



GUNNISON NORDIC FALL KICK OFF!

As the weather begins to change, Gunnison Nordic is planning its fall kick-off and winter activities.

The fall kick-off is scheduled for October 25, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fred Field Multi Purpose Building by the fairgrounds. The evening includes a potluck, nordic update, gear swap and a brief program with the local ski teams. Gunnison Nordic will provide the main dish and beer.

The gear swap is open to anyone who wants to bring gear to sell at the event. You can set up your gear and manage the sale. There is no fee for this.

The event is open to the public and provides an opportunity to give input to the Board, membership sign-up and volunteer options.

Other winter activities in the planning stages are wax clinics, ski clinics, moonlight ski, Black Canyon ski outing and the Kenny Mac Ski Fest. As the snow conditions develop, more information will be available.

Gunnison Nordic Club, a non-profit organization, grooms cross country ski trails throughout the Gunnison area, including the popular Hartman Rocks trail system. With additional trails at Van Tuyl Ranch, Western's Practice Field, Jorgensen Park, Dos Rios Golf Course, and Mill Creek 45K of nordic trails are available for the public to enjoy. All of the grooming is done by volunteers who devote 2500-3000 hours per year to keep the trails skiable.

Gunnison Nordic's work provides an economic benefit to Gunnison through destination tourism. Over the past 14 years, the club has volunteer 22,400 service hours, totaling approximately \$515,200 in volunteer time. Through these efforts, Gunnison Nordic received the BLM Volunteer of the Year Award for Colorado in 2017.

Board member Mark Fonken "None of this would be possible without the generous support of the Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District, City of Gunnison, our members and business sponsors."

The Club has over 130 members who provide financial support to the organization. Memberships cost \$20 for an individual, \$40 for a couple and \$50 for a family

Trail reports, membership information and a club calendar can be found at gunnisonnordic.com.

BULL DRAW FIRE 100% CONTAINED

The 36,520 acre Bull Draw Fire which started July 29 from a lightning strike, is now 100% contained. The fire area has received over 5 inches of precipitation from recent storms and is unlikely to grow any further. Firefighters have finished strengthening and securing all containment lines around the Bull Draw Fire and have been demobilized from the incident. Yesterday, the Bull Draw Fire was officially declared contained and no further suppression action is expected to be taken in the area.

Hunters and others entering recently burned areas should exercise caution and understand that fire can create forest hazards. Fire-weakened trees may fall suddenly, and roots of trees can burn underground creating ash pits that may not be readily visible. Burned forests are especially hazardous in windy conditions. Recent rains have also saturated the soils in the burned area, increasing the potential for flash floods or landslides with future storms.

The Forest Service would like to thank the many partners and volunteers for their assistance and continued support through the duration of this incident.

COLORADO'S 2018 SUNRISE AND SUNSET REVIEWS RELEASED

The Colorado Office of Policy, Research and Regulatory Reform (COPRRR), part of the Office of the Executive Director at the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), today released the 2018 sunset and sunrise reports. The reports have been sent to the Colorado General Assembly and are now available online on dora.colorado.gov/opr.

COPRRR analysts conduct comprehensive reviews of state programs and then produce reports that include legislative and administrative recommendations to the Colorado General Assembly. A sunset review examines existing regulatory programs to enhance consumer protection and streamline regulation based on a legislatively-prescribed schedule, and a sunrise review explores whether there is a need to regulate a currently unregulated profession or occupation.

This year, COPRRR conducted 34 sunset and sunrise reviews throughout Colorado state government including programs and boards within DORA and other state departments, such as Agriculture, Health Care Policy and Financing, Human Services, Office of the Attorney General, Public Health and Environment, Public Safety, Revenue and Natural Resources.

"This ongoing and regular review of state regulatory programs, functions and processes is what keeps Colorado so competitive and helps to strengthen our economic climate," said DORA Executive Director Marguerite Salazar. "COPRRR's website makes it simple for any Coloradan to participate and have a voice in this process."

"Sunrise and sunset reviews constantly seek to find the balance between protecting consumers and eliminating unnecessary regulatory burdens," said COPRRR Director Brian Tobias at DORA. "Public input is vital to both types of reviews. While we endeavor to contact as many interested parties as possible, we encourage the public to contact us directly to participate in any of our reviews."

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Continuing licensure: Such professions as Anesthesiologist Assistants, Certified Public Accountants, Electricians, Physicians, Physician Assistants, Podiatrists and Psychiatric Technicians were up for sunset reviews, and the reviews recommend continuing licensure of these professions.
- Not recommended for licensure: Sunrise reviews of possible new regulatory programs included Behavior Analysts, Manufactured Housing Community Owners and Managers, and Parental Responsibility Evaluators. The reviews concluded that new or additional state regulation of these occupations or professions is not necessary to protect consumers.
- Continuing administrative programs: The sunset review of the Cold Case Task Force recommends it continue to establish best practices for training related to cold case investigations, so that law enforcement may solve more cold cases. A sunset review of the Colorado Licensing of Controlled Substances Act, which requires programs that treat substance use disorders with controlled substances to be licensed by the state, found that this program is necessary to protect the public against drug diversion. Finally, a sunset review of the Public Utilities Commission, which regulates natural gas, electrical, telecommunications, steam and water utilities, as well as motor carriers, transportation network companies, railroads and certain natural gas and propane pipelines, concluded that it should continue and made several recommendations for changes to statute.
- Recommended for sunset: Refund Anticipation Loan Facilitators assist clients in applying for short term loans in anticipation of income tax refunds. Considering the federal government has oversight of refund anticipation loans and the sunset review did not identify any consumer harm related to these types of loans, COPRRR recommends discontinuing the state regulatory program. The Standing Efficiency and Accountability Committee, an advisory committee within the Colorado Department of Transportation, has completed its statutorily mandated tasks, so it should be allowed to sunset.
- Unique recommendations: A review of the Medical Marijuana Code and the Retail Marijuana Code recommends harmonizing the two codes to create efficiencies in the regulatory programs and make compliance easier.

The Colorado General Assembly created the sunset process in 1976 as a way to improve state regulation by streamlining existing programs, enhancing consumer protection and repealing unnecessary programs and functions of government. Since that time, Colorado's sunset process has gained national recognition and is routinely highlighted as a best practice as states seek to create more efficient and effective regulation.

Find report summaries on our website. The complete sunset and sunrise reports and a schedule of future reviews are available online at dora.colorado.gov/opr.

ICELAB TROUT TANK: NOVEMBER 5TH

Join the ICELab @Western for our 2nd Annual Trout Tank on Monday, November 5th at Western's University Center Theatre from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Event is free and open to the public. This year there is a pre-game "Trout Tank Happy Hour" from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. at the Overlook Café. Don't forget the "Trout Tank After Hours" back at the Overlook beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Trout Tank celebrates our five businesses in our 2019 business accelerator, known as "Cohort Dos". This year was represented by three companies from Gunnison County; Napping Bunny, Vermont Sticky, and Wheelies & Waves, as well as two companies from Delta County; Advanced Farming Solutions, and the Delta Brick and Climate Company. Each company founder will have 5 minutes to pitch their business model, identify a problem, and their solution. Following each pitch, a panel of three pose tough questions related to the founder(s).

This year's featured guest speaker is had Chad Jukes, Colorado's Outdoor Recreation Ambassador and a renowned mountaineer and combat war veteran. Juke is an athlete and veteran with disabilities who have overcome adversity through living a life of adventure in the outdoors. After being injured in combat in Northern Iraq in 2006, Juke made the difficult decision to amputate his lower leg in 2007 after connecting with Paradox Sports co-founder and BK amputee Malcolm Daly and knowing this would be the best way to get back into the mountains. Juke is an avid ice climber and mountaineer. He shares his experiences through mentoring others and speaking to groups about his journey from the hospital bed to the summit of Everest.

Chad's accomplishments include many notable climbs including Zodiac on El Capitan, Bridal Veil Falls in Telluride, Mt Rainier, The Grand Teton, Lobuche in Nepal, and Everest. He has also taught many people – including climbers and veterans with disabilities – how to climb in the iconic Ouray Ice Park. He is an Athlete Ambassador for Marmot, BlueWater Ropes, and Paradox Sports.

Only five businesses are selected for our 12-week accelerator program. During this time the teams are on our site of the ICELab three days each week. Each week is considered a sprint, focusing on many topics relevant to each business. To celebrate the completion of the last twelve weeks, ICELab hosts Trout Tank, a community celebration of the entrepreneur community.

This ICELab is federally funded through an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant. The grant was written to provide economic development support for Gunnison and Delta Counties. The grant award aims to offset the negative impact of mine closures in our communities. As a result, ICELab programming addresses this aim through our accelerator and incubator programs. Additionally, ICELab serves as the West Central Regional Office for Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

Remember, space is limited, reverse your ticket at icelab.co or facebook.com/icelabco.

DIVISION OF SECURITIES ISSUES FINAL CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS TO TWO COMPANIES PROMOTING ICOS IN COLORADO

Colorado Securities Commissioner Gerald Rome signed two final cease and desist orders directing two companies offering Initial Coin Offerings (ICOs) to cease and desist from offering or selling unregistered securities in Colorado. Davor (offering DavorCoin) and Cyber Capital Invest (offering CCI Tokens) received the orders as a result of an investigation into potentially fraudulent securities offerings in Colorado in the form of ICOs.

The investigation was conducted by members of the Division of Securities, part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), who are part of an "ICO Task Force" convened by the Commissioner in May with the purpose of identifying companies that might pose a risk to Colorado investors.

DavorCoin was offered through a website accessible to Colorado residents that described DavorCoin as a new cryptocurrency aiming to become an alternative to coins such as Bitcoin and Ethereum.

Through the website, investors were promised returns as high as 10 percent per month for participating in a "staking

pool” and were told that DavorCoins are pegged to the price of gold and can be traded on exchanges.

Cyber Capital Invest offered CCI Tokens through a website accessible to Colorado residents. Cyber Capital Invest described the CCI Tokens as a “profit share token” allowing investors to receive a guaranteed daily return of between 0.75 percent and 2 percent, depending on the “access level” selected by the investor. In addition to direct sales, Cyber Capital Invest offered commissions to individuals who promote the sale of the token through a “bounty program.”

The securities offered by Davor and Cyber Capital Invest were not registered in Colorado or exempt from registration and were offered to Colorado residents without full and fair disclosure of material risks associated with the investment.

36TH ANNUAL TAOS MOUNTAIN BALLOON RALLY TO BE HELD OCTOBER 26-28

The 36th Annual Taos Mountain Balloon Rally will take place this year Friday through Sunday, October 26-28 at the launch field on Albright Street behind the Taos County Courthouse. The free weekend event, which will include three ascensions, food, vendors and entertainment, is expected to draw more than 35 balloons and visitors from all over the southwest.

The event will kick off at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 26 with a Mini Mass Ascension and tethered balloon rides for school children at 8:15 a.m. Hotel Don Fernando de Taos will be hosting a free meet and greet from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. where event goers can meet the hot air balloon pilots. Saturday, October 27 will have a Dawn Patrol balloon take off at 7:30 a.m. and will feature a full Mass Ascension at 7:45 a.m. followed by the Balloon Rally Parade at 1 p.m. The parade starts at the Taos Mountain Balloon Rally Field and ends at Kit Carson Park. On Saturday at dusk will be the “Balloomenshine” evening balloon glow event.

Sunday, October 28 will follow the previous days’ schedule with Dawn Patrol at 7:30 a.m. and a Mass Ascension at 7:45 a.m. to be followed by the Closing Ceremonies at 11:30 a.m. Each day will feature food, art and crafts vendors

This year’s Balloon Rally comes shortly after the news that Taos landed on the 25 Coolest Towns in America list by Matador Network, a national travel outlet, for the second year in a row. The town also appeared on TripAdvisor’s 15 of America’s Best Fall Foliage Destinations roundup.

Visitors to the Balloon Rally should be advised that all outdoor events are weather permitting. For more information on the event, visit <http://www.taosballoonrally.com/index.html>.

Taos Mountain Balloon Rally photos are available for media usage here: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1zKc67S1unhJ85-4B5wcWy9P3QJRxtv9S>

IRON POINT 3D SEISMIC PROJECT COMMENTS REQUESTED

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests is accepting public comment on the Iron Point 3D Seismic Project.

Gunnison Energy LLC (GELLC) has proposed conducting a 3-D seismic survey on approximately 28,000 acres of public lands north of Paonia in Delta and Gunnison Counties to determine if there is oil and gas development potential, identify locations for exploratory drilling and locate subsurface features that could impede development of existing oil and gas leases. The proposed project will be conducted in two phases. The first phase includes resource (cultural, slope determinations, etc.) surveying to determine placement of seismic survey points. The second phase is a recording phase and will include the placement of source and receiver lines, heliportable shot hole drilling, data acquisition and cleanup.

The proposed 3-D seismic program includes the use of vibroseis buggies on existing roads, where appropriate, and shot holes (buggy drilled and heliportable), as appropriate, as the energy source. Activities in Colorado Roadless Areas will occur by crews walking-in or helicopter long-line delivery of supplies only.

There will be no removal of vegetation or road construction/reconstruction for any of the project area. Project activities will also avoid streams and big game winter range. The project is estimated to begin mid- to late October 2018 and last approximately 40-60 days for the entire project area.

Please submit comments by October 26, 2018.

Please mail comments to: District Ranger, Levi Broyles, P.O. Box 1030, Paonia, CO 81428 or submit online from the link below.

Additional information and maps are available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54846>

GMUG ANNOUNCES FALL BURN PLANS

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests have announced their 2018 fall prescribed burn plans. A total of six areas are tentatively planned for treatment between mid-October and November, pending appropriate staffing and optimal weather conditions. The treatment areas are as follows:

GUNNISON NATIONAL FOREST (EAST ZONE):

- Los Pinos: Located approximately 35 miles southeast of Gunnison, in the Cochetopa Park area. Approximately 1,200 acres are planned for treatment.
- West Elk: Located approximately 14 miles west of Gunnison and 5 miles north of Blue Mesa Reservoir. Approximately 600 acres are planned for treatment.

UNCOMPAHGRE NATIONAL FOREST (NORTH AND WEST ZONES):

- Rocky Pitch: Located approximately 25 miles south of Grand Junction on the south rim of Unaweep Canyon. Approximately 400 acres are planned for treatment.
- Glencoe Pine: Located approximately 13 miles northeast of Nucla off of National Forest System Road (NFSR) #503 (25 Mesa Road). Approximately 500 acres are planned for treatment.
- Western Implementation Unit #5: Located approximately 7 miles southeast of Norwood near NFSR #516 (Goodenough Road). Approximately 650 acres are planned for treatment.
- 25 Mesa: Located approximately 16 miles southwest of Delta, south of 25 Mesa Guard Station, with units on either side of NFSR #503 (25 Mesa Road). Approximately 1,300 acres are planned for treatment.

A prescribed burn is a wildland fire originating from a planned ignition and is used to improve wildlife habitat, reduce hazardous vegetation (fuels) build-up and increase timber stand health and diversity. Fire Management Officers and Fuels Specialists spend countless hours developing detailed prescribed fire plans that dictate weather conditions, staffing and safety requirements. Burns are ignited only if conditions are conducive to a safe, effective burn and within appropriate smoke dispersal parameters set by the State. Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health, for more information see: www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health

HIGH-ALTITUDE SURVIVAL

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Every year more than a few hunters must be rescued from the wilds and high country of Colorado. Hunters get trapped by snowstorms, injured in various types of accidents or simply get lost in the woods.

Hunters must remember that altitude can affect their health and their ability to move easily. And in the Rockies, weather can change quickly with fast-moving storms dumping a couple of feet of snow in just a few hours.

Be prepared for all types of weather – wet, cold, dry and hot. Take appropriate clothing and the right camping gear. If possible, especially for those coming from lower altitudes, spend a few days at higher elevation just before the hunting season to allow your body to acclimate.

Heavy snowfall can occur starting in September. High-country hunters, especially those who backpack into wilderness areas and have to get out on foot, need to watch the weather closely and pick their escape routes before they choose a campsite. Snow can obliterate trails or make them impassable.

Survival experts recommend that you never go into a wilderness area alone. Unavoidable accidents do happen that make self-rescue impossible. Learn how to use a compass, take a map of the area and orient yourself before leaving camp. Explain to your hunting partners where you'll be going and when you plan to return.

Always carry a survival kit and know how to use it. Such a kit should include a knife, waterproof matches, fire starter, compass, reflective survival blanket, high-energy food, water purification tablets, first aid kit, whistle and unbreakable signal mirror.

If you get lost, sit down, regain your composure and think for a few minutes. Many times people who are lost can figure out where they went wrong and make it back to camp. If you truly don't know where you are, stay put.

Survival experts explain that survival is 80 percent attitude, 10 percent equipment and 10 percent skill and knowledge.

If you are caught in a storm or forced to spend the night out, there are three keys to survival: shelter, fire and signal.

If you can't find camp and have to overnight in the wild, your first priority is shelter. Even if you have nothing else going for you - no fire or food - an adequate shelter that is warm and dry will keep you alive until rescuers find you. That means anything from an overhanging rock shelf to a cave, a timber lean-to or snow cave. Always prepare for the worst and build a shelter that will last. Cut boughs from evergreen trees and use them as padding and for covering.

Dress in layers and take extras with you. Put on layers before you become chilled and take off a layer before you become damp with perspiration. Staying warm is a process of staying dry. Do not dress in cotton – it becomes wet easily and is difficult to dry. Use wool, wool blends or synthetic clothing that wicks moisture away from skin.

Be sure to carry a quality stocking cap that is made of wool or synthetic fleece. You lose up to 45 percent of your heat around your head, neck and shoulders.

Winter headgear should conserve heat, breathe and be water repellent. The old saying, “If your feet are cold put your hat on”, is good advice.

Use water-proof footwear, wool or synthetic socks, and always remember to carry gloves.

Fire is the second priority if you are forced to stay out overnight. Know how to build a fire even in wet or snowy conditions. That means carrying a lighter, metal matches or wooden matches in waterproof containers and a fire-starter – such as steel wool, cotton or sawdust saturated with paint thinner or alcohol. Camping stores sell a variety of fire starters. Experiment with various materials before going into the field. A fire will warm your body, dry your clothes, cook your food, and help you to signal for help.

The third priority is signaling. This can be done by fire--flames at night or smoke from green branches during the day; with a signal mirror in bright sunshine; and with sound--hence the whistle.

You can live up to three or four weeks without food. You will, however, be more efficient and alert, and have more confidence if you are able to satisfy your hunger. So carry some high-energy food in your survival kit.

Water is more important to survival than food. Your body needs about three quarts of water a day to metabolize its energy reserves and carry away waste. Carry iodine tablets to add to water taken from streams or snow banks. Avoid drinking ice-cold water which can cause your body temperature to drop.

Altitude sickness is another danger. Hunters who are fatigued, cold or exhausted are vulnerable. At the very least, altitude sickness can ruin a hunting trip; at the worst, it can be fatal. Hunters who are coming to Colorado from low altitude areas should be especially careful.

Take time to acclimate and do not move quickly above 8,000 feet. Symptoms of altitude sickness include shortness of breath, fatigue, nausea, headache and loss of appetite. To avoid altitude sickness get in shape, limit alcohol consumption, acclimate for a few days before the start of the season and drink lots of water. Staying hydrated is a key factor in reducing your chances of getting altitude sickness.

Hunters with any heart problems should be extra careful in Colorado's high country. If you have a heart condition you should keep any prescribed medication with you at all times. Inform your hunting partners of your condition.

Finally, be sure to leave accurate information at home about where you're hunting and when you'll return.

For more information about hunting in Colorado, see: cpw.state.co.us.

COLORADO SECURITIES COMMISSIONER SETTLES LAWSUIT WITH HOST OF LEGALWIZ WEBSITE

Colorado Securities Commissioner Gerald Rome announced today that he has settled civil fraud charges against William Bronchick of Aurora for alleged violations of the licensing and anti-fraud provisions of the Colorado Securities Act. Bronchick, an attorney, hosts a website called LegalWiz, which promotes the services he provides to investors in the form of coaching, seminars, podcasts, videos, and books on real estate investing.

According to the complaint filed by the Colorado Attorney General's Office, investigators with the Colorado Division of Securities, part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), alleged that in connection with investments in Valois Dynasty, a real estate project located in Little Rock, Arkansas, that Mr. Bronchick violated various provisions of the Colorado

Securities Act. In the answer filed with the Court, Mr. Bronchick denied the material allegations of the complaint and raised certain affirmative defenses.

Mr. Bronchick has agreed to settle the lawsuit without admitting nor denying liability. The settlement includes Mr. Bronchick's agreement not to act as a broker-dealer or investment adviser in Colorado for a period of three years, or issue or sell securities in the state of Colorado contrary to any provision of the Securities Act. Mr. Bronchick has also agreed to pay the sum of \$10,000.

