downstream to the Dolores River.
- **Dolores River.** From McPhee Dam downstream to the west Brunot Area boundary, near Lone Dome State Wildlife Area.
- **Emerald Lakes (Big & Little).** Located 10 mi northeast of Vallecito Res.
- **Lake Fork (of Gunnison River).** From High Bridge Gulch downstream to the north Brunot Area boundary.
- **Los Piños River.** From headwaters downstream to the Weminuche Wilderness boundary.
- **Piedra River.** CATCH & RELEASE ONLY from USFS Road 631 bridge downstream to the lower boundary of the Tres Piedra Ranch (1.5 miles above US160). *All trout must be returned to the water immediately.*
- **Rio Grande River.** From the lower boundary of River Hill Campground (near Rio Grande Reservoir) to the east Brunot Area boundary, just west of Creede, Colorado.
- **Vallecito Creek.** From headwaters downstream to the Weminuche Wilderness boundary.

- B. Cutthroat Conservation Waters** are streams and lakes within the Brunot Area that are managed to conserve pure-strain Colorado River and Rio Grande cutthroat trout. Anglers may fish these waters with *artificial flies and lures only*, but all fish must be returned to the *water immediately*. Cutthroat Conservation Waters include:
- **Big Bend Creek** (8 mi. southwest of Durango Mtn. Resort)
- **Clear Creek** (6 mi. northwest of Hermosa)
- **Cooper Lake** (10 mi. southwest of Lake City)
- **Deep Creek** (6 mi. west of Telluride)
- **Disappointment Creek** (4 mi. north of Groundhog Res.)
- **Elk Creek** (10 mi. west of Telluride)
- **Hermosa Creek, East Fork** (at Durango Mtn. Resort)
- **Hermosa Creek** (headwaters to confluence with East Cross Cr.) Fishing is prohibited 100 feet upstream and downstream of the artificial waterfall (fish barrier) located 0.1 mile below the East Fork of Hermosa Creek confluence.
- **Piedra River, East Fork** (15 mi. northwest of Pagosa Springs)
- **Priest Gulch** (10 mi. southwest of Rico)
- **Rio Lado** (10 mi. southwest of Rico)
- **Slate Creek** (6 mi. northeast of Rico)
- **Sloan Lake** (10 mi. northeast of Silverton)
- **Spring Creek** (8 mi. west of Rico)
- **Wildcat Creek** (5 mi. south of Rico)

- C. Trophy Bass Waters** include two reservoirs where harvest is restricted to a smaller number of fish and/or specific size ranges in order to promote healthy reproductive bass populations.
- **McPhee Reservoir.** All bass (either small-mouth or largemouth) between the sizes of 10” and 15” must be immediately returned to the water. The Daily Bag and Possession Limit for bass from McPhee Reservoir is 5 fish.
- **Totten Reservoir.** Located near Cortez, anglers may only keep smallmouth and largemouth bass that are 15 inches in length or longer. Anglers must also refrain from fishing along the north shore of the reservoir from March 1 through May 31 in order to protect nesting waterfowl.

D. Spawning Waters are streams and lakes within the Brunot Area that are inhabited by spawning populations of kokanee salmon and/or wild trout. In order to conserve these important fisheries and ensure successful reproductive cycles, special seasonal fishing closures are necessary. The Brunot Area Spawning Waters

- and corresponding closures are listed below.
- **Big Emerald Lake Inlet Creek (CLOSURE).** All fishing is prohibited in Lake Creek inlet for ½ mile above Big Emerald Lake from April 15 thru July 15.
 - **Grimes Creek (CLOSURE).** All fishing is prohibited in Grimes Creek from September 1 thru November 14.
 - **Groundhog Reservoir Inlet Creeks (CLOSURE).** All fishing is prohibited in Nash Creek and Groundhog Creek inlets for ½ mile above Groundhog Reservoir from April 15 through July 15.

- E. Salmon Snagging** or using hooked devices to snag salmon in parts of their bodies other than the mouth, is only allowed for kokanee salmon in designated waters during certain times of the year. Standard daily bag / possession limits for kokanee and gear restrictions for lure fishing apply to snagging.
- **Florida River (above Lemon Reservoir).** Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted above Lemon Reservoir from September 1 thru December 31.
- **Grimes Creek (upstream of Vallecito Res. water line).** Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted above Vallecito Reservoir from November 15 through December 31. All kokanee salmon caught before November 15 must be returned to the water immediately.
- **Vallecito Creek (CR501 upstream to Weminuche W.).** Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted above Vallecito Reservoir from November 15 through December 31. All kokanee salmon caught before November 15 must be returned to the water immediately.

PROTECTED FISH & WILDLIFE

In order to ensure the long-term conservation of many rare and protected species that occur within the Brunot Area, the Tribe does not allow harvest of certain fish and wildlife by Brunot Area hunters and anglers. These include all species protected from take under the various Federal wildlife laws (e.g., Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act); those species protected under State of Colorado Title 33, and designated wildlife populations that are the subject of special research or re-introduction efforts.

For the Brunot Area, the protected wildlife species that may be encountered by hunters include **Canada lynx, gray wolf, river otter, Gunnison sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, all raptors** (eagles, hawks, falcons, owls), and **all songbirds**. The protected fish species most likely to be encountered by anglers include **Colorado River and Rio Grande cutthroat trout** (designated pure populations), **roundtail chub, flannelmouth sucker, and bluehead sucker**. *None of these protected fish and wildlife species may be harvested by Tribal Brunot Area hunters or anglers.* For a complete list of protected species, please contact the Tribal Division of Wildlife. In addition to the protected species identified above, the Tribe has also designated **black bear** as a protected, culturally sensitive species that shall not be subject to harvest by Brunot Area hunters under a Southern Ute Tribal-issued permit. Tribal hunters, however, retain the option of obtaining a State permit for harvesting black bear.

OPEN AND CLOSED AREAS, PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND INDIAN LAND

Open Areas for hunting and fishing shall generally include all public lands within the Brunot Area boundary, which consist of most Federal government and State of Colorado-owned lands (e.g., National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands, State Wildlife Areas, State Parks, State school sections). Certain exceptions apply on some Federal and State-owned properties, or portions thereof; see Closed Areas below.

Closed Areas are those lands within the Brunot Area where hunting and/or fishing is not allowed by the Tribe for (1) public safety reasons, or (2) sensitive resource protection reasons. These areas include:

- all properties within the limits of any Brunot Area town or municipality;
- all properties or areas closed by local government (i.e., city or county) for public safety reasons;
- any place in close proximity to campgrounds, boat ramps, marinas, trailheads, occupied buildings, private residences, and any other facilities where hunting presents an undue risk to users, residents, and/or the facilities;
- any areas closed by Federal or State agencies to protect archaeological, wildlife, or other sensitive natural resource sites;

Note: Additional fishing-related closures are also specifically identified in the Spawning Waters section of the Brunot Area Fishing Regulations.

Private Property represents a substantial portion, approximately 25%, of the entire Brunot Area. Although permitted Brunot Area hunters and anglers are authorized to take game species on private property, the hunter or angler must always obtain access permission from the landowner prior to entering private land. It is always the hunter’s or angler’s responsibility to know where private land occurs, even if land boundaries are not clearly marked in the field. Hunters and anglers should carefully review maps provided by the Tribe, as well as those published by State and Federal lands agencies. Always seek knowledgeable help if in doubt about land status.

Indian Land within the Brunot Area is a small portion of the Ute Mountain Ute (UMU) reservation extending to south of Cortez, Colorado and west of Mesa Verde National Park. *For purposes of Brunot Area hunting by Southern Ute Tribal Members, UMU land should be considered private property and not huntable without the expressed permission of the UMU Tribe.*

LAND USE REGULATIONS

Virtually all of the public lands within the Brunot Area – whether federal, state, or locally controlled – are subject to a wide range of land use regulations, some of which are not exclusively directed to fish and game matters. Common examples include, but are not limited to, restrictions on open fires, recreational shooting, overnight camping, wood cutting/collecting, boating, livestock

use, and especially off-road vehicle use (e.g., 4x4 trucks, ATV’s, motorcycles, mountain bikes, snowmobiles). One of the more significant land use regulations affecting hunters is a vehicle ban in certain areas. Within State Wildlife Areas, federal wilderness and research areas, and specially designated portions of National Forest, vehicle access is commonly banned either seasonally or year-round. The purpose of those regulations includes public safety and the protection of natural resources from public over-use and abuse. The Tribal Council recognizes that requiring compliance with nondiscriminatory federal, state, and local land use regulations in the Brunot Area as a matter of Tribal law may limit or interfere somewhat with the exercise of the Tribe’s Brunot Agreement rights by Tribal Members, but the Tribal Council finds that requiring compliance with such regulations as a matter of Tribal law is an advisable exercise of Tribal sovereignty in the interest of comity and to:

- Avoid the applicability of such regulations to Brunot Area hunting and fishing from being determined in federal or state court;
 - Avoid potential litigation with an uncertain result;
 - Avoid potential intergovernmental conflicts.
- Such regulations, therefore, shall apply to Tribal Member Brunot Area hunting and fishing as a matter of Tribal law. The Tribal Council reserves the right to create exceptions to the general applicability of such regulations to Tribal Member Brunot Area hunting and fishing. It is the responsibility of Tribal Member Brunot Area hunters and anglers to know and understand the various land use regulations that are in place and enforced within the Brunot Area. Violations of the regulations are not only violations of Tribal law, but also may constitute violations of state and/or federal law, and, therefore may be prosecuted in Tribal, state, or federal court. In a state or federal prosecution for violation of such regulations, therefore, it may be an ineffective defense to assert that the Tribal Member was exercising Brunot Agreement rights, since those regulations are applicable as a matter of Tribal law. Hunters and anglers should contact the Tribe’s Wildlife Management Division or other appropriate management agencies for more information on applicable land use regulations (e.g., U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Parks, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, etc.).

GUIDING & OUTFITTER

A “guide” or “outfitter” is a person who accepts compensation for (1) guiding, leading, packing, protecting, supervising, instructing, or training persons in the take or attempted take of wildlife; or (2) providing facilities (e.g., tents, cabins, camp gear, food, or similar supplies, equipment, or accommodations), equipment or services for hunting activities, including but not limited to the transportation of individuals, equipment, supplies, or wildlife by means of vehicle, vessel, or pack animal.

The guiding and outfitting of a Tribal Member Brunot Area hunter requires special authorization of the guide/outfitter from either the Tribe OR State and Federal authorities, depending on (1) the SUIT member status of the guide, or (2) whether the hunter is hunting under authority of a Tribal or State hunting permit.

If a hunter with a Tribal Brunot hunting permit wants to utilize the service of a Tribal Member guide/outfitter, this guide/outfitter must first be permitted by the Tribe, per Tribal permitting requirements, and the guide/outfitter must comply with the Tribe’s established guiding and outfitting rules and regulations. More information on these requirements and regulations is available through the Tribe’s Division of Wildlife office.

If the hunter wants to utilize the service of a non-SUIT member guide/outfitter, OR if the hunter is hunting under the authority of a State hunting permit, the guide/outfitter must comply with all applicable State and Federal permitting requirements and regulations pertaining to guiding and outfitting. The Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) and/or the U.S. Forest Service should be contacted for more information. The terms “hunting” and “fishing”, as they relate to guiding and outfitting, are used interchangeably. **Things to ask to be sure your guide/outfitter is legal:**

- Do you have the appropriate Tribal / State / Federal Permits?
- What are your permit and/or registration numbers?
- Will we be hunting on public lands at any time?
- Do you have a Bureau of Land Management or U.S. Forest Service Permit?

Indications of an illegal outfitter:

- The outfitter does not provide you with a written contract
- The outfitter counsels you not to talk to state or federal officers or asks you to say you’re just friends or family hunting together.

Verify an outfitter as legal:

- Contact the SU Wildlife Division for information on Tribal guides and outfitters
- Contact the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies to verify a non-Southern Ute Tribal Member guide or outfitter www.dors.state.co.us/outfitters
- Contact the Colorado Outfitters Association www.coloradooutfitters.org

If you suspect illegal guiding and outfitting contact the Southern Ute Wildlife Division immediately for assistance. Illegal guiding and outfitting are serious offenses and can have severe consequences for you and the guide/outfitter involved in the activity. The above information is provided to keep you safe and legal while hunting on and off the reservation.

INCORPORATION OF ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS BY REFERENCE

The following sections of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Wildlife Conservation Code, as amended and published as of the date of adoption of this Proclamation, are adopted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council and incorporated by reference into this Brunot Area Hunting and Fishing Proclamation. The purpose of the incorporation is to provide for the applicability of the incorporated sections to Tribal Member Brunot Area hunting and fishing notwithstanding any on-Reservation applicability limitation that may be expressed or implied in those sections. All Tribal Members who wish to hunt or fish in the Brunot Area must

comply with the requirements set forth in the incorporated sections. The regulations contained in this Proclamation shall govern in the event of any conflict with the requirements contained in the incorporated sections.

- **Article 1 (except for §13-1-106):** Definitions, Organization, Regulations
- **Section 13-2-105:** Denial, Suspension and Revocation of Permit Privileges
- **Section 13-2-106:** Administrative Appeal
- **Section 13-2-107:** Judicial Review
- **Article 3:** Offenses
- **Article 4:** Penalties and Procedures
- **Article 5:** Evidence and Additional Penalties

JURISDICTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Tribe and State of Colorado have a shared responsibility for establishing appropriate hunting and fishing regulations for the hunters and fishermen under their respective authorities in the Brunot Area, as well as for enforcing those regulations. It is the Tribe’s intent to provide a law enforcement presence in the Brunot Area utilizing Southern Ute Tribal Rangers. Tribal hunters and anglers are likely to encounter both Tribal and State law enforcement officers while in the Brunot Area and should be prepared to show appropriate identification and permits, if requested by any law enforcement officer. In general, if a violation of a Tribal wildlife regulation has been committed by a Tribal-permitted hunter or angler, that hunter or angler shall be subject to Tribal citation and prosecution in Tribal Court. *Tribal hunters and anglers are required to carry with them their Tribal identification cards as proof of Tribal-enrolled status.*

SEARCH AND RESCUE

The Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue (CORSAR) card is a means to voluntarily participate in funding the cost of missions, training, and equipment for search and rescue efforts in Colorado. If a card holder is lost or injured in the back country, the county Sheriff can be reimbursed for the costs of a search and rescue mission for that person. The CORSAR card costs \$3.00 for one year, or \$12.00 for five years. Two-thirds of the revenue go to the CORSAR fund, while one-third is retained by card vendors. The CORSAR card can be purchased from local outdoors and sporting goods stores.

BRUNOT AREA MAPS

The Brunot Area maps provided on the following pages are for general reference purposes only. Detailed boundary descriptions for specific hunt units (i.e., mountain lion, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose), as well as maps showing precise locations of *Special Management Fisheries*, are available to Tribal Members through the SUIT Division of Wildlife office in Ignacio.

BRUNOT AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergencies

- Southern Ute Police Department Dispatch (any time) 970-563-4401
- Colorado State Patrol (any time) 970-249-4392
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife Any Service Center during regular business hours. See phone numbers listed below.

General Hunting/Fishing Information

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Division of Wildlife Resource Management
116 Memorial Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137
970-563-0130

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Southwest Region Service Center
151 East 16th St. Durango, CO 81301
970-247-0855

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Gunnison Service Center
300 W. New York Ave.
Gunnison, CO 8123
970-641-7060

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Montrose Service Center
2300 S. Townsend Ave. Montrose, CO 81401
970-252-6000

Federal Lands Offices

San Juan Public Lands Center (USFS)

15 Burnett Court Durango, CO 81301
970-247-4874

San Luis Valley Public Lands Center (BLM/USFS)

1803 W. Hwy 160, Monte Vista, CO 81144
719-852-5941

Grand Mesa-Uncomp.-Gunnison Nat’l Forests

216 N. Colorado St. Gunnison, Colorado 81230
970-874-6600

Gunnison Field Office (USFS)

2250 Highway 50 Delta, CO 81416
970-641-0471

Columbine Field Office (USFS)

367 Pearl St. Bayfield, CO 81122
970-884-2512

Tres Rios Field Office (BLM)

29211 Hwy. 184, Dolores, CO 81323
970-882-7296

Del Norte Field Office (BLM/USFS)

13308 W. Hwy. 160, Del Norte, Colorado 81132
719-657-3321

Pagosa Field Office (USFS)

P.O. Box 310 Pagosa Springs, CO 8114
970-264-2268

Uncompahgre Field Office (USFS)

2465 South Townsend Ave.
Montrose, CO 81401
970-240-5300

For more info see *The Southern Ute Drum’s website at www.sudrum.com*



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Ignacio senior Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga, middle, is escorted off the court by celebratory teammates after her buzzer-beating basket in the lane Friday night, March 1, gave the Lady Bobcats a 44-43 victory over Timnath in the second 3A-Region VI semifinal played inside St. Mary's High School Gymnasium. Mendoza-Lechuga scored a team-high 13 points against the stunned Lady Cubs.

BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Special season ends in the Sweet 16

Lady Bobcats lose 45-38 at St. Mary's

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Prominent on the wall above the short entryway into St. Mary's High School (SMHS) Gymnasium is a tally board recording the year-to-year ongoing success of Lady Pirate Basketball inside the building.

Prior to tip-off Saturday evening, March 2, it showed the program as standing 227-27 upon its home court – pretty much an ‘Abandon all hope, ye who enter’ caution to would-be invaders. Exactly when the numbers were last updated was not made available (since the 2014-15 season, SMHS stood 98-4 going in), but to Ignacio's Lady Bobcats ... that didn't matter.

Even after witnessing 6-seed SMHS shoo Arvada-based No. 27 Forge Christian out, 59 to 28, of the 2024 CHSAA Class 3A State Tournament's opening Round-of-32 – also known as the regional semifinals – the previous evening.

“Yeah, we watched almost the whole game,” IHS senior guard Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga said, “and then before we played them we had, like, a little session just to review what we were going to do. I think they stuck with their plan from yesterday – they might have changed something, but I don't know. We were just ready to play, giving it our all.”



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Ignacio senior Solymar Cosio shoots over St. Mary's sophomore Kylie Lyon (11) during the 3A-Region VI championship game Saturday evening, March 2, inside St. Mary's High School Gymnasium. Cosio scored 14 points in a season-ending 45-38 loss to the Lady Pirates.

“We came out with nothing to lose,” said senior center Solymar Cosio. “We had no pressure on ourselves or each other because we just came to play our best – and came out to win.”

Say what? Inside a clover-colored castle where foes often left feeling St. Mary's-green with envy?

That's precisely what the No. 22 Lady 'Cats were bent on accomplishing.

And when SMHS head coach Caleb Strickland shouted, ‘Act like you've played basketball!’ to his players, it was evident Ignacio was on the verge of po-

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BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcats bid to upset Machebeuf

No. 31 IHS loses 63-54 to No. 2 Buffs

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Senior Trajan Garcia sank two three-pointers and sophomore Trace Crane one during the fourth quarter Friday evening, March 1. The Ignacio boys' spirited comeback attempt against vaunted Bishop Machebeuf came up short in the opening round of the 2024 CHSAA Class 3A Boys' State Basketball Tournament.

Facing the Buffaloes, seeded second in the Round-of-32, in Denver, the No. 31 Bobcats threatened to pull off perhaps the classi-

fication's biggest upset, but ultimately suffered a season-ending 63-54 loss despite staying within four points, 29-25, of BMHS after halftime.

Trailing 17-9 after the first quarter, but able to close to 34-29 at intermission, IHS (8-15 overall) then battled the Buffs to a 15-15 draw in the third quarter – setting the stage for an intense final eight minutes of Region II semifinal action. Garcia totaled nine points, as did sophomore Ambrose Valdez and senior Phillip Quintana, who made one three and went 2-of-4 from the free-throw line be-

fore fouling out.

Crane (1-4 FT) totaled eight points, senior Devante Montoya buried two first-half treys and ended up with six points, and senior center Gabe Cox was held to four. Sophomore Sonny Flores also booked four points, junior Charley Pargin nailed one three-pointer and junior Coty Webb one two-pointer.

Senior Kibre Sibhat and junior John Menke each scored 13 points for Bishop Machebeuf, with juniors Miles Edgar-Parchman (12) and Jack Menke

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Grapplers hit Wolverine mats



photos courtesy

The annual Wolverine Invitational, in Bayfield on Feb. 24, 2024 hosted numerous Middle School teams from across the region. The Ignacio grapplers showed improvement, team wide, which has come with new IMS wrestling coachess Alex Peña and Brandon Silva. Nakai Box placed first, defeating Tyson Flahavan of Escalante Middle School and Noah Dilts of Monticello. Box scored 9.0 point for Ignacio.



Zach Loudenburg, won over Carson Price of Escalante Middle School in semifinal action. Loudenburg lost in the final to Ezekiel Lyons of Escalante Middle School. Loudenburg placed second and scored 16.0 points for the Ignacio.



Kodi Rima placed second, winning against Kimber Sutherlin of Bayfield in round 2 action but fell to Hayden Albrecht from Escalante Middle School, by decision in round three, Rima scored 4.0 points for Ignacio.

2024 TRI-UTE GAMES

Save the Date: **Summer 2024** — Exact dates to be announced ASAP
For Questions Call: 970-563-0214

Sporting Events Include:
Basketball, Co-Ed Volleyball, Archery, Swimming, Skateboarding,
Golf, Wrestling and Traditional Hand Games
Participate in the Tri-Ute Ultimate Challenge

Packets due: **Friday, May 03, 2024!!!**

Who: **For Enrolled Tribal Members and/or 1st Descendants with CIB (Certificate of Indian Blood)**

For: **Boys and Girls Ages: 9-18**

We are looking for Athletes & Coaches for the upcoming Tri-Ute Games to be held in Ignacio this year! Come and be a part of Team Southern Ute as a Player or Coach.

For more information or questions on Player/Coaches packets stop by the SunUte Community Center and/or contact the SunUte Recreation Team at 970-563-0214.
Darnell x2667; Elijah x2655; Kelsey x2660 or Bird x2664.

“The Purpose of the Games is for Our Youth to Come Together, To Get to Know One Another, and to Foster Friendships between the Ute Indian Tribe, Southern Ute Tribe, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.”

PATRICK SILVA MEMORIAL SOFTBALL FIELD

54th Annual Los Piños Spring Classic Softball Tournament

May, 24-26 2024

Friday & Saturday – Men's & Women's
depending on # of teams, M&W may start Friday evening

Sunday – Co-Ed

Entry Fee \$350
\$100 Deposit

Prizes: 1st – 3rd MVP & All-Tourney for 1st place teams

Registration Deadline: MAY 21st

Contact Kelsey Frost (970)563-2660



2024 FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week – please contact Anne Flanigan, 970-563-2454, aflanigan@southernute-nsn.gov if you have questions or want to make a withdrawal.

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| • Distribution: Friday, March 25 | NOON, Friday, March 22 |
| • Distribution: Friday, June 21 | NOON, Friday, June 14 |
| • Distribution: Wednesday, July 3 | NOON, Friday, June 28 |
| • Distribution: Wednesday, Nov. 20 | NOON, Friday, Nov. 15 |
| • Distribution: Friday, Dec. 20 | NOON, Friday Dec. 13 |
| • Distribution: Friday, Dec. 27 | NOON, Friday Dec. 20 |

***Unless listed the cutoff for a Friday Minors Distribution is 5 p.m. on Tuesday.*

NEW EMPLOYEES



Introducing TIS receptionists

Tribal Information Services has recently welcomed six new employees to their team, filling their receptionist positions. The receptionist/ mail clerk team is now comprised of eight employees providing customer service to the tribal membership and tribal entities, New employee bios listed below, pictured left to right.

Briana Duran

Job title: TIS Mail Clerk/Receptionist

Job duties: Mail Clerk, front desk attendant.

Hobbies: Reading, music, anime, spending time with friends, family, and dogs.

Family: Rita Duran (Rita's Changarro)

Lou Cundiff

Job title: TIS Mail Clerk/ Receptionist

Job duties: Greet folks, answer phones, and handle mail

Hobbies: Read, play with grandkids, travel, be in the mountains

Family: God and my family – my reason, my purpose, my everything; Chloe, Joe and Julie, Dawn, Rusty and Jordan, my grandkids Jerica and Zach, Colten, Diana, Katie, Tayton, Tayah, Cam and Rayna. Also Mike Yeager, they all keep me anchored.

Comments: Excited to be back!

Torrica Howe

Job title: TIS Mail Clerk/Receptionist

Family: Grandfather Reginald Howe, Grandmother Marie Howe, Mother Shyida Howe. Siblings Neeka, Tia, and Reggie Howe.

Tribe: First descendant, Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Veronica Gonzales

Job title: TIS Mail Clerk/ Receptionist

Job duties: Answering telephone calls promptly, greeting visitors, transfer calls, give directions, manages and distributes mail within the company.

Hobbies: Read books, baking, journaling, diamond art painting.

Family: Father Joe Gonzales, Mother Jessica Evensen, brothers Joe Gonzales III and Tomas Gonzales.

MariaEliza Trujillo (Maria)

Job title: TIS Mail Clerk/Receptionist

Job duties: Answer phones, customer service, work in mail room.

Family: Victoria Trujillo (daughter) and Fabian Martinez (son).

Rosanna Sam (not pictured)

Job title: TIS Mail Clerk/Receptionist

Job duties: Greet and welcome guests upon arrival. Answering, screening, and forwarding incoming calls, providing basic and accurate information in person and via phone/email. Receive, sort, and distribute daily mail.



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• ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

• ST. PETER ST. ROSA CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

Holy Week

Annual Penitential Walk

SATURDAY – MARCH 23, 2024

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

STARTS IN BAYFIELD AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH &

ENDS AT ST. IGNATIUS PARISH WITH MASS, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

- Sign up list in the back of the church or just join us.
- The walk is approximately 9 miles and we will use CR 516 (Rainbow Road).
- Water, snacks and porta-pot will be available.
- Transportation from Ignacio to Bayfield will be provided. Show up at 7:15 a.m. at St. Ignatius Church
- If you can't walk, maybe you can help out in other ways.
- For more info, please call Linda at (970) 749-4179 or Parish office at (970) 563-4241
- EVERYONE IS INVITED TO MAKE THIS PILGRIMAGE WALK



TRIBAL WILLS CLINIC

March 25-28, 2024

Kayenta Chapter House

and Kayenta, AZ

to make appointment call: John Roach, 505-716-6788



Why Wills?

- Federal law includes provisions that say how Indian Trust Lands pass after a Tribal Member passes on.
- Over time, parcels may have been split into hundreds of small shares as Indian Trust Land passed from generation to generation. This process is called "fractionation."
- A federal law, A.I.P.R.A., is now attempting to decrease fractionation by providing that most Indian Trust Land will go only to the one oldest descendant – unless the owner writes a will.
- To make sure that your Trust Land, and other important items of property go to the people you want to have that property, you should write a will.

Celebrate a well-lived life by making sure that your wishes are carried out by the next generation. To make sure that your wishes are respected after you pass, please consider drafting a will, either through our program or with a local attorney.

IIM Account Holders

Please request from the BTFA, (formerly OST), or the BIA the following document to take to the Tribal Wills Clinic:

- Your Individual Trust Inventory Report (ITI)

The Tribal Wills Clinic is a group of volunteers including law students and licensed attorneys, who donate their time to help Tribal Members write wills.

What does it cost?

- **Our services are entirely free.**
- At a law firm in Denver, the cost for a will would be about \$2,500 and the process would take at least two weeks.

How long does the process take?

- About two hours on two different days.
- On the first day you will talk with a law student about what you would like to have included in your documents.

You will have plenty of time to ask questions.

- That night the law student will write up all of the documents, and have them checked by a licensed attorney.
- On a second day, when the documents are ready, you will come back for the signing ceremony, which will take at least an hour, as the law student goes over everything to be sure that it is right.

Things to think about for a Will

- **Names of Friends and Family who will be Included in the Will** – To save time at the interview, write down the names of the friends and family you want to mention in the will. Include the birthdate, address, cellphone number, enrollment or census number for each person, if you know it.

- **Special Gifts** – What is important for specific family members to have?

- **Personal Representative** – This is the person you would like to take charge when you pass on, to be sure that your wishes are carried out after you pass.

- **Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common** – If you want to give a piece of land to be owned by several people at the same time, you will need to decide whether you want them to own the property as Joint Tenants or as Tenants in Common.

- **Joint Tenants** means that the last person surviving will own all of the land.
- **Tenants in Common** means that as each person passes on, that person's share goes into his or her estate. The law student will explain more about this.



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Next issue:
Mar. 22

Deadline:
Mar. 18

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Notice

The Southern Ute Air Quality Division has received a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) from the USEPA and is working on evaluating strategies for the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions on the Reservation. The Division is seeking input on potential GHG reduction strategies. Please visit the Division’s webpage to provide your input and learn more about the CPRG program. <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/departments/epd/air-quality/climate-pollution-reduction-grant/>

Request For Qualifications/Proposal (Rfq/P) For A Facility Master Planner

Ignacio School District (Owner)
455 Becker Street
Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0500

PROPOSAL DUE DATE/DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS
2 p.m. March 8, 2024
Deliver electronic copy via email

Brian Crane
455 Becker Street, Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone 970-563-0522
bcrane@ignacioschools.org

All official communication with Candidates and questions regarding this RFQ/P will be via email to the Owner Contact listed above.

For complete Qualifications visit www.ignacioschools.org

Request for Bids
Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow Services

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for the 2024 Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow for the following services:

CLEANING CREW

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Events Center
Friday, May 24 – 6 to 11 p.m.
Saturday, May 25 – 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Cleaning supplies will be provided.
Must provide One Million Dollar Insurance with the Sky Ute Casino Resort as the Insurer.

SECURITY

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Events Center
Friday, May 24 – 6 to 11 p.m.
Saturday, May 25 – 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Must provide One Million Dollar Insurance with the Sky Ute Casino Resort as the Insurer.

SOUND SYSTEM

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Events Center
Friday, May 24 – 5 p.m. (set up) to 11 p.m.
Saturday, May 25 – 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

DEADLINE SUBMISSION

April 19, 2024 at 5 p.m.
Please submit bids to: Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16, Ignacio, CO 81137 or soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov

For questions please contact:
Vice-Chairman, Rochelle Aguilar:
970-563-2990 or Secretary, Valerie Armstrong: 970-317-3585.

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

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2024-0011-CV-NC
Shoshone Dove Glory Thompson, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Shoshone Dove Glory Thompson filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Shoshone Dove Glory Rael. As of February 27, 2024, no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Shoshone Dove Glory Thompson name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Shoshone Dove Glory Rael.

Dated this 28th day of February, 2024.
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE TO PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2024-0003-CV-PR
Kenneth Frost, Deceased
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MARCH 19, 2024 at 9:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 8th of February, 2024.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Aubrey Thompson, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2024-0014-CV-NC
Notice is hereby given that Krislynn Thompson on behalf of Aubrey Thompson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Aubrey Alivia-Rae Romero. 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 **MARCH 18, 2024 at 9:00 AM**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 9th day of February, 2024.
BY THE COURT, Elizabeth Benally, Court Clerk

ORDER OF SERVICE OF PUBLICATION

Lillie Munoz, Authority, Plaintiff
v. Jose D. Lucero, Jr., Defendant
Case No.: 23-CV-124
This matter came before the court for a hearing on February 5, 2024, in the above-captioned matter. The Court hereby finds and orders:
1. Plaintiff Lillie Munoz appeared in court February 5, 2024. Defendant Jose D. Lucero, Jr. did not appear. However, Mr. Lucero had not yet been served with service of process.
2. Based on the statements made by Plaintiff and Bailiff Jack Frost, Jr. that Defendant Lucero, Jr. 's whereabouts are unknown, and the attempts to serve made by the bailiff, the Court FINDS reasonable efforts have been made to serve Defendant Lucero, Jr., but personal service has not been possible.
3. Therefore, the Court hereby ORDERS Defendant Jose D. Lucero, Jr. shall be served by publication pursuant to Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code ("SUITC") 52-1103(2)(d). Plaintiff shall cause notice of the complaint and exhibits, with notice of the next court hearing, to appear in the Southern Ute Drum, a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the Defendant's last known address for three (3) consecutive publications, and shall return proof of such publication on or before the next hearing date.
4. This matter is set for hearing on **MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**
Done and signed this 5th day of February, 2024.
By the Court, Paul W. Whistler, Tribal Court Judge

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Audit Services

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) is requesting proposals from qualified firms and individuals for providing audit services. Interested parties must submit written proposals to the SUIHA. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 22, 2023. Proposals received after this time will be considered non-responsive and returned to the sender. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

BACKGROUND: The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) for the Southern Ute Tribe. Our primary sources of income are rental income and Federal financial assistance received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Indian Housing Block Grant program. SUIHA currently uses Aliba and HDS software. SUIHA has 115 Low Rental Units. The SUIHA receives an annual Indian Housing Block Grant of approximately 1.4 million.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The audit services to be provided will be for the twelve-month period ending September 2024. The audit shall be completed and submitted to the Federal Audit Clearing House by December 27th, 2024. With onsite visit being done week of October 28, 2024. We expect an exit conference at the end of the audit fieldwork to discuss any findings, questionable costs, reportable conditions and adjusting journal entries. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements described in the Single Audit Act and the audit must be in compliance with the Uniform Administrative Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200. The audit services to be provided will be for the twelve-month period ending September 2025. The audit shall be completed and submitted to the Federal Audit Clearing House by December 26th, 2025. With onsite visit being done week of October 27, 2025. We expect an exit conference at the end of the audit fieldwork to discuss any findings, questionable costs, reportable conditions and adjusting journal entries. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements described in the Single Audit Act and the audit must be in compliance with the Uniform Administrative Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200.

CONTENT OF THE PROPOSALS: In selecting the firm or individual who will best serve the needs of SUIHA we will be reviewing the experience of the respondent(s) along with reviewing the expertise and qualifications of the individual(s) who will be providing the services. To meet these objectives, the proposal must contain a resume of all individuals who would be performing the services, with special attention to the experience related to Indian Housing Authorities or similar organizations. Four (4) copies of the proposal shall be submitted.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS: Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated based on a 100 point system with the proposal receiving the most points being determined the most responsive. The cost of conducting the audit will be the main criteria used in evaluating the proposals. The SUIHA Board of Directors will make the final selection and the successful firm or individual will be notified shortly thereafter so that the audit process can begin as soon as possible. SUIHA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals if it is in the best interest of the SUIHA.

EVALUATION CRITERIA: The criteria for evaluating the proposals will include points given in the following areas: Qualifications of firm or individual to conduct Federal audits in accordance with 2 CFR 200 (0-10 points); Ability of firm to conduct the audit in a timely manner (0-30 points); Experience and knowledge of Indian Housing Authorities (0-15 points); Cost (0-45 points); Indian Preference (0 or 10 points if proposal includes proof showing that the firm is at least 51% Indian owned).

Responses shall be addressed to Eric Spady, Executive Director,
P.O. Box 447, Ignacio CO 81137 • E-Mail: espady@suiha.org

2024 Home Rehabilitation Program

The Construction Services Division is accepting applications for the 2024 Home Rehabilitation Program. The deadline for applications to be considered for this year is April 26, 2024. All applications received after April 26th will be considered for the 2025 selection. If you have previously submitted a Home Rehabilitation application and were not selected, you will need to submit a new application to be considered again. Applications do not automatically roll-over to the next year.

You must meet all the eligibility requirements and fill out the Home Rehabilitation application to be considered. This program is offered to all Southern Ute Tribal members. (those who reside within AND outside of Southern Ute Indian Tribal land). Once the selection panel meets and makes its decision, you will be notified in writing if you were selected for the 2024 Home Rehabilitation Program.

Please contact Construction Services Division for applications. If you have any questions, you can email us at dabeyta@southernute-nsn.gov or call 970-563-0260.

Thank you, Construction Services Division




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A Journey of the Spirit
featuring R. Carlos Nakai

Friday, March 15 | 7:30pm
\$40/\$20


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www.DurangoConcerts.com | 970-247-7657






Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 03/04/24



UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS


TRANSFER STATION 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



MAY 27TH MEMORIAL DAY — **CLOSED**
JUNE 19TH JUNETEENTH — **CLOSED**
JULY 4TH / 5TH INDEPENDENCE DAY — **CLOSED**
SEPT. 2ND LABOR DAY — **CLOSED**
OCT. 14TH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY — **CLOSED**
NOV. 11TH VETERAN'S DAY — **CLOSED**
NOV. 28TH THANKSGIVING — **CLOSED**
DEC. 9TH / 10TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — **CLOSED**
DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY — **CLOSED**


TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION


MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5 PM / CLOSED SUNDAY
Tribal Members: Pick up Trash Permits—call office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Show Tribal ID.



MARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEW 2024 Trash Permits are available! Pick up from the Utilities Office. Limit 2 per household.
- When driving up to Transfer Station, please have Trash Permit visible
- Spring Forward! Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, 3/10/2024
- Secure your trash carts to avoid spill-overs due to excessive wind
- Upcoming in April: SPRING CLEAN-UP on 4/15—4/19






OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM
Lobby closed 12p -1p on Fridays
Reach a staff member by phone at (970) 563-5500

Friendly Reminders

- Questions on your bill? Need help setting up your online payments? Call us.
- Monthly Shut-offs are the first Wednesday of each month:
March 6th / April 3rd / May 1st


Avoid Late Fees. Settle your payments before 10am on Shut-off Day



PAYMENT OPTIONS

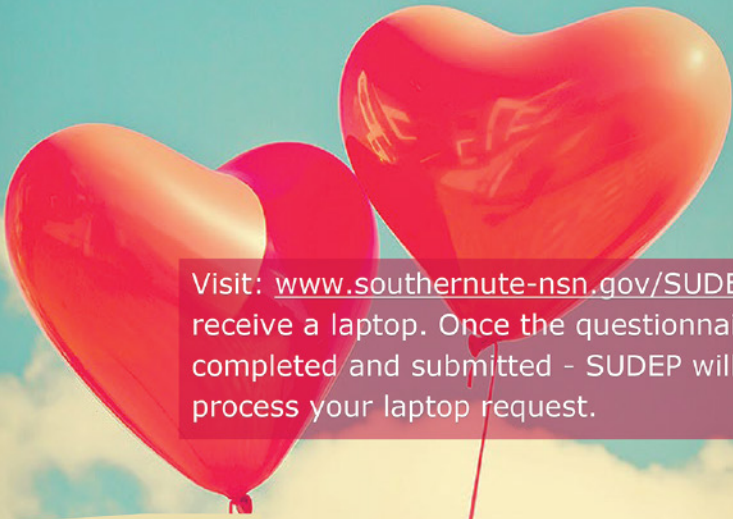
- Online at: www.suitutil.com
Choose **"Pay My Bill"** tab
- Utilities Drive-Up Window
- Utilities Drop Box at Office
- Wells Fargo Drive-Thru (Ignacio Branch)
- Automatic deductions at Tribal Distribution
- Mail payment made payable to "Southern Ute Utilities Division" PO Box 1137 Ignacio, CO 81137
- Phone (970) 563-5500

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, CALL THE UTILITIES OFFICE.
PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 www.suitutil.com



SOUTHERN UTE DIGITAL EQUITY PROGRAM (SUDEP)

Reminder: SUDEP has "Free" Dell Laptops (18+) & Chromebooks (under 18) for Southern Ute Tribal Members.



Visit: www.southernute-nsn.gov/SUDEP to receive a laptop. Once the questionnaire is completed and submitted - SUDEP will process your laptop request.


QUESTIONS OR TECHNICAL SUPPORT

970-563-5555

If shipping is required for your laptop a member of the SUDEP team will reach out to you. SUDEP requests that you pick up your laptop in a timely manner.

KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION!

KSUT seeks one (1) enrolled Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors



KSUT was founded by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in 1976. KSUT was one of the first Native American radio stations in North America.

Frances Densmore recording Blackfoot Chief, Mountain Chief, on a cylinder phonograph for the bureau of American Ethnology (1916). — photo Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)

The KSUT Board of Directors is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the Board of Directors. The tribal member does not have to live in the region and may attend board meetings remotely, as needed.

As a board member you will serve a three-year term, attend monthly meetings, and perform with decision-making in the best long-term interests of KSUT and the community of listeners, and other responsibilities of serving on the board of directors.

The KSUT Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in Ignacio at the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center. Meetings are open to the public, unless prior notice is given to allow members to conduct confidential station business.

To apply, submit a Letter of Interest to Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director via email: tami@ksut.org or by mail P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo., 81137. Questions, call 970-563-0255.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill two (2) volunteer Board Member positions. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of one Priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the www.bgcsu.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

ETHICS COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill One vacancy for “Alternate Member-At-Large” positions on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking 2 Full time and 1 Alternate positions for specified terms, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. 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 letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. If you are interested, contact the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – JOM has TWO (2) vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235. Email: esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The KSUT Board of Directors is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the Board of Directors. The tribal member does not have to live in the region and may attend board meetings remotely, as needed. As a board member you will serve a three-year term, attend monthly meetings, and perform with decision-making in the best long-term interests of KSUT and the community of listeners, and other responsibilities of serving on the board of directors. KSUT Tribal Radio, www.tribalradio.org, is an affiliate of NativeVoice1, and can be heard in Southwest Colorado at 91.3 FM (Ignacio) and 100.9 FM (Towaoc), and in Northwest New Mexico at 89.7 FM. KSUT Four Corners Public Radio, www.ksut.org, serves 14 communities in the Four Corners, including Durango at 90.1 FM, Cortez 106.3 FM, Farmington and northern New Mexico at 88.1 FM, Pagosa Springs at 88.1 FM and Silverton at 91.1 FM. Both KSUT stations air news, eclectic music, entertainment, storytelling, and documentary programming, and are an affiliate of NPR, the BBC, American Public Media, and Public Radio International. The KSUT Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 P.M. at KSUT, 15150 Colo. Highway 172 in Ignacio. Meetings are open to the public, unless prior notice is given to allow members to

conduct confidential station business.

If you are a Southern Ute tribal member and are interested in serving on the KSUT Board of Directors, submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham. Letters can be emailed to tami@ksut.org or mailed to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Seat is open until filled. More information on the KSUT Board of Directors, including a current board list and recent board minutes can be found at: <https://www.ksut.org/ksut-board-of-director>

TERO COMMISSION


Open Until Filled – The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) commissioners; A person with Tribal Regulatory knowledge and experience and; Southern Ute Tribal member at-large to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: Tribal Regulatory Knowledge and Experience; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Tribal Member At-Large: Not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division or send to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Admin. Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way.

TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee (“Committee”) is looking for eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for a three (3) year term. This is a compensated Committee, and you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. 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 of Policies and Plan of Operation – Tribal Credit Fund and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. Applicants must also pass criminal background and reference check, per the Tribal Credit Committee By-laws. The primary purpose of the Committee is to evaluate and render decisions regarding Secured Home Loan applications and monitor and evaluate the Tribal Credit loan programs and make recommendations to Tribal Council. Some of the duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation – Tribal Credit Fund (“Declaration”); Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to the Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity, and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and Coordinate the Committee’s annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by email to chudgens@southernute-nsn.gov. If you have any questions, please speak with Christine Hudgens, CFO, at 970-563-2444.

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD: YOUTH ALTERNATE

Open Until Filled – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth wishing to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year position may only be filled by a Tribal Member between the ages of 14 and 18, and the position may be renewed annually, by request, until age 19 is reached. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. This special youth seat provides an outstanding opportunity for a young tribal member to learn about wildlife management, including traditional Ute and contemporary scientific perspectives. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. The participant is eligible to receive \$20/ hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal member youth must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.



The Southern Ute Election Board

is seeking two (2) Regular Board Members and two (2) Alternate Board Members

The Election Board is a paid committee that follows IRS guidelines, and eligibility for Southern Ute Employee benefits are based on hours. A criminal background check is required and as an appointed official of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, you are subject to the Code of Ethics.

Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3):

- Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter
- Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation
- Shall not have been convicted of a felony
- Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding the appointment

Please submit your Letter of Intent to:
Human Resources, PO Box 737 Ignacio, CO 81137
Physical Address: 356 Ouray Dr. Ignacio, CO 81137

Closing Date: Open until Filled

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2319 or email whyte@southernute-nsn.gov

To apply please submit a Letter of Intent with the following:

- Full Name
- Contact Information (i.e. address, phone number, email address)
- Date
- It is suggested and helpful to include one or more of the following details:
 - Description of why you are a good fit for the position
 - Explanation of your motivation to join the Committee
 - List relevant experience
 - Outline ideas of how you can improve this committee
 - Disclosure of any other Boards/Committees you currently serve on



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs for complete job descriptions. ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.

If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file.

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Substance Abuse Therapist

Closes 3/15/24 – Under general supervision of the Lead Therapist, provides behavioral health treatment, including mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis in accordance with all applicable code, laws, policies, guidelines, and any grant requirements. Position is grant funded and continued employment is contingent upon the availability of grant funding. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$70,570/year.

Air Quality Scientist II – Permitting

Open Until Filled – Under general Supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager – Permitting & Regulatory, the Air Quality Scientist II – Permitting coordinates, supervises, and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Division. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$77,627/year.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

Construction Services Repairman

Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Dentist (Part-time w/benefits)

Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Pay grade E22; Pay starts at \$113,890.20/year.

Deputy Court Clerk (Part-time w/benefits)

Provides professional clerical and program support to the Court system in a professional manner. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (Southern Ute members only)

Under the general supervision of the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, performs a variety of complex and specialized work to preserve and protect Southern Ute Tribal resources and materials to include, but not limited to, cultural sites/lands, artifacts, funerary and sacred objects, and human remains. Completes all work in accordance with the Southern Ute Tribal Historic Preservation Plan and all associated process, procedures, and relevant codes and law. Pay grade E13; 59,494/year.

Detention Officer

Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$26/hour.

Detention Transport Officer

Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

Director of Strategic Planning

Working with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Council to define, plan, implement, and achieve the strategic and financial plan objectives and priorities determined by Tribal Council. Researching and critically analyzing past strategies and modifying and developing those plans and strategies to address current circumstances; developing training material for Tribal Council Members regarding the Tribe's Financial Plan and other strategic plans; and communicating the financial and strategic plans to the Tribal Membership. In coordination with Tribal Council, facilitates strategic planning, including but not limited to tribal entities and tribal membership when deemed appropriate. Acts as a liaison between the Tribal Council and the Tribal Entities; accessing and gathering information as authorized by Tribal Council. Reports functionally to the Tribal Council and administratively to Tribal Council Affairs management. Pay grade E22; Pay starts at \$189,817/year.

Dispatcher

Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee (Southern Ute members only)

A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, the employee participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Elementary Teacher

A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/

guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$54,086/year.

Gaming Investigator I

An entry level position located under the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (DOG). Under general supervision of the Gaming Investigator III, incumbent works in coordination with other DOG Investigators to learn and perform Law Enforcement/Regulatory duties for the enforcement of Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

Grants Financial Analyst

Working closely with Tribal staff members on all financial grant and related Tribal budget and spending matters. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494/year.

Grounds Maintenance Worker

Performs daily grounds maintenance and repair of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.

HVAC Technician

Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$33.93/hour.

Lands Technician Trainee (Southern Ute members only)

A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal Member. Will learn how to provide technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provide general information to the Tribal Membership and public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N8 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases to assure that key goals are met. Upon successfully completing the training curriculum, the incumbent will assume the Lands Technician position.

Lifeguard (Part-time)

Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

Museum Director

Leading overall operations, and day-to-day management of the museum. Plans, develops, coordinates, implements, and evaluates all aspects of the museum's activities and operations, including public relations, marketing and promotional aspects. Primary responsibilities including following the Museum's statement, strategic planning, implementing policies, developing programs, budget management, and identifying new funding sources. Pay grade E18; Pay starts at \$99,984/year.

NAGPRA Technician (Southern Ute members only)

Assists NAGPRA Coordinator(s) with new and on-going projects, including, technical data entry, records management, research, and other duties as assigned. Must be organized and able to maintain a complicated work and deadline calendar for new, on-going, short term, and long-term projects by providing timelines to NAGPRA Coordinator(s) to participate in consultations in face-to-face consultations or teleconferences. Assists with consultation with tribal, state, and federal consultations under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) when needed. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Patrol Officer I

Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

Patrol Officer II

Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N14; Pay starts at \$30.84/hour.

Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Department. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Special Needs Aide (Part-time w/benefits)

Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy disabled and special needs students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide or specialists. Assists with life skills, academic success, and meeting IEP (Individual Education Plan) objectives. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Swimming Instructor (Part-time)

Under supervision of Aquatics Manager, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, breakdown of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check. Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

Regional Vice President – GF Properties (Durango, CO)

Closes 3/18/24 – Effectively performing a variety of senior level real estate functions for both development and investments focusing on Three Springs and Growth Fund Administration projects. Will be involved in regional portfolio strategic planning, coordination of certain property acquisitions and dispositions, negotiation of joint venture partner transactions, real estate asset management, financing and loan evaluation and placement, project financial performance and feasibility analysis, project development and entitlement management, overall development project supervision.

Financial Reporting Accountant – GF Accounting & Finance (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 3/22/24 – Assisting in the monitoring, compliance, and implementation of applicable issued accounting, reporting, and auditing

pronouncements. Assists in the research and compilation of written technical accounting positions related to complex accounting issues and transactions (according to FASB, and generally accepted accounting principles). Supports the planning and reporting processes related to the monthly management reporting, and the annual external and internal audits.

Financial Reporting Manager – GF Accounting & Finance (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 3/22/24 – Supports all aspects of routine and non-routine accounting, auditing, and reporting processes and projects; reviews and analyzes FASB accounting pronouncements and determines the impact on Growth Fund business entities; serves as an accounting expert in advising Growth Fund management, Controller and business entities on complex accounting issues. Assisting in the development of Growth Fund accounting policies.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check. Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

Administrative Assistant

Closes 3/15/24 – Providing general office and administrative support to the Southern Ute Shared Services leadership team while interacting with office staff and the public in an efficient, courteous, and helpful manner.

Support Analyst I

Closes 3/15/24 – Providing technical assistance and support related to computer systems, hardware, or software. Responds to queries, runs diagnostic programs, isolates/troubleshoots problems, and determines and implements solutions.

Support Analyst II

Closes 3/15/24 – Providing technical assistance and support related to computer systems, hard-

ware, or software. Responds to queries, runs diagnostic programs, isolates/troubleshoots problems, and determines and implements solutions.

Information Technology Security Analyst

Closes 3/31/24 – Collaborating with various SUSS teams to actively monitor, detect, and respond to security incidents for the entire Southern Ute Indian Tribal organization under the guidance of senior team members. Identify and analyze vulnerabilities, contributing to incident response activities and ensuring the organization's security posture aligns with industry standards and best practices. Conduct proactive threat hunting. Support Governance, Risk, and Compliance and Third-Party Risk Management activities.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221

Job descriptions and applications: www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310

- MS Track Assistant Coach
- MS Soccer Assistant Coach
- Secondary PE Teacher (24/25)

- Secondary Aide
- Title VI Native American Studies Teacher (24/25)



CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE
certificate program at PCC Southwest

Program runs March 11-April 25

Class lectures are online. In-person labs Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am-1 pm at the PCC Southwest Bayfield site, 110 E. South St.

For more info or to apply, contact
Bethany.Powell@pueblocc.edu
970.385.2098



Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

Teacher Aide

Supporting the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) through a variety of duties, providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After-School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$14.67/hour.

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute members only)

The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

TERO Worker

Under the supervision of the TERO office. It is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and other local Native Americans to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute members only)

The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Ap-

prenticeship Program. The purpose of the program is to build a career foundation for SUIT members to pursue further educational goals or career development. Apprentices may be placed within Permanent Fund departments or divisions dependent on career interests, educational level and/or length of prior relevant and appropriate work experience. After your application is submitted, you will receive an email asking for detailed information about your career interests. The Apprentice Committee will review applications and asses what options may be available for applicants.

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute members only)

A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Tribal Ranger position. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$18.90/hour.

Umpire/Referee

Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during SunUte Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.



Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays. *21 years or older to apply.

*7 Rivers Line Cook (Full-time)

Works under direct supervision of the Executive Chef, Executive Sous Chef, and/or Kitchen Manager. Preparation of the A la Carte menu in Seven Rivers and is accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality, and freshness.

*Bell Person (Part Time)

Assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. Luggage assistance, directions/maps, providing our guest at Sky Ute Casino Resort with a warm welcome, helping the front desk with daily operations, driving guests to/from the airport, and assisting with phones as needed.

*Café Cashier (Shining Mountain) (Full-time)

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Responsibilities include taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving all foods necessary for the Cafe kitchen. Prepares coffee and pizza from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. Will balance the register at end of the shift, with proper report of discrepancies and complete paperwork.

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, and employee break rooms. All areas must be disinfected, swept, mopped, vacuumed, and dusted.

*Facilities Staff Level II (Full-time)

Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

*Facilities Tech (Full-time)

Electrical and mechanical functions, operations of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as part of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment and building by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

*Front Desk Staff (Full-time)

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail, and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests include but is not limited to luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

*Kitchen Steward Supervisor (Full-time)

Training, supervising, and working with utility staff to provide a clean and safe working environment, exceeding all health and sanitation requirements from the county and state. The supervisor ensures proper receiving, storage, and rotation of food products; schedules utility staff with proper coverage; and adheres to control procedures for cost and quality.

*Line Cook (Full-time)

Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

*Retail Staff (Full-time)

Opening, operating, and closing the Gift Shop and Tix System. Provides excellent customer service to Casino guests and customers. Maintains a well-stocked, clean, and attractive retail environment.

*Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping, and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. holidays.

*Rolling Thunder Grill Server (Full-time)

Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages. Taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Shift covers Breakfast and Lunch only.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Responsible for guest and employee safety on property.

*Slot Floor Person/Attendant (Full-time)

Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Will at times require the employee to work without direct supervision. Job knowledge and the ability to “self-start” are essential. Reports to the Slot Floor Manager or designee, ensures guest relations through prompt, and assists guests with slot machine usage, educating them regarding play, wagers, and pay tables.

*Slot Technician II (Full-time)

Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation, and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal gaming device performance. Reports to the Slot Technician Supervisor. Performs preventative maintenance, cleaning, and testing on all gaming devices. Assists with the installation, removal, break-down, relocation, set-up of relocated slot machines and trouble shoot defective equipment.

*Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities.

*Surveillance Video Tech (Full-time)

Installs, repairs, and performs preventative maintenance on all surveillance CCTV systems and related equipment to industry and internal standards.

*Willows Host (Full-time)

Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service by greeting and ensuring timely and appropriate seating of guests. Will assist Supervisor and/or Manager with table management to maximize seating and assist guests with special requests. Will answer phone calls and return messages, track reservations and comps and assist servers when needed.

Pueblo Community College

Coordinator, CTE Pathway and Career

Mancos, CO, Salary: \$47,457/annually, Job Number: 200560-0124
Open until filled – The CTE Pathway and Career Coordinator will serve as a liaison for the CTE programs offered at the Southwest Pueblo Community College campus which include: Agricultural, Health, Construction Trades, STEM, and Welding programs and any new programs that arise. This position will be responsible for implementing initiatives for CTE outreach, which is focused on special populations, non-traditional students and students in non-traditional fields. This position will support and inform stakeholders of CTE objectives, policies, procedures and outcomes of projects directed toward the success of students enrolled in CTE programs as well promote effective and efficient communication between PCC Southwest, other PCC campus locations, and the high schools within the community/service area in the Southwest region. The position will also work with regional employers to secure job shadows, internships, and apprenticeships for Pueblo Community College Southwest students.

Faculty, Natural Resources

Mancos, CO, Salary: \$49,035 – \$59,035/annually, Job Number: 301060-0324
Open until filled – Provide student-centered instruction for the Forestry, Wildlife and Natural Resources (NRE) program in the classroom and field. Teaching responsibilities include (but are not limited to) the following areas: organize and deliver practical and technical instruction, including lectures, labs and field study in the subject areas of forestry, wildlife, range, GIS and natural resources; develop student skills including the safe use of tools and equipment related to the Forestry, Wildlife and Natural Resources industries; work in close partnership with the community as well as with other programs and faculty on campus to develop and maintain curriculum that is current and based on a changing job market and industry standards. Provide program leadership and adherence to accreditation standards. Engage in student recruitment, conduct assessments, select texts and collect student follow-up data.

See complete job descriptions and how to apply at:
<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/pueblocc>

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

To apply now, visit our website at www.sococaa.org or call 970-563-4517.

Central Administration

- Executive/Development Director: \$75,275, Open Until Filled

Multisystemic Therapy (MST)

Community Based Therapy: \$51,917 – \$56,950/yr., Open Until Filled. MA degree or within one year of finishing master's degree in social work, counseling or other behavioral health related field required. Up to \$5,000 in relocation expenses.)

Road Runner Transit

- Bus Driver: \$22.76/hr., Open Until Filled
- Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance: \$18.94/hr., Open Until Filled
- Dial-A-Ride Driver: \$18.94/hr., Open Until Filled
- Transit Division Director: \$62,483 - \$75,275/yr., Open Until Filled (Up to \$5,000 in relocation expenses available)



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Southern Ute Agency
P.O. Box 315
Ignacio, Colorado 81137-0315

ATTENTION!
Southern Ute Agency Firefighter/Support
Staff Recruitment

For the 2024 Fire Season

Applications for the 2024 Fire Season for Southern Ute Agency are available. Visit the BIA Fire Management office at:

575 County Road 517,
Ignacio, CO or call (970) 563-4571

Drug Screening and valid driver's license required.

A physical exam followed by a fitness test (3-mile hike carrying 45 pounds within 46 minutes) will be administered once screened.

Please bring two (2) forms of identification.

Wildland Firefighting is a great career choice if hiking, camping, hunting, and outdoor activities are your interests. Hard core individuals should come check it out.

FIRE SUPPORT STAFF NEEDED!

Finance, Logistics, and Planning staff needed for the fire season.

Stop by the BIA Fire Management Office or call (970) 563-4571 for more information.

TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information 970-563-2294 • Native American Preference Applies
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tentially finishing the fight early. Cosio got the scoring started with a basket inside, and Mendoza-Lechuga – whose buzzer-beating shot in the paint the previous night gave IHS a 44-43 upset of 11-seed Timnath – followed with a three-pointer ... and with 3:59 left in the first quarter, another.

Taking a feed from Cosio, she then cashed yet another three, increasing Ignacio's improbable lead to 11-2 with 1:53 to go. And after junior DaLaney Wesner hit one of two free throws, Mendoza-Lechuga closed out the quarter somehow making a difficult running two-pointer over a SMHS defender – swelling the visitors' lead to 14-2 after eight regulation minutes.

"They were knocking down their shots," said Strickland. "In a tough playoff when you're making open shots ... it's going to be a game, and that's exactly what they were doing. They played great defensively, took care of the ball well – they played a really good game."

"Darlyn, the team wanted it," Ignacio head coach Trae Seibel said. "They fought for that one last night – that game-winning shot'll play forever in my mind – but the girls, they just wanted to play the game and play for each other. And basketball season's so long that it's all about playing your best ball at the right time, and we played it at the right time."

Three quarters remained, however, and St. Mary's showed readiness to dig in for a prolonged battle when sophomore Jaela Pedro followed senior Maeve Salvesson's two made FTs with a trey and a deuce bringing the Lady Pirates back to 14-9. Salvesson's first triple closed the gap to 16-12, and her second ... well, may have saved the day for the home team. Following an inbounds pass with 0:06.9 left on the clock, Salvesson steadied herself out on the left wing and, despite Mendoza-Lechuga trying to get a hand up in her face, swished her shot to pull SMHS back to 21-19 at halftime.

"Maeve ... she's reliable all the time. That's what seniors are, you know?" Strickland said. "She's been there, done that for us, so you kind of always count on that kid to come up big when she has to."

"Just going back to the ba-

sics and making sure we run our plays right; that's basically what got us back into it," said Salvesson. "Usually it's pass-and-kick – you know, we like our three-pointers – but recently we're trying to get to the basket, get fouled It's a most efficient way to score."

And after Pedro sank a long two with 7:39 left in the third quarter, tying the score at 21-all, the Lady Pirates began doing more of it beginning with sophomore Sydney Ramirez's go-ahead cut to the basket with 7:08 to go. But a three by senior guard Maci Barnes helped IHS rebuild a 28-23 advantage before St. Mary's stormed back ahead, 32-30, by quarter's end, helped by two sharp Pedro cuts through the lane.

Barnes began the final frame striking again from long range, but Pedro answered with a straightaway trey before the pace began to slow ... and fouls began to pile up against the Lady 'Cats. Cosio picked up her second, third and fourth personals within a 4:37 span, and after Lady Pirate junior Hope Chavez swatted away her three-point try, junior guard Marissa Olguin fouled out with 2:01 left in the Sweet 16 showdown.

Sophomore Kylie Lyon made one of her two FTs, upping SMHS' lead to 40-34, and Ignacio would get no closer than 42-38 via two Cosio FTs with 0:40 left. After helping the Lady Pirates then burn 17.3 ticks off the clock, Salvesson was fouled and sank one of two tries. Senior teammate Aylin Luna Zamora then punctuated a 45-38 win by hitting two with 1.9 seconds left.

"Something that really changed throughout the game, was us just (having) more fun and being more comfortable," Pedro said. "This victory was definitely one that we all deserved ... after putting in our hard work throughout this season."

Helped by an eight-point third quarter, Pedro ended up totaling a game-high 18 points. Salvesson wasn't far behind with her 14, and Ramirez ended up with six.

10-of-18 from the charity stripe during the fourth quarter, SMHS finished 12-of-25.

Ignacio (9-14 overall) made seven of 13 free throws, with Cosio finishing 6-of-9. After booking just six points against Timnath, she improved to 14

against St. Mary's while Mendoza-Lechuga, coming off a 13-point performance against the Lady Cubs, tallied a team-high 15 against the Lady Pirates. Barnes (seven versus Timnath) ended up with her six points and Wesner (five versus THS) chipped in three, but Olguin was held scoreless after getting Timnath for ten.

"It feels really good," Mendoza-Lechuga said, of winning once and being competitive both times in the Region VI tourney. "I really didn't expect us to make regionals, honestly, but getting to the Sweet 16 was pretty awesome."

"We had our major ups and downs this season; we had times where we had to ... pick each other up and just continue to push each other to want to be better," said Cosio. "We've all appreciated and shown our roles on the court; I think that's what got us this far. To the last second today, no one gave up, and as a captain that's all I could ask for."

"The seniors led us in this run, big-time. All four of them," Seibel said, speaking of active varsity members Cosio, Mendoza-Lechuga, Barnes and Lauren deKay, "led us to a Sweet 16 berth that hadn't happened in 3A girls' basketball for Ignacio since 2003. And we had some good underclassmen that followed them – there's nothing more I could have asked for."

"The girls believed in themselves and what we were trying to do, and they ultimately just pushed through," he continued. "I'm so proud of this girls' basketball program and how far we've come."

AFTERMATH

St. Mary's improved to 20-4 overall prior to facing Grand Valley in the 'Great Eight' on Thursday, March 7, at 4 p.m. up at the University of Denver. Unbeaten in Western Slope League action this winter, the Lady Cardinals stood 24-0 after thrashing Bailey Platte Canyon 52-15 and Salida 52-32 to clinch Region III at home in Parachute.

"It's way too late in the season to change anything major; we've just got to clean up the little things – get a little better on the boards, get a little better with the offensive execution," said Strickland. "Just some small stuff."

FLY FISHING

Fly fish, eat, sleep, repeat

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

It has been a while since I have had to use my passport to go fly fishing. My friend and fly-fishing partner, John, and I put a stop to that dilemma this past February. Usually, John and I choose a location that has non-fly-fishing activities that our wives enjoy. However, this trip was somewhat different. Just the guys went to Lost Key Lodge, located on Ragged Island in the Bahamas. Ragged Island is located as far south as one can go and still be in the Bahamas. The lodge hosts four guests at a time. Plus, Ragged Island has a full-time population of only forty-five people. This is a remote fly-fishing-only location. Even being remote, the rooms were nice, the food good, the staff attentive, and the guides competent. And the fly fishing was great.

The fly-fishing package at Lost Key has their guests on the water for six days. The fishing was from flats boats or walking the flats areas. The walking was all on sand, no coral. It made life easier for old guys with bad knees and hips. While the weather was good enough to fish all six days, we did get a late start on two of the days due to high winds. The group the week before couldn't get on the water for two days due to high winds. We did feel lucky. Even with some high winds the guides did a good



job of finding areas protected from the wind that allowed for easier casting.

When casting, either walking or from the deck of the boat, we found numerous species of fish to cast flies at. We were able to cast to, and catch, yellow jacks, blue jacks, runner jacks, snapper, and big bonefish. The bonefish were some of the largest I have caught. In fact, I had several bonefish break my sixteen-pound-test leader. The bonefish were found on the flats and in deep pools. When we waded on the flats, the bonefish would stay fairly close allowing for easy casting. When our guides poled us to the schools, they were able to move close to the fish and not spook them. Again, easier casting.

One of the six days had John and me casting our flies into a deep pool, that we nicknamed the honey hole. We ended up there because our guide wasn't able to find any schooling bonefish. At this deep pool, not a mud flat, we managed to catch thirty fish between the two of us. We actually had our guide

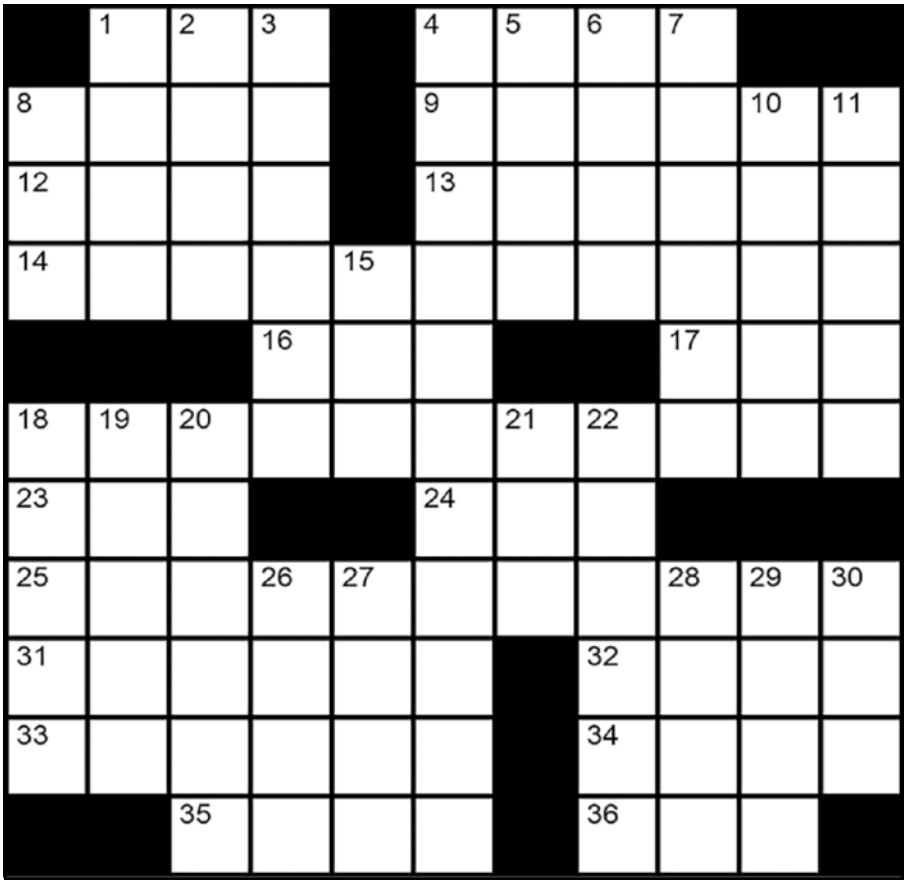
take us back there on the last day for an hour of fishing. We thought it would be a great way to end the trip.

When we weren't able to find schooling fish we trolled using our fly rods. We pulled out our 10-weight rods, added wire tippet to our leader, tied on a big streamer, and trolled for barracuda. Not little ones, but some of the biggest and hardest hitting barracuda I have ever caught. The guides liked it when we caught the big barracudas because they kept them for their dinner. When trolling we also had numerous strikes from needlefish. We never could find a fly they could take, but it was fun to try.

John and I didn't see any permit or tarpon. However, the other two guests did, but were not able to get them interested in their flies. They did have similar experiences, as John and I, with barracudas and needlefish.

We also saw a large number of sharks, big and small ones. Our guides said they were lemon and bull sharks. This brings me to a question in closing. At the honey hole I had a lemon shark eat an entire bonefish that I was reeling in. When the shark ate my fish, he was on my line for a while, and even made a run. Once he felt the tug of my line, he promptly broke me off. The question then arose, would I be credited with two fish or scored a zero, since John thought I used live bait to hook the shark? What do you think?

The Southern Ute Drum's
Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 "I'll --- monkey's uncle!"
- 4 Rangy
- 8 Laze about
- 9 The sun
- 12 --- Domini (A.D.)
- 13 It may be folded for breakfast
- 14 Not a city or town
- 16 "Casablanca" pianist
- 17 Idaho, the --- State
- 18 Nothing to do
- 23 "The --- is cast"
- 24 "--- Paloma Blanca"
- 25 Takes up arms
- 31 Lugging about
- 32 Jennifer --- of "The King's Speech"
- 33 Uneasy
- 34 Truckful of freight
- 35 Nimble deer
- 36 Star Wars, initially

Down

- 1 Pro --- (free, in legalese)
- 2 Roger Longtoe Sheehan is their chief, in Vermont

- 3 --- del Castillo Maldonaldo, Spanish explorer enslaved by the Coahuiltecans in the early 16th century
- 4 Abnormally high tides in bad weather
- 5 Jean-Baptiste ---, first Catholic archbishop of Santa Fe NM
- 6 "As I was going to St. --- ..."
- 7 Run down
- 8 The --- Courte Oreilles people, an Ojibwe band
- 10 Handed over
- 11 Bits of news
- 15 "That was Zen, this is ---" (bumper sticker)
- 18 Supplement
- 19 Attach with twine
- 20 Cannibal Hannibal
- 21 Bakersfield-to-Vegas dir.
- 22 Artists' stands
- 26 Venetian island
- 27 Brad & --- (former celebrity couple nickname)
- 28 "--- have believed it?"
- 29 Jai ---, ball game played in Spain, France and Florida
- 30 "Curse you, --- Baron!"

Answers will appear in the March 22 issue of the Drum.

Answers for Feb. 23 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Sara, 5 Sra, 8 Afar, 9 Nulato, 13 Lincoln Park, 15 Troth, 16 Haul, 17 Senior, 19 A sea, 20 Chief, 22 CFCs, 25 Meeker, 29 El Al, 30 Omani, 31 Report cards, 34 Teepee, 35 Leak, 36 eft, 37 Ents.
Down: 1 Salts, 2 Afire, 3 Ran on, 4 Arctic Slope, 5 S N L, 6 Run, 7 Alpha female, 10 AAAs, 11 True, 12 Okla, 14 Oh oh, 18 Rim, 21 EEOC, 22 Cert, 23 Flee, 24 Cape, 26 Karen, 27 End at, 28 Risks, 32 Ref, 33 Tet.

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Saturday, Mar. 9



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Sunday, Mar. 10



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