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Summer Begay/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Southern Ute Vice Chairman Marvin Pinnecoose testified virtually in support of HB 25-1163.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Preserving Ute culture: Committee passes Free State Park Access Bill

By Summer Begay
TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is pleased to announce the unanimous passage of Colorado House Bill 25-1163, granting enrolled Tribal Members free access to all 43 Colorado State Parks, out of the House Agricultural, Water & Natural Resources committee. This landmark state legislation acknowledges our enduring connection to our ancestral homelands

and ensures our cultural heritage is preserved for future generations.

This bill, sponsored by Representatives Katie Stewart and Rick Taggart, recognizes the Ute Tribes as the original stewards of these lands, honoring our deep historical and cultural ties to the natural resources within Colorado's state parks. For countless generations, the Nuuchiu have utilized and respected these lands, waters, and wildlife. The abil-

ity to freely access these parks is crucial for Tribal Members to continue our responsibility to care for these lands, as our ancestors have done for centuries.

While we recognize the advocacy from other Tribes for expanded access, this legislation reflects the distinct sovereign-to-sovereign relationship between the State of Colorado and the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Forging a shared future: Critical Colorado River discussion between Upper Basin tribes & UCRC

By Andrew Gallegos
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Continuing the movement towards securing the future of the tribal role in Colorado River discussions, Council Member Andrew Gallegos and staff recently participated in a meeting between the Upper Basin Tribes and the Upper Colorado River Commission (UCRC), hosted by the State of Utah. This gathering underscored the growing spirit of collaboration between Upper Basin Tribes and States, focusing on the critical management of this vital water resource.

The UCRC, established by the 1948 Upper Colorado River Basin Compact, plays a pivotal role in ensuring the appropriate allocation of Colorado River water in the Upper Basin. This interstate agency, representing Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and a representative appointed by the President balances the needs of the Upper Division States with the obligations to the Lower Division States (Nevada, Arizona, and California) and Mexico, as defined by the 1922 Colorado River Compact.

The Commission's core objectives are to:

- Foster cooperation and resolve disputes among the basin states.

- Promote water storage and support regional economic development.
- Ensure adherence to interstate water allocation agreements.

The Commission's structure, comprising state-appointed representatives and a federal appointee, reflects the shared responsibility for managing this crucial resource.

Prior to the meeting, a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed on April 22, 2024, in Chama, New Mexico, marking a watershed moment in Colorado River management. This agreement signifies a commitment to genuine partnership between the Upper Basin Tribes and States. The MOU united the Jicarilla Apache Nation, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah and the Upper Basin States, represented by the UCRC.

- This agreement prioritizes:
- Transparent information sharing.
 - Identification of shared water resource interests.
 - Collaborative strategies to achieve common goals.

This historic pact, the result of nearly two years of intensive dialogue, particu-

larly highlights the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's leadership, as they hosted the first of these meetings.

During the February UCRC meeting, Council Member Gallegos and staff engaged in critical discussions regarding:

- Drought Response Operations Agreement (DROA): Updates on current drought mitigation efforts and their impact on the river system.
- Post-2026 Alternatives: Exploration of long-term strategies for managing the Colorado River beyond the expiration of current guidelines.
- Broader Colorado River Issues: Examination of the challenges posed by climate change, increasing water demands, and ideas on how to address the challenges.

These discussions emphasized the urgent need for proactive, collaborative solutions to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of the Colorado River. The commitment shown by the UCRC and the Tribes show a promising path forward for the Upper Basin and hopefully for the entire Colorado River Basin. The Southern Ute Indian remains committed to identifying opportunities and projects to put our quantified water to use.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Rhonda Price uses specialized tools to carefully clean a cradleboard that was on display during the "Ute Cradleboards & Baskets: Carriers of Life" exhibit, following the cleaning she assists in placing the cradleboard in a custom-made box, designed to help with the item's longevity.

SUCCM

Museum strives to utilize Ute cultural practices

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is dedicated to ensuring the upmost care and cultural sensitivity when handling objects and artifacts, with a team comprised of mostly Southern Ute tribal members and other members of tribal nations handling cultural items with care is second nature. SUCCM celebrated the grand opening of the "Ute Cradleboards & Baskets: Carriers of Life" exhibit on Thursday, May 23 last year, and in February a team of four Ute and Diné women worked to carefully take down each cradle-

board, a testament to the organizations focus on ensuring items are handled with certain Ute cultural practices in mind and sensitivity. The takedown team is exclusively an all-woman team, an impactful and poetic act as the cradleboards, baskets, and water jugs are almost exclusively created by women for the continuity of life, emphasizing femininity and the matrilineal kinship of the Ute people.

Announced during the exhibits grand opening, "For thousands of years the Núuchiu (Ute) women have used nature's resources to create containers of functional works of art that have embraced and nurtured life throughout the

Ute lifecycle. The 'Ute Cradleboards & Baskets: Carriers of Life' exhibit featured over 15 cradleboards, several medicine baskets, and water jugs – highlighting the beauty and complexity of these cultural items throughout history." For almost one year the exhibit lived in the museum's temporary exhibit, and now as the crew begins to curate a new exhibit, four women – Sheree Mann (Diné), Rhonda Price (Southern Ute), Alissa White (Southern Ute), Alexandria Roubideaux (Southern Ute) – have dedicated their time to creating special containers for each piece, skillfully clean-

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SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

Spotlight on Tribal Health: Robin Chavez, Certified Addiction Specialist

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH

I have over 30 years of substance use disorder counseling including: detox, outpatient, inpatient, Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), school-based treatment, jail-based treatment. In Cortez and Durango, and even an aftercare group in Window Rock, AZ. Been with the Southern Ute Behavioral Health for almost 4 years. I work at the Behavioral Health office conducting assessments, individual sessions and group sessions virtually and in person. I also travel to the Southern Ute Detention facility in Ignacio to meet with incarcerated individuals and conduct group sessions.

I began in detox in Cortez after realizing I wanted to work in counseling. That job wasn't "counseling" it was more of an overnight shelter for intoxicated individuals to stay safely. Rarely did an individual detox fully. They were monitored over night with vital signs checked hourly, fed in the morning before leaving. I was not disillusioned, due to my motivation to help. I was then em-



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Robin Chavez, Certified Addiction Specialist, works at the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Office and the Southern Ute Detention Center, conducting assessments, individual and group, virtual and in person sessions.

ployed at Durango Detox which was at the community hospital, ran by the hospital district which also had a residential treatment program for sud. I was allowed to assist that program as needed. I learned most of what I know from working the front lines of treatment – detox.

I enjoy working with people, seeing individuals make positive change, using my skills in helping others. Working with defensive or resistive people is a challenge, knowing trauma is usually at the core of substance use disorders. I still don't fully understand stigma of substance use disorder,

why would you blame anyone wanting to feel better? Usually use is initially the solution before it becomes the problem. Counseling is teaching skills to cope with life, heal trauma and live a life worth not needing to change feelings. I was born and raised in Cortez and Mancos. Graduated from Fort Lewis college on the 30 year plan. I lived in cities in my twenties – Long Beach, Miami, Phoenix. Moved back to this area after becoming pregnant to be home and near family. Currently live in Mancos with teen daughter, dog, cats, and chickens.



SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

GPMC Seeks Tribal Member-At-Large Committee Member

By Pooja Rao-Pennington
SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND



The Southern Ute Growth Fund Management Committee (GPMC) is seeking a Tribal Member- At-Large Committee Member to assist in the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Growth Fund.

This distinctive committee member position established by the Tribal Council, serves as a representative of the Southern Ute Tribal membership and assists in providing recommendations, updates, business plans, and attends GPMC meetings, Tribal Council meetings and work sessions, and Growth Fund general membership meetings.

You, as a Tribal Member-At-Large Committee member are in a unique position representing not only the Southern Ute Indian Tribe but also its Tribal Members. Your voice matters and you have an opportunity as a tribal member to provide recommendations and acquire valuable knowledge through work sessions and meetings on high-value projects that benefit the Tribe.

Ms. Lindsay Box, Permanent Fund’s Executive Director and former Tribal Member-At-Large Committee member said, “The opportunity to serve on the GPMC was short but rewarding. It provided me the chance to learn more about the Growth Fund business, governance, investment strategy, financials, and human capital. The members of the committee and staff were extremely open and helpful when I had questions or needed additional knowledge or understanding about a company, project, or the entity.”

When asked what the one piece of advice she could give future Tribal Member-At-Large Committee Members, she said, “If you have been slightly interested in business or Growth Fund operations, put your application

in! You never know what you can learn or what doors will open if you do not apply. Sometimes we must take our first step in faith and let the Creator take it from there.” She added, “As a tribal member, at General Meetings we sit and listen to the Executive Director, Directors, and Presidents discuss the overall or company performance, business plans, and upcoming projects. Sitting in this role on the GPMC provided the voice to bring my skills, knowledge, and ideas to the discussion. The Tribal Member-At-Large seat on this committee is vital to ensuring our business operations and investments decisions reflect our Ute people and our values. Our knowledge of Ute history, culture, and language has a significant and influential impact and serve as one aspect of tribal self-determination and sovereignty.”

Ms. Box would also be happy to help individuals who have additional questions or would like someone to look over their resume or cover letter. Please reach out to her directly.

We also had an opportunity to talk to Ms. Shelly Thompson, current Tribal Member-at-Large on GPMC. Ms. Thompson had this to say about her role, “I have really enjoyed being on the GPMC because I have learned so much about the various companies we own as well as what they do. Now I can discuss with Tribal Members who ask, what the companies do and how they make us money. The GF staff are very welcoming and always willing to assist any Tribal Member understand company infor-

mation. I would encourage those who will be the next Tribal Member-at-Large Committee Member to be open to learning as well as asking questions if you don’t understand.”

A GPMC role covers many different aspects – some important elements of this role include:

- Being responsible for executing the mission and purpose of the Growth Fund (as approved by Tribal Council Resolution 00-25), as updated from time to time, in a manner that protects the interests, resources, and objectives of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe,
- Attending and actively participating in providing financial direction, to include annual budgets of all Growth Fund business enterprises financial investment opportunities; mergers and acquisitions; and due diligence review, and
- Required to attend four scheduled meetings a month: two Growth Fund Management Committee/GPMC, LLC meetings, and two Tribal Council Update sessions, during regular business hours. Must also attend other Growth Fund/Tribal Council meetings such as study sessions, work sessions and Growth Fund general membership meetings.

For a complete job listing and to read all the responsibilities, visit the Careers Portal - Southern Ute Growth Fund, Tribal Members Only link. Apply online at www.sugf.com/careers/ To be considered for this position you must be an enrolled Tribal Member. For any specific questions related to this role, please reach out to Human Resources. We would like to thank Ms. Box and Ms. Thompson for their valuable insight.

Many Moons Ago



Trennie Collins/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Tribal Councilman, Tyson Thompson helps Richard Joseph strap his harness before he tests his strengths at the sled drag challenge.

This photo was first published in the March 6, 2015, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

A group of girls from the Ignacio Junior High visited with senior citizens eating lunch at the Ignacio Senior Center on Thursday, Feb. 24th. They ate lunch and asked the elders what they thought about Native Americans and education in the 21st Century. Students pictured are LaTaura Porambo and Arianna Weaver.

This photo was first published in the March 4, 2005, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Agnes Suazo/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Conservation Corps tackles Black Ridge Rehab, pictured left to right, Conrad Thompson, Floyd Milliano, Raymond Frost Jr., Philip Martinez, R. Goose Gustafson, Keith Thompson, Melvin Baker, Cipriano Martinez, Val Herrera, Johnny Weaver, Dudley Weaver, Ian Thompson, Gabriel Peabody, Robert Chavez.

This photo was published in the March 3, 1995, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Mildred Leonard – was one of the winners for a door prize at the Heart Fund Coffee held Feb. 27 at Ignacio Furniture Store. Standing behind Mildred is Liva Pacheco.

This photo was published in the March 8, 1985, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

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LET’S LEARN UTE



 I’m happy.	Suwaayinꞩ.
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 I’m sick.	Naghaminꞩ.
 I’m tired.	Wuininꞩ.

FOLD

Round dancin’ in Ft. Duchesne



photos courtesy Marie Carel


Singers, led by lead singer, Reffel Kanip (third from left) during the Ft. Duchesne Round Dance and Craft Fair, held Feb. 28 – March 1 in the Ft. Duchesne Community Building in Ft. Duchesne, Utah. The round dance was sponsored by the Miss UBIC Native American Queen, Emma Powaukee Kanip, her sister Brooke Powaukee Kanip and family.



Miss Southern Ute, Maleina Carel, with Miss UBIC Native American Queen, Emma Powaukee Kanip (right) and Brooke Powaukee Kanip at the round dance in Ft. Duchesne, Utah.


Miss Southern Ute, Maleina Carel, had the honor of dancing with elder Mr. Russell Blackbird at the Ft. Duchesne Round Dance.

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LEARN UTE!

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Questions? Contact:
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Save the Date

General Meeting

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

Details on attendance options and the agenda are forthcoming.

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Multi-Purpose Facility
Community Pow Wow
March 15, 2025

Gourd Dance Sessions - 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM -
-Dinner Break - Pot Luck 5:00 PM - Grand Entry - 7:00 PM

So. Drum: Southern Defiance Head Singer– Rae Scott, Ft. Defiance AZ
No. Drum: Shiprock Agency, Lead Singer—Mike King, Shiprock NM
Arena Director: Dick Dorsey, Navajo / Paiute, Ft. Duchesne UT
Co-MC’s— Phillip Moosomin, Cree, Farmington NM
Stais Harlan, So. Ute / Omaha / Dine, Ignacio CO
Head Gourd Dancer: Henry Robert Tapaha, Fonda OK
Head Man: Delvin Bennett, Comanche / Lakota / Dakota, Cache, OK
Head Lady: Leann Wesley, So. Ute / Absentee Shawnee, Ignacio CO
Color Guard—Southern Ute Veterans Association—

Pot Luck & Donations are welcome and appreciated—Thank you!

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Call for more information 970-563-2641 or 970-563-2640

2025
Spring Blessing

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

LOCATION: SUCCM FIRE PIT (SOUTHSIDE)


TIME: SUNRISE ~ 7:13 AM

The 2025 Spring Blessing will include all Tribal buildings (Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, & Sky Ute Casino Resort) as well as Tribal vehicles. The Ceremony will begin at Sunrise.


Sun Dance Chief, Matthew Box, asks that all Staff respect the ways of the Núuchiu and have all offices & buildings open to be blessed.

All Southern Ute Tribal vehicles will need to be driven to the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum (SUCCM) South Parking lot by 9 am.

Community members and Tribal Staff that would like an individual Blessing are encouraged to get blessed at the sunrise ceremony.



FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT: HERITAGE & EVENTS COORDINATOR, EUGENE BEREZA
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HEALTHY NEWS

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Explore Connections

- During #NationalNutritionMonth and beyond, include your favorite cultural foods and traditions or try new global flavors.
- Learn about your traditional foods and history.
- Ask elders what they ate and cook together!

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Supporting and respecting friends and family with psychosis

By James Wilson
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

In the Western psychology way of things, the words psychosis and schizophrenia spectrum are terms that describe experiences and conditions that affect some people. People who experience these kinds of conditions might seem “weird” or “crazy” to you, but if you take one thing away from reading this it’s that we should be careful about the judgment we place on others before we know what it is like to be in their shoes. People who have these conditions will have experiences that they themselves see as bizarre, otherworldly, or fantastical. When they try and share these experiences with friends or family who cannot relate to those experiences they are often labeled as “crazy” or out of touch with reality. Things like hearing or seeing things that others cannot see or hear or having strong beliefs like, “I was just with the president of the United States minutes ago.” To the person who is experiencing these things their mind is completely convinced of this as the truth, and trying to disprove them will likely only make you both frustrated. It is like you are living in two worlds that are not fully connected.

I want to focus in on one of the most obvious symptoms of psychosis that people often recognize first in others when they meet someone with these conditions. Auditory hallucinations are sounds that others cannot hear. It could be music, or drumming, or random sounds like hissing or buzzing, but it is often referred to as voice hearing since many people on this spectrum report hearing voices of various kinds. According to Tanya Luhmann, a Stanford professor of anthropology and author of an article in the British Journal of Psychiatry, “hearing voices is complex and varies from person to person, and from culture to culture.” One example of this that she writes about with her contributing authors, is that what these voices say and sound like are similar across cultures, but often have interesting differences. One such difference is voice hearing in parts of India and Ghana tends to be more helpful, or positively interpreted as voices of their kin, or playful spirits. Yes, some people hear voices that comfort them, cheer them on, or assure them that their Creator is watching over them. Compare that to voices in America, which are often described as violent, hateful, and seen as evidence of a sickness or unwanted intrusion.

If you know someone in your life who has these kinds of experiences, I will first encourage you notice what effect these experiences seem to have on them, positive, negative, or somewhere in between? Do these voices encourage them, and make them laugh or smile? Perhaps they cause them to cry or become afraid. Some people turn to substances like alcohol to try and control these voices and appease them or quiet them even just for a moment. And because these experiences are often misunderstood by others, people often feel the need to hide it from others for fear of rejection or negative judgment. People with psychosis may still have a desire for connection but are soured on the effort to do so which keeps people from experiencing positive relationships, leaving them to feeling stuck. The best thing to do is help and encourage these friends and family members into the care of trained, caring, professionals or bring said professionals to those friends and family. There is much more that could be said about the worlds experienced by people with these psychiatric conditions. If you are curious and want to learn more, you can visit hearingthevoice.org for a huge collection of over 10 years of resources assembled by Durham University. See here: <https://hearingthevoice.org/>

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.

Breastfeeding & Parent Support Class

Feeding in the first years

Join us on **March 13th** for food, education, and good company

☘️ * Nutritious Lunch * ☘️

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

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

When: Thursday, March 13th

Time: 12-1pm

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

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MARCH Activities

March 11, 2025
Movie Day (Durango)
Van will depart Elder Services @ 1:00 p.m.

March 17, 2025
Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 20 - 23, 2025
49th Annual Denver March Pow Wow
We have 6 rooms available. Please call Elder Services at 970-563-2309 for more information.
Van will depart Elder Services @ 8:00 a.m.

March 25, 2025
Shopping (Durango)
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. Activities are subject to change due to inclement weather.

All Parents & Caregivers Are Welcome

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MARCH 2025

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12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

1-MARCH 4, 2025	2-MARCH 6, 2025
3-MARCH 11, 2025	4-MARCH 13, 2025
5-MARCH 18, 2025	6-MARCH 20, 2025
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SUIMA

Pawaaghani po’ekwatu – Eagle’s Nest

Academy begins strategic planning process

by Mari Jo Owens
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Recently, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) began a strategic planning process. To do this with integrity, we looked back on the beginning years of the school. The first day of school was Sept. 6, 2000.

Currently, there are four of the original staff members still at the school. Before SUIMA, there was Blue Sky Montessori School, a “school-within-a-school” presiding in the Ignacio School District and served as a precursor to SUIMA as teachers were getting trained in the Montessori method.

SUIMA was not always known as SUIMA. As it was being established, the school was called the Southern Ute Indian Family Center. The name later changed to Southern Ute Indian Academy (Academy).

In 2007, the word “Mon-



Mari Jo Owens
Principal
Southern Ute Indian
Montessori Academy

tessori” was included in the school’s title. When talking of the school, the names SUIMA and Academy often

interchange.

In 2000, there were also two principals, in 2001, that changed to a director and a principal. In 2016, we merged with Public Ed. and Higher Ed. and fell under the Education Department.

In 2012, the school became accredited with the American Montessori Society and accredited in 2019. Our next accreditation will take place in 2027.

Montessori Tidbits

Still confused about what Montessori is or does, taking into consideration what a conventional, school looks like, let’s compare the two.

Upcoming SUIMA events

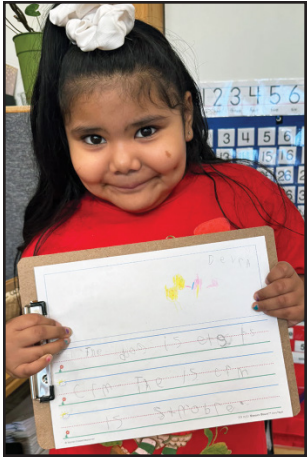
- Every Friday: Early Release at 2 p.m.
- March 7: UE students go ice fishing at Vallecito
- March 12-14: No School for Students
- March 17-21: Spring Break
- March 25: Parent Advisory Group meeting
- March 26: Family Night
- March 31 – April 4: Book Fair

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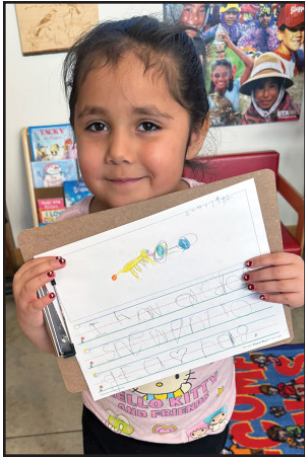
- Starts at infants/toddlers
- 3 year age range in classroom
- Freedom to move around
- Family atmosphere
- Self-correcting materials
- Child-centered schedules
- Emphasis on individuality
- Progress at individual rate
- PEACE in education
- Strong school/home ties
- Observation based progress reports
- Freedom within limits

CONVENTIONAL

- Starts at Kindergarten/First Grade
- 1 year age range in classroom
- Seated at desks
- Little socialization
- Teacher as source for answers
- Teacher/school centered schedule
- Emphasis on conformity
- Annual promotion
- Punishment
- Little parent involvement
- Graded report cards
- Controlling environment



De'Vra Richards used her creative writing skills to write about a dog who eats ice cream.



SUIMA Pre-K student, Starlitt Greaney, wrote about a dog who gets a Valentines bag.



When it comes to loving her work, Symone Barry states it proudly on her creative writing paper.

Students rise & shine



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Tribe recognizes IES baby bobcats for their excellence in school and in club on Thursday, Feb. 27 during the Rise and Shine Assembly. Once a month, students at Ignacio Elementary in all grades are recognized for various academic achievements, outstanding behavior, and leadership by their teachers, coaches, and other activity leaders.

Charles Alston is recognized for his excellence in the six pillars of character on Thursday, Feb. 27 during the monthly Rise and Shine Assembly. The assembly also serves as a pep rally to motivate all students to continue to be great and excel in their studies.



Native students visit FLC



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal, first descendant, and JOM students joined the Southern Ute Education Department for a tour of the neighboring Fort Lewis College on Friday, Feb. 28. Students gained insight into everyday life on the college campus, visiting STEM and Literature halls, the Student Union, Native American Center, and an on-campus dorm room.



Students visit a college dorm as part of the Fort Lewis College tour on Friday, Feb. 28, FLC student leaders gave insight into dorm life and what to expect as a student at FLC.

Students Warren Whyte and Matthew Carrillo explore outdoor exhibits at FLC during their tour on Friday, Feb. 28.

Southern Ute Indian
Montessori Academy



2025
Scholastic Book
Fair

The 2025 book fair will be held
March 31-April 4
in the SUIMA Dining Hall.

Monday, March 31: 7:30 am-4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 1: 7:30 am-6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 2: 7:30 am-4:00 pm

Thursday, April 3: 7:30 am-4:00 pm

Friday, April 4: 7:30 am-8:30 am

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Touching lives through creativity



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Invite with gratitude – invited members invited to a Visionary Brainstorming luncheon at the Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts on Thursday, Feb. 25, brainstormed ideas and made suggestions about partnership ideas, collaborations, and recommendations for grants, donors or funders for the hope and vision of the center.

Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts, Executive Director, Kasey Correia with Sandhya Atkinson (right) of Sagebrush Ltd. who facilitated the event, engaged participants with dynamic and inspiring conversation with partners, supporters, and stakeholders to exchange ideas, strengthen connections, and shape the future of the new space.



103RD SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR LOGO CONTEST

Open to all Southern Ute Tribal Members
Submission Deadline: April 4, 2025

GUIDELINES

- Artwork no larger than 8.5 in x 11 in
- One submission per artist
- Artwork must be accompanied with Artist Statement explaining theme
- Must include "103rd Southern Ute Tribal Fair" in artwork
- Artwork submission must include a digitized copy via PNG. or PDF.
- Winner will receive a monetary prize

Membership will vote on logo entries at S.U. General Meeting

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
THE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT AT 970-563-2985



2025 TRI-UTE GAMES

COME REPRESENT "TEAM SOUTHERN UTE" FOR AN ACTION-PACKED WEEK OF TEAM SPORTS & INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGES. COMPETE FOR THE INAUGURAL TRAVELING TROPHY. SIGN UP WILL BEGIN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL.

JULY 6-10 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE
SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER'S RECREATION STAFF AT
(970) 563-0214

TRIBAL MEMBERS

1ST DESCENDANTS



JOHNSON-O'MALLEY

2025 MEETING DATES:

- April 7th
- May 5th
- June 2nd
- July 7th
- August 4th
- September 1st
- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 1st



First Monday of the Month



Time
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM



Public Education Office
330 Burns Avenue



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2ND ANNUAL GRAND MESA POW-WOW

MARCH 28-30, 2025
COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
GRAND JUNCTION, CO
The CMU Brownson Arena 1040 Mesa Ave



Hosted by the Western Slope Native American Resource Center and Colorado Mesa University Native American Student Association



DRUM CONTEST

1st Place - \$6,000 / 2nd Place - \$4,000 / 3rd Place - \$2,000
OVER \$49,000 IN PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!

GRAND ENTRIES:

FRIDAY 7PM | SATURDAY 1 & 7PM | SUNDAY 1PM

Dance & Drum Registration Opens Friday at 5pm (Registration will close Friday at 6:55pm before Grand Entry & Reopen after) Saturday registration will close for the year at 12:55pm

DRUM ROLL CALL: Friday 6:45pm | Saturday 12:45pm & 6:45pm | Sunday 12:45pm
GOURD DANCE: Friday 5pm | Saturday 11am & 5pm | Sunday 11am

HEAD STAFF

MC: Jackson Rollingthunder Tahuka / Loonlake, Saskatchewan, Canada
Co-MC: Steve LaPointe / Denver, Colorado
Arena Director: Ardon McDonald / Arlee, Montana
Drum Judge: Mike Wagner / Star School, Montana
Host Northern Drum: Blackdodge / White Swan, Washington
Host Southern Drum & Head Gourd Dance Drum: Cozad / Hog Creek, Oklahoma
Head Gourd Dancer: Andrew Frost / Ignacio, Colorado
Spiritual Tribal Elder: Orrin Wing / Cortez, Colorado

DANCE CATEGORIES

TINY-TOTS: 0-6 yrs / Paid Daily
JR. GIRLS: 7-12 yrs / Fancy, Jingle, Traditional / 1st \$300, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75
JR. BOYS: 7-12 yrs / Grass/Chicken, Traditional / 1st \$300, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75
TEEN GIRLS: 13-17 yrs / Fancy, Jingle & Traditional / 1st \$400, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200
TEEN BOYS: 13-17 yrs / Fancy, Grass/Chicken & Traditional / 1st \$400, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200
ADULT WOMEN'S: 18-49 yrs / Fancy, Jingle & Traditional / 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$800, 3rd \$600
ADULT MEN'S: 18-49 yrs / Fancy, Grass/Chicken & Traditional / 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$800, 3rd \$600
GOLDEN AGE WOMEN'S: 50+ / 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$800, 3rd \$600
GOLDEN AGE MEN'S: 50+ / 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$800, 3rd \$600

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NEW DATE ANNOUNCED! 2025



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23RD ANNUAL CAREER FAIR

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

JOIN THE SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO MEET LOCAL EMPLOYERS, TRIBAL DEPARTMENTS, AND PARTNER COLLEGES.

9AM-2PM
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

CONTACT ANDREA SCHULTZ FOR MORE INFORMATION
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QUARTERLY REPORT

Little Miss Southern Ute, Alt.

Olyvia Watts

Maykh' Nuchu, Greetings, my name is Olyvia Winter-Fawn Watts, and currently representing as this year's Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate. I am 10 years old and in fourth grade at Ignacio Elementary. I am a member of the Ignacio Elementary Student Council and currently involved in volleyball, and basketball.

My father is Orion Watts, my mother is Jalisa Paul, and my older brother is Orion Watts Jr. My paternal grandparents are Bo Watts and Laurie Monte. My maternal grandparents are Jimmy Paul (deceased) and Tara Vigil.

It's hard to believe it has been 6 months. I have gotten more comfortable with public speaking and interacting with my people. I've had so much fun so far and look forward to the events coming up this spring. Below is a list of events and travels I have had the pleasure to participate in this second quarter.

- December**
- 2nd – Florida Mesa Elementary School Performance which was our last performance for Native American Heritage Month in support of Shayne White Thunder.
 - 5th – Royalty Photos were



Olyvia Watts
Little Miss Southern Ute Alt.
2024-2025

- taken this day, if you have time, please check them out on the Southern Ute Royalty website.
- 7th – Native American Arts Market and Round Dance at Durango High School. I love to round dance, and I was happy to see my Aunt Tyla Frost and Elisia Cruz selling at the market.
 - 14th – Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner and Program. During the dinner, I greeted the membership and helped serve my elders. During the program, we performed The Lord's Prayer in sign Language and passed out candy bags.
 - 31st – New Years Eve Celebration and Potluck at the Multipurpose Facility.

- January**
- 4th – Fort Lewis vs. Navajo Tech Basketball Game at SunUte.
 - 24th – Youth Council Swearing in Ceremony for Zuriah Baker.
 - 25th – Honor our Youth Powwow at The Multi-Purpose Facility.

- February**
- Jan 31st-Feb. 1st – Seminole Tribal Fair & Powwow in Hollywood Florida. This has been my favorite powwow so far. I was happy to run into Sheila Nanaeto and dance with my Aunt Tricia. I also want to say a huge thank you to The Ft. Duchesne Fourth of July Powwow Princess for taking me under her wing during the Grand Entries.
 - 15th – Sweetheart Community Powwow at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

I would like to thank everyone for all your support. From my family for guiding me and traveling with me, to my peers for always cheering me on. Have a safe and blessed day.

Tog'oiak',
Olyvia Watts
Little Miss Southern Ute
Alternate
2024-2025

QUARTERLY REPORT

Miss Southern Ute

Maleina Carel

Maykh' Hello
My name is Maleina Carel and I'm currently the Miss Southern Ute for 2024-2025. I'm 17 years old and I'm currently in the 11th grade. My bands are Mouche-Capote and Weenuche. My maternal grandparents are Hardy Joy Sr. and the late Anna Weaver egap. My great grandparents on my paternal grandparent's side are James Price Sr. and Linda Lopez of Towaoc, Colorado. My paternal grandparents are the late Vernest and Marlene Price Carel egap. My parents are Marie Joy Carel, and my father is Vern Carel. I also have an older sister Rhianna Carel.
This year I have the honor to serve on The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council.
I would like to share my quarterly report of the events that I have attended for the months of December, January and February.

December
I attended our Tribal Christmas dinner, and the royalty were requested to do the Lord's Prayer in sign language and later that day I traveled to Dulce, NM to their Department of Youth Christmas pow wow. I got to watch and welcome their newly crowned Department of Youth Pow wow princess Mia Maestes, I attended the End of Council Term Celebration for Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud and Council member Vanessa Torres, on December 16, I attended the Inauguration Ceremony for James M. Olguin and Linda K. Baker, I helped Tribal Information Services department with filling candy bags for the Tribal Christmas program and my final requested event was from the Tribal Information Services department to judge the holiday department Christmas decorated doors, Christmas trees and office cubicles. This was a fun event and I enjoyed seeing all the Christmas festive decorations and the creativity of these different departments. I also attended the Ugly sweater contest that same day.

January
I traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico and attended "Dancing for Strength & Prosperity" NYE Gourd dance & Social Powwow Celebration on December 31st, I attended the Ft. Lewis College VS Navajo Tech women and men's games that were held at the Sun Ute Community Center here in Ignacio for the Native American Heritage NCAA games, Sip Chat and Chew for the month of January at the Multipurpose facility, I traveled to White Mesa, Utah for their Winter Round Dance, I attended the swearing in of a Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council for Zuriah Baker and my last requested event was for the Multi-purpose Facility for The Honor our Youth Pow wow.
That was a fun pow wow and I enjoyed watching the youth dance and was excited to see some of the youth lead and learn the ways to carry the flags during the grand en-



courtesy Marie Carel
Miss Southern Ute, Maleina Carel, attended the End of Term celebration for Southern Ute Vice Chairman, Lorelei Cloud and Southern Ute Council member, Vanessa Torres.

try with the help from our Southern Ute Veterans Association members.

February
My last month of events for this quarterly report. I traveled and attended the sweetheart Gourd dance and Social pow wow that was held by the Sleeping Ute Diabetes Program, Ute Mountain Ute Royalty, Ute Mountain Ute Eider's Committee and SWCAHEC. It was a fun pow wow and I enjoyed spending the evening with our sister tribe. Myself and the Jr. Miss Southern Ute were requested to tell a story at the Museum in honor of Ute storytelling, I participated and attended the Muti-Purpose facility Sweetheart Community pow wow and lastly, I traveled and attended the Fort Duchesne Round dance in Ft. Duchesne, Utah. This was a two-day event it was hosted by Brooke and Emma Powaukee Kanip. Emma is currently the U.B.I.C Native American Queen. I really enjoyed myself they were very welcoming and two days of round dancing was so fun. Just being around their community and spending time with the sister tribe is what I love they are all so nice and their hospitality goes over and beyond. It was a blessing to be there and I was very honored to attend this event.

This concludes my quarterly report of my travels and participation during these three months. As always, I enjoy traveling and I do try to attend new events. I love meeting new people and learning new things as I go. Thank you for your time and I hope you all have enjoyed my report.

Tog'oiak'
Maleina J. Carel,
Miss Southern Ute
2024-2025

2025 UNLV
POWWOW FOR THE
PLANET

\$15,000 IN PRIZE MONEY
LOCATION: COX PAVILLION
APRIL 12TH & 13TH 2025
GRAND ENTRY:
SATURDAY - 12PM / 6PM
SUNDAY 12PM

DRUM CONTEST
1ST - \$2000
2ND - \$1500
3RD - \$1,000
SPECIALS TBD

SCAN FOR TICKETS

HEAD STAFF:

MASTER OF CEREMONIES - TYSON SHAY
ARENA DIRECTOR - DR. ART MARTINEZ
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HEAD WOMAN: STAR POSNER
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POWWOW FOR THE PLANET
APRIL 12-13, 2024, COX PAVILION
CALL FOR VENDORS

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courtesy Marie Carel
Miss Southern Ute, Maleina Carel, and the newly crowned Department Of Youth Powwow Princess, Mia Maestes, at the Department of Youth Christmas Powwow in Dulce, N.M.



courtesy Marie Carel
Miss Southern Ute, Maleina Carel, at the Ute telling story at the Southern Ute Museum.

PRESERVING UTE CULTURE • FROM PAGE 1

Tribes, whose traditional territories lie within Colorado. We believe this bill serves as a valuable model and encourages other Tribal Nations to build similar partnerships with the states where their reservations are located.
Vice Chairman Marvin Pinnecoose testified virtually in support of this bill, sharing, "The precious land, water, agriculture, and wildlife that make up our Colorado State Parks contain important cultural sites and trail systems that have long been used by the Ute people. Today, it is critical that our Tribal youth be able to access and visit these sites and traditional areas to ensure that our cultural practices are carried forward to future generations."
This significant milestone marks a crucial step in honoring the Ute people's legacy. As HB25-1163 advances to the House Appropriations Committee, we look forward to the continued progress of this vital legislation.



MUSEUM JUMP • FROM PAGE 1

ing and packaging each cradleboard to ensure its longevity within the archive.

Sheree Mann is the Collections Assistant for SUCCM, handling objects, managing pest control, cataloging etc. “I took it upon myself to make sure that all the cradleboards had a box to be housed in and that we had a plan for when [cradleboards] came out of the exhibit – right now we’re taking the cradleboards out, we’re cleaning them, and we have a plan to lay them down, basically little beds for each one, specific to each item because they are unique in size and design.”

“We make an ethafoam base that’s at least three to four inches, carving into it for the unique sizes, creating handles so we can pick up the cradleboards with ease in the future, we then make sure each cradleboard is covered with a scarf as tradition follows, then wrap that all in a soft tyvek material so there couldn’t be a possible scratch or damage within the item,” Mann said. “For me, it was serendipitous to have three Southern Ute women helping with the takedown of the exhibit, it was most important because we’re dealing with the cradleboards which are the carriers of life – so to have these Ute women helping with that process, it was really powerful – Rhonda, Alissa, and Alex are the ones who are cleaning the cradleboards and providing all the care for each one.”

Mann continues “What made this exhibit ever more special is that technically it is the largest cradleboard exhibit within the Southwest and possibly the nation – you must have the time to be able to give individual love to every single item, I am happy that I get to be here and to be trusted with that responsibility for the Tribe, I am Diné, and it is really important to me to be able to fully house these items with the level of care that they deserve.”

Southern Ute tribal member Alexandria Roubideaux is part of the team and shared her experience during the process of taking care of the items. “Initially it was very inspiring and important to have the entire exhibit dedicated to the women of our Tribe and our Ute ancestors, that’s especially important in the time where women in general are being challenged every day,” Roubideaux said. “Being able to work with Sherree and Tallias Cantsee and



Divine Windy Boy Photographer/SU Drum

Rhonda Price and Sheree Mann work to carefully remove and store a cradleboard that was on display during the “Ute Cradleboards & Baskets: Carriers of Life” exhibit on Wednesday, Feb. 12 in the temporary exhibit.

everyone here at SUCCM, they gave me the opportunity to have professional work and be able to work in collections, providing skills that will be extremely helpful in this field of work – having this opportunity is surreal, I feel like I have really meaningful things to do – it has taken me some time to figure out what was in the cards for me, so being here these last six months has really opened doors for me.”

The “Ute Cradleboards & Baskets: Carriers of Life” exhibit at the museum showcased the continuity of cradleboard design and construction throughout generations of Ute families, highlighting their cultural significance as teaching tools. The exhibit also included baskets and water jugs emphasizing the items’ importance in their role of caring for the community. The SUCCM’s commitment to cultural sensitivity is evident in their approach to handling and displaying these items, balancing professional museum standard practices with traditional protocols.

The exhibit highlighted cradleboards as the main attraction but later on, water pitchers or water jugs and medicine baskets joined the exhibit as well. Museum Director Trainee, Fabian Martinez shared insight to the process “These items are carrying life, and these are really sacred objects as well, so it was kind of a natural progression over time where we first wanted to start with the cradleboards and it continued to develop,” Martinez said. “[The exhibit] was designed to show you the continuance of traditions, from contemporary to the old style, then into the minis and toy cradleboards – a woman as a child, they would receive small cradleboards as a way of learning what the cradleboard represented, from there as those women got older and began having kids they would learn

how to make and maintain cradleboards for their children.”

Tallias Cantsee is the Collections Manager for the museum, tasked with conservation, preservation, storage, exhibition, and access to the items housed in the SUCCM collections. “I think it’s truly special what’s going on now at the museum, we are almost a fully Tribal staff and that translates into the cultural care aspect of people handling these items, there’s not many institutions that are like this,” Cantsee said. “Those spirits within the items, they recognize who’s handling them, we are taught to talk to them and respect them so it’s important that we have tribal members interact with these items.”

“It’s important that we have females interacting with the cradleboards because traditionally they’re the ones who are responsible for making these items that and caring for that life, so it’s almost like we are coming full circle back to how it should be from our cultural understanding,” Cantsee said. “We try our best to emphasize our cultural protocol, down to males and females handling certain items, so it’s an honor and really beautiful when you look at it from that standpoint, this is how we’re operating with these collections in a tribal museum it’s a labor of love.”

The SUCCM team continues to work to carefully store each item that was on display of the “Ute Cradleboards & Baskets: Carriers of Life” and now begins the process again for a new exhibit.

“It’s almost like natural law that these cradleboards and other items are taking care of us, so we emphasize the importance of taking care of those items,” Cantsee said. “They’re not just inanimate objects, we all know they have a spirit, and we take care of them because of that.”

Pinning ceremony for Hobbs



photos Summer Begay/SU Tribal Council Affairs

The Southern Ute Police Department and Police Chief Michael Barrow held a pinning ceremony this afternoon to celebrate the promotion of Officer Tony Hobbs to Sergeant. Sergeant Hobbs’s extensive background, including 15 years in law enforcement, service in the Navy, and experience with NASA, highlights his commitment to public safety.

Executive Officer Lindsay J. Box shared, “a career built on service and dedication - congratulations to Sergeant Hobbs on this well-earned promotion!”. To the incredible Southern Ute Police Department, with deep gratitude, thank you for your unwavering commitment to keeping our community safe.



HOZHONI DAYS POWWOW

MARCH 28-29, 2025

Whalen Gymnasium | Fort Lewis College | Durango, CO

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

‘YOUTH CONTESTS’

4 pm Gourd Dance
6 pm Grand Entry

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

‘ADULT & GOLDEN AGE CONTESTS’

1 pm Gourd Dance
4 pm Grand Entry

HEAD STAFF

Arena Director: **Kenny Brown Sr.**
Master of Ceremony: Trevor Foster
Headman: Nelson Yazzie
Headwoman: Denae Smith
Head Gourd: Asa Worthington
Host Southern Drum:
Full Metal Jacket Singers
Host Northern Drum:
Sharpshooter – Jeremy (Worm) Dearly

DRUM CONTEST

• 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes

DANCE CONTEST CATEGORIES

- Mens & Womens Golden Age (55+): All categories
- Mens (18–54): N. Traditional, S. Straight, Grass, Fancy
- Womens (18–54): N. Traditional, S. Cloth/Buckskin, Fancy, Jingle
- Teen Boys (13–17): N. Traditional, S. Straight, Grass, Fancy
- Teen Girls (13–17): N. Traditional, S. Cloth/Buckskin, Fancy, Jingle
- Jr. Boys (6–12): N. Traditional, S. Straight, Grass, Fancy
- Jr. Girls (6–12): N. Traditional, S. Cloth/Buckskin, Fancy, Jingle
- Tiny Tots (5 and under)

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HOW DOES ALCOHOL EFFECT HEART HEALTH?




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❖ Nearly 50% of US adults have some type of cardiovascular disease like hypertension

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- LIMIT ALCOHOL INTAKE OR AVOID IT ALL TOGETHER

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Often has no symptoms

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Snow Clearing

Frequently Asked Questions

When do crews go out?

Driveway clearing crews will begin when snow accumulation is over 5". Dialysis/ Individuals with disabilities/Frail Tribal Member snow shoveling will begin when snow accumulation is over 3".

Which SUIT team covers my home and how do I contact them?

Reference the color-coded map or the detailed flyer published in the Drum, Tribal Member Experience, or on the Tribal Housing website. You may also call Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710 to request appropriate contact information.

It snowed, and my driveway has not been plowed, what do I do?

There are 604 total structures served by this program, please be patient as our teams work to assist everyone in the program. If your driveway has not been plowed by 2 p.m. please notify the listed contact for your route. Also, please bear in mind, that as snow accumulation continues throughout the day, there may be instances where additional snow accumulation has occurred after crews have visited your home and may require multiple days to fully work through all routes and snow clearing through the duration of, and following completion of each storm event.

I saw crews working at my neighbor's home but did not stop at my home, why did they skip me?

Dialysis and Frail elders are the first priority. Also, there are several different routes and crews for each, and their schedules may be different. Please allow your appropriate crew time to work their way through their respective routes.

Why aren't they plowing to my propane tank/wood pile/cistern?

Service is to provide primary access in/out; if you would like to request these additional services, submit a request with the SUIT team designated for your home so they can evaluate access and availability to assist.

What if I don't want the service all the time?

Notify the SUIT team designated for your home. You can note that you will call when needed.

The plow truck ruined my driveway, who will pay for it?

The service provided does its best to clear the snow without pushing up gravel or creating ruts; the homeowner must regularly maintain gravel or dirt driveways. You will not be reimbursed for damages incurred from normal snow clearing.

When will crews remove snow from my roof?

The service is for the elderly and individuals with disabilities and does not occur until snow accumulation is over 12" as a safety precaution to prevent damage to roof structures. Snow clearing will only be performed from the ground through use of a roof rake for staff safety.

Multi - Purpose Facility

March 2025 Events

Indoor Yard Sale—Saturday March 8, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Quilting Class—Tuesday— Thursday March 11 - 13, 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Sip, Chat & Chew—Friday March 14, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM

Traditional Beading & Sewing—Tuesday—Thursday March 25—27

Ribbon Skirts and Dresses

Day Session - 10:00 AM—3:30 PM Evening Session 5:30 PM—8:00 PM




Special Events

Community Pow Wow—Saturday March 15, 2025

Cooking with a Chef—Tuesday March 10, 10:30 AM—1:30 PM

MPF Food Sale—Monday March 19, 11:30 AM—2:30 PM

Events are subject to change—please watch for announcements



Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

970-563-2640 - multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

2024/2025 SNOW CLEARING SERVICES



12"- Roof-Raking

Our drivers do their best to serve you and many others during snow-storms, please be patient as they work through their routes. It is not uncommon for work on routes to extend through the early afternoon.

If you are a Tribal Member Elder who is frail or disabled and need assistance with snow shoveling, please contact:

Tribal Housing - (970) 563-4710



5"- Tribal Members



3"- Dialysis Patients, Frail Elders, & Tribal Members with a Disability

Please call the Tribal Hotline (970) 563-4800 for information regarding office closures, weather reports, and clinic updates.



Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 02/27/25

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Southern Ute Utilities Division at (970) 563-5500



Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 2/28/25

MARCH UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



TRANSFER STATION

2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New 2025 Trash Permits are ready—Pick up at Office or Ramp

MAY 26TH MEMORIAL DAY — CLOSED

JUNE 19TH/20TH JUNETEENTH — CLOSED

JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY — CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 1ST LABOR DAY — CLOSED

OCT 13TH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY — CLOSED

NOV 10TH/11TH VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED

NOV 27TH THANKSGIVING DAY — CLOSED

DEC 10TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED

DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED

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Utilities Division Manager, Julian Baker

AP/AR Manager, Wahleah Frost

Monthly Shut-Off Day is the first Wednesday of each month.

March 5th / April 2nd / May 7th

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

NEW UTILITIES DIVISION MANAGER!

Congratulations, Julian Baker!

"Jube" was promoted to the Utilities Manager in January 2025.



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March ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Natural Gas staff will conduct annual gas leakage survey thru April 2025. Crews will need access to your yard to check the service lines for leaks up to residential meter. Any concerns, call Utilities Office.
- Planning Outdoor Spring Projects? Call 8-1-1 BEFORE you dig!
- Bulk Water Fill Station Users: Pre-Pay features are here! Starting March 31st, no cash or coins accepted. Set up your Pre-Paid Account by scanning the QR Code. Check website for updates at https://www.suitutil.com

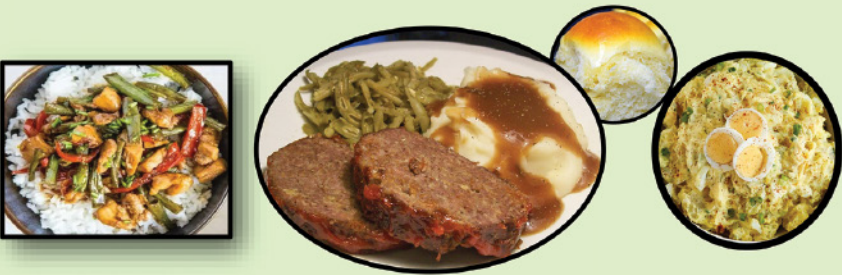


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March 11 - 12, 2025
Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

- Supply List: Finished size: 28 1/2 " square
- 3/4 yard total of assorted light prints
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 - 3/4 yard total assorted dark prints
 - 3/8 yard of binding fabric
 - 1 yard backing fabric
 - 36" square batting
- Call to sign- up.



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Evening Session 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



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Beading projects are always welcome.

Supply List



- Adult Sizes:
- Skirts 2 1/2 yds. fabric, Overlay (Optional) 2 1/2 yds.
 - Ribbons 4 yards each color, 1 pkg. non-roll 1" elastic
 - Dresses 4 yards of fabric
 - Ribbons 4 yards each color
 - Bring a non-stretch blouse for size
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 - Ribbons 3 yards each color, 1 pkg. non-roll 1" elastic
 - Dresses 3 1/2 yds. Fabric - Ribbons 4 yards each color
 - Bring a non-stretch blouse for size



The MPF has ribbon you are welcome to use, all colors may not be available
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Date: Friday, February 28, 2025
Friday, March 7, 2025
2 sessions each day

Time: 9am - 12pm or 1pm - 4pm

Location: Southern Ute Growth Fund
First Floor Conference Room
14929 HWY 172
Ignacio, CO, 81137

Webex will be available for SUITMs who can't attend in person

For questions or to sign up for the training contact:
Southern Ute Digital Equity (SUDEP)
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On Tuesday, March 4, every winner gets Mardi Gras beads!

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All Ace's Club members who have earned at least 31 points during the promotion will receive a voucher for free pie and at 3:14 PM, we'll randomly draw one Ace's Club member actively playing the slots to win \$314.15! Free pies are available while supplies last.

CHASE YOUR LUCK.

MONDAY, MARCH 17 | 12PM - 8PM

All Ace's Club members playing the slots from 12PM - 8PM are entered into the Rainbow Run Lucky Puck Drop game drawing. Every hour, we'll draw two hot seat winners to win up to \$900 cash! Each winner will get three magical pucks to drop down the game board!



2025 Agriculture Division Educational Presentations

The Southern Ute Tribe's Agriculture Division is happy to be presenting, the fourth year of agriculture/garden classes beginning February 19, 2025. We are covering both agriculture and home gardening topics. Classes will be held during the lunch hour with a light lunch to be served. We will be asking attendees to RSVP so meals can be planned. These classes are very informal and are open to Tribal members, and other natives. Presentations will be at the Environmental Programs Department Classroom. The first two classes are scheduled for February.

- Agriculture Division/Custom Farm Program Services:**
- **Irrigated Hay Production:** March 5, 12 p.m.
 - **Growing Fruit Trees & Shrubs:** March 12, 12 p.m.
 - **Gardening in SW Colorado:** March 26, 12 p.m.
 - **Raised Bed Gardening:** April 2, 12 p.m.

Please mark your calendars and join us. If you have questions or want to rsvp early contact the Southern Ute Agriculture Division at 970-563-0220.

AGRICULTURE DIVISION
PRESENTS
IRRIGATED HAY PRODUCTION

Date: March 5, 2024
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: EPD Conference Room at 71 Mike Frost Way

Learn about all aspects of hay production from fertilizer to how to make sure your crop is getting enough water. Growing seasons, soils, water, baling/harvesting, and marketing. Also, will touch on weed and rodent control. When it comes to watering is land suitable for a pivot, side rolls, pipe, or flood irrigating. Soil testing and what is says about your land, soil testing is available through the Agriculture Division.

RSVP to reserve your seat by 9am 3/5/2025 at 970.563.2900.



Youth Hunter Outreach & Scoring Night

Wednesday, April 9th
1:00 p.m. to about 7:00 p.m.
Sky Ute Casino Event Center

Please join us to meet with the
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talk about and learn more about your Wildlife
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on hand to score your trophies.
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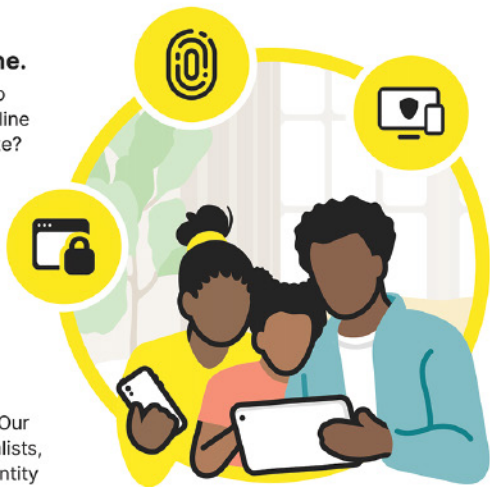
Southern Ute Tribal Members: you have until March 31, 2025 to sign up for Norton LifeLock. This is a 3 year offer paid for by SUDEP.
Contact SUDEP or click "Enroll Now" below to sign up for LifeLock.
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The Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) would like to inform the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members (SUITMs) and clarify programs that are available to you. Please use the outline below to verify that you are utilizing the program and the technological opportunities.

- 1) Laptop Program Defined - SUDEP received a new shipment of Dell Laptops January 2025**
 - a. Laptops are free to all SUITM's.
 - b. One laptop per SUITM no exceptions.
 - c. Fill out questionnaire online: www.southernute-nsn.gov/SUDEP
 - d. If you're filling a questionnaire out for a minor (under 18) put the grade in comments section. Under 18 years of age will receive a 2-1 Chromebook.
 - e. SUDEP will call when your laptop is ready for pick up. Prompt pickup is requested.
 - f. Shipping is available for the SUITMs that live out of the area. SUDEP will contact you for shipping.
- 2) \$75 Internet Reimbursement Program Defined - program has been extended for 6 months (June 2025)**
 - a. Internet program is available to all SUITM's (one voucher per service address only.)
 - b. Steps:
 - i. Fill out internet voucher request. Form is available by contacting SUDEP.
 - ii. Send a copy of your detailed internet bill with service address and Southern Ute Tribal Members name on it.
 - iii. Send both items to: sudepservice@southernute.com.
 - iv. SUDEP will pay the internet provider directly after the completed internet voucher and internet bill have been verified and approved.
 - v. It may take up to two billing cycles for the \$75 credit to appear on your internet bill.
- 3) Router Program Defined**
 - a. Must connect with the local fiber through Bonfire Fiber (FTI or X Mission). To sign up visit: <https://bonfirefiber.net> - enter your physical address and confirm.
 - b. Decide which speed of internet you are purchasing monthly. Click "communities" to learn about each Internet provider's services offered (FTI or X Mission).
 - c. SUDEP will reimburse the internet provider (FTI or X Mission) for the router directly.
 - d. Once you have signed up with bonfirefiber.net
 - i. Fill out and sign "Router Voucher Request" & "Router Agreement" Form - contact SUDEP for forms.
 - ii. Bonfire will contact you to schedule the fiber hook up to your house when they are in your area.
 - e. Approved voucher will be sent to FTI or X Mission.
- 4) MS 365 E3 Desktop Program Defined**
 - a. SUDEP received 100 MS 365 Desktop licenses for SUITMs (18+).
 - b. Contact SUDEP to request the license and guidance to install the software on your laptop. These licenses are limited and available until gone.
- 5) Norton LifeLock Program Defined - Deadline to enroll for Norton LifeLock is March 31, 2025**
 - a. <http://southernute.norton-benefits.com>
 - b. SUDEP will pay 3 years of LifeLock must enroll by deadline.
- 6) Technical & Laptop Support Defined**
 - a. SUDEP is available for laptop support & troubleshooting, software updates, training, education, and technical support.

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2024–2025 HUNTING PROCLAMATIONS

Southern Ute Indian Reservation

2025-2026 SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION HUNTING SEASONS		
Season Type	Pick-up	Season Dates
Deer, Elk, Fall Turkey		
Early Archery	Aug. 11	Aug. 23 – Aug. 31
General	Aug. 11	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31
First Descendant	Nov. 17	Dec. 1 – Dec. 31
Upland Game Birds	Aug. 11	Sept. 1st – Dec. 31
Mountain Lion	Sept. 15	Nov. 1, 2025 – Aug. 2, 2026
Spring Turkey	March 10	March 22 – May 25
Small Game	Anytime	Calendar Year
Waterfowl and Migratory Game Birds	Aug. 11	See CPW season dates.

REMINDERS AND UPDATES

White-tailed Deer

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Gray Wolves

In December 2023 the state began releasing gray wolves into northern Colorado and state-led wolf releases will continue for several years. It is unknown when wolves will migrate south onto the Reservation. 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 currently issue permits to hunt, trap or kill wolves for sport. Please contact the Wildlife Division for more information on gray wolves.

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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 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 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.

Mountain Lion Research Project

Colorado Parks and Wildlife in cooperation with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is conducting research on the mountain lion population in SW Colorado. CPW, supported by tribal staff and tribal houndsmen will be capturing and collaring mountain lions on tribal lands 2025-2027. Radio collared mountain lions will remain legal to harvest during the duration of the research project.

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, 2025. See details below under the list of hunts.

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.

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 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 deer, elk and mountain lion shall include:

1. Shotguns of 20 gauge or larger firing a single slug.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Muzzleloading rifles with a single barrel of at least .40 caliber for deer, and .50 caliber for elk.
5. .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.
6. 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:

1. 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:

1. 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:

1. Any rimfire or center-fire rifle or handgun, any shotgun, any bow and arrow or crossbow.

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SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL SEASON DATES AND BAG LIMITS (Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members Only, unless specified)			
MULE DEER AND ELK			
Season	Season Dates	Permits Issued	Bag Limits
Archery	Aug. 23 – Aug. 31	Aug. 11	3 Deer (1 Buck and 2 Does*)
General	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31		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 ANTERLESS ELK			
Any Legal Weapon	Dec. 1 – 31	Nov. 17**	1 Antlerless Elk
**15 permits available by limited draw only. Applications available through the Wildlife Division. Application Fee: \$25, Permit Fee: \$75, Total Fees: \$100 Applications must be submitted by <u>October 24, 2025</u> . If there are more applicants than permits, then permits will be issued through a random draw. If there are less applicants than available permits, then all the applicants will receive a permit to hunt. Successful first descendant hunters must have their elk validated.			
SPRING TURKEY			
	Mar. 22 – May 25	Mar. 10	2 bearded turkeys
No beard length restrictions, but a harvested bird must have a beard naturally attached. 1st bird must be validated prior to picking up 2nd permit			
FALL TURKEY			
Early Archery	Aug. 23 – Aug. 31	Aug. 11	1 Turkey (either sex)
General	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31		
MOUNTAIN LION			
	Nov. 1, 2025 – Aug. 2, 2026 OR until harvest quota is filled****	Sept. 15	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. ***The mountain lion hunting season will remain open until the season ending date or until the harvest quota is filled, whichever comes first. 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. 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			
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.			
GRAY WOLF			
Gray wolves remain listed as <i>Endangered</i> under the federal Endangered Species Act. As such they may not be hunted recreationally. When delisted the Tribe will retain full management control of gray wolves and may establish hunting seasons at that time. Please report wolf conflict to the Wildlife Division.			
UPLAND GAME BIRDS INCLUDING DUSKY GROUSE AND QUAIL			
	Sept. – Dec. 31	Aug. 11	Dusky Grouse: 3 birds per day Quail: 8 birds per day
MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS INCLUDING DOVES, PIGEONS, RAILS AND SNIPE			
		Aug. 11	
Migratory game bird season dates and bag limits will coincide with the State of Colorado migratory bird hunting seasons. Please obtain and read the <i>Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2024 Small Game Hunting Brochure</i> for more information regarding migratory game birds.			
WATERFOWL INCLUDING DUCKS, GEESE AND COOTS			
		Aug. 11	
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 <i>Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2024 Waterfowl Hunting Brochure</i> 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			
Year-round. No Permit Required			
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.			



2025-2026 Brunot Area Proclamations

2025-2026 BRUNOT AREA HUNTING AND FISHING SEASONS		
Season Type	Permitting Start Date	Season Dates
Spring Turkey	March 10	March 22 – May 25
Deer	Aug. 11	Aug. 23 – Nov. 23
Rocky Mtn. Elk		
Fall Turkey		
Bighorn Sheep*	Aug. 11	Aug. 23 – Oct. 31 (Sheep)
Mountain Goat*		Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 (Goat)
Moose*		Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 (Moose)
Mountain Lion	Sept. 15	Nov. 1, 2025 – April 19, 2026
Upland Game Birds	Aug. 11	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31 (Grouse, Ptarmigan, Pheasant and Chukar)
Waterfowl and Migratory Game Birds	Aug. 11	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 FOR HUNTING AND FISHING

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SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION HUNTING PROCLAMATIONS • FROM PAGE 12

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 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 hunt-

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

- **Early Archery deer, elk, and turkey: Mandatory Validation**
- **Buck Deer and Bull Elk: Mandatory Validation**
Tribal Member hunters are required to have buck deer 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 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 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 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 Trib-**

al 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: 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 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. Penal-

ties 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. The map on page 16 shows the restricted area. 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: Deer	
Trophy Buck (inside spread of 24" or more)	\$10,000 + 15 Points
Buck (inside spread of less than 24")	\$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
Other Penalties	
Mountain Lion (Any Lion)	\$5,000 + 15 Points
Shed Antlers (Any Shed Antler)	\$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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bers wishing to have their animals sampled. The Division will test any deer or elk that Tribal Members wish to have sampled.

Mountain Lion Research Project
Colorado Parks and Wildlife in cooperation with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is conducting research on the mountain lion population in SW Colorado. CPW, supported by tribal staff and tribal houndsmen will be capturing and collaring mountain lions on tribal lands on the reservation, and on federal public lands within the Brunot Area 2025-2027. Radio collared mountain lions will remain legal to harvest during the duration of the research project.

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 2025. 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 spec-

ifies 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* permits 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 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 2025/26 Tribal Council-approved regulations pertaining to the harvest of Brunot Area *Big Game, Rare Game, Small Game, Upland Gamebirds, and Waterfowl*.

SEASON BAG LIMITS FOR BIG GAME, RARE GAME, AND SMALL GAME	
Hunt Type	Bag Limit (per hunter)
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 (Three permits available for 2025)	1 (either sex)
Mountain Goat (Two permits available for 2025)	1 (either sex)
Moose (Two permits available for 2025)	1 (either sex)
Small Game ¹	Unlimited
¹ Small Game includes: bobcat, coyote, fox, all weasels (except river otter), ringtail, raccoon, prairie dog, beaver, muskrat, rabbit/hare, marmot, and tree squirrels.	
Upland Gamebirds (Dusky Grouse, Ptarmigan, Pheasant, Chukar)	3 of each per day
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 2025 Waterfowl Hunting Brochure for more information. Waterfowl hunters are required to obtain a federal duck stamp before hunting waterfowl (available at any Post Office).	

Legal Weapons
Legal weapons for harvesting *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 *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., 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 2025, 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 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 a.m. – 12 p.m., 1 p.m. – 5 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.



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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 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. The lion harvest quotas, by unit, are as follows:

MOUNTAIN LION HARVEST QUOTA	
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

*** 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.

Small Game Trapping

Trapping 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 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.

FISHING REGULATIONS

Presented in this section are the Tribal-approved seasons and regulations pertaining to fishing within the Brunot Area for 2025. The fishing season is the calendar year, January 1st through December 31st. 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.
- **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. (see chart below).

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

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FISHING DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS		
Game Fish	Limit (All Water Types)	
Trout* (Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat, Splake, Golden, Lake, Brook over 8")	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 (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted)*	10	Unlimited
Sunfish (Bluegill, Green, Redear, Pumpkinseed)*	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 IN AGGREGATE, 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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Fishing Access locations can be uploaded to the Avenza Maps app, either on iPhone or Android. Please visit www.southernute-nsn.gov/natural-resources/wildlife-resource-management/fishing/ for instructions. Fishing access addresses included on page 11 by river.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS TO ANGLERS

Aquatic Nuisance Species

Colorado’s aquatic ecosystems and fisheries are threatened by several imported animals, plants, and diseases, including zebra and quagga mussels, New Zealand mudsnails, Eurasian watermilfoil, whirling disease, and viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS). Don’t let these invaders threaten our

resources and recreation. Anglers are asked to follow these guidelines to help prevent and control the spread of these organisms in Reservation waters:

1. Remove all plants, animals, or mud and thoroughly wash boats, trailers, waders, and equipment that have come in

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- (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)
 - Rito Hondo (*RH*) *Creek and RH Reservoir (14 miles west of Creede)*
 - 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 smallmouth 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 pro-

tected 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 & OUTFITTING

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 & 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.



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- contact with the water before leaving a lake or stream.
- Drain water from boats, including live wells, bilge, ballast, storage areas, or any other place on boats or equipment that might hold water. Allow boats, engines, boots and gear to dry completely. If draining and drying are not possible, wash boats, trailers and equipment carefully and completely with high-pressure hot water (140° F).
 - Don't move or transport fish between waters. This can spread diseases and nuisance species.
 - Don't dispose of fish entrails or other by-products into any body of water.
 - For general disinfection, soak/treat equipment and waders for 15 minutes with a bleach solution (6 oz. household bleach per 5 gal. water), a solution of Sparquat 256 (4 oz. per 1 gal. water) or a solution of potassium chloride (1 tsp per 2 gal. Water).

SEASONS DATES and PERMITS

Southern Ute Tribal streams and State-managed reservoirs are open to fishing year-round. Season fishing permits are valid from **January 1st through December 31st**, each year.

STREAM FISHING PERMITS

Fishing permits are available online only. Tribal members can still visit the Wildlife Office for help to receive fishing permits. Please visit <https://store.southernute-nsn.gov> to receive your fishing permits.

Southern Ute Tribal Members
Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal members, both juveniles and adults, must have in their possession a Southern Ute Fishing Permit when fishing on the Southern Ute Reservation. No State fishing permit is required, and a Tribal permit allows a Tribal member to take game fish from *all* waters within the exterior Reservation boundary. See *Stream Access* for specific restrictions regarding access on Tribal assignments, allotments and private property. A Tribal member stream fishing permit is issued free of charge and is valid for the calendar year in which it is issued. A Tribal member must show proof of enrollment by presenting his or her Tribal census card.

Southern Ute Senior Fishing Permits
Southern Ute Tribal members age 55 or over may receive a lifetime stream fishing permit through the Wildlife Division. A Tribal member Senior Fishing Permit is issued free of charge and is a lifetime permit. A Tribal member must show proof of enrollment and age by presenting his or her Tribal census card.

Non-Tribal Members
All non-Tribal members must obtain a Tribal stream fishing permit to fish on designated Tribal waters. A Colorado State fishing license is not required to fish on Tribal waters but is required to fish on private property and public waters (i.e., Navajo and Pastorius Reservoir) within the Reservation boundaries. Please see *Stream Access* for the list of designated waters and specific restrictions regarding access on Tribal assignments, allotments and private property.

Non-Tribal Member Permit Fees			
Permit Type	2-Day	5-Day	Season
Juvenile (12 years and under)	\$10	\$15	\$30
Adult (13 years and over)	\$20	\$25	\$50
2-Day Access Permit (13 years and over) Required for any non-fishing adult wishing to accompany a non-member angler on designated Tribal waters.			\$5
Permit Replacement All anglers needing to replace lost or damaged fishing permits can purchase duplicates at the Southern Ute Wildlife office.			\$5

STREAM ACCESS

For purposes of stream access for fishing, lands within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation are divided into two categories: (1) Tribal trust lands, and (2) allotted and private lands. The Tribe has adopted a policy that allows for open fishing access on Tribal trust lands. Provisions for fishing on these lands are similar for Southern Ute Tribal members and permitted non-members, but not identical. These provisions are further explained below.
Allotted and private lands are private property, and permission to fish at these locations must always first be obtained from the landowner. It is the angler's responsibility to know where allotted and private lands occur (see maps provided).

Access For Permitted Non-Tribal Members
Fishing by permitted non-Tribal members is allowed on the Animas, Los Piños, Piedra and San Juan Rivers through designat-

ed access points (see Designated Waters and maps). Anglers must use the access points identified on the maps to enter and exit stream corridors, which are located only on Tribal trust lands. Anglers may move up or down the stream corridors without securing additional permission but may not continue on to allotted or private lands unless authorized by the landowner. The stream corridor is bound by a 5-foot distance from the edge of the water on both sides of the stream, provided, however, anglers may depart from this corridor only to the extent necessary to avoid a barrier located within the corridor. *Use of designated access points and stream corridors is allowed for fishing only.*

Access for Southern Ute Tribal Members
Fishing by Southern Ute Tribal members is allowed along all waters on all Tribal trust lands on the Reservation. For fishing on unassigned Tribal lands, Tribal member anglers are not restricted to access points and stream corridors. *However, to fish on assigned Tribal lands, Tribal members must use the designated access points and stream corridors as described above for non-Tribal members.* Tribal member anglers are responsible for knowing where Tribal land assignments occur, and fishing is the only activity allowed while accessing Tribal land assignments. *All anglers are asked to respect Tribal land! Do not litter, cut fences, leave gates open, drive or park in undeveloped areas, or engage in any un-authorized, non-fishing activities. Always remain within the specified stream corridor unless there is an emergency, never trespass on private property and contact the appropriate authorities if you see violations being committed. Activities by non-Tribal members other than fishing are strictly prohibited and violators will be prosecuted.* *Fishing on Tribal land is a special privilege granted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Following the rules and showing respect for the land will ensure that this privilege continues.*

FISHING REGULATIONS

All regulations in this section, unless otherwise specified, apply to all anglers on the Southern Ute Reservation. Also, regulations generally apply to all waters of the reservation, but some exceptions apply specifically for Lake Capote. These regulations are strictly enforced, and violators will be subject to fines, seizure of equipment, and/or loss of fishing privileges, per Southern Ute Tribal law. Individuals witnessing a violation are strongly encouraged to report the violation to the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife at (970) 563-0130 or Southern Ute law enforcement dispatch at (970) 563-4401.

- General Restrictions**
- Fishing Duration.** All anglers must discontinue fishing when the legal bag or possession limit is met.
 - Fishing Pole Attendance.** Anglers must attend their fishing pole (be within 50 feet) at all times.
 - Bait.** Use of any live, dead or parts of fish or amphibians as bait is prohibited in all Reservation waters. Non-fish and non-amphibian baits such as worms, insects, cray-

- or method not specified in the Permitted Angling Methods section.
- Private Property.** It is unlawful to fish on private property without first obtaining permission from the property owner. Private property includes allotments, but not Tribal land assignments. Not all private property is posted, and it is the angler's responsibility to know when and where access permission is needed.
 - Boating.** Recreational boaters (private and commercial) are allowed to float through Tribal portions of navigable rivers that traverse the Southern Ute Reservation, including the Animas River and San Juan River above Navajo Reservoir. However, unless specifically authorized by the Tribe, launching, loading and taking out boats is not allowed on any Tribal lands. The only exception to this rule is that anglers who have a valid Tribal fishing permit and who are engaged in fishing may put-in or take-out small, portable craft on Tribal lands. Portable craft are those that can be carried by hand to and from the river, but do not include boats that must be trailered into or out of the river.
 - Guiding and Outfitting.** Guiding and outfitting by non-Tribal members is not permitted on any Tribal waters. Only specially permitted Tribal member guides and outfitters may offer this service. For more information on available guides and outfitters, or permitting for Tribal members, contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife.

- Restrictions While On Tribal Lands**
All Anglers:
- No removing or disturbing artifacts
 - No alcohol or illegal drug use
 - No off-road vehicle use
 - No firearms / No Littering
- Additional Restrictions for Non-Tribal Members:
- No camping
 - No dogs

Designated Tribal Waters
The following waters are designated as open to non-Tribal member fishing: Tribal portions of the Animas, Los Piños, Piedra and San Juan Rivers. This includes Scott's Pond, located adjacent to the Los Piños River. Please refer to maps provided to help identify Tribal and non-Tribal portions of these streams.
All waters except those listed above, including the La Plata, Navajo and Florida Rivers, all creeks and all irrigation canals, are closed to non-Tribal member fishing.

Legal Hours of Take
With the exception of Lake Capote, fishing may occur 24 hours a day. Fishing hours for Lake Capote are generally sunrise to sunset.

Permitted Angling Methods
Game fish may be taken by hook and line only. 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. Southern Ute Tribal Member anglers are allowed to use two fishing rods while fishing at Navajo and Pastorius Reservoirs within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Reservation, but not at Lake Capote. Use of a second rod does not entitle an angler to an additional bag limit, nor can it be used by another person to fish.

DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS FOR STREAM FISHING – ALL ANGLERS		
Game Fish	Juvenile (Under 13)	Adult (13 and older)
Trout: Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat ¹	Tribal Members – 2 Non-Members – 2	Tribal Members – 4 Non-Members – 2
Kokanee Salmon	5	10
All Warm-Water Species ²	Unlimited	
¹ Limits on trout may consist of one species or a mix of more than one species. ² The following fish species are unlimited for bag and possession within streams: channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, common carp, yellow perch, crappie and white sucker. If you are uncertain about a species of fish you have caught, it should be released unharmed where it was caught.		
DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS FOR NAVAJO AND PASTORIOUS RESERVOIRS TRIBAL MEMBER ANGLERS ONLY ¹		
Game Fish	Juvenile (Under 13)	Adult (13 and older)
Trout: Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat ²	2	4
Smallmouth Bass	5	5
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Bluegill	5	10
White Crappie	10	20
Northern Pike, Black Bullhead, Yellow Perch, Green Sunfish, Common Carp	Unlimited	
¹ Non-member anglers must follow State of Colorado bag and possession limits ² Limits on trout may consist of one species or a mix of more than one species.		



BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

IHS boys facing supreme challenge

'Cats to clash with top-seeded Cougars

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

For nearly a week, all Trae Seibel and his players could do was wait and pray.

Turns out someone was listening.

And the Bobcats' 2024-25 season will indeed continue, with Ignacio being one of 32 teams taking part in the CHSAA Class 3A Boys' Basketball State Tournament. Sure, the Selection & Seeding Committee didn't do IHS any monstrous favors, but that seems not to matter at all to a squad now seeking to spring the ultimate surprise on the biggest of hardwood heavyweights.

"You know, there's a big group of teams that are turning in their uniforms today to their head coach ... and we weren't one of them!" said Seibel, following Monday evening's practice. "We're blessed to have another week to play, and we took that with gratitude. We're in the tournament, so let's go prepare to take on the number-one team in the state, and give them everything that we can give them."

Sneaking in just ahead of 33rd-ranked Estes Park and 34th-ranked Parachute Grand Valley, Ignacio was given the No. 32 seed and will next travel north – all the way to Loveland to face top-seeded Resurrection Christian at 4 p.m. Friday, March 7. First place in the Patriot League this winter with a 10-0 mark, the Cougars stand 23-0 overall and are riding a 37-game



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Stoney White Thunder (32) dribbles away from Centauri's Todd Broyles (22) during the Bobcats' regular-season finale Tuesday, February 25, inside IHS Gymnasium.

winning streak since a ten-point loss last January 27 to Thornton-based, non-league 4A Riverdale Ridge.

Included in said streak, of course, is a 76-61 victory over Englewood Kent Denver in last season's Class 4A State Championship – after RC had lost the '23 grand finale to Broomfield Holy Family. And while much talent which played in those two contests has since graduated and moved on, much still remains and will certainly be something RC can lean upon should the 'Cats (11-12 over-

all, 4-8 3A/4A Intermountain) start taking command.

Now-seniors Ty Yoder (19 points versus KD; 10 versus HFHS), Cade Crutcher (18 points versus the Sun Devils; 12 versus the Tigers) and Graham Riggs (nine versus Kent Denver) are all back for the Cougars and will be looked-to leaders. And Seibel knows that for his gents to even have a chance on Resurrection Christian's home court, there's one essential thing the 'Cats must do, but several times this sea-

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Alyssa Atencio looks for a way around Centauri's Hannah Curtis (24) during the Lady Bobcats' regular-season finale Tuesday, February 25, inside IHS Gymnasium. IHS lost to the Lady Falcons, but still earned inclusion in the CHSAA Class 3A Girls' Basketball State Tournament. Seeded 29th in the opening Round-of-32, IHS will next travel to face No. 4 Cedaredge in one Region IV semifinal.

BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady 'Cats to test unbeaten Cedaredge

IHS girls prepping for State, Round-of-32

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Never has a sub-.500 record looked so good.

Well, at least as far as qualifying for the postseason is concerned.

Thanks in large part to the strength of their 2024-25 schedule, featuring a powerhouse Class 3A team (Centauri) and two strong 4As (Pagosa Springs, Alamosa) all in their league, Ignacio's Lady Bobcats not only tasted enough success this winter to crack the CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index's top 32, but finished higher up in those calculations than perhaps expected.

"I was very surprised," head coach Travis Nanaeto said, following Monday evening's practice – which most of his players were probably also surprised to be attending. "For being a first-time head coach, you know, it's awesome. I was happy."

Elevated within the safe zone of Class 3A Girls' Basketball State Tournament qualifiers and given the No. 29 seed in the bracket, IHS not only finished rated above Granby Middle Park (12-10), Arvada Forge Christian (8-15) and Fort Collins Liber-

ty Common (8-15), but also above excluded teams with better records – such as No. 34 Edgewater Jefferson (13-8 overall), No. 35 Rye (9-13) and No. 37 Highlands Ranch SkyView Academy (10-13).

However, the Lady Bobcats (8-14 overall, 4-8 3A/4A Intermountain) will now face possibly their toughest opponent in 4-seed Cedaredge. First place in the Western Slope League this winter with a 14-0 mark and standing 23-0 overall, CHS – which went a tamer 8-6 in WSL action, and 14-10 overall last season – promises to be one of the top contenders for the classification's crown (after having placed fifth in 2A back in 2022) and will definitely push IHS to the max.

Basic familiarity with the Lady Bruins' methods, however, could work in Ignacio's favor.

"We've played them many times," said Nanaeto, alluding to multiple IHS-CHS battles in seasons past, "so we kind of know their style of playing. That's a big plus; I'm actually glad we landed in that spot."

Tip-off time is set for 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 7. On the other side of the

Region IV bracket, No. 20 Monte Vista (11-11, 5-7 IML) will try to topple No. 13 Yuma (11-12, 5-5 Patriot); the day's two surviving squads will then square off the next afternoon at 2 p.m.

Beginning what could be his team's last week of work, Nanaeto indicated Monday's practice went well.

"As soon as I walked in, the girls were wanting to watch (film of) Cedaredge, and then we got to playing some offense and defense," he said. "Everybody was in a happy mood; they're excited to be playing again. And I knew the girls could (qualify) towards the end (of regular-season play); they're peaking at the right moment."

Last time out

Ignacio wrapped up regular-season work Tuesday afternoon, February 25, hosting aforementioned Centauri. And though the Lady 'Cats fared relatively well in the first quarter, trailing 12-8 after eight minutes, things fell apart in the second stanza as the Lady Falcons outscored IHS 17-0 and raced into halftime up 29-8, en route to a 52-22 victory.

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Ballin' Senior's Night



Senior Ryan Naranjo amongst other Bobcat seniors are recognized on Saturday, Feb. 22 during the home game against the Monte Vista Pirates.



Ignacio Senior, Angelo Frost is recognized alongside his mother Daisy Bluestar on Saturday, Feb. 22 during Ignacio High School's Senior night.

Southern Ute tribal member and Senior Bobcat, Marquise Cibrian, is escorted by his family (Mom, Lorena, brother Joe, and sister De'Vra) during senior night at Ignacio High School.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Senior Marissa Olguin is escorted by her parents Lisa and Jerone onto the court ahead of the boy's varsity game during Senior Night on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Every year towards the end of the season, high school seniors are recognized for their athletic accomplishments throughout their four-year athletic career.



Snowcoming graces halftime



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Sophomore royalty, Leandra Litz and Cayson Burcham stand together with their escorts after presenting their sashes to one another, Burcham is joined by his parents Sarah and Daniel Burcham.

Snowcoming King, Angelo Frost is cheered on by his teammates, fellow students, and his mom Daisy Bluestar as his winning title is announced. Frost is named the overall winner during the Snowcoming event on Friday, Feb. 21.





OBITUARY



YELLOWBIRD – Ronald “Wee Nuche” Yellowbird was born on March 15, 1954 to the late John S. Williams and the Late Wanda M. Accuttroop American Horse. Ronald passed away peacefully at his residence that he shared with his wife Lynda and son Badger.

Ronald grew up on the Ute reservation in Fort Duchesne Utah. Surrounded by his Ute grandmothers, grandfathers, uncles and aunts, Ronald learned the Ute traditions, culture and language. When not in Utah, Ronald lived with his father, mother and twin brother Rodrick Williams on the family farm just down the road from Bayfield on Buck Highway. He worked

alongside his father and sibling to produce a lifestyle that sustained them and the other children that were to come.

Ronald graduated from Bayfield High School and he excelled in music and arts. Ronald was one of a handful students that was selected to create the ‘Wolverine’ portrait that hung in the old high school gymnasium. Ronald went on to attend Fort Lewis College and here the political science classes inspired him to be an advocate for the ‘little man.’

Through the years, Ronald became an inspirational figure in cultivating the arts in the Ignacio Community. Ronald was an artist of many mediums, he was a published author, a visual storyteller and a voice of resilience. His love for his family, his people, his culture, his communities and with guidance from traditional Ute Sun Dance Chiefs, Ronald participated in the annual Sun Dances that were held on the Ute Reservations. Ronald loved visiting over a cup of hot coffee or a brew of freshly steamed tea or a bowl of steaming soup.

Ronald will continue to be cherished by Lynda Yellowbird (wife), Badger Yellowbird (son), brothers Rodrick and Erick Williams; sisters Elizabeth, Marianne, Michelle and Susan Williams; uncle Armand Accuttoroop, aunt Helen Wash, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, brothers – John Chad, Stanley, and Michael Williams; half-siblings Emily Taylor, Shirley GoodTracks and Glenn Williams.

Litz wins Snowcoming Royalty



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Leandra Litz was named Sophomore Snowcoming Royalty on Friday, Feb. 21 at Ignacio High School during the varsity boys’ basketball game at halftime. Litz was nominated by her fellow classmates to represent the grade during this year’s Snowcoming events. Litz is joined by her mother Alyssa Nez, grandmother Nicole Lansing, and great grandmother Judy Lansing.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Eugene A. Bereza

Job Title: Heritage and Event Coordinator, Cultural Preservation Department

Description of job duties: Facilitate meetings, responds to requests for Southern Ute Cultural presentations, represents CPD at various community meetings, process/produce vendor contracts.

Hobbies: Camping, hockey, blacksmithing, metalsmithing, driving with top down/radio up!

Tribe: Oneida Nation of the Thames.

Additional Comments: IT’S FANTASTIC TO BE HERE!

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2024-0157-CV-NC

Alana Ruth CriesForWar, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Alana Ruth Watts filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Alana Ruth CriesForWar. As of February 25, 2025 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Alana Ruth Watts name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Alana Ruth CriesForWar.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2025.
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2025-0016-CV-NC

Zahlayah Kristen Cloud, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Angelica Prairiechief on behalf of Zahlayah Kristen Cloud has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Zahlayah Kristen Prairiechief-Cloud. 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 **APRIL 6, 2025**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2025.
BY THE COURT, Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2025-0017-CV-NC

Gavin Angelito Chavez-Cloud, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Angelica Prairiechief, on behalf of Gavin Angelito Chavez-Cloud has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Gavin Cloud. 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 **APRIL 6, 2025**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2025.
BY THE COURT, Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,

Case No.: 2024-0125-CV-PR
Effie Monte, 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 11, 2025 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 3rd of February, 2025
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Case No.: 24-CV-142

Wayne Wiebe and Cindy Wiebe, Plaintiffs, V. Esther Rima and Jeremy Rima, Defendants.

THIS MATTER CAME BEFORE THE COURT for a hearing on January 13, 2025, in the above-captioned matter. The Court hereby FINDS AND ORDERS:

1. Plaintiffs Wayne-wiebe and Cindy Wiebe appeared in court January 13, 2025. Defendants Esther Rima and Jeremy Rima did not appear. However, Defendants had not yet been served with service of process.
2. Based on the statements made by Plaintiffs and Bailiff Tomas Vasquez regarding the attempts to serve made by the SUPD, the Court FINDS reasonable efforts have been made to serve Defendants, but personal service has not been possible.
3. Therefore, the Court hereby ORDERS Defendants Esther Rima and Jeremy Rima shall be served by publication pursuant to Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code (“SUITC”) §2-1-103(2)(d). Plaintiffs 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, MARCH 10, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.
Done and signed this 13th day of January, 2025
By the Court: Paul W. Whistler, Tribal Court Judge

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Request for Proposal
Southern Ute Growth Fund Department of Energy
Grant Funded Orphan Well Inventory on Tribal Lands

Proposal Due Date: April 9, 2025
Contract Performance Period: April 28, 2025 – June 30, 2026
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking qualified firms to submit proposals for the completion of an orphan well inventory project funded by a Department of Interior Tribal Orphaned Wells Program Implementation Grant. Funding was awarded to the Tribe to identify additional orphaned wells located on Tribal Lands. The project includes a desktop and field inventory of historic wells located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, including wells in Plugged and Abandoned, Temporarily Abandoned and Abandoned Location status. The field inventory involves conducting site investigation, including measurement of any observed methane emissions, completion of soil gas surveys, and documentation of any site conditions indicative of impacts due to presence of orphan wells. A prospective bidders meeting will be held April 1, 2025. To register for the prospective bidders meeting and request bidding documents, contact Doug Krueger, Environmental Manager, at dkrueger@sudoe.us or Graham Stahnke, Regulatory Manager gstahnke@sudoe.us. Unsolicited gifts are strictly prohibited per Southern Ute Indian Tribe Procurement Policy.

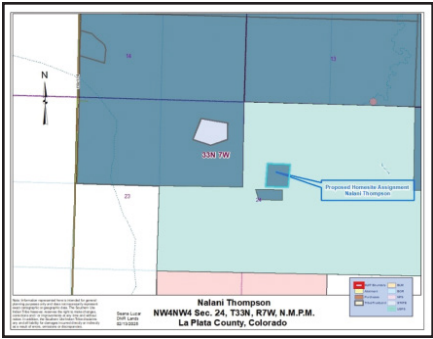
Request for Bids
Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department

Attn: Eugene Bereza
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Ignacio, CO 81137
ebereza@southernute-nsn.gov
970-563-2307
The Cultural Preservation Department is requesting bids for porta potty services during the Southern Ute Bear Dance on May 23-26, 2025. For consideration, the bid must contain the following information: Business name and contact information; Scope of Work; Services provided; Pricing estimate; Estimated timeline; A copy of business W-9; A copy of current business general liability insurance. For TERO businesses, please provide a letter of good standing. Indian Preference: The Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian-owned business. To receive this preference in the award of the Contract, Native American-owned companies must be certified by the Tribe's TERO office. Any Native American-owned business not certified by the due date will not be given preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-2290.

45-day Notice of Comment and Objection
Assignment Application Request
Nalani Thompson

SUITC – Title 29, Land Assignment Code 29-2-105(1) the department shall publish and post, notice of a proposed assignment for comment and objection. The notice shall include the applicants name, a description of the property for which an application for assignment may be filed, and a description of the use to be made of the land.
29-2-104(3) If, after review by the department, the land is determined to be available for assignment, the department shall publish and post notice of availability.

Posting Date:
February 21, 2025



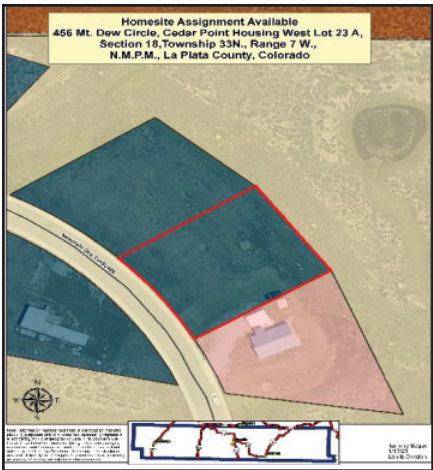
Expiration Date:
April 7, 2025

The Department of Natural Resources has received an application from Ms. Nalani Thompson for an assignment on tribal lands. The land she has applied for is a relinquishment of a homesite assignment from a non-immediate family member. The easement to this assignment is off of CR 324 and it will be included in the proposed assignment.
SUITC – Title 29, Land Assignment Code 29-2-106. Objections to and Comments on Assignments. (1) Within the 45-day posting period described above, any tribal member may file with the department a written objection or written comments on the land assignment. (2) An objection shall include the name and mailing address of the party objection, a description of the assignment objected to, a short and plain statement of reasons why the land should not be assigned or should be assigned only in a modified form, and any suggested conditions which should be included in the grant of assignment. Tribal members wishing to submit comments or objections regarding this assignment request may do so by mail or email to the Department of Natural Resources – Lands Division, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or sluzar@southernute-nsn.gov, on or before April 7, 2024.

45-day Notice of Availability
456 Mt. Dew Circle, Ignacio, CO, SUIR

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Posting Date:
February 7, 2025



Expiration Date:
March 24, 2025

To apply for a Land Assignment or Lease Request, eligible Tribal member applicants must submit an Application for Assignment of Tribal Lands and Homesite Development Plan along with a drawing card containing their name, address, and contact information (including phone number and email). The Lands Division will review the submitted applications, homesite development plans, and drawing cards to ensure only eligible Tribal members' names are placed in the drawingⁱ.
Once the 45-day Notice of Availability ends, a drawing date will be scheduled. Two names will be chosen – one Primary Name and one Secondary Name. The Secondary Name will act as a backup in the event the Primary Tribal member declines the land at any point in time after the drawing. The drawing for the land will provide all eligible applicants with an equal opportunity to apply and be selected. The selection process will not be determined by Tribal staff or Tribal Council but rather through a randomized process known as the "Lottery Drawing." The chosen applicant will be assigned to develop and occupy the land. The selectee's documents formalizing the assignment or lease (whichever is applicable) will be presented to the Tribal Council to approve the resolution granting the assignment or lease. The selectee will have two years to develop the lot, according to the Homesite Development Planⁱⁱ.
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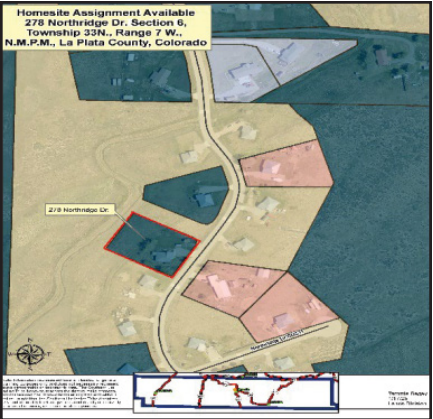
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Wednesday, Nov. 26	NOON, Thursday, Nov. 20
Wednesday, Dec. 24	NOON, Friday, Dec. 19
Wednesday, Dec. 31	NOON, Wednesday, Dec. 24

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

Request for Public Comment Environmental

Remediation Old Casino Site

The Environmental Programs Department requests comments concerning remediation at the Old Casino Site. The property is located at 14826 State Highway 172 in Ignacio, Colorado. The northern limit of the property is bounded by Ouray Drive and the “vestem limit by Highway 172. An environmental site assessment conducted in July 2020 identified asbestos containing materials (ACMs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) as contaminants of concern. This project will remove and properly dispose of the contaminants such that they “will no longer pose a potential threat to public health or the environment. For all interested tribal members and the community, a comment period for the project will begin on February 18, 2025, and will end at the close of business on March 20, 2025. To provide comments, please contact the Remediation Program using the information below. You can submit your comments by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: ckelly@southernute-nsn.gov or mdorsk@southernute-nsn.gov
- Mail: Remediation Program, Environmental Programs Department, S011them Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 #81, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado 81137.

NOTICE OF DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING PERMITS

AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Notice is hereby given that five (5) renewal applications have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Environmental Programs Department’s Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, for the following sources of air pollution:

Applicant: El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC
Facility: Bondad Compressor Station
Section 13, T33N, R9W, 8.00 miles west of Ignacio, Colorado
This source is a natural gas compression facility.

Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company
Facility: Diamondback Compressor Station
Section 8, T32N, R9W, 13.50 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colorado
This source is a natural gas compression facility.

Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company
Facility: Homestead Compressor Station
Section 4, T32N, R8W, 8.00 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colorado
This source is a natural gas compression facility.

Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company
Facility: Trail Canyon Compressor Station
Section 1, T32N, R9W, 10.00 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colorado
This source is a natural gas compression facility.

Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company
Facility: Worford Ridge Compressor Station
Section 16, T33N, R8W, 5.00 miles west of Ignacio, Colorado
This source is a natural gas compression facility.

The Air Quality Division (AQD) has prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information submitted by the applicants. The draft permits and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQD’s website at <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/>, and at the Environmental Programs Department office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQD in care of Daniel Powers, Air Quality Division Head, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov. Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQD will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice (February 7, 2025).

INVITATION FOR SEALED BID ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

Ignacio School District is accepting sealed bids for a:

Rotary Lat Machine

and a

Rotary Chest Machine

Both are in great condition and functioning. Please indicate which machine you are bidding on. All bids must be received at 455 Becker Street prior to 3 p.m. on March 13, 2025. Bids may be mailed to Ignacio School District, EQUIPMENT SALE, PO Box 460, Ignacio, CO 81137, or hand-delivered. Administration Office is open Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sealed bids will be opened at 3:30 p.m. on March 13, 2025, in the Administration Building at 455 Becker Street, Ignacio, CO 81137. Call 970-563-0501 for more information.

The Ignacio Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. ITEMS ARE BID “AS IS”. MINIMUM BID OF \$250 EACH, highest bid awarded.



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 four (4) volunteer Board Member positions. 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 on the www.bgcsu.org website or by request and returned to Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclairc@southernute-nsn.gov.

ELECTION BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Full Time and one (1) Alternate Board Members. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Indian Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee: IRS Guidelines and a Criminal Background Check are necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Election Board P.O. Box 709 Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-2305/2729/2730/2303 or via email: election@southernute-nsn.gov.

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. 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 1) Full time and 1) Alternate position 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 think you might be interested, please contact the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open Until Filled – 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. 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: www.ksut.org/ksut-board-of-director

POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is currently accepting letters of intent to serve as a volunteer on the committee. The purpose of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee shall be to nurture and promote the positive image of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through their dances and other activities to preserve our culture. The vacancy is open to Southern Ute tribal members or any interested Native Americans who would like to be actively involved in planning, promoting, and executing Powwows on Southern Ute land. Must be willing to work hands on, attend all scheduled meetings and powwow events with a professional / traditional attitude towards committee members, tribal departments, and visitors. Please submit letters to: Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137 OR soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov

TERO COMMISSION


Open Until Filled – The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) Southern Ute Tribal member at-large Commissioners to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: 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; and Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD – YOUTH


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 more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD – YOUTH ALTERNATE

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ATTENTION: SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL MEMBERS. DID YOU GET FIBER FROM FTI OR XMISSION? DO YOU WANT YOUR ROUTER PAID FOR BY THE SOUTHERN UTE DIGITAL EQUITY PROGRAM (SUDEP)?



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- SUDEP employees can not go into your residence to help with a router or any other wireless devices.
- SUDEP can not handle any hook up or fiber issues.
- Please contact Bonfire Fiber or your internet provider directly for questions or concerns.

Contact SUDEP at 970-563-5555 to receive forms or if you have questions.

- Fill out, sign and return forms to SUDEP:
 - Broadband Router Voucher Request Form
 - Broadband Router Release Form
- SUDEP can NOT pay for the router unless both forms are returned completed and signed.
- SUDEP will send the approved voucher to (FTI or XMission). The internet providers will send the invoice directly to SUDEP.
- SUDEP will send payment for the cost of the router only to the internet provider.



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

Air Quality Scientist III – Planner

Closes 3/13/25 – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager – Monitoring and Planning, responsible for coordinating and conducting technical, regulatory, and air quality improvement planning tasks and regulation development for the Tribal Air Quality Monitoring and Planning Program. Pay grade E17; Salary is \$86,943/annually.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

Closes 3/7/25 – 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.

Deputy Court Clerk (Part-time w/benefits)

Closes 3/7/25 – Provides professional clerical and program support to the Court system in a professional manner. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Gaming Investigator I Trainee – (Southern Ute tribal member only)

Closes 3/7/25 – 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, will assume the Gaming Investigator I position. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

Remediation Scientist I – Brownfields Program

Closes 3/21/25 – Under the supervision of the Remediation Program Manager, develops and administers the Tribal Brownfields grant program and supports compliance activities throughout the Reservation. This position requires knowledge of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) §128(a) Brownfields Program. This position is a grade E15; salary is \$70,570.00/annually.

Substance Use Treatment Program Manager

Closes 3/8/25 – Development, management, and coordination of the substance use treatment facilities including the inpatient treatment center, recovery housing, transitional housing, childcare, methadone clinic, and future facilities as developed in future phases of the project. Program Manager will work in close coordination with the Public Health Physician and Behavioral Health Manager to administer the program in accordance with resolutions approved by Tribal Council. Grant funded and continued employment is contingent upon the availability of grant funding. Pay grade E14; Salary is \$64,155/annually.

Tribal Administrative and Operations Director

Closes 3/10/25 – Supports the fiscal and operational management of the Permanent Fund, aligning its functions with the Tribe's long-term strategic goals and vision. Assisting the Executive Officer and tribal leadership in shaping policies, procedures, and strategic initiatives that foster sustainable growth, operational efficiency, and enhanced outcomes for tribal members. Assists the Executive Officer and serves as a liaison between Department Directors, tribal membership, tribal entities, and tribal leadership. Assists with identifying and creating innovative, efficient, and effective programs and services within established program policies, procedures, and approved budgetary limitations. Pay grade E23; Salary is \$235,373/annually.

Youth Therapist

Closes 3/8/25 – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides behavioral health treatment for youth up to age 24, and their families. Mental health and dual diagnosis services provided within the Southern Ute Health Center, patient homes, schools, and the community as needed to address patient needs. Pay grade E15; salary is \$70,570/annually.

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; Salary is \$77,627/year.

Chief Judge Apprentice (Southern Ute tribal member only)

Open Until Filled – An apprentice position for a Southern Ute Tribal member to learn all the requirements and duties of the Chief Judge position in the Southern Ute Tribal Court. Mentoring, training, and all aspects of employee supervision will be performed by the current Chief Judge or delegate in accordance with SUIT Personnel Policies and Procedures. For purposes of employment, the successful candidate shall be classified as an apprentice. The Judicial Review Committee shall also provide insight, guidance, and recommendations when needed. The length of the trainee program is two years to five years depending upon experience and individual progress. Performance will be evaluated pursuant to the requirements of the Tribal Apprenticeship Program and annually with the Tribal Judicial Committee. Will be eligible for wage increase based on performance evaluations and policies governing this position. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, incumbent will transition into the Chief Judge Lay position. Non-exempt and will start at 20% below grade E22.

Controller

Open Until Filled – Integrity and timeliness of the financial information of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prepares financial statements for distribution for internal and external reporting, including consolidated statements. Supervi-

sion and oversight of the accounting staff in the preparation of financial information. Responsible for the offices of General Ledger/Fixed Assets, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, and Contracts and Grants. Pay grade E19; the salary range begins at \$114,968/year.

Detention Division Head

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Director of Justice and Regulatory, plans, organizes, directs, and reviews the administrative activities of the Southern Ute Detention Program and Facility. Pay grade E17; Pay starts at \$86,943/year.

Detention Transport Officer

Open Until Filled – 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. Will be responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/hour and includes a potential 5k DOE sign-on bonus.

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; the Pay starts at \$21.89/hour and includes a potential 3-5k DOE sign-on bonus.

Early Childhood Teacher

Open Until Filled – 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. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

Gaming Investigator I

Open Until Filled – 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

Open Until Filled – 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/annually.

Group Exercise Instructor

Open Until Filled – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the SunUte Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

Health Center Support Services Manager

Open Until Filled – Supervision and management of front office operations within the Southern Ute Health Center to include reception, registration, scheduling, medical records, and referral services. A key focus will be to always establish and maintain superior customer service communications and support. Pay grade E14; Salary is \$64,155/annually.

HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – 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 system located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$33.93/hour.

Lake Capote Manager Apprentice (Southern Ute tribal member only)

Open Until Filled – The objective of this Apprenticeship Program is to provide the Southern Ute Tribal Member Apprentice with training, education, and hands-on experience in all phases of managing the Lake Capote Recreation Area (LCRA). The time frame for program completion is planned for 1 year, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction in the training period. Will start at 20% below the grade for Lake Capote Manager and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Legal Assistant I

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Southern Ute Public Defender, is responsible for routine office duties which also include the preparation of criminal, traffic, juvenile delinquency, and involuntary commitment cases for hearings, trials, and appeals. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$26.00/hour.

Lifeguard (Full-time)

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

Museum Registrar and Archivist

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of the Southern Ute Museum Director, this

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

Visit our website to apply at www.sococaa.org or call 970-563-4517. Jobs open until filled.

Ignacio Youth Services:

- Program Coordinator (Full-time) \$17.29/hr., DOE

Road Runner Transit:

- Clerical/Dispatch (Full-time) \$18.94/hr., DOE
- Inter-city Bus Driver (Full Time) \$22.76/hr.

SoCoCAA Central Administration:

- Executive/Development Director \$75,275 – \$82,638/yr., (Up to \$3,000 in relocation expenses available.)
- Program Developer (Part-time) \$32.97/hr.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

position is responsible for the management, accuracy, and accessibility of the Museum's collections records and archives. Pay grade E14; Salary is \$64,155/annually.

Patrol Officer I

Open Until Filled – 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; the Pay starts at \$28.60/hour and includes a potential 3-5k DOE sign-on bonus.

Patrol Officer II

Open Until Filled – 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 and includes a potential 3-5k DOE sign-on bonus.

Permits & ROW Specialist

Open Until Filled – Negotiations/management of rights-of-way needed to construct ingress/egress, utilities, and surface leases for the Tribe with outside entities or persons and ensure compliance with laws, rules, regulations, and policies. Manages Crossing Permits and its database for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Department of Natural Resources. Pay grade N13; the Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

Property Manager

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Economic Development Director, this position will manage the day-to-day operations of various Tribal properties including leasing activities, marketing, maintenance, and administrative functions. Pay grade E17; Salary at \$86,943/annually.

Public Health Nurse

Open Until Filled – A Registered Nurse providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade N15; the Pay starts at \$33.93/hour.

Recreation Assistant (Southern Ute tribal member only)

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, the Recreation Assistant will greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions, clean, maintain, and repair grounds, facilities, and buildings, and assist with site development and improvements. Seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$18.76/hour.

Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Dept. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Social Worker

Open Until Filled – An advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Pay grade E14; Salary is \$64,155/year.

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute tribal member only)

Open Until Filled – 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

Open Until Filled – 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. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

Training & Development Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Performing work and providing program oversight associated with employee training, education, career development, and succession planning for all tribal departments. Independently defines, creates, and implements strategies, through core resources, for the design, implementation, and evaluation of programs that facilitate professional development, leadership development, and continuous learning for all employees. Performs as a lead resource and coach to Directors, supervisors, and managers on matters of staff capability, bench strength assessment initiatives and organizational development. Provides internal consulting with managers on motivational strategies, and personal career development. Pay grade E15; Salary is \$70,570/year.

Transportation Division Head

Open Until Filled – Directs, oversees, and coordinates all functions and activities related to the Southern Ute Transportation Division for road and bridge improvements and maintenance of Tribal transportation facilities. Provides oversight and management of transportation projects from conception through completion including PL.93-638 projects. Pay grade E17; Salary is \$86,943/year.

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute tribal member only)

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for Southern Ute tribal members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. Purpose of the program is to build a career foundation for Southern Ute tribal 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. The Apprentice Committee will review applications and assess what options may be available for applicants.

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute tribal member only)

Open Until Filled – 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, will assume the Tribal Ranger position. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

Umpire/Referee

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during Sun-Ute Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; the Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.

Water Quality & Remediation Division Head

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Environmental Programs Director, responsible for the planning and management of Southern Ute Indian Tribal Water Quality, Brownfields, and General Assistance Programs. Pay grade E18; Salary is \$99,984/year.

NOW HIRING




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DISPATCHER
Southern Ute Police Dept.


Position Summary: Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Starting Pay Range: N10; \$21.89/hour

SIGNING BONUS UP TO \$5,000

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Hotline: 970-563-4777
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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.

Royalty Revenue Accountant/Tax Examiner – Growth Fund Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 3/14/25 – Performing accounting and audit support work for the Severance Tax program and work collaboratively with ONRR, coworkers, Tribal staff, and the public in a professional and efficient manner. Preference will be given to enrolled and qualified Native Americans.

Health & Safety Compliance Specialist II – Growth Fund Administration/SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closes 3/17/25 – Works with limited supervision or independently to perform broad safety tasks of a complex scope within multiple safety areas including writing safety policies and specifications and conducting audits. Develops, implements and/or maintains various safety and health programs and services in a manner that minimizes or eliminates safety, health and regulatory risks for Growth Fund (GF) business enterprises.

Health & Safety Compliance Specialist III – Growth Fund Administration/SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closes 3/17/25 – Independently performing broad safety tasks of a complex scope within multiple safety areas (field, policies, auditing, culture), including writing safety policies and specifications. Develops, implements and/or maintains various safety and health programs to manage compliance.

Process Engineer – Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Durango, CO)

Closes 3/21/25 – Engineering duties related to functional areas that include pipeline system planning and analysis, gathering system operation, gas and liquids measurement, gas analysis, effluent analysis, abatement and sequestration, gas processing, water processing and storage facility design to include estimating, designing and coordinating construction projects along with project management. Modeling and project

management for Red Cedar Gathering Company and associating companies within the Southern Ute Growth Fund. Preference will be given to enrolled and qualified Native Americans.

Senior Process Engineer – Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Durango, CO)

Closes 3/21/25 – Engineering duties related to functional areas that include pipeline system planning and analysis, gathering system operation, gas and liquids measurement, gas analysis, effluent analysis, abatement and sequestration, gas processing, water processing and storage facility design to include estimating, designing and coordinating construction projects along with project management. Modeling and project management for Red Cedar Gathering Company and associating companies within the Southern Ute Growth Fund. Preference will be given to enrolled and qualified Native Americans.

Tribal Member-At-Large – Growth Fund Management Committee (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 3/28/25 – Assisting in the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Growth Fund, as established by Tribal Council, and in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Financial Plan. Serves as a representative of the Growth Fund and assists in providing recommendations, updates, business plans, and attending Growth Fund Management Committee, GFMC, LLC, and Tribal Council meetings. Reports to Tribal Council and must be a Southern Ute Tribal member.

Portfolio Manager – Growth Fund Properties Group (Denver, CO)

Closes 3/28/25 – Effectively managing income properties within the GF Properties Group portfolio. Portfolio management includes all facets of real estate operations including asset management, financial analysis, leasing, contract negotiation, construction management, financing and reporting. Will work closely with senior management to analyze and implement strategies that maximize the value of the entire real estate portfolio.

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.

Senior IT Contracts Administrator – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 3/14/25 – Managing the contract life cycle, which includes timeliness of contract renewals, execution of new contracts, changes, modifications, and enforcement of performance clauses, including incentives and remedies while understanding the long-term vision of the organization. Manages compliance with Tribal policy and acts as the key contact and subject-matter expert for all contract-related activities. Preference will be given to enrolled and qualified Native Americans.



Our Success Stories

Over the years TERO has been successful in placing individuals in jobs through training throughout the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and its entities along with other outside companies listed below:

- SUSS Developer
- GF Accountant
- Carpenter Heavy Construction
- Lands Technician

When you take the opportunity to come into our office, we're able to help with submitting an employment application, resume building, interviewing key points, on-the-job-training and look for a job that right for you!

OUR Mission

We offer two programs to promote employment.

60 days of employment at 40 hours per week

6months of employment at 23 hours per week

With any position applied for, TERO preference is given to QUALIFIED Southern Ute Tribal Members as well as Local Native Americans.

TERO preference

Enrolled Southern Ute TRIBAL Member

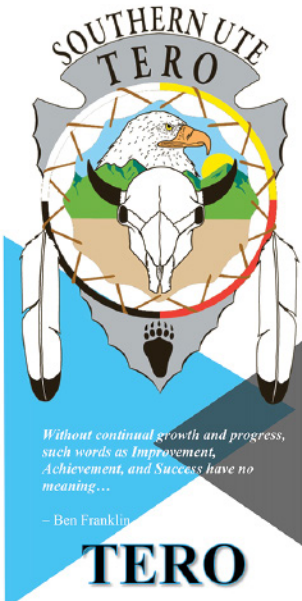
Local Native American LEGALLY married to an Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member

Enrolled members of the Ute Mountain Ute & Northern Ute Tribes.

Local/Non-Local Native Americans

Contact Information

Southern Ute TERO
71 Mike Frost Way
PO Box 737, #34
Ignacio Co, 81137
P: (970) 563-0117
W: TERO – Southern Ute Indian Tribe (southernute-nm.gov)



Employment, Compliance, and Native American Owned Business

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.*

Barista (On-call)

Greet and provide exceptional guest service to all guests. Preparing specialty coffee drinks, beverages and menu service in a Bistro and coffee operation. Take and prepare orders. In addition to strong guest service skills, baristas need to be able to listen carefully to guest orders and prepare drinks correctly. Accountable for accurately totaling food and beverage purchases, collecting payment and making change while ensuring that each guest receives superior guest service.

*Cage Staff (Full-time)

Provides fast, accurate, and friendly service to all internal and external customers while providing full compliance with all regulatory controls.

*Cage Supervisor (Full-time)

Under the direction of the Cage Manager, the Cage Supervisor ensures accurate record keeping, prepares reviews, and analyzes reports. Scheduling, planning, timing, and supervision of all details for the Cage Department. Provides fast, friendly, and accurate service to all internal and external customers while ensuring full compliance with regulatory controls in both Casino and Division of Gaming policies, procedures, and regulations.

Casino Housekeeping Staff (Part-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.

*Compliance/Safety Officer (Full-time)

Under the direction of the General Manager, this position assists in monitoring that the Casino departments conduct their operations in compliance with the Internal Control Minimum Procedures (ICMP) as prescribed by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (SUDOG) and the Casino Policies and Procedures. Assists with ensuring that the Casino is in compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act, and any applicable health and safety standards and assists with monitoring gaming and non-gaming operations to ensure compliance with existing internal control regulations associate with the ICMP or any other Internal Violations.

*Director of Human Resources (Full-time)

Ensuring that all Human Resources functions for the Sky Ute Casino Resort are accomplished in a legal and professional manner. Compensation and Benefits, Employee Relations, Unemployment Insurance, Internal Investigations, Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Compliance, Performance Evaluations, Training and Development, Policies and Procedures and Employee Handbook Management, and Human Resource Strategy. In addition, the HR Director will ensure compliance with the Casino's policies and procedures and applicable Gaming regulations. The HR Director will maintain a high standard of guest service (both internal and external customers) within the HR department and actively promotes positive guest and employee relations by ensuring that excellent guest service is continually provided.

*Fine Dining Supervisor (Full-time)

Will monitor and supervise the day-to-day operations of Seven Rivers Restaurant, and Lounge, ensuring guests are provided with an exceptional fine dining and first-class guest service experience.

ience. Will supervise all floor staff including Host/Hostess, Server, Busser and Bartender. Ensure staff is working together as a team to provide optimum service for guest needs. Complete opening and closing duties. Monitor dining room and lounge for seating availability, service, safety, and well-being of guests. Assist management in training, scheduling, evaluating and/or disciplining, motivating, and coaching employees in addition to serving as a role model.

*Level II Facilities Staff (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.

*Lead Facilities Technician HVAC (Full-time)

Electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as the lead 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 including boilers, AHU's, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, cooling towers, walk-in coolers, and freezers. Reports to the Director of Facilities while sharing the responsibility to train and lead activities of departmental employees; technicians, shift supervisors, and facilities staff in appropriate Service Standards and Facility operations/maintenance.

*Players Club Representative (Full-time)

Performs all administrative functions of a Players Club Representative such as: signing up new members, player's account maintenance, answer player club and general property questions, administering redemption, complimentary and access rewards, and benefits to qualified players club members. Maintain the highest standard of guest service, problem resolution and confidentiality. Develops and creates a long-lasting experience for all Club Card members.

*Player Development Host (Full-time)

Identifies, develops and creates relationships with Sky Ute Casino Resort gaming patrons. Facilitates VIP events that enhance the overall gaming experience. Fosters an environment that results in generating gaming related revenue measured by more trips and increased spending. Assists with all facets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort Bear Club and Player's Center as needed. Reports directly to the Player Development Manager.

*Revenue Auditor (Full-time)

Daily auditing of revenue transaction records that are turned into the accounting department from the Casino's profit centers. Will be required to follow written procedures and conduct an independent and in-depth review of: cash receipts, register tapes, sales records, gaming summaries, shift balancing reports, and other raw documentation submitted to accounting by the outlets.

Rolling Thunder Grill Cashier (Part-time)

Greet guests in a friendly manner, take and deliver orders, calculate checks, and receive payment for the Bowling Grill Window and Restaurant.

Quichas Apartment for Rent

2BR/2.5 BA. \$1,100/mo + utilities. No Pets. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Applications are available by email at kmorris@sugf.com. Use the subject line Quichas Application. You can also pick up an application in person at the GF Properties Group office: 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250, Durango, CO 81301 during working hours Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and submitted by 5pm March 20, 2025. You must complete a new application even if you have filled one out in the past.



Committee of Elders

Tribal Council has reestablished the Committee of Elders and seeks Letters of Interest from eligible Southern Ute Tribal Elders to fill two (2) remaining seats of the seven-member board and serve on the Committee.

The purpose of the Committee is to promote a continuing and growing heritage of language and traditional way of life through collaboration with the Cultural Preservation Department to maintain the Southern Ute language, heritage, and traditions of the Southern Ute people and to convey knowledge and experience. The Committee of Elders will act in a volunteer advisory capacity that does not intervene or interfere in the administration of the Tribal organization. The Committee comprised of seven (7) members and there are currently two (2) vacant seats.

Qualifications:

- Any enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member who is 55 years of age or older is eligible to serve, whether living on or off the Reservation.
- An understanding of the Tribe's language and culture is preferred, but not required.
- If selected and appointed, members should attend all committee meetings and special meetings as scheduled and adhere to the Tribe's approved Code of Conduct and Ethics Code.
- Appointments will last 1-3 years.

Please submit your Letter of Intent:

- Email: swhyte@southernute-nsn.gov.
- In-person with the Tribal Council Affairs Receptionist located in the Leonard C. Burch Building: 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO.
- Mail to Tribal Council Affairs, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

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 goals for this committee/ how you plan to be involved
 - Disclosure of any other Boards/Committees you currently serve on

Letters of Intent will be accepted until the two (2) seats are filled.

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2319 or Council Member Marjorie Barry at 970-563-2304

FLY FISHING

Wish books have everything

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

If you are old, like I am, you might remember a once-a-year event. That event was when the “Wish Book” would appear in your mail box or on your doorstep. The “Wish Book” was also known as the Sears and Roebuck Catalog. Besides shopping, the catalog had other uses. It was so large you could use it as a doorstop or booster seat for small children. There were so many items in the catalog that at one time the saying, “Sears has everything” was common. In fact, you could even buy a prefabricated house from the catalog.

I was reminded of this catalog extravaganza by the arrival of a fly fishing catalog the other day. The catalog was from Feather Craft and only had 119 pages, not the thousand plus pages in the “Wish Book.” And while it could not be used as a door stop or booster seat, it had a tremendous number of shopping options for anyone who, fly fishes, or wants to. The number of items, and wide range of prices for similar items, could be daunting, even to a seasoned fly fisher.

Fly rods were the first items in the catalog and they had a price range from \$250 to \$1,100. To go with a new fly rod one needs a reel. The prices for reels went from \$150 to \$1,300. Lines, leaders, tippets, and



backing were too numerous in manufacturers and prices to begin to mention. Flies to tie onto the end of your tip-pet for every species of fish known, took up 13 pages. I have to say, the flies in the 13 pages are really the tip of the ice-burg for the variety of flies you can buy. To hold those flies, a fly box is needed. As I looked at all the different fly boxes that will fit into a vest, I found one that has slots for 1,150 flies. That boggles my imagination. I use three sizes and colors of five different flies. In order to use all the above you will want to have waders costing between \$350 and \$1,000. Wading boots seemed to stay around \$300. Add in some clothes and other extras and the price range to start fly fishing can be overwhelming. Now, if you think a fly fishing wish book has an endless number of items to buy, I invite you to step into a fly fishing retail store. A fly fishing retail store is heaven on earth to anyone new to

the sport or to an old an fly fishing curmudgeon.

So, where would you begin if you are wanting to start fly fishing? I have written about this in the past, but I think this is a good time to revisit that subject. First, set a budget for your initial investment. If your only research is to read this column you can see the the big differences in prices for just the basic equipment. I suggest you obtain a retail catalog to get an idea of what you believe you need to start enjoying this great sport. Now, take that catalog and go to a fly fishing retail store. Find a knowledgeable employee that looks as if they have some time to invest in you, and start your quest. Ask the professional about the various items you are seeing in the catalog and what this person thinks about the different manufacturers and their prices. A good professional will ask you about your wants and desires for fly fishing. Be honest with your answers. If saltwater is where you will be fly fishing he will not waste your time with 3-weight rods. A good retail fly shop wants to build trust and keep you as a customer. Seldom, if ever, have I seen a professional sell a customer something they just will not ever use.

So, look at a wish book, go to a fly shop, then say hi to me as we boot and suit in the parking lot, getting ready for a great day of fly fishing.

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son have struggled with.

“You know, today was our ‘shooting’ practice where we just put up at least a thousand shots and turned music up ... I wanted the boys to feel loose,” Seibel said. “Yeah, we want to be disciplined – that’s going to be a big part of our game plan going in on Friday; in order to beat a number-one team you have to be ultra-disciplined – but I also wanted the boys to understand that in order to even compete with these guys, we’ve got to knock some shots down.”

“We have yet to find a game where they’re all hot,” he continued. “In the six games that we lost by under five points, we couldn’t find the bucket. Look at the time we lost to Bayfield by one; we missed six shots in the last ten seconds! So I’m like,

‘Guys, let’s shoot the ball today’ and practice went well. It was fun.”

On the other side of the Region I bracket, 16-seed Lyons (13-9 overall) will take on No. 17 Colorado Springs St. Mary’s (15-8) Friday at 5:30 p.m.; the day’s two surviving squads will then square off the next afternoon at 2 p.m.

“Our kids are excited,” declared Seibel. “You know, not many teams get an opportunity to go play the number-one seed ... so we’re going to prep for it, we’re going to be ready for it, and then we’ll see what happens!”

“We have every chance because we’re in. If we’re not in, we don’t have a chance.”

Last time out

Pit this week against unbeaten Resurrection Chris-

tian, the Bobcats closed out regular-season play Tuesday night, February 25, hosting unbeaten Centauri. And for most of the first half, as well as the fourth quarter, Ignacio flew right with the Falcons. But thanks to a strong third quarter, CHS managed to turn a 20-14 halftime lead into a 36-19 advantage which grew slightly to 46-28 after four quarters inside IHS Gymnasium.

Ambrose Valdez and D.J. Hendren each scored eight points to pace the ‘Cats, and Trace Crane scored four. Charley Pargin, Cayson Burcham, Lincoln Gillespie and Marquise Cibrian each scored two points.

Carson Bagwell scored 19 points to lead Centauri (now 23-0, 12-0 IML), and Jace Haslett booked 12.

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Juliann Avila led Ignacio with eight points, Victoria Brown scored five, Marissa Olguin and DaLaney Wesner

scored four apiece, and Alyssa Atencio scored one. Braelyn Tucker scored 12 points for CHS (now 20-3,

11-1 IML) and Joselyn McCarroll seven as 12 of the 14 uniformed Lady Falcons chipped in at least a point.

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CATCH AND RELEASE

Catch and release is an important approach to fishing that many anglers voluntarily practice. Not all fish that you catch need to be kept. In fact, the more fish put back in the river, the more fishing time you’ll have, and the more fish will be available for others to enjoy. Most of the time if a fish is caught, handled properly, and then released, it will survive to be caught another day. Here are some important things to remember when practicing catch and release:

- Do not play any hooked fish to total exhaustion.
 - Keep the fish in the water as much as possible while handling it.
 - Gently remove the hook without squeezing the fish or touching its gills. (Barbless hooks make hook removal much easier.)
 - If the hook is deeply swallowed, do not pull it out. Instead, cut the line as short as possible so the hook may dissolve inside the fish.
- Allow an exhausted fish to recover before releasing it. Gently hold the fish in moving water, facing it upstream until it swims away.

LAKE CAPOTE RECREATION AREA

398 Highway 151, Pagosa Springs CO 81147
Email: capote_lake@southernute-nsn.gov
Phone: 970-883-2273

Lake Capote is a Tribally owned fishing lake open to the public roughly from April through October each year. The lake is stocked with rainbow and brown trout, largemouth bass, and channel catfish. Lake Capote offers RV campsites equipped with electric and water hook-ups, and primitive tent sites with fire rings and picnic tables. In addition, Lake Capote offers food concessions, fishing supplies, boat rentals, barbeque grills, shade structures, a bathhouse, and picnic tables situated around the lake.

Daily Fishing Permits

Colorado State fishing permits and Southern Ute stream permits are NOT valid for fishing at Lake Capote. Lake Capote daily fishing permits may be purchased at the baitshop between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. Anglers wanting to fish before or after these hours are required to self-permit and submit payment at the self check-in station located at the front of the baitshop. (*Note: fishing is still only allowed during daylight hours, sunrise to sunset.*) Permits are only valid for the date of purchase. Permits are available at a discounted rate for Southern Ute Tribal Members age 14 to 54, and free-of-charge to Southern Ute youth and elders.

Lake Capote Fishing Regulations

- No fishing without a valid permit
- Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset

- One pole per angler allowed
- Bowfishing allowed for grass carp only (See Carp Bowfishing)
- No live bait (worms & night crawlers allowed)

Bag Limits Per Angler

- Rainbow & Brown Trout
 - Adults: Three (3) trout TOTAL under sixteen inches (16”)
 - Youth: Two (2) trout TOTAL under sixteen inches (16”)
All trout over sixteen inches are catch-and-release only.
- Channel Catfish – One (1), any size
- Largemouth Bass – One (1), any size

Watercraft

Privately owned boats, float-tubes, kayaks, etc. may be used. Electric motors only; no gas-powered engines. Watercraft MUST be inspected by a Lake employee for aquatic nuisance species before launch into the lake.

Emergency Fishing Regulations/Closures

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe may announce short-term emergency fishing closures in response to biological or environmental conditions. Sport fishing regulations in this booklet for the designated waters will be suspended, and fishing may be curtailed or disallowed for the duration of the emergency period announced by the department. In recent years, all Southern Ute Tribal Waters have experienced drought conditions. Low stream flows can force trout to congregate in pools, making them more susceptible to anglers. Warm water temperatures can cause considerable stress to trout and can be fatal to fish handled by anglers. Check the Southern Ute website or call the SU Wildlife Division to find out about emergency regulations/closures.


SOUTHERN UTE FISHING VIOLATIONS

The following are Tribal fishing-related violations, and associated civil penalties, that would-be offenders should be aware of. In addition to civil penalties, offenders may be assessed penalty points that may lead to the revocation or suspension of hunting and fishing privileges on the Reservation.

AUTHORITY

These fishing 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 and 13-2-102, of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code revised and amended by Tribal Resolutions No’s. 1989-34, 2001-69, and 2002-215. Adopted February 25, 2025 by Resolution 2025-041.

Common Fishing-Related Violations	Civil Penalties
Hunting, Fishing or Trapping Without Required Permit or Tag (13-3-111)	\$150
Using Nets, Trotlines or Traps (13-3-128)	\$250
Taking Undersized Fish (13-3-136)	\$50
Guiding or Outfitting Offenses (13-3-105)	\$2,500
Accessing a Stream for Fishing and Fishing Outside Designated Access and Fishing Easements (13-3-110)	\$150



SUNUTE RECREATION


In partnership with Skyhawks Women's Volleyball Presents



2025 FORT LEWIS

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

at Sun Ute



SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

Saturday, April 5, 2025

ALL YOUTH GRADES K-8TH

\$5 Per Child (Tribal Members and 1st Descendant sign-ups are free).

Drop off:

9:00 am @ SunUte

Pick up:

2:30 pm @ Sky Ute Casino bowling alley

WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle, volleyball attire, snacks.

OPTIONAL: Money for the concession / arcade at the bowling alley.


Pizza and bowling will be included after the volleyball clinic segment.

FOR QUESTIONS, OR TO SIGN UP, PLEASE CALL:
FRONT DESK- (970) 563-2661

The Southern Ute Drum’s crossword puzzle will be on hiatus until further notice.


LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, March 21




Partly sunny 45°F
60% chance of percipitation

Saturday, March 22



Mostly sunny 48°F
20% chance of percipitation

Sunday, March 23



Sunny 54°F

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

Feb. 27

March 7

March 14

March 22

March 29