



San Juan Public Lands People

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employees, retirees & partners
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Senator Thanks Veterans

DURANGO - San Juan Veterans Green Corps crew members received a special visit from Senator Mark Udall this spring as they worked to clear fuels at a Columbine administrative site. The veterans were joined by the Columbine fuels crew and Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) in welcoming Senator Udall.

Under a Participating Agreement, the veterans are hired, coordinated and trained by the SCC, with USFS staff preparing project areas and inspecting their work.

The San Juan has received \$500,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to be used from 2009 to 2011 to work with SCC to hire 48 returning military veterans. For 14 months, they will work on seasonal fuels-reduction projects on San Juan Public Lands. This year the San Juan is hosting three veteran crews.



Colorado Senator Mark Udall (right) speaks with returning vets who are working with the Veterans Green Corps on the San Juan.



Veterans Green Corps crew members: (Left to right) Top row: Lew Sovocool, Jack Lichlyter, and Ross Schumaker. Bottom row: Brady Petersen, Josh Sherrock, and Jeff Bejune.

Two crews are funded through the ARRA to conduct fuels reduction on National Forest lands in the Durango, Dolores and Pagosa Springs areas. A third BLM crew will be funded through the Department of Interior to work specifically on Animas City Mountain fuels reduction.

The veteran crews are focusing on hand thinning hazardous fuels on public lands in wildland/urban interface areas. After thinning vegetation with chainsaws, they pile and burn the resulting slash. Their expertise is especially handy in areas where heavy equipment cannot be safely used in proximity to homes or cultural sites, or on steep slopes.

Their work will also be used to improve the health of timber stands and to offer firewood, as a result, to the public.

All of the veterans projects share the overall goal of reducing the buildup of flammable fuels to protect public lands, adjacent populated areas, recreational facilities, and cultural sites from wildfire.

- Ann Bond

San Juan Public Lands Public Affairs Specialist

PUBLIC LANDS CENTER NEWS



Laura Retires

DURANGO - Laura Stransky, San Juan Planning Assistant for the past eight years, has retired after 31 years of federal service.

Laura started her USFS career in 1977 as a seasonal on the Arapaho/Roosevelt NF. She moved to the San Juan in 1978 as a timber-stand exam and tree-planting inspector. In 1983, she received her first permanent assignment as a mail clerk, then became a receptionist in the Supervisor's Office.

Laura went on to coordinate the San Juan's Old Growth Inventory for more than a decade with Laurie Swisher, which she calls the highlight of her career. "We surveyed the most beautiful parts of the San Juan from end to end," Laura says.

Laura and husband, Kip, who retired from the Colorado Division of Wildlife, have a son, Nik, who served in the Navy for eight years and is now working in Nevada. Daughter, Maren, who graduated from Fort Lewis College and studied in China, works for Mercury Payments Systems.

Laura holds a Bachelor's degree in Biology with 10 years of music study. She recently celebrated 30 years as organist at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Durango. Retirement plans include music and church volunteer work, along with quilting, gardening, and genealogy. She and Kip, who have hosted six high-school exchange students from all over the world, also plan to visit some of their international "sons and daughters."

"We on the San Juan are fortunate to live and work here in this beautiful corner of Colorado," Laura says. "My hope is that our efforts will leave public lands in better condition for future generations. Be the best land stewards that you know how to be - I truly will miss you all."

- Ann Bond



Nona Retires

DURANGO - Nona Dale, San Juan Purchasing Agent for the past three years, has retired after 33 years of federal service. Nona began her USFS career as a file clerk on the White River NF in 1977 after working in the private sector in Denver as a bookkeeper. She then moved into Budget and Finance with work in fire for the next 13 years.

Nona started on San Juan in 1990 as Administrative Officer in Dolores. When the San Juan combined with the Rio Grande NF, she served as a Visitor Information Assistant until moving to Durango in 1999 to handle the Real Property Inventory for both forests.

She and husband, Marv Gerlick, plan to spend time at their family cabin at Vallecito and at home gardening, walking dogs, and "getting to all those things that I really didn't want to do in the first place but now have no excuse."

Nona says she had a great career with the government. "I traveled to remote areas on fire assignments, worked details all over the country," she says. "I went to training all over the country and saw areas that I never would have working an ordinary job. I've also made long-lasting friends and will work to continue to stay in touch."

- Ann Bond

DFEA Wants You on Board!

DURANGO - With two of its officers retiring (Nona and Laura - see above), the Durango Federal Employees Association (DFEA) is looking for new board members. The honor is open to the anyone who works at the San Juan Public Lands Center.

DFEA offers holiday dinners for employees, hosts fundraising events, sends get-well and sympathy cards to employees and their families, and donates to local community causes. Last year DFEA gave charitable gifts to the Community Connect Developmental Disabilities Program, La Plata Youth Services Diversion Program, and Annie's Orphans No-Kill Dog Shelter.

DFEA hosts lots of fun events for employees, including a Valentine's Day Breakfast, Tax Day Luncheon, Ice cream socials, Cheeseburgers in Paradise, Employees and Retirees Potluck, Christmas Pizza Luncheon, Hors d' oeuvres & Desserts, as well as fundraisers to benefit employees and their families.

Currently 86 PLC employees are DFEA members. Annual memberships are \$10 for full-time employees and \$5 for seasonal employees. Current officers include President Dee Lewis and Secretary Liz Haydon. For information on serving on the board, please contact these above board members.

PUBLIC LANDS CENTER NEWS



Joe is New Regional "Stew Guru"

DURANGO - Joe Milburn, San Juan NF Contracting Officer for 24 years, is the new Rocky Mountain Regional Stewardship Contracting Officer. Joe will continue to work out of the PLC here in Durango, but will be the primary contracting officer for stewardship contracts for all Colorado National Forests. He'll also be the regional point of contact on stewardship issues for other contracting officers in the region.

"It's exciting to work on a relatively new type of contract," Joe says. "It's going to be interesting and thought-provoking to come up with innovative and flexible contracts to help resource folks accomplish things in the woods."

One of his first projects is working with the White River, Medicine Bow/Routt, and San Juan NFs to set up long-term stewardship projects similar to contracts already in place on the Pike/San Isabel and Arapahoe/Roosevelt NFs.

"The best part of being a contracting officer is working with people, internally and externally, and building relationships," Joe says. "After more than two decades, my customers and I have developed some great working relationships, and friendships."

Joe says he's thankful he gets to stay in Durango, and will continue covering San Juan needs until his local replacement is selected.

- Ann Bond



Brad is New Physical Resources ACM

DURANGO - Brad Dodd is the San Juan's new Physical Resources Assistant Center Manager. He comes from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in Durango, where he was Supervisory Geologist and Chief of the Facility Maintenance Group for 10 years. Brad is overseeing the San Juan programs for fluid minerals, mined land reclamation, air and water quality, and lands.

Brad began with the BOR in 1990 as an Engineering Geologist in Durango. For the next decade, he worked in exploration geology, dam safety, hydrology, contracts and lands. Prior to that, he worked as a BOR geologist in Provo, Utah and Montrose. He began his federal career in 1982 on the Manti-LaSal NF minerals staff.

Brad is a Professional Geologist and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Geology from Mesa State College. He has a grown son, Cameron, and daughter, Kirsten, who live in the area. Brad enjoys biking, motorcycle riding, skiing, and fishing. "I look forward to the new position, the challenges it may present, and working with the folks at the Public Lands Center," he says.

- Ann Bond



JD is on Board

DURANGO - James Crowley has joined the San Juan PLC as a Civil Engineering Technician. His duties include technical support for travel management activities, including conducting condition surveys, maintaining trail inventories and maps, compiling data and preparing documents for maintenance and construction needs.

J.D., as he goes by, previously worked in mapping for Wagner Construction in Austin, Minnesota. He received certificates of completion from Los Angeles Community College in Business Administration and the Denver Institute of Technology in Surveying and Mapping. He also studied Electric Power technology at Bismarck State College.

JD has two grown children, Max and Samantha, who are both in college.

- Ann Bond

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PUBLIC LANDS CENTER NEWS



Visitor Information Specialist Specialists sharing information at the annual workshop two years ago.

Helping Staff Help Visitors

DURANGO - The San Juan Public Lands Center held its annual Visitor Information Workshop this spring to facilitate information sharing between public and private front-line visitor specialists in southwestern Colorado.

“When I first started in 1999, we had front-desk staffers who had never been to the campgrounds and locations where they were directing visitors,” said San Juan Public Lands Visitor Information Specialist Art Sanchez. “I felt we needed a way to make our staff more familiar with our area, facilities, policies and procedures.”

The first workshop in 2001 was targeted to the USFS, BLM, and San Juan Mountains Association staff. Over the years, outside entities were invited, including the Colorado Division of Wildlife, State Parks, visitor centers, and chambers of commerce. This year, several dozen participants from the public and private sectors attended, with each allotted time to present the activities, events, and points of interest for 2010 that they wanted disseminated to the public.

USFS/BLM staffers offered information on travel management, campground concessions, stimulus projects, legislative proposals, and planning. They also gave updates on campgrounds, roads and trails, river rafting, available permits, wild-fire, archaeology, law enforcement, multiple uses, safety, information hotlines, important Web sites and phone numbers.

Other presentations were offered by the BLM Anasazi Heritage Center and Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, San Juan Mountains Association, Mesa Verde National Park, and Durango to Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad.

- Ann Bond



Some of the San Juan Leadership Team take a break in Ouray during this spring's meeting. (Left to right) Bill Dunkelberger, Ben Martinez, Ann Bond*, Ron Duvall, Rick Rymerson, Mike Johnson, and Mark Stiles.

Team Takes Show on the Road

OURAY - The San Juan Public Lands Leadership Team met with the leaders of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests and the BLM Montrose District Office and Gunnison Field Offices this spring.

The public-lands managers coordinated on ways their adjacent units could work together more closely to manage shared resource issues, as well as how to save money by sharing staff and expertise.

Last fall, the San Juan leaders traveled to Pagosa Springs to meet with their counterparts on the Rio Grande NF. This upcoming fall will see them travel to Taos, New Mexico, for a joint meeting with the Carson and Rio Grande National Forest leadership. BLM counterparts will be invited to join in.

- Ann Bond

(*not a member of the Leadership Team, but an active participant in meeting discussions)



Poison Park Trail, Columbine Public Lands

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Larry's Leavin'

DURANGO - Larry Sinclair, San Juan Fleet Manager, will depart this month for the Salmon Challis NF to serve as its Fleet Manager, performing similar duties with a similar size fleet.

Larry has worked for the USFS for the past 14 years. Prior to that, he was a technician and service manager for General Motors, Ford and Chrysler dealerships. Before coming to the San Juan in 2002, he was Auto Mechanic for the Sequoia NF in California.

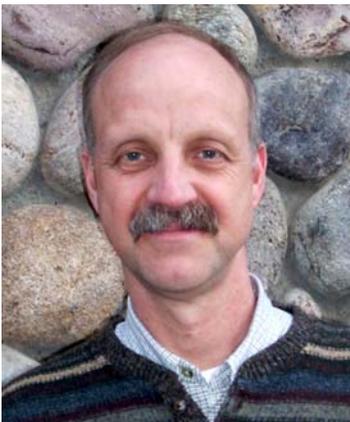
In 2006, Larry began sharing his services with the Rio Grande NF in a joint position that continues today. He has also handled collateral safety duties and fire duties for Type 1, 2 and 3 Incident Command Teams.

A native of California, Larry holds a degree from San Francisco City College and says he spent many weekends driving to Yosemite National Park to go backpacking.

"My appreciation of the outdoors made me welcome the opportunity to work for the USFS and relocate to a rural lifestyle," Larry says.

Larry and wife, Sandy, have a son and daughter and five grandchildren, all of whom live in Florida. "This is a bittersweet transition, as I have always enjoyed my work and the people I've worked with, and those fond memories will travel with me," he says.

- Ann Bond



Tom Takes Off

DURANGO - Tom Johnson, former San Juan BLM Natural Resource Specialist/Physical Scientist, is now the Environmental Programs Division Head for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Tom came to the San Juan in 2008 from the BLM White River Field Office in Meeker, where he worked as Hydrologist and Natural Resource Specialist/Physical Scientist.

Before his federal career, Tom worked as a consulting coal geologist and also as project manager for CH2M HILL, an environmental consulting firm.

Tom holds a Bachelor's degree in Earth Science/Geology from the University of Northern Colorado, and a Master's degree in Geology from the University of New Orleans.

Wife, Pam Leschak, remains here on the San Juan as a BLM Fluids Geologist.

- Ann Bond

COLUMBINE NEWS



Kay is New AML Coordinator

DURANGO - Kay Zillich, who has assisted with the San Juan's Abandoned Mined Lands (AML) Program in the past, has been named as the San Juan's new AML Program Lead. For the past two years, Kay has worked as the Columbine Hydrologist.

"For the next year or so, everything I do in will involve Columbine, but everything Columbine does will no longer involve me as hydrologist," Kay says.

As AML Lead, Kay will focus on mitigating mine-safety hazards and remediating mines that add heavy metals to waterways on BLM and USFS lands. She especially looks forward to working with the Animas River Stakeholders Group on Upper Animas projects.

Kay was Forest Hydrologist on the Rio Grande NF before moving to the San Juan in 1987 to work in Mancos in Recreation, Lands and Special Uses. She also worked on the Integrated Resource Inventory Project in the Dolores Office supplying the initial data for the San Juan's Geographic Information System.

Kay's son, Will, graduates from high school this spring and will be going to school in California in the fall.

- Ann Bond

COLUMBINE NEWS



BAYFIELD - A new "employee" arrived on the Columbine RD/FO not long after a large hazard tree leaning over the fire office was cut down for safety reasons. Smokey Bear was created by Chad Haspels, an artist who also created the carvings around Vallecito following the Missionary Ridge fire. *(Photos by Laurie Robison)*



Silverton Office Relocates

SILVERTON - After five years of calling the old candle shop at 1246 Blair Street home, the Silverton Public Lands Office will move to a new location. Beginning July 1st, Columbine USFS/BLM employees will be located in the Highlander Building at 1468 Greene Street in Silverton.

Snow Ranger Matt Dayer, Park Ranger and Abandoned Mines and Lands Technician Lisa Richardson, Park Ranger Scott Jackson, Visitor Information Assistant Ron Dewitz and a BLM law enforcement officer have offices there year-round.

The new office will also offer a seasonal visitor center, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., weekdays, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., weekends from June to September. *- Stan Sparks*



La Plata County Commissioners Kelly Hotter and Wally White join Smokey Bear in dedicating the new bear-safety sign.

County Donates Signs

DURANGO - The La Plata County Living with Wildlife Advisory Board and San Juan National Forest held a ribbon-cutting ceremony in June to dedicate new interpretive signs to help campers coexist with black bears.

La Plata County Commissioners Kelly Hotter and Wally White joined Columbine District Ranger Matt Janowiak at Junction Creek Campground to dedicate the first sign installed. They were joined by the Living with Wildlife Advisory Board, which coordinated the project, and the Colorado Division of Wildlife. Smokey Bear made a special appearance, as well.

The sign is one of four to be installed this summer under a cost-sharing agreement between the San Juan NF and La Plata County to provide campers with information on bear safety. Identical signs will be installed at Vallecito, Chris Park and Haviland campgrounds. *- Ann Bond*

PAGOSA NEWS



Brandy's the New Bio

PAGOSA SPRINGS - Brandy Richardson is Pagosa's new wildlife biologist. She comes to from the Tahoe NF Sierraville RD, where she was Assistant Wildlife Biologist. Brandy is working under Pagosa's Lead Wildlife Biologist Anthony Garcia.

Brandy started working for the USFS on the Ashley NF as a Fisheries Crew Supervisor under the Student Temporary Employment Program in 2005. In 2006, she received a Career Experience Program appointment on the Tahoe NF, where she worked until 2009.

Brandy holds a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Ecology from Oklahoma State University. She and husband, Triston, who is working on Pagosa's trail crew, are from Oklahoma and enjoy hiking, camping, and playing with their dog, Scout.

"I am excited to work on a unit with such a wide range of vegetation types and large variety of wildlife species," Brandy says. - Paul Blackman



Cheri's Assistant Engine Captain

PAGOSA SPRINGS - Cheri Quinlan, formerly Pagosa's Forestry Technician, has been named Assistant Engine Captain.

Cheri's new duties include getting the engine fire-ready, hiring seasonal staff, training, preparing for and conducting prescribed burns, initial attack, and other projects.

From 1999 to 2005, Cheri served on district engine crews and heli-rappel crews on the Tonto NF. In 2008, she became District Engine Lead on the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Cheri holds a Bachelor's degree in Athletic Training and worked winters as an athletic trainer at high schools in the Denver area from 2001-2004.

She enjoys horseback riding, mountain biking, snowboarding, and spending time with family and friends.

"I'm excited to be in a leadership position and look forward to learning more about the organization," Cheri says. "I would like to learn how to be an effective leader in training future leaders." - Paul Blackman



Wondering about Fire Danger?

Smokey Bear is keeping watch on things and has this update: "Although southwestern Colorado has had a very dry spring and early summer, our live fuels are very green, and testing shows that they still have adequate moisture levels. However, our dead fuels are getting dangerously dry. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us this summer, and the monsoons arrive on time - by late June or so - and will bring precipitation and not dry thunderstorms and wind. And as always, please be careful out there - our firefighters have enough to take care of with lightning strikes - we sure don't need any unattended campfires."



South Quartz Ridge, Pagosa Public Lands

PAGOSA NEWS



Dozens of planters working under contract planted 300 seedlings per acre this spring across more than 400 acres of BLM lands near the Colorado–New Mexico border.

This spring, a huge reforestation project was launched to restore healthy pine stands to the denuded landscape with the long-term goals of resilience and sustainability for wildlife habitat, the watershed and forest ecosystem. The project was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and American Forests Global ReLeaf Grant Program.

The planting operation was contracted out to the private sector this spring, with 126,000 native seedlings provided by the USFS Bessey Nursery. Some three dozen planters placed 300 seedlings per acre across 422 acres.

Seedlings were planted with varied spacing for a natural look, and most were planted in the shade of oak trees or old stumps to provide shelter from the elements. Those planted in the open were protected with round tubes.

Reestablishing a ponderosa pine-dominant forest will bring back foraging and nesting habitat for several species of wildlife. The planting of a native forest will also help keep noxious weeds in check and set the stage to use prescribed burning in the future to keep stands healthy and wildfire resilient.

- Story by Gretchen Fitzgerald, with photos by Beth Jones

Mesas Replanted with Native Seedlings

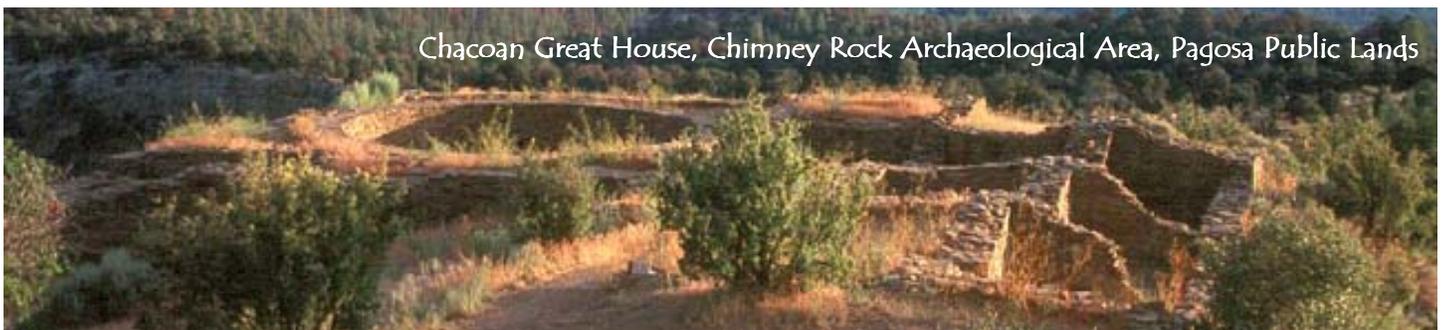
PAGOSA SPRINGS - The Pagosa Public Lands Office mounted a large reforestation effort this spring after several years of work to restore BLM lands on Vigil and Abeyta Mesas south-west of Chromo, Colorado.

The problem dated back to a 1950s logging operation, when the mesas were replanted with seedlings from South Dakota. The non-native trees grew for a few decades but then began to sicken. USFS entomologists, pathologists, and geneticists attributed the cause to the fact that the original nursery stock was not adapted to the latitude, elevation, climatic conditions or soils of the area.

The solution was to remove the non-native stands to avoid their genetic intermixing with nearby native ponderosa stands. After environmental analysis in 2002 and 2003, the diseased pines and intermingled oak on about 700 acres were mulched with mechanical equipment. This was followed by intermittent prescribed burning operations from 2006 to 2009.



Native pine seedlings planted out in the open were covered with round tubes to offer protection from the elements.



Chacoan Great House, Chimney Rock Archaeological Area, Pagosa Public Lands

DOLORES NEWS



Don't "NOC" It Till You Try it

DOLORES - Jamie Sellar-Baker, Dolores Public Lands Office (DPLO) Associate Field Office Manager, has been selected as Branch Chief for Program Operations in the Division of Resource Services at the BLM National Operations Center (known as the "NOC") in Denver.

Jamie will be responsible for providing national operational support and hopes to be able to bridge gaps based on her experiences gained from working at the field level.

"I'll miss working with the public and interacting with them at the field level, but I also look forward to working within the BLM at a new level," she says.

Jamie came to the DPLO in 2002 from the BLM Worland Field Office in Wyoming, where she was a Natural Resource Specialist for 12 years. She worked in surface minerals and also as staff Environmental/NEPA Coordinator. Jamie first job with the BLM was in 1979 on a temporary assignment handling vegetation monitoring.

Born and raised in Fairbanks, Alaska, Jamie holds a Bachelor's degree in Forestry Science with a minor in Range Management from the University of Montana.

Husband Dave Baker, San Juan Recreation and Wilderness Lead and current Acting Center Manager, will join Jamie in the Denver area as soon as he can find a position with the BLM or USFS. Their daughter, Alex, is currently attending Fort Lewis College.

"I'll miss everyone here on the San Juan, where fellow staff members feel more like family than associates, but it is time to move on," Jamie says.

- Toni Kelly



Pinchot Would be Proud

DOLORES - Ashton Hargrave, formerly Dolores Public Lands Office (DPLO) Presale Forestry Technician, has been promoted to Forester working on reforestation and timber-stand improvement projects.

Originally from Wheat Ridge, Ashton worked in manufacturing as a mathematician and analyst in the Denver area until changing careers in 2001 to to to work for the USFS as a volunteer on the Gunnison NF. After three seasons on a timber crew, he took a term appointment on the San Isabel NF in Leadville. After two years, Ashton went back to school full-time.

Ashton holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Colorado State University, Master's degree in Mineral Economics from the Colorado School of Mines, and another Master's in Forest Sciences from CSU. He received his first permanent USFS appointment in his former DPLO position.

Ashton and girlfriend, Pauline Adams, DPLO Natural Resource Surface Compliance Specialist, enjoy biking, hiking, camping, reading, gardening, listening to music, swimming, and cooking. Ashton also spends much time on the Four Corners Recycling Initiative and home-improvement projects.

"I am really grateful for the chance to work with so many nice and talented people in a place as scenic as the Four Corners," Ashton says.

- Toni Kelly



Spring Creek Herd Management Area,
Dolores Public Lands

DOLORES NEWS



Chris is SCEP at DPLO

DOLORES - Chris Griffith recently began his first season at the Dolores Public Lands Office under the Student Career Experience Program. Most of his hands-on training will be focused in Soils and Minerals. This summer he'll be working primarily in compliance at oil and natural gas sites.

"I start my junior year at Oklahoma State this fall, where I'll be working on a degree in Forestry Resource Conservation," Chris says. "Upon graduating, I hope to return to the San Juan to work full time."

Originally from Oklahoma, Chris served six years in the Air Force. He also has one season experience working at a Research Station for the Mark Twain NF.

Chris enjoys backpacking, mountain biking and dirt bike riding. He is also the proud parent of Skid, a black lab mix.

- Toni Kelly



Robert Returns

DOLORES - Robert Dodgen has returned to the Dolores Public Lands Office after pursuing a career in fire elsewhere for the past seven years.

Robert recently accepted the position of DPLO Supervisory Forestry Tech, or more specifically, Engine Captain for a Type 6 wildland fire engine.

Robert began his career in fire in 2001 on a fuels crew on the Kaibab NF. In 2002 he landed in Dolores District and worked two seasons in fire, before moving to Mesa Verde National Park in 2004. He served the Park first as a Helitack

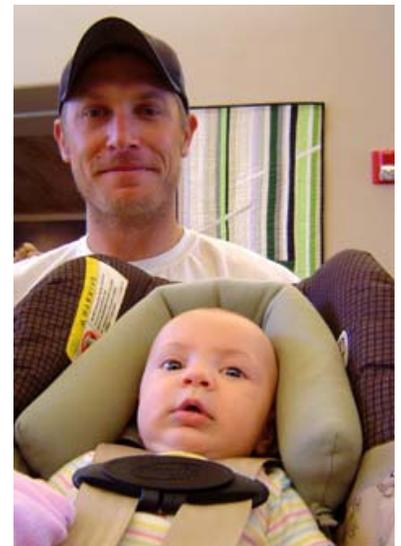
crew member, then Engine Captain/Station Manager, and finally as Helitack Lead.

Originally from Flagstaff, Arizona, Robert attended the University of Hawaii at Hilo and Northern Arizona University. He and wife, Suzanne, have three children; daughters Isabella, 11, and Natalia, 2, and son, Gabriel, 6.

Robert enjoys camping, fishing, snowboarding, scuba diving, surfing, hiking, backpacking, hunting, and playing with the family.

"I'm happy to be back and am looking forward to working with new challenges," he says.

- Toni Kelly



DPLO Assistant Engine Foreman Chris Robertson and wife, Joanie, are proud to announce the birth of daughter, Mikala Rain, March 9.



Brad's Back

DOLORES - Brad Pietruszka is back at the Dolores Public Lands Office as the new Supervisory Range Technician and Engine Captain for Fire Engine 8653.

Brad recently returned from the Moab/Monticello RD of the Manti-LaSal NF for one year. Prior to that, he had worked at the DPLO on the engine crew for the five years. Originally I'm from Springfield, Illinois, he holds a Bachelor's in Biology from Fort Lewis College.

Brad and girlfriend, Molly, live in Dolores and have a dog, a cat and three clandestine chickens. He enjoys rafting, backcountry snowboarding, cross-country skiing, and playing music with his friends.

Brad says it's great to be working in Dolores Fire Management again.

- Toni Kelly

AHC/CANM NEWS



(Left to right) Tessie Naranjo and her niece, Rose Simpson, of the Tewa Village of the Santa Clara Pueblo, New Mexico, are featured in the award-winning film.

Visit With Respect

DOLORES - A short documentary film produced by the BLM Anasazi Heritage Center and Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, won a national award this spring.

Visit with Respect features community members from the Hopi Tribe and pueblos of Acoma and Santa Clara discussing the personal connections between modern American Indians and Four Corners archaeological sites.

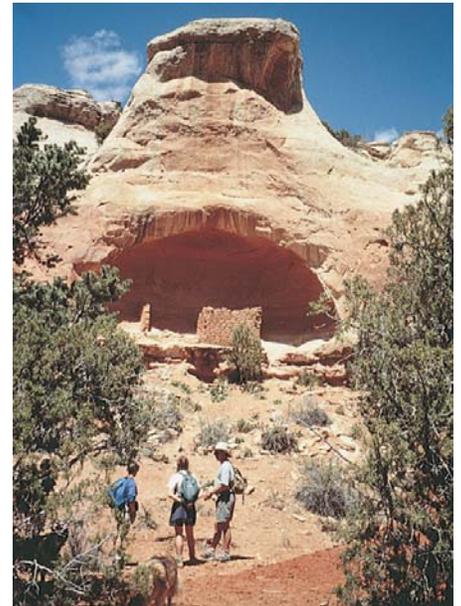
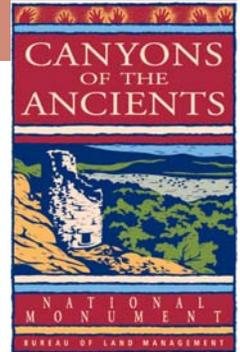
Visit with Respect was one of 65 submissions to the Society for American Archaeology's Film Fest. After initial review by the National Geographic Society, 30 films were selected for screening. Only four, including *Visit with Respect*, ultimately received awards.

The film was edited and directed by Sageland Media, with support from the San Juan Mountains Association. Funding was provided by the BLM and Colorado Historical Society.

Visit with Respect previously received the Caroline Bancroft History Award from the Colorado Historical Society. The film is shown regularly at the Anasazi Heritage Center, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, and the Pueblo of Acoma's Sky City Cultural Center and Ha'aku Museum.

Several websites also host the film for public viewing, including Mesa Verde Country, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Archaeology Channel. Free copies are available for educational purposes by calling 970 882-5600.

- Victoria Atkins



Visitors enjoy an Ancestral Puebloan site in Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.

The Anasazi Heritage Center has been operated by the Bureau of Land Management since 1988. As Southwestern Colorado's premier archaeological museum, it features the Ancestral Puebloan, or Anasazi culture, and other Native cultures in the Four Corners region. It is also the starting point for visits to Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. The museum features permanent exhibits, 12th-century archaeological sites, special events, and extensive educational and research resources. For more information on the BLM-Anasazi Heritage Center, please visit www.co.blm.gov/ahc.



Canyons of the Ancients National Monument