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Subject: Before the year closes, an investment in clean water
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Happy holidays!

In Teton County, the decisions we make today about water and wastewater will shape the health of our rivers, wells, and aquifer for decades to come. You got a wonderful glimpse of this at our benefit this September.

This year, Protect Our Water Jackson Hole helped move those conversations forward by equipping residents and leaders with tools such as the [Clean Water Guide](#), expanding well testing, and supporting science-based solutions to address growing water quality challenges.

The momentum is real. But it only continues with sustained support.

As we close out the year, I hope you'll consider making an [end-of-year gift to POWJH](#). Your support helps ensure that knowledge leads to action, and that action leads to lasting change for our community's waters.

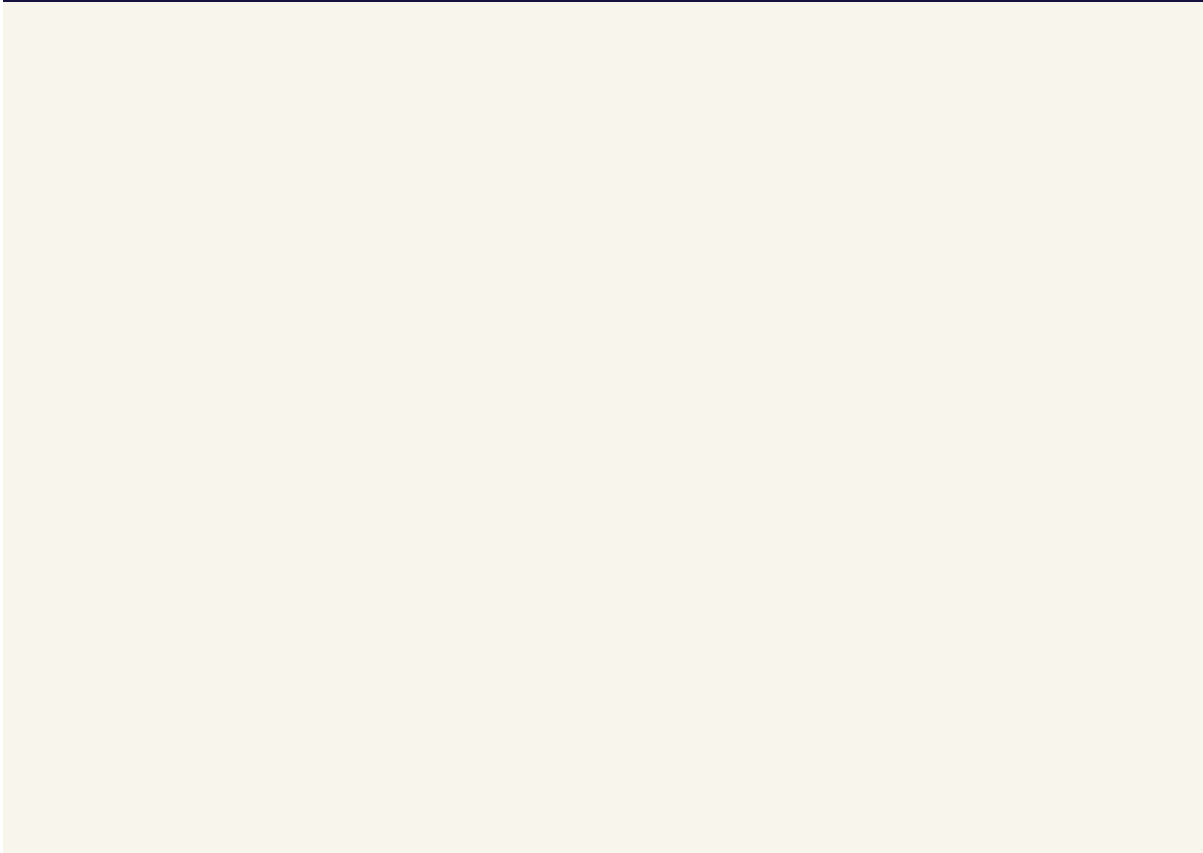
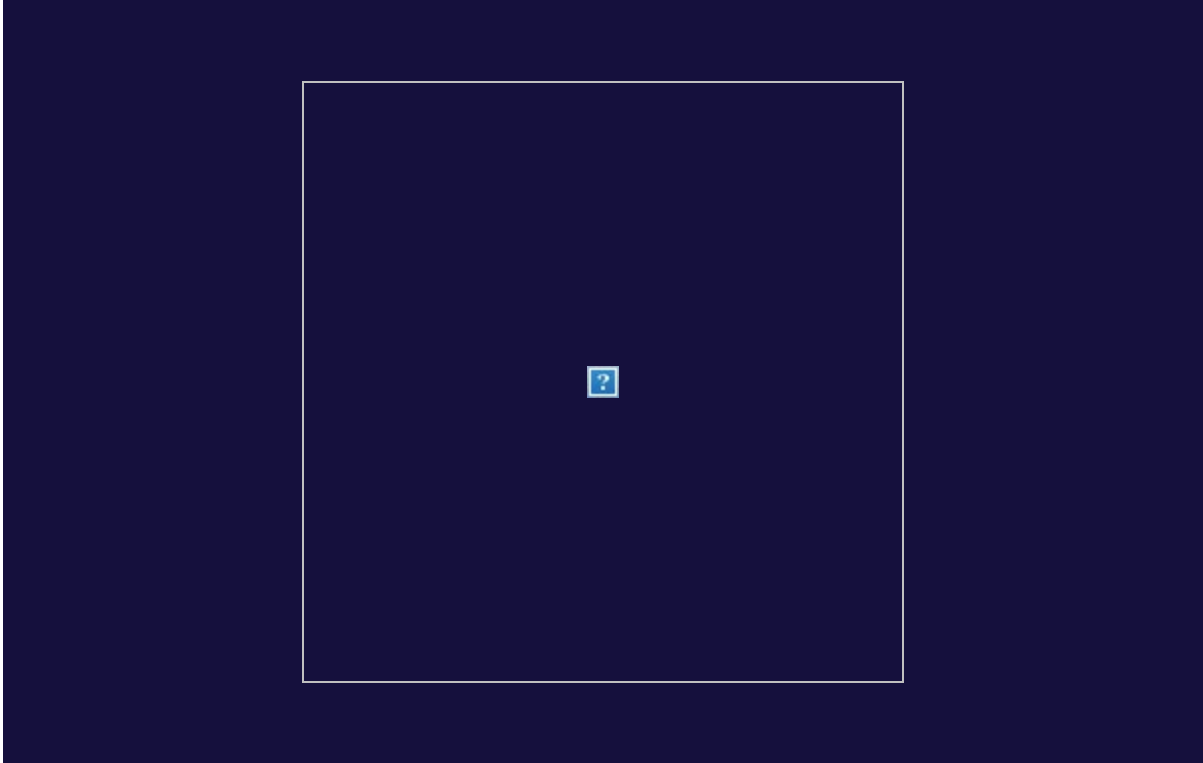
Thank you for caring about what flows beneath and all around us, and for helping set a higher standard for the future.

With gratitude,
Dan

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Subject: Catalyst Grants support deeply-rooted community issues
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Catalyst Grants



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Dear Friends,

As we lean into a season when days grow longer and light returns, we're reminded of the connections that make our valley strong. Every day, our community continues to show up for one another in meaningful and inspiring ways.

The Foundation strengthens our local community by providing essential support through **Catalyst Grants** to partner organizations, a total of \$1.1M that will help them create solutions across the valley. Each year brings new challenges and joys, and our partners know that lasting change is community driven.

Catalyst grants provide funding for organizations creating positive change across four areas: **behavioral health, education and families, housing, and innovative opportunities**. These grants aren't quick fixes—they're about building systems that help everyone thrive.

Behavioral Health

We awarded **seven grants** focused on Behavioral Health, creating a safety net that catches people at every point—from prevention to crisis response.

- **Prevention starts with giving our workforce the tools they need.** Workforce training through the **Teton County Health Department** is helping employees across the valley manage stress, burnout, and the pressures of living here.
- **Treatment access got a major boost too.** A new **full-time psychiatrist at St. John's Health** is expanding access to mental health treatment.
- **And when things reach a crisis point, Mental Health & Recovery Services of Jackson Hole** has dedicated staff providing full-time crisis response throughout the week.

Education & Families

Six grants are ensuring children have access to enriching experiences, regardless of income or circumstances.

- When state funding cuts eliminated summer programs, **Coombs Outdoors** and **Teton Literacy Center** stepped up, and we helped them double their capacity.
- **Teton Science Schools** created immersive learning days in Grand Teton National Park to support families during school in-service days.
- **Teton Adaptive** is placing Inclusion Counselors at local camps, so children with disabilities can participate alongside their friends.

Housing Solutions

Housing remains one of our community's greatest stressors. **Six grants** are helping us better understand and address housing needs.

- **Habitat for Humanity** is launching an affordable home repair program.
- **One22 Resource Center** is expanding financial assistance while improving housing data systems.

- The **Jackson/Teton County Affordable Housing Department** is conducting the first comprehensive study of naturally occurring affordable housing across the county.

Opportunities

Eight Opportunities grants support innovative projects that don't fit neatly into other categories but are vital to the valley.

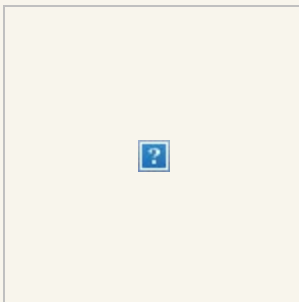
- **Center for the Arts** will freeze rent for 20 resident nonprofits for three years while developing a funding model for enduring affordability.
- **Community Safety Network** is creating the county's first coordinated prevention and response system for adolescents experiencing sexual violence.
- **Riverwind Foundation** and **Jackson Hole Climate Action Collective** are merging to strengthen their collective impact on climate resilience -- work that touches everything from housing to public health.

These grants represent more than dollars—they reflect neighbors helping neighbors, organizations collaborating instead of competing, and a shared commitment to a resilient future. We're deeply grateful to our partner organizations and to everyone who makes these grants possible.

As daylight begins to lengthen, I wish you and yours warmth, calm, and safety. May our shared community spirit bring joy this holiday season.

Warmly,

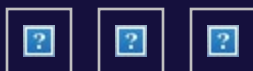
Warmly,



Laurie Andrews

President, Community Foundation of Jackson Hole

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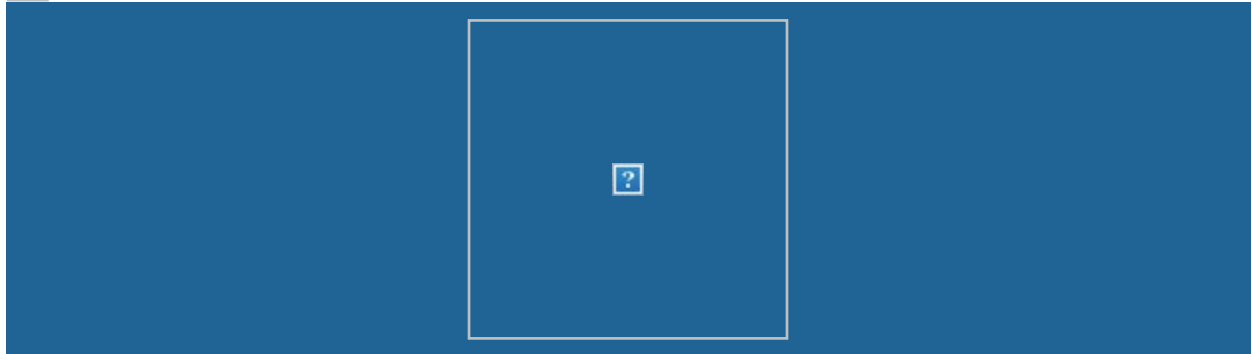
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Support the Shovel-Ready Teton Pass Trail

Friends,

Teton County has an amazing pathway system. It's a world-class public amenity shaped by decades of community investment. It's also unfinished.

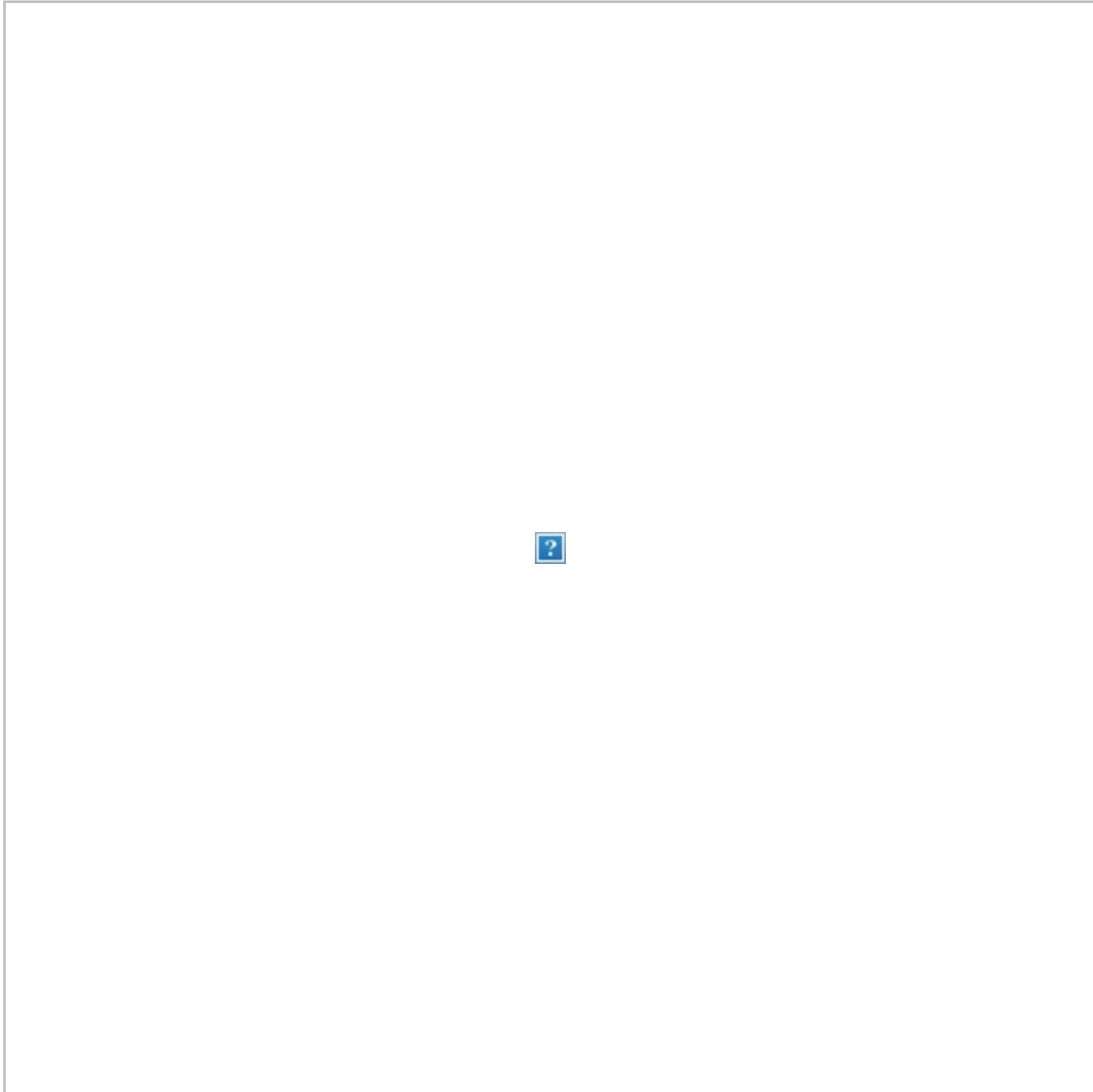
I write today to ask you to join Liz (i.e. Representative Liz Storer) and me in contributing to the [Save Teton Pass Trail project](#) – a community-wide fundraising campaign to complete a critical addition to our pathway system.

Our community, including Jackson Hole and our friends and neighbors in Teton Valley, has a rare opportunity to complete a vital segment of a safe, non-motorized connection over Teton Pass.

This vision has been years in the making, and the groundwork is now complete: **design, permits, environmental reviews, and intergovernmental agreements are fully in place.**

More than \$8 million of the \$13 million total budget is already secured. And if we raise the remaining **\$4 million by December 31, 2025**, we unlock **an additional \$1 million** in federal funding to build the Coal Creek underpass and

complete the entire 3.5-mile segment.



A simplified map of the project. For a full project map and more details, [read this Buckrail article](#).

This is the most ambitious and technically difficult pathway project in the history of both counties – **and it's shovel-ready**. When built, it will provide safe passage to cyclists, skiers, runners, dog walkers, and hikers parallel to a dangerous stretch of highway. **With funding secured, construction begins spring 2026.**

How you can help

Please join me in supporting this effort. I have three requests:

- **Contribute generously – and soon – to the Community Foundation’s dedicated fund at [Save Teton Pass Trail project](#).**
- **Spread the word to friends and neighbors.**
- **Think about friends and neighbors who may consider a major gift, and send me a note or call me at 520-241-1510 if you have suggestions.**

While the fundraising goal is ambitious, **every gift matters**. Broad community support sends a powerful message and helps ensure this long-awaited project becomes reality.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Thanks for caring about this place – and for considering this special request.

All the best,
Luther

[Donate to Save Teton Pass Trail Project](#)



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DC Climate Dispatch

What Climate Mayors Need to Know

December 19th, 2025

Action Agenda

1. FEMA Review Council Report Postponed, Recommendations to Reform Agency

Forthcoming

2. **EPA Soon to Release Final Rule on Endangerment Finding**
3. **White House Releases Executive Order Aimed at Preempting State AI Laws**

News and Resources You Can Use

- **Judge Rules FEMA Grants Unlawfully Terminated:** A federal judge ruled that President Trump's efforts to terminate a FEMA grant program were unlawful – siding with 20 largely Democratic-led states. The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program was designed to protect states and communities against extreme weather events. The judge blocked the program from being canceled without Congressional approval and ordered FEMA to reverse its termination. ([Reuters](#))
- **Senate Democrats to Investigate Role of Data Centers in Energy Costs:** As residential electricity bills continue to rise, three Senate Democrats – Elizabeth Warren of MA, Chris Van Hollen of MD, and Richard Blumenthal of CT – have announced an investigation into how data center operations may be driving up electric bills. The trio sent letters to Google, Microsoft, Amazon, Meta and three other companies seeking information about their growing energy use. This comes as the average cost for electricity for some households rose 7 percent in September to about \$181. ([New York Times](#))
- **SPEED Act Passes the House, Faces Uphill Battle in Senate:** The SPEED Act [passed the House](#) on Thursday, December 18th, sending the permitting reform bill to the Senate where it is expected to undergo significant changes. Key provisions include narrowing which federal permitting decisions and projects require environmental review, exempting projects already evaluated under other environmental laws, and limiting federal agencies to considering only the direct impacts of a project rather than indirect or speculative impacts. The bill also restricts the ability to challenge federal permitting decisions in court on environmental grounds. To prevent Republican hardliners from tanking the bill, House lawmakers included an anti-wind amendment that protects the authority of the President and federal agencies to terminate the permits and leases of already-approved offshore wind projects. ([The Hill](#), [POLITICO](#))

FEMA Review Council Report Postponed, Recommendations to Reform Agency Forthcoming

What Happened: The FEMA Review Council's highly anticipated public meeting was abruptly cancelled last Thursday, December 11, reportedly due to concerns from the White House that it had not been sufficiently briefed on the final report and that it had been [leaked to the press](#). This report will tee up recommendations from the 13-member advisory committee, chaired by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kristi Noem and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, for how President Trump should reform FEMA. The leaked draft is said to have omitted any reference to disaster mitigation and proposed cutting FEMA's workforce in half; shifting more responsibility to state and local authorities for disaster relief and recovery; and privatizing parts of the National Flood Insurance Program, among other sweeping changes. This comes after previous reporting that Secretary Noem and her team [slashed and significantly altered](#) the Review Council's original recommendations, which were informed by a robust stakeholder input process.

Meanwhile, Congress has been working on its own proposal to reform FEMA. In response to last week's developments with the FEMA Review Council, the lead House sponsors of the bipartisan

FEMA Reform Act doubled down on their legislation as the best path forward to addressing FEMA's operational challenges. An overview of what is in the FEMA Reform Act can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

What Happens Next: The Trump administration has issued a statement that the FEMA Review Council public meeting will be rescheduled, but a new date has yet to be set. Once a new date is announced, outside stakeholders will again have the opportunity to register to watch the meeting virtually, including the Review Council's final deliberations and vote on the report recommendations.

Meanwhile, the FEMA Reform Act is awaiting a House floor vote, though the exact timing for that vote remains unclear. It is expected that the Senate will develop a companion bill in 2026, which would position the two chambers to work toward a unified legislative approach to FEMA reform. It remains to be seen how the Review Council's report recommendations will be received by others in Congress, and the extent to which the Trump administration will push lawmakers to adopt them in lieu of or as a part of the FEMA Reform Act.

What Should Mayors Do: Mayors should engage with their Congressional delegations to ensure that any prospective reforms to FEMA preserve the critical programs and authorities that their cities rely upon, including but far from limited to federal disaster mitigation funding. As the Senate develops companion legislation in 2026, mayors will have additional opportunities to inform the future of FEMA by sharing their on-the-ground experiences.

EPA Soon to Release Final Rule on Endangerment Finding

What Happened: The Trump administration will soon announce a final repeal of EPA's landmark determination on greenhouse gas pollution – also known as the 2009 Endangerment Finding – and eliminate all protections against this pollution from motor vehicles. A final rule is expected from EPA as soon as the end of this month or in January 2026. When EPA first proposed the rule this summer, Climate Mayors joined [the chorus of opposition](#) highlighting the prospective harms to Americans and underscoring the clear scientific consensus on greenhouse gases and climate change. Over [50 local governments](#) as well as Climate Mayors, the US Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, C40 and the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law [submitted a comment letter](#) on the importance of protecting the Endangerment Finding.

What Happens Next: Once EPA releases the final rule, litigants will have 60 days to file challenges in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. The litigation could take several years to resolve, with the possibility of a final ruling from the Supreme Court.

What Should Mayors Do: Climate Mayors encourages mayors to make preparations to speak out when EPA announces its final rule. Please find an explainer and messaging guidance linked below to assist you and your comms teams. We will circulate an updated set of resources once the final rule has been released, though we do not anticipate the messaging guidance to change.

- [Endangerment Finding Explainer for Local Governments](#)
- [America is All In Video Explainer of the Endangerment Finding](#)
- [Messaging Guidance](#)
- [Summary of Local Government's Public Comments](#)

White House Releases Executive Order to Override State AI Laws

What Happened: Last week, the White House issued a broad-reaching [Executive Order \(EO\)](#) that

seeks to preempt and punish states for regulations on artificial intelligence (AI) to ultimately support a “minimally burdensome national standard.” The EO creates an “AI Litigation Task Force” in the Department of Justice (DOJ) to challenge state laws and calls for states with “onerous” laws to be made ineligible for broadband funding other to-be-determined discretionary grant programs. Finally, the EO calls on the White House to work with Congress to develop legislative recommendations for a federal AI framework that would formally preempt state laws. Depending on what state laws the Trump administration chooses to go after, the **EO could have implications for the buildout of data center infrastructure** across the country by limiting states' and localities' ability to impose environmental standards, energy efficiency requirements, or land-use controls on data center facilities.

What Happens Next: Legal experts from across the political spectrum have questioned whether the President has the constitutional authority to preempt state laws through Executive Action, as such preemption historically requires an act of Congress. The practical implications of this EO will depend on how federal agencies choose to interpret and enforce it in the coming months, and which state laws the Trump administration ultimately goes after; states with existing AI regulations will need to assess whether to challenge the federal preemption and conditioning of federal funding in court.

What Should Mayors Do: Climate Mayors will continue to monitor and update members on how this EO and any prospective, related legislation in Congress stands to impact cities' abilities to regulate data center development. Climate Mayors is also working on a resource for mayors on enabling sustainable data center development.



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Dear Mr Hudson - thank you for your email reiterating your FONSI related to this development on our National Forest lands. I have a clear understanding of the proposed construction of 36 apartments on our Forest Service lands.

I am writing to you about the adjacent neighborhood that has seen a considerable increase in development in recent years, and the impact of 36 new homes and 77 new cars. An impact that has not been given any consideration. Your project will more than double the density of this narrow street on the edge of town; There Will Be Significant Impact!

Our public streets and services, which are integral to your proposed Nelson Trailhead development, have not had any analysis or impact studies. I look forward to you addressing this issue publicly in January, if not sooner.

- Caroline Haines

On Mon, Dec 8, 2025 at 8:53 AM Hudson, Chad - FS, WY <chad.hudson@usda.gov> wrote:

Caroline,

The Bridger-Teton National Forest is issuing a 30-year special use permit to the Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust to construct and manage 14 multi-family buildings (6 Duplexes and 8 Triplexes) containing a total of 36 homes at the Nelson Administrative Site in East Jackson, WY. Nelson trailhead parking will be retained, and the Putt-Putt/Woods Canyon trail will be realigned around the new multi-family buildings. An open house will be held in early January for the public to view site plans, building designs and learn more about the overall management of the development.

The Bridger-Teton National Forest completed an environmental assessment (EA) on October 28, 2009, to analyze and disclose the effects of a range of alternatives, including constructing up to 18 new housing units and development of a horse facility within the 80 acres available at the Nelson Administrative Site in East Jackson (Alternative 3). The Forest completed a Supplement to the EA, which was released on January 27, 2012. The Forest Supervisor, in the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) signed on May 4, 2012, selected an alternative authorizing the construction of 13 units (multi-family

buildings) within or immediately adjacent to the existing development. The number of homes per multi-family building was not specified although the Forest preference is not to authorize high density buildings greater than a triplex (3 homes per building).

In 2025, the Forest conducted a review of the Jackson Administrative Site Lands Conveyance and Development EA along with the 2012 Decision Notice and FONSI to determine if there had been significant changes to the applicable national forest lands since 2012 that would result in the need for a new analysis. The review also considered adding an additional multi-family building. It was determined that the national forest lands being developed have not experienced significant changes since 2102 and the increase from 13 multi-family buildings to 14 multi-family buildings would be within the range of alternatives considered. Additionally, the current development plans will have no substantial effects to National Forest lands beyond what have already been disclosed in previous environmental compliance documents.

I hope you can join us for our open house in January. We will notify you when it is scheduled.

Thank you.



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**Caring for the land and serving
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Dear Anne - thank you for your email. Unfortunately, it does not assuage the concerns many of us have around the proposed Nelson Trailhead Project.

The EAs are too old to be relevant to a 2026 project, period. Environmental concerns aren't the only concern. There are myriad impacts with this size development, and any analysis or public comment from 2009 or 2012 has expired.

Nothing within the Federal Government or Nelson Dr as a street, or any public or private organization, looks like it did 16 years ago. 16 years ago, mobile phones were flip phones, and we still had landlines; 16 years ago, Daisy Bush and the surrounding lots were like a pasture.

The Sept 24, 2025 Memo is not an update. In fact, it raises more questions, especially as it mentions 14 Forest Service housing units. Where are the documents showing the analysis of 36 housing units? Where is the language approving private-sector housing on Public Land?

Sincerely,

Caroline

On Tue, Nov 25, 2025 at 11:39 AM Anne <anne@housingtrustjh.org> wrote:

Caroline,

Thank you for your email and your questions. Because Nelson Drive is federal land, the review process is governed by federal process (vs. Town or County process). Specifically, the review is regulated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In 2008 and 2009, as you noted, the Bridger Teton facilitated a collaborative public process that analyzed and disclosed the effects of developing employee housing at Nelson Drive. This effort culminated in an October 2009 Environmental Assessment (EA). In 2012, a more targeted and supplemental EA was prepared to consider a Master Site Plan for the property and the Forest Supervisor issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). In 2025, the Forest conducted a review of all environmental documents associated, including a Development Environmental Assessment (DEA) with the Jackson Administrative Site Lands Conveyance (aka the Nelson Drive property) and determined the current site plan for the 3.15 acre project does not change the original Finding of No Significant Impact. So while the original report was initiated over a decade ago, because the site is and always will be classified as Federal Land, it is regulated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and as such, evaluation of environmental consequences has been prioritized and revisited multiple times to ensure that the site complies with the highest environmental standards.

Your email also mentions the cumulative impact of development on Nelson Drive over the years and the associated traffic impacts. We know the neighborhood has construction fatigue and while it is true that there will be more cars due to an increase in occupants, unlike most developments in town, we have provided more parking than is typically required (2 spaces for every 2 bedroom and 2 spaces for every one bedroom and 5 guest parking spaces), we have also worked with our contractor to develop a construction management plan that ensures all construction vehicles and materials will be contained on site (and not spilling over onto Nelson).

I am not sure what materials you have reviewed but I have attached the site plan which shows a redundant loop so that residents can come down Hansen turn south on Nelson to access the new neighborhood and avoid the more congested and heavily traveled part of Nelson that people use to access the trailhead.

Please keep any other questions you have about this project coming. Now that the government has re-opened and we have project renderings to share, we are planning a neighborhood open house in early January at the Senior Center; when the date and times are firmed up, I will let you know.

Sincerely,

Anne Cresswell



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Subject: Nelson Dr - proposed development

November 24, 2025

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Hello Anne -

I am writing to express my concern about your development at the Nelson Trailhead. I have lived on Nelson Dr since 2002 and have experienced the many changes in our neighborhood over 20+ years. The JH Community Housing Trust has helped many locals call East Jackson home.

While reading your materials about the Nelson trailhead development, I feel confused and disappointed. Many of my neighbors feel the same way. We do not see any language regarding the impact that your housing project will have on Nelson Dr as a street. **This is a significant omission.**

You indicate that 77 cars will be parked at your proposed development. That is a tremendous number of vehicles regularly travelling up and down Nelson Drive. **A civil engineering analysis would likely raise safety and other concerns about this increased volume.**

Your documents state that in 2008 & 2009 there was a public process that disclosed the effects of your development on Nelson Dr; and in 2012 an EA with FONSI. So much has changed on Nelson Dr in 16 years. **Has there been an updated analysis? Or an updated public process?**

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Caroline Haines

cc: Residents of Nelson Dr.

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Dear Town of Jackson, WY -

This is Virgil Everette Harris IV, originally of Dallas, TX.

I moved to your world-class, iconic, fantastic and of course awe-inspiring by its stunning beauty and all that surrounds it town in September, 2017 and today marks just past eight (8) years past that monumental choice, decision and date.

I have attempted to report to you all my being a victim of crimes and criminal activity, such as - oh, to just name a few - fraud, stalking, sexual abuse and assault and more than one event of civil rights obliteration. Putting that only to the side in order to separate it from what I want to share next, is that I have also been dealt Police Production Games by your own police department, which you are billing citizens in good faith for their tax-dollars and, in turn by default, have funded. Next, I am on record time after time unsuccessfully submitting - according to Wyoming State Laws - public records requests but not typical requests in the sense that the requests I have submitted involve police videos and reports of me, including in a capacity of either minding my own business or seeking to report criminal/concerning activity - or being a victim harmed or in danger - in or around the Town, or that might affect the Town and/or certainly others in the community, and for crying out loud even about my own personal property, and all I get goofy and targeting, mocking and sadistic replies which, make no mistake, somehow by someone always never address the request or issue and originate from a FEMALE. I'd be very unhappy, and oh no this would not just be me, if I were the husband, grandfather, father, brother, son, as just a few examples and there certainly are many more, about or concerning any WOMAN (in the Equality State of Wyoming) that I knew, knew about or had any such relationship with or, for that matter even knew about, and that it was a fact that in for her and in her working capacity and let alone as a public servant of government of a State, SHE was or had been led, influenced or certainly instructed to communicate with another person, let alone a taxpaying voter I gotta say, because of only and nothing other than HER: Gender, first of all. Second, the level of concern would naturally be caused to rise to a different plane altogether if, in her message, the content and wording, and the salutation and even down to the punctuation, and not to mention how the person's name that she or her email address had contacted might be made to be addressed with sport or intentional jesting applied to that person's own name, was constructed with certain catch phrases, words with external significance and certainly tone whereby the tone + the gender, as a separate intent, was intentionally applied together for a purpose and narrative, and of course without her first being told and fully informed about this. Wow. Has this not gone on, somehow? If someone - and I believe the Town of Jackson should do this including with Teton County too - submitted a public records request for Virgil Harris IV and/or any related (souvenir retail) businesses of his (mine) communications, the Town - and whoever else! - would find grave concern for what I have shared above. Next, where have all the Town of Jackson and Teton County emails to me been going, meaning have they not been printed and faxed or forwarded out of the town by some public records request, or otherwise passed up some chain per higher-level demand? Does some remote, small town such as Jackson, WY get put into a position of its police doing what they have done to me (I DO NOT SPEAK FOR OUR HERO AMERICAN POLICE NOR ANY INDIVIDUAL HONORABLE PUBLIC SERVANT GREAT AMERICAN POLICE OFFICERS!) without any veiled

deceit or coercion not ever taking place? Where is the Office of the Attorney General with the state of Wyoming, as that office is the highest law enforcement office in the state, for something! I am calling on the Town Council of Jackson to do a complete records request and get in front of them every communication I have sent, and that has been sent to me; and, yes, ALL police reports included.

Finally, my mother and father are in Dallas, TX and are elderly. Why are certain local police/sheriff's office personnel engaging elderly individuals by phone and I do believe at one time in person, when their state laws are different than Wyoming's and the individuals do not even reside in the local town or state?! The local police are bound to focusing on their own community and its voting and tax-paying citizens. Also, for the record, has this happened by any local personnel or authorities without their first knowing the medical conditions or vulnerabilities, i.e., diagnosis to said elderly (my parents) who are across the nation in another state? Do we not understand the stresses and traumas that so many people endure when facing or dealing with enforcement agencies or personnel, just by nature of content or reason for communication? Its usually not under any desirable, good, pleasant, happy terms and circumstances!

In closing, I have reason to believe that a cell or bad apple with the police and/or sheriff's office might have been, for way too long now, snooping around and, behind my back, deliberately targeting and compromising - by using other people and businesses, females as their number one deceived preference - my very right to life, to health, to peace and enjoyment, etc, and in this case Wyoming, and beyond, too, for me to simply make a difference in my own world and communities and friends around me, and of course to earn a living and to even take care of my own health and future.

Please see below a list of local businesses that, with basis and again for too long now, I credibly suspect have been sickly and fraudulently snuck-up on, gamed and deceived by someone or some faction locally, and I do not make no allegations but, rhetorically speaking, do "you" know what my occupation is and/or state of health or current pain quotient? I have sent multiple emails to the Office of the Governor of Wyoming recently and for a long time, and sadly but for some concerning reason; nothing. The Office of the Attorney General is supposed to watch the state so, in terms of the law, it is balanced and not in any way compromised, and yet with all the Police Productions that have happened; nothing.

Where is the FBI - the Federal Bureau of Investigation - in this, in other words how do they not know OR are they provoking it, as I have reason to question that they have a dark cell amongst the rest of the real agency with so many men and women working because its their job and because they do or might like it and because of the honors of serving their country, that is somehow embedded there and that seems to be behind these constant provocations?

By any chance have any of these businesses been put in a position of handing over to any authorities, ever or for whatever reason, any email communications that they have had with me? My lands! Wait till you see what happened with Ace Hardware - which gladly I shall forward onto you - that just down the street for decades in Jackson now, and also Moo's Ice Cream, another local business that has done so much to make Jackson what it is.

BUSINESSES:

Anvil Motel
Cloudveil Inn
Moo's Ice Cream
Jackson Hole Playhouse
Lee's Tees
Ace Hardware

49'er Inn
Elk Country Suites

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Subject: // WBC Board Approves Strategic Investments to Unlock Local Growth
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Wyoming Business Council Highlights Strategic Progress and Vision at Quarterly Board Meeting

WBC Board approves several strategic loans, contracts, and reports for community and statewide development.

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (For Immediate Release) – The **Wyoming Business Council** (WBC) Board of Directors concluded its quarterly meeting virtually this week, approving strategic investments and outlining a bold vision to confront the state's most pressing economic challenges.

CEO Josh Dorrell opened the meeting by detailing the WBC's strategic shift since 2020. Moving beyond broad project funding, the Council now acts as a collaborative catalyst, concentrating on high-impact investments that dismantle barriers to growth.

"We've really looked at how we take our investments and unlock growth not necessarily for the nice-to-haves but for the have-to-haves in order to make sure that we're doing what it takes at a local level to inspire that growth," Dorrell said.

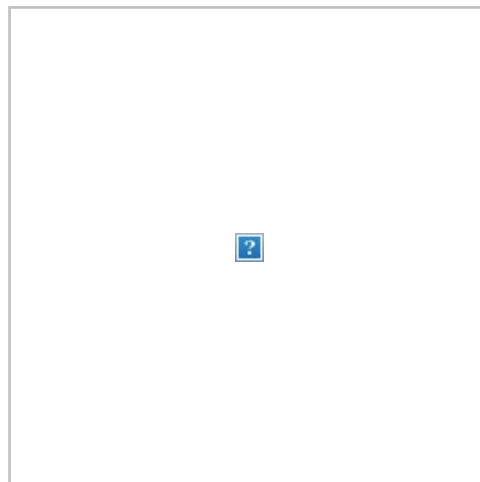
Building the Foundation for Growth

The WBC is actively working with communities to address "binding constraints" like restrictive housing regulations and infrastructure gaps. These efforts are powered by the **Economic Growth Flywheel**, a framework ensuring every state dollar invested drives long-term community development.

Programs that have not delivered results have been discontinued, while those that address core economic issues have been refined for greater impact. Current WBC investments are already generating an estimated **\$30 million in annual economic impact**.

While acknowledging successes, Dorrell was candid about the myths surrounding Wyoming's economy. Addressing data on shrinking wages and youth out-migration, he emphasized that while current efforts are leveraging state dollars better than ever, the scale of the challenge requires even bolder action.

"The things that we're doing today are good. The things that we're doing are leveraging state dollars better than we've ever done in the past. The things that we understand about the problem,



we know it better than we've ever known it. But we also know that it's not enough," Dorrell said.

Board Actions and Approvals

The WBC Board took the following actions during the Dec. 17 meeting:

- **Investments:** Approved a **50/50 Loan** (*in partnership with First Federal Bank & Trust of Sheridan*) for Newman Restoration & Cleaning, and a **Succession Loan** (*in partnership with First Northern Bank of Buffalo*) for Mountain West Valuations, LLC.
- **Operations:** Accepted the Q1 FY26 Financial Report and FY 25 Financial Audit, ensuring continued transparency and fiscal responsibility.
- **Services:** Approved contracts with **CTC Technology and Energy** and an amendment with **Silicon Couloir**.
 - The team also shared their vision for the future, with Entrepreneurial Development Manager Taylor Vignaroli noting, "Opportunity is not accidental. It is something we create, we give, or are given. We can create opportunity through the choices we make today. And I believe it is a responsibility of those in a position of leadership to expand opportunity, especially for those whose voices are not always heard."
- **Strategy:** Approved contract extensions with the **Harvard Growth Lab, Building State Capabilities**, and **Eric Protzer** to continue using world-class data to inform Wyoming's economic blueprint.

WATCH THE WBC BOARD MEETING RECORDING

About the Wyoming Business Council

The [Wyoming Business Council](#) (WBC) is committed to reversing economic decline, building strong, self-reliant communities, and creating opportunities for all Wyomingites to thrive. The WBC supports communities with their business growth, infrastructure development, and job creation goals as they tackle their unique, local challenges.



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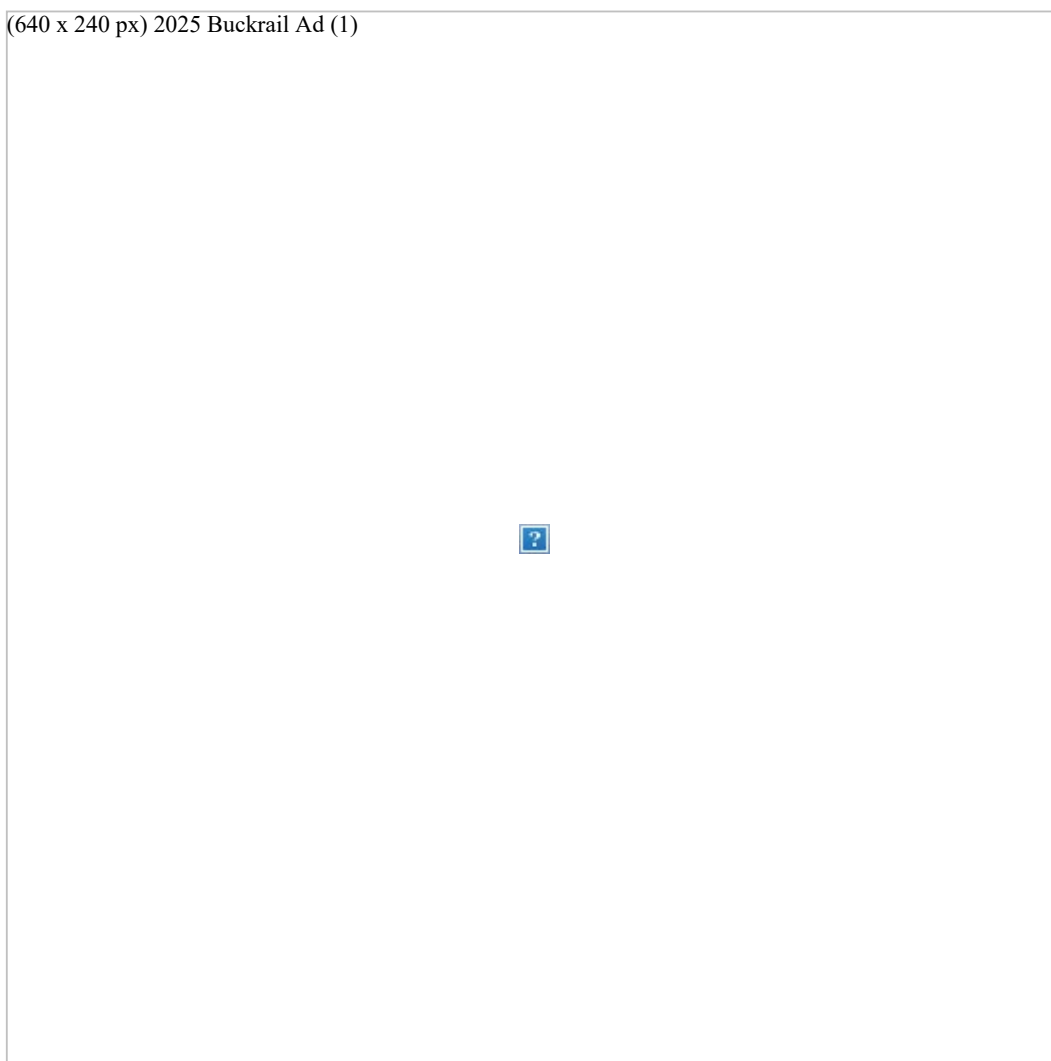
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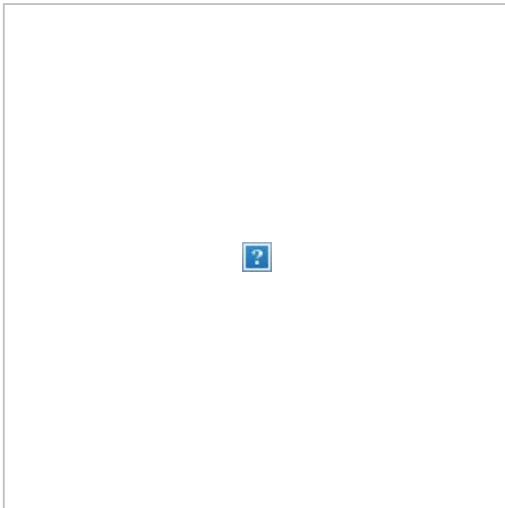


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"The backcountry gates around JHMR will remain closed until conditions improve to where search and rescue response is reasonably feasible. Current conditions at lower elevations make rescue difficult."

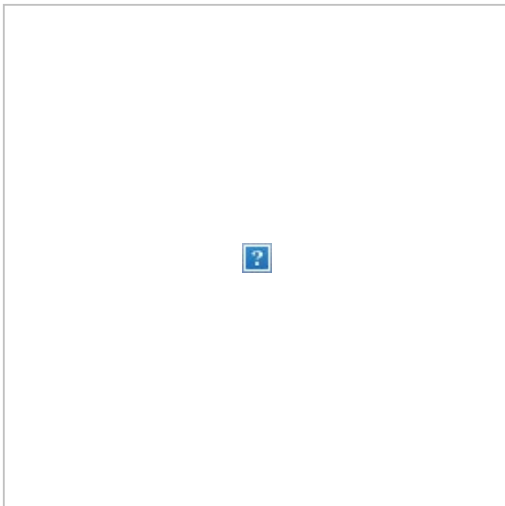
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort said it would continue to monitor conditions in the backcountry and [open the gates](#) when it's safe to do so.

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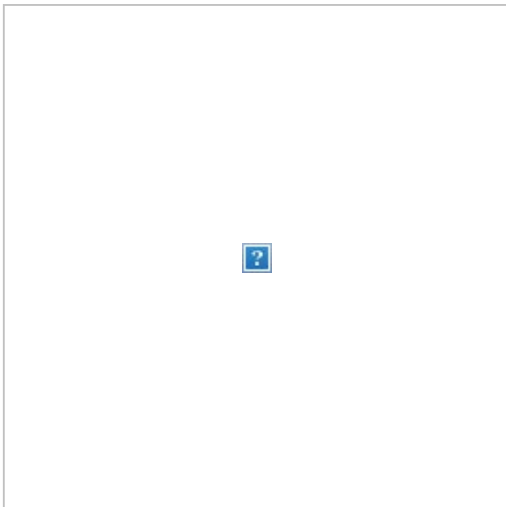
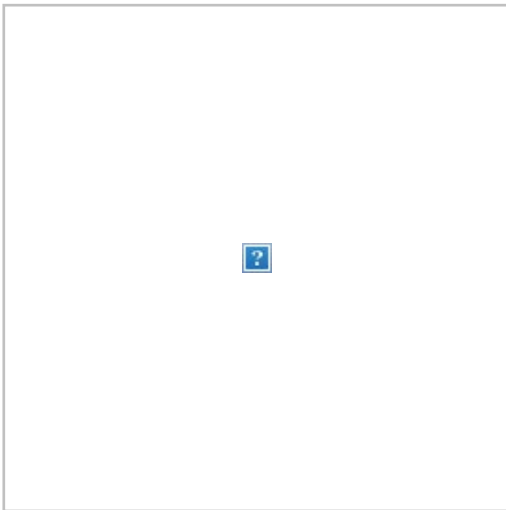
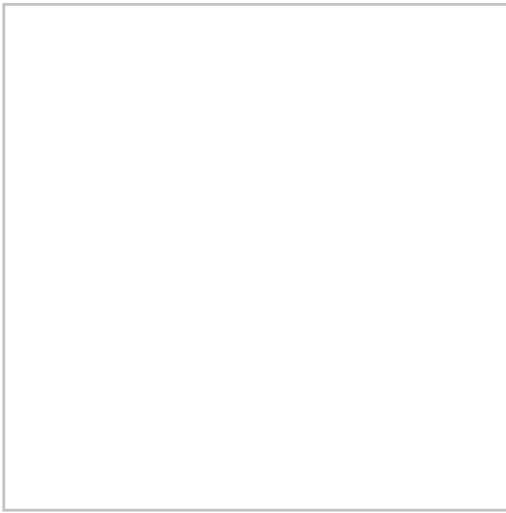


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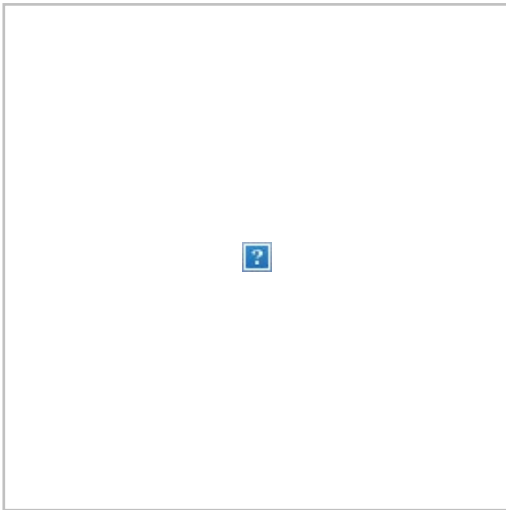
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[New weather system delivers winter storm warning through Saturday](#)

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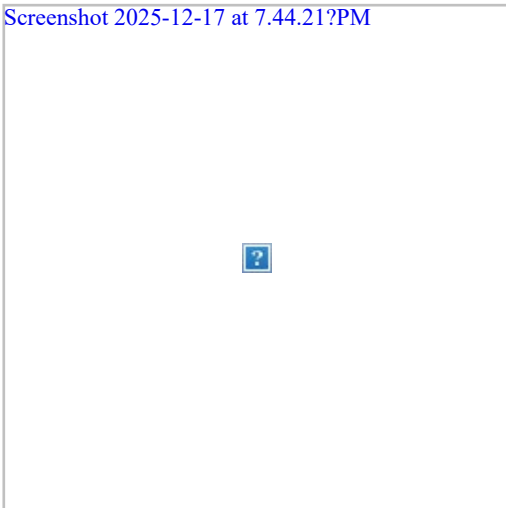
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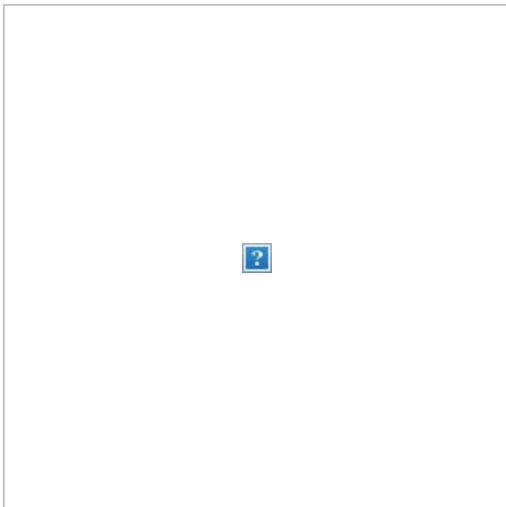
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Warm and windy storms bring more rain than snow to the valley

JACKSON, Wyo. – Anomalous warmth has persisted across Western Wyoming with temperatures running 12°F above normal in Jackson so far during the month of December. A storm on Wednesday produced wet snow up [...]



JHMR backcountry gates closed until conditions improve

TETON VILLAGE, Wyo. — The backcountry gates surrounding Jackson Hole Mountain Resort (JHMR) have been closed to protect the public and search and rescue personnel while early season conditions persist, according to [...]

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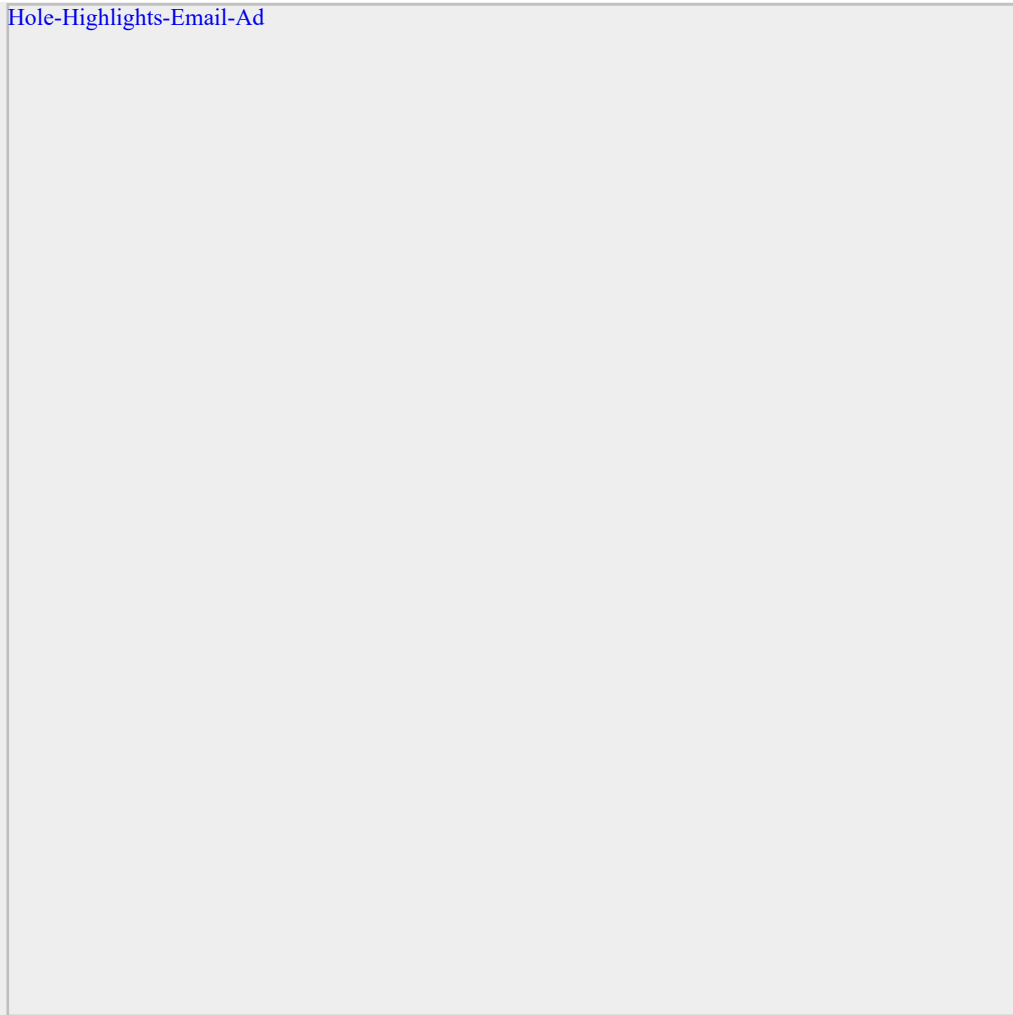
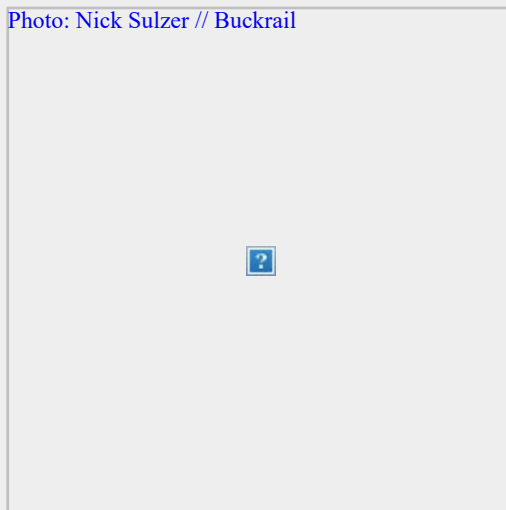


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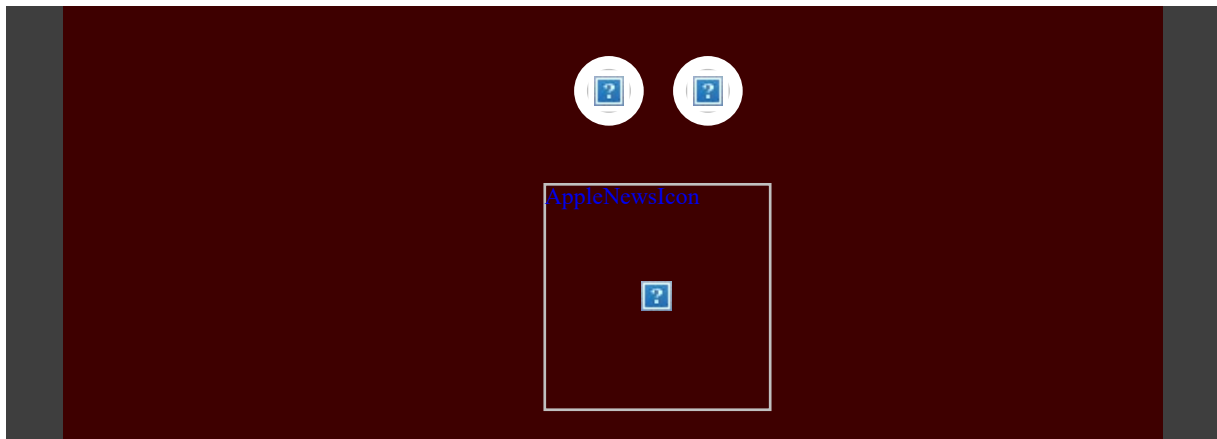
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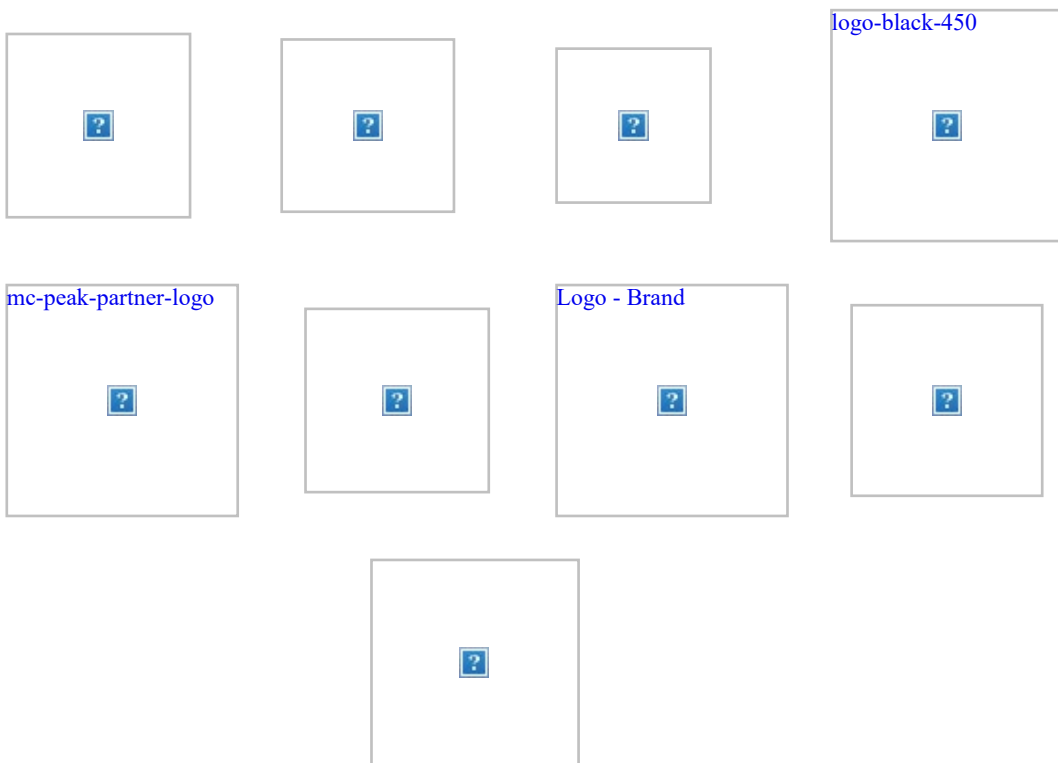
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Stand Up For the Mountain Towns You Love Please Make a Year End Contribution to MT2030

Dear Community Leader,

Lately, it has been hard not to notice how much change is showing up in our mountain towns, not just through headlines or datasets, but through the direct impacts on the people that live and work here.

I currently have a seasonal worker staying on my couch because their job

on the mountain was pushed back until after the new year due to the lack of snow. A close friend in property management recently shared that they're seeing some of the lowest occupancy numbers they have ever experienced. **These are not distant climate impacts. They are affecting real livelihoods right now.**

With another winter trending toward historic low snow totals, it would be easy to focus only on urgency and loss.

But what gives me hope is what I see happening on the ground. Mountain towns are taking action in practical, locally driven ways to protect their communities.

- In Taos, a working group formed after last year's MT2030 Climate Summit, bringing local leaders together around waste reduction, recycling, and community composting. That collaboration helped secure an eight million dollar capital outlay investment from the governor.
- In Park City, leaders are part of a collaboration with nineteen Utah communities working to make renewable electricity available to every electric meter within city limits. This effort is about shifting hundreds of millions of dollars in energy spending toward solutions that improve air quality, strengthen the local economy, create jobs, and reduce long term risk.
- We see similar leadership in South Lake Tahoe through regional efforts focused on forest health and wildfire resilience, in Missoula through community led initiatives that improve energy efficiency and preparedness, and in Eagle, Colorado, where sustainability is shaping how the town grows with resilience and affordability in mind.

What these communities share is a willingness to act and collaborate. Too often, towns are forced to reinvent solutions that already exist elsewhere.

This is where Mountain Towns 2030 comes in.

MT2030 helps communities move faster by sharing proven plans and creating a framework where towns can learn from one another and adapt what works to their own local context. When one community makes progress, others do not have to start from scratch.

I was born and raised in a mountain town, at a time when consistent winters and reliable water felt like a given. My nieces are growing up in a different reality, and that is why this work matters so deeply to me. The choices we make now will shape whether the mountain towns we love remain places where people can live, work, and build a future.

As we close out the year, I invite you to stand up with me for the mountain towns you love. Honor the place that shaped you by

making a year end gift in its name and help ensure these communities have the support they need to adapt and thrive.

Please consider making your gift to MT2030 today [here](#).

With gratitude and resolve,

Tori Sowul
Director, Development
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Hi Jonathan,

I was catching up with Jim today after being out sick, and he shared that you had some data points you wanted to look at in reference to the noise contour maps.

Can you let me know what you are looking for and I will be happy to see if it is information I can gather!

Thank you, and hope you have a great holiday season!



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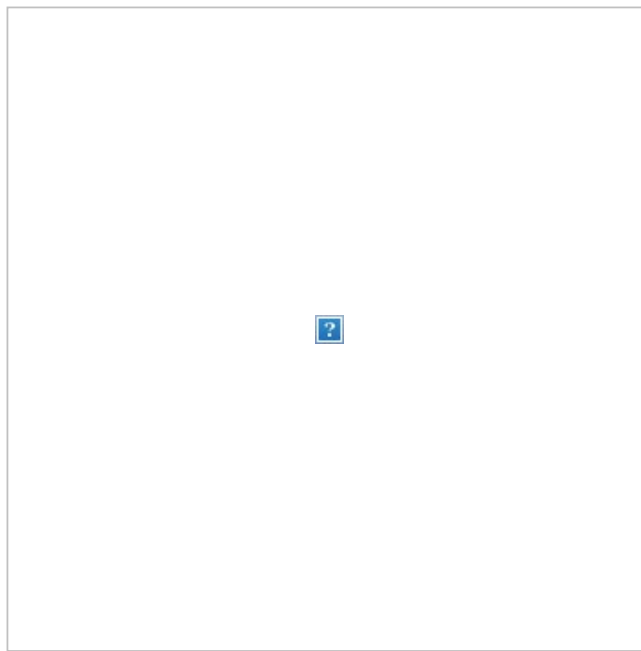
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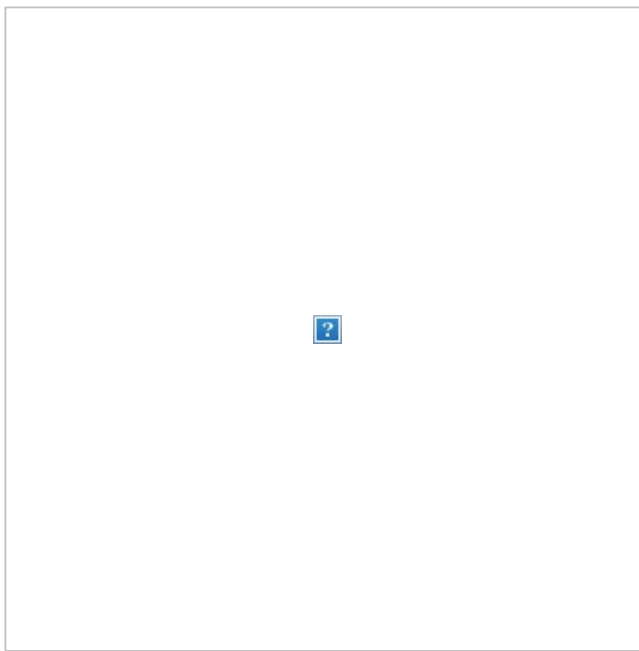
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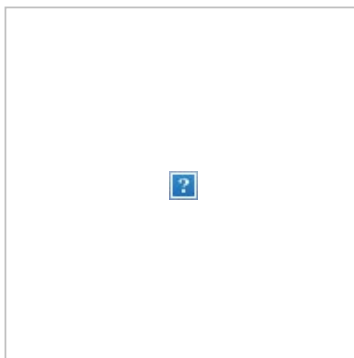
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Expanding Opportunities Through NLC Affiliate Membership

Greetings WAM!

The Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM) Board is excited to announce its investment in an **Affiliate Member Program with the National League of Cities (NLC)**—a strategic partnership designed to strengthen Wyoming’s municipalities through national-level resources, advocacy, and collaboration.

Why This Matters:

NLC is the voice of America’s cities, towns, and villages, representing more than 19,000 municipalities nationwide. By leveraging NLC’s expertise, WAM members gain access to tools and networks that amplify local leadership and drive community success.

Benefits for WAM Members:

- **National Advocacy:** Ensure Wyoming’s priorities are represented in federal policy discussions and have support implementing federal programs.
- **Leadership Development:** Access training programs, leadership academies, and best practices from across the country.
- **Research & Resources:** Utilize cutting-edge reports, data, and toolkits on municipal issues like infrastructure, housing, and economic development.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with peers and thought leaders nationwide through conferences, virtual forums, and member groups.
- **Cost-Saving Programs:** Take advantage of NLC’s member-exclusive savings and solutions programs for procurement,

insurance, and municipal services.

Follow this link to register for the upcoming webinar on January 13,
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An email update from the Wyoming Arts Council.

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The true measure of a day is not in minutes but in memories.

As we look back on the past year, our hearts are full of gratitude for each of you. Working together and celebrating creativity across Wyoming has been a joy, and we are honored to support the artists, organizations, and cultural partners who bring so much vibrancy to our communities.

Your passion and dedication continue to inspire us and remind us why the arts matter in every corner of the state.

This holiday season, we hope you enjoy meaningful moments with friends, family, and the communities you serve.

Wishing you warmth, joy, and a wonderful year ahead.

From Your Friends at the Wyoming Arts Council

Rachel, Amara, Cashmere, Ismael, Josh, Kim, and Mandy



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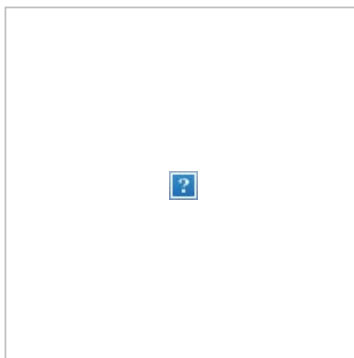
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WAM!

It was great to see all of you who were able to join us for the *Legislative Recap and Budget Session Preview*. For anyone who was unable to attend, a recording of the presentation is available here: <https://youtu.be/odPyA03Uozw>

Below is the *Legislative Priorities* presentation hyperlinked with all the notes we discussed. For the direct distribution proposal, please view the updated *Local Direct Distribution* for the current proposed amount of **\$105 million** to compare the amounts with what your community received in the last biennium. ***WAM will continue to actively engage on this issue, and your feedback on how these proposed changes may impact your local budget is important to inform our position on your behalf.***

Additionally, I have attached the joint presentation that the Wyoming County Commissioners Association and I delivered to the Joint Appropriations Committee in June labeled *Appropriations-SU Tax and Direct Distribution*, regarding the proposal to move direct distribution within the formula to the first four pennies of sales tax. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, as this would represent a different method of collecting direct distribution than in the past; however, the intent is to ensure all communities are held harmless. Just a reminder this is in lieu of direct distribution being in the budget and it would shift 31% local / 69% state collection on the first four pennies to 39% local / 61% state with that 8% differential being distributed in the current direct distribution model which is approximately \$155 M. The JAC has countered with a position of 5.6% which equals \$105 M.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions and stay in close contact as developments during the legislative session can move quickly.

Legislative Priorities [click here](#).

Local Direct Distribution [click here](#).

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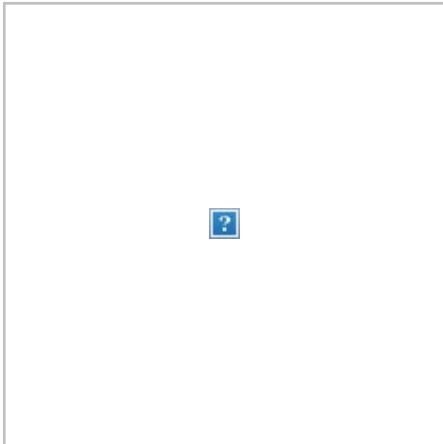
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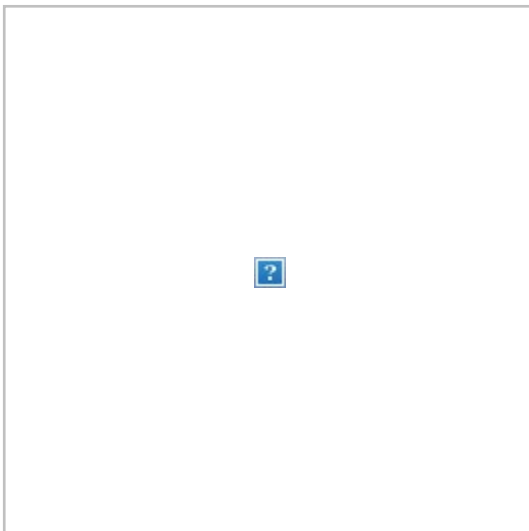


Today

How Communities Layer Resources to Prevent Homelessness: Insights from Detroit and the Bay Area

Thurs, Dec 18, 2025 / 3:00 pm ET

Virtual, registration required.



Leaders will share how their communities are using a continuum of support and resources to help people stay housed and how eviction prevention programs fit in.

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Email Content: To the Honorable Teton County Commissioners, Jackson Town Councillors and Mayor:

My name is Pam Cutler. I know, or have met, many but not all of you. I am an elected member of the Teton County Hospital District - Board of Directors and have recently been elected Chair of the Hospital Board. From my experience at St John's, I know a bit about how public Boards work in Wyoming and understand the importance of public confidence in such governing bodies.

Today, I attended a meeting of the JH Airport Board of Directors. I live near the airport and attended the meeting because many of my neighbors were upset by the proposed purchase of one of the houses in our neighborhood by the JH Airport, possibly for employee housing. While I was not opposed to the purchase, I have seen for some time that there has been little attention paid to the impact that many airport decisions have on nearby residents. People feel ignored and are angry.

My neighbors are not detractors of the airport. They simply want the airport to do more to understand and minimize (where possible) the impact of airport decisions on our property values and especially on things like air, water, noise and light pollution. While I was impressed by all of the current members of the Board and the difficult job they have, I came away firmly believing that there is very poor communication between local residents and the individuals in charge (Both administration and the Board). This is an unnecessary recipe for hard feelings and dissent.

I believe that I heard Mayor Arne Jorgensen state at the meeting today that there is an open spot on the Airport Board which the County Commissioners and Jackson Town Council are currently looking to fill. If that is true - I am writing to urge you to fill that position with someone who lives near the airport - if you can find or solicit a qualified individual who fits that bill. The right individual could make a huge impact towards improving relations and avoiding conflict.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter and would be happy to discuss it further if that could be helpful.

Thanks to each of you for all you do for our community.
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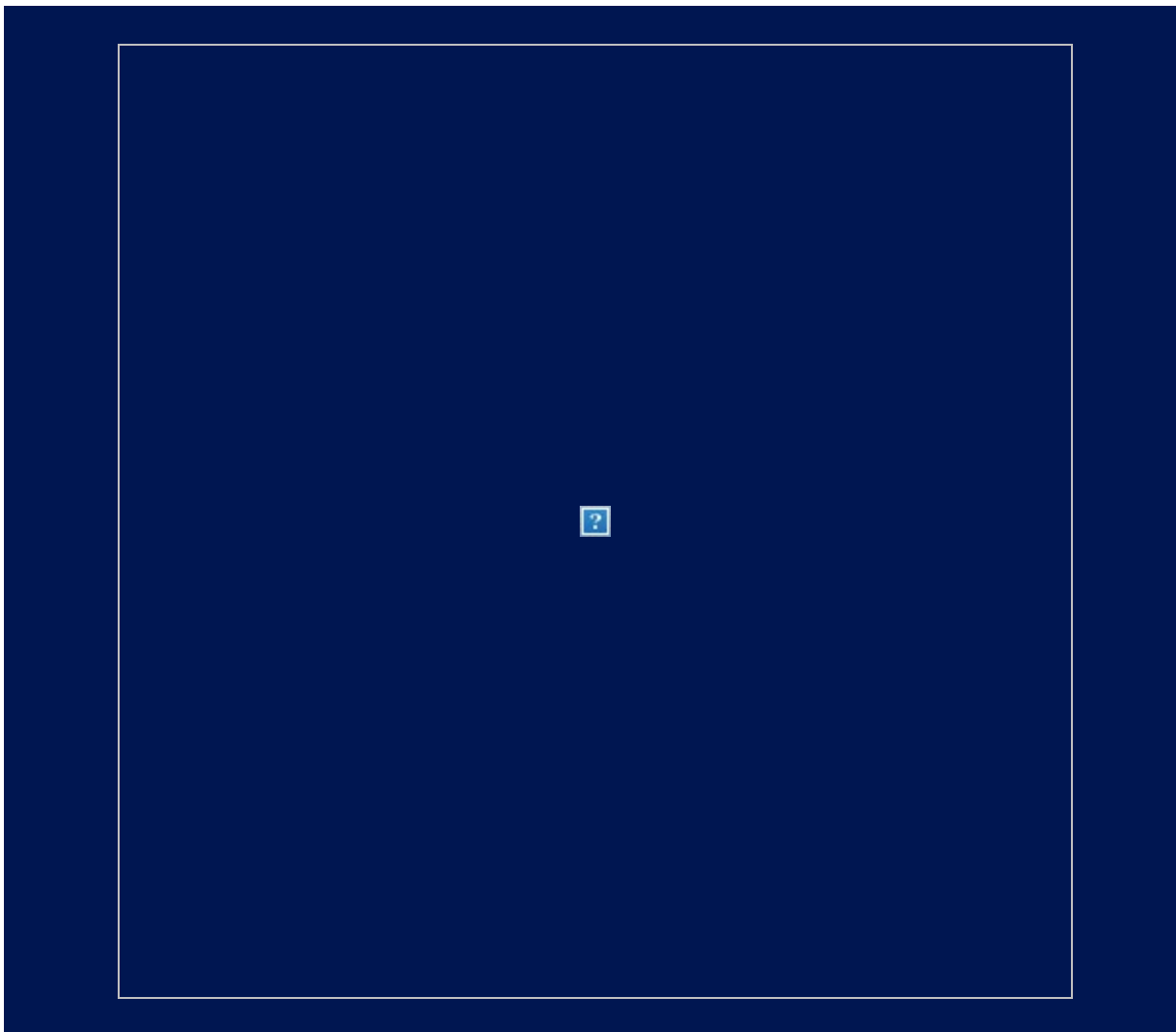
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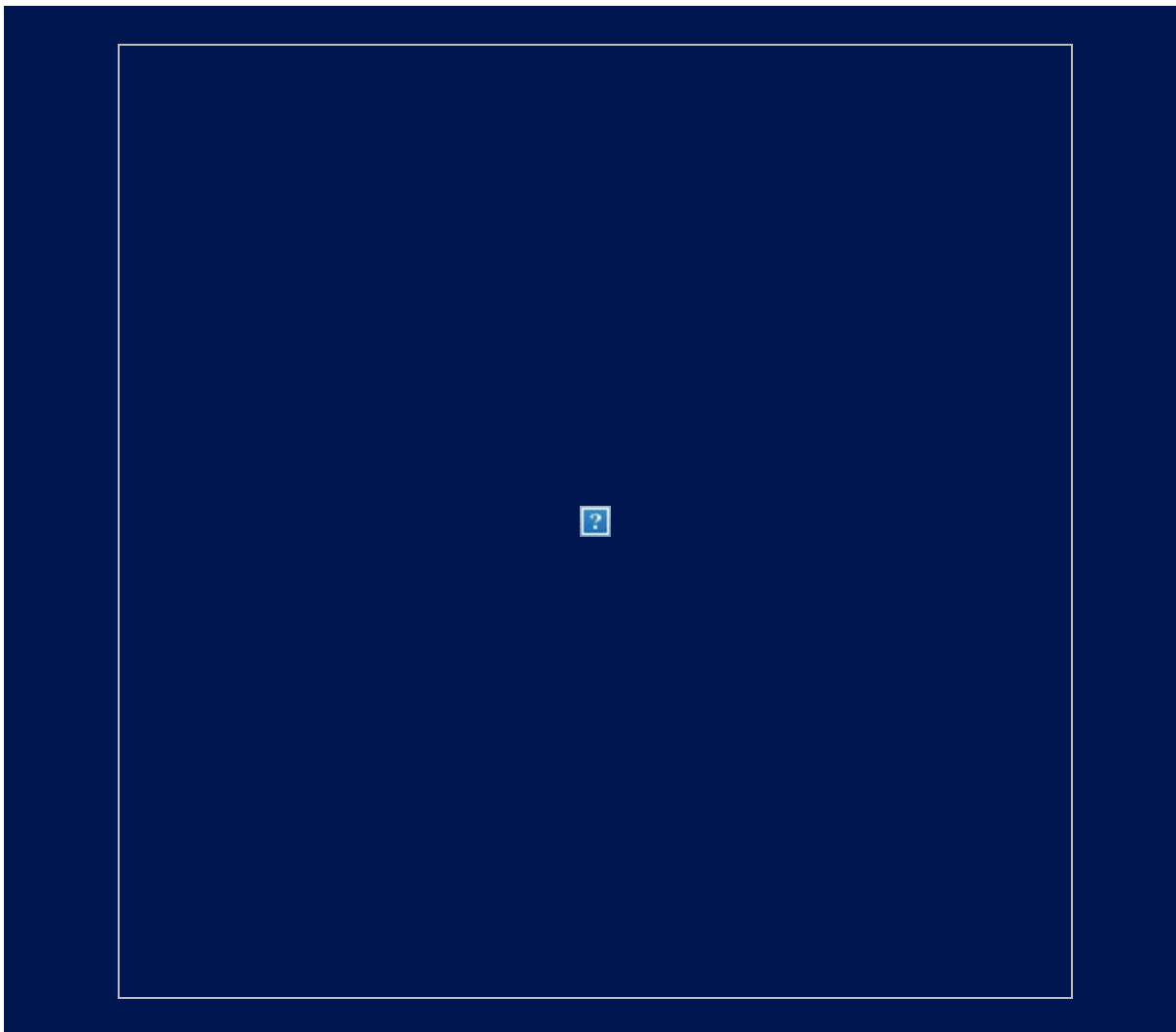
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Thank you for your interest in, and participation with, the Mountain Pact!

Founded in 2014, The Mountain Pact mobilizes local elected officials in over 100 Western mountain communities with outdoor recreation based economies to speak with a collective voice on federal climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation policy.

Read this and past versions of other Mountain Pact updates here.

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DWS Launches 2026 Virtual Training Series

The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services is launching its 2026 Virtual Training Series, offering a full year of no-cost, expert-led professional development for Wyoming's workforce. Now in its third

Virtual Training Series header

year, the series provides practical training designed for employers, workers, students, and community partners statewide.

The series begins Jan. 20 with *Maximizing Your Talent Pool: The Untapped Benefits of Hiring People with Disabilities*, presented by DWS's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. The session will focus on the business advantages of inclusive hiring, including retention, workplace culture, tax benefits, and practical accommodation strategies, with examples from Wyoming employers.

Additional sessions throughout the year will cover career exploration, workplace safety, apprenticeship programs, labor programs and protections, digital tools for hiring and business growth, and communication across a multigenerational workforce. All sessions are virtual, free to attend, and open to the public, with registration required.

To learn more or register, visit dws.wyo.gov/vts.



DWS Offers No-Cost Workers' Compensation Sessions for Employers

The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS) invites employers to attend **no-cost, two-hour informational sessions** focused on Workers' Compensation, workplace safety, risk management, and fraud prevention.

Offered *in person and virtually*, each session provides practical guidance to help employers improve safety, reduce costs, understand the claims process, and

prevent fraud.

2026 Sessions:

- In-person: Jan. 15 (Cheyenne), July 8 (Casper)
- Virtual: April 15, Oct. 15



Registration is required. Learn more [here](#).

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Person-First Language: A Guide for Everyday Communication

Person-first language centers people, not conditions. It recognizes disability as a natural part of the human experience rather than a defining trait. Nearly 1 in 4 American adults lives with a disability, many of which are not visible. When preferences are unclear, a simple, respectful question about how someone would like to be addressed goes a long way. Intentional language choices help foster environments that feel welcoming, professional, and grounded in dignity.

Putting Person-First Language into Practice

- Choose language that emphasizes the person first, such as *“person with a disability,”* *“person with diabetes,”* or *“person with autism.”*

- Engage adults as adults, listen attentively, and communicate with respect.
- Let individuals define their own abilities and needs rather than relying on assumptions.
- Speak directly to the person, not to companions, aides, or interpreters.
- Respect service animals by allowing them to do their job without interference.
- Offer assistance only when it is requested or clearly welcomed.

Language shapes experience. Leading with people-first communication builds trust, strengthens understanding, and helps ensure that every interaction reflects respect, inclusion, and genuine human connection.

Leading workforce innovation today, to build a stronger tomorrow.

Liz Gagen, Director
Wyoming Department of Workforce Services

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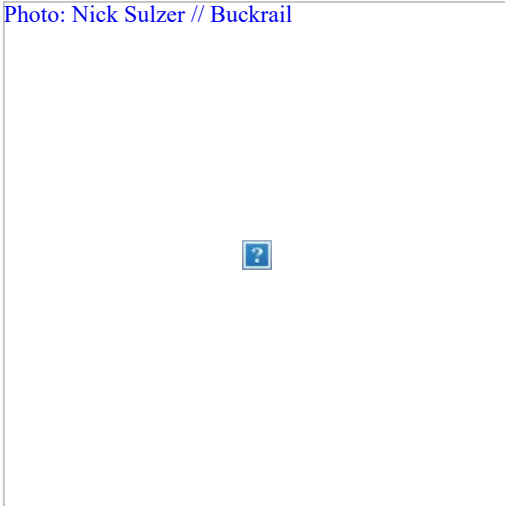
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“The federal government will continue to own the land, and instead of being used for profit like many of these other forest service leases, this land will be developed by a nonprofit to house community members.”

Town Council approved a motion to secure rental rights on six units for 30 years at the proposed [Nelson Drive project](#).

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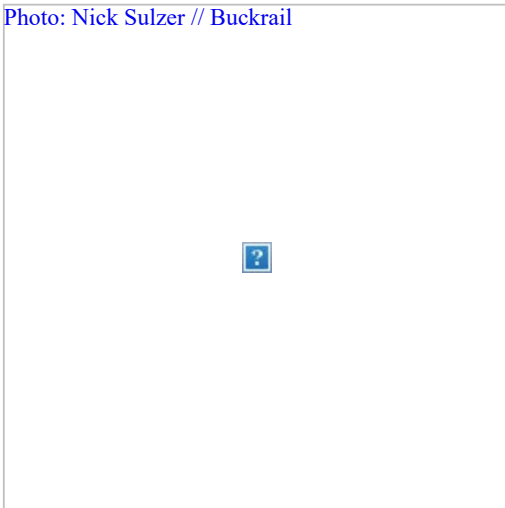
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[JHMR to open ‘Big Red’ tram on Thurs.](#)

TETON VILLAGE, Wyo. — Ski season is ready to begin in earnest. Jackson Hole Mountain Resort (JHMR) announced Wednesday that its aerial tram will open for the season on Thursday, Dec. 18. The [...]

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[Free holiday events in the valley to turn on the festive charm](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — For anyone looking to get into the holiday spirit, Buckrail has rounded up free events around the valley to help capture the magic of the season. Events in the [...]

[Teton Village WinterFest kicks off Friday with lighting, live music, art](#)

TETON VILLAGE, Wyo. — Head to Teton Village on Friday to kick off the end-of-year celebration of WinterFest. The annual lighting of the Village will take place on the



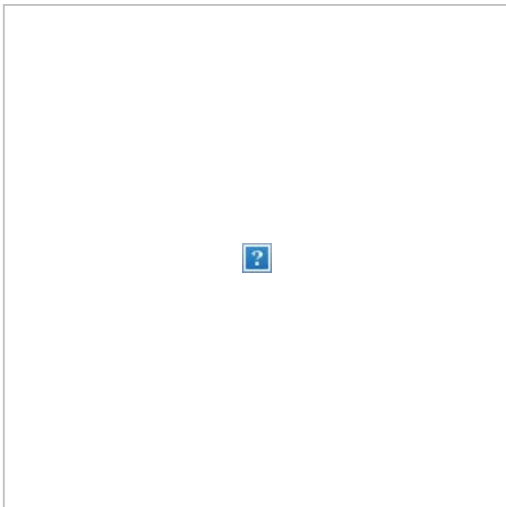
Village Commons from [...]

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WYDOT advises ‘no unnecessary travel’ over Togwotee Pass

JACKSON, Wyo. — Driving conditions are ugly today, folks. The Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) issued a “no unnecessary travel” advisory for Togwotee Pass, US26 between the east boundary of Grand Teton [...]

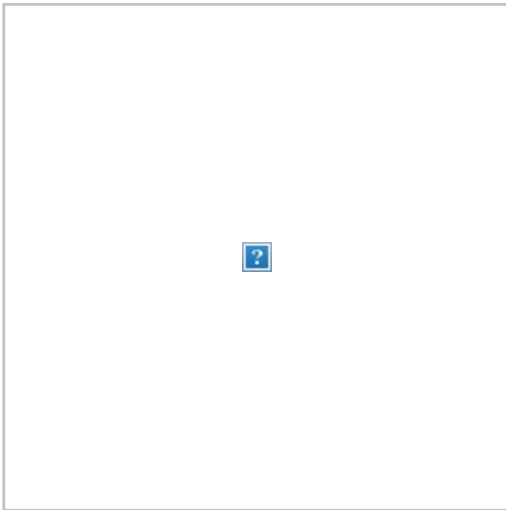


Town approves SPET dollars to purchase rental rights in Nelson Drive project

JACKSON, Wyo. — After another lengthy discussion, Town Council approved a motion to allocate \$4,050,000 of Specific Purpose Excise Tax (SPET) funds to the Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust to secure rental [...]

Spanish and Culture students create art installation of geese on Broadway

JACKSON, Wyo. — Those with a keen eye



could have already noticed a new piece installed at the ArtSpot on Broadway. According to a Tuesday press release from Jackson Hole Public Art, [...]

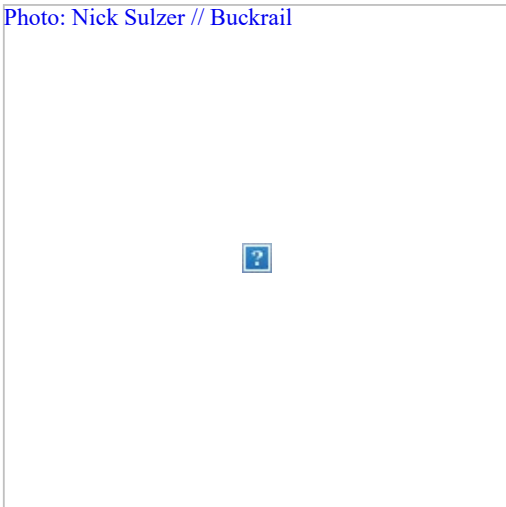
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Updated: Teton Pass open after 2-hour closure

UPDATE, 10:05 a.m.: WYDOT has reopened Teton Pass in both directions with chain law level 1 in place. Drive carefully amid the slush. WILSON, Wyo. — Heads up, commuters. The Wyoming Department [...]

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Overnight winter storm warning forecasts heavy snow, high winds

JACKSON, Wyo. — After another unseasonably warm weather pattern, it's time for commuters to buckle up. The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a winter storm warning that will be in effect [...]

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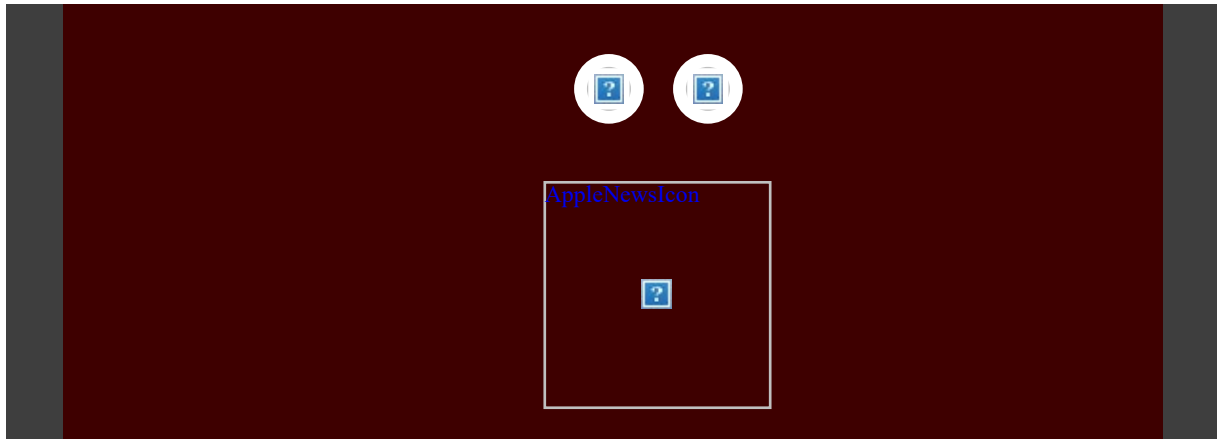
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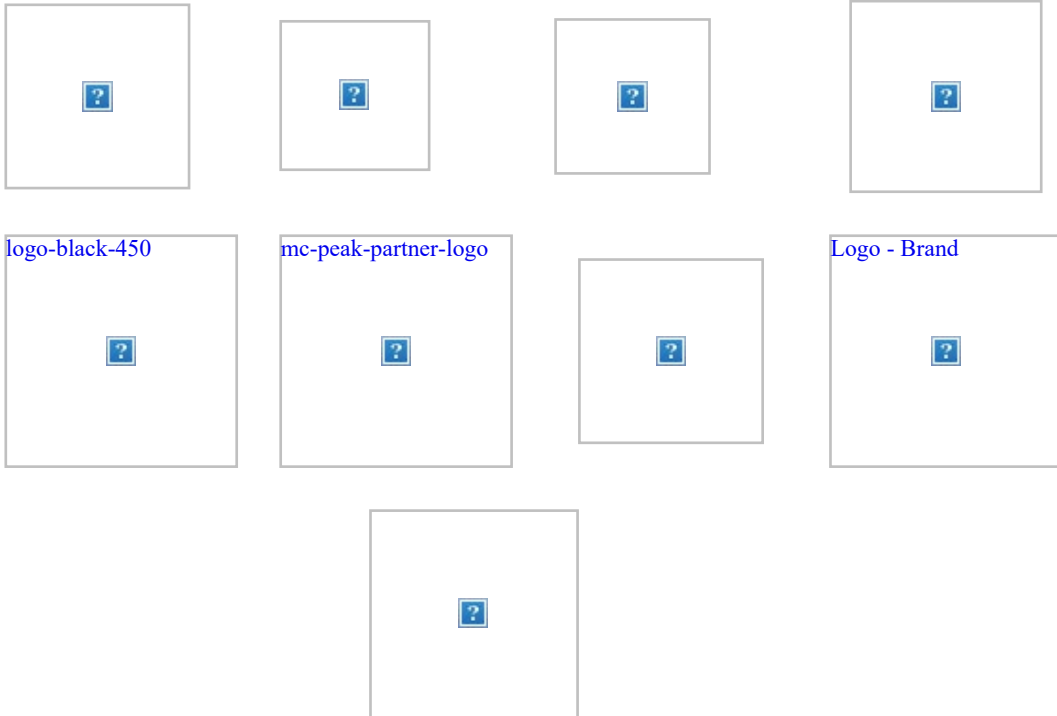
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To: [Devon Viehman](#); [Kevin Regan](#)
Subject: Request to meet with Scott Steen from Slow Food in the Tetons
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 3:17:21 PM



Dear Council Members Viehman and Regan,

Happy holidays to you both. I'm Scott Steen, Executive Director of [Slow Food in the Tetons](#). We're a non-profit in town with the mission to grow our local and regional sustainable food system by supporting producers, educating consumers, and connecting them in the spirit of good, clean and fair food. The programs that we run include the People's Market, Slow Food Farm Stand, Online Marketplace, Community Gardens, Teton Farmer Fund, kids cooking classes and Local Food Access Program.

I'm reaching out to see if you'd be willing to find a time to meet with me about the recent loss of our Online Marketplace location (in the Movieworks Plaza) starting Jan 1st, and an emerging opportunity to find a new home for that program at Vertical Harvest. I'd like to provide some background about our organization and online marketplace program, and to answer any questions you may have about this opportunity. My hope is to speak with all members of the Town Council before this goes onto the TOJ Meeting Agenda, potentially on Jan 14th. I've already had the opportunity to speak with Jonathan and Alyson and have a meeting with Anre in the works.

Might you have time to meet me for coffee sometime the week of Dec 29th or the week of Jan 5th, either separately or together?

Thank you so much for your service to the community and or considering.

Best,
Scott

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Scott Steen
Executive Director
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The final [letter and media release](#) (both attached and below) went out to some state offices, congressional offices, and national/regional/state/local media this morning.

Weblink: <https://www.themountainpact.org/wildfireletter2025>

Please help us get the word out:

1 - Please send the letter to your state, congressional, and media contacts (let me know if you need emails, talking points, etc.) and let me know if you hear back from folks.

2 - Please help spread the word on social media; feel free to use these [Images](#).

Sample posts: Please tag [@TheMountainPact](#), [@themountainpact.bsky.social](#) in your posts. Hashtag [#MountainPact](#)

- **X/Threads/Bluesky:** Recent actions have left the government less able to respond to threats of wildfires. I joined over 160 fellow local elected officials in urging accountability to protect our communities & make sure we're better prepared to respond to & mitigate wildfire. <https://bit.ly/TMPWildfire>
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: Anna Peterson, Anna@TheMountainPact.Org December 17, 2025

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La Plata County, Colorado Commissioner Marsha Porter-Norton said, *“Colorado communities across the state are exposed to the increasing risk of catastrophic wildfires. With federal staffing cuts and uncertainty, the ability to collectively manage and mitigate these threats is seriously compromised. Rural communities like mine depend on federal agencies to fulfill their obligations to protect lives, watersheds, people and landscapes. I am urging the federal government to reinvest in essential wildfire preparedness and to make sure we have the resources we need to keep our communities safe.”*

City Santa Fe, New Mexico Mayor Alan Webber said, *“Unfortunately, New Mexico has suffered enormous damage from wildfires, with enormous costs to our families, forests, and wildlife. That’s why the administration’s moves to undermine wildfire preparedness is putting our homes, forests, and property in grave danger. Santa Fe and communities across the West cannot withstand the consequences of these shortsighted decisions. We need immediate action to restore federal wildfire management capacity and fulfill the government’s obligation to protect our communities.”*

Town of Superior, Colorado Council Member Jenn Kaaoush said, *“As a Councilmember and a survivor of the Marshall Fire, I know what it means for a community to be changed forever in a single afternoon. More than a thousand families in my town lost their homes in hours, and years later many are still trying to rebuild their lives. Since then, I have advised residents and local leaders in Lahaina and in LA, and I have seen the same pain, the same uncertainty, and the same struggle for stability. These are not isolated stories. This is what communities across the West face when wildfire preparedness falls behind the reality on the ground. The staffing losses and reductions we are seeing at the federal level will leave more towns exposed and more families without the protection they deserve. We need federal partners who are fully equipped to prevent catastrophic fires, respond when lives are in immediate danger, and support long term recovery. Anything less leaves our communities at unacceptable risk.”*

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LETTER

December 17, 2025 RE: Wildfire Funding in the West

Dear Western State Attorneys General,

As local elected officials, our foremost responsibility is to help protect the safety of our communities. In the communities we represent in the West, wildfires are one of the foremost risks we face.

Our communities are located near significant federal public lands — including U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the National Park Service (NPS) lands — and we count on these agencies to be able to capably and responsibly manage and respond to wildfire risks.

That’s why we are writing to you today: to express our urgent concern about the rapid decline of federal wildfire preparedness in recent months, and to ask for your help in defending our communities from the impacts of reckless and potentially [illegal cuts](#) to federal [public land management agencies](#) and hazardous fuels reduction efforts.

Since the beginning of the year, we have seen substantial reductions in staffing at federal public land management agencies. Layoffs, voluntary deferred resignations, and early retirements of land management professionals at USFS, NPS, and BLM have severely hampered the federal wildland firefighting force. With these staff reductions, there are many fewer experienced “red card” holders who are able to deploy to manage the most dangerous wildfires.

Federal agencies this year were also impeded in their hiring of the thousands of seasonal firefighters who normally join their ranks during the months when wildfires are most active. According to [internal national data obtained by ProPublica](#) “more than 4,500 Forest Service firefighting jobs — as many as 27% — remained vacant as of July 17, 2025” during the heart of wildfire season in the West. NPS and BLM [reportedly](#) faced similar constraints on hiring seasonal firefighters this year.

Deep staffing cuts are also reducing the capacity of federal land management agencies to plan and execute hazardous fuels reduction projects that lower the risks catastrophic fires pose to our communities. According to an [analysis of USFS data](#), hazardous fuels reduction work across US Forest Service lands, including mechanical thinning and prescribed fire, is down 38% as of October 1, 2025, compared with the same period over the previous four years.

These cuts and reductions are impacting Western states in many ways:

- In Arizona, where [one of the largest wildfires in in the state's history tore through the Kaibab National Forest and North Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park this summer](#), the Forest Service has removed hazardous fuels from barely half (56%) as many acres of national forest land as it has averaged in each of the previous four years.
- In California, the Forest Service has treated just 107,840 acres, or 34% of the four-year average full-year hazardous fuels reduction total.
- In Colorado, the Forest Service has removed hazardous fuels from 72% of its four-year average full-year hazardous fuels reduction total.
- In Idaho, where the Forest Service has treated, on average, 316,660 acres of national forestland each of the previous four years, the Forest Service has removed hazardous fuels from a mere 65,000 acres – just 21 percent of that four-year average.
- In Montana, the Forest Service is barely a fourth of the way (28%) to reaching the average full-year hazardous fuels reduction total from the previous four years.
- In Nevada, the Forest Service is barely a third (38%) of its way to removing hazardous fuels from as many acres of national forestland as it has averaged over the previous four years.
- In New Mexico, the Forest Service has treated just 68,000 acres of national forestland – barely half (53%) of the average amount treated each of the previous four years.
- In Oregon, the Forest Service treated an average of 364,000 acres annually between 2021 and 2024. As of the end of September 2025, it had completed hazardous fuels treatments on only 118,000 acres — about 32% of the recent four-year average.

Adding to the staffing challenges facing federal land management agencies, the federal government is now reportedly preparing for a [massive government-wide reorganization](#) of firefighting operations. While some of the goals of this reorganization are laudable — including increasing firefighter pay, modernizing computer systems, streamlining how agencies contract for equipment, and facilitating more prescribed burns — the uncertainty will create an atmosphere of confusion and could lead to worse outcomes, especially in the short term.

Wildfire preparedness is a matter of life and death in rural Western communities. The danger posed by wildfires to homes, businesses, and livelihoods is ever-present. The impacts of climate change, from increased drought to hotter and more unpredictable weather, are only heightening these risks.

We need the federal government to be able to manage and confront wildfire risks on the lands it manages near our communities. Public land agencies must have the resources and staffing necessary to conduct robust, year-round wildfire preparedness work, including pre-fire mitigation activities, fire suppression, and post-fire recovery and resilience-building.

We respectfully ask that you review the legality of the actions that have resulted in the erosion of federal wildfire preparedness and, as appropriate, take steps to hold the federal government accountable for fulfilling its responsibilities for protecting life and property.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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From: [Susan Scarlata](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Cc: [Tyler Sinclair](#)
Subject: Water Conservation Community Event TONIGHT
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 11:41:54 AM

Dear Town Council,

Hopefully you are all aware of this event already, but just making sure you know you are welcome if any of you want to join.

All Best,

Susan



Now Join the Town for a

Community Event about Water Conservation

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

5:00PM-7:00PM

**Teton County Library
Ordway Auditorium**

Join Town staff to learn more and share your perspective about the future of water conservation in the Town of Jackson. After last summer's restrictions, the Town is seeking community input to help shape potential water conservation practices.

Everyone welcome!

Questions? Contact Tanya Anderson tanderson@jacksonwy.gov

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From: [Jake Hutton](#)
To: [Devon Viehman](#)
Subject: Re: Online Form Submittal: Email Devon Viehman
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 10:06:33 AM



Good Morning Devon,

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly! Sara and I really appreciate your help.

We have been working with Fodor Law as our legal counsel on this issue. Please feel free to reach out to them on our behalf and connect your legal counsel with them. I will inform Fodor Law that you and your office might be reaching out. They might be able to help your legal counsel familiarize themselves with this issue, as they have all the relevant documents and a thorough understanding of what has happened thus far.

What would really help us out in the meantime is a quick email to our Wyoming U.S. senators and congressional representatives stating you don't want to see a small business shut down in our community. They have requested that we have members of our community email them, weighing in on this issue. Congressman Adam Grey of California has been our lead point of contact for the democratic party on this issue, as he is on the Committee of Interior Lands. Please send his office an email as well.

Here is contact information for the staff of each office that is working on this issue, as well as a draft email that other members of our community have been sending to those offices. Please feel free to use it as a template if you would like.

Many Thanks,

Jake Hutton
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Congressman Adam Grey - sophia.garcia@mail.house.gov
(202) 225-1947

To whom it may concern,

JH Outfitting Company runs a holistic business on the Kelly Parcel. They offer the public an eco-friendly way to experience authentic Wyoming Heritage, Native History, and Wildlife through Horseback Experiences and a weekly Ranch-to-Table Dinner Ride. These services are a value to our community.

JH Outfitting Company works with wild mustangs, adopting and training them so they can live productive, happy lives. They give these adopted horses a home while simultaneously helping to ease the financial strain put on the BLM from the cost of feeding them once gathered off the range.

JH Outfitting Company intentionally drops over 1.5 miles of fence line to help wildlife migrations in the spring and fall. They graze 30 horses on a range that is rated for nearly animals. Creating healthy new growth regeneration while still leaving more feed than we take for the wildlife.

JH Outfitting Company employs 15-20 full and part-time workers from Teton County, with a focus on hiring local youth from the community during the summer months in order to teach them horsemanship and eco-friendly land management practices, which are valuable skill sets for a Wyoming resident. They are the only horseback ride available to the public in what is now the southeastern side of GTNP, known as the Kelly Parcel, and as far as we know, the only activity that shares Native American history in GTNP. There is a clear need and want by the public to interact with this landscape via a horse from past seasons.

JH Outfitting Company is currently being shut down by Grand Teton National Park. But section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to identify and assess the effects of their actions on historic properties and consider public views in their decision-making. The process mandates consultation with State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, the Public, and Stakeholders on that land. GTNP did not follow protocol for Section 106, and has not consulted with any of these entities.

Wyoming agricultural communities work together to survive the harsh conditions we live in. The loss of one operation goes beyond the family directly affected. It hurts the whole community. This issue is no different, and Teton County can not afford to lose any more of its agricultural community that is keeping Wyoming Heritage alive.

With over 90 percent of Teton County being federally owned, we think our community deserves more from this federal agency and do not want to see JH Outfitting Company shut down!

Thank you for your time,

On Dec 15, 2025, at 10:16 AM, noreply@civicplus.com wrote:

Email Devon Viehman

Email Content:

Hello there!

I hope you have been able to spend some quality time with your family and loved ones this holiday season.

My name is Jake Hutton. My Fiancé, Sara McIntosh, and I own and operate JH Outfitting Company, based on the square mile of land known as the Kelly Parcel.

JH Outfitting Company is a holistic business that offers the public an eco-friendly way to experience authentic Wyoming Heritage, Native History, and Wildlife through horseback experiences and a Ranch-to-Table Dinner Ride. We intentionally drop over 1.5 miles of fence line to help wildlife migrations in the spring and fall. We graze 30 horses on a range that is rated for 672 animals. Creating healthy new growth regeneration while still leaving more feed than we take for the wildlife. We employ 15-20 full and part-time workers from Teton County, with a focus on hiring local youth from the community during the summer months in order to teach them horsemanship and eco-friendly land management practices, which are valuable skill sets for a Wyoming resident. We are the only horseback ride available to the public in what is now the southeastern side of GTNP, known as the Kelly Parcel, and as far as we know, the only activity that shares Native American history in GTNP. We can show a clear need and want by the public to interact with this landscape via a horse from our past seasons.

Grand Teton National Park recently purchased this square mile of land from the State of Wyoming, as I am sure you are aware. Some of you may have met us while we stood up and spoke out against the development of this property at public hearings

across the state. Our involvement was critical to this land being saved. We gave speeches and handed out free local hamburgers to anyone who would show up. Helping raise enough public support, awareness, and funds to purchase this land for conservation. At these public hearings, GTNP would thank us for our support, shake our hands, say we are on the same team, and tell us that they don't want to see us shut down. But now that GTNP has possession of the land, they have completely changed their tune and are shutting our business down.

Legal counsel looked over our permits and the contract for the sale of this land, and they say GTNP purchased the land with the existing encumbrances, such as our TUP Permit 03420. But GTNP has not provided the legal documentation stating why they can prematurely cancel our permit when we requested it.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to identify and assess the effects of their actions on historic properties and consider public views in their decision-making. The process mandates consultation with State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, stakeholders on the land, and the public. GTNP did not follow protocol and has not consulted with any of these entities about the management of the Kelly Parcel.

Sara and I spent this past week in Washington, D.C., troubleshooting how we can amend the Department of the Interior's poor handling of this historic ground. We met in person or have been in correspondence with around 15 members of Congress, the Senate, and their staff. We were well received all around and found support from both parties. It would be great if you could give us a few minutes of your time to discuss this Teton County issue with your office. Our Wyoming representatives have asked if we could get our county officials to email them, weighing in with their opinion about this issue, and Sara and I would like to explain it to you personally.

As you know well, Wyoming agricultural communities work together to survive the harsh conditions we all operate in. The loss of one operation goes beyond the family directly affected. It hurts the whole community. This issue is no different, and Teton County can not afford to lose any more of its agricultural community that is keeping Wyoming Heritage alive in our valley.

With over 90 percent of Teton County being federally owned, we think our community deserves more from this federal agency, and we are disappointed to say the least in GTNP's lack of interaction with the community, stakeholders, and neighbors about what this historic land means to them.

Sara and I are loved and valued members of our community. We have worked all sorts of jobs across this town over our years here. This will be the 8th season Jake has worked for the Town Hill on Snow King Ski Patrol, and Sara, before starting this business, was the local food access manager for Slow Foods in the Tetons. Helping local farmers and ranchers have a platform to sell their goods, and giving the public an easy, centralized way to support these local agricultural businesses in their community. During COVID, she helped design the online market that has become the majority of Slow Food's business.

Your help with this issue means the world to us, and is crucial to protecting the Wyoming Heritage left in Teton County that is slowly going extinct from encroaching federal lands and billionaires.

Many Thanks,

Jake Hutton & Sara McIntosh
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From: [Mac Watson](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Radio interview
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 9:08:38 AM



Arne:

It was great speaking with you yesterday! Thank you for the insight and the conversation!

You are scheduled to be interviewed on Jake's show Thursday, 12/18, at 8:45.

Please click on the Zoom link at 8:40AM and I've reminded Jake of our conversation.

Thank you for agreeing to join us on the Cowboy State Daily Show. We are looking forward to your appearance.

A few reminders:

Timing, down to the minute, is important. Please make every attempt to be ready in the Zoom Room at your appointed time or a minute or two earlier. Please remain in Zoom until host puts the Zoom in broadcast mode. You will hear audio of the show in progress when this happens. Wait patiently and refrain from talking at this point.

Sessions are about 10-15 minutes long. All language should be PG-rated.

Zoom link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3079998255?pwd=QlYQRsl6Ql4lwAERpK6b7GcWOWbv7x.1>

Any questions, please ask!

Mac Watson
Broadcast Media Director
News Anchor
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- *Confidence isn't, "I hope they like me."*
- *Confidence is, "I'll be fine, even if they don't."*

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From: [Patrick Edwards](#)
To: [Patrick Edwards](#)
Subject: Fwd: [WBC-ALLREGIONAL] [WBC-ALLSTAFF] Assessment to Action (A2A): Next Cohort begins March 3-4 in Casper
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 9:07:26 AM



A2A is a wonderful program. I encourage Wyoming communities to participate. Please see the email below.

Patrick Edwards

West Central Regional Director

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From: **Amber Power** <amber.power@wyo.gov>

Date: Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 4:42 PM

Subject: [WBC-ALLREGIONAL] [WBC-ALLSTAFF] Assessment to Action (A2A): Next Cohort begins March 3-4 in Casper

To: WBC-All-Staff Email <wbc-allstaff@wyo.gov>

Hi team!

We are thrilled to announce our seventh (7th) A2A session!

If you haven't attended A2A or it's been a while, I invite you to join us. We iterate and improve with every cohort; there will be something new to see. Please RSVP or we may not have enough junky breakfast options and you'll have to settle for the linty mints in the bottom of my training supply bag.

Next Cohort: March 3-4, 2026 in Casper, WY

Assessment to Action (A2A) is Wyoming Business Council's hands-on program that empowers Wyoming communities and industries to tackle their biggest challenges. By helping teams uncover root problems, build strong partnerships, and put systems in place for long-term success, A2A

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Recent Success Stories:

- **Housing:** Five communities advanced housing initiatives, including Greybull's new 501C3 & a possible Habitat for Humanity partnership and Shoshoni's strategic housing committee
- **Infrastructure:** Hudson transformed from planning to execution by annexing property, upgrading systems, and launching beautification programs
- **Collaboration:** Gillette merged two economic development entities with formal collaborative commitments across stakeholders
- **Industry Development:** Glenrock built Business Retention capabilities; Local Foods industry team successfully revised the Food Freedom Act and strengthened its partnership with the Dept. of Ag

A2A Information: Learn more about the process, the commitment, and how to get started.

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See you at Oscar's on Friday at 9!
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Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 8:14 AM
To: Devon Viehman <DViehman@jacksonwy.gov>
Subject: Re: Online Form Submittal: Email Devon Viehman

No problem. Really busy time of year. Would 9 at Atelier Ortega (Scott Lane) on Friday work for you?
If that is crazy making, we can reschedule for the new year.
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Great. See you there on the 17th.

On Dec 3, 2025, at 9:09 AM, Juliann Whelan <juliannwhelan@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi again. I can do the 17th at 8:30 or 9. LMK if either works for you.
Thanks!

On Dec 3, 2025, at 8:43 AM, noreply@civicplus.com wrote:

Email Devon Viehman

Email Content: HI Devon. This is Missy Whelan. I agree with your LTE this morning and I too miss Rebecca's editorial oversight and thoughtful leadership.
I was wondering if you would be free next week to meet with me? As you know, I am a long time resident of 810 West. I have concerns about the composition of the Virginian housing mix and would like to chat with you about those.
Would you like to meet me for coffee at my place at 8:30 or 9 on Wednesday the 10th or Thursday the 11th of next week? If you would prefer, we could grab coffee somewhere else in town.
Thanks for your work on the council.
Miss

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With gratitude,

Carrie Geraci



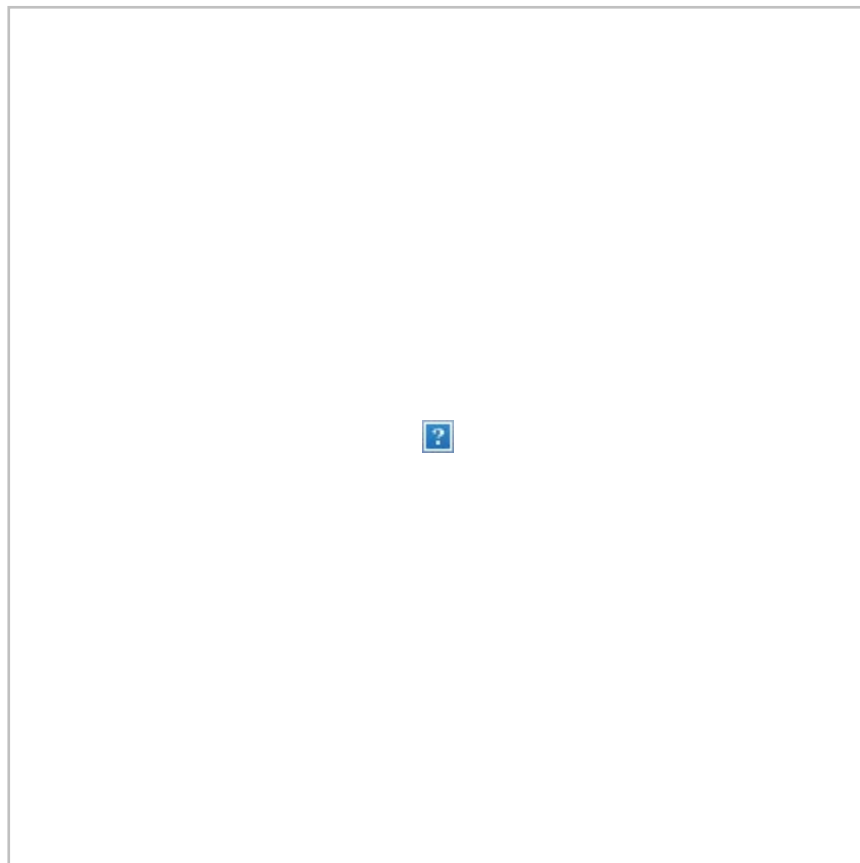
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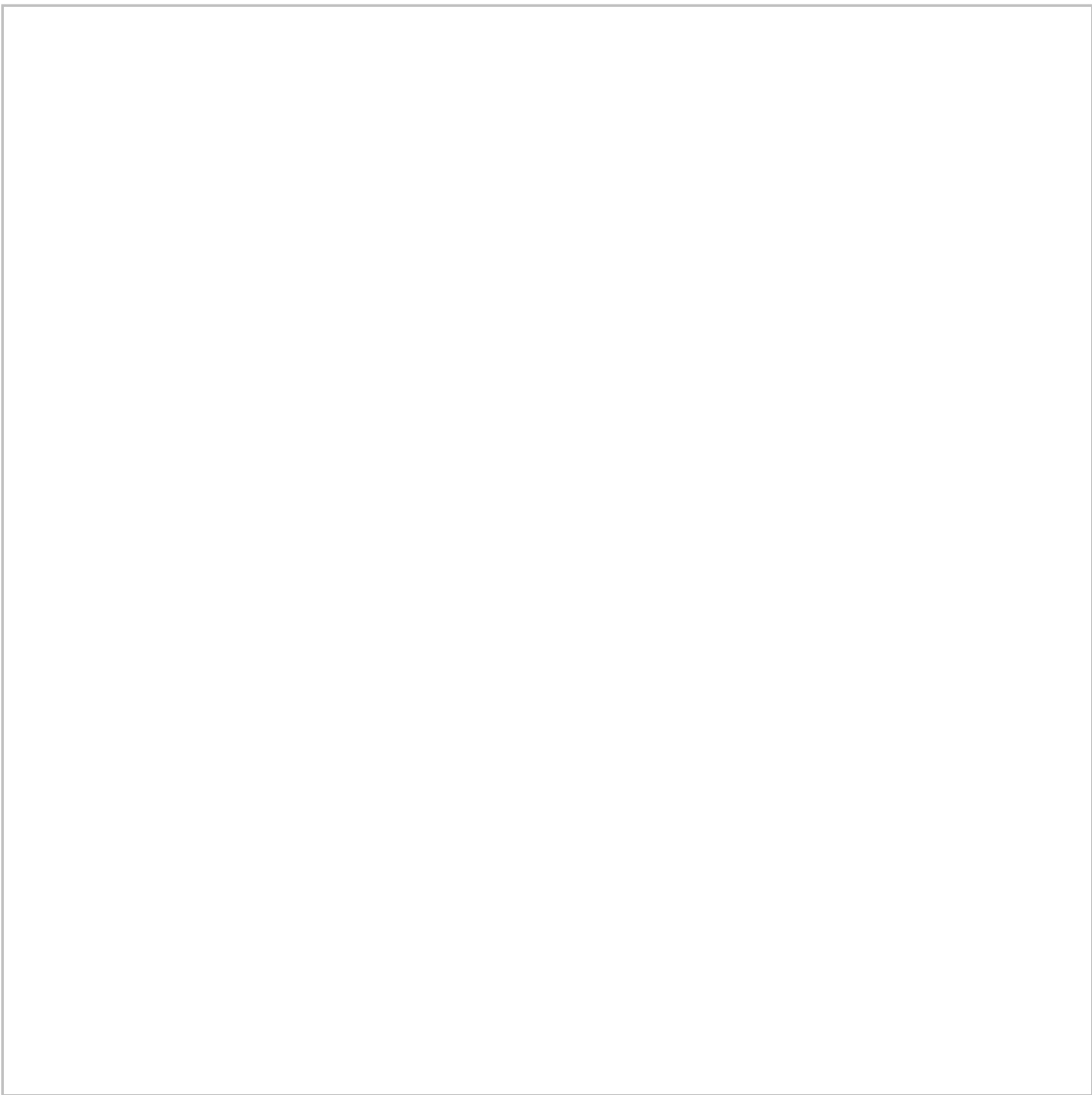
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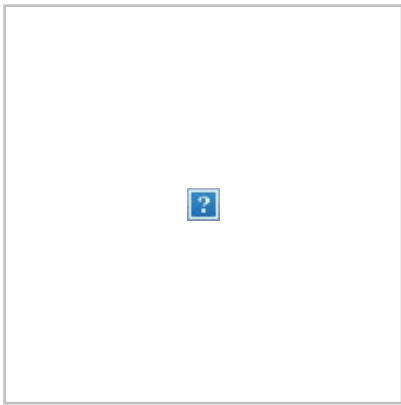
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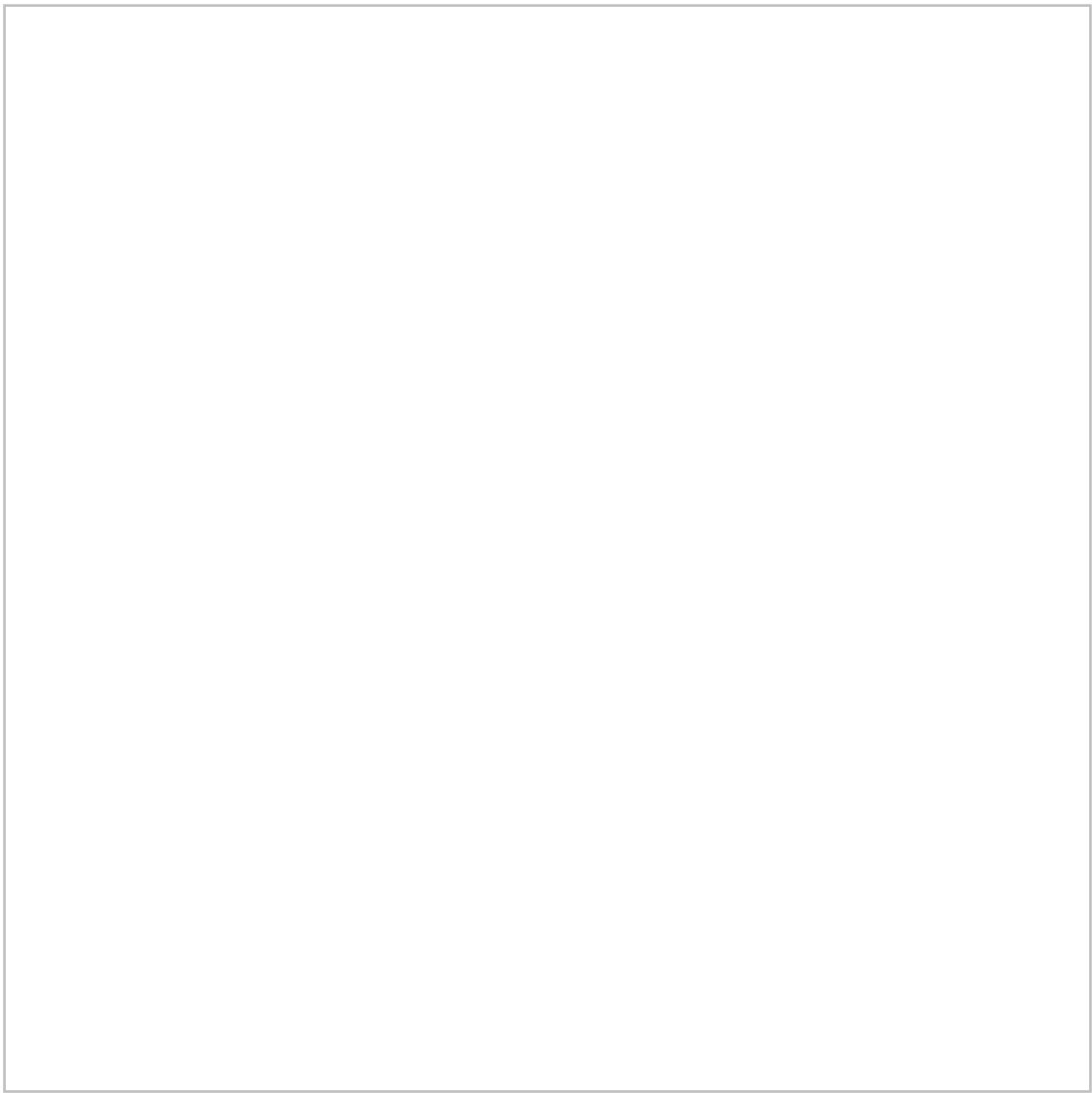


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The Local Government Legal Center (LGLC) recently hosted a webinar to discuss the current Supreme Court term and what decisions local governments should watch. Watch the recording here to get a breakdown of cases ranging from employment law, the environment, public safety, and nationwide injunctions from legal experts. [Learn more »](#)

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Since the ratification of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, \$12.7B reached communities of all sizes, with smaller cities, towns and villages coming out in the lead. As reauthorization talks begin, here's a look at why federal investment in local infrastructure matters more than ever. [Learn more »](#)

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Hi Mayor Jorgensen!

I just sent you a text from my cell about arranging a time, let me know if you received it!

Best,
Lily King

On Dec 15, 2025, at 4:53 PM, noreply@civicplus.com wrote:

Email Arne Jorgensen

Email Content: Hi Mayor Jorgensen!

My name is Lily King, I'm from Northern California and I am visiting Jackson Hole for the week with my friend group. This is a very odd question, but I was wondering if there was any way we could buy you a beer in any of the coming days or nights before we leave Friday morning. Any destination, we can make it work! On our trips, we frequently do scavenger hunts to compete for prizes and take it VERY seriously, and one of our tasks is to

drink a beer with the Mayor of Jackson. Let me know if you would be willing to do this task, it would be very appreciated, beer on us!

Best,
Lily King

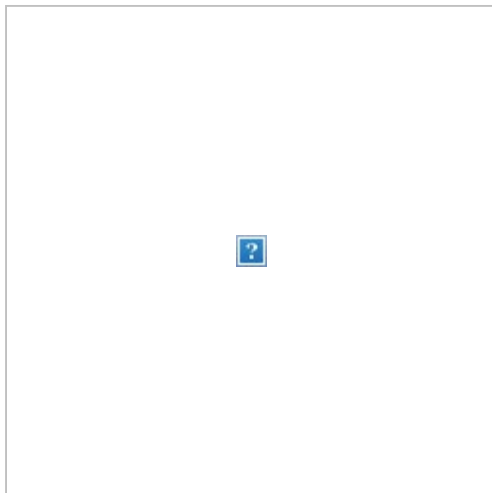
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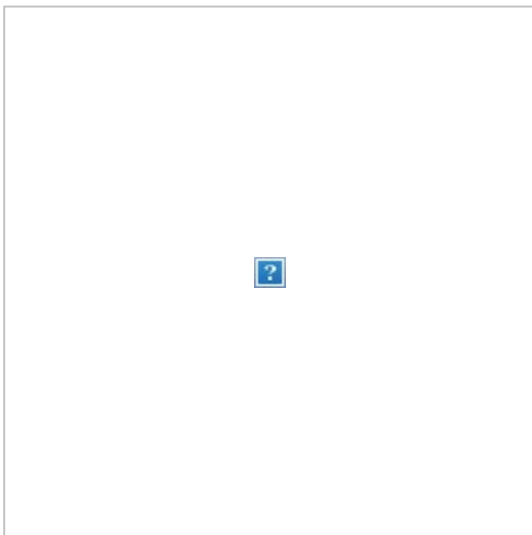
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As we wrap up the year, I'm incredibly grateful for what our community has achieved together. Thanks to your support, Energy Conservation Works helped neighbors save energy and money through home-efficiency upgrades, green power sign-ups, and simple habit changes that add up. We're also thrilled to be working toward Wyoming's first Community Solar project, with plans to break ground next summer—an exciting milestone for clean, local energy in our state.

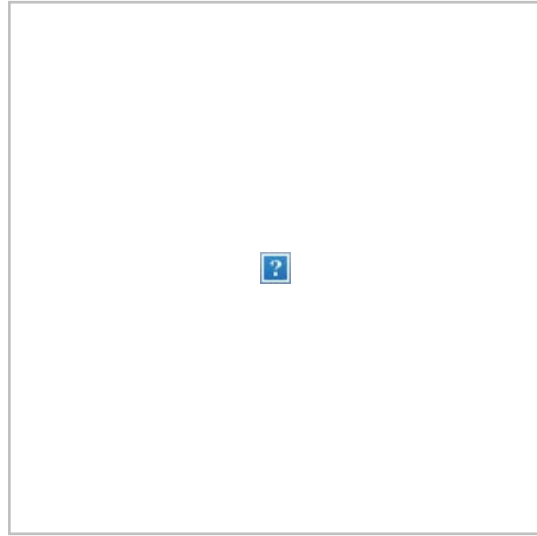
Thank you for your continued support of this important work. With your help, we're building a more energy-efficient, affordable, and sustainable future for our community.

— *Melissa Turley, Executive Director*

Community Solar Nears Next Milestones

Momentum continues to build for the community solar project. ECW and Lower Valley Energy are working together to move the project forward and ensure it meets the community's need for clean, reliable, and affordable energy—while also prioritizing responsible land use.

With strong community enthusiasm—more than 600 people have already expressed interest—we expect subscriptions to move quickly once enrollment opens. If you want to be among the first to hear pricing and enrollment details, make sure you're signed up for the interest list.



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Applications are submitted through the Town and County's volunteer board portal. To apply, visit: tetoncountywy.gov → Government → Volunteer Boards.
Application deadline: **December 28, 2025 at 5:00 PM.**

This is a partial term vacancy to serve from Feb. 1 through June 30, 2026. If you have questions about the application process, please contact the Administrative Clerk, clerkadmin@tetoncountywy.gov or 307-732-8488.



ECW Leads Grant-Funded Program to Advance High-Efficiency Building

Energy Conservation Works is leading a major new effort to accelerate high-efficiency building upgrades in Jackson Hole through the **Municipal Investment Fund (MIF)**, ICLEI, and the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. This \$250,000 planning grant is supporting ECW and the Town of Jackson in developing a Public-Private Partnership Plan to expand energy efficiency, heat pump adoption, distributed solar, battery storage, and other high-performance building technologies.

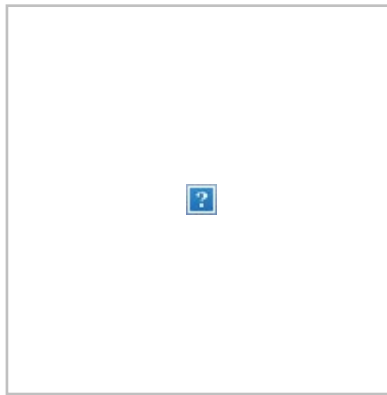
As **ECW ED Melissa Turley** shared, *"This work reflects what ECW was created to do:*

connect local action with long-term impact. By using federal funding to plan for high-efficiency, low-emission buildings, we're helping Jackson Hole lead by example — proving that small communities can take big steps toward energy independence.”

ECW Leads Grant-Funded Program to Advance High-Efficiency Building

Cold temps can drive up energy bills fast. ECW is here to help you weatherize, upgrade insulation, replace drafty windows, or install high-efficiency heat pumps, with Lower Valley Energy rebates and ECW 1.5%-interest financing available. Have you noticed your power bills going up this fall? **Read Mark Huffman's piece in the N&G.** A home energy audit is the first step to a warmer, more efficient home this winter.

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Subject: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Updates - Board Retreat Summary and Related Motions
Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 4:22:02 PM



Dear Mayor and Town Councilors, Chair and County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Teton County/Jackson Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Board), I am writing to summarize the key outcomes of the Board's October 28, 2025 annual retreat and the follow-up motions adopted at our November 13, 2025 regular meeting. I planned to share these updates during public comment at yesterday's Board of County Commissioners meeting, when Director Florence presented the draft FY 2027–2031 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), but unfortunately was ill and unable to attend.

1. Retreat outcomes and prioritization focus

The primary outcome of the retreat was a commitment to sharpen the Board's focus on the highest-priority issues. We believe that is where our input adds the most value to the Director, staff, and governing bodies. The Board agreed to prioritize:

- Establishing guidelines for considering community-initiated projects to ensure ideas are evaluated in alignment with Department strategic plans, planning cycles, and capacity;
- Emphasizing timely Board engagement on major initiatives by aligning Board input with key planning milestones and decision points for the CIP, strategic planning, and high-profile projects; and
- Clarifying the Board's advisory role to the Town and County so that our input is timely, constructive, and supports informed decision-making.

Tim and I would like to commend Director Florence for implementing many of the process and prioritization recommendations immediately. For example, the [new staff reports](#) at our meetings now clearly identify the Board's role and timing, as well as upcoming key dates for Town Council and Board of County Commissioners discussions and action items.

This prioritization framework directly informed the motions adopted at our November 13 meeting, below.

2. Motion: Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

At the November 13 meeting, the Advisory Board voted to support the FY 2027–2031 CIP and to encourage continued exploration and development of four additional projects in FY 2027 that will require coordinated planning, funding strategies, and policy direction from both governing bodies. The four projects are:

- Aquatics facility expansion;
- An indoor tennis facility;
- A dog park and/or dog off-leash area solution; and
- A new Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan.

As noted in the Director's CIP presentation, the aquatics facility expansion and dog park are identified in the 2018 Strategic Plan. They both have broad community support but face unresolved constraints. Also, an indoor tennis facility has strong advocates providing many incentives, but the project cannot advance without new policy direction. Additionally, the 2018 Strategic Plan no longer provides sufficient guidance for current and emerging priorities, reinforcing the need for an updated strategic planning effort.

Requests

The draft CIP includes an aquatics facility expansion study and community workshop, and the Board encourages that these remain in the FY 2027 budget and plan. The Board respectfully requests that the Town and County also direct the Department to advance planning for: an indoor tennis facility, a dog park or dog off-leash solution, and a new Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan.

3. Motion: Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

The Board also voted at the November 13 meeting to authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to provide Board input into the drafting of the next Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), specifically related to the Board's roles and responsibilities. The purpose of this motion is to clarify the Board's advisory role to the Town and the County elected bodies, ensuring expectations, responsibilities, and communication pathways are clearly defined.

Request

The Board respectfully requests that the Chair or Vice Chair be included in relevant discussions of the JPA as this work moves forward.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board looks forward to continuing to serve as a constructive advisory voice to Director Florence, the Town Council, and the Board of County Commissioners as these priorities move forward.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like additional context.

Respectfully,

Jessica Kellett

Chair, Teton County/Jackson Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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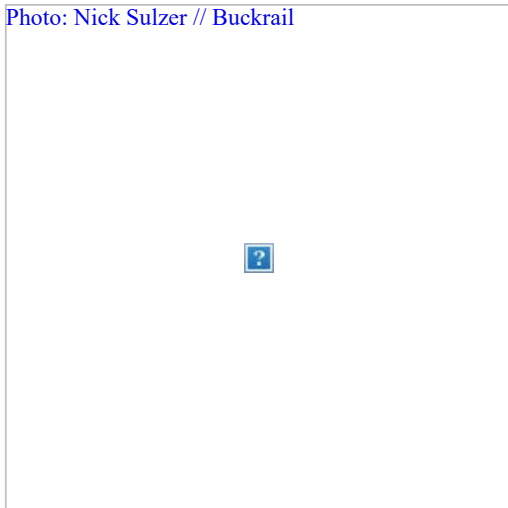
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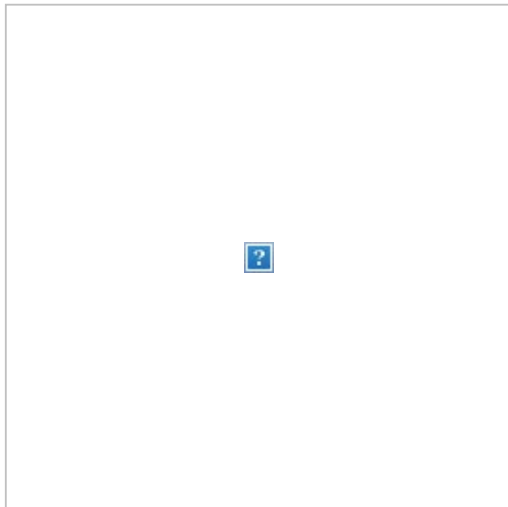
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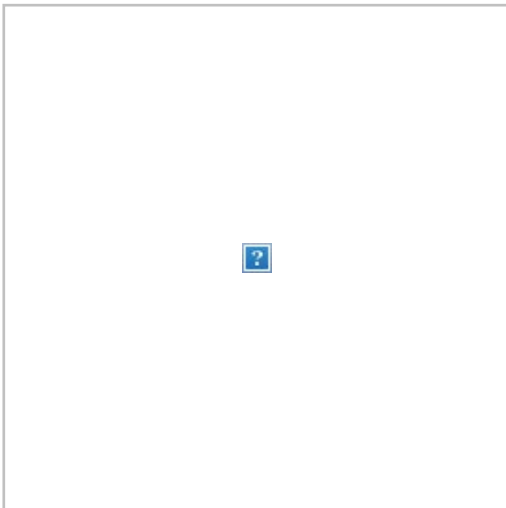
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[Yellowstone webcam shows lone wolf loping through Upper Geyser Basin](#)

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK — Last week, Yellowstone Forever, the official nonprofit partner of Yellowstone National Park (YNP) shared a video of a lone wolf trotting through the Upper Geyser Basin on

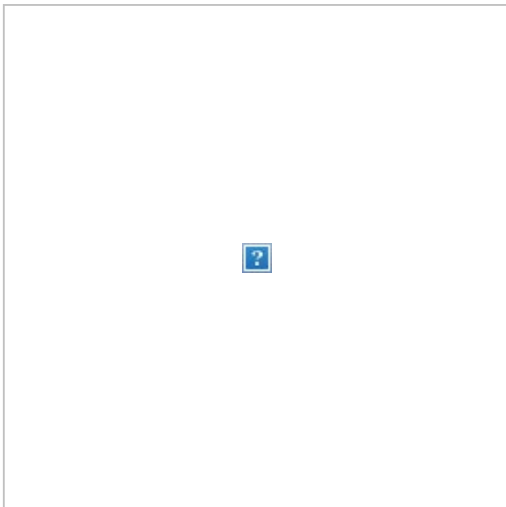


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SNAPPED: Wildlife wander around the Gros Ventre

KELLY, Wyo. — Sunday morning was a perfect time for viewing wildlife. Buckrail photographer Nick Sulzer snapped some photos of moose and bald eagles along the Gros Ventre Road in Kelly. Moose [...]

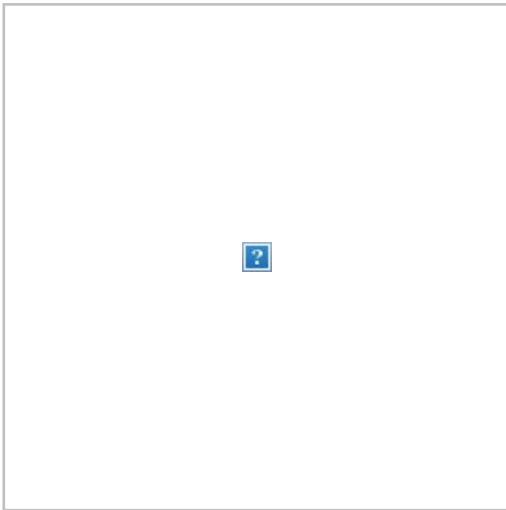


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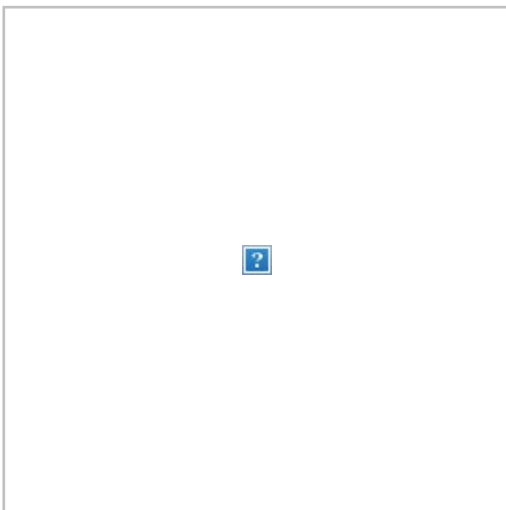
JACKSON, Wyo. — A Wyoming PBS documentary about American mountain guides will make its world premiere in January at the AlpinFilm festival in Jackson, which is hosted by the Teton Climbers' Coalition. [...]

BLM seeks volunteers for January bald eagle survey

PINEDALE, Wyo. — The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Kemmerer and

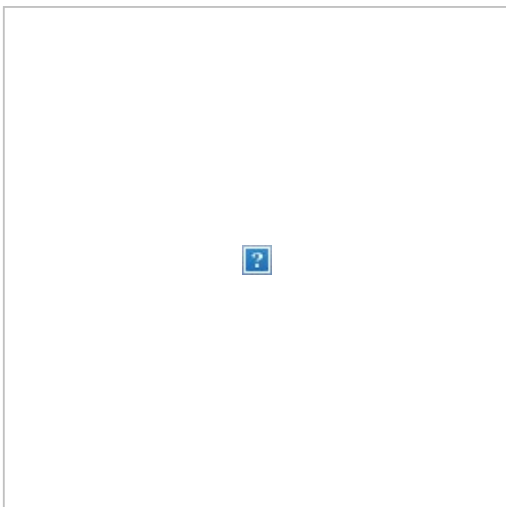


Pinedale field offices are seeking volunteers for the national Midwinter Bald Eagle Survey. Surveys will take place on Friday, Jan. 9, [...]



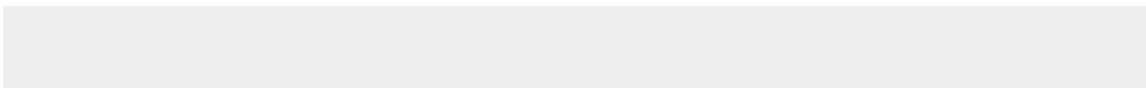
SNAPPED: Christmas tree ceremony lights up Grand Targhee Plaza

ALTA, Wyo. — Holiday cheer was in the air on Friday at Grand Targhee Resort for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on the Plaza and Buckrail photographer Nick Sulzer was around to [...]



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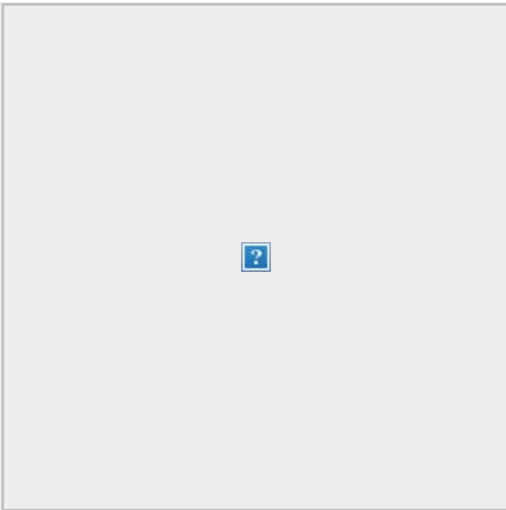
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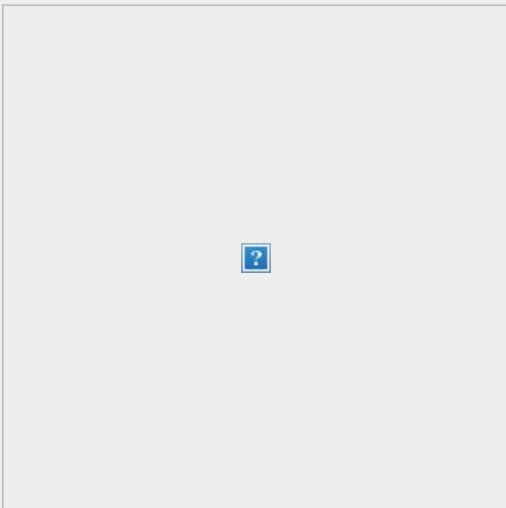
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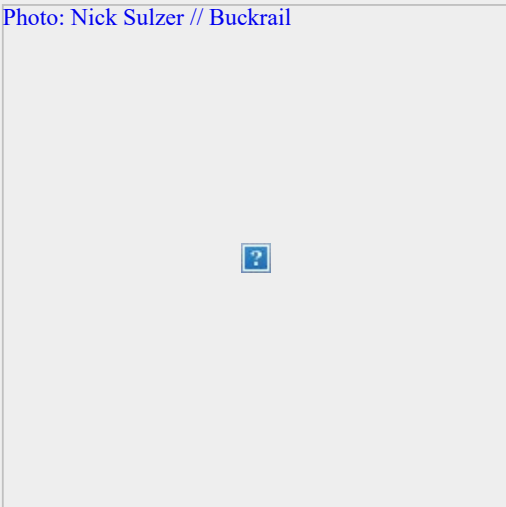
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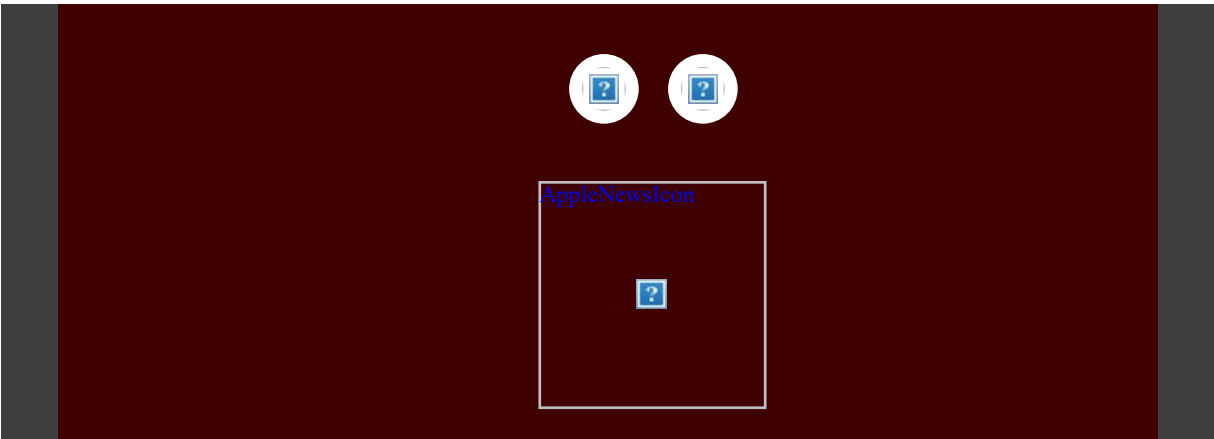
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Hello Region 5 Mayors,

I have recently been appointed to the WAM Legislative Leadership Committee representing Region 5. I'm excited to take on this challenge and hopefully get up to speed quickly. I am sending this to you Mayor's and I would appreciate it if you could forward the invite to your various town/city council members and administrators.

A Legislative Update for all WAM Members will be on **Wednesday, December 17th at 7:30 AM.**

The Zoom meeting will deliver critical insights in preparation for the upcoming legislative budget discussions. It will address key issues and priorities impacting municipalities across the state, while offering a valuable forum to stay informed, ask questions, and engage with colleagues in advance of the session.

The meeting will be held via Zoom, please us the following link:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/tjes8qr>

Thank you for your participation

Jeff Jensen
Mayor, Afton Wyoming



aftonwyoming.gov

From: [National League of Cities \(NLC\)](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Federal Advocacy Newsletter: Cities Look to Future of Federal Infrastructure Partnership
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To inform surface transportation and water reauthorization, NLC's recent Rebuilding Together report examines federal and state funding for municipal infrastructure and calls for sustained support of local infrastructure projects. [Learn more »](#)

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Key Federal Updates

NLC Executive Action Tracker and Downloadable Fact Sheets

To help local governments stay updated, NLC has developed a member-gated tracker and detailed, downloadable fact sheets identifying the Trump-Vance Administration's Executive Actions that may impact local government operations.

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Federal Budget Tracker

NLC tracks and compiles everything you need to know about the status of the federal budget and allocations to agency programs that may impact your community. [Learn more »](#)

NLC Calls for Revamp of Federal Connectivity Programs

Congress has begun work on updates to the Universal Service Fund, which is the largest permanent federal program to close the digital divide. NLC urged Congress to incorporate broadband subsidies and funding reform in its overhaul. [Learn more »](#)

EPA, Army Corps Release WOTUS Proposed Rule

On November 17, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released a new proposed rule on the definition of "Waters of the U.S." under the Clean Water Act. Comments on the proposed rule are due Jan. 5, 2026. [Learn more »](#)

Add Your City's Project to the Local Government Direct Pay Tracker

Did your community file for Elective Pay (Direct Pay) in November for a clean energy or electric vehicle project? If so, help us build out a dashboard of local government projects to help make the case for restoring the tax credits. [Learn more »](#)

Local Infrastructure Hub Trainings Open!

Join the Local Infrastructure hub for multi-week Bootcamps and new half-day Workshops, which are designed to support cities throughout the grant process, including planning, application development, and post-award implementation. All trainings are complimentary and open to city employees. [Learn more »](#)

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December 17, 10:00 AM ET

Powering Local Growth: How Propane Can Help Cities Meet Data Center Energy and Emissions Challenges

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December 18, 2:00 PM ET

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Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 11:40:58 AM



Email the Town Council

Email Content:

I live in Alpine so I'm just an interested observer. Rather than build Jackson-style condos that would be unaffordable to most workers,
I think a better option for affordable housing would be to cover the property with prebuilt tiny homes that look good that a worker could afford to rent or buy.
You have the \$28m land already and you want workers to live here and your charge is affordable housing. That would be the city's contribution to the problem. Proper landscaping could make it very attractive.
David Block

Your Name: David Block

Your Company Name: David Block

Your Phone Number: 8309282113

Your Email Address: davidblock28@gmail.com

Your City: Alpine

Your State: WY

Your Zip Code: 83128

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From: [Chris Steinkamp](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Stand Up for the Mountain Towns You Love
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Stand Up For the Mountain Towns You Love Make a Year End Contribution to MT2030

Dear MT2030 Friend,

As I look out the window in Park City, I'm struck by something I never thought I'd say in mid-December - there's no snow. It feels more like spring than December 14th. Across the West, snowpack is at its lowest level since 2001, and what once felt like an anomaly is quickly becoming the norm.

Shorter winters. Unpredictable storms. Drought-fueled wildfires. For mountain towns, this is our year-round reality, putting our communities and local economies at risk

This is why Mountain Towns 2030 exists and why your support means so much.

Since 2019, we've been bringing mountain communities together; city and county leaders, ski resorts, businesses, and nonprofits to move beyond talk and toward systemic, high-impact climate solutions. We've built a collaborative platform where communities can learn from one another, align around shared goals, and take action that simply wouldn't be possible alone.

And it's working.

Communities are setting more ambitious climate targets. Regions are launching coordinated strategies. Solutions are being deployed that strengthen resilience, protect local economies, and safeguard the places we love. Together, we're proving what's possible when mountain towns work together.

But there is so much more to be done.

As climate progress at the federal level faces challenging headwinds, our communities can't afford to slow down, because for mountain towns, there is no Plan B. But this sense of urgency unites us. It fuels our innovation, strengthens our momentum, and keeps us focused on achieving the climate outcomes our communities depend on.

MT2030 is a small nonprofit with a big mission, and our ability to deliver high-impact programs depends directly on the generosity of people who believe in this work.

Before the year ends, please stand up for a mountain town you love, and [make a year-end contribution](#) in its name to Mountain Towns 2030.

Your support powers:

- Our annual **Climate Summit**, convening more than 600 community and resort leaders for two days of inspiration, education and collaboration
- A year-round series of **regional events, working groups, and webinars** that help communities learn from experts and peers to deploy complex climate solutions
- We're mobilizing local elected officials to **advocate for new climate policies**

- **The Solutions Framework**, a first-of-its-kind resource that provides valuable data on replicable climate solutions, accelerating progress across mountain communities large and small

To help protect these places that give us all so much, please consider making a year-end gift. Every contribution, at any level, goes directly towards accelerating solutions that build the healthy, climate-resilient mountain communities that we all care so deeply about.

Please consider making your gift today [here](#).

Thank you for your belief in our mission and for your continued support.

Happy Holidays!

Chris Steinkamp
Executive Director
Mountain Towns 2030

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Greetings,

Some of you may know that I am involved with Make A Wish Wyoming, it is one of the parts of my life that I am most proud of. As a board member for Make A Wish Wyoming, my goal is to spread awareness of this amazing organization in Teton County.

Hand Fire Pizza hosts a weekly non-profit fundraiser and tonight's fundraiser helps Make A Wish. A portion of each pizza sold this evening goes to Make A Wish Wyoming!

I will be hosting the event and if any of you have a craving for pizza tonight (take out or dine in), it would be appreciated to order from Hand Fire Pizza.



Thanks for your support,
Larry

Larry Hartenstein

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Subject: Housing Perspectives: Revised Projections Reflect Lower than Expected Immigration Levels
Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 9:06:14 AM



Housing Perspectives

Revised Projections Reflect Lower than Expected Immigration Levels



Tuesday, December 16, 2025 | Daniel McCue

When we released [our recent paper on future homeownership rates and household growth by tenure](#), the analysis relied on the Center's middle-series household projections, which in turn are based on the Census Bureau's main population projection series. In normal circumstances, this would be an appropriate baseline: the middle series assumes a level of future immigration that reflects the historical averages of the past three decades. But over the past year, administrative actions have led immigration to drop to much lower levels than...

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To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: // Wyoming Business Council Board Meets Virtually Dec. 17, 2025
Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 5:06:09 PM



Wyoming Business Council Board Meets Virtually Dec. 17, 2025

The WBC board and staff will host its quarterly board meeting on Zoom, followed by a "Building Wyoming's Future" community conversation

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (For Immediate Release) – The [Wyoming Business Council](#) (WBC) will hold its quarterly Board of Directors meeting virtually on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025, beginning at 8 a.m.

The Board will consider 50/50 and Succession loan requests, review a number of contract proposals and the annual audit report, hear program updates on WYVC and Kickstart, and conduct other regular business.

A full agenda and board materials are available on the WBC website at wbc.pub/WBC_Board.

Anyone interested in joining the board meeting virtually may do so at wbc.pub/WBC_Meeting or by calling 1.669.900.6833; enter Meeting ID 295-704-768 (no PIN required; press # when prompted). If joining by phone, please note that the ability to interact with panelists may be limited.

Members of the public who wish to speak during the meeting should email wbc-conference@wyo.gov before 4 p.m. on December 16, stating their name and the topic they wish to address.

Building Wyoming's Future: Critical Minerals Beyond the Rocks

Following the board meeting, the WBC team will host the next essential community conversation in its series, **"Building Wyoming's Future: Critical Minerals Beyond the Rocks,"** at 12:30 p.m. MST.

Building on the strategic priorities discussed during the board session, the WBC will transition from internal business to public dialogue with a deep dive into one of the state's most promising economic frontiers. This session will explore a bold vision for the state to capture not only resource extraction but the entire value chain, including advanced processing, technology, and manufacturing.

This conversation with industry and market experts is about building capacity for the next century and putting industry in the driver's seat to ensure high-value research and manufacturing stay right here in the Cowboy State.

The public is invited to join this **Team of Thousands** dialogue to help build a thriving, resilient future. Register to be part of the conversation at wbc.pub/BWF_Rocks.

REGISTER FOR BUILDING WYOMING'S FUTURE: CRITICAL MINERALS BEYOND THE ROCKS

About the Wyoming Business Council

The [Wyoming Business Council](#) (WBC) is committed to reversing economic decline, building strong, self-reliant communities, and creating opportunities for all Wyomingites to thrive. The WBC supports communities with their business growth, infrastructure development, and job creation goals as they tackle their unique, local challenges.



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Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 4:53:09 PM



Email Arne Jorgensen

Email Content: Hi Mayor Jorgensen!

My name is Lily King, I'm from Northern California and I am visiting Jackson Hole for the week with my friend group. This is a very odd question, but I was wondering if there was any way we could buy you a beer in any of the coming days or nights before we leave Friday morning. Any destination, we can make it work! On our trips, we frequently do scavenger hunts to compete for prizes and take it VERY seriously, and one of our tasks is to drink a beer with the Mayor of Jackson. Let me know if you would be willing to do this task, it would be very appreciated, beer on us!

Best,
Lily King

Your Name: Lily King

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Email the Town Council

Email Content: I am a resident of Wilson. I am writing to express my support for the Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust's Nelson Drive project for affordable housing. This type of housing is desperately needed in Jackson to retain current employees and attract future ones. And it will be truly affordable housing, not disguised as such, but then selling for market value. The land remains public / federal land. It will provide housing for forestry employees—convenient housing, not an hour plus away which is something to consider in a critical fire response situation. When we all agree we having a housing problem in Jackson. It is important to make decisions as the representatives of our town that will move in the direction of actually providing affordable housing to those who need it most. This project will do that. I urge you to vote in favor of supporting it.

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Your Company Name: *Field not completed.*

Your Phone Number: 6107160238

Your Email Address: fergusonj1981@gmail.com

Your City: Wilson

Your State: Wyoming

Your Zip Code: 83014

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From: [Dale Hoyt](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Cc: commissioners@tetoncountywy.gov
Subject: Pedestrian Crosswalks
Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 4:04:14 PM



If the urgency of this matter has not sunk in yet over the past decade of my emails to electeds asking for safer crosswalk suggestions, perhaps it will today and I'll send my comments in again. From past recollection, the general reason for doing very little aside from some orange flags was due to 'WYDOT THIS. WYDOT THAT.'

How many people need to get run over or almost run over or killed before we as a community address the pedestrian crosswalks where pedestrians legally have the right of way, if they should so chose to risk their life. Please....GIVE PEDESTRIANS ILLUMINATED PUSH BUTTON CROSSWALKS FOR THEIR SAFETY AND FOR THE ATTENTION OF LOCAL DRIVERS IN A HUGE RUSH and/or unaware tourists just looking for a hotel/restaurant and not aware of our local pedestrian zones.

This was submitted to town electeds 9-Sept-25 and various times over the past 10 years to electeds (and frankly, I'm quite upset when we have a community member in a coma in our hospital because she was run over at one our pedestrian crosswalks on the town square):

-Pedestrian Crossings are extremely unsafe and I have written electeds in the past few years hoping for Flashing Light Indicators/Signage at all of our Pedestrian crossings, particularly at CreekSide and Abuelitos Crossings as tourists are not aware of our town pedestrian foot-traffic and are just looking for their hotel and not paying attention to an unfamiliar zone for people to be walking across the street. I have suggested this enough and see enough near misses, I do think we're going to have a pedestrian fatality sooner than later and IMO we will be culpable as a community. With the amount of distracted driving with phones, looking at the sights, and commuting folks increasing the aggressiveness I see on our road ways, It feels like our electeds need to do as much as they can to increase the safety for our visitors and community members alike.

Please,

-Work with tourism board for funding on tourist related flashing signs for pedestrian cross walks

-Implore WyDot this needs to be corrected ASAP

-Put our community funding to work to buy some flashing light technology for our pedestrians.

-DO SOMETHING

It's embarrassing at this point.

Dale Hoyt
830 Dylan Drive
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From: **Victorine ODonoghue** <jhda@wyoming.com>

Date: Mon, Dec 15, 2025 at 1:19 PM

Subject: For the Record – Growth, Infrastructure, and Accountability

To: Jonathan Schechter <jsforjh@gmail.com>

Hello Jonathan,

I tried to send to the town council but this did not go through.

Please find attached a one-page summary of concerns regarding growth, infrastructure, and public accountability in Jackson Hole.

I respectfully request that this document be included in the public record.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Vicky O'Donoghue

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO.

From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Email the Town Council
Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 3:24:58 PM



Email the Town Council

**Email
Content:**

Regarding the Nelson trailhead housing development: Adding to my prior message below.
"Substance over Form" is a term that arose in SEC/OCC financial/regulatory reporting around 1990. When real estate is in loan default, FMV is below the loan balance, no equity remains and borrower cannot support the debt then the real estate is reported in financial and regulatory filings as "foreclosed" even though foreclosure has not actually occurred. The legal process is subservient to the responsibility to report responsibly to investor and regulatory authorities. In like manner, this Nelson proposal can be seen as in-substance privatization. If for public benefit, I support. Without public benefit, I do not support.

Separately though: 1. seems like \$4MM disappears in 30 years (not the best investment) might as well make direct payments to landlords over time 2. reason the Housing Board declined to approve? 3. what guarantee exists for rents to be stable and below market for 30 years? 4. constructed homes owned by whom after 30 years? 5. ALL tenants treated equally? 6. WUI and other town/county regulations are enforceable?

I'm unconvinced the economics are favorable. Thank you for considering my comments. Personally I favor subsidizing renters directly (to landlords).

PRIOR MESSAGE - Thank you for designating 12 units to county and town employees. I agree this is a great use of SPET funds.

If I am correct, that leaves eleven units for persons that are not public servants. They may be employees of a private business or perhaps own their own business. I do not support public land being privatized for persons who are not public servants. This is particularly important in that this land is within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE). No land in the GYE should be privatized. Whether in Teton County or Yellowstone Park itself, the preservation of public lands for public use should be sacrosanct. If we rationalize private use now, what will mitigate the potential that it happens again? Please do not set a precedent by allowing privatization.

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Your Company Name: *Field not completed.*

Your Phone Number: *Field not completed.*

Your Email Address: 1pldom@gmail.com

Your City: *Field not completed.*

Your State: WY

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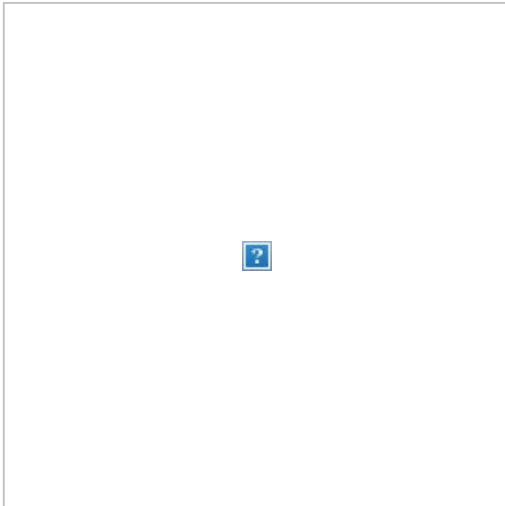


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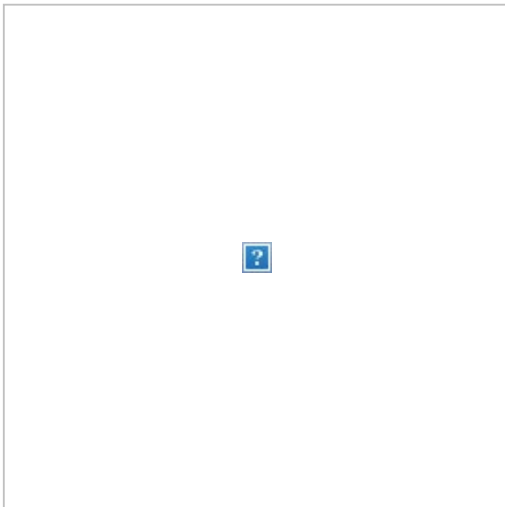
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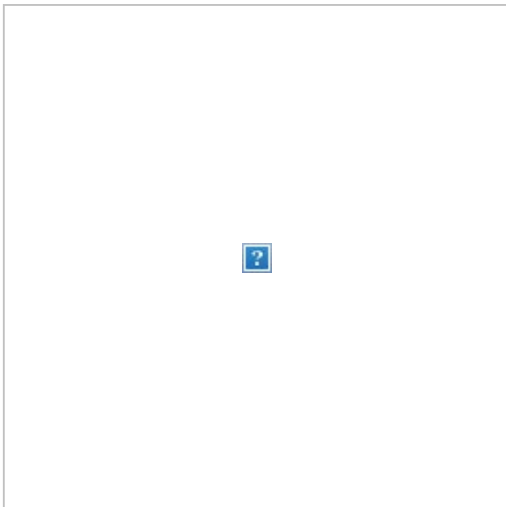
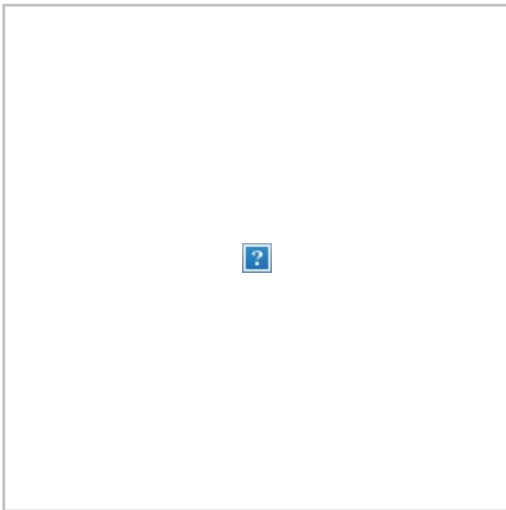
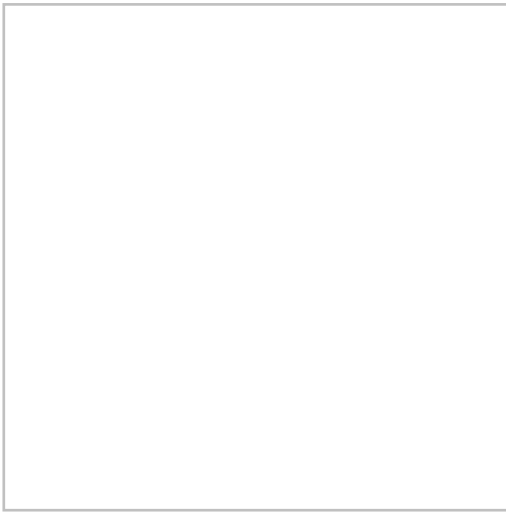


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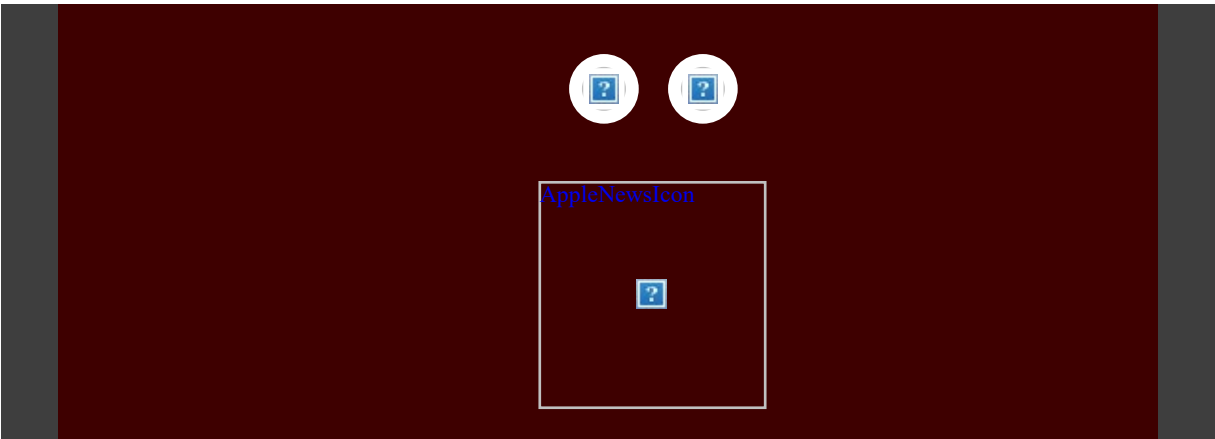
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From: [Brigid Mander](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Nelson Housing Project
Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 2:31:46 PM



Dear Councilors,

I am writing to express my opposition to using town or county funds to house employees from private companies on our federal Bridger-Teton National Forest land. I believe USFS land should be reserved exclusively for USFS employees. I do support all the efforts made to house our civil servants and employees as well, but I have serious reservations about this site for anything beyond federal USFS workers.

Should the Town of Jackson and Teton County, Wyoming, support and fund the CHT's proposal to use this land to house not only USFS workers, but civil public servants and employees, and those working for private employers, we - with our century and a half of history as a bastion of North American conservation, protecting and prioritizing our last remaining wild lands - risk opening up a landslide of argument in favor of selling off public for affordable housing across the nation.

Do we really want to be known as the place which took Utah Senator Mike Lee's hopes for the use and disposal of public land and ran with it? I am aware the land in this case remains USFS, but that seems an almost irrelevant point. The use of public land for 'affordable housing' was a key tenet of Mike Lee's campaign, which was so abhorrent to the American public that in this era total disunity and polarization, it managed to unite public lands supporters from every corner of the political and social spectrum across this country in a fierce and solid campaign of opposition.

Are we so desperate for housing we will be hurried along, and agree to throw away all thought and foresight, as well as our values and ethics we claim to hold dear, for a few new apartments? Maybe Ann Cresswell is eager for the income and the project, but our local government should make a stand against this. Not only is the price tag requested from local government more than double what we have paid per unit in the past, but the USFS siting is truly, deeply objectionable.

This is not thinking outside the box - thinking outside the box would be finding creative ways to acquire and or infill affordable housing on private land in town, stopping new hotels and luxury condos, STRs, and other developments that are destroying the livability of our community for both humans and wildlife.

If the CHT has already raised \$12mm, that's enough to let Cresswell build the 13 units of homes for the USFS employees that so urgently need it. That is the right spot and the right project - for BTNF workers, and let it end there. Maybe you should be asking: does this project need to be any bigger? Chad Husdon gets his employees' housing funded and built on the 3 acres of land, and Cresswell uses her funds to support this one group of people who are an integral part of our community. And there it should end.

Put the rest of our public money to better use, to fund the existing troubled affordable housing

projects, without setting an excruciatingly **bad**, embarrassing and controversial national precedent that public lands **can and** should be used for private housing.

Thanks for reading and considering my thoughts, and for all your hard work and service to our community.

Brigid Mander

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Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 1:50:52 PM



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Email Content:

Monday, December 15th, 2025.

Mayor Jorgensen and Town Council Members,

Nelson Drive presents a unique opportunity for the Town. A \$4 million investment secures six homes for 30 years—at about half the cost of renting comparable units on the open market. Over three decades, renting would cost the Town \$12–14 million, while rebuilding the same asset in the future could reach \$20–25 million.

Thanks to federal land, grants, and outside partners, the Town's contribution is leveraged nearly tenfold. For every \$1 invested, about \$10 comes from external sources. This is not just a bill—it's a strategic, long-term investment in our essential public works staff.

Key Benefits

- Cost Efficiency:

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- Support for Public Works Staff:

- o Town employees are vital to daily life in Jackson, maintaining infrastructure and public safety.
- o Nelson Drive offers stable, affordable housing for these employees and other dedicated public servants, without the Town assuming the cost of property ownership.

- Proven Management:

o The Community Housing Trust has a demonstrated record of delivering well-designed, durable homes with professional care and long-term livability.

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Supporting Nelson Drive means valuing the people who protect and serve our town, ensuring they and their families can afford to live here. I urge you to approve this critical investment.

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Warmly,
Evelin G. Weber-Neilson

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Subject: ShelterJH Nelson Drive comments
Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 1:05:33 PM
Attachments: Nelson Drive comment letter 12_15_25 Town Council (1).pdf



Hi all,

Thanks for considering ShelterJH's comment below. See you all this evening.

Best,
Clare

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From: [Iván Jiménez](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Nelson Drive: please negotiate a better deal for the public
Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 12:05:39 PM
Attachments: Nelson Drive_Town Council_Public Comment_IJ.pdf



Dear Mayor Jorgensen & Town Councilors,

I've attached my public comment ahead of your discussion on the Nelson Drive project.

Thanks for your work on this.

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Iván Jiménez ([***pronounce***](#))

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From: [ANNA SULLIVAN](#)
To: [Town Council](#); commissioners@tetoncountywy.gov
Subject: Letter of support for Nelson Drive project
Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 10:39:08 AM



Dear Mayor Jorgensen and Town Council Members,

I write to support Town participation in the Nelson Drive project and to express my full support for directing Town of Jackson employee housing SPET dollars to this effort as well.

Nelson Drive represents a rare and significant opportunity for the Town of Jackson to secure long-term rental homes for the essential employees who keep our community safe, functional, and resilient. This project directly supports plow drivers, Jackson Police officers, public works staff, planners, and other Town employees who face mounting housing pressures and urgently need stable homes close to their work. Their ability to respond quickly during storms, emergencies, and peak visitor seasons depends on reliable, nearby housing.

By dedicating Town employee housing SPET dollars to Nelson Drive, the Town can ensure dependable access to high-quality rental homes without taking on the financial or operational burden of owning or maintaining additional property. The Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust, with more than thirty years of proven experience, has consistently delivered homes on time and on budget, with a strong track record for design excellence, durability, and long-term livability for working families.

Nelson Drive will create thirty-six affordable rental homes built to last. Each will feature thoughtful layouts, durable materials, and practical storage designed specifically for long-term residents. The project is made possible by a first-in-the-nation thirty-year Special Use Permit that authorizes affordable housing on national forest land without requiring the sale of public land. With the land provided at no cost, this becomes one of the most cost-effective opportunities for new workforce housing in the Jackson area. Federal support, philanthropic contributions, and a commercial loan further stretch local dollars, minimizing the amount of public funding required.

Importantly, the project will also house Bridger-Teton National Forest employees who care for more than 3.4 million acres, protect vital watersheds, maintain 2,500 miles of trails, fight wildfires, and welcome millions of visitors each year. These employees deserve stable housing within the community they serve. Ensuring they can live close to Jackson strengthens emergency response capacity, land stewardship, and day-to-day forest operations. Without local housing options, these operations will inevitably shift elsewhere, affecting public safety, recreation access, and the overall management of the surrounding landscape.

Nelson Drive will reduce long commutes, support employee retention, and create a more stable and resilient workforce for both the Forest Service and the Town of Jackson. This project demonstrates how creativity, partnership, and shared commitment can meaningfully address long-standing housing challenges and help ensure that the people who make Jackson work can continue to call it home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Anna Sullivan, JHCHT Board Member

From: [Alex Alimanestianu](#)
To: [Jonathan Schechter](#); [Devon Viehman](#); [Kevin Regan](#); [Alyson Sperry](#); [Tyler Sinclair](#); [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Nelson drive development
Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 10:16:35 AM



Dear members of the Jackson Town Council:

Please try to get to YES on this \$4M investment.

The "sticker shock" in the community caused by the \$675,000/option price tag is real, but misplaced; that price is mainly a function of construction costs that have risen exponentially from the pre-pandemic years. The community may not want to accept the new normal but that doesn't change reality. By using modular housing and designing small units, the Trust is mitigating construction costs. \$550/ft for hard costs seems more than reasonable today. (Having recently completed a construction project in East Jackson, I can only wish our costs had been in that ballpark.)

That being said, I would encourage the Town to negotiate with the Trust to sweeten the deal. That just seems like a normal course of action to make sure that the Town isn't leaving money on the table.

At the end of the day, though, if the Town needs affordable employee housing, the Nelson project seems like a winner to me. It's not perfect by any means, but please don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. It's also "a bird in the hand" at a time when the Virginian development seems to be stuck in the mud.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

Alex Alimanestianu
880 Wheatleigh Way
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From: noreply@civicplus.com
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Email Devon Viehman

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Jake Hutton Email Kevin Regan
Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 10:13:43 AM



Email Kevin Regan

Email Content: Hello there!

I hope you have been able to spend some quality time with your family and loved ones this holiday season.

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Grand Teton National Park recently purchased this square mile of land from the State of Wyoming, as I am sure you are aware. Some of you may have met us while we stood up and spoke out against the development of this property at public hearings across the state. Our involvement was critical to this land being saved. We gave speeches and handed out free local hamburgers to anyone who would show up. Helping raise enough public support, awareness, and funds to purchase this land for conservation. At these public hearings, GTNP would thank us for our support, shake our hands, say we are on the same team, and tell us that they don't want to see us shut down. But now that GTNP has possession of the land, they have completely changed their tune and are shutting our business down.

Legal counsel looked over our permits and the contract for the sale of this land, and they say GTNP purchased the land with the existing encumbrances, such as our TUP Permit 03420. But GTNP has not provided the legal documentation stating why they can prematurely cancel our permit when we requested it.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to identify and assess the effects of their actions on historic properties and consider public views in their decision-making. The process mandates consultation with State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, stakeholders on the land, and the public. GTNP did not follow protocol and has not consulted with any of these entities about the management of the Kelly Parcel.

Sara and I spent this past week in Washington, D.C., troubleshooting how we can amend the Department of the Interior's poor handling of this historic ground. We met in person or have been in correspondence with around 15 members of Congress, the Senate, and their staff. We were well received all around and found support from both parties. It would be great if you could give us a few minutes of your time to discuss this Teton County issue with your office. Our Wyoming representatives have asked if we could get our county officials to email them, weighing in with their opinion about this issue, and Sara and I would like to explain it to you personally.

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With over 90 percent of Teton County being federally owned, we think our community deserves more from this federal agency, and we are disappointed to say the least in GTNP's lack of interaction with the community, stakeholders, and neighbors about what this historic land means to them.

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Many Thanks,

Jake Hutton & Sara McIntosh
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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
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Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 10:12:30 AM



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From: [Trevor Allen](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Eastridge HOA stance on BTNF Nelson Residential Parcel Development
Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025 7:25:34 PM
Attachments: 2012 Buchanan Site Plan Sketch.png
2025 Proposed Site Plan.png
Buchanan Clarification Letter 6.12.2012 from EHOA minutes.pdf
Eastridge HOA Letter to Town Council 12.12.2025.pdf



Jackson Town Council & Mr Mayor,

The Eastridge HOA in east Jackson would like to submit for your consideration the email summary below, along with a letter our attorney wrote on our behalf, and the Buchanan clarification letter from 2012 in regard to the Nelson development. Eastridge HOA's stance on the project is that it should be limited to the original BTNF approved plan from 2012. More details below comparing the 2012 plan and today's plan including the letter detailing the approval by Buchanan from BTNF and the mayor at the time. We respectfully ask you NOT to spend the valuable SPET money on this project.

Summary:

It does seem that a number of neighbors in Eastridge and East Jackson in general are confused by the current proposal to develop the Nelson Residential Parcel at the Putt-Putt Trailhead. After talking to several neighbors about it, there is a disconnect between what local residents remember being approved in 2012 and what is now being proposed in 2025.

Eastridge neighbors have pointed out the attached document from our 2012 Annual Meeting packet that has bearing on the matter. Charlie Payne, then on the Eastridge HOA Board, spearheaded a local watchdog group (Protect the Putt-Putt) that closely monitored the proposal, public process and final decision at all stages. The process went on from 2008 and concluded on May 4th, 2012, when BTNF Supervisor Jacqueline Buchanan issued her final [Decision Notice](#) for the Nelson parcel in a document that also outlined plans for the North Cache 10-acre parcel to be sold. The North Cache land sale aka The Jackson Conveyance was a much bigger issue at the time and definitely overshadowed the conversation and planning specifics around development at Nelson Drive.

After the Decision Notice was made public, Payne sent a letter asking Supervisor Buchanan for clarification on how many total buildings were to be allowed at Nelson Drive and whether those buildings would remain within the existing building footprint, as her decision was open to interpretation. Supervisor Buchanan responded to Payne in the attached clarification letter dated June 12, 2012 and sent a copy to then-Mayor Mark Barron for the TOJ files as well.

Buchanan stated that up to 13 buildings total would be allowed in the development and that the development would stay within the existing 6.04 acre footprint if at all possible and added a sketch site plan so there would be no doubt about those two questions. She outlined a specific small "overflow" triangle adjacent to the current housing site that could serve as additional space for the total 13 units. She did not authorize development further up the hillside, nor the building of 13 *additional* multi-family buildings, per the recently unveiled BTNF proposal. Looking at the sketch site plan, you will see a total of 13 buildings and that the plan stays for the most part within the existing footprint.

Since this official letter was shared with the Mayor / TOJ, presented to EHOA members in September 2012, and subsequently added to the BTNF file, Eastridge homeowners thought the decision was settled and known by all parties involved. However, with the 13 year lapse between the final decision / clarification and the BTNF's newly proposed plan, this might not be the case. It seems that Supervisor Buchanan's clarification letter might be new information for some of the public and private stakeholders involved.

Here is an image of Buchanan's Site Plan Sketch from her clarification letter:



Here is an image of the 2025 Site Plan from a recent News and Guide article:



The site plan for the Nelson Drive affordable housing project planned by the Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust and Bridger-Teton National Forest.

https://www.jhnewsandguide.com/news/state/housing-trust-bridger-teton-unveil-36-unit-housing-development-at-cache-creek-trailhead/article_29bc3e... 7/10

The 2025 proposal does not conform with assurances from the clarification letter, so it seems possible that the letter and Buchanan's legally binding site plan sketch were overlooked when planning the current project.

I hope this helps put things in context and gives the electeds pause on this project.

From: [David Lloyd](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Please support the Nelson Drive Project!
Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025 4:17:31 PM

To All:

I am very much in support of using SPET (or other) funds to purchase the “Options” on the Nelson Drive project. I understand all the concerns being expressed by the advisory board, but right now there are no good alternatives and the certainty of both cost and execution of this project are worth the price. I am also strongly in favor of the Virginian project, but that appears much less certain from both a pricing and timing standpoint. The only thing any of us know for sure is that the longer we wait, the more expensive it will be!

Thank you for taking the time to consider my viewpoint.

Best,

David and Janine Lloyd
557 E Hansen Avenue

From: [Rebecca Bextel](#)
To: [Keith Gingery](#); [Melissa Shinkle](#); [Town Council](#); [Board Of County Commissioners](#); [Lea Colasuonno](#); [April Norton](#)
Subject: Fwd: ICYMI: Video of Nelson Trailhead Town Hall
Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025 1:13:08 PM



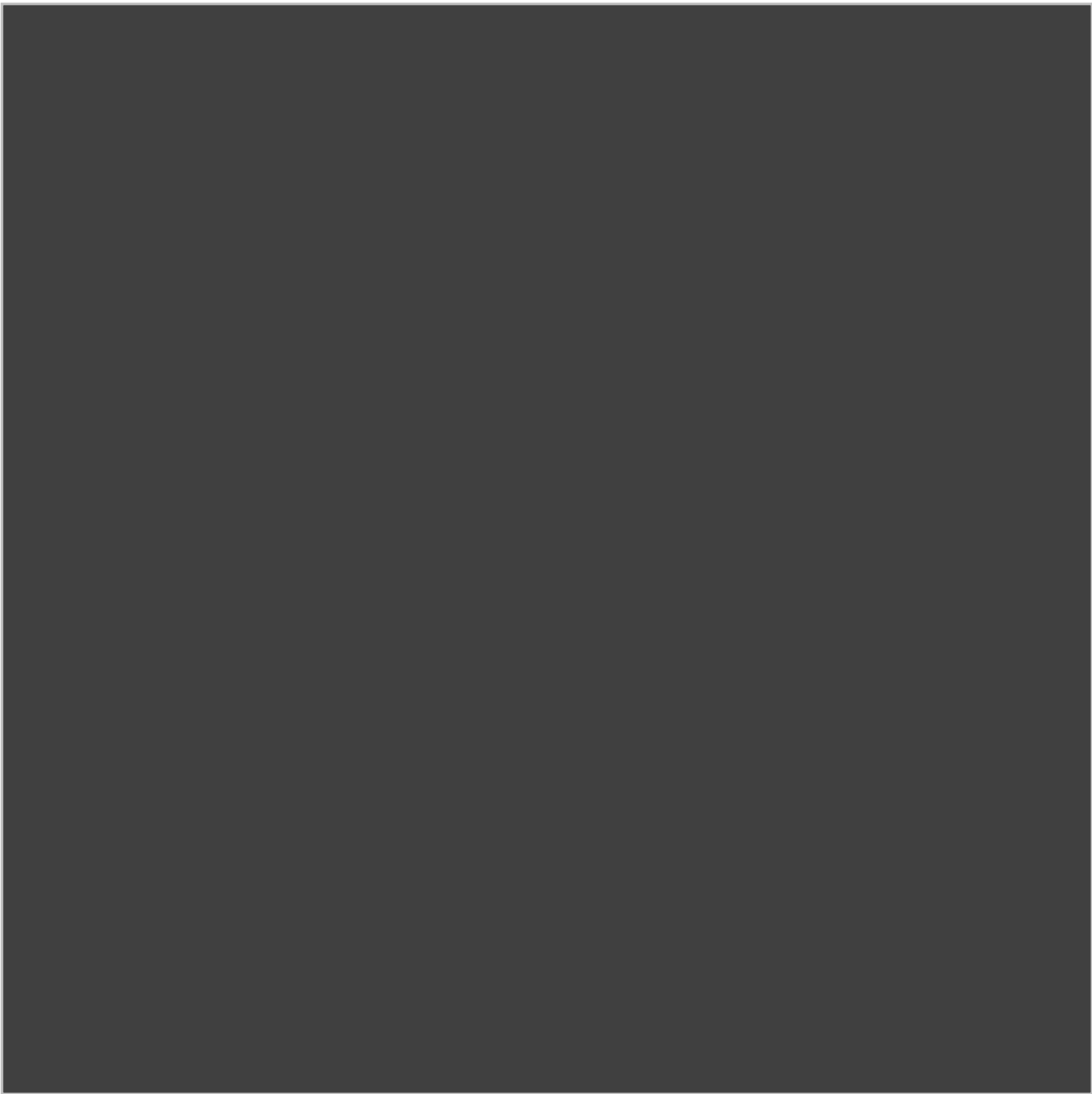
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Date: Sat, Dec 13, 2025 at 2:58 PM
Subject: ICYMI: Video of Nelson Trailhead Town Hall
To: <rebeccabextel@gmail.com>



**We're sorry we missed you this past
Thursday!**





I broke down the Nelson Trailhead deal for you!

Many excellent points were discussed!

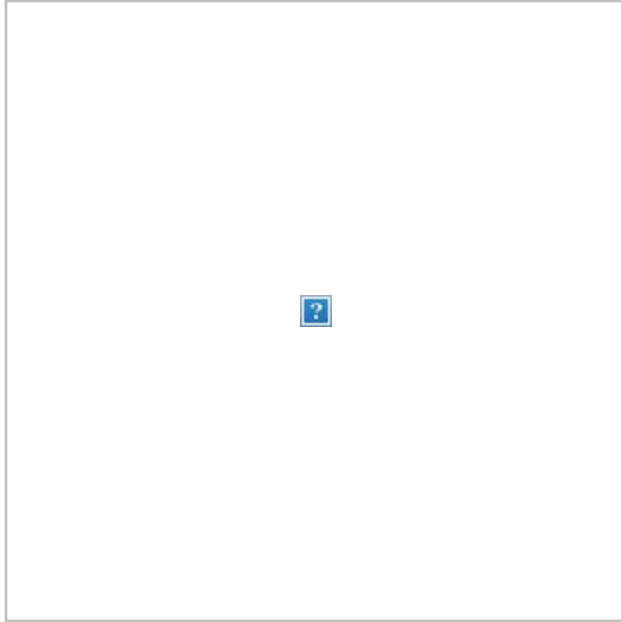
There seems to be a double-standard here in the town and county.

Decide for yourself what needs to happen regarding the Nelson Trailhead.

No doubt, this is the first time in America that members of the community will
move onto USFS land.



[Email me](#)

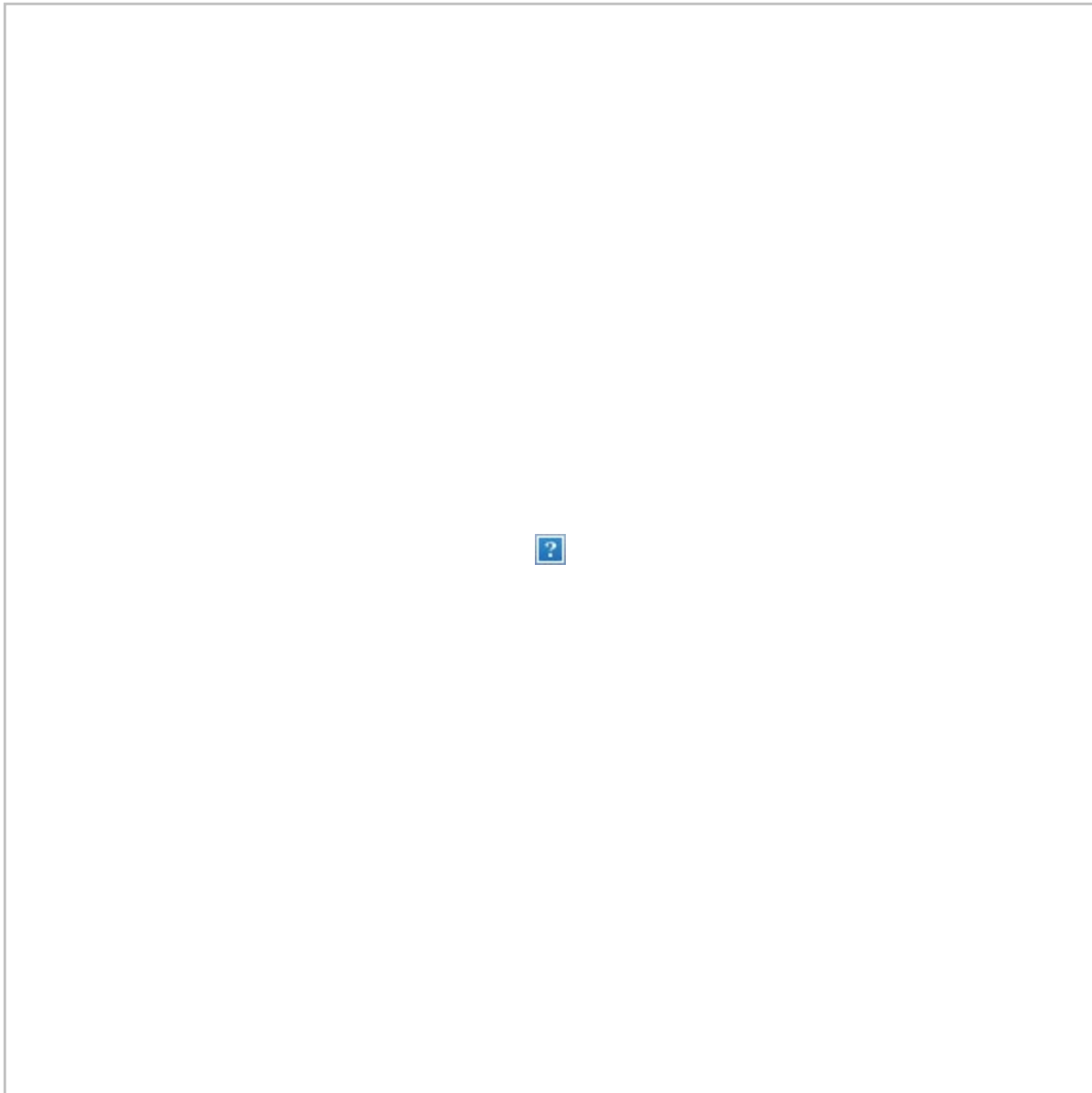


I've included a sneak peak below on the latest Snow King Apartments SCAM at 550 Rodeo Drive!

Here is what Teton County Housing Director, April Norton, told the Town & County about the deal:

May 2025: April Norton to the Town Council and County Commissioners,

"Blueline LLC (partner at Flat Creek Apartments) is under contract to purchase Snow King Apartments located on the southwest corner of the Flat Creek Drive-Snow King Ave intersection. The Housing Authority via a Special Purpose Entity (SPE) is going to join the deal as a 0.01% owner. This secures a Right of First Refusal to purchase the property at Fair Market Value if Blueline ever sells. Blueline receives a tax abatement. Rent rates will remain at <60% AMI."



Here is a little more info via an email sent from Christian Pritchett at BlueLine Development to April Norton:

"BlueLine would like to ask the Jackson/Teton County Affordable Housing Department to join the partnership as a 0.01% special limited partner for purposes of achieving a real estate tax exemption.....This structure is similar to JTCAH's participation in Flat Creek Apartments."

Is this what the community wants?

Tell me your thoughts!



More info on the Snow King Apartments SCAM

Sent by:

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To: [Devon Viehman](#)
Subject: Re: Online Form Submittal: Email the Town Council
Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025 10:00:27 AM



I'm sorry but I can't make it on the 17th. The original date of the meeting on the 5th would have worked but I will be traveling to my son's house for the holidays. I hope my message is clear enough and I look forward to participating in future events on this issue. Arne Johanson

On Dec 11, 2025, at 4:13 PM, noreply@civicplus.com wrote:

Email the Town Council

Email Content:

To: Jackson Town Council
Re: Emergency Water Ordinance

Water usage exceeding capacity is a town issue. Irrigation is a major contributor to this problem. Current town policies encourage landscaping (lawns) which drive the need for irrigation. I suggest that these policies be changed to encourage drought tolerant native vegetation landscaping instead.

Many native plants, once established, thrive with little to no irrigation. Many are also fire resistant. A "Native Plant Resource Guide" for this sort of landscaping has already been published by The Nature Conservancy in cooperation with the Teton Conservation District. Wildfire risk mitigation is also addressed in this publication. This approach can bring additional benefits.

Today, the town represents a barrier of sorts for pollinators. There are few larval host plants so movement from protected lands on one side of town to the those on the other side of town is constrained. More use of native landscaping could eliminate that issue. Native landscaping would also serve to integrate the look of the community with our surroundings and would be in keeping with the County's Comp Plan vision statement.

Preserve and protect the areas ecosystem in order to ensure a healthy environment, community and economy for current and future generations. While native landscaping may not be a total solution or even an immediate solution, it can be a big contributor to solving our water issues over time. It needs to be considered as a viable part of resolving water issues.

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Your Company Name: *Field not completed.*

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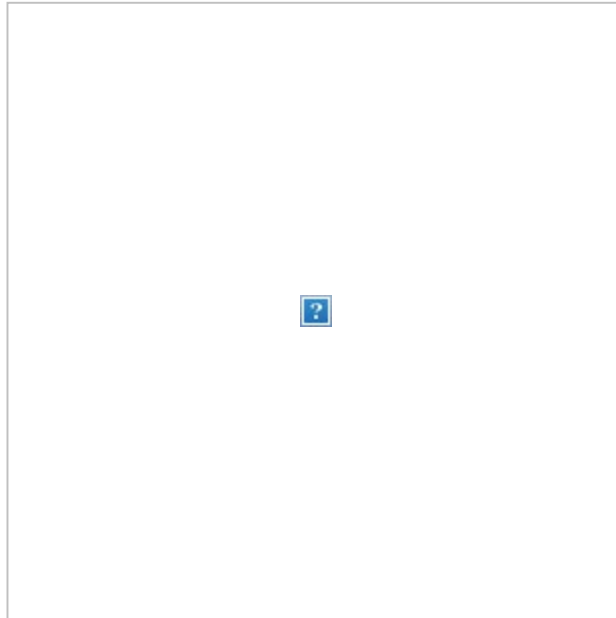
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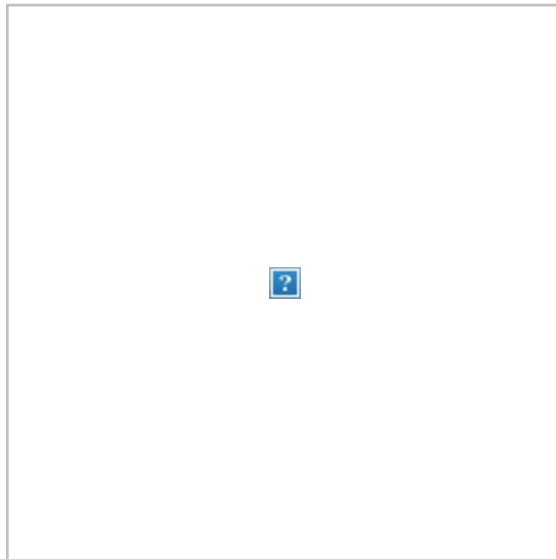
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Hello Arne ,

Last week brought major wins—from overturning the Biden administration’s reckless action to ban coal production in the Powder River Basin, to expanding opportunities for young American workers, to delivering needed support for our rural communities, to watching the One Big Beautiful Bill Act work exactly as we designed it.

Wyoming powers this nation, and I will never stop pushing back against federal overreach and championing policies that put our families, our resources, and our way of life first.

**Overturning the Biden-era Buffalo
RMPA**



President Trump signed my legislation overturning the Buffalo RMPA into law on Thursday, officially winning our fight against Biden's unlawful coal ban. I am immensely grateful to everyone in the state who was a part of this landmark effort, and to Senators Lummis and Barrasso, who carried this measure in the Senate.

Coal plays an essential role in President Trump's energy dominance agenda, and it was my great honor to stand in the Oval Office while the President signed this bill into law, thereby unleashing Wyoming's ability to produce "beautiful clean coal" to further his goals.

Because Congress nullified the Buffalo RMPA using the Congressional Review Act, the BLM and other federal agencies are prohibited from implementing a coal leasing ban in the Powder River Basin in the future. This is a huge win for our legacy industry, the thousands of Wyomingites it employs, and the millions of Americans whose lives are powered by Wyoming coal.

Introducing the ROUTE Act

I introduced the Responsible Opportunity for Under-21 Trucking Engagement (ROUTE) Act, a bill to expand opportunities for qualified 18 to 21-year-old CDL holders to operate commercial vehicles within a 150-air-mile interstate radius of

their work reporting location.

Federal barriers prevent capable young Americans from entering the trucking industry. At the same time, we are rightfully cracking down on illegal aliens who often fraudulently obtain CDLs. As enforcement tightens, the number of illegal CDL holders is being reduced, and that is exactly what should happen. Our policies should not just counter illegal immigration, however, but should empower the American worker, and my bill opens the door for Americans to fill those jobs and strengthen our economy.

It makes no sense that drivers in Wyoming are allowed to travel from Gillette to Evanston but prohibited from driving right across the state line to Belle Fourche, South Dakota. My bill corrects this oversight.

Advancing Funding for Rural Wyoming

The House passed S. 356, the Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act. I proudly supported this bill because Wyoming's rural counties deserve stable, reliable funding, not more uncertainty from Washington.

SRS provides crucial support for infrastructure, education, search and rescue, and other vital services across Wyoming. By passing S. 356, we restored meaningful investments in Wyoming's communities.

I appreciate the Wyoming stakeholders who brought this issue to my attention and remained engaged on this legislation throughout its consideration in Congress.

I will keep pushing federal agencies to return to responsible, active forest management so rural communities can rely on real revenue from healthy timber production and not temporary backfills. In the meantime, S 356 will help our communities thrive.

Supporting our Troops and

Restoring Congressional War Powers

I voted in favor of S. 1071, the fiscal year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act. The product of a conference committee between the House and Senate, it authorizes a 3.8% pay raise for servicemembers, improves servicemember family benefits, counters DEI and woke politics in the DoD system, and backs President Trump's peace through strength mission.

Since elected to Congress, I have fought to end forever wars in the Middle East and restore Congress's Article I war authority. Included in the bill is a repeal of the 1991 and 2002 Iraq authorizations to use military force, legislation I have long cosponsored and am proud to have passed through both chambers.

The OBBBA Delivers Energy Wins in Wyoming

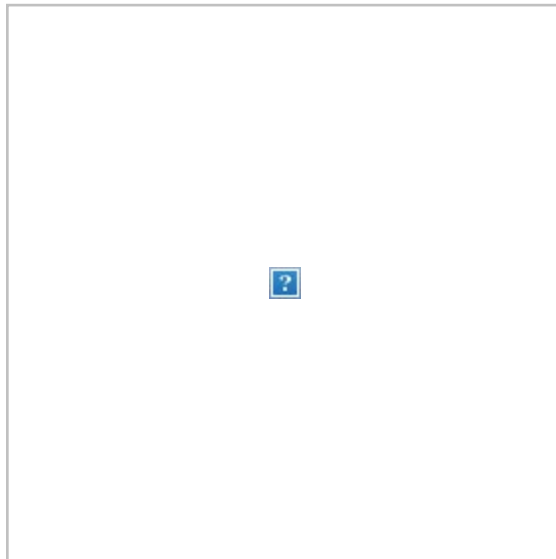
The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) continues to work as designed. The BLM's December 3rd lease sale left more than 25% of the acreage without bids. The law requires a replacement sale, so on December 30, 2025, Wyoming will see 34 new parcels and more than 26,000 acres back on the market. The OBBBA is providing more opportunities, more accountability, and more energy production for Wyoming.

This law ensures the federal government cannot slow-walk leasing or leave valuable ground vacant. It keeps pressure on agencies, keeps sales moving, and keeps Wyoming's energy economy strong. As always, I'll continue pushing to unleash American energy and ensure Wyoming continues to lead the way.

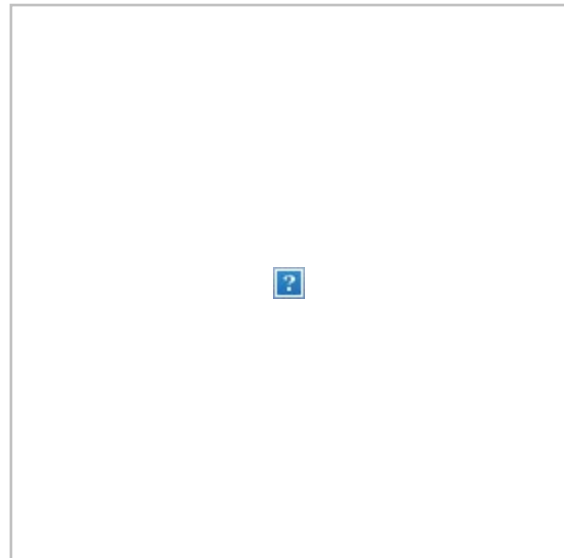
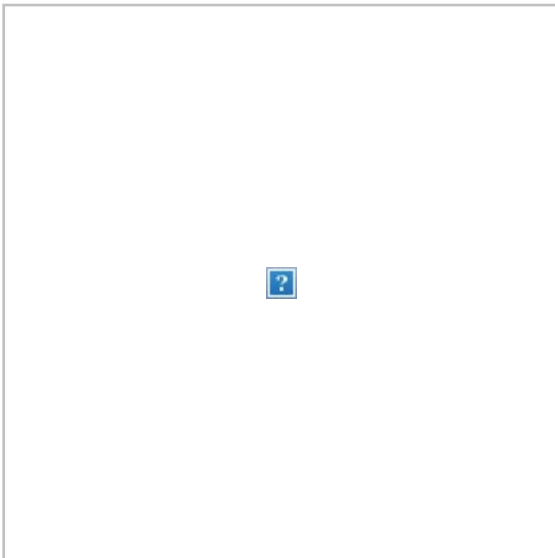
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It was an honor to attend the annual White House Christmas Ball, celebrating the season and dedication of our nation's leaders.



My staff attended Wreaths Across America at the Oregon Trail Veterans Cemetery to honor the men and women who served our nation.

This meaningful event reminds us of the courage, service, and sacrifice of our veterans. Thank you to everyone who helped lay wreaths in their memory.

Recent Votes

See below for highlights of this week's votes; for more information on each bill, click the bill number. For my full voting record, [click here](#).

Voted YES on [H.R.3898](#) – PERMIT Act

Voted YES on [S. 356](#) – Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act

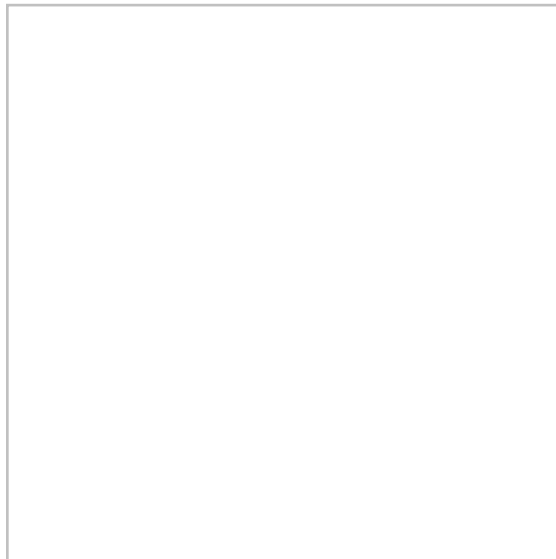
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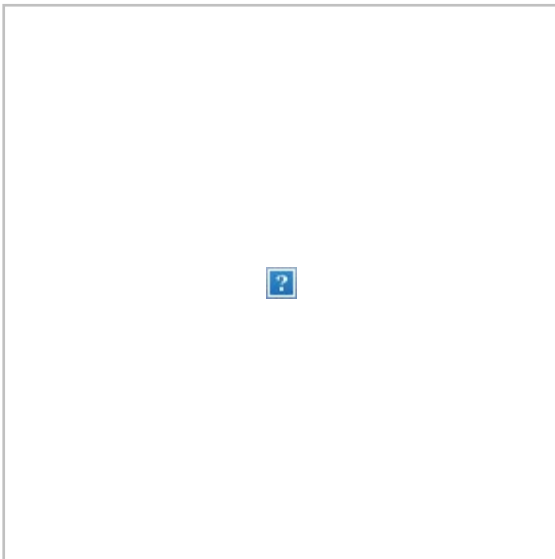


I joined Sarah Squires on WyoToday to discuss my efforts to repeal the disastrous Buffalo RMPA, the Commercial Motor Vehicle English Proficiency Act, and the January 30 appropriations deadline.

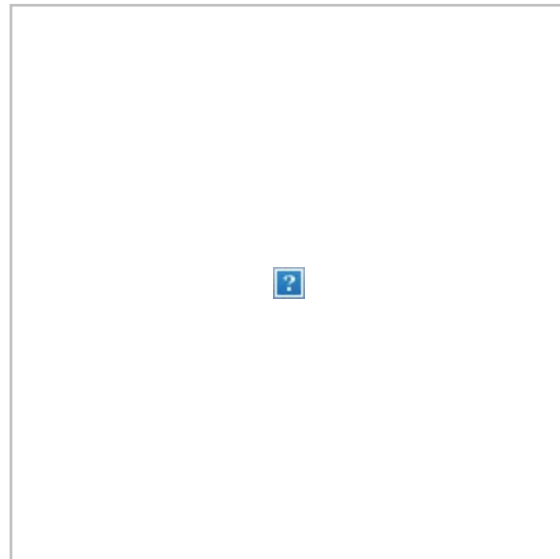
Tweet of the Week



In the News



Wyoming and other rural states face needless challenges because federal regulation blocks young CDL holders from making short interstate trips. It makes no sense that a driver can go from Gillette to Evanston but not across the state line to Spearfish, S.D.



President Donald Trump took Wyoming's coal industry out from under an economic guillotine Thursday when he scrapped the controversial Buffalo and Miles City resource management plans that would have effectively killed coal mining in the Powder River Basin after 2041.

Need Help With a Federal Agency?

One of the ways my office serves Wyomingites is by helping constituents navigate federal agencies. I am proud to share that November

was an exceptional month for our casework team.

If you are facing issues with a federal agency, whether it is the VA, Social Security, the IRS, or another department, my office may be able to help. We can assist with paperwork, follow up on stalled cases, and make sure your concerns are heard and resolved as quickly as possible.

You can fill out a casework form on my [website](#) or call us directly at (307) 261-6595.

I Want to Hear From You!

I cannot do my job without your support and input. Thank you for the calls, letters, emails, and questions you have sent to our offices. Please continue to reach out via the contact information below, and stay up to date on all the latest activities and legislation by subscribing and sharing this newsletter and our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#) accounts with your friends and family!

Sincerely,



Rep. Harriet Hageman
Member of Congress

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Subject: Re: Online Form Submittal: Email Devon Viehman
Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025 11:46:15 AM



Hi Devon,

Thanks so much for getting back to me. I really appreciate your support of this project - it reflects your confidence in the JH Housing Trust and your recognition of a great partnership opportunity with the BTNF and larger JH community.

Warm regards,
Chris

On Dec 12, 2025, at 12:05 PM, noreply@civicplus.com wrote:

Email Devon Viehman

Email Content:

Dear Council Member Viehman,

I write to request your support for the Nelson Drive Housing Project. Nelson Drive is an opportunity that meets the needs of both the Town and the valley. I strongly encourage the Town to direct \$4 million of its employee housing SPET funds to this critical project. Town of Jackson employees are essential to daily life. They plow the streets before dawn, answer calls as Jackson Police officers, maintain water and sewer lines, repair roads, and guide long-term planning work. These employees face the same housing pressures as every other working family in Jackson, and they deserve stable, affordable housing.

Nelson Drive offers precisely that. The Community Housing Trust has a record of building well-designed homes that last. Their projects are delivered with professional care, and they earn the trust of residents because they focus on long-term livability and

maintenance.

Supporting this project ensures Town employees will have access to dependable workforce housing without the Town needing to assume the cost of property ownership.

Additionally, this project presents an exceptional opportunity for our community members, whose work with the BTNF entails considerable responsibility, ranging from wildfire response to avalanche forecasting and the care of thousands of miles of trails. Their service is central to the strength of our outdoor economy and the safety of our residents. Nelson Drive gives these dedicated public servants the stability they need to continue stewarding the lands we all treasure.

Nelson Drive uses public land responsibly, leverages philanthropy, and creates a strong foundation for a stable workforce. Please support Town housing investment in this critical project.

Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully,
Chris Finlay

Your Name:	Christopher M Finlay

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From: [Bomber Bryan](#)
To: [Devon Viehman](#)
Subject: Re: Nelson Project - Yes
Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025 11:27:35 AM



Thank you.

Bomber Bryan,
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Keller Williams Jackson Hole
270 W. Pearl Ave., #101, Jackson, WY
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307-690-2295

On Dec 12, 2025, at 2:34 PM, Bomber Bryan
<bomber@bomberbryan.com> wrote:

Dear Town Elected's,

I wish to send another letter of support to give you the confidence necessary to vote in favor of allocating \$4m+ in SPET to the BTNF/CHT Nelson Project.

It is well documented publicly there's high-priority need for employee housing for Town (and County) staff. This is an unprecedented collaboration and opportunity for you to give full support for this project with monies already earmarked in your budget. Construction costs aren't going to subside, especially in Teton County, WY, and the CHT has consistently delivered efficient spending and A+ community projects to support and maintain the most important services in our Valley. This project is no exception. This project checks all the boxes, with a great

location and thoughtful design for the requirements of our most vital employees. I'm not in favor of any and all proposed 'deed restricted' projects, but this Nelson Project for affordable rentals is sound, and it will help fulfill your long-term mission of employee sustainability, necessary for your operations into the future. This project will also continue to get national attention, and the TOJ should be a leader on that stage.

I welcome any communication from you individually.

Thank you for your service, consideration, and affirmative action.

Regards,
Bomber

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From: [Shelley Holland](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Support of Nelson Drive
Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025 8:12:21 AM
Attachments: image.png



Mayor Jorgensen and Town Council Members,

I strongly encourage you to approve the use of \$4M of SPET funding on housing for Town employees at the Nelson Drive project. Not only do you benefit by obtaining six quality rental units in a project that is ready to break ground, but you also help support the construction of 31 additional affordable units for critical employees of Bridger Teton National Forest, Teton County, as well as other income qualified members of this community.

As you know, it takes a significant amount of creativity and perseverance to put together an affordable housing project in today's high-cost environment. The Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust has been working diligently to think outside the box on Nelson Drive, starting with the partnership structure, below market-financing, unique revenue sources, and an efficiently designed construction using modular units. The project is ready to go and will be housing employees within 18 months. This surety is an incredible benefit to the Town.

In terms of the price of the options to rent at Nelson, there has been some questions around whether they are at market. I have attended multiple housing supply board meetings, and they often use the metric of \$275k/unit as the market price for a subsidy AND the price per unit for a right to rent. In trying to test this math, I ran the following analysis. The following table represents three recently completed housing projects and the public money that was contributed to support these projects. I also included the number of rights of first purchase or rentals that were allocated to the Town/County in each project.

As you can see, public funding per unit ranges from \$245-\$260k. That tracks. However, the public funding per right of first purchase ranges from \$930k to \$1.5M. Also, at Jackson Street Apartments, the public funding for their 15 rights of rental equates to **\$933k** per right. If we assume the County also puts in \$4M into the Nelson project, the total support from both the Town and County would be \$8M. With 36 units at Nelson, public money per unit is under the range above at \$225/unit, and the public cost for a right to rent is **\$675k**, almost 30% lower than that of Jackson Place Apartments. We hope you agree that this investment is in line and, if fact, lower than other projects. I believe that the economics being used at Nelson are in line with the market.

	Public Project		Rights of 1st Purchase	Public Funding	Public Funding	
Comparable Housing Projects	Funding *	No Units	(ROFP)/Rental	Per Unit	Per ROFP/Rental	ROFP or Rental
Mercill **	7,675,000	30	5	255,833	1,535,000	Purchase
King Street	4,670,000	18	5	259,444	934,000	Purchase
Jackson Street Apartments	14,000,000	57	15	245,614	933,333	Rental
Nelson Drive	8,100,000	36	12	225,000	675,000	Rental
* Includes land value and public funding for project.						
** Includes the \$5.4M in commercial space acquisition.						

In addition, the units at Nelson Drive have been designed with long-term livability in mind and will be high quality, desirable units. The location is ideal within walking distance to town, close to the forest or BTNF employees, and with trails out the backyards. This project delivers a product that shows the utmost respect for the hard-working members of our community.

This project is also a significant opportunity to support the Bridger-Teton National Forest employees who care for our trails, rivers, wildlife, and the 3.4 million acres that shape this valley. Their work keeps our public lands healthy and safe for everyone who lives here and everyone who visits. The workers at BTNF are very excited about calling Nelson their home, so close to the community they serve.

I hope you agree that this is a great use of \$4M of the SPET money that was approved by voters and dedicated to building Town rental housing. Please vote YES.

Warm regards,
Shelley Holland
Wilson, WY (resident of 25 years)

From: [David Cohnen](#)
To: [Jonathan Schechter](#)
Subject: The threat level faced by prominent critics of Islam in Germany - a security policy dimension of the migration debate
Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025 6:22:38 AM



Saturday, December 13, 2025

Hello ,

I would like to provide you with a comprehensive overview of the discussions and reports regarding the threats faced by prominent critics of Islam in Germany. I refer to various statements and personal opinions from the individuals affected, who critically examine political Islam and, as a result, must live under police protection.

A key point of reference is the article published some time ago in the NZZ (Neue Zürcher Zeitung), which describes the situation following the tragic knife attack in Mannheim. In this incident, a police officer who was supposed to protect the Islam-critical activist Michael Stürzenberger was murdered. The ensuing discussions reveal a serious security problem for critics of Islam in Germany, who have been facing increasing dangers for years.

Below, I would like to summarize the key statements from the individuals affected, as presented in the NZZ article:

1. Ahmad Mansour, psychologist and author, emphasizes that the threat posed by Islamist extremists has been known for a long time. He criticizes the fact that people like him are constantly defamed and publicly attacked without receiving a corresponding level of social or political attention. The feeling of fear, Mansour says, is unfortunately omnipresent. He finds it particularly distressing that Islamist threats are often taken less seriously than right-wing extremist dangers.
2. Susanne Schröter, professor and director of the Frankfurt Research Center for Global Islam, reports that she has been classified as at risk since 2017. She warns of a radicalization that spreads primarily through social networks and repeatedly erupts into real violence. Schröter sees a parallel to the situation in France, where Islamist attacks on critics have frequently resulted in fatalities.
3. Eren Güvercin, journalist and deputy federal chairman of "Liberal Diversity," describes how his moderate and critical stance repeatedly leads to insults and threats. He, too, observes that radicalization within the Islamist scene has intensified, particularly since Hamas's terrorist attack on Israel. Güvercin notes that the public space for discussions about Islamism in Germany is becoming increasingly restricted.
4. Hamed Abdel-Samad, author and critic of Islam, describes the feeling of isolation experienced by many critics of political Islam. He feels like a "lone voice crying in the wilderness" because, in his opinion, political decision-makers do not take the problem of Islamism seriously enough. He sees a certain indifference in German politics, even though

similar promises were made after previous attacks, such as the one on Breitscheidplatz, without any lasting action being taken.

5. Seyran Ates, founder of the Ibn Rushd-Goethe Mosque, sees this development as a threat to open society as a whole. Her mosque, intended as a liberal space for dialogue between men and women, had to close in 2023 after receiving numerous threats. She criticizes the unequal treatment of cases like the one in Mannheim compared to other acts of political violence, where the political instrumentalization of the issue is detrimental to the victims.

With the exception of Eren Güvercin, for whom no clearly documented state protection has been publicly recorded, all the aforementioned persons are under police protection due to concrete threats.

The central points of criticism from these critics of Islam are:

- . The increasing threat posed by Islamist groups in Germany.
- . The silence or trivialization of this problem in political and social discourse.
- . The growing role of social networks as platforms for disseminating extremist narratives.
- . The restriction of freedom of expression due to fear of attacks and threats.

The essence of these voices is a sharp critique of the lack of political response to the threat of political Islamism and the lack of solidarity with liberal Muslims and critics of Islam. All those affected face the challenge of continuing to voice their criticism publicly, despite the considerable risks involved. At the same time, this also calls on politicians and society to take a clearer stance and to confront extremism in all its forms more decisively.

If you would like to read the full (paid) article, you can find it at the following link:
<https://www.nzz.ch/international/mannheim-attentat-was-denken-deutschlands-bekannteste-islamkritiker-ld.1833823>

Sincerely,

David Cohnen



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From: [Buckrail](#)
To: [Alyson Sperry](#)
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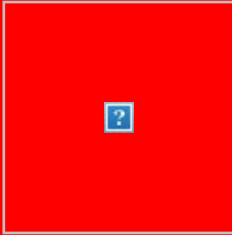


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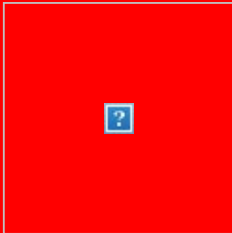
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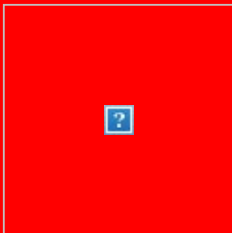
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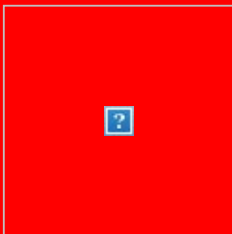
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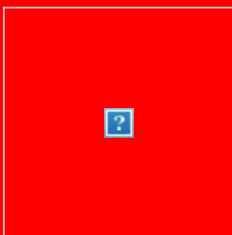
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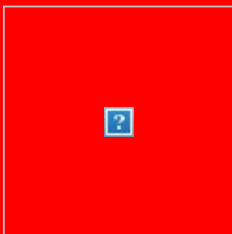
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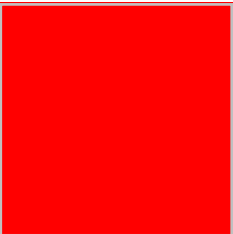
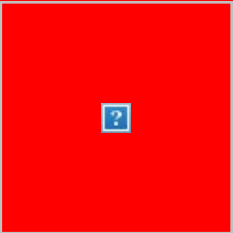
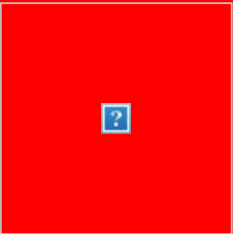
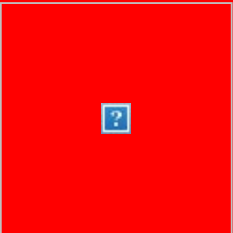
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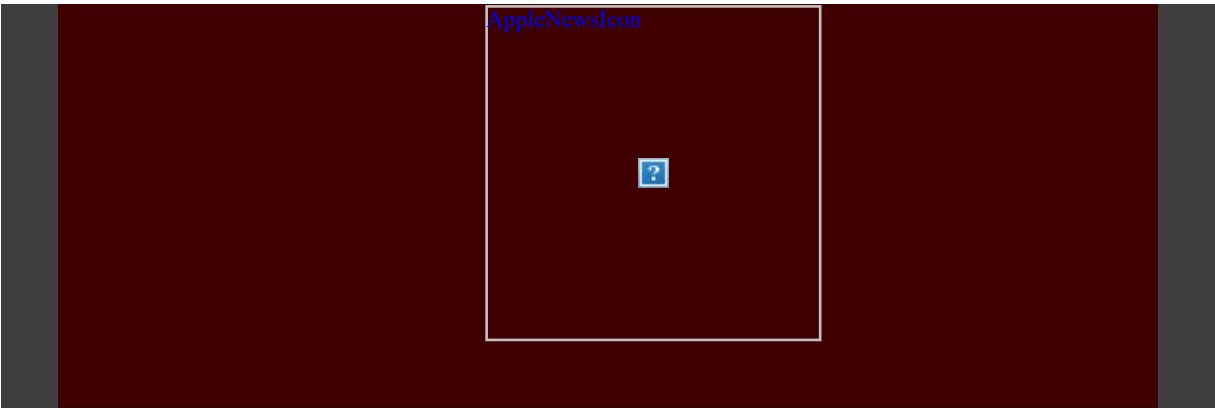


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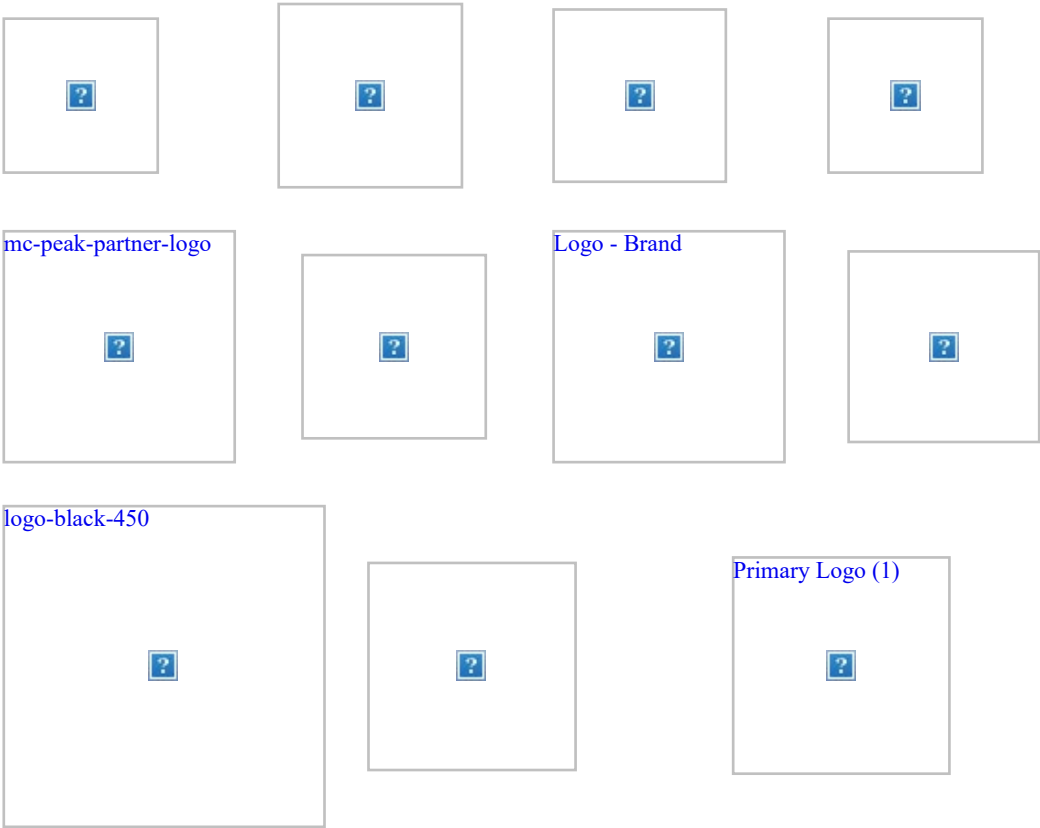
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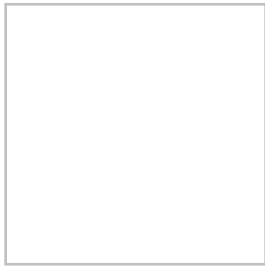
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To: [Alyson Sperry](#)
Subject: Fwd: Final-Final in pdf
Date: Friday, December 12, 2025 5:03:29 PM



Hi,

Very nice to speak with you this morning, and thank you for taking the time. I have attached the pitch deck, I also believe Tyler was sending as well. Let me know if you have any questions and we will see you on Monday.

Best,

Mac Munro

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Is there any clear indication of timing? Meaning, we need to order the grandstands now in order to have instal xxx? Was there any confirmation on the lead time? Thanks.

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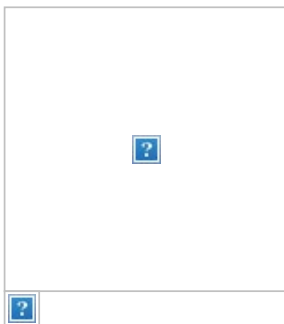
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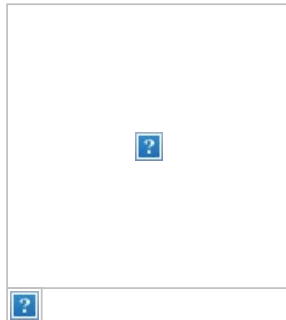
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edits again...thx, J



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On Dec 11, 2025, at 7:24 AM, Mac Munro
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Thanks John, I will read when I get to the rink after
dropping kids off, thanks!

Mac

On Dec 10, 2025, at 10:15 PM, John
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See attached...keep me posted...J



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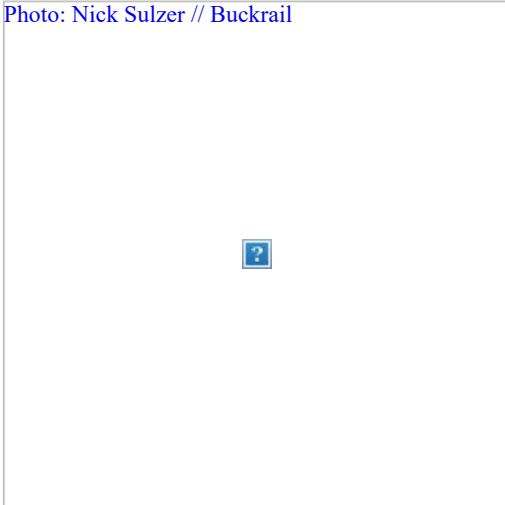
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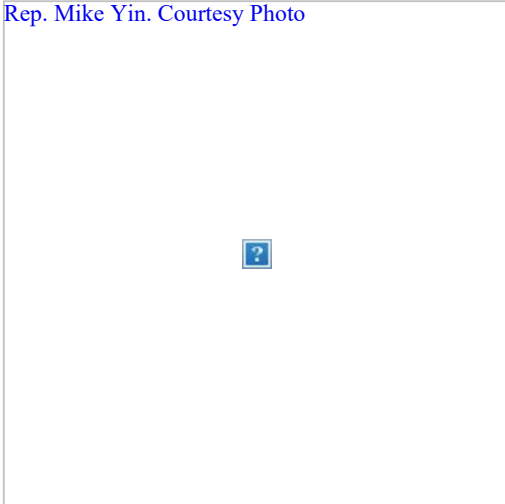
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Rep. Mike Yin. Courtesy Photo



[Inaugural Wyoming ‘Forty Under 40’ list includes Representative Mike Yin](#)

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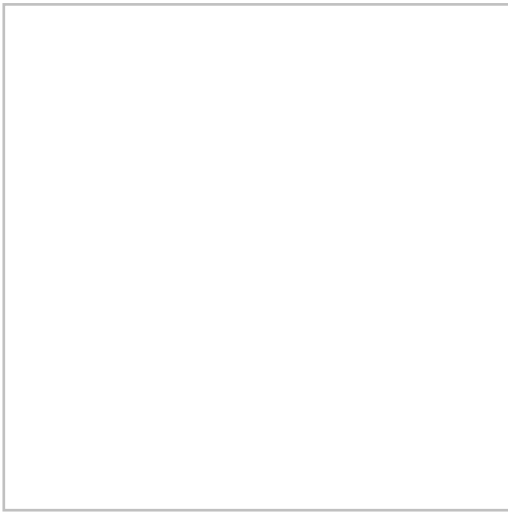
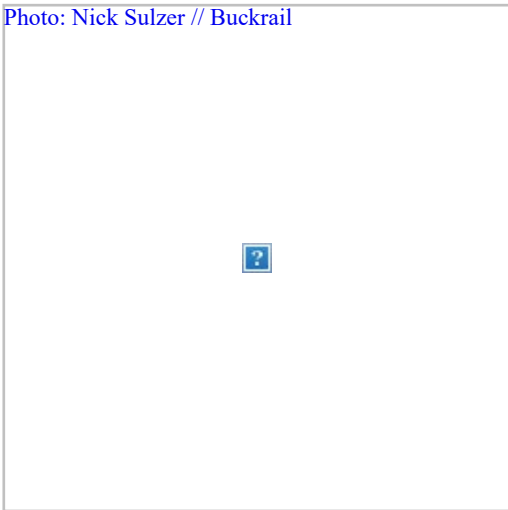
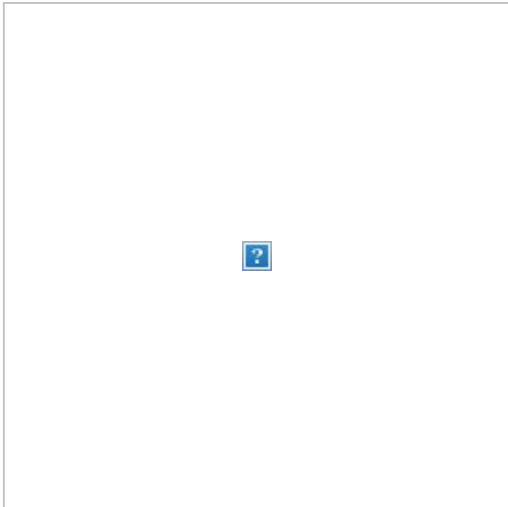


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JHHS wins WY Thespian Festival, secures spot at international competition

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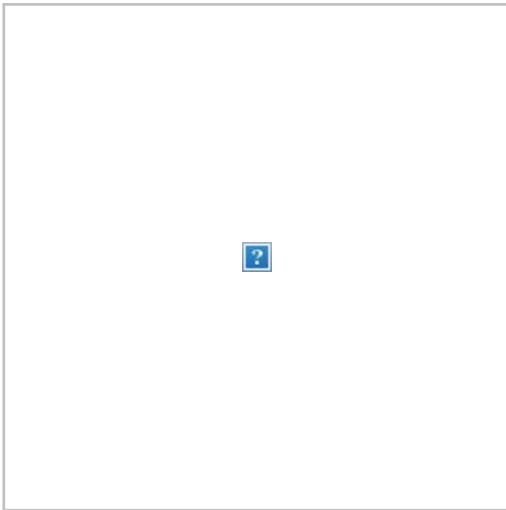


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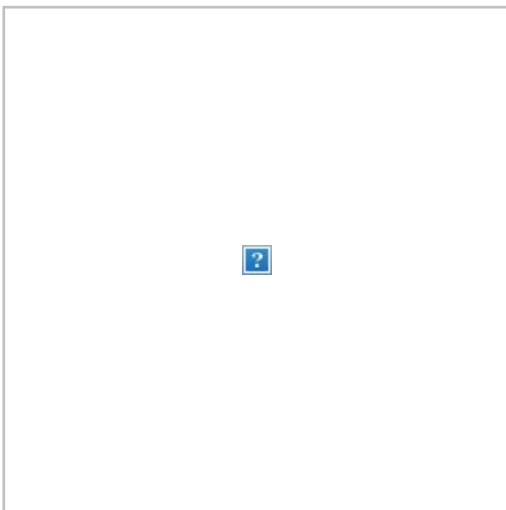
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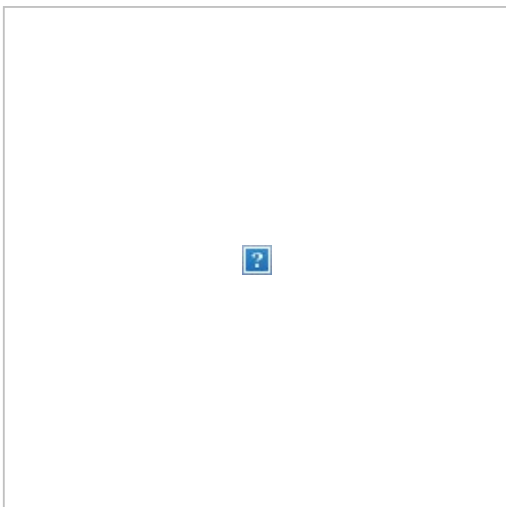


set to open tomorrow, Dec. 11. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Cougar Lift will be running [...]



TBCA free shuttle to return for the winter season, beacon park installed

WILSON, Wyo. — Teton Backcountry Alliance (TBCA) has announced that it will add Fridays to the free Teton Pass shuttle schedule this season, a change from only Saturdays and Sundays last year. [...]



SNAPPED: Village Road cleared of brush

WILSON, Wyo. — Thanks to the efforts of local crews and the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT), WY390 (the Village Road) is now safer for both drivers and wildlife. Buckrail photographer Nick Sulzer [...]

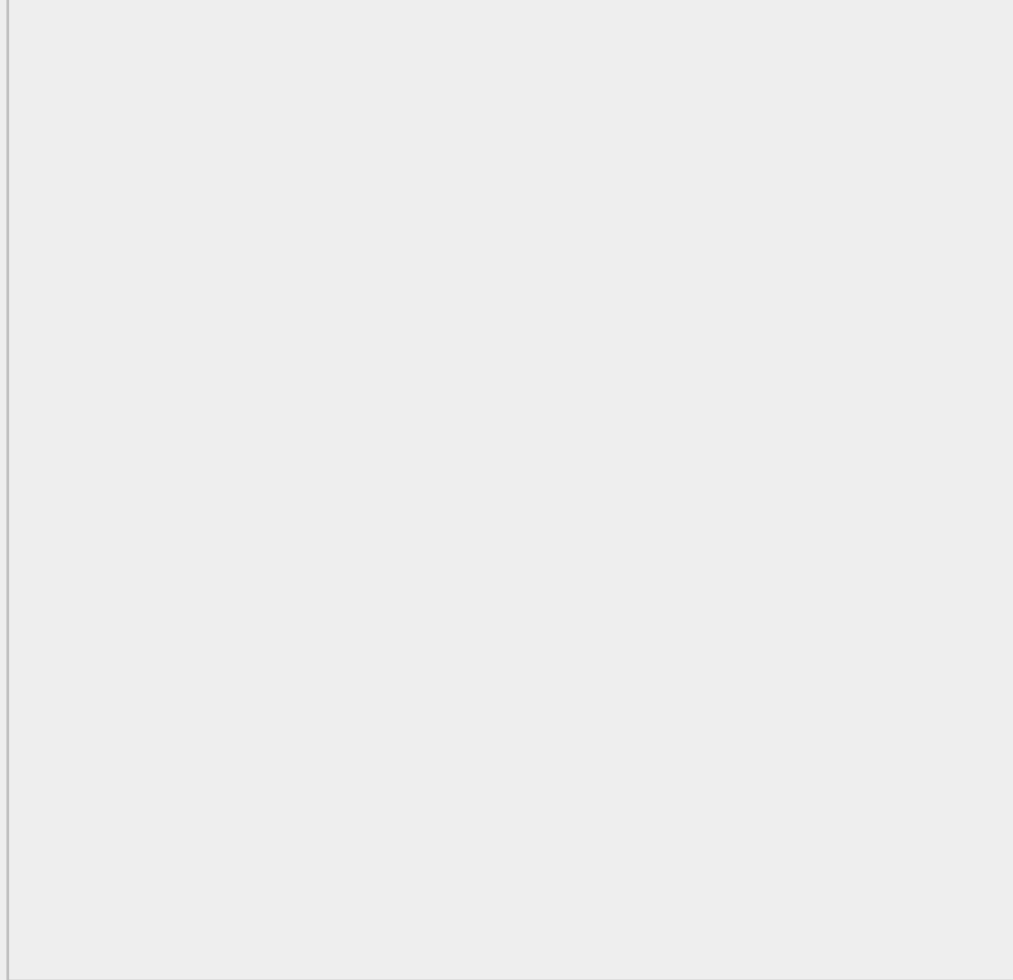
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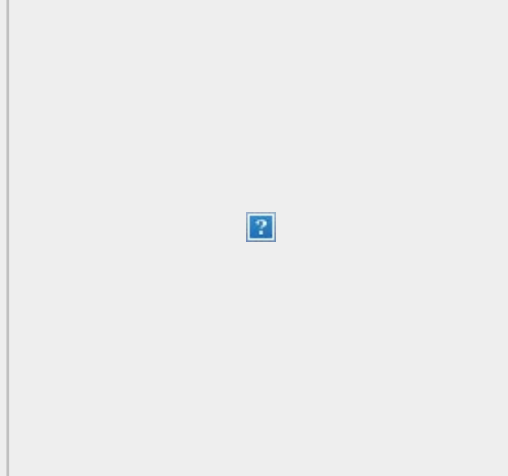
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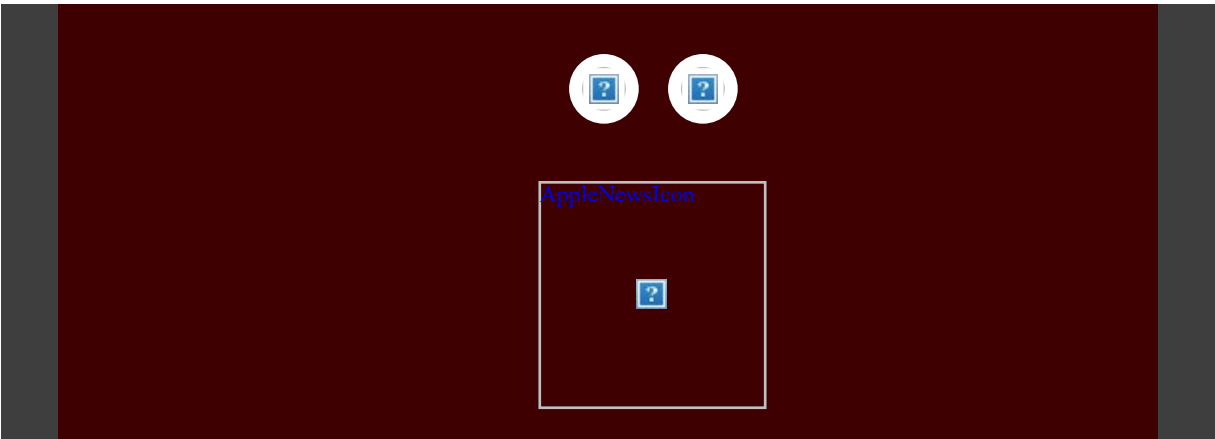
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Hello! This is Karen Saner and I lived in Teton County for 35 years. Jackson still is the place I buy groceries, see doctors, have my bank, and still do most of my business.

I was a member of Jackson Mounted Patrol and started a foundation for them so the Town Of Jackson would not be burdened by the costs.

I am deeply in favor of a sworn Mounted Patrol. There are many things a Mounted Officer can do that one on foot or in a car can not. Mixing with the public from horseback is a more friendly way of meeting people.

There is the "good feeling" that people get when around horses which then extends to the Officers that are Mounted. In a disturbance, the officer has an extra 1000 pounds of horse to help him move people, not only physically but also from the fear of being run over by a big animal!

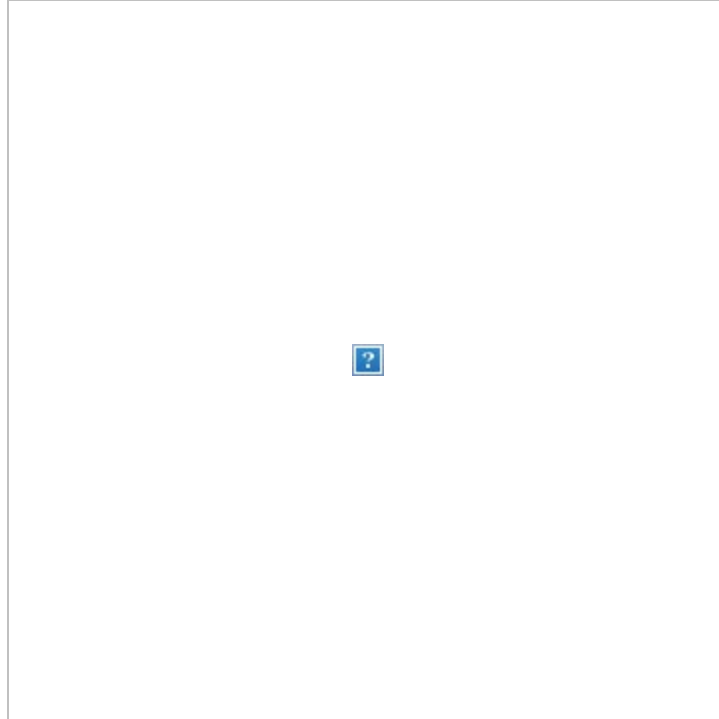
Besides all that, a Mounted Officer is Western and we are losing the Western touch our town used to have.

I am truly in favor of a Mounted Patrol.

Karen Saner

sanerent@gmail.com

From: [Resourceful Communities](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Happy Holidays
Date: Friday, December 12, 2025 1:03:10 PM



Season's Greetings from Resourceful Communities!

Season's greetings from Resourceful Communities!

We are sincerely thankful for your partnership and the meaningful impact you make across North Carolina. As the year comes to a close, we wish you a restorative holiday season filled with peace and renewal and we look forward to continuing this meaningful work with you in the new year.

Our office will be closed from December 22 through January 2. We will resume operations on January 5.

Best regards,

The Resourceful Communities Team

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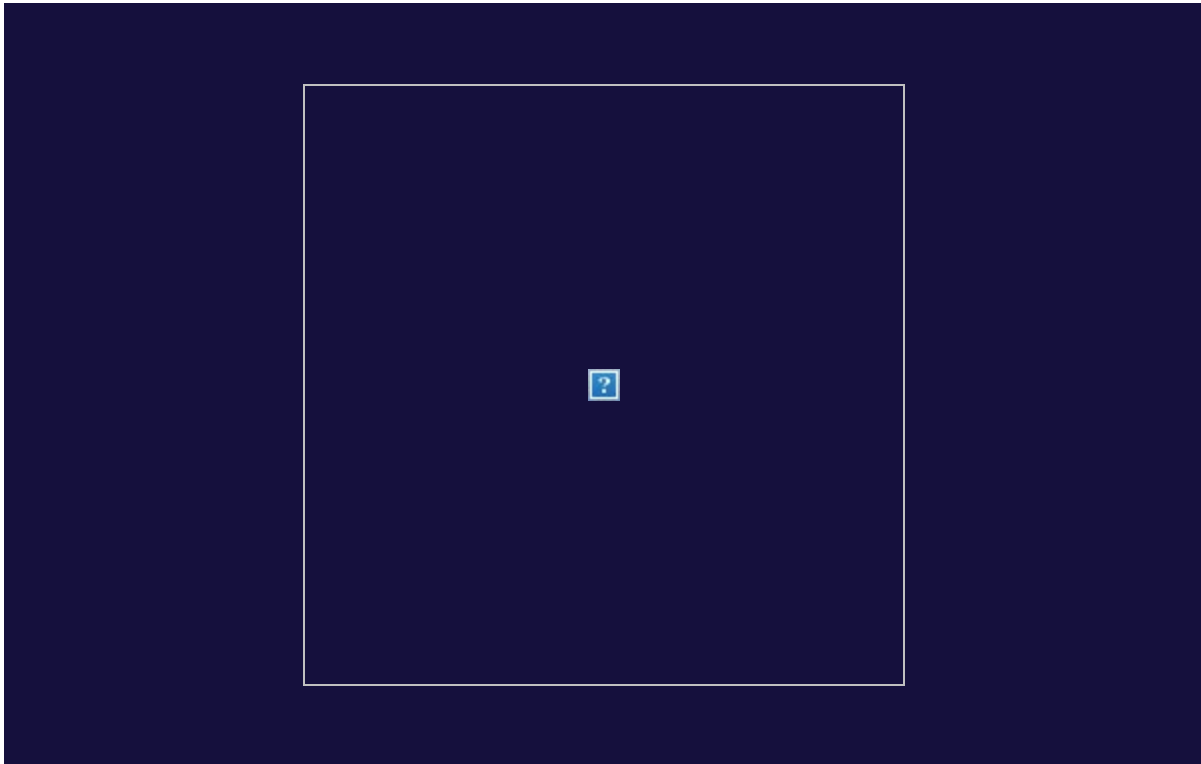
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Quarterly Newsletter

Connect



The Home That Generosity Built

Back in 1999, a generous woman named Virginia Deloney gave our Foundation the greatest housewarming gift imaginable—her actual home. Located on Moose Street near the Elk Refuge, Virginia's house quickly became a symbol of our organization's bright future. There was one caveat to this generous gift — the property would remain as the home of Virginia's beloved cats for the rest of their lives.

After Virginia's last cat passed away, the Foundation sold Virginia's house and in 2012, moved to our current location on Simpson Street, transforming another house into Foundation(al) office space, which offered room for our team to grow and host meetings of our own and with our nonprofit partners.

Now, with 19 staff members working shoulder-to-shoulder—sometimes 3-4 people sharing a single office—we're coming home once again. This time, to **145 E. Snow King**, a space that will give our team room to breathe and flourish.

Thanks to Virginia's generosity and vision for the community, we're able to make this move happen. And here's what makes us especially excited: our new home will include **7 meeting spaces available for community use**—because the best homes are those with open doors.

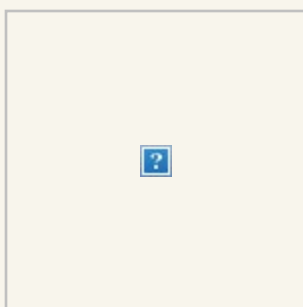
We'll settle into our new space mid-January, and as we pack boxes, we can't help but marvel at how Virginia's single act of generosity set all of this in motion. From one donated home, each move is a testament to what happens when someone believes in a mission enough to give it a place to call home.

As wonderful additions to meetings in the new space, I hope you'll welcome our **new board members, Josh, Janine, and Steve** who are ready to go to work on behalf of our community.

In this newsletter, we also have details for you about **impact investments**, **Old Bill's**, and **Soupgiving**. And if you are just learning about **Champions for Children** and our community's amazing early childhood educators, please check out the highlights. This newsletter is full of all the good happening around us.

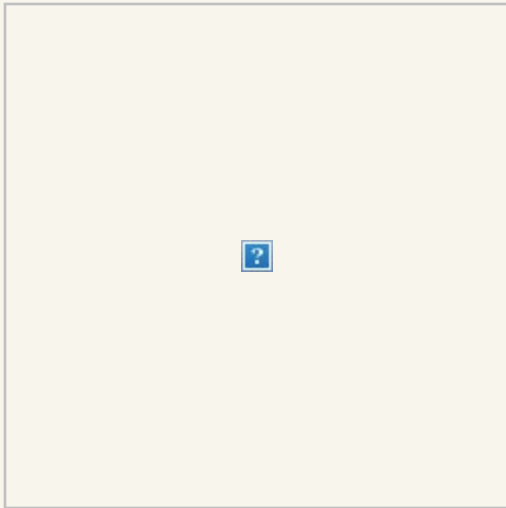
As we move into the holidays, here's to new beginnings. I am rooted in profound gratitude for where we've been and I can't wait to experience where we are headed.

Warm Regards,



Laurie Andrews

President, Community Foundation of Jackson Hole



Welcome to our New Board Members!

The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole is pleased to welcome **Steve Dubois, Josh Frappart** and **Janine Lloyd** to its Board of Directors. The three bring a strong mix of professional expertise, community involvement and passion for the Foundation's mission.

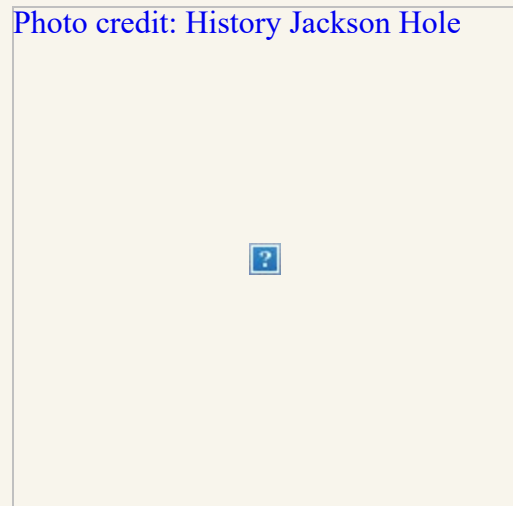
"We're excited to welcome these dynamic new leaders to the Board," said Betty Andrikopoulos, Board Chair. "Steve, Josh and Janine each care deeply about this valley, and their perspectives will help guide the Foundation's work in meaningful ways." [**Read more >>**](#)

Inaugural Impact Investments Support Local Nonprofits

We're proud to announce our first two impact investments supporting **Coombs Outdoors** and **History Jackson Hole**.

These pilot transactions mark

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the launch of a new program that complements the Foundation's longstanding grantmaking by providing investment capital to help nonprofits build long-term financial resilience — while delivering both social and financial returns.

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Old Bill's Impact Report



Community Comes Together for Record Breaking Old Bill's

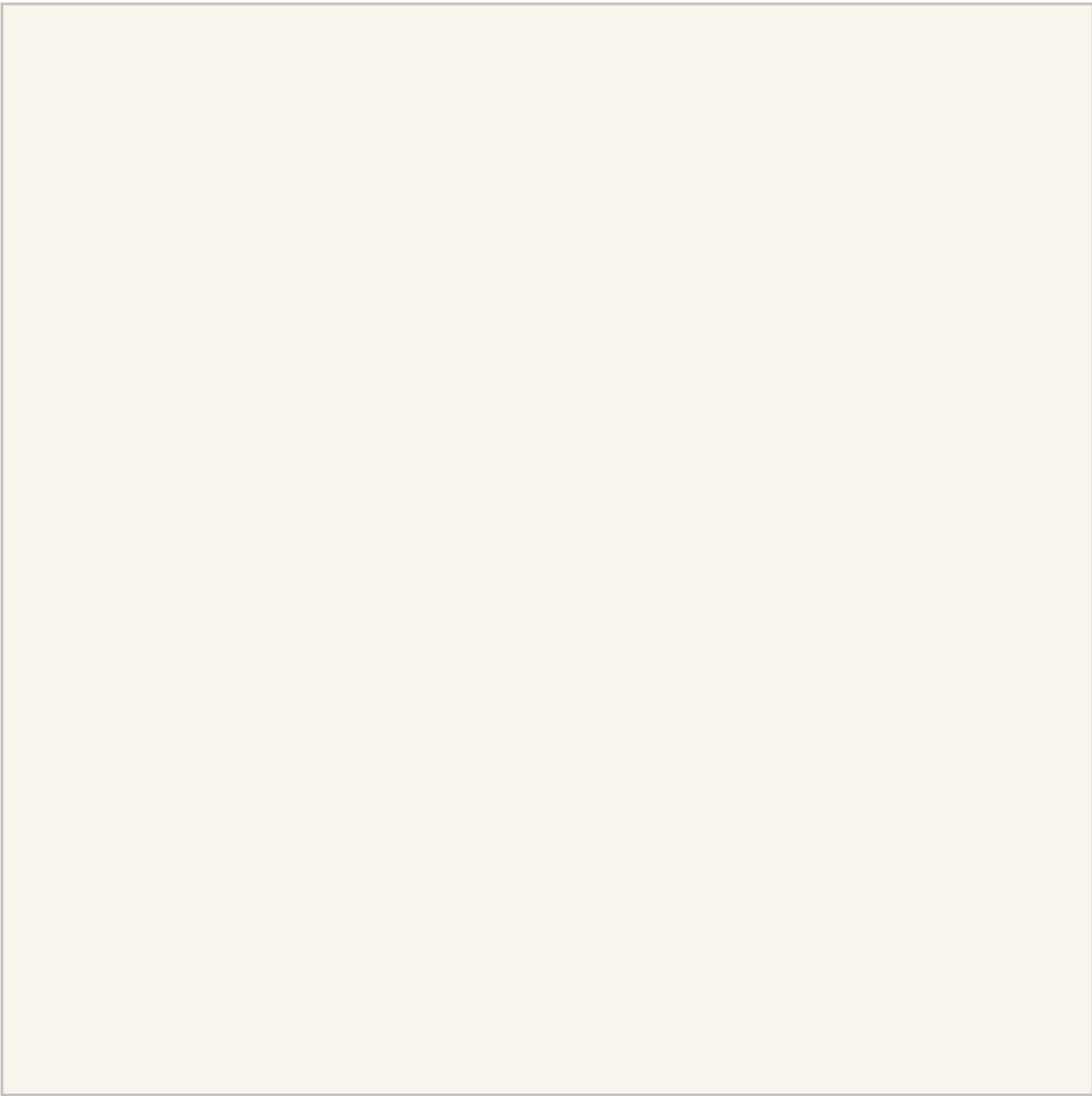
Over the last 29 years, Old Bill's Fun Run has raised more than \$306 million for local nonprofits. Each year, funds raised through Old Bill's touch the lives of everyone in Teton County. **Old Bill's Fun Run 2025 raised an incredible \$26,104,015** for local nonprofits! That's **25,060 gifts from 4,246 donors**, all working together to care for the people, place, and wildlife that make our valley so special. [Read Impact Report >>](#)

TBHA Hosts 3rd Annual Soupsgiving

On November 13, **The Teton Behavioral Health Alliance**, an initiative of the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole,

Soupgiving

hosted its third annual **Soupgiving** at Jackson Elementary School's Commons. The event offered connection and warmth to those who may feel isolated or lonely leading up to the holiday season. [**Read more >>**](#)



The **2025 Champions for Children Awards** recognized educators who inspire, innovate, and create lasting change for students. Winners were celebrated at the annual event on October 16th, where the community gathered to honor excellence in education and support vital out-of-school programs. Champions for Children is managed under the **Expanded Learning Collective**, an initiative of the **Community Foundation of Jackson Hole**, and was founded by Children's Learning Center, Jackson Hole Children's Museum, and Teton Literacy Center. Together, these organizations honor exceptional educators and support high-quality, accessible out-of-school learning opportunities for every child in Teton County. **[Read more >>](#)**



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Dear Electeds..

Please see the attached in consideration of Nelson Drive.

Sincerely,

Alexis

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Alexis Dittmer
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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Christopher M Finlay Email Alyson Spery
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Email Alyson Spery

Email Content:

Dear Council Member Spery,

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Supporting this project ensures Town employees will have access to dependable workforce housing without the Town needing to assume the cost of property ownership.

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Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully,
Chris Finlay

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Email Kevin Regan

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Email Arne Jorgensen

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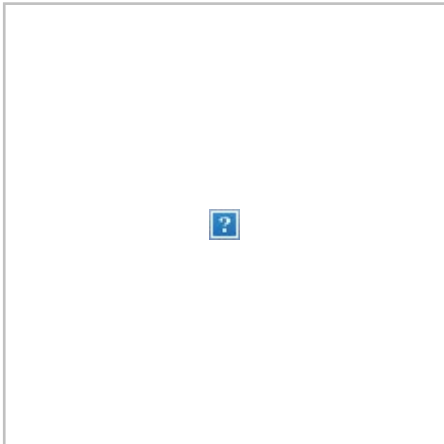
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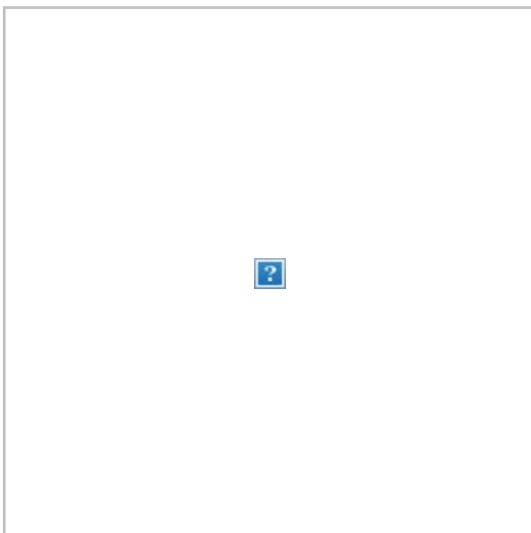


Next Week

How Communities Layer Resources to Prevent Homelessness: Insights from Detroit and the Bay Area

Thurs, Dec 18, 2025 / 3:00 pm ET

Virtual, registration required.



Leaders will share how their communities are using a continuum of support and resources to help people stay housed and how eviction prevention programs fit in.

Register to Attend



In Case You Missed It

Watch recordings of our fall events in the Past Events section on our [calendar page](#).



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Member Call Recap: December 8, 2025

Governing in the Time of Data Centers

On Monday, December 8th, Climate Mayors held our final all member call of the year, *Governing in the Time of Data Centers*, thank you to everyone who was able to join us. Climate Mayors is working to ensure our members are equipped with the tools and insights needed to navigate the rapid growth of data centers in cities across the country. Thanks to insights from this conversation, we are developing a playbook designed to guide mayors through key considerations in managing data centers. We plan to make this resource available in the new year. Below you will find a summary of the conversation, a one-pager on data centers, and resources for mayors:

- [Climate Mayors: Governing In the Time of Data Centers Key Takeaways](#)
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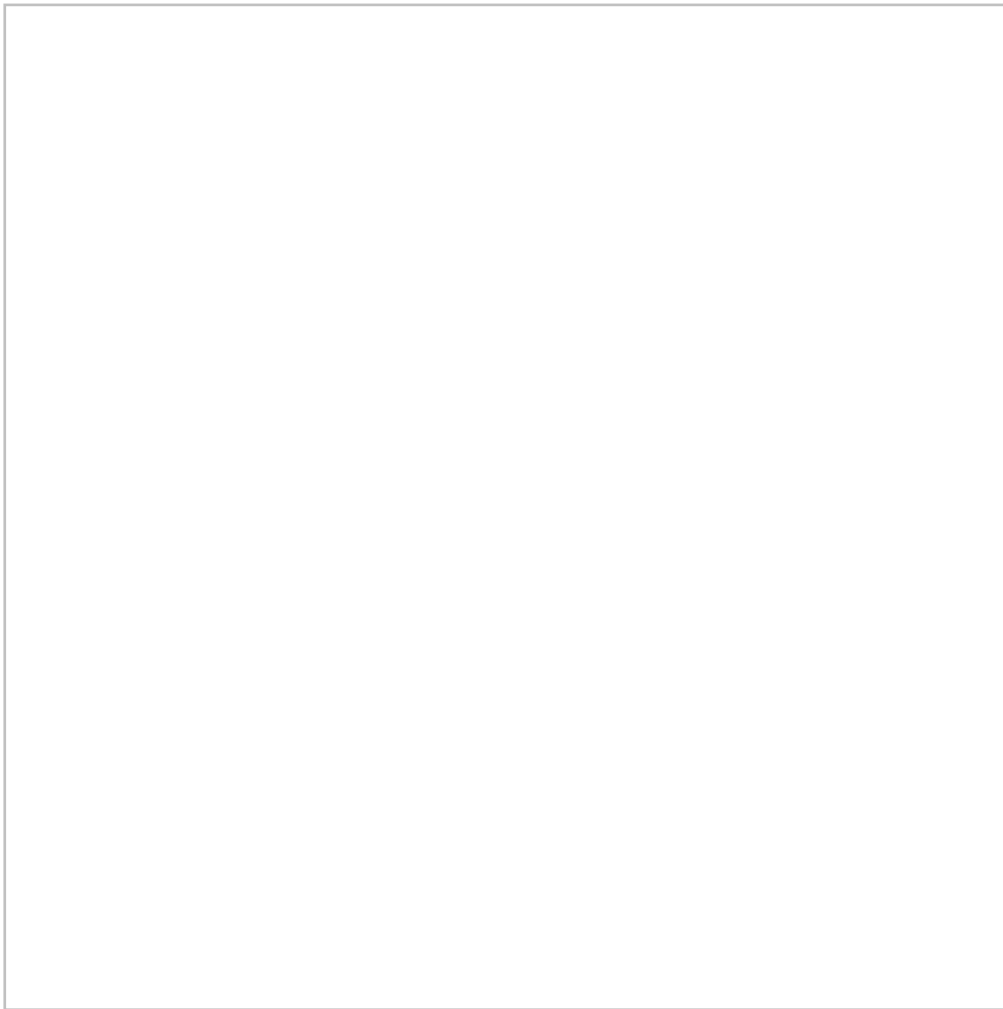
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Please feel free to reach out to [Rachel](#) if you have any questions.

You're Invited: January 8, 2026 Climate Mayors Leadership Virtual Press Call

Please join for a virtual press and member event on [Thursday, January 8th at 12:30 AM ET/9:30 AM PT](#), to kick off the new year by hearing from our new leadership team and highlighting the 2026 goals and priorities for Climate Mayors. There will also be time for Q&A with the press.

Please register [here](#).



City Climate Innovation Challenge: Light-duty Urban Charging Innovations

Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator(LACI) is launching its second City Climate Innovation Challenge, in partnership with Climate Mayors and C40 Cities, to help a cohort of cities address their challenges of installing charging infrastructure at apartments, multi-family homes, curbsides, or elsewhere in an urban environment. Specifically, the challenge will support participating cities to learn about:

- Research conducted and tools created by C40 Cities, LACI, and partners
- Projects implemented by LACI portfolio companies and partners
- Policy success in Los Angeles, New York, and other cohort cities

LACI will also connect cities to the private sector technology and business model solutions that can address individual cities' priorities, with the goal of deploying a project focused on the technology, business model, and/or policy innovation you wish to pursue.

If your city wishes to apply for the cohort, [please fill out this Request for Information](#).

Additionally, to share details on the broader City Climate Innovation Challenge initiative, share some examples from our first Cohort, and answer questions about the RFI components, LACI is holding an information session, only for cities, on **December 17th from 9am-10am PST**; [register here](#) to learn more.

Funding Opportunity: CSCI is Now Accepting Grant Applications to Help Communities Accelerate Their Climate Resilience Plans and Projects

The Climate Smart Communities Initiative (CSCI) grants can help small to midsize communities at any step in the planning process, and include funding, as well as training and technical support. The funding ranges from \$75,000-\$115,000 per award and can be used over a twelve-month period to advance activities ranging from risk assessments and community engagement to project prioritization and initial implementation.

To be eligible for consideration, the community must be located in the United States and facing significant climate-related challenges, based on environmental as well as socioeconomic considerations. The application and the proposed project must also be done as a collaboration between 1) a community-based organization, 2) a local, regional or Tribal government partner, and 3) a climate adaptation practitioner.

The initiative will be accepting grant applications through March 12, 2026, and expects to announce awards in summer 2026. For more details, including benefits, program requirements, and to complete an application, visit climatesmartcommunity.org/funding.

Please email Rachel Paris (rachel@climate-mayors.org) if you have any announcements or actions you would like included in future newsletters or on social media.

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Dear Council,

I am admittedly not 100% clear on what is being considered for the housing expansion at Nelson Circle, other than it could possibly house a mix of federal employees and others. Affordable housing is a huge problem, I know, but I am skeptical about using the administrative site--meant for housing BTNF employees--for other purposes.

There has been a need for more FS employee housing for decades. The Bridger-Teton has had a hard time filling positions and keeping positions filled as the FS housing is so limited and there has been a 3-year stay limit, after which employees were expected to locate elsewhere. Some can't afford to move, so they leave. Positions that should be located at the Supervisor's Office are often filled by employees who live in other towns and have to commute to attend meetings and generally get their jobs done. All I'm saying is the need for permanent housing for USFS employees continues to be a high priority.

I worry also that expanding the housing for non-FS employees, located near the Cache Creek winter range closures, might lead to more illegal use and displace the wildlife that depend on the area. People with unleashed dogs are already an issue at the trailhead and beyond, so creating potential access from private homes might increase it.

Thanks for your careful consideration on Monday evening.

Susan Marsh
Jackson

slmarsh.com

when all of this was going on,
there were some who were homesick for the world

and what it could have been, and others who were silent.

Tishani Doshi, from The Albatross's Sonnet

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Friday, December 12, 2025

Hello ,

The development of the average intelligence quotient (IQ) in Germany can only be roughly determined, as the data is limited and the underlying studies differ methodologically. Nevertheless, some clear trends are evident. Between 1971 and 2007, crystallized intelligence—that is, knowledge- and experience-based abilities—increased by around 3.5 points per decade, a classic Flynn effect that has also been observed in other Western countries. However, more recent studies show a reversal of this trend: From 2012 to 2022, figural-spatial, or fluid, intelligence declined by approximately 4.7 to 5.2 points per decade. The average IQ in Germany was reported to be around 100.7 points in 2023.

The Flynn effect, which explained the rise in IQ scores until the end of the 20th century, is primarily attributed to improvements in education, nutrition, and healthcare. The fact that this trend is now weakening or reversing points to deeper societal changes. Particularly in fluid intelligence, moderate declines are evident, but these do not mean that people are becoming "less intelligent" overall. Differences in test norms, test types, educational pathways, cultural influences, and demographic changes play a significant role.

The absolute average score of 100 points is, by definition, constant for a country like Germany, as test norms are regularly adjusted. Therefore, Germany's relative position in international comparison is crucial. In the long term, Germany has been slightly above the global average. Even in 2023, with an IQ of approximately 100.7, the country is in the middle to upper range, comparable to Switzerland, Austria, or the Netherlands.

However, current analyses show that the decline in fluid intelligence is a widespread international phenomenon, also observed in Scandinavia, Great Britain, and the USA. Studies suggest, however, that the decline may be somewhat more pronounced in Germany. The reasons discussed for this include changes in the education system and performance requirements, reduced reading comprehension and concentration skills, cultural and technological influences such as digitalization and multitasking, and the changing demographic composition of the population.

In summary, Germany experienced a moderate increase in IQ scores over the past 30 years, while since around 2012 a measurable decline, particularly in fluid intelligence, has been observed. This reflects an international trend in Germany indicating a gradual weakening of the earlier Flynn effect.

IQ in International Comparison: Methodology, Developments, and Trends

The available international IQ estimates provide only approximations, as reliable, uniform

time series for all countries are lacking. Many "IQ by Country" tables are based on aggregations of older studies, Raven's tests, PISA/TIMSS data, or online IQ platforms. Historically, the work of Lynn & Vanhanen, later updated by Lynn & Becker, was seminal, though some consider it methodologically flawed. More recent aggregations, such as those by Cognidna or WorldPopulationReview, provide estimates for the 2020s, though absolute values ??often vary.

The following top 20 rankings (estimated mean) reflect the relative position of leading nations from 1995 to 2025; these figures are primarily for comparability, not to measure individual intelligence.

Top 20 nations by estimated average IQ (1995-2025, rounded)

- . Japan: 1995 ~106 ? 2025 ~106.5
- . Singapore: 1995 ~105 ? 2025 ~106.6
- . Taiwan: 1995 ~104 ? 2025 ~106.5
- . Hong Kong: 1995 ~105 ? 2025 ~105.4
- . China: 1995 ~103 ? 2025 ~104.1
- . South Korea: 1995 ~104 ? 2025 ~102.3-102.4
- . Finland: 1995 ~101 ? 2025 ~101-101.6 (cluster with Belarus, Estonia)
- . Estonia: from 2010 ~100 ? 2025 ~101-101.6
- . Belarus: from 2015 ~101.5 ? 2025 ~101-101.6
- . Netherlands: 1995 ~101 ? 2025 ~100.7-100.8
- . Germany: 1995 ~100 ? 2025 ~100.6-100.7
- . Switzerland: 1995 ~100 ? 2025 ~100.5
- . Liechtenstein: 2023-2025 ~101.1 (in some lists, top 10)
- . Sweden: 1995 ~100 ? 2025 ~97-100 (source dependent)
- . Canada: 1995 ~99 ? 2025 ~99.5
- . Austria: 1995 ~99 ? 2025 ~99-99.5
- . UK: 1995 ~99 ? 2025 ~99
- . Belgium: 1995 ~99 ? 2025 ~99
- . Norway: 1995 ~99 ? 2025 ~98.8
- . Australia: 1995 ~99 ? 2025 ~99
- . USA: 1995 ~98 ? 2025 ~97-99 (source dependent)
- . France: 1995 ~97 ? 2025 ~96.7
- . New Zealand: 1995 ~98 ? 2025 ~99

Analysis of Trends

- . East Asia: Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, and Hong Kong remain consistently at the top.
- . Europe: Countries such as Finland, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Germany are mostly in the middle of the top group (ranks 6-12). Germany maintains stable scores just above 100.
- . USA: Depending on the source, rankings fluctuate between the upper middle range and slightly below (ranks ~15-30).
- . General: There have been no dramatic rises or falls in the rankings of developed countries over the last 30 years; observed changes are often interpreted as differences in data sources, test types, or adjustments for the Flynn effect.

Methodological Notes

- . Absolute values ??are not precise; ranking trends and relative positions are crucial.

. Various tests, corrections, and estimation methods can alter rankings. Historical data collections such as Lynn/Vanhanen were influential, but more recent internet aggregations are often less transparent.

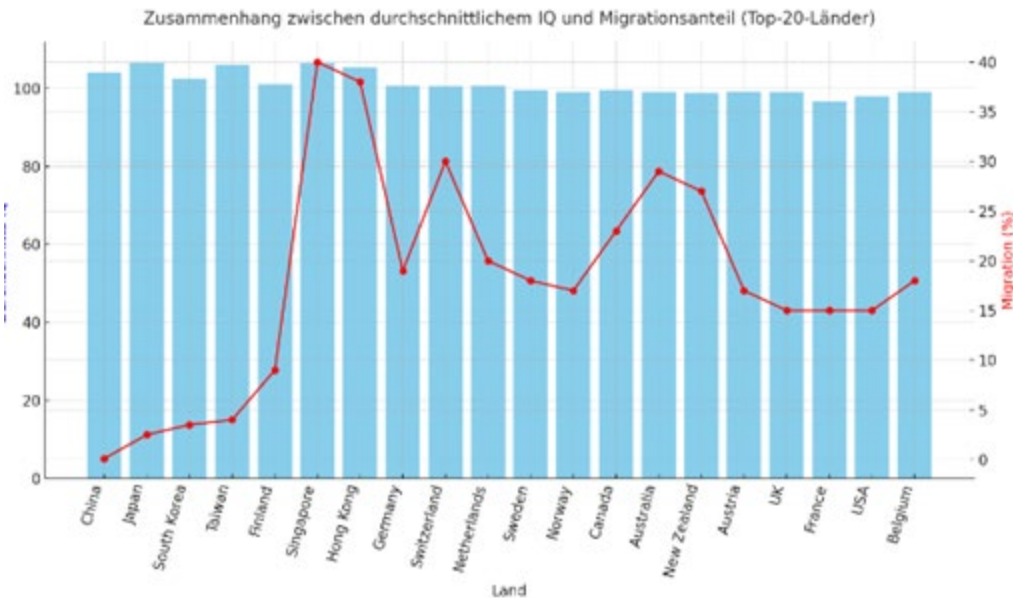
The following overview is intended to illustrate international trends in intelligence development and should be understood as a guide, not as an exact measurement of individual abilities. Looking at the top 20 countries by average IQ over the past few decades, a clear pattern emerges regarding migration: Almost none of these countries have exhibited consistently very low migration over extended periods, with the notable exceptions of Japan and China.

Japan has a foreign-born population of approximately 2-3% and pursues a very restrictive migration policy with highly regulated immigration and high cultural and linguistic barriers to entry. China's foreign-born population is below 1%, with its low migration attributable to its state structure. Both countries have recruited their populations almost exclusively from their own demographic base in recent decades. South Korea has a similarly low foreign-born population of around 3-4%, but has recently shown slight openings, for example, to workers from Southeast Asia. Taiwan's foreign-born population is around 3-5%, and it largely restricts migration to controlled labor migration.

Other top-performing East Asian countries differ significantly: Singapore has a foreign-born population of approximately 40%, with immigration strictly selective based on qualifications. Hong Kong has a similarly high percentage of foreign-born residents, at 35-40%, predominantly from China.

In Europe and North America, the proportion of foreign-born residents is usually between 8% and 30%. Finland has risen from under 3% in the past to about 8-9%. Germany now reaches 18-20% (in this representation), and Switzerland around 30% - both countries have high levels of migration, with Switzerland being highly selective in its recruitment of skilled workers. The Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand have 15-30% immigrants, predominantly skilled, while the USA is at about 15%, including a high percentage of undocumented immigrants. France, Belgium, and the United Kingdom are between 15-20% and also have high levels of migration.

In summary, the main trends are as follows: Of the top 20 high-IQ countries, Japan and China consistently have very low levels of migration, while South Korea and Taiwan have only slightly higher rates. Other top-ranked nations are either heavily reliant on immigration or practice selective migration. Ultimately, it turns out that migration alone does not explain IQ scores; education, selection criteria, and social integration are crucial.

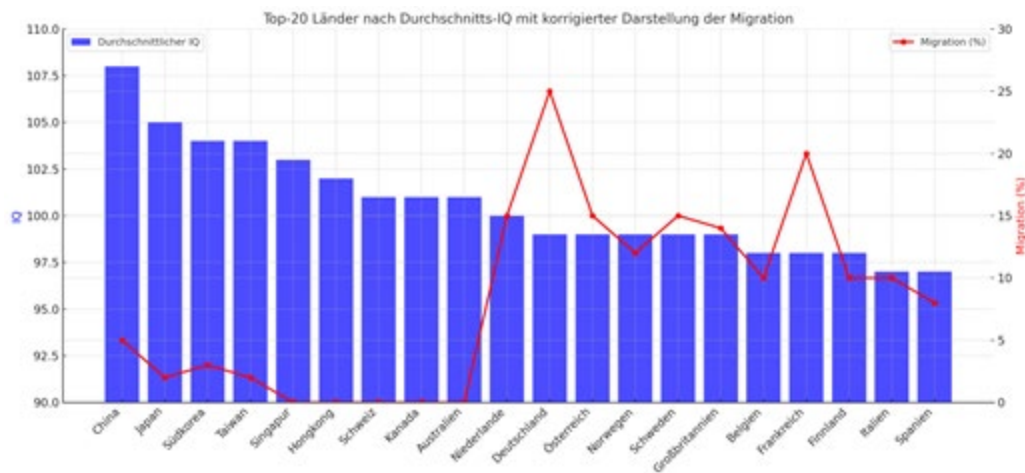


The graph shows the average IQ of countries as blue bars and the percentage of migrants as a red line. At first glance, it's clear that countries with very low migration-especially China, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan-rank in the upper IQ range. Countries with high migration, such as Singapore, Switzerland, Canada, and Australia, also show high IQ scores, which might initially give the impression that migration doesn't lower the average IQ.

However, closer examination reveals that this interpretation is highly distorted, as the red line simply represents the overall percentage of migrants without considering the quality or selectivity of the migrants. In Singapore and Hong Kong, many migrants come from the same ethnic groups, which keeps IQ diversity low. Canada and Australia actively recruit well-educated, highly skilled migrants, while Switzerland has a high proportion of immigrants with tertiary education - in 2020, approximately 61% of new arrivals had a university degree, and in regions like Zurich, Zug, and Basel, this figure reached as high as 75%. Thus, migration in these countries is selectively managed or ethnically homogeneous and does not negatively impact average IQ.

Taking these factors into account, the negative correlation between migration and IQ largely disappears. Countries with very low migration, such as China, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan, achieve high IQ scores due to demographic stability and a merit-based education system. Countries with high but selectively managed migration - Singapore, Hong Kong, Canada, Australia, and Switzerland - also achieve high scores, with their success largely attributable to targeted immigration and high-quality education systems.

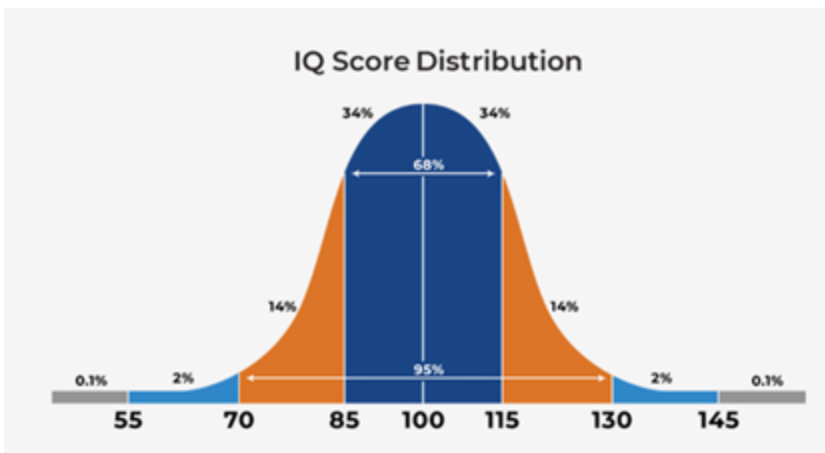
For a more realistic picture, the red line for countries with selective or ethnically homogeneous migration would have to be set to zero. This would reveal that migration in itself does not lower IQ, but that only uncontrolled, heterogeneous migration might have an impact. The correct interpretation, therefore, is that it is not the quantity of migration, but rather the quality of migration and the structure of the education system that are decisive for a nation's average IQ.



Explanations of the graphic:

- . Blue bars: Average IQ of the countries (highest IQ on the left, decreasing to the right).
- . Red line: Percentage of immigrants. Countries with selective or ethnically homogeneous migration (Singapore, Hong Kong, Switzerland, Canada, Australia) were set to 0%.
- . The graphic clearly shows: Migration lowers IQ - unless the quality of immigration is addressed.

Migration to Germany to date has not been selectively managed, which is why a high percentage of children of immigrants do not reach minimum academic standards - in some cases 30%, and in certain subjects even up to 60%. These figures are far above what would be expected with a normally distributed ability level (2% on a Gaussian bell curve).



This would be expected and would lead to a lack of foundation for the training of future skilled workers. Without this foundation, Germany faces a long-term decline in educational standards, a shortage of skilled workers, and underperformance. Against this backdrop, current migration, measured by education and cognitive abilities, has a potentially negative impact on the country's economic and social development.

Best regards,

David Cohnen



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4:00PM - 7:00PM | R PARK

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JH Land Trust Winter Solstice & Giant Lantern Exhibit

Celebrate the beginning of longer days with free food and hot drinks (please bring your own cup). Sledding and explore a special lantern exhibit of giant lanterns

created by local artists and students in partnership with JH Public Art.

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DECEMBER 19

4:00PM - 6:00PM | TETON VILLAGE

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Winterfest & GlowNights Kickoff

Play on the CloudSwings by Artists Lindsay Glatz and William Nemitoff. Explore the new Snowcastle. Enjoy cocoa, cookies, and giant sparklers. Free skating. Tree lighting ceremony at 5:00.

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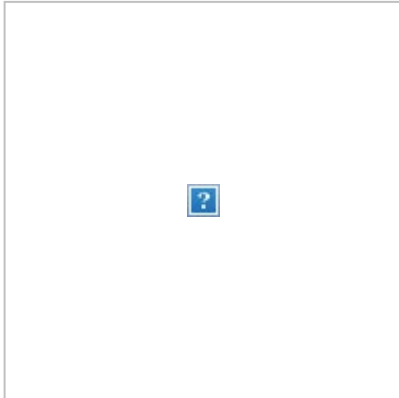
5:00PM | CENTER FOR THE ARTS PARK

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GlowNights Opening Celebration

Explore the illuminated and interactive exhibit of Four Giant Inflatable Soloveiko Songbirds by Artist collective Amigo & Amigo in the Center Park. Hot Cocoa, and prizes. ELF meet and greet, yes, ELF will be in person to say hello to kids!

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Screening of ELF, the movie at 6:30PM, book through the Center for the Arts.

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Major support for GlowNights provided by: JH Travel and Tourism Board, Teton Village Association, Center for the Arts. **Business sponsors:** HUB Gives, OriginPoint, Outpost, FCE Excavation, Two Ocean Builders, and Evans Construction.

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Art News

Finalists Announced For Teton County Justice Center Public Art

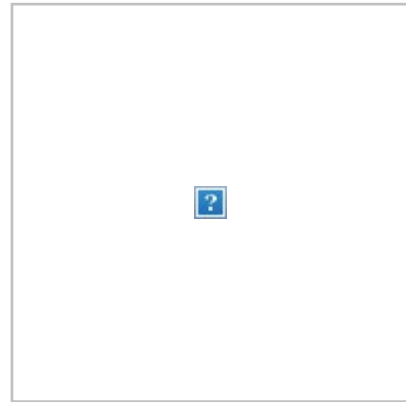
JACKSON, WYOMING, December 3, 2025 / Four finalists have been selected to create site-specific concepts for the Teton County Justice Center public art. Jackson Hole Public Art issued a nationwide call-to-artists in September and received approximately 110 submissions.



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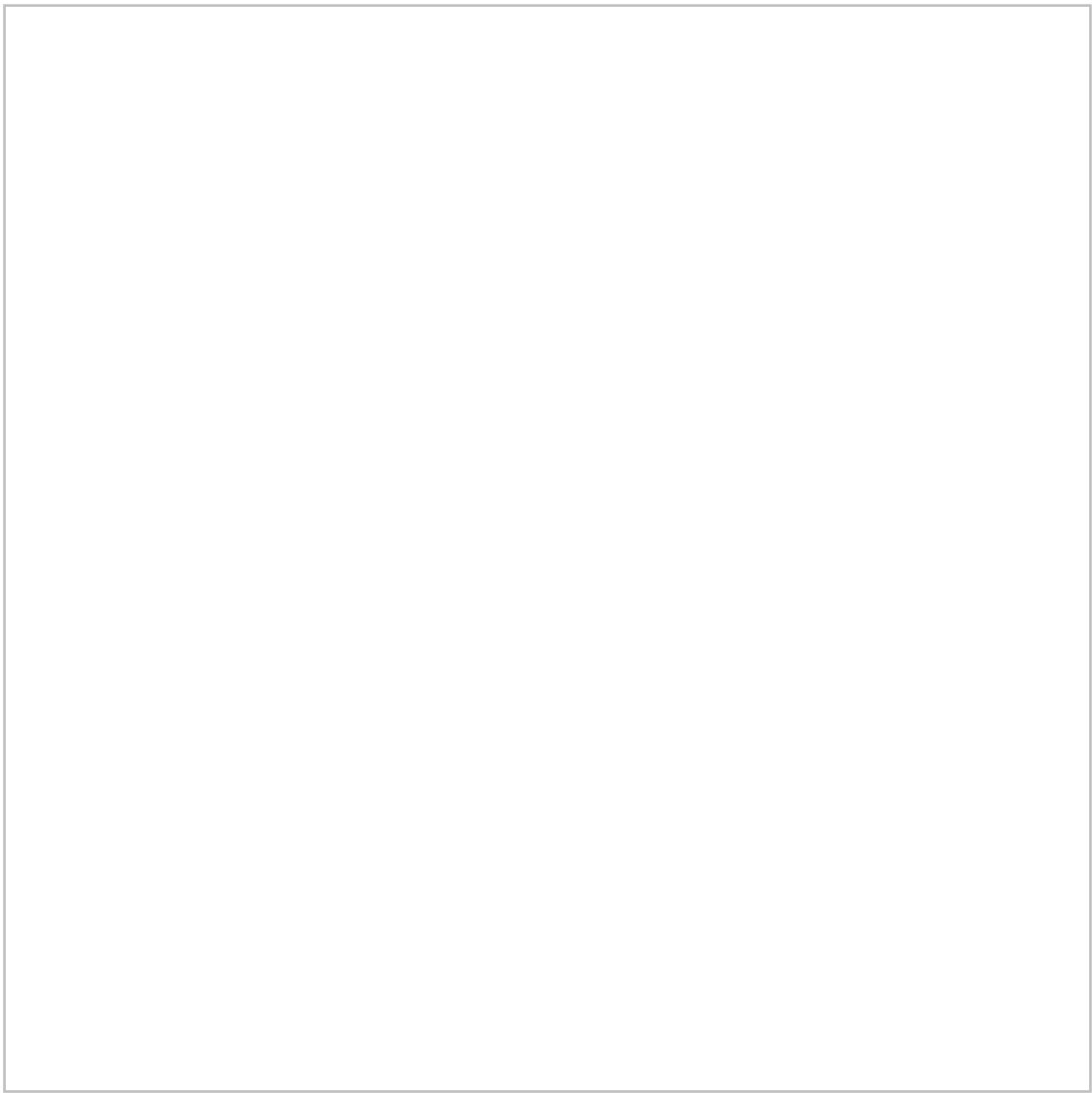
Local Artists Selected For New Utility Box Wraps at Teton Village

JACKSON, WYOMING, December 2, 2025 / Teton Village Association announces that new artwork is on display throughout Teton Village. Six local artists were selected from a pool of twenty-six artists to have their images printed on vinyl wraps for utility boxes and a trash enclosure. These artworks contribute to wayfinding with images that highlight community character.



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To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Nelson Drive
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 5:28:33 PM



Mayor Jorgensen and Town Council Members,

I am writing to express my full support for including Nelson Drive in the project. Nelson Drive presents a rare opportunity to deliver high-quality housing that meets immediate needs while fostering long-term community stability.

The Community Housing Trust has a respected thirty-year record of building homes that stand the test of time. Their projects are known for their thoughtful design, durable materials, and reliable long-term management. Residents trust their work because it creates real homes, not temporary solutions.

As you know, Nelson Drive will also house the critical service providers of the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Their team of dedicated employees supports everything from search and rescue access to trail conditions and watershed protection, work that touches every resident and visitor in Jackson. These employees cannot continue providing this level of service if they are pushed farther from town each year. Investing in Nelson Drive is an investment in the people who make our public lands safe, healthy, and accessible for all.

Nelson Drive brings thirty-six new homes to the valley, built with care and supported through public land, federal investment, and strong nonprofit leadership. I urge your support for this opportunity to secure stable homes for the people who carry this place forward.

Sincerely,
Deborah S.Ramo

From: [Anthony Greenall](#)
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Dear Members of the Fair Board,

I am writing to urge you to cancel the pig wrestling event at the Wyoming fair and to ensure that no such contests are held now or in the future. These events subject pigs to rough handling, loud crowds, and chaotic conditions that cause intense fear, distress, and a significant risk of painful injuries.

Pigs used in these spectacles are intelligent and sensitive animals who experience fear and stress, just like dogs and other companion animals. For these events, they are transported, confined, and then chased, grabbed, and forced into barrels or through mud by participants for the sake of entertainment. This teaches children and adults alike that it is acceptable to terrorize and manhandle vulnerable animals for fun, which is completely at odds with modern standards of humane treatment.

Many communities and fairs across the country have already eliminated pig wrestling and similar events after recognizing the cruelty involved and the negative public reaction they generate. There are many alternative activities and fundraisers, such as live music, games, rides, educational exhibits, and family friendly competitions, that do not involve frightening or harming animals. Choosing these options would allow the fair to celebrate tradition and community without sacrificing compassion.

Canceling pig wrestling would demonstrate genuine leadership and show that the fair is committed to reflecting community values of kindness and respect for animals. I respectfully ask you to remove this event from the program and to adopt a policy against using pigs or other animals in similar abusive contests in the future. This change would make the fair something that all residents can feel proud to support.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Anthony Greenall LLb (Hons)

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Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday Season!

I wanted to thank everyone for joining us for the POWJH holiday gathering at Nora's last night. It was a cozy evening on the banks of Fish Creek, the place where POWJH began, and it always feels fitting to gather in a spot so closely tied to our story.

What I love most about this event is the chance for people to slow down, connect, and have real conversations. When you look around the room, you can see how much this community believes in the work we do and the importance of protecting our waters.

Thank you for being part of it.

With gratitude,

Dan

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Email the Town Council

Email Content:

To: Jackson Town Council
Re: Emergency Water Ordinance

Water usage exceeding capacity is a town issue. Irrigation is a major contributor to this problem. Current town policies encourage landscaping (lawns) which drive the need for irrigation. I suggest that these policies be changed to encourage drought tolerant native vegetation landscaping instead.

Many native plants, once established, thrive with little to no irrigation. Many are also fire resistant. A "Native Plant Resource Guide" for this sort of landscaping has already been published by The Nature Conservancy in cooperation with the Teton Conservation District. Wildfire risk mitigation is also addressed in this publication. This approach can bring additional benefits.

Today, the town represents a barrier of sorts for pollinators. There are few larval host plants so movement from protected lands on one side of town to the those on the other side of town is constrained. More use of native landscaping could eliminate that issue. Native landscaping would also serve to integrate the look of the community with our surroundings and would be in keeping with the County's Comp Plan vision statement.

Preserve and protect the areas ecosystem in order to ensure a healthy environment, community and economy for current and future generations. While native landscaping may not be a total solution or even an immediate solution, it can be a big contributor to solving our water issues over time. It needs to be considered as a viable part of resolving water issues.

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Your State: Wyoming

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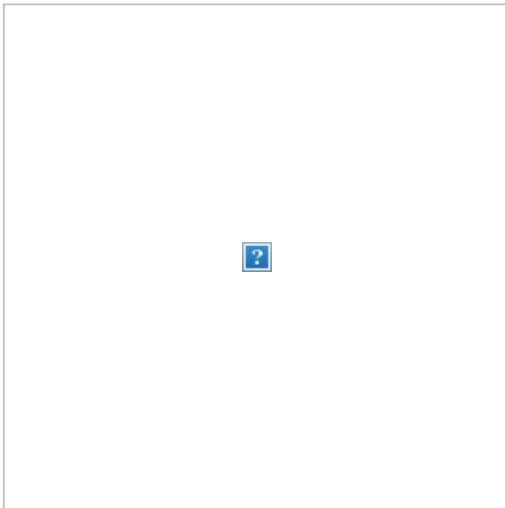


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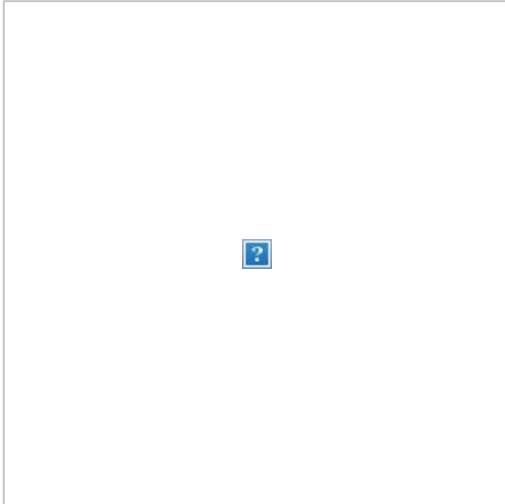
Following recent scuffles at ski resorts in Colorado, consider [these tips](#) for keeping a cool head when early season tension can run high.

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[**Snow King Mountain Resort to start running lifts tomorrow**](#)

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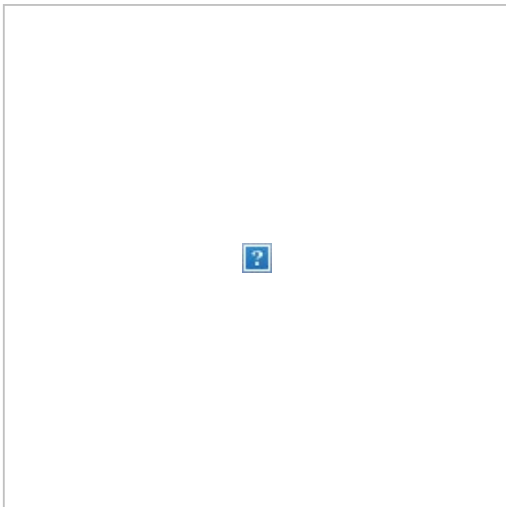
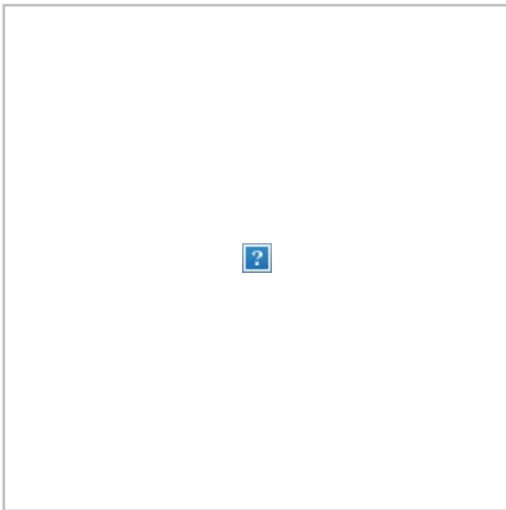
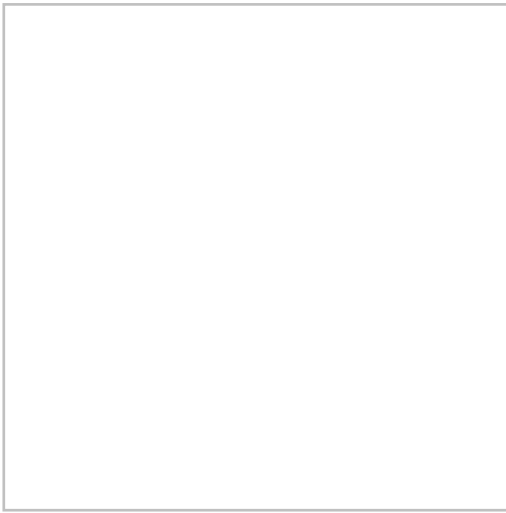


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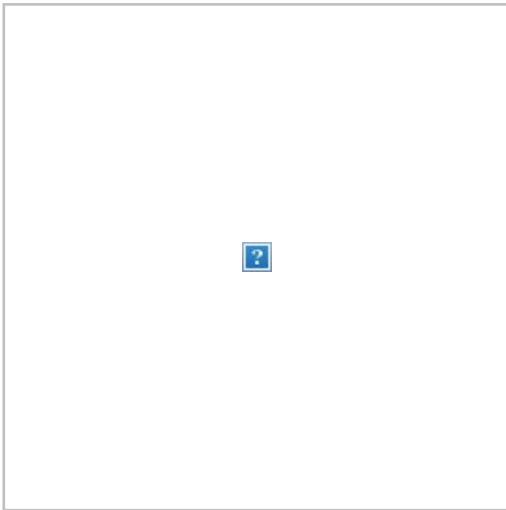
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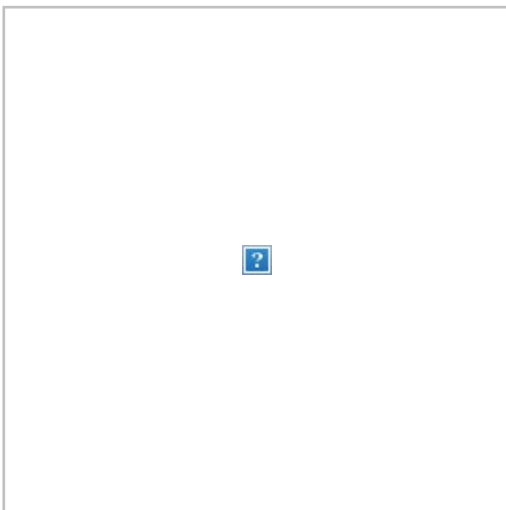
WYOMING — After a nationwide search, the Board of Directors at Lower Valley Energy (LVE) has selected Bear Prairie as their new CEO. His term will start on Jan. 26, 2026. The [...]

Unseasonable warmth returns after a brief taste of winter

JACKSON, Wyo. — The Tetons have received 26-34 inches of snow over the past week,

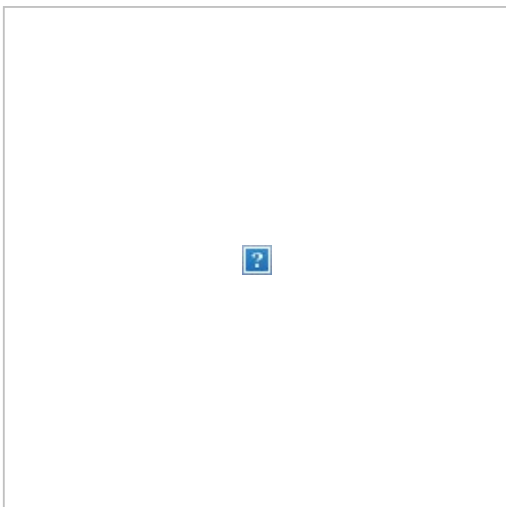


but a warm storm involving subtropical moisture has resulted in rain as high as 8,000 to 9,000 feet [...]



Yellowstone's winter season to begin Monday

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK — Yellowstone National Park (YNP) will open to visitors for the winter season on Monday, Dec. 15, the park has announced. Visiting YNP in winter can be a bit [...]



Rendezvous Fest to charge admission; Flaming Lips to headline

TETON VILLAGE, Wyo. — Jackson Hole Mountain Resort (JHMR) has announced that the headliner of the 2026 Rendezvous Music Festival will be The Flaming Lips. The festival is scheduled for March 28, [...]

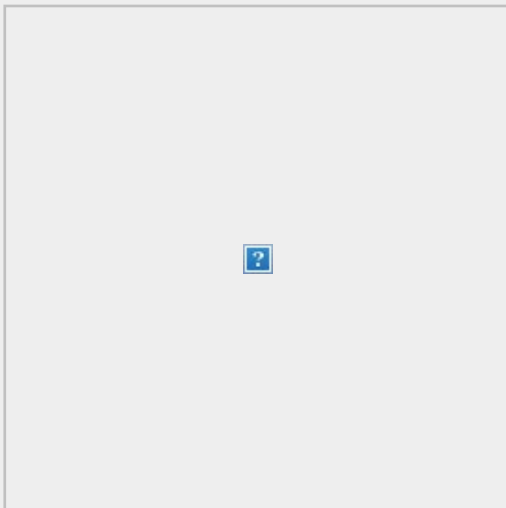
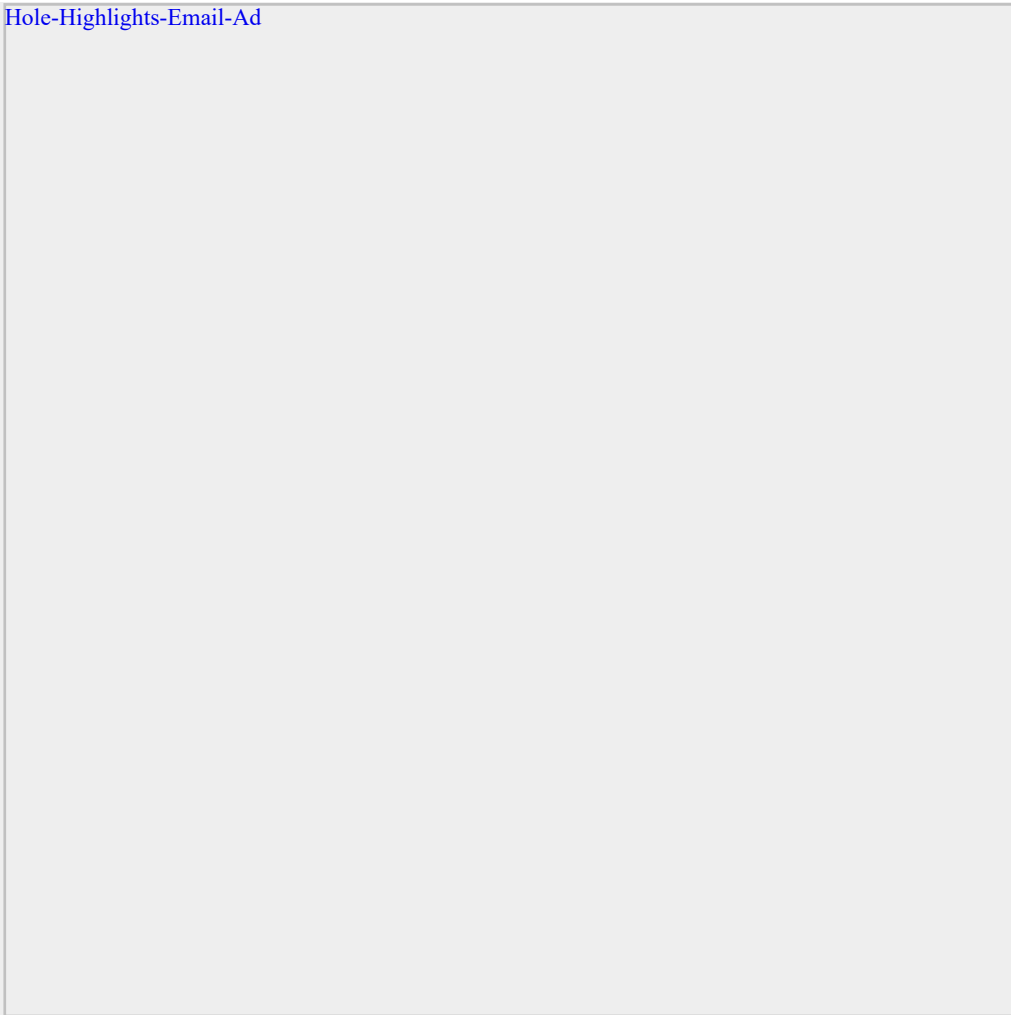
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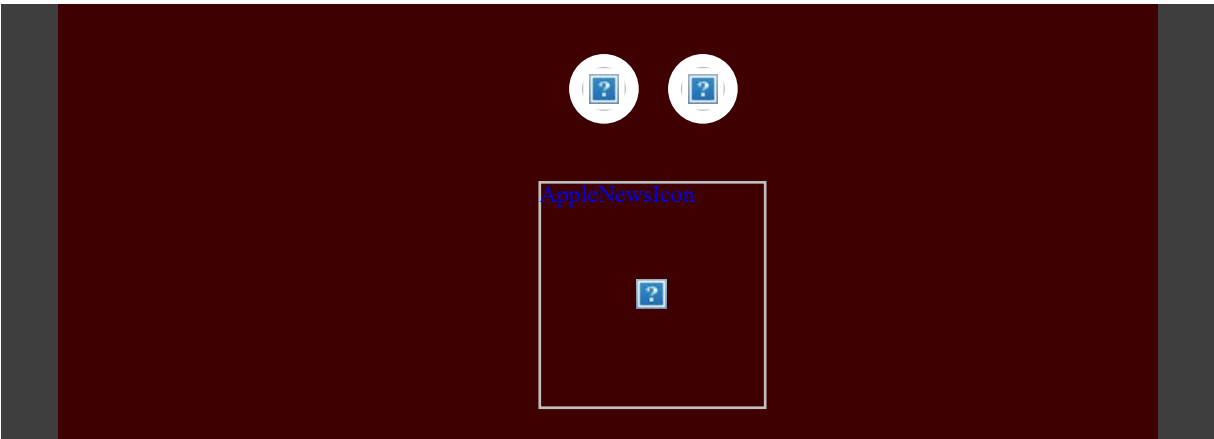
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Major Jorgensen and Town Council Members,

Please find the attached letter from the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance. We appreciate you taking this letter into consideration prior to your upcoming meeting and discussion regarding the Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust Nelson Drive project.

Thank you,
Catherine

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Just watching, from a far, what continues to change in the world I am curious if sometime in the not distant future rather than talking about transit service to the airport wondering about this.

Not asking for action. Just watching the world change.

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December 11, 2025



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A Zoox self-driving tax, smaller than a traditional car, at an intersection.



A Zoox self-driving robotaxi in San Francisco last month. Balazs Gardi for The New York Times

Driverless cars, unclear emissions



By [Claire Brown](#)

Call an Uber in Austin or Atlanta, and you might be offered a vehicle without a driver. Waymo, the self-driving taxi service owned by Google's parent company, Alphabet, is expanding rapidly and partnering with ride-hailing companies.

Waymo operated 14 million trips across five U.S. cities this year and is expanding to Dallas, Houston, Miami, Orlando and San Antonio in 2026 with a

goal of completing one million rides a week by the end of next year.

All of Waymo's driverless taxis are electric vehicles, as are self-driving cars from competitors like Amazon's [Zoox and Tesla](#). All these autonomous E.V. rides have the potential to replace trips in gas-powered vehicles. Transportation is the biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S.

Still, there are big questions about the long-term environmental implications of autonomous vehicles. For now, they won't make a real dent until the industry grows. But even then, increased traffic and the industry's demand for electricity could complicate things. In the long term, experts say, driverless vehicles could also cause a surge in overall demand for car transportation.

It's very early days. Here's what we know so far.

Driverless cars and air quality

Research has shown that replacing tailpipes with batteries can have a positive effect on air quality. A study from the University of Southern California's medical school found that [emergency room visits for asthma](#) declined modestly when as few as 20 zero-emissions vehicles per 1,000 residents were added to the roads.

Other research has found that electrifying [17 percent of cars](#) could lead to "modest but widespread" reductions in ozone and particulate matter. Waymo operates 1,000 vehicles in San Francisco, its largest market.

But as the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress eliminate electric vehicle subsidies and throw support behind gas-powered cars, driverless cars could emerge as a bright spot for E.V. ridership, said Yonah Freemark, a researcher at the Urban Institute.

"I think there's a lot of technological benefits related to electric vehicles that the administration just cannot get in the way of," he said.

Electric vehicles are also heavier than gas-powered cars, Freemark said, and additional tire and brake wear could release particulate matter into the atmosphere, which could have a particularly pronounced air-quality effect in neighborhoods near highways.

A white Waymo taxi in traffic.



A 2023 M.I.T. study found that, because of their computing power, the power required to run a billion vehicles driving for one hour per day could consume as much energy as all existing data centers. Jim Wilson/The New York Times

Carbon emissions

Waymo has said that its cars generate fewer emissions per mile than gas-powered vehicles. The company [buys renewable energy](#) to offset its carbon footprint.

Emissions from electric vehicles — with human drivers — can vary based on the energy sources used to power the grids where they're charged. But E.V.s are [generally much greener than gas-powered cars](#).

Still, replacing human drivers with computer systems comes with additional energy costs. Autonomous vehicles have been called “data centers on wheels” because they require so much computing power. The authors of a 2023 study from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology found that the power required to run one billion driverless vehicles driving for one hour per day could consume as much energy as all existing data centers in the world. (Data center construction has expanded since the study was published.)

Another big unknown is how autonomous vehicles could change the way people travel. We don’t know, for example, whether self-driving vehicles will drive more efficiently than humans, or whether people will use them to commute longer distances. This means the overall emissions outlook is uncertain, said Soumya Sudhakar, a Ph.D. candidate who led the study.

Driverless car gridlock

Which brings us to the question of robot-taxi traffic.

When researchers at North Carolina State University [modeled the effects of autonomous vehicles on traffic congestion](#), they found that driverless cars programmed to drive cautiously tended to increase congestion when they made up a substantial proportion of cars on the road.

The finding has implications for air quality: If a handful of slow-moving robot taxis cause a traffic jam with a hundred idling gas-powered cars, any pollution benefits from the E.V.s could be outweighed by the honking gas-powered cars behind them.

It doesn’t have to be this way, said Ali Hajbabaie, a professor at North Carolina State who worked on the study. The modeling found that effects could be reversed if driverless cars were [programmed to drive more aggressively](#), or if they could communicate with one another and local traffic systems.

“Now you can have a completely different story, and having autonomous vehicles could actually improve traffic operations,” he said.



Beavers eating berries.



Snack time for beaver kits awaiting transport and release back into the wild at the Beaver Bunkhouse relocation facility in Millville, Utah, last month. Kim Raff for The New York Times

These Utah beavers are moving. They'll get new jobs and more space.

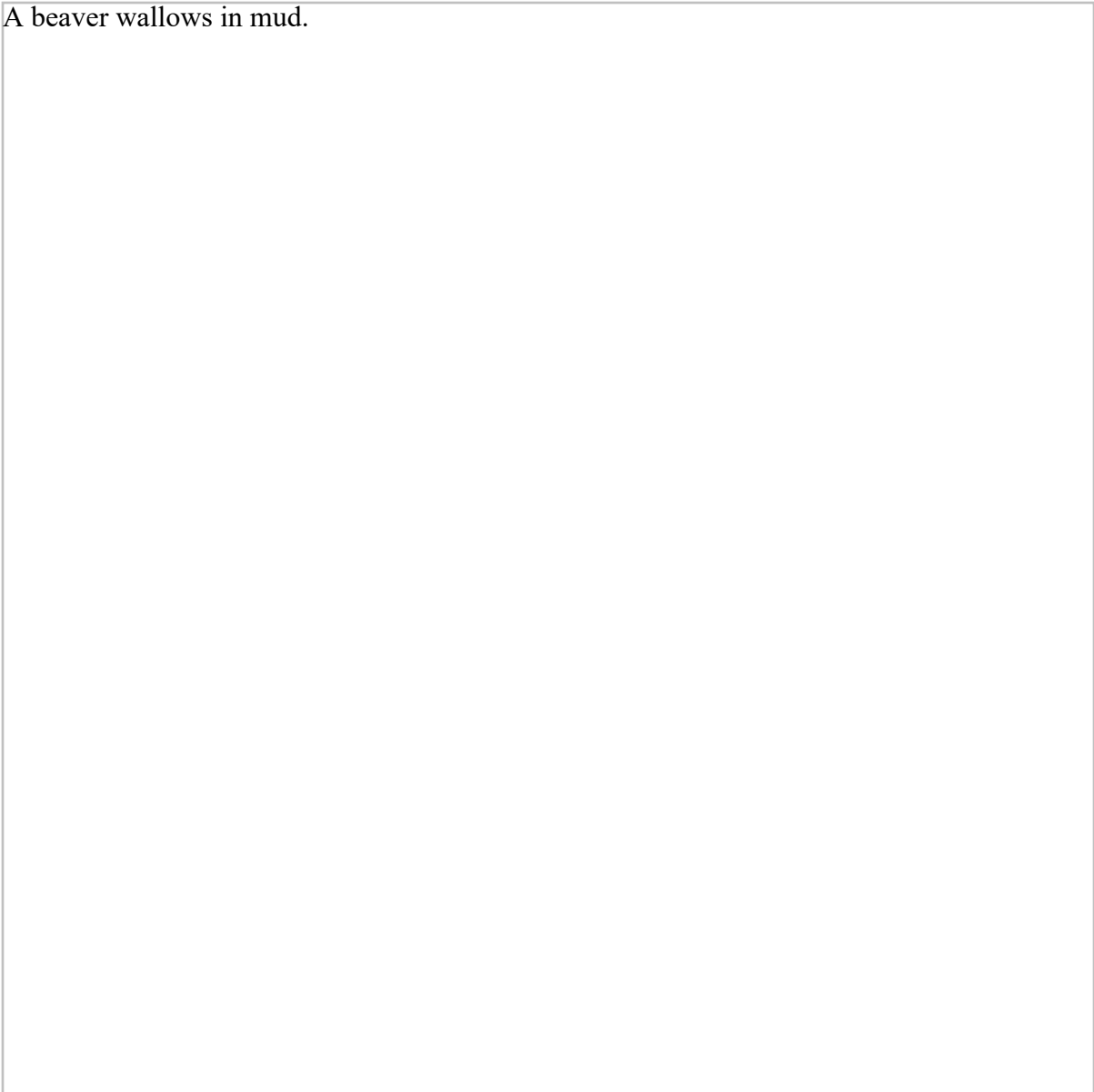
Utah is among a number of states, tribes and conservation groups that are [leading the country on relocating unwanted beavers](#). While the animals, whose chewing and damming have long led to trouble with humans, remain controversial, Teresa Griffin, a wildlife manager with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, said she was seeing more interest from colleagues than ever.

“At first, we used to just do it in the southwest corner of the state, but now everybody else is kind of getting on board and becoming beaver believers,” Ms. Griffin said.

Beavers possess a singular drive to slow flowing water and create ponds, with skills to match. Across the West, the animals are increasingly valued for their ability to keep water on the drying landscape. Their dams reduce runoff, recharge groundwater, build habitat for fish and other wildlife, help streams recover critical sediment and create watering holes. As wildfires intensify, beavers are more important than ever. — *Catrin Einhorn*

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A beaver wallows in mud.



A beaver after release in a creek in Paragonah, Utah, last month. Kim Raff for The New York Times

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Starting with formaldehyde, the Trump administration reassesses carcinogens

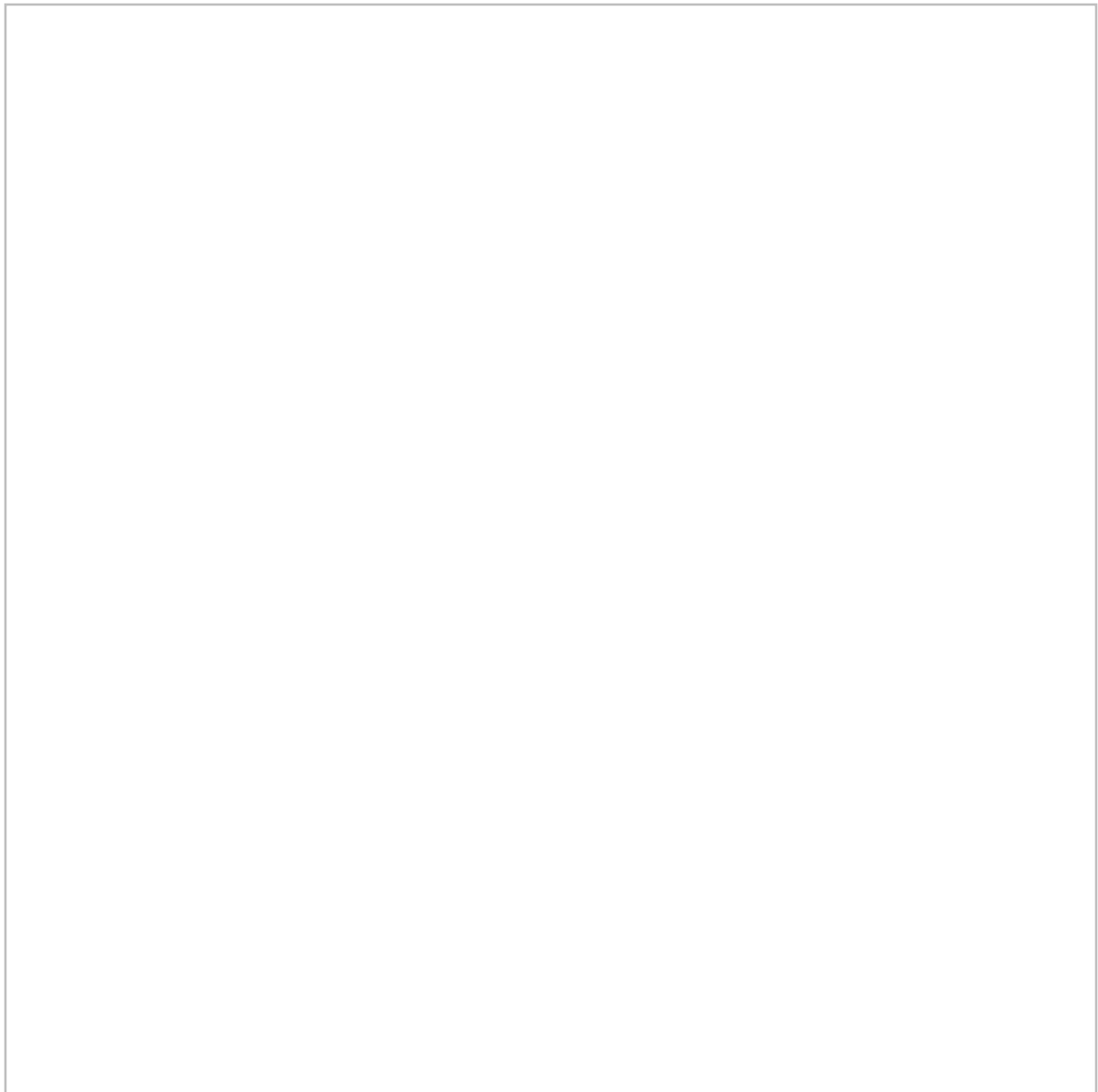
The Trump administration is proposing to almost double what's considered safe exposure levels to formaldehyde, [a cancer-causing chemical found in many consumer products](#), as part of a broader overhaul of its approach to regulating carcinogens.

The Environmental Protection Agency under the Biden administration had, for the first time, prepared to regulate formaldehyde based on a fundamental assumption: that there is virtually no safe level of exposure for such carcinogens.

But in a win for the chemicals industry, the E.P.A. under President Trump is upending that approach. A draft memo published by the agency this month assumes a safe threshold exists for formaldehyde. — *Hiroko Tabuchi*

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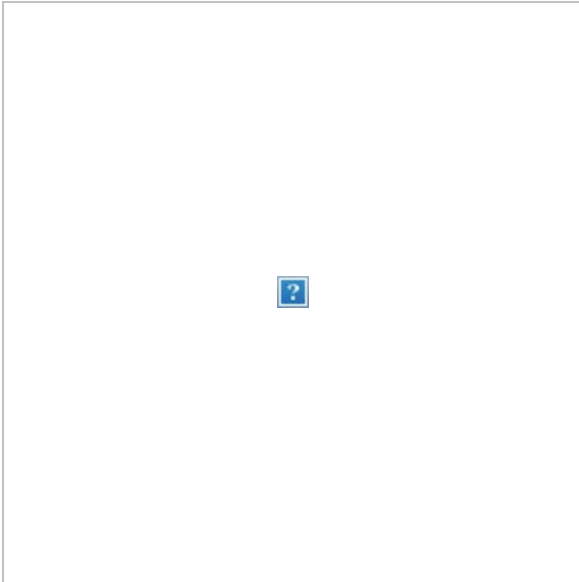
“I was part of a system trying to make people’s lives better. To me, that was a good reason to get up in the morning. I was proud to show support from the American people.”

Jenny Carlson Donnelly was the [malaria outbreak emergency adviser](#) for the U.S. Agency for International Development. In her former position, she worked with people in other countries to prevent malaria and analyzed data from mosquito samples. (Malaria causes more than 500,000 deaths per year, many of them children.) In July, she was terminated from her position, amid a wave

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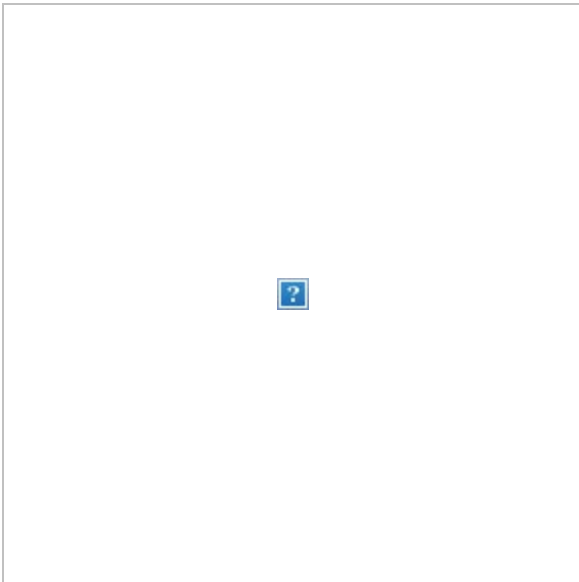
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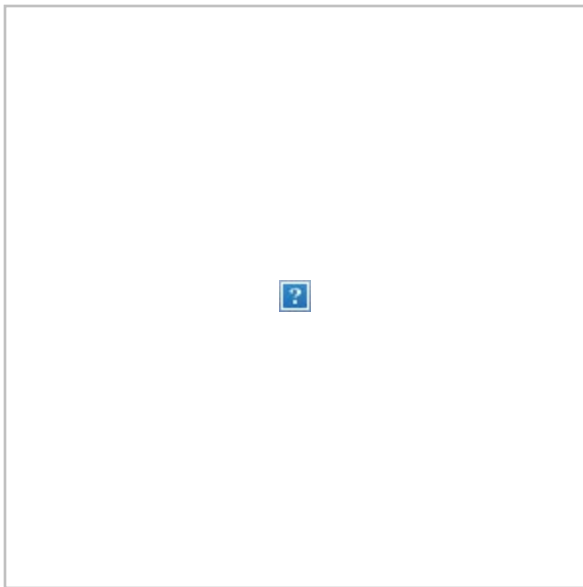
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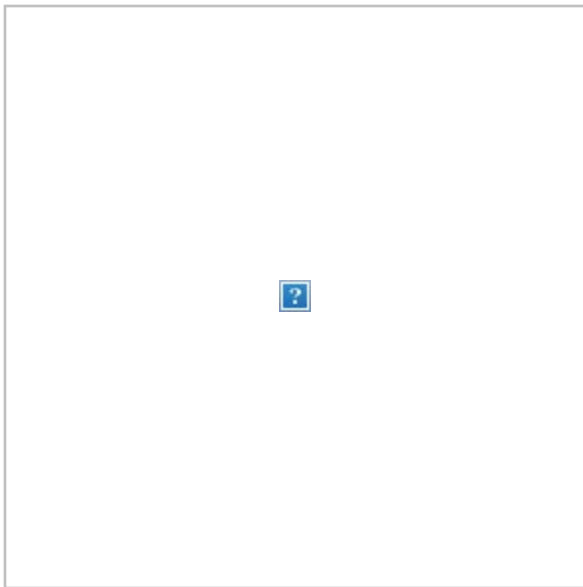


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Conspiracy Theories Will Take a Top Role at FEMA

Gregg Phillips, who spread unsubstantiated claims of mass voter fraud in the 2016 election, will join the agency's leadership, the Trump administration confirmed.

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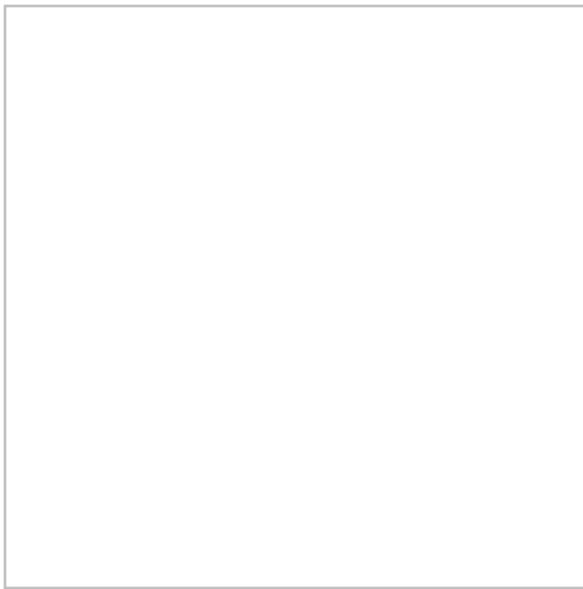
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Faced with an affordability crisis and rising energy demands, Gov. Kathy Hochul has slowed progress on New York's efforts to fight climate change.

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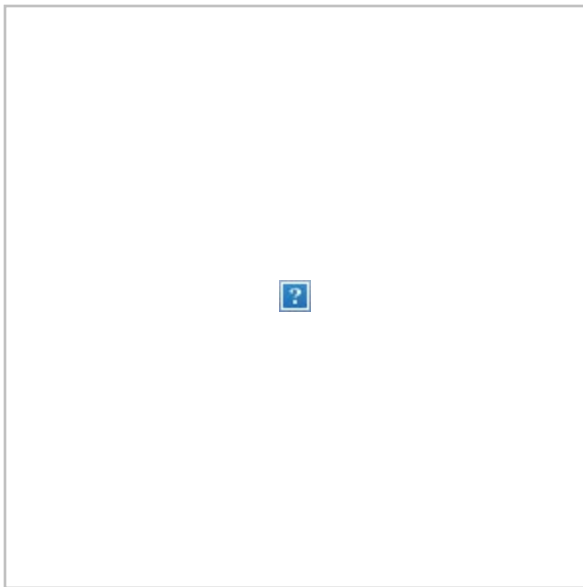
Youth Climate Activists Ask Montana Court to Block Some New Laws

The young plaintiffs, who won a major case over climate change policy in 2023, argue that legislators are illegally ignoring the effects of fossil fuels.



By Karen Zraick

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Social Q's

How Can I Stop My Wife From Badgering Our Friends About Climate Change?

A reader's wife is angry about what she sees as insufficient commitment to the cause of environmentalism, alienating the couple's friends.

By Philip Galanes

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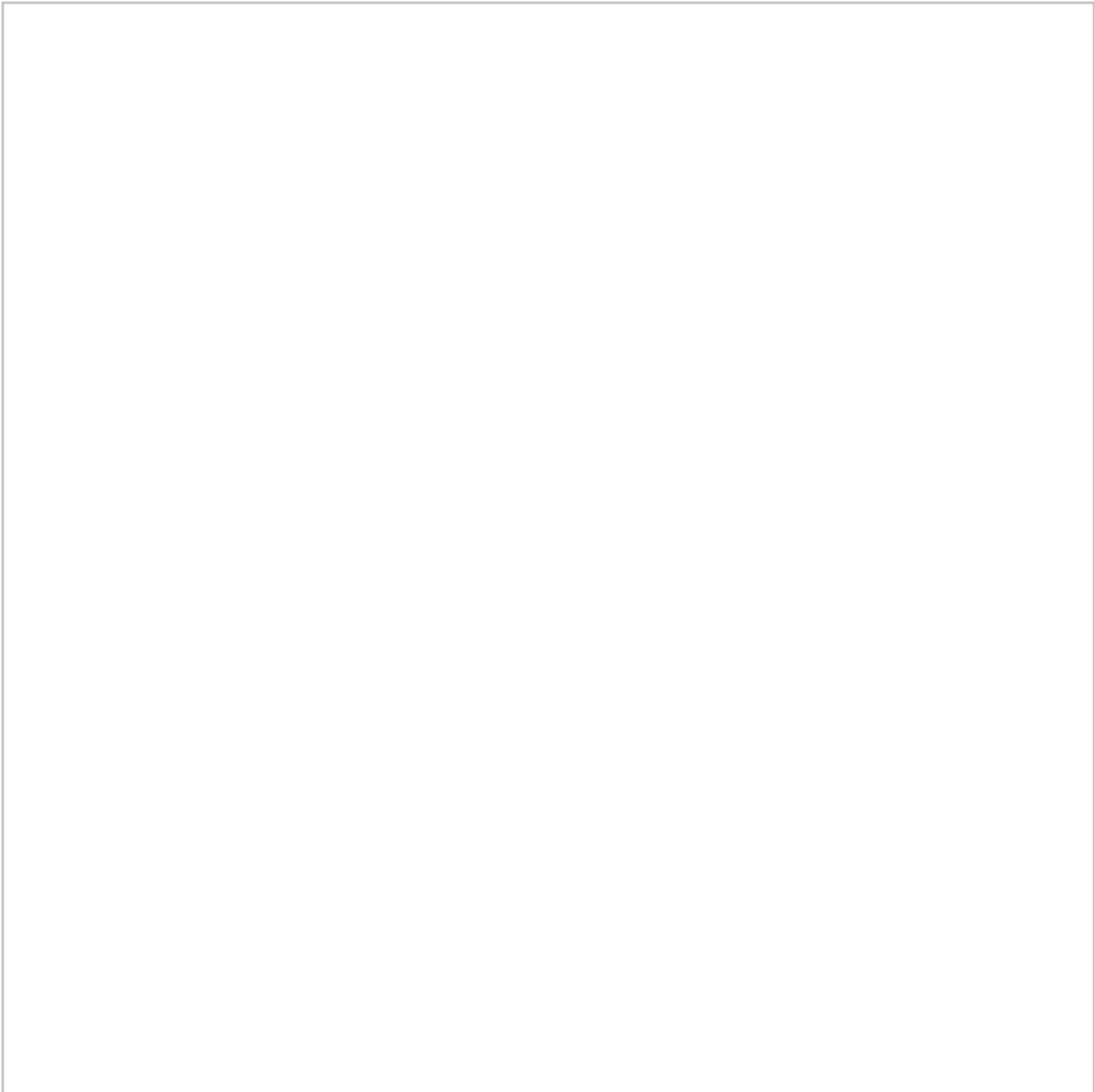
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Home Prices Have Risen Rapidly in Rural Vacation Areas



Thursday, December 11, 2025 | Alexander Hermann , Peyton Whitney

Home prices rose at an unprecedented pace following the start of the pandemic. In prior research, we showed how home price growth over this period was especially rapid in more outlying areas of the US, including in rural counties. In a new working paper building on this analysis, we examine what kinds of rural communities saw the greatest price appreciation....

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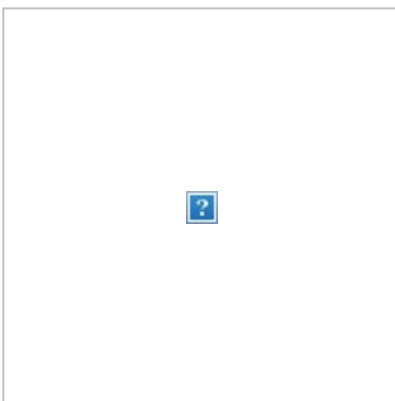
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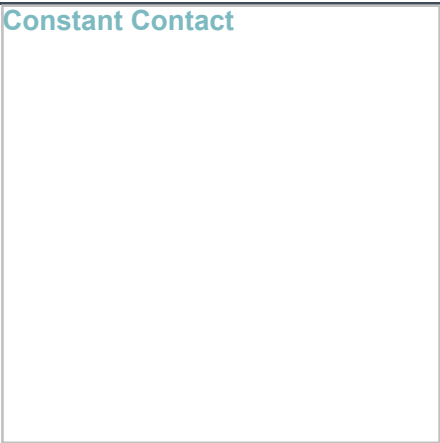
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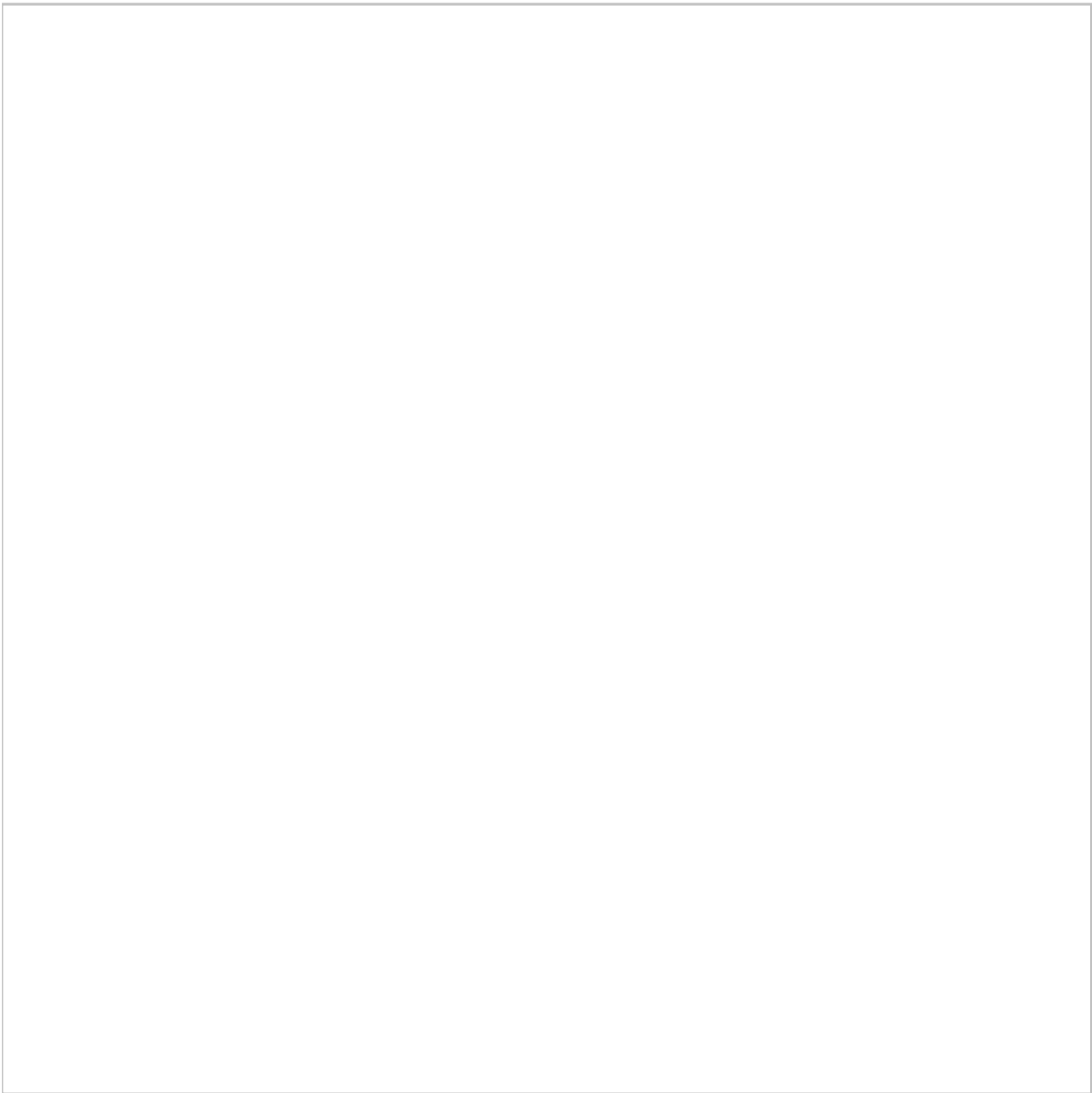


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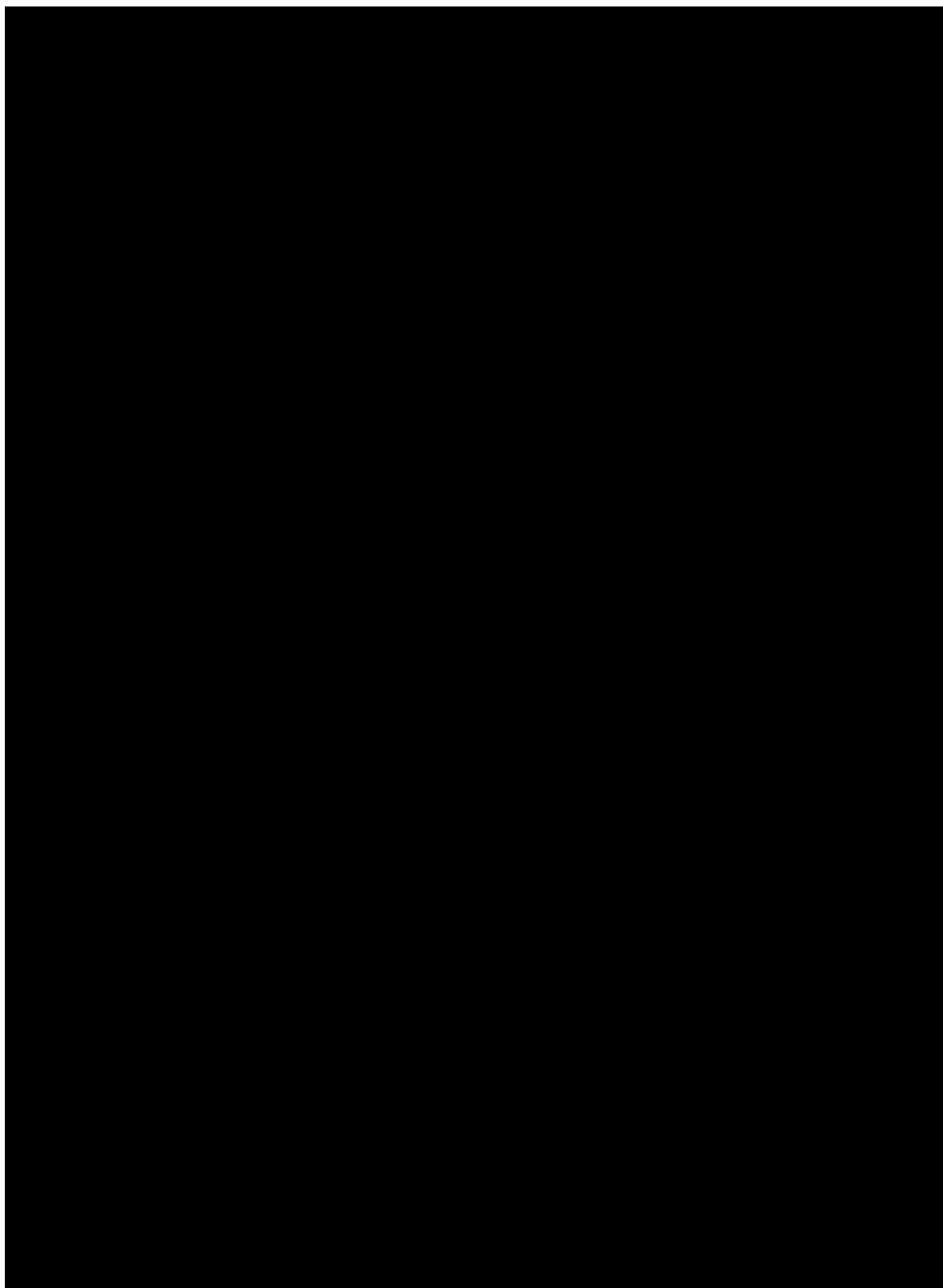
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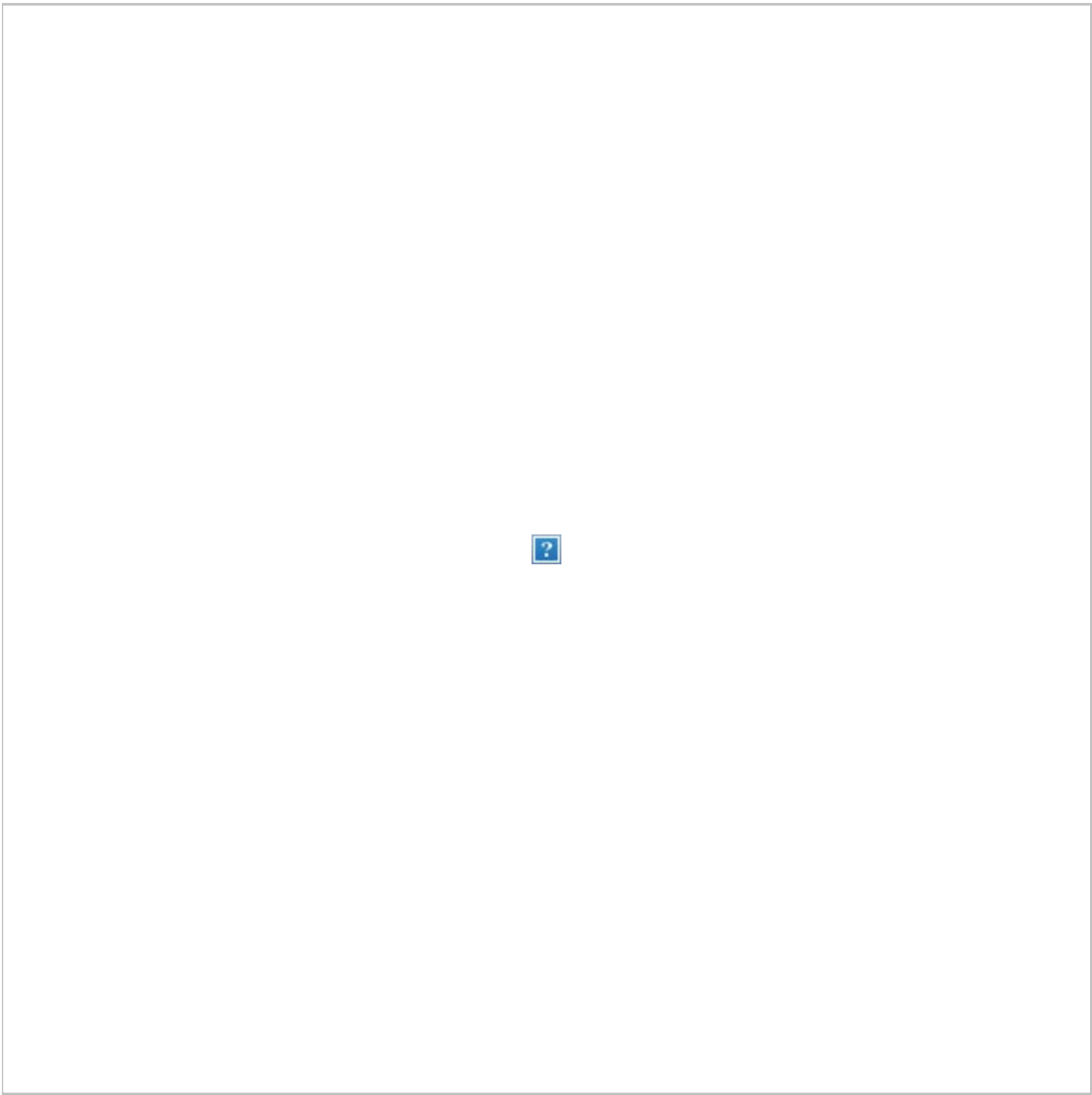
Last month, Visit Jackson Hole launched the Winter '25 - '26 Campaign Toolkit, releasing free, professional assets for visitor-facing businesses to promote Jackson with a shared voice. Winter is slowly picking up bookings, but key need periods, including January and late March - early April, require destination-wide support to remain sustainable year-over-year.

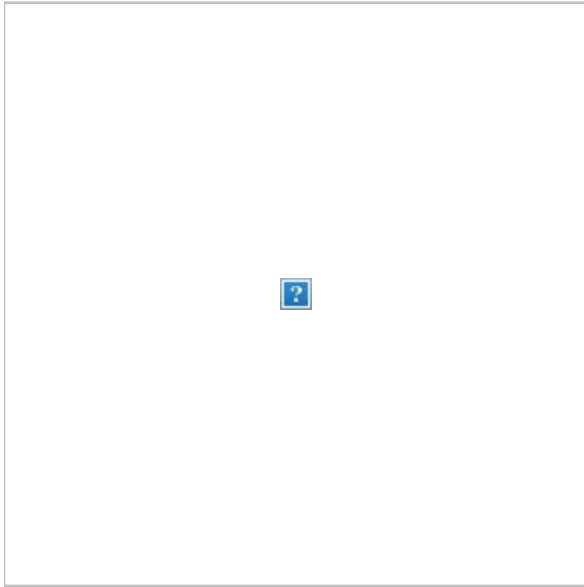
Locally, the Jackson Hole Travel & Tourism Board is opening more public conversations about tourism and its impacts on the community. Local news placements have garnered attention in recent months, and the

newly published FY25 Annual Report shares facts about how tourism dollars benefit residents.





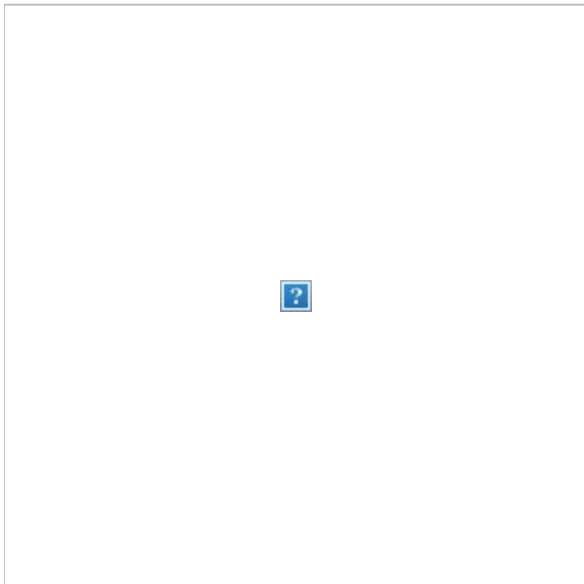




January in Jackson

With the destination down 8% in January, an industry-wide effort is helping showcase January's value.

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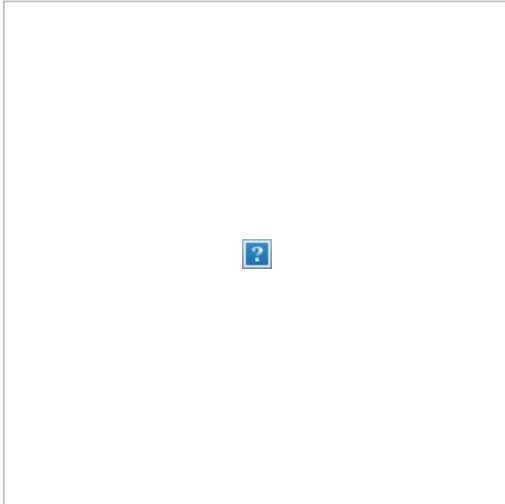


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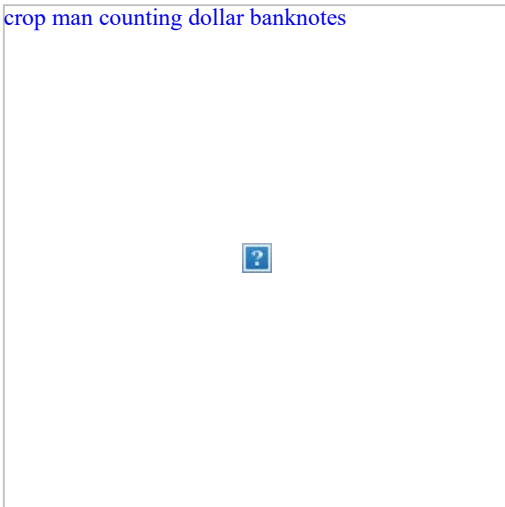
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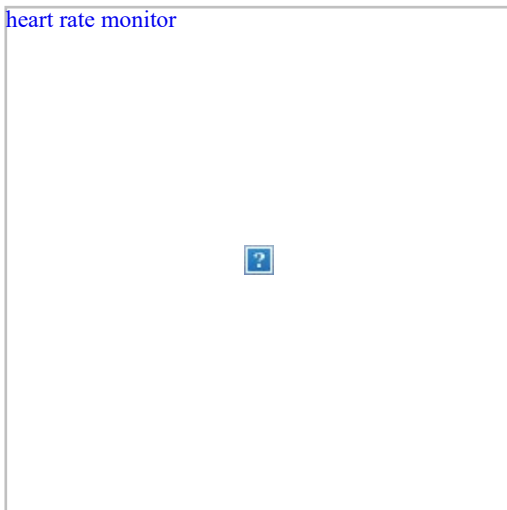
JACKSON, Wyo. — On the heels of becoming the first Wyoming native to headline Cheyenne's Frontier Days, the distinctive tenor voice of Sheridan-raised Ian Munsick returns to the Million Dollar

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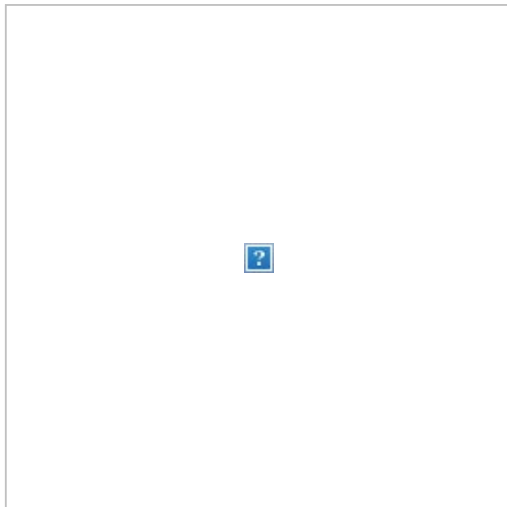
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Republicans left Tribes out of their \$50B rural fund. Now it's up to states to share

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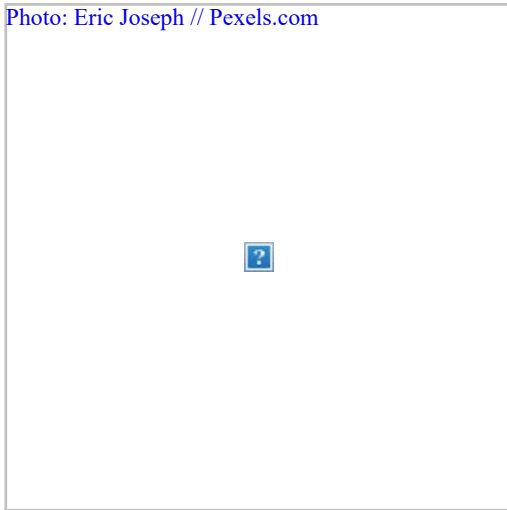
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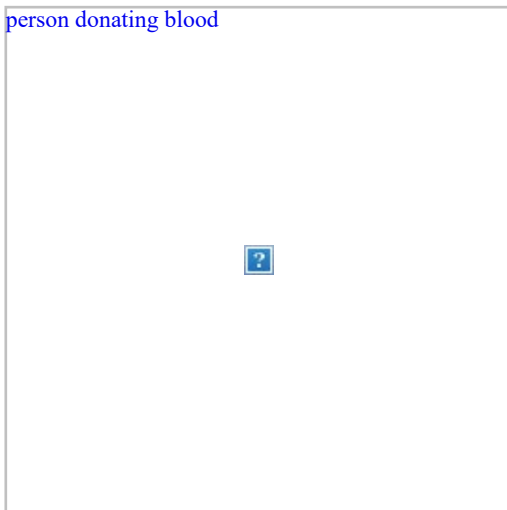
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back its Gingerbread House Showcase to the Wort Hotel on Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Goldpiece Room. Guests can [...]

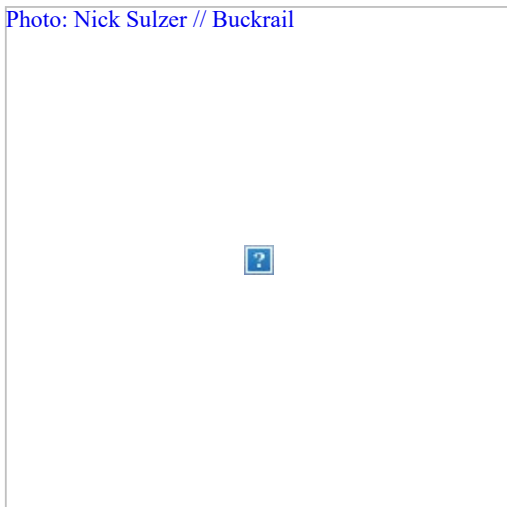
person donating blood



Community blood drive set for Wednesday, Thursday

JACKSON, Wyo. — Jacksonites have two opportunities to donate blood this week. The Jackson Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., with a [...]

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Chambers closed for renovations, Council meetings to be held in library

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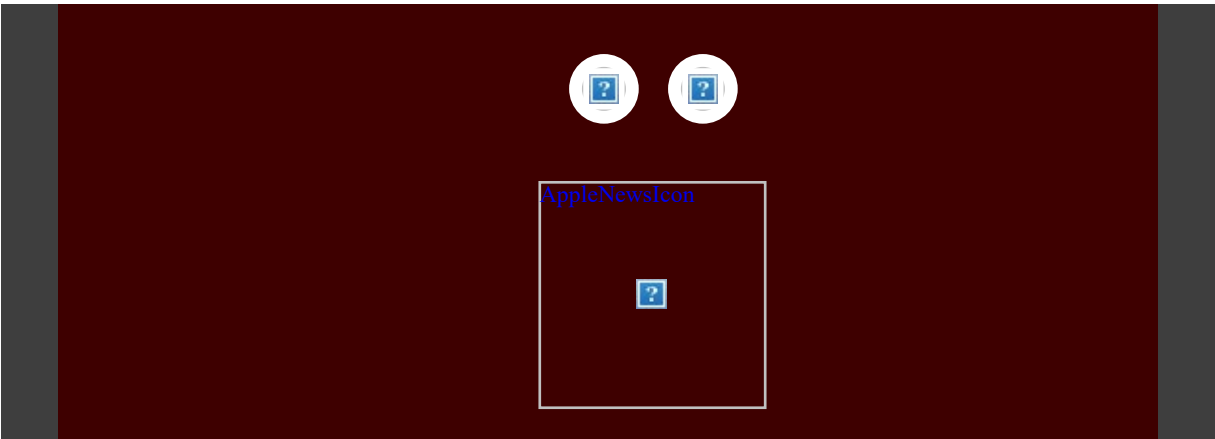
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Subject: Nelson Drive subsidies



While I am excited to see the Nelson Drive project progress after a ton of effort on the FS and HT's parts creating a partnership that will work under the government rules, I am very concerned about the scale of the funding that is being considered by the Town.

As you are aware, the Town and County have been able to secure Workforce restrictions on homes, condos and townhomes in the \$120k-\$200k range/unit (starting years ago). There have also been a number of units which have sold Rights of First Rental and there is a pretty established value placed on those.

My concern is how much more expensive the proposal is than what has been historically spent - by the community and the private sector. \$4mm for 6 first rights is \$667k/unit. This is at

least 2.5X what has been spent in the past, and, it is not in perpetuity. If the restriction is 30 years, then you are effectively paying \$2,000/month, every month whether you have an employee in the unit or not. How does this make sense? You are far better just subsidizing 6 of your employees \$2,000/mo for rent - or - going to the free market and buying units. For example, the last Virginian Lane 2 bed closed for less than \$700k - a free market unit for the cost of a 30 year right to rent if it's available.

As I think about the idea of this investment I think back to the ballot initiative to raise sales tax by 1% to fund housing and transportation which was shot down. The sentiment was that the community did not trust government to spend their money wisely. The proposal you are considering is one where you are changing or reinforcing the community's thinking. Please keep in mind you will be answering that question.

Good luck,

matt

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From: [Jacob Roller](#)
To: [April Norton](#)
Cc: [Arne Jorgensen](#); [Ruben Caldwell](#)
Subject: Note of Support
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 12:40:33 PM



April,

I just wanted to write a note of support to you and express the highest regard that I hold you in, both professionally and ethically.

You could work anywhere in this country, and certainly earn more income for your family in the private sector, yet out of love for the Town of Jackson and Teton County you choose to work tirelessly on behalf of and at the Town's direction to achieve long-standing and long-stated public goals of increasing the supply of Affordable and Workforce housing.

And the Town and Housing Department should be rightfully proud of their successes over the past several years, creating secure new housing for hundreds of families. This is hard and difficult work, and I know well how it can be thankless work. A lack of thanks or respectful disagreement and political opposition is fine, however I read and was appalled by that email which was a disgusting spew of misinformation, falsehoods and ignorance attempting to smear a public servant of your highest quality.

This is toxic stuff and I am so sorry you have to deal with these fantastical Trump-era political tactics. Please let me know if there would be any other way to support you in this time.

Best regards,
Jacob

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From: [Leigh ReaganSmith](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Flock camera comments
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 12:25:59 PM



Arne - Let me know if this info. is correct and what you want to say?

In 2023, Town Council voted to install 26 cameras at traffic intersections throughout Jackson. For the past two years, there have not been any known data breaches, according to the Town. On Dec 3, Town Council instructed staff to provide a scoping report to examine the possibility of renegotiating its contract with Flock Safety to add measures to enforce proper data management.

Mayor Arne Jorgensen shared with KHOL that there is a need to structure policies to protect data and privacy. Jorgensen said that the Town's contract with Flock Safety only allows for the cameras to record a vehicle's license plate and other distinct features, without capturing full views of the streets. He noted that many intersections in town already have online web cams that stream vehicle data, as well as capture views of pedestrians and street activity.

"I was concerned about who has access to the data," Jorgensen said, "And that it isn't being used by some county prosecutor in Idaho trying to track down somebody traveling across state lines to access reproductive care. Another example pertinent right now would be immigration. If I ever got a sense that our data was being used to further the crackdown on immigration happening in this country, and it's not benefiting our community, I would push to stop this contract."

Jorgensen told KHOL that the Town of Jackson's license plate recognition contract prohibits Flock Safety from sharing any local data with federal and state agencies.

"The data is sitting on Flock's server," Jorgensen said. "We have a policy set in place that requires Jackson Police Department Chief of Police Michelle Weber or Lieutenant Russ Ruschill to sign off on any query of the database. We are trying to hold close control over the database."

Jorgensen further explained that if the federal government were to pursue information from the Flock Safety database, an official warrant would be required. He added that Jackson is currently exploring adding a contract provision mandating Flock Safety to notify town officials in the event that a government agency attempts to obtain data, whether through legal or illegal means.

“There’s value to the system,” Jorgensen said, “but If we get a sense that someone is using it in a way that is inappropriate, and that Flock may not have been completely upfront with us, then one of the options would be to terminate our agreement.”

The Town of Jackson’s scoping report to review and research possible amendments to the Flock camera system contract is estimated to be completed in four to six weeks.

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From: [Wyoming Business Council](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: // Wyoming Business Council Hosts Critical Minerals Webinar Dec. 17th
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 10:00:57 AM



Beyond The Rocks: WBC Urges Wyoming To Chart A Course For Critical Minerals Leadership

CHEYENNE, WYO. (For Immediate Release) – The [Wyoming Business Council](#) (WBC) will host its next essential community conversation, **“Building Wyoming’s Future: Critical Minerals Beyond the Rocks,”** on **Wednesday, December 17, at 12:30 PM**. This virtual forum explores the state’s potential to become a leader in the complete critical minerals value chain – from extraction to advanced technology and manufacturing.

The event, free and open to the public, will be rooted in Wyoming’s strengths and will focus on the innovative technologies, processing capabilities, and skilled workforce required to capture the highest economic value from Wyoming’s abundant resources. The core question for the forum is: Is extracting resources and shipping them elsewhere enough, or must Wyoming develop more of the supply chain locally to create lasting economic growth?

“This isn’t about incremental change,” shared Josh Dorrell, Business Council CEO and moderator of the online event. “We’re at a moment when the global critical minerals market is opening in a huge way. We’ve been here before with other natural resources – oil, gas, coal – and we’ve been able to maximize extraction. Still, the bulk of the rest of those industries, from research to manufacturing, ended up in places like Houston and Oklahoma City. The opportunity we have with critical minerals is to capture not only the extraction, but also the other pieces of the industry – the high-value refining, technology, and manufacturing – right here in Wyoming.”

The WBC invites local leaders, business owners, entrepreneurs, students looking to build a life in the Cowboy State, and every dedicated citizen – *anyone ready to play a direct role in building a thriving, resilient future for Wyoming* – to join this essential dialogue.

Event & Registration Details

What: Virtual Forum: Building Wyoming’s Future: Critical Minerals Beyond the Rocks

When: Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 12:30 PM MST

Who: Wyoming’s innovators, thinkers, and doers.

Registration: [wbc.pub/BWF_Rocks](#)

Wyoming’s Greatest Asset is Our Ingenuity

Wyoming is uniquely positioned – with abundant resources, existing energy expertise, and a business-friendly environment – to become a national technology leader.

“This conversation is fundamentally about building capacity for the next century, not just the next fiscal quarter,” Dorrell added. “The Wyoming Business Council is committed to understanding the full scope of opportunities this market shift presents, because it is clear that transformative change is necessary to reverse the downward economic trends the state is experiencing. And to achieve this, the WBC’s role is to put industry in the driver’s seat as the true innovators and economic engines behind opportunities like this.”

Forum attendees will gain a comprehensive view of the required components for success: market

dynamics, technological innovation, policy frameworks, and the urgent need for a skilled, specialized workforce.

Panel of Industry Leaders

The WBC is assembling a powerhouse panel of industry leaders, market experts, policymakers, and more to discuss the complexity and opportunity of critical minerals, including taking questions from the audience as time allows. The Business Council invites the public to participate in this vital conversation about how Wyoming can successfully transition from a resource provider to a technology leader, securing a prosperous and resilient future.

REGISTER FOR BUILDING WYOMING'S FUTURE: CRITICAL MINERALS BEYOND THE ROCKS

About the Wyoming Business Council

The Wyoming Business Council (WBC) is Wyoming's state economic development agency. Our mission is to reverse economic decline and build a prosperous, resilient, and sustainable economic landscape. We achieve this by empowering local leaders and businesses through strategic investments, data-driven planning, and the collaborative "**Team of Thousands**" approach to create opportunities for all generations in the Cowboy State.

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From: [Eloise Catlin](#)
Subject: Join us tonight! POWJH holiday party
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 9:06:10 AM



Hello friends,

Escape this dreary weather and come celebrate the holiday season with Protect Our Water Jackson Hole!

Wednesday, December 10th from 6-8pm at Nora's Fish Creek Inn in Wilson

Enjoy delicious food and drinks, connect with passionate community members, hear from our executive director Phil Powers, and help us stand up for clean water in Teton County. Whether you're new to town or have supported POWJH for many years, we would love to see you there.

Best,
Eloise



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From: [JPCIII Gmail](#)
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Subject: Thank you
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 9:02:19 AM



Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and for considering my application to serve on the Airport Board.

As we discussed, I bring a diverse background in law, intergovernmental relations, crisis management, and governance that I believe would add meaningful value to the Board. My experience engaging with a wide range of stakeholders across complex and varied issues has equipped me to listen thoughtfully and build consensus effectively. I am also recognized as a collaborative problem-solver who approaches challenges with pragmatism and a focus on results.

I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute my skills and perspective to the important work of the Airport Board. Please feel free to reach out to my references.

Sincerely,

John

John P. Carey
Cell: 302-598-8569

From: [Kaylee at Upslope](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Introducing our newest team member, Anna Bohren!
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 8:10:17 AM

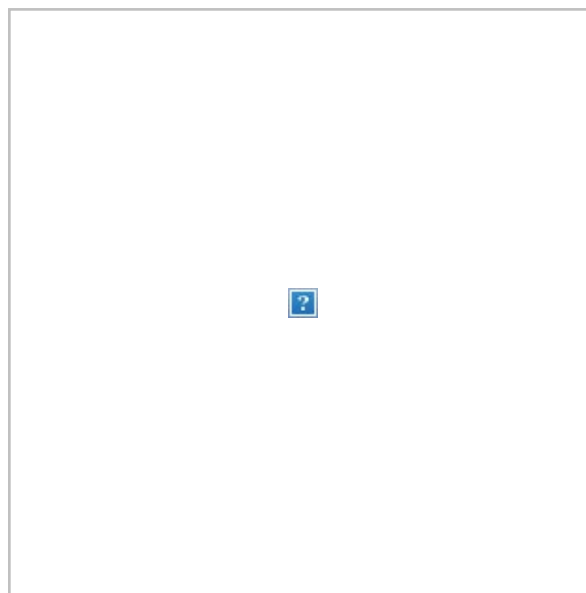


Hey there, Arne. Happy
Wednesday!

We're thrilled to introduce
you to our **newest member**

**of the Upslope sales team,
Anna Bohren.**

Anna is no stranger to central Wyoming or the publishing world and all it entails. She's sharp as a tack and ready to help you reach your marketing goals.



You may have already seen her running around delivering Oil City's Best awards!

We've loved having her around, and we can't wait for you to get to know her (if you don't already.)

You can reach Anna at anna@upslope.media or 307-215-4679.

5 Upslope Updates & Resources to Help You Crush Your Goals

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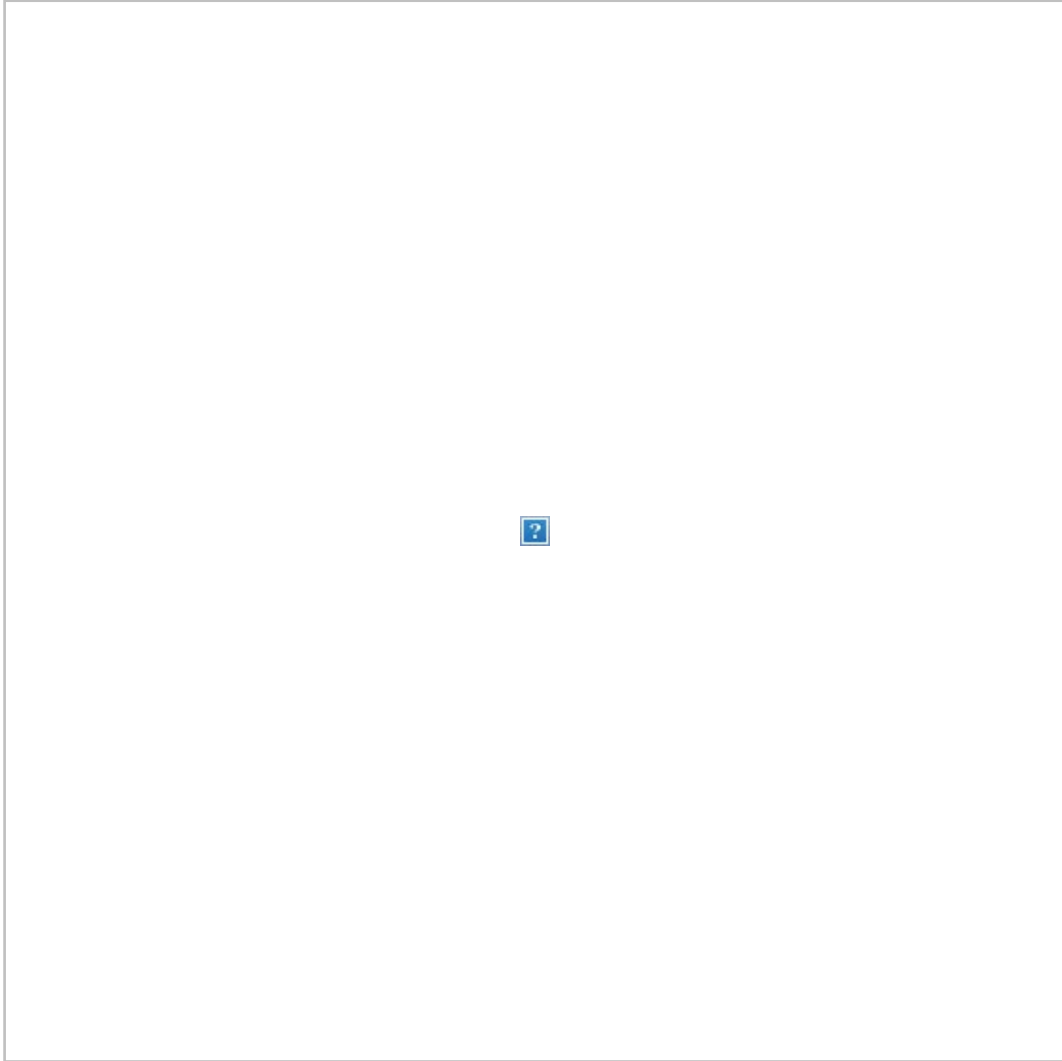
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We're all stoked to welcome Anna to the Upslope team. More of us means more opportunities for you all, too!

Kaylee + The Upslope Crew



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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
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[Philadelphia's Housing Crisis Demands Bold Action](#)



With rents skyrocketing and basic stability out of reach for many Philadelphia families, the city is responding with one of the most ambitious housing plans in its history. Learn more about Mayor Cherelle L. Parker's \$2 Billion H.O.M.E. initiative. [Learn more »](#)

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TODAY, 1:00 PM ET

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Join NLC and Enterprise partner

DEC 11, 12 - 4:00 PM ET

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Workshop

Join the Local Infrastructure Hub for a

MissionSquare to learn what motivates students in choosing public service careers and how to build awareness before graduation. [Register now »](#)

complimentary half-day grant workshop focused on helping cities sharpen core skills and understand the technical requirements needed to apply for or implement funding effectively. [Register now »](#)

DEC 16, 3:00 PM ET

How to Build Sustainable Workforce Ecosystems

Get practical tips and best practices from cities that successfully created pathways to and through postsecondary training programs for their adult residents. [Register now »](#)

DEC 18, 2:00 PM ET

Sustaining People-Centered Public Safety Strategies

Join us for this session, focused on how local governments and community-based organizations are collaborating to sustain and scale community-powered and collaborative safety initiatives. [Register now »](#)

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Building the Blueprint: Why Cities Must Treat Talent as Infrastructure

Treating talent like infrastructure requires a coordinated, well-funded plan to power local economies through a strong workforce. [Learn more »](#)

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Residents and leaders alike are struggling with rising incivility, intimidating behaviors and in some cases violent behavior towards those in public offices. Here are a few tips to address. [Learn more »](#)

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Surrounded by rural communities, Wasilla serves as a hub for more than 150,000

people from the region who rely on the city for essential supplies, entertainment and transportation. The solution for Wasilla came in the form of braided funding. [Learn more »](#)

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Thanks for reading the latest articles and events from the NLC, where local leaders and their staff go to learn and grow. See you next week!



Sincerely,

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From: [Anna Peterson](#)
Subject: 12/9/25 Update on Fire Mitigation and Funding Letter to State AGs (deadline now December 16)- Quotes and Interviews?
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 7:27:16 PM
Attachments: image.png



Hi all,

I wanted to send a quick update on what folks can expect around the fire mitigation letter going out to western state attorneys general next Wednesday, December 17th and ask for help around a couple of things. We have over 150 signers as of tonight - thank you!

Please help:

1 - [Please send the letter to folks who haven't signed on yet](#) (list as of tonight is pasted below) - I know I'm missing quite a few western local elected officials who are likely interested in signing on. They can [email me - "yes"](#) or [sign via the google form here](#) through Tuesday morning, December 16.

2 - *Please let me know if you are willing to be quoted or interviewed* - we are going to start pitching a few national reporters this week for an embargoed story. [Here are some talking points](#) - note that we would love to really highlight and amplify how this issues are directly impacting specific communities.

Plan:

- I'll be sending the final letter to state AG offices, congressional offices, and national, regional, state, and local media the morning of Dec. 17.
- I'll forward you the final release and letter that afternoon and would love help getting it to your media, congressional, state contacts if you are open to it.
- We'll send around sample social media after the letter goes and would love your help amplifying the letter and release.

Please let me know if you have any questions or thoughts.

Thank you all so very much for signing onto the letter and for all you do (and for dealing with more emails from me than normal - it's been quite the year)!

Anna

Other:

- We're also working on op-eds and a release/quotes opposing the nomination of Stevan Pearce to be the BLM director - let me know if you are interested in participating in that work.
- Please continue to add your thoughts to [our public lands and staffing cuts survey](#) - we're trying to document what's happening on the ground as a response to firings and public lands policies from this year.

Fire Mitigation and Funding Letter Signers as of 12/9/25 PM:

1.
County Supervisor Patrice Horstman, Coconino County, Arizona
2.
County Supervisor Lena Fowler, Coconino County, Arizona
3.
County Supervisor Judy Begay, Coconino County, Arizona
4.
Mayor Becky Daggett, City of Flagstaff, Arizona
5.
Council Member Anthony Garcia, City of Flagstaff, Arizona
6.
Council Member Lori Matthews, City of Flagstaff, Arizona
7.
Council Member Austin Aslan City of Flagstaff, Arizona
8.
Mayor Andrea Wood, Town of Patagonia, Arizona
9.
Vice-Mayor Michael Stabile, Town of Patagonia, Arizona
10.
District 3 Supervisor and Vice Chair Jennifer Allen, Pima County, Arizona
11.
Council Member Miranda Schubert, City of Tucson, Arizona
12.
Supervisor Martin Porchas, Yuma County, Arizona
13.
Council Member Randall Putz, City of Big Bear Lake, California
14.
Council Member Haylynn Conrad, City of Malibu, California

15.
Council Member John Wentworth, Town of Mammoth Lakes, California
16.
County District 5 Supervisor Hardy Bullock, Nevada County, California
17.
Heidi Hall, Supervisor District 1, Nevada County, California
18.
Council Member Dave Polivy, Town of Truckee, California
19.
Council Member & Former Mayor Dr. Courtney Henderson, Town of Truckee, California
20.
John Erickson, West Hollywood, California
21.
Speaker of the House of Representatives Julie McCluskie, State of Colorado
22.
State Senator Dylan Roberts, Colorado
23.
State Senator Judy Amabile, Boulder, Colorado
24.
Colorado State Representative House District 26 Meghan Lukens, State of Colorado
25.
State Representative to House District 57 Elizabeth Velasco, Pitkin, Garfield, and Eagle County Colorado
26.
Mayor Rachael E Richards, City of Aspen, Colorado
27.
Mayor Pro Tem John Doyle, City Aspen, Colorado
28.
Mayor Tamra N Underwood, Town of Avon, Colorado

29.
Council Member Kevin Hyatt, Town of Avon, Colorado
30.
Mayor David Knight, Town of Basalt, Colorado
31.
Council Member Hannah Berman Town of Basalt, Colorado
32.
Council Member Paloma Delgadillo, City & County of Broomfield, Colorado
33.
Boulder County Board of County Commissioners, Boulder County, Colorado
34.
Council Member Taishya Adams, City of Boulder Colorado
35.
Council Member Stephen Gerard, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado
36.
Trustee Michal Rosenoer, Town of Buena Vista, Colorado
37.
County Commissioner Marta Loachamin, Boulder County, Colorado
38.
Mayor Aaron Brockett, City of Boulder, Colorado
39.
County Commissioner Dave Armstrong, Chaffee County, Colorado
40.
Former County Commissioner Keith Baker, Chaffee County, Colorado
41.
County Commissioner Jodie Hartman-Ball, Clear Creek County, Colorado
42.
County Commissioner George Marlin, Clear Creek County, Colorado
43.
Council Member Flor Alvidrez City and County of Denver, Colorado

44. Mayor Gilda Yazzie, City of Durango, Colorado
45. Council Member Jessika Loyer, City of Durango, Colorado
46. Kip Koso, City of Durango, Colorado
47. County Commissioner Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County, Colorado
48. County Commissioner Matt Scherr, Eagle County, Colorado
49. Former County Commissioner Kathy Chandler-Henry, Eagle County, Colorado
50. Council Member Geoff Grimmer, Town of Eagle, Colorado
51. Council Member Gina McCrackin, Town Eagle, Colorado
52. Council Member Scott Schreiner, Town Eagle, Colorado
53. Town Trustee Frank Lancaster, Town of Estes Park, Colorado
54. Mayor Brian Cerkenik, Town of Fraser, Colorado
55. Mayor Rick Ihnken, Town of Frisco, Colorado
56. County Commissioner Susan Berumen, Gilpin County, Colorado
57. County Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth, Gilpin County, Colorado
58. County Commissioner Jeff Aiken, Gilpin County, Colorado

59.
Mayor Laura Weinberg, City of Golden, Colorado
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Council Member Don Cameron, City of Golden, Colorado
61.
Council Member Patty Evans, City of Golden, Colorado
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Council Member Scott Beilfuss, City of Grand Junction, Colorado
63.
County Commissioner District 2 Andy Kerr, Jefferson County, Colorado
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County Commissioner Lesley Dahlkemper, Jefferson County, Colorado
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County Commissioner Rachel Zenzinger, Jefferson County, Colorado
66.
County Commissioner Marsha Porter-Norton, La Plata County, Colorado
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County Commissioner Elizabeth Philbrick, La Plata County, Colorado
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County Commissioner Matt Salka, La Plata County, Colorado
69.
Council Member Paula Nystrom, City of Lakewood, Colorado
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Council Member Isabel Cruz, City of Lakewood, Colorado
71.
County Commissioner John Kefalas, Larimer County, Colorado
72.
County Commissioner Jody Shadduck-McNally, Larimer County, Colorado
73.
Mayor Dana Greene, City Leadville, Colorado

74.
Council Member Josef Edwards, City of Leadville, Colorado
75.
Mayor Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, City of Longmont, Colorado
76.
Mayor Hollie Rogin, Town of Lyons, Colorado
77.
Council Member Judith Chandler, Manitou Springs, Colorado
78.
Mayor Billy Giblin, Town of Nederland, Colorado
79.
Trustee Kristopher Larsen, Nederland, Colorado
80.
Mayor Andrew Ward, Town of Ophir, Colorado
81.
Mayor Pro-Tem Joan May, Town of Ophir, Colorado
82.
County Commissioner Michelle Nauer Ouray County, Colorado
83.
County Commissioner Jake Niece, Ouray County
84.
Council Member Peggy Lindsey, City of Ouray, Colorado
85.
County Commissioner Greg Poschman, Pitkin County, Colorado
86.
Mayor John I. Clark, Town of Ridgway, Colorado
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Council Member Beth Lakin, Town of Ridgway, Colorado
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Council Member Polly Kroger, Town of Ridgway, Colorado

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Council Member Terry Schuyler, Town of Ridgway, Colorado
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Council Member Kevin Grambley, Town of Ridgway, Colorado
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Council Member Josephine Scoville, Town of Ridgway, Colorado
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Council Member & Planning Commission Chair Michelle Montague, Town of Ridgway, Colorado
93.
County Commissioner Angelica Salinas, Routt County, Colorado
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County Commissioner Lance Waring, San Miguel County, Colorado
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County Commissioner, District 1 Anne Brown, San Miguel County, Colorado
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Former County Commissioner Linda Luther-Broderick, San Miguel County, Colorado
97.
County Commissioner emeritus Art Goodtimes, San Miguel County, Colorado
98.
Council Member Susan Marolt, Town of Snowmass Village, Colorado
99.
County Commissioner Nina Waters, Summit County, Colorado
100.
County Commissioner Tamara Pogue, Summit County, Colorado
101.
County Commissioner Eric Mamula, Summit County, Colorado
102.
Mayor Mark Lacis, Town of Superior, Colorado
- 103.

Councilmember & Marshall Fire Survivor Jenn Kaaoush, Town of Superior, Colorado

104.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Meehan Fee, Town of Telluride, Colorado

105.

Former Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member Todd Brown, Town of Telluride, Colorado

106.

Mayor Travis Coggin, Town of Vail, Colorado

107.

Council Member Jonathan Staufer, Town of Vail, Colorado

108.

Council Member and former Mayor Kim Langmaid, Town of Vail, Colorado

109.

County Commissioner Muffy Davis, Blaine County, Idaho

110.

County Commissioner Chair Angenie McCleary, Blaine County, Idaho

111.

President, City Council Kaz Thea, City of Hailey, Idaho

112.

Council Member Tripp Hutchinson, City of Ketchum, Idaho

113.

Council Member Courtney Hamilton, City of Ketchum, Idaho

114.

Council Member-Elect Amy Aguirre, City of Billings, Montana

115.

City Commissioner Shannon Wilson, City of Great Falls, Montana

116.

Majority Whip Howard Watts III, Assemblymember, District 15, Nevada

117.

Nevada State Assembly, District 18 Venicia Considine, State of Nevada

118.
Chair County Commission Tick Segerblom, Clark County, Nevada
119.
Council Member Tammy Fiebelkorn, City of Albuquerque, New Mexico
120.
County Commissioner Barbara Baca, Bernalillo County, New Mexico
121.
Former Mayor Pro Tem and Supervisor DASWCD Gill Sorg, City of Las Cruces, New Mexico
122.
Mayor Alan Webber, City of Santa Fe, New Mexico
123.
County Commissioner Camilla Bustamante, Santa Fe County, New Mexico
124.
County Commissioner Hank Hughes, Santa Fe County, New Mexico
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Former County Commissioner Anna Hansen, Santa Fe County, New Mexico
126.
County Commissioner Darlene Vigil, Taos County, New Mexico
127.
Council Member Genevieve Oswald, Town of Taos, New Mexico
128.
Council Member Darien Fernandez, Town of Taos, New Mexico
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Mayor Tonya Graham, City of Ashland, Oregon
130.
Council Member Bob Kaplan, City of Ashland, Oregon
131.
Mayor Melanie Kebler, City of Bend, Oregon
132.
Council Member Mike Riley, City of Bend, Oregon

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Council Member Ariel Mendez, City of Bend, Oregon
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County Commissioner Phil Chang, Deschutes County, Oregon
135.
Mayor Roger Bourke, Town of Alta, Utah
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Council Member Pamela Gibson, Town of Castle Valley, Utah
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Council Member Harry Holland, Town of Castle Valley Utah
138.
Mayor-elect Gay Lynn Bennion, City of Cottonwood Heights, Utah
139.
County Commissioner Trisha Hedin, Grand County Utah
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County Commissioner Jacques Hadler, Grand County Utah
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Council Member Thom DeSirant, City of Millcreek, Utah
142.
Mayor Pam Leach Town of Rockville, Utah
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Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Salt Lake City, Utah
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Former Council Member Louise Excell, Town of Springdale, Utah
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County Councilor Megan McKenna, Summit County, Utah
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Council Member Elizabeth Porter, City of Covington, Washington
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County Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour Jefferson County, Washington

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Mayor Carl Florea, Leavenworth, Washington
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Council Member Craig Reynolds, Mercer Island, Washington
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Council Member Tami Beaumont, City of Monroe, Washington
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Mayor Arne O. Jorgensen, Town of Jackson, Wyoming
152.
County Commissioner Len Carlman, Teton County, Wyoming

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December 2025

RE: Wildfire Funding in the West

Dear Western State Attorneys General,

As local elected officials, our foremost responsibility is to help protect the safety of our communities. In the communities we represent in the West, wildfires are one of the foremost risks we face.

Our communities are located near significant federal public lands — including U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the National Park Service (NPS) lands — and we count on these agencies to be able to capably and responsibly manage and respond to wildfire risks.

That's why we are writing to you today: to express our urgent concern about the rapid decline of federal wildfire preparedness in recent months, and to ask for your help in defending our communities from the impacts of reckless and potentially [illegal cuts](#) to federal [public land management agencies](#) and hazardous fuels reduction efforts.

Since the beginning of the year, we have seen substantial reductions in staffing at federal public land management agencies. Layoffs, voluntary deferred resignations,

and early retirements of land management professionals at USFS, NPS, and BLM have severely hampered the federal wildland firefighting force. With these staff reductions, there are many fewer experienced “red card” holders who are able to deploy to manage the most dangerous wildfires.

Federal agencies this year were also impeded in their hiring of the thousands of seasonal firefighters who normally join their ranks during the months when wildfires are most active. According to [internal national data obtained by ProPublica](#) “more than 4,500 Forest Service firefighting jobs — as many as 27% — remained vacant as of July 17, 2025” during the heart of wildfire season in the West. NPS and BLM [reportedly](#) faced similar constraints on hiring seasonal firefighters this year.

Deep staffing cuts are also reducing the capacity of federal land management agencies to plan and execute hazardous fuels reduction projects that lower the risks catastrophic fires pose to our communities. According to an [analysis of USFS data](#), hazardous fuels reduction work across US Forest Service lands, including mechanical thinning and prescribed fire, is down 38% as of October 1, 2025, compared with the same period over the previous four years.

These cuts and reductions are impacting Western states in many ways:

- In Arizona, where [one of the largest wildfires in in the state's history tore through the Kaibab National Forest and North Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park this summer](#), the Forest Service has removed hazardous fuels from barely half (56%) as many acres of national forest land as it has averaged in each of the previous four years.
- In California, the Forest Service has treated just 107,840 acres, or 34% of the four-year average full-year hazardous fuels reduction total.
- In Colorado, the Forest Service has removed hazardous fuels from 72% of its four-year average full-year hazardous fuels reduction total.
- In Idaho, where the Forest Service has treated, on average, 316,660 acres of national forestland each of the previous four years, the Forest Service has removed hazardous fuels from a mere 65,000 acres – just 21 percent of that four-year average.
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In Montana, the Forest Service is barely a fourth of the way (28%) to reaching the average full-year hazardous fuels reduction total from the previous four years.

- In Nevada, the Forest Service is barely a third (38%) of its way to removing hazardous fuels from as many acres of national forestland as it has averaged over the previous four years.
- In New Mexico, the Forest Service has treated just 68,000 acres of national forestland – barely half (53%) of the average amount treated each of the previous four years.
- In Oregon, the Forest Service treated an average of 364,000 acres annually between 2021 and 2024. As of the end of September 2025, it had completed hazardous fuels treatments on only 118,000 acres — about 32% of the recent four-year average.

Adding to the staffing challenges facing federal land management agencies, the federal government is now reportedly preparing for a [massive, government-wide reorganization](#) of firefighting operations. While some of the goals of this reorganization are laudable — including increasing firefighter pay, modernizing computer systems, streamlining how agencies contract for equipment, and facilitating more prescribed burns — the uncertainty will create an atmosphere of confusion and could lead to worse outcomes, especially in the short term.

Wildfire preparedness is a matter of life and death in rural Western communities. The danger posed by wildfires to homes, businesses, and livelihoods is ever-present. The impacts of climate change, from increased drought to hotter and more unpredictable weather, are only heightening these risks.

We need the federal government to be able to manage and confront wildfire risks on the lands it manages near our communities. Public land agencies must have the resources and staffing necessary to conduct robust, year-round wildfire preparedness work, including pre-fire mitigation activities, fire suppression, and post-fire recovery and resilience-building.

We respectfully ask that you review the legality of the actions that have resulted in the erosion of federal wildfire preparedness and, as appropriate, take steps to hold the federal government accountable for fulfilling its responsibilities for protecting life and property.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Russell Scott Email Arne Jorgensen
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 7:26:25 PM



Email Arne Jorgensen

Email Content:

Hello Neighbor! As promised a couple ideas.

1) Let's incentivize All Electric yard care tools. Both individuals & businesses should be encouraged. perhaps there is some low/ zero interest money available for commercial operators. Were I doing that work I'd market myself as Green! Good for everyone!

2) Re: Water conservation; will TOJ truly enforce the allowed usage? During this summer's restriction I personally saw plenty of over- use.

I emailed Johnny Zeim about the use in our parks (which I know & stated in my mail are County maintained). I like Johnny, but his response was silly. He told me what I already knew & explained how it's all carefully scheduled, which is FALSE. I personally see the water on at all kinds of random times. It's OVER watering for sure.

Surely the technology can malfunction, but come on, that scale of use far exceeds residential use (I'll bet).

3) Speaking of monitoring what folks do;

I want an Idling Ordinance!

When I go outdoors in my (our!) neighborhood during the morning when folks are heading to work I distinctly smell diesel & gas exhaust!!

At the LEAST, TOJ should mount an education campaign similar to the one aimed at Sewer System health! I am astounded that folks will idle their cars for 10-20 minutes even in mild weather. I see it personally among my neighbors !

Thanks Arne.

Your Name: Russell Scott

Your Company Name: *Field not completed.*

Your Phone Number: 3076902183

Your Email Address: skishooting@gmail.com

Your City: Jackson

Your State: WY

Your Zip Code: 83001

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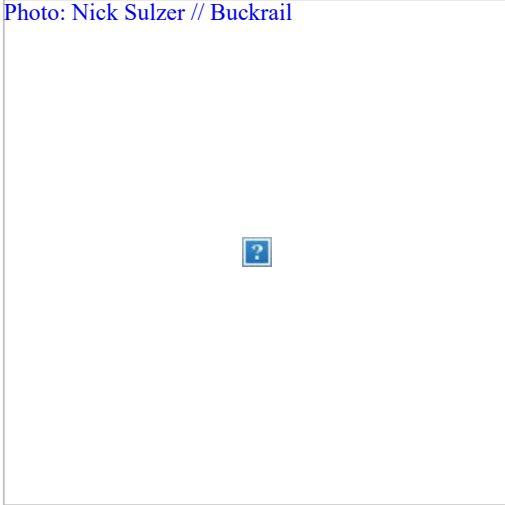
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“Winter may be tough, but beavers are tougher.”

Grand Teton National Park shared a video of a beaver [going to town](#) on an aspen tree to prepare for winter.

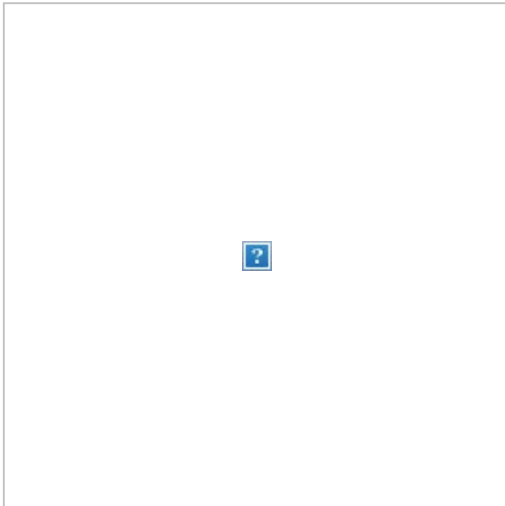
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[**Chambers closed for renovations, Council meetings to be held in library**](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — Town Council meetings will be held at the Teton County Library for the remainder of the month while Town Council's Chambers at Town Hall undergo renovations, according to a [...]



[**SNAPPED: Wort lights up for holidays, Santa visits**](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — The holidays continue to ring in cheer this December and Santa has made another appearance! Buckrail photographer Nick Sulzer snapped some photos of the snowy evening on December 4. [...]

[**Food Bank of Wyoming receives matching gift to feed families this holiday**](#)

WYOMING — All monetary contributions to the Food Bank of Wyoming will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$125,000 this December, thanks to a donation from the John P. Ellbogen Foundation. [...]

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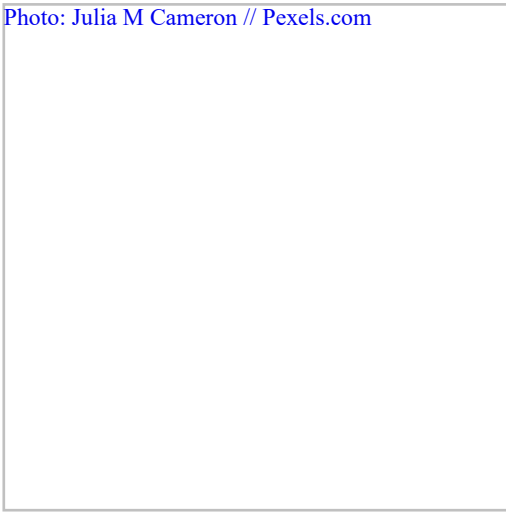
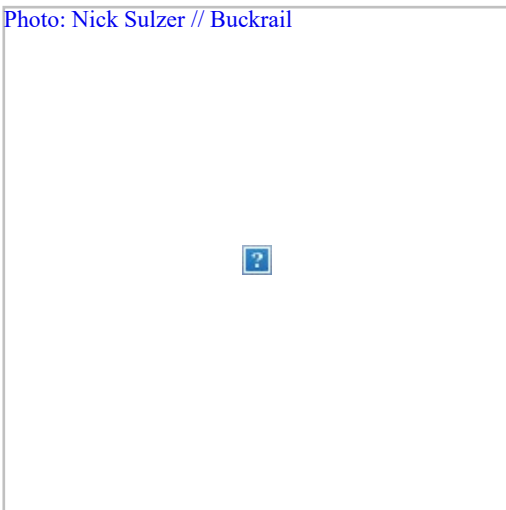


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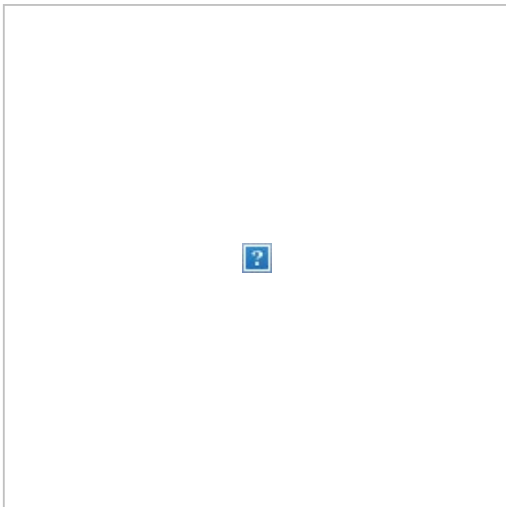


Joint volunteer board applicants sought for START, Parks, Pathways, more

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TCSAR shares WYSAW presentation videos, sees best event turnout yet

JACKSON, Wyo. — This year Teton County Search and Rescue (TCSAR) hosted its 11th annual Wyoming Snow & Avalanche Workshop (WYSAW) and saw its best turnout yet, with more than 500 people [...]



Heads up: Natural avalanches ‘likely this afternoon’

JACKSON, Wyo. — Fluctuating winter weather has led to heightened avalanche

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danger today, according to [...]

Photo courtesy of Grand Targhee.



Grand Targhee to host free Christmas tree lighting event

ALTA, Wyo. — On Friday, Dec. 12, Grand Targhee will host its annual Christmas Tree Lighting on the plaza. The event will start at 4 p.m. and the lighting ceremony will begin [...]

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GTNP beaver chomps down aspen tree

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK
— Behold nature's carpenters in action. Grand Teton National Park (GTNP) shared a video of a beaver going to town on an aspen tree as it prepares for winter [...]

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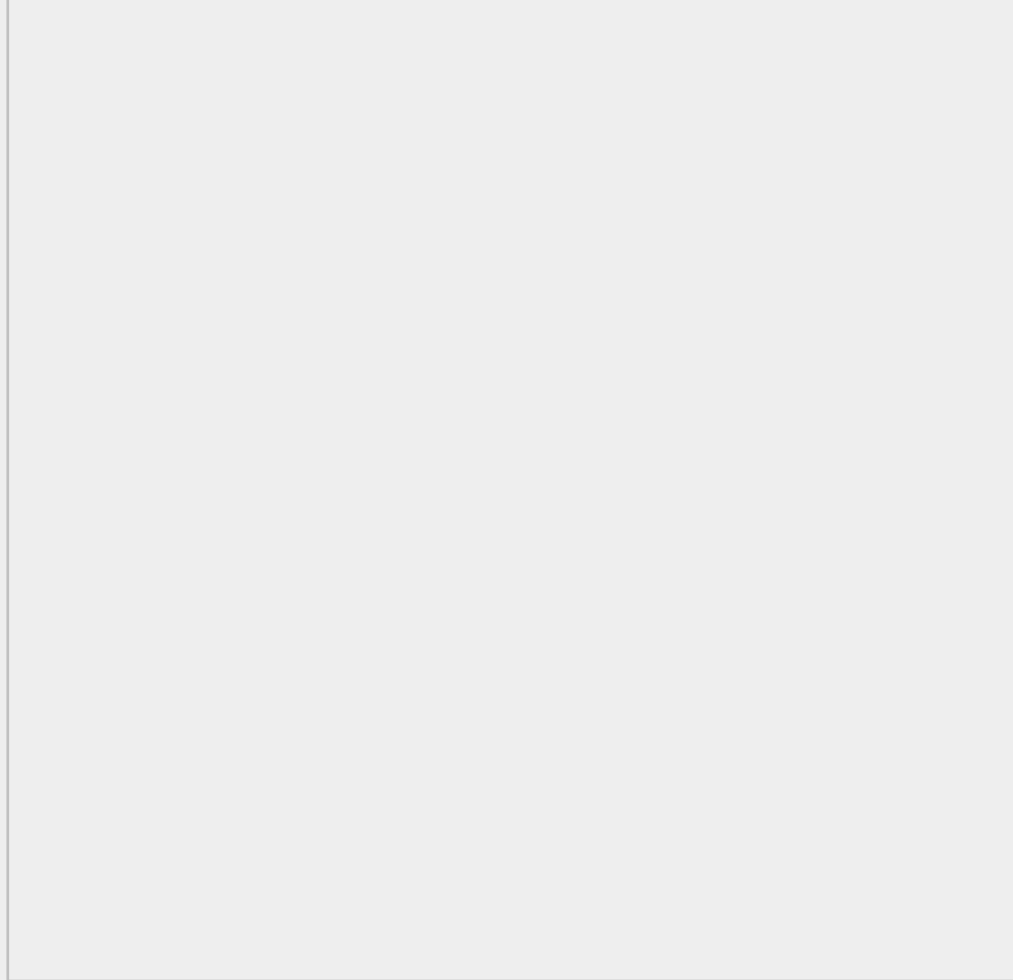
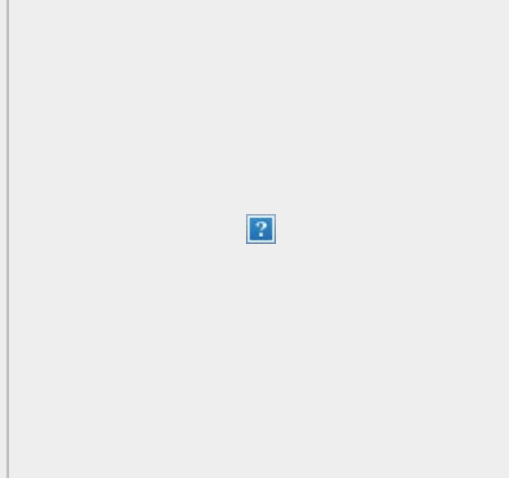


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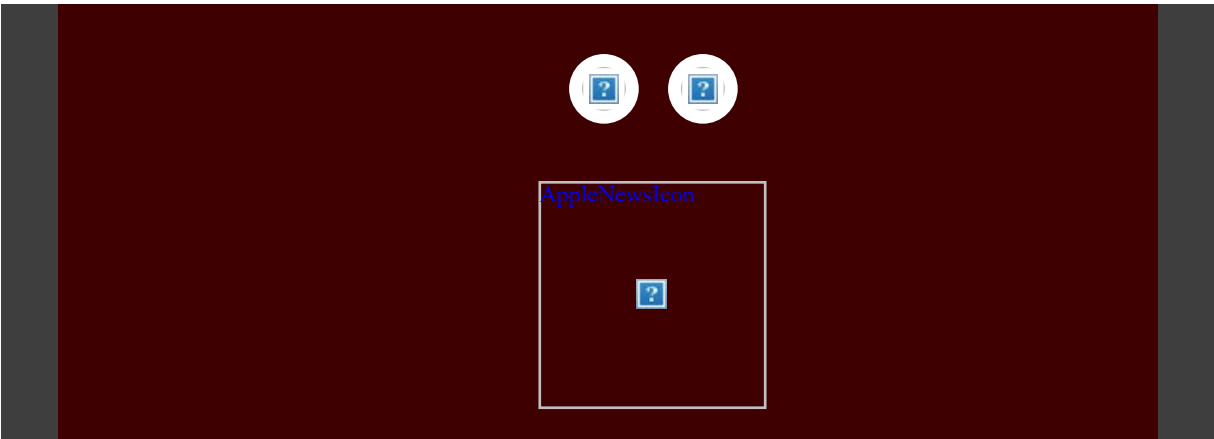
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From: [Catherine Hughes](#)
To: [Kevin Regan](#)
Subject: Re: Nelson Drive Housing Project Chat
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 3:05:16 PM



4pm sounds great, Kevin. You call/text my cell at 301-616-6038. I look forward to talking with you soon.

-Cathy

On Dec 9, 2025, at 12:00 PM, Catherine Hughes <catherine@jhalliance.org> wrote:

Council Member Regan,

I hope your morning is wrapping up nicely. I am emailing to see if you have time for a 20-30min phone call or sit down this week to chat about the JH Community Housing Trust's Nelson Drive affordable housing proposal. I would appreciate a chance to clarify the Alliance's stance on the project and hear your thoughts directly.

Thank you again for the time, effort, and deliberation put into this project to find the best solution for our community and federal workers. Let me know if any of the following times work for you:

- This afternoon (12/9) after 3:00pm
- 12/10 between 8:00am-9:30am
- Thursday between 10:00am and 1:00pm

Respectfully,
Cathy

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Robert Mann Email the Town Council
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 2:54:30 PM



Email the Town Council

Email Content:

Dear Town Councilors:

I am writing in support of the Town investing in the Nelson Drive Rental Opportunity. I am a resident of East Jackson and live on Rancher Street. My reasons for supporting this project are strategic and the underlying economics of the project.

The project presents a unique opportunity for the town to strengthen its partnership with the US Forest Service. Housing Forest Service employees on land abutting the Town allows those employees to become our neighbors and part of our community. The Nelson Street project gives the Town and its residents an opportunity to solidify its relationship with the local management of our National Forest lands. (This is opposed to those employees living in Alpine or some other community not in the Jackson area.) In addition, this project is a first of its kind in that the Forest Service is donating land to enlarge the stock of affordable housing in the Town of Jackson. If this project is successful, there may be future opportunities for additional affordable housing developments on Forest Service land that would benefit our town.

As for the economics, the current reality is that construction in Jackson is cost prohibitive with new construction costing \$1,000 per square foot or more. One reason construction is so expensive is that most projects take 3 years to complete. The Nelson Drive project has a PFS cost of \$550 and will be completed within 14 months. Thus, with the donation of the land, financing, grants and other donations, the Town is taking advantage of a subsidy of \$450+/-PSF. Should the Town obtain 6 units of newly constructed units at market rates, it would be looking at a cost of \$8m and it would have to wait 3 years before those units would become available.

If obtaining a long-term solution for the housing of town employees is a real priority, then it would be short sighted for the Town to pass on this opportunity.

Voters have directed that the Town collect \$10m in funds for Town of Jackson employee rental housing. It is up to Town Council to allocate those funds and in doing so, it should take advantage of the strategic and economic benefits being offered by the Nelson Drive project.

Robert Mann
Lawmann1@aol.com

Your Name:

Robert Mann

Your Company Name: *Field not completed.*

Your Phone Number: 7818207219

Your Email Address: Lawmann1@aol.com

Your City: JACKSON

Your State: WY

Your Zip Code: 83001

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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: David Madison Email Arne Jorgensen
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 2:17:18 PM



Email Arne Jorgensen

Email Content:

Hello Mayor Jorgensen,

This is David Madison from Cowboy State Daily, reporting a story about Flock cameras in Wyoming.

Might you have a moment to discuss this topic on the phone sometime this Wed. or Thurs., Dec. 10 or 11?

Thanks,
David
406.548.7628

Your Name:

David Madison

Your Company Name:

Cowboy State Daily

Your Phone Number:

406.548.7628

Your Email Address:

david@cowboystatedaily.com

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From: [Catherine Hughes](#)
To: [Alyson Sperry](#)
Subject: Nelson Drive Housing Project Chat
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 12:15:04 PM



Good afternoon Council Member Sperry,

Thank you for approaching me at the meeting last week and allowing us to finally formally introduce ourselves. I really appreciate your kind nature and openness as I familiarize myself with our community.

I am emailing to see if you have time for a 20-30min phone call or sit down this week to chat about the JH Community Housing Trust's Nelson Drive affordable housing proposal. I would appreciate a chance to clarify the Alliance's stance on the project and hear your thoughts directly.

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To: [Melissa Shinkle](#); [Keith Gingery](#); [Lea Colasuonno](#); [Town Council](#); [April Norton](#); [Board Of County Commissioners](#); [Kathy Swanson](#); [Scott Hoversland](#); [Tammy Brandt](#)
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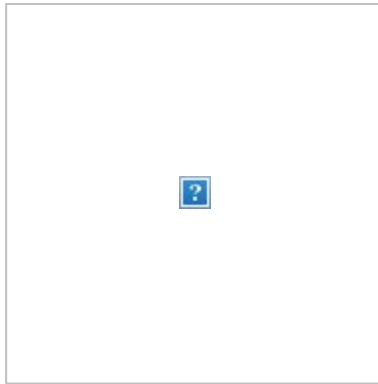
From: **Rebecca Bextel** <rebeccabextel@160070402.mailchimpapp.com>

Date: Tue, Dec 9, 2025 at 11:21 AM

Subject: I caught April Norton giving the farm away AGAIN!

To: <rebeccabextel@gmail.com>

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I just received my Snow King Apartments (550 Rodeo Drive) public records request, and I discovered.....

April Norton is working for the private developers.

Not you.

This is an email from BlueLine Development to April Norton:



From Developer, Christian Pritchett, to TCHA Director, April Norton, on May 21, 2025:

"BlueLine would like to ask the Jackson/Teton County Affordable Housing Department to join the partnership as a 0.01% special limited partner **for purposes of achieving a real estate tax exemption.....** This structure is similar to JTCAH's participation in Flat Creek Apartments."

AND APRIL SAID YES!!!!!!

What authority does April Norton have to exempt private developers from paying property tax?

**WHERE IS THE OVERSIGHT FROM
THE TOWN COUNCIL AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS?**

The only three people on earth, outside of BlueLine Development, and April Norton, that seem to know about this

AND THEY APPROVE IT was:

The Housing Supply Board

(Annie Kent Droppert, Sheryl Newton, Justin Henry)

I cannot find a SINGLE other person who admits they knew this happened!

THIS IS A THEFT ON THE PEOPLE OF TETON COUNTY!

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Some background:

The Snow King Apartments at 550 Rodeo Drive was built decades ago by Teton County for workforce housing.

These apartments have always been deed-restricted and workforce housing for residents earning 60-100% AMI.

Teton County sold the complex to a private group in Idaho in 2003/2004.

Those owners paid property tax.

BlueLine Development, the same group who paid themselves a million dollar development fee and paid Tyler Davis 33% to push the deal through Teton County, also developed the Flat Creek Apartments.

BlueLine decided to buy and manage the Snow King Apartments, but in order to get special financing and loans,

**they needed just one favor from
April Norton:**

BlueLine Development asked April Norton to agree to get the Teton County Housing Authority to take a .0001 percent interest in the building in exchange for a first right of refusal in case they ever sold it.

SHE AGREED.

APRIL AGREED TO GIVE UP PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO HELP
OUT BLUELINE DEVELOPMENT.

THANKFULLY, ASSESSOR SHINKLE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY OF
THIS.

**APRIL NORTON IS NO LONGER WORKING FOR THE BENEFIT OF
THE RESIDENTS OF TETON COUNTY!**

By getting the Teton County Housing Authority to "partner" with
BlueLine on a build THAT WAS ALREADY AFFORDABLE
HOUSING,
the Wyoming Community Development Authority helps facilitate
special financing.

THIS IS A SCAM ON THE PEOPLE OF WYOMING.

It is time to wake up to what is happening at the Teton County Housing
Authority! Certainly the Town Council and County Commissioners are
not paying any attention!

At least we have the legislators looking into this SCAM!

I will provide more info on this next week!

My attorneys are preparing to file a lawsuit on behalf of the public.

I am going to turn my attention back to this week's project:

The Nelson Trailhead

I hope to see you this Thursday at 5:30pm at the Teton County
Library Auditorium!

[Email me](#)



After the Nelson Trailhead Town Hall, I will host a joint
Mercill Condos + Snow King Apartments Non-Partisan DeBriefing

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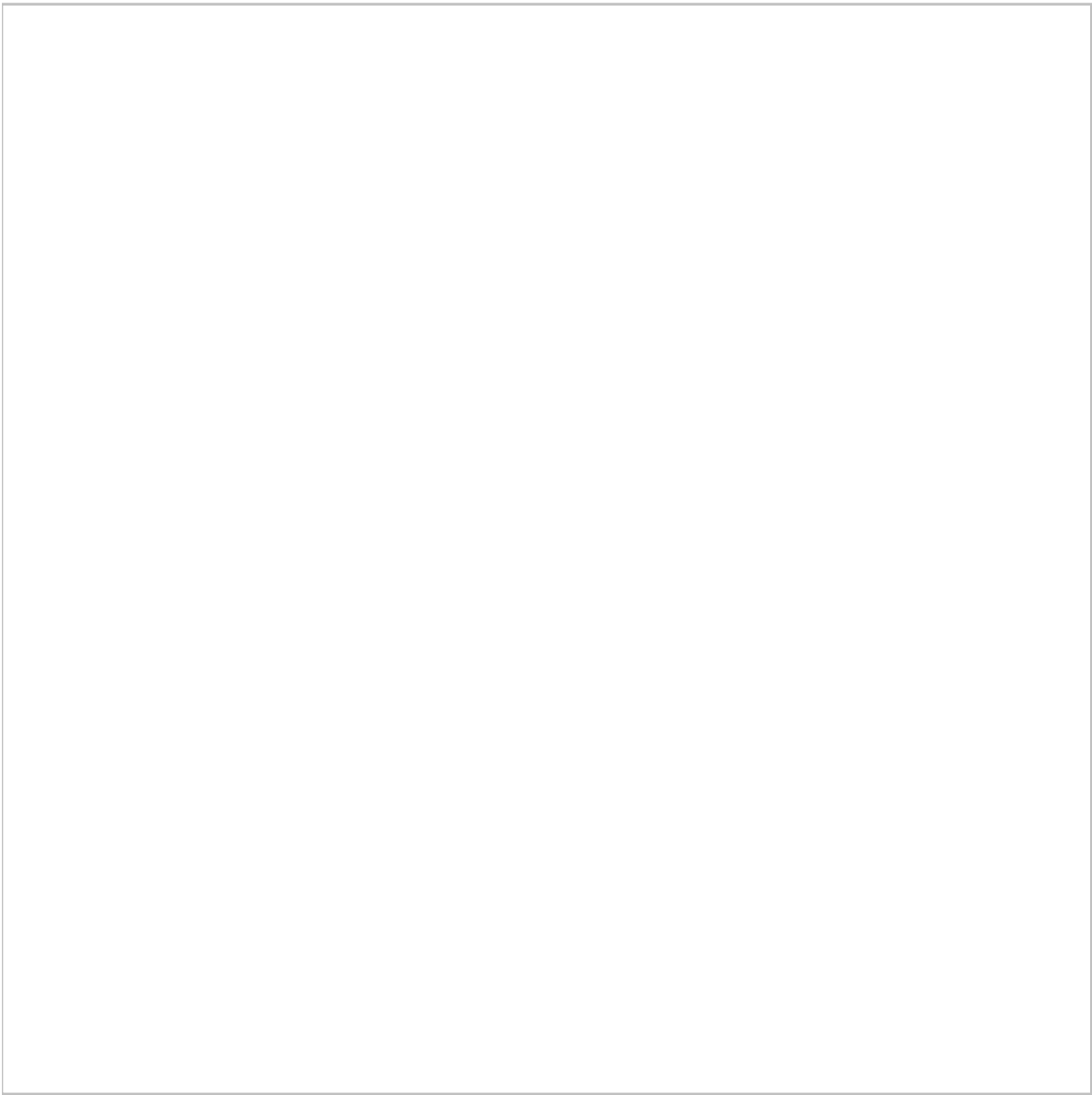
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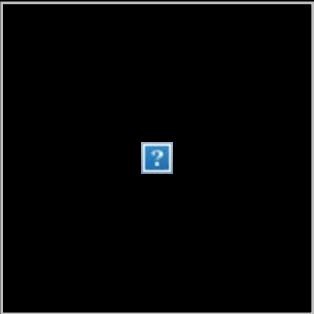
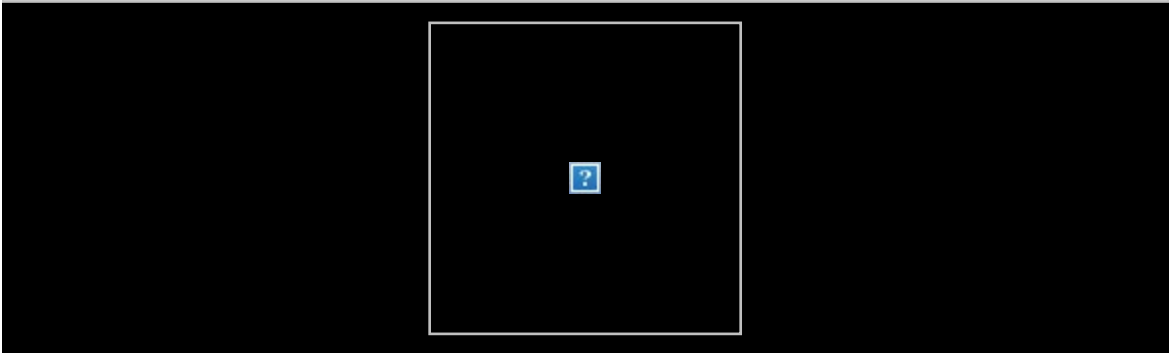
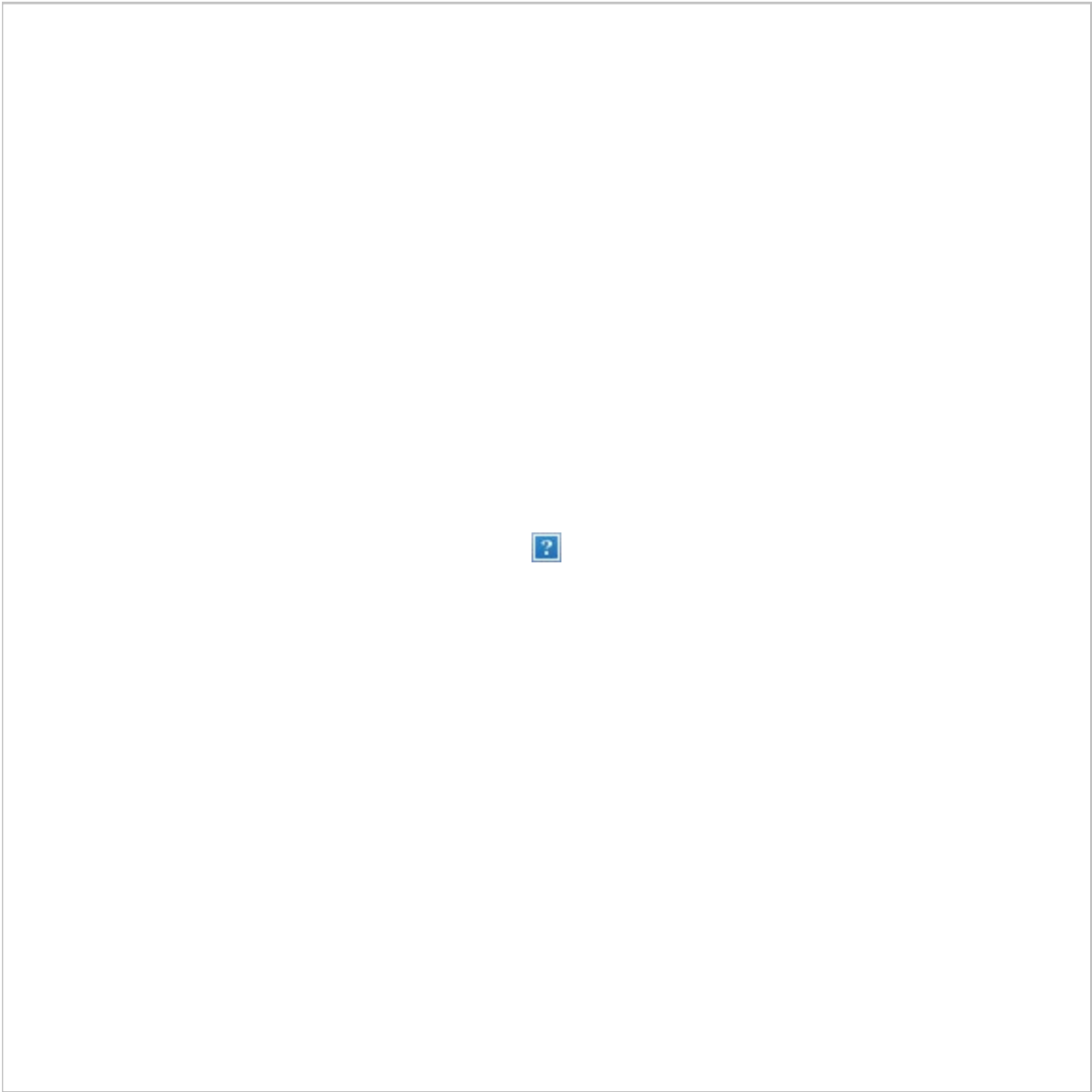


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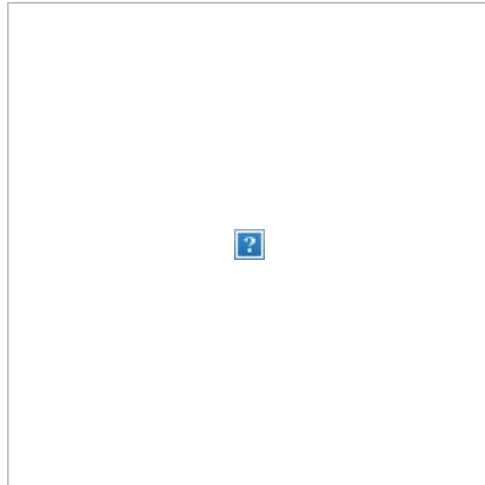
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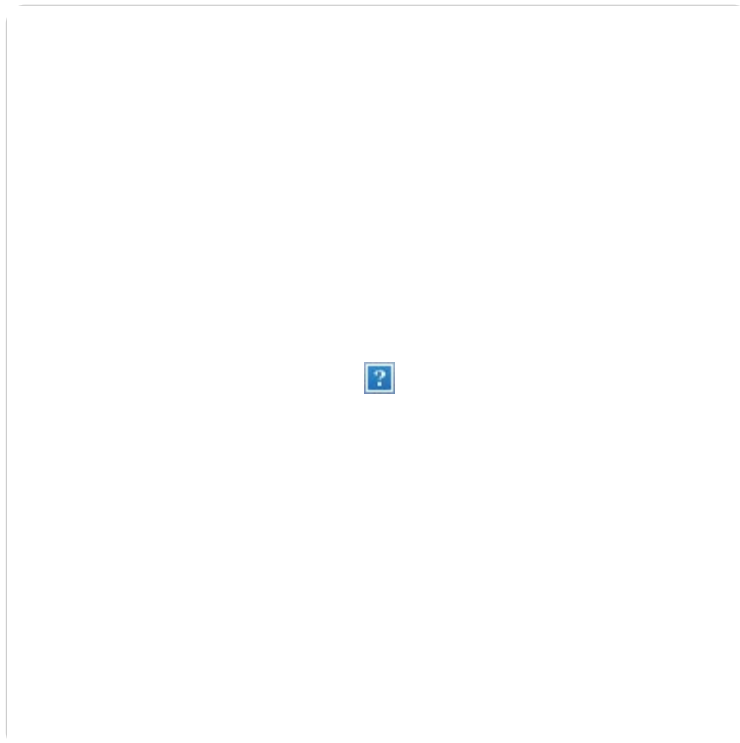
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From: [Shannon at Community Safety Network](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Reflecting on Our Impact This Year
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 10:14:45 AM



What does a community without violence look like?

We explore this question in our [2025 Impact Report](#) - reviewing a year of services and programs made possible by the compassion and generosity of our community.

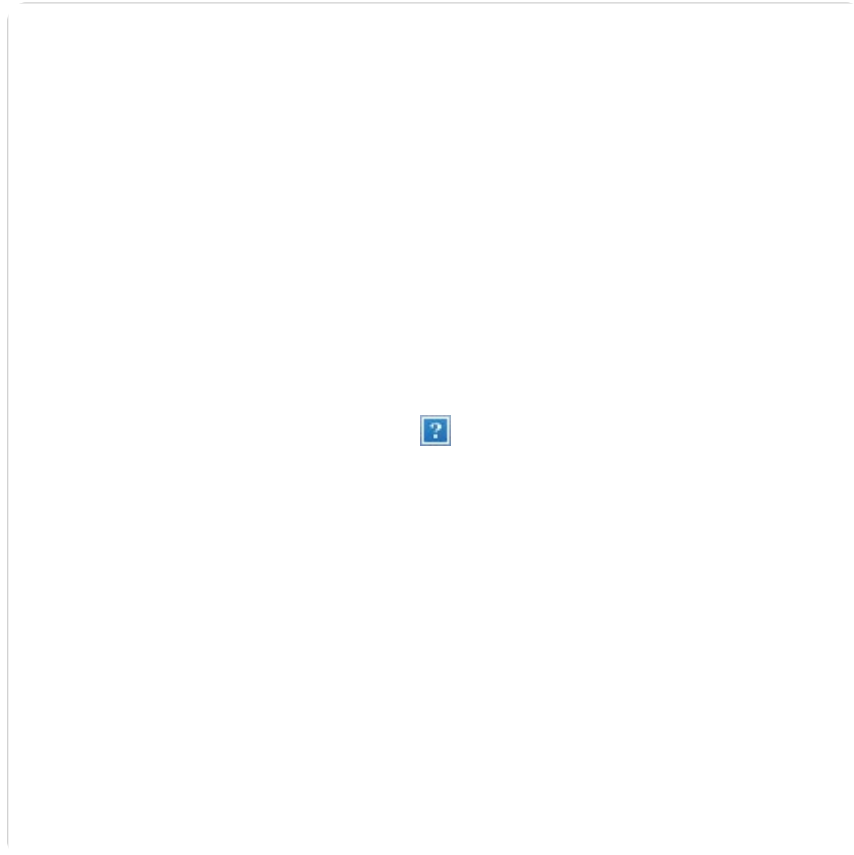


At Community Safety Network, we imagine a Jackson Hole where safety is not a privilege - it's a promise. A place where no one fears the person they love, where survivors are met with compassion and choice, and where every person has the tools to heal and thrive.

“Trauma damages the brain, and the best way to heal is through education and support. Community Safety Network gave me both, along with multiple resources during one of the hardest times in my life. Their guidance has been life-changing, giving me the confidence to face each day and build a future for myself and my children. At a time when I didn’t know who to call or what to do, I felt safe, supported, and hopeful—ready to try again.” — Anonymous Survivor

This year, that vision came to life in powerful ways. Because of supporters like you:

- **277** survivors found safety in emergency shelter and transitional housing.
- Advocates responded to **214** calls offering clarity, support, and hope.
- Over **1500** students learned what healthy relationships and consent look like.



These stories, numbers, and voices - shared in the full report - paint a picture of what

is possible when a community commits to ending violence.

But we are not there yet.

And we can't do this work without you.

Will you make a gift today to help build a community without violence?

Your support ensures survivors have safety, advocacy, and healing the moment they need it. It fuels prevention programs that teach young people the skills to create safer futures. And it strengthens the network of care that holds this community together.

Donate Today

We hope you'll take a few moments to read our [2025 Impact Report](#). It is a testament to what we've built together - and what remains possible when we continue to show up for one another.

Thank you for believing in safety, dignity, and hope for every person in our community.

With gratitude,



Shannon Brooks Hamby

Executive Director

Community Safety Network

P.S. Every contribution - of any amount - moves us closer to a community where safety is within reach for everyone. Thank you for standing with survivors.



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From: [Leigh ReaganSmith](#)
To: [Jonathan Schechter](#)
Subject: Re: Online Form Submittal: Email Jonathan Schechter
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 10:01:45 AM



Jonathan - Do you have time to answer a few questions?

What is your stance on the Flock camera technology? Do you think there is realistically a concern with the possible breach of personal information?

What are the benefits of the technology?

Do you envision a plan set in place to possibly shut down the system if any concerns arise re: the leak of information?

Has Flock assured you that the system is safe?

How will Town work with the police dept. to monitor the use of the cameras?
Thanks!!

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From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 1:01 PM
To: Jonathan Schechter <JSchechter@jacksonwy.gov>
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Email Jonathan Schechter

Email Jonathan Schechter

Email Content: Jonathan - I have moved on from Buckrail and I am now writing for KHOL and WyoFile.
For KHOL, I am writing an article about Flock cameras. Do you have time to chat about your concerns with the cameras and

Thanks,
Leigh

Your Name:	Leigh Reagan Smith
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Your Phone Number:	307-690-0984
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From: [Ricky Bradley](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Arne, let's build on our 2025 wins.
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 9:46:15 AM



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Dear Arne,

Here at Citizens' Climate, we make sure Congress hears from everyday people — not just corporate lobbyists.

We're now 47% of the way to our \$1.25 million year-end fundraising goal, with only a few weeks left to close the gap. Your support now will help ensure citizen advocates continue to shape climate policy in meaningful ways.

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Your support powers our grassroots climate lobbyists to achieve wins like the ones we've secured in 2025. This year, we helped:

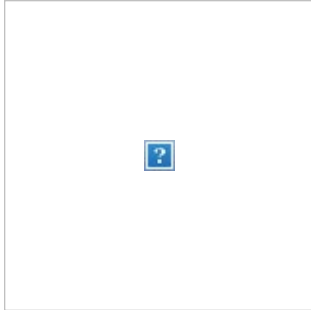
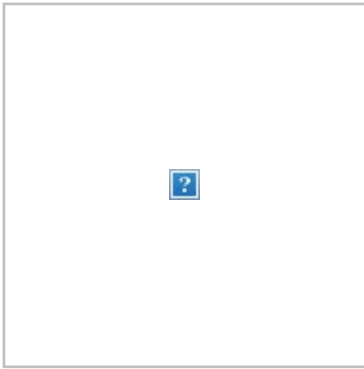
- **Advance a robust bipartisan conversation** on clean energy permitting reform through thousands of constituent messages, calls and lobby meetings. Just last month, we held more than 300 meetings with Congress about permitting reform, effectively moving the conversation forward despite the government shutdown.
- **Secure a strong bipartisan vote** for the Fix Our Forests Act in the Senate Agriculture Committee. In the weeks before the committee markup in October, we published a flurry of local media hits targeting Senators who would cast deciding votes.
- **Improve the climate outcomes** in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. The bill rolled back effective climate and clean energy provisions, but our advocacy from January through June helped prevent some of the worst cuts by showing Congress the tangible benefits in their communities.



Reaching our \$1.25 million year-end goal ensures we can deepen our advocacy and better equip our volunteers for even more progress in the year ahead.

[Please donate today to help us deliver more citizen-powered climate wins in 2026.](#)

With gratitude,

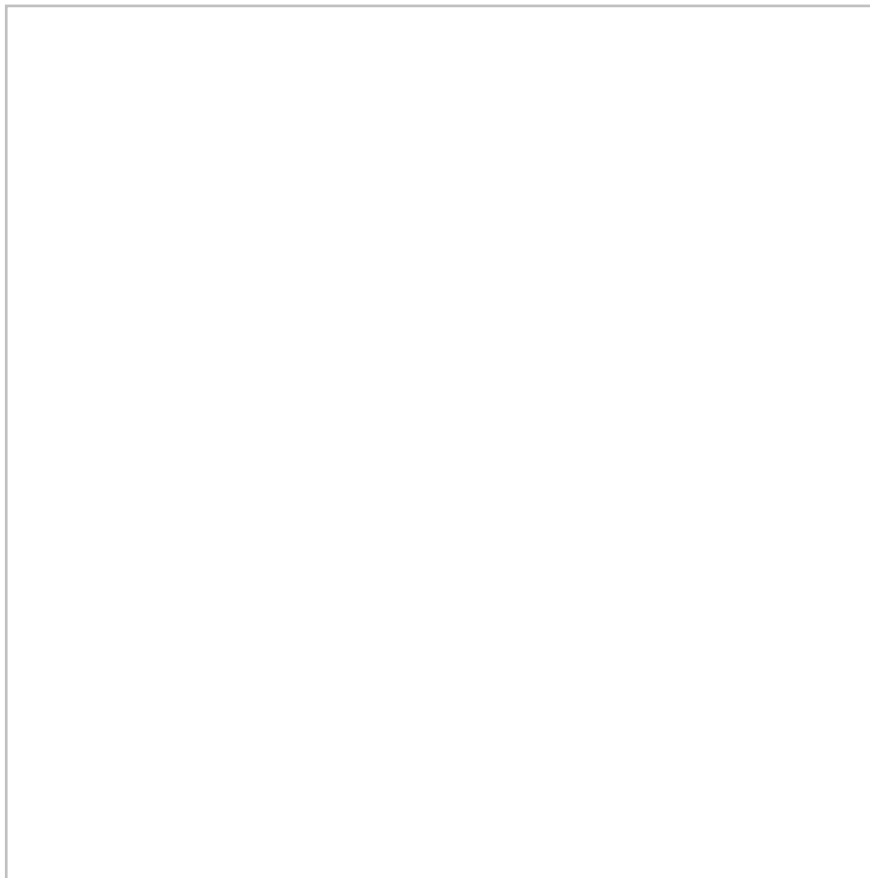


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Interim Executive Director

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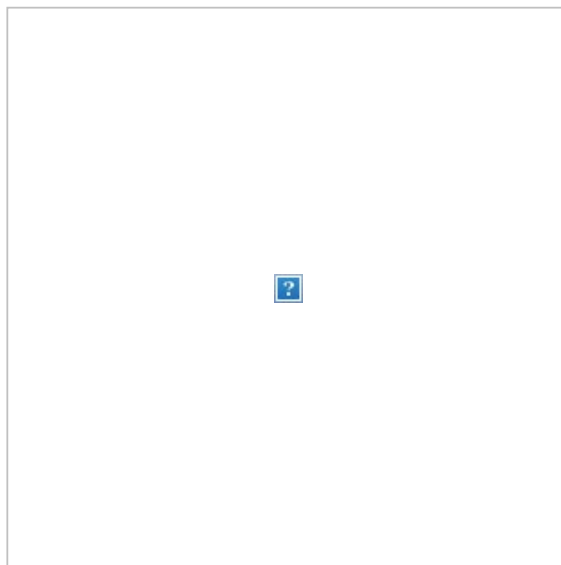
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From: [Wyoming Association of Municipalities](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Digital Permit Provider (Blueblade) Pilot Interest
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 9:23:23 AM



Digital Permit Provider (Blueblade) Pilot Interest

Good morning, friends,

As many of you know, the Town of Pinedale has been working to digitize our permitting and licensing processes under our NLC grant. Through this effort, we began collaborating with Blueblade, a Wyoming company based in Jackson, that offers a powerful new way to translate municipal codes into machine-readable rule sets using its proprietary Regulatory Translation Algorithm (RTA).

Blueblade's system converts our code into a searchable, AI-powered format that automates regulatory review and provides staff with clear, traceable compliance summaries—while keeping full local control of decisions. It also supports payment integration, public transparency, and strengthens Public Records Act compliance by consolidating all submissions, reviews, and communications into a single searchable record. The platform additionally enables AI-assisted drafting, helps answer public questions, and can improve legislative and administrative efficiency.

Blueblade has now completed the initial translation of Pinedale's code and is looking for **four additional towns or cities** to join us as pilot partners - **at no cost** -to prepare for a statewide rollout. The onboarding process has been efficient, and Pinedale staff have found the setup steps useful, straightforward, and not overly burdensome.

What's needed from each participating town:

- Identify **five regulated activities** (permits, licenses, or inspections) governed by at least 10 pages of local code.
- Participate in:
 - 1 initial discovery and regulation identification meeting (~1-2 hours)
 - 1 initial training and regulated activity presentation session (~1 hour)

Timely testing and validation of the translated regulations using Blueblade (time requirement dependent on regulatory volume and complexity)

- Any additional training sessions requested by town staff

This pilot will help ensure Wyoming's smaller and larger communities are equally represented as the system is built for statewide deployment through WAM and WBC.

We're hosting a **45-minute Zoom workshop on Monday, December 15** (sometime in the afternoon TBD) to walk through the pilot opportunity and answer questions.

Please complete this short [survey](#) to indicate your interest and contact information so we can send you the invitation.

Warm regards,
Matt Murdock, Mayor and President

Wyoming Association of Municipalities | 315 W. 27th Street | Cheyenne, WY 82001 US

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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Housing Perspectives: Renters Vulnerable to Climate Disasters Amid Insurance Gaps
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 9:08:10 AM



Housing Perspectives

Renters Vulnerable to Climate Disasters Amid Insurance Gaps



Tuesday, December 9, 2025 | Steve Koller

Property insurance is an important tool to support recovery after homes are damaged during weather- and climate-related disasters. However, renter households derive limited financial benefits from property insurance, primarily because they do not own the structures in which they reside. Approximately 41 percent of the nation's occupied rental stock—more than 18 million units—are in counties considered “high-risk” by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) ...

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From: [Hunter Singleton](#)
To: [Leigh ReaganSmith](#)
Cc: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Re: KHOL article on Flock cameras
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 7:59:39 AM



Leigh,

I'm kind of just mentally sketching here, but I wanted to share some additional thoughts that haven't really been talked about in my letter to our elected officials, or maybe in the community at large, regarding the surveillance cameras. **More importantly, I want to focus on positive alternatives to the situation we find ourselves in now.**

We're spending \$87,500 a year on this Flock contract, on top of the initial cost of \$184,800.

The most dangerous and common crime in Teton County—DUI—happens while START On Demand ends at midnight and has a limited service area. Bars close at 2:00 AM. Per my calculations, the same funding could run START On Demand until 2:30 AM, cover the South Park neighborhood on weekends, and actually stop drunk driving before it starts.

The math: Run 2 vehicles every night until 2:30 AM (or more vehicles Thursday–Sunday).

$2 \text{ vehicles} \times 2.5 \text{ hours} = 5 \text{ service hours per night}$
 $5 \text{ hours} \times \$31.06/\text{hr (based on what I could find for the amended START On Demand contract)} = \$155.30 \text{ per night}$
 $\$155.30 \times 365 \text{ days} = \textbf{\$56,684.50 per year.}$ The additional 30k leftover could go to South Park service on the weekends

We could be paying every JPD officer an additional \$4,000 a year in salary—or better yet, bonuses for officers who don't receive any citizen complaints and go above and beyond.

$\$87,500 \text{ (yearly Flock contract)} \div 20 \text{ officers (approximately how many sworn JPD officers there are)} = \textbf{\$4,375 per officer, per year}$

Or, based on the initial upfront cost (\$184,800), we could have given **10 invested officers who don't own housing in the community they police over \$18,000 for a down payment toward ownership of affordable housing.**

$\$184,800 \div 10 \text{ officers} = \$18,480 \text{ housing grant}$

For the price of the Flock subscription (\$87,500/year), JPD could have outfitted 10 to 15 patrol cars with their own mobile license plate readers that don't rely on subscriptions from private big tech and AI corporations (approximately \$4,000–\$8,000 per vehicle, based on some basic research - I could be off)

Mobile license plate readers Like the ones we use for parking enforcement can download "wanted lists" stolen cars, Amber Alerts directly to the car's laptop at the start

of a shift. If a patrol car passes a kidnapped child's vehicle, it alerts the officer instantly. This data can be hosted on a secure server inside the police station. **It doesn't require sending data to a private company's cloud or sharing it with federal agencies,- or being used for predictive crime/Big Brother-like features in the near future. See Flock's patents for where they intend this technology to develop.**

We could hire a full-time crisis intervention/mental healthcare/social work employee who could be "first to the scene" at what most of our police calls look like: domestic violence, substance abuse, and interpersonal disputes. Alternatively, we could use this funding to pay to keep an additional existing local mental health practitioner to be on call 24/7 as needed, with armed police in tow if situations were to escalate.

Does Jackson want to support the police and have the money we've spent on Flock cameras to spare? Give them the \$4,000 raise. Give them housing support. Give them mental health partners to handle the crises they aren't trained for. (JPD is already doing a better job than most at this—but personally, I think a lot of beat cops could be replaced with social workers, especially in a place like our town.)

But do not spend a quarter-million dollars on a "people-tracking" machine and call it "support." That isn't pro-law enforcement or community safety—it's pro-surveillance, while diverting funds from the public to private corporations that don't necessarily share our values or know our community.

What the end game is for these surveillance cameras—as shown in Flock's patent applications—is terrifying, and I don't think it aligns with the core ethics I associate with the folks in our community, regardless of political alignment.

What does give me hope and certainty in our collective struggle is the ability for democracy to work in communities like ours, and having a lineage of wonderful humans in power—including Chief Weber—whom I believe truly have our community's best interests at heart and have shown willingness to listen and evolve with the times.

Let me know if you want to grab coffee somewhere, today- the afternoon might be better for me. Would be happy to chat!

Best,
H

On Mon, Dec 8, 2025 at 1:51 PM Leigh ReaganSmith <dalyreagan@gmail.com> wrote:

Hunter, I am a reporter for KHOL and I am writing an article about the security of Flock Cameras.

I have read that you are a critic of the camera. Do you have time to share your concerns with me?

Do you have any availability today or tomorrow?

Thanks,

Leigh Reagan Smith

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From: [Geneva Chong](#)
To: [Town Council](#); [Town Council](#); [Editor, JH News & Guide](#); publisher@jhnewsandguide.com; [Greg Epstein](#)
Subject: Please approve payment for 6 housing units each for Town and County staff at Nelson Dr.
Date: Monday, December 8, 2025 4:02:15 PM



The development of affordable housing at the Nelson Drive Project, a partnership between the Bridger-Teton National Forest and the Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust, will keep public lands in public hands and keep public servants in the community they serve. The investment ask of the Town and County for 6 units each (12 total) is reasonable in the current real estate and construction environment, and the language to protect the Town's investment if the land lease is not renewed in 30 years is logical and could be used by the County as well.

I appreciate concerns that allowing people who are not Federal public servants to live on public land is similar to privatizing public land. However, if the development cost is not shared with the Forest Service, it is unlikely they could afford the development on their own. This could easily result in a similar situation to Hidden Hollow where the land is sold outright to private developers. That could lead not only to loss of trail access, but also loss of our valued friends and community members if the Bridger-Teton Headquarters moves out of Jackson entirely.

Finally, regardless of this development, the Town's Nelson Drive is due for review based on current and future use being much different from when it was redone over 20 years ago, and this fact should not be used to delay the decision to invest in this affordable housing opportunity.

Thank you for your work,

Geneva Chong
East Jackson
1-307-699-0330

From: [Buckrail](#)
To: [Alyson Sperry](#)
Subject: Buckrail Daily: Gibson headed to Olympics // Winter storm watch // History museum architecture praised
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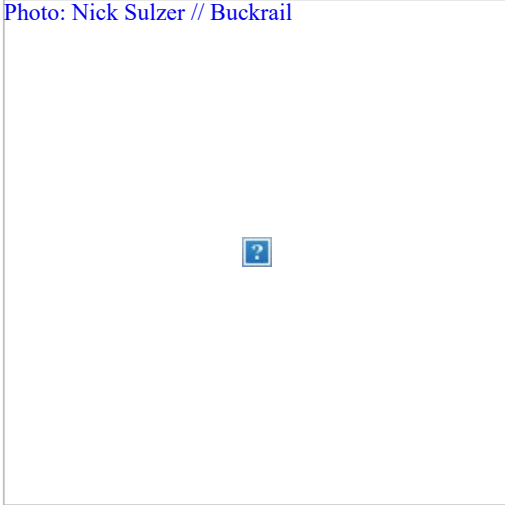
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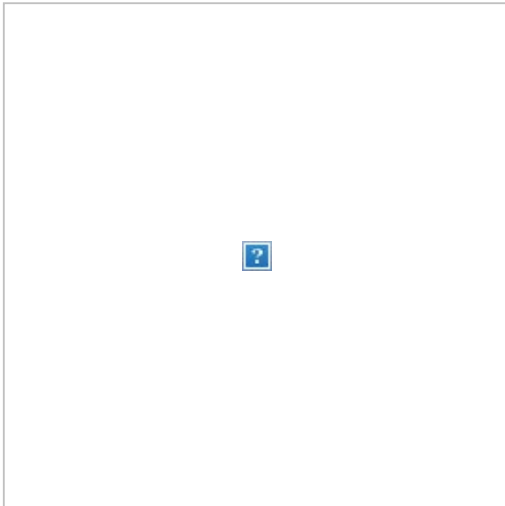
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[Town approves ecological study budget for Karns Meadow Park development](#)

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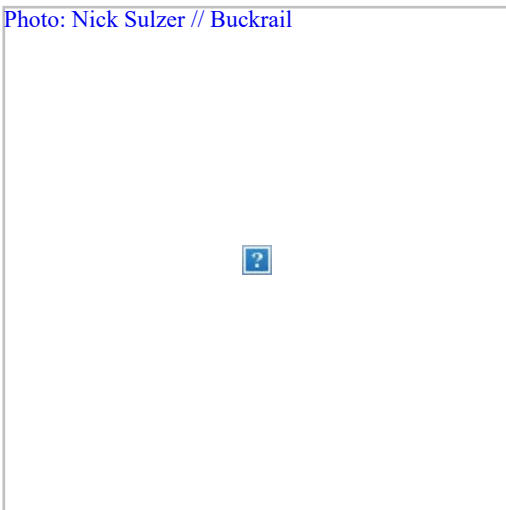
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Town to host community discussion on water conservation

JACKSON, Wyo. — On Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. the Town of Jackson is hosting a community event about water conservation at the Teton County Library. As a result [...]

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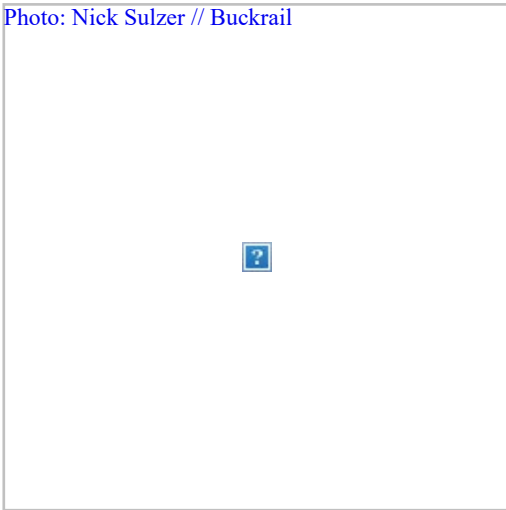
Winter Storm Watch issued for tonight until Wednesday

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Chat with Council event to discuss wastewater treatment plant data

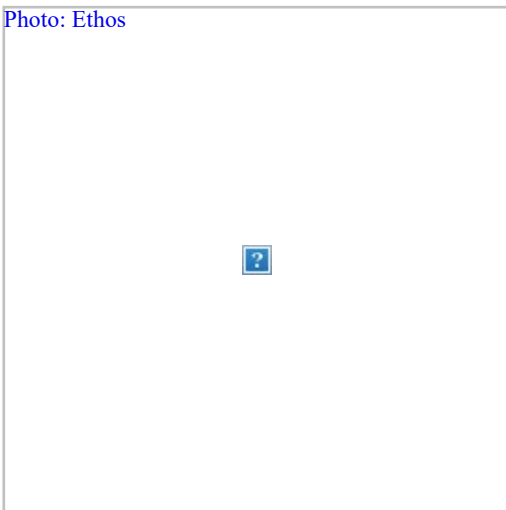
JACKSON, Wyo. — Town Council will offer

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the December Chat with Council event on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at noon to discuss data collected from the wetlands adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant. The [...]

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Soul singer guitar slinger Jesse Roper at Knotty Pine

VICTOR, Idaho — The surge of snowfall and live music are working in harmony this weekend as early season stoke builds. Fans of virtuoso guitar slaying and soul singing in the blues-Americana [...]

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Teton County Library to host holiday family day, book sale

JACKSON, Wyo. — The Teton County Library will host two family events on Saturday, Dec. 13, to usher in holiday cheer in addition to other library events slated this December. In the [...]

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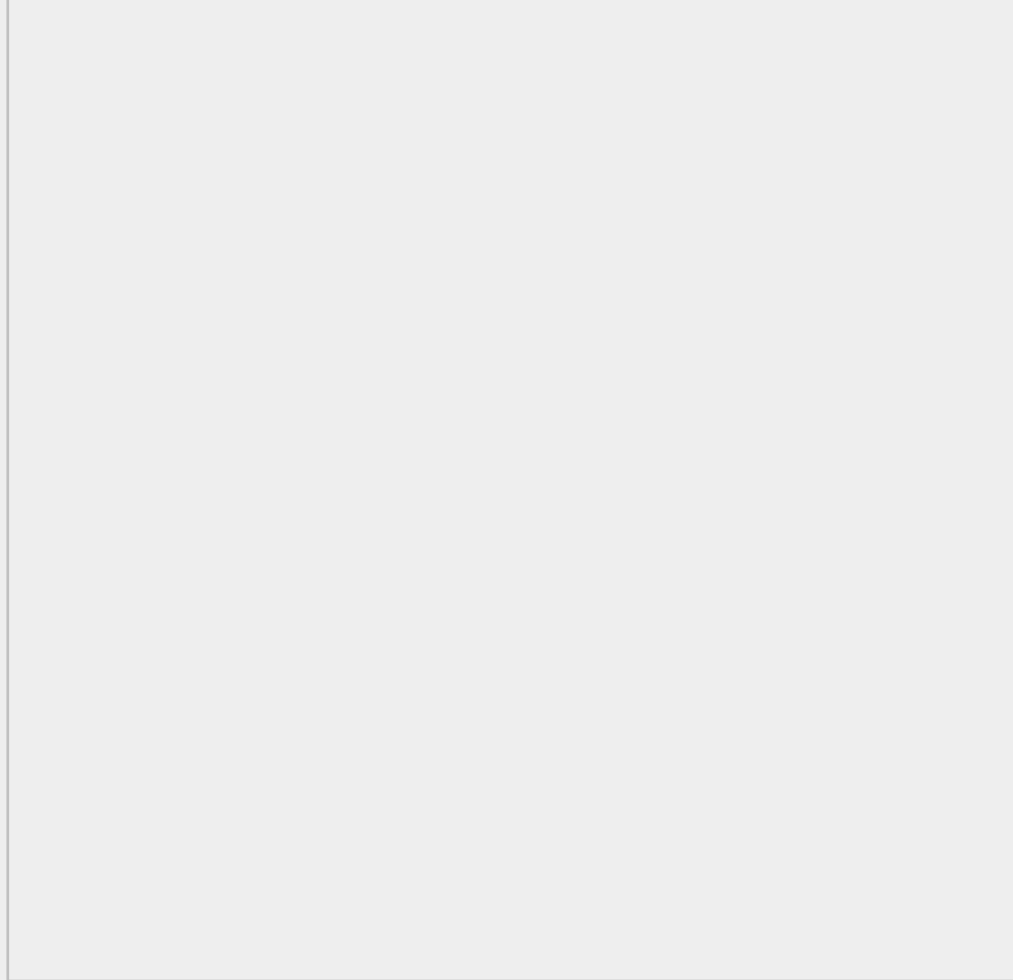
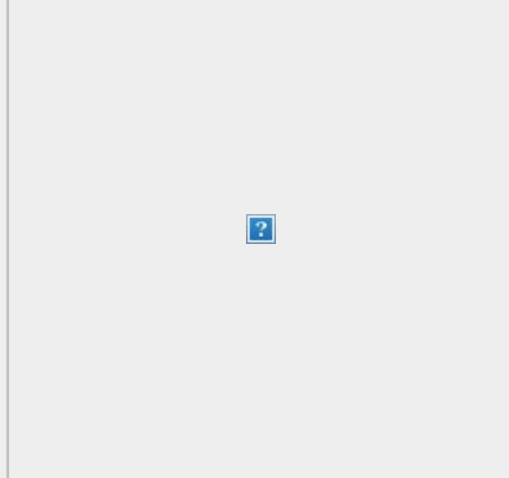


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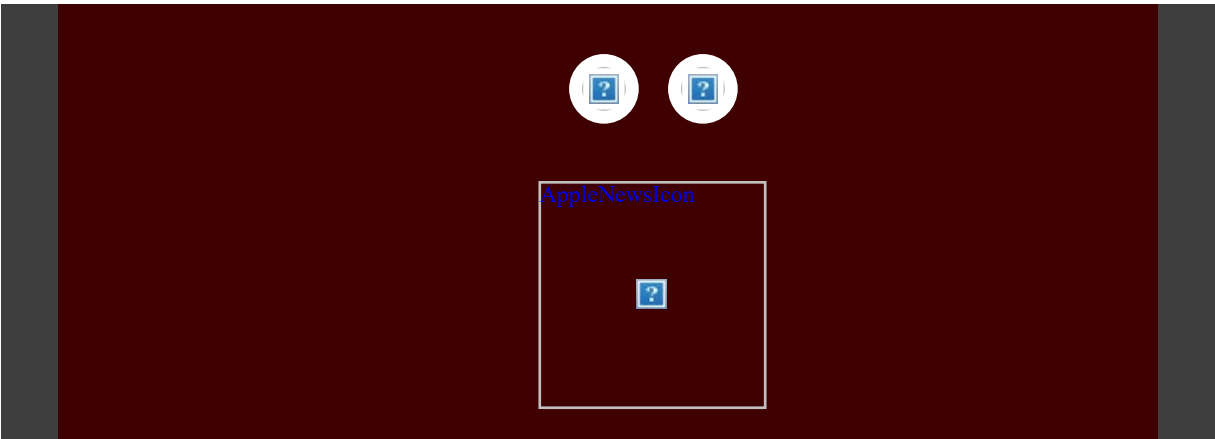
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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: December Clubhouse News 2025
Date: Monday, December 8, 2025 3:34:52 PM



Clubhouse News: December 2025

Museum & Program Updates

Our Education Team is preparing for Winter Afterschool, launching a new theme: Pet-topia, where kiddos will get the opportunity to create a unique world for their museum pet. This theme combines art, engineering, and imagination. Don't forget to check out our book of the month!

STEAM programming has been a hit with local teachers: *"The kids absolutely loved making "cars" that actually moved. They asked if they could make another one in class. They had so much fun learning about pushes and pulls!"*

[Read Our Book of the Month](#)

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Operations Updates

New this month: We've welcomed Ellen Scott Williams to our Board of Directors, the climbing structure and simple machines tree are coming together, carpet is in the new space, and our website has a fresh new look!

This is our last month hosting our Museum Pop Up at the Lodge Conference Center. Explore special Holiday Hours below and come say hi before our big move!

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Date: Monday, December 8, 2025 3:04:47 PM
Attachments: November 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes.pdf



Good afternoon, dear coalition,

I hope everyone is well and having a great start to the week!

Please see the attached November 12th minutes, in preparation for our meeting this Wednesday December 10th at noon.

Pinky G's is on the menu and it will be available by 11:45am.

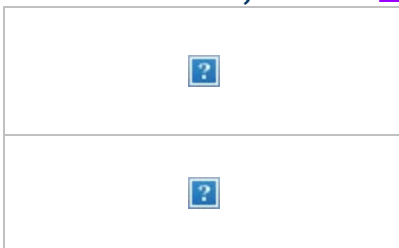
Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

Kindly,
Beverly

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Email Jonathan Schechter

Email Content: Jonathan - I have moved on from Buckrail and I am now writing for KHOL and WyoFile.
For KHOL, I am writing an article about Flock cameras. Do you have time to chat about your concerns with the cameras and

Thanks,
Leigh

Your Name: Leigh Reagan Smith

Your Company Name: KHOL

Your Phone Number: 307-690-0984

Your Email Address: dalyreagan@gmail.com

Your City: Jackson

Your State: Wy

Your Zip Code: 83001

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Hello friends,

A gentle reminder that our annual holiday party is just two days away, and we would love to see you there! **Wednesday, December 10th from 6-8pm at Nora's Fish Creek Inn in Wilson.**

Take the night off from cooking, connect with fellow clean water enthusiasts, and join us in celebrating the holiday season!

We'll share some highlights from POWJH's projects and progress this year and a brief look at what's ahead for 2026, but most of all it's a chance to gather and enjoy the people who make this work possible. And we'll have extra copies of our all-new Clean Water Guide for you to take home if don't have one yet!

If you haven't RSVP'd already, please let me know, and we hope to see you there!

Warmly,

Eloise



RSVP here!



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To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Silicon Couloir's Holiday Party is TONIGHT!
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Holiday Party

Free and open to all!

Monday, December 8th • 5-7 pm @ Center for the Arts



Please join us on **Monday, December 8th from 5-7 pm at Center for the Arts Lobby** to celebrate Silicon Couloir ecosystem companies. Stock up on holiday gifts and learn about the remarkable companies established by local entrepreneurs. Companies featured this year include: Dabble, Remote Dietitians, Rendezvu, Slipstream Sockeye and The Wonder Institute. **Free and open to all!**

Our Holiday Party a wonderful opportunity to connect with our community, and learn more about some of the up-and-coming local startups participating in our TEAMS mentoring program. Come celebrate innovation, support local entrepreneurs, and get inspired by the ventures shaping our region's future. Enjoy complimentary appetizers and a cash bar.

NEWS & NOTES

**Next Noontime Knowledge is December 9th
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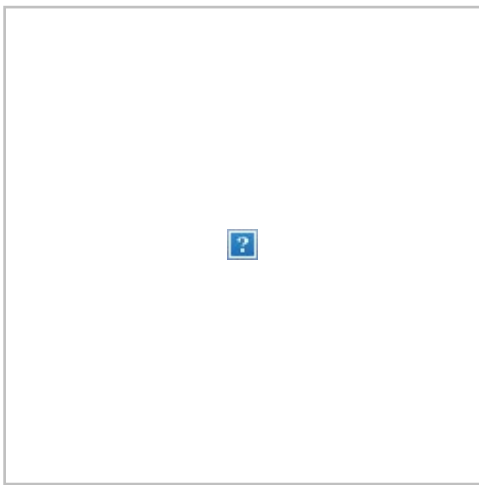
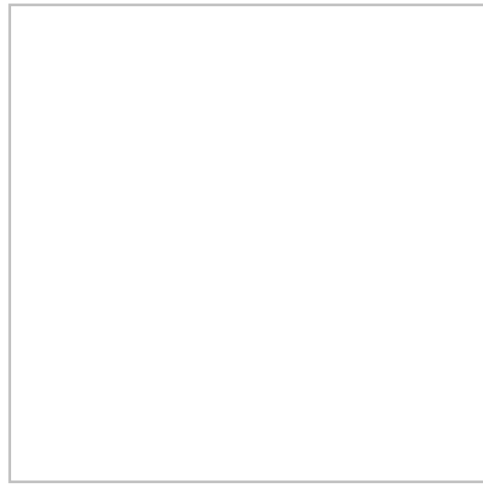
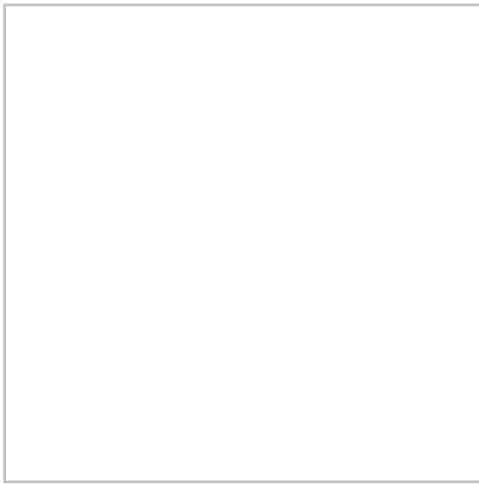
Join Silicon Couloir on **Tuesday, December 9 from 12:00 to 1:30 PM** in the Cloudveil Room at the Teton County Recreation Center for our next dynamic Noontime Knowledge. Lindsey

Kneuveen, CEO and Founder of Pure Impact, will lead an engaging and practical Noontime Knowledge workshop on building resilient, mission-driven companies and organizations. Lindsey will explore how mission and community engagement can boost employee morale, loyalty, and well-being, and share strategies for adapting to uncertainty while staying grounded in core values. She'll also share how to build and employ a logic model tool, a powerful framework companies and leaders can apply to create strategies that drive long-term impact. This session is ideal for founders, nonprofit leaders, and managers looking to strengthen their organization's culture, clarity, and strategic impact. Free and open to the community. Bring your lunch and your curiosity.

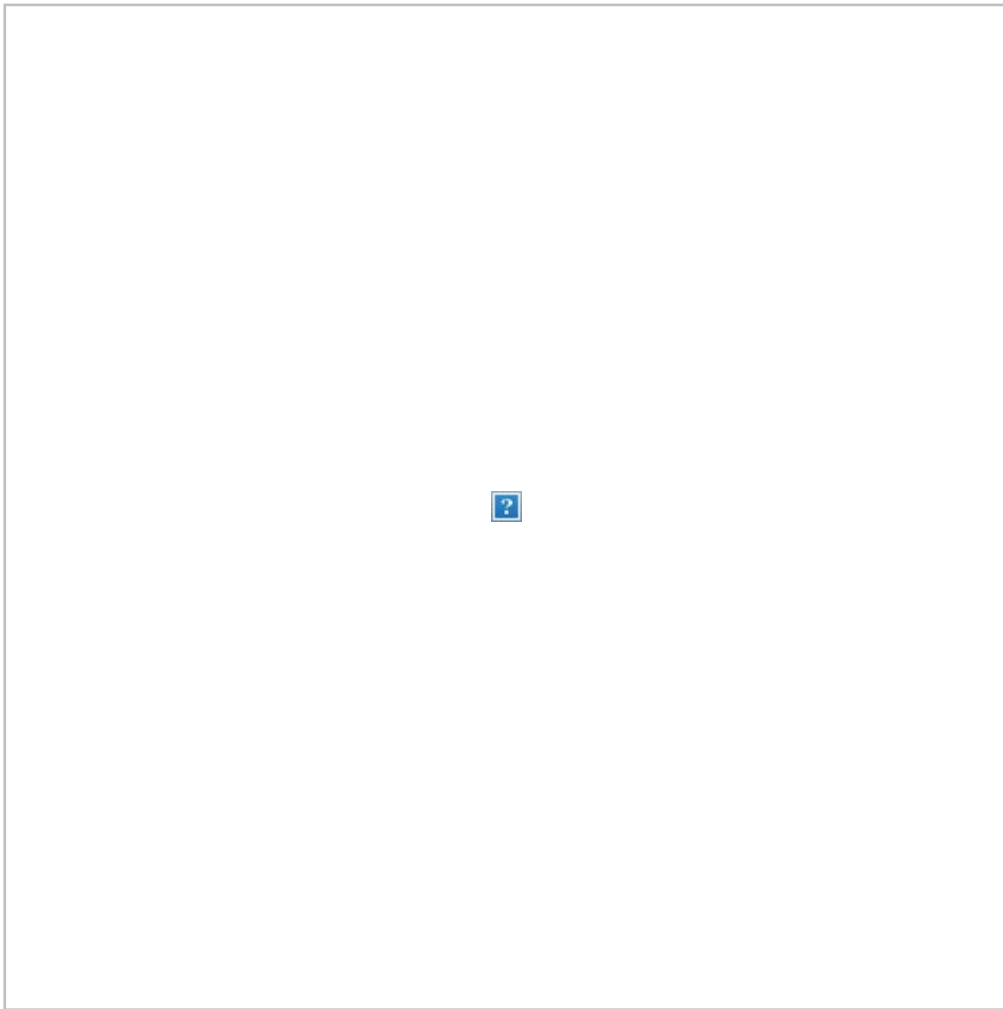
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With deep gratitude for their many years of service, we say farewell to outgoing board members Tom Quantrille, Board Chair; Cynthia Blankenship, Secretary; and Kelli Jones, who served on the Executive Committee. Your guidance, dedication, and insight have helped Silicon Couloir grow and flourish. Thank you for the lasting impact you've made.



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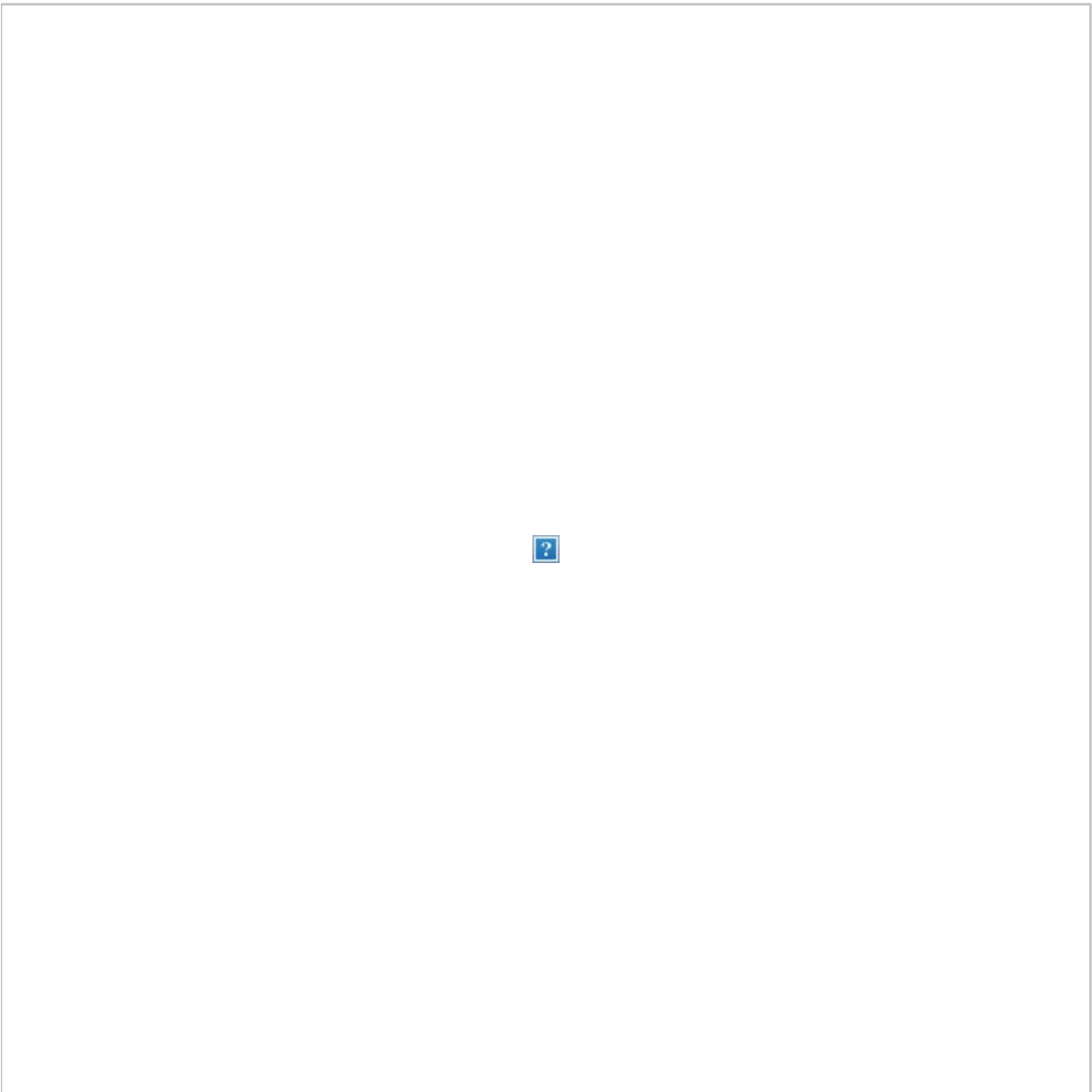


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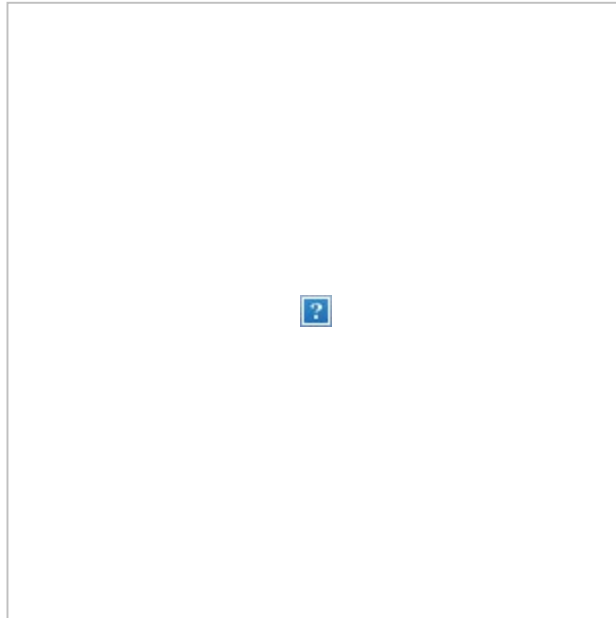


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Hello Arne ,

As the 119th Congress approaches the end of its first session, I remain focused on defending our Constitution, restoring accountability across the federal government, and standing up for the people who make our state strong.

Last week, we advanced my legislation to rein in unelected bureaucratic power out of committee, we continued important oversight in order to protect public safety on tribal lands and called on the administration to end an unauthorized program that harms American students and workers.

I appreciate the chance to keep you informed about the work I'm doing in Congress. Wyoming's priorities continue to guide everything I do here.

**Continuing Oversight of
Washington, D.C.**

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee voted my bill, H.R. 3766, to be taken up by the full House. With this milestone, we move one step closer to stopping Washington, D.C., from cementing a system that gives unelected bureaucrats the power to rewrite laws without fair judicial review.

The courts for decades have outsourced their interpretative authority pursuant to the judicially created doctrine known as Chevron deference, which required judges to “defer” to an agency’s interpretation of the meaning of statutes. In *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, the Supreme Court overturned the Chevron deference doctrine, requiring courts to independently interpret the law and curbing unchecked agency power.

In response the D.C. Council earlier this year pursued a blatantly political exercise and enacted a law requiring courts to defer to the mayor’s and agencies’ interpretations of the law. This, in effect, codified Chevron deference for the District of Columbia.

This blatant effort to score political points against President Trump, the D.C. City Council literally transferred its legislative authority and undermined the independence of its courts. My bill stands on the side of D.C. residents, ensures D.C. courts maintain their independence, and upholds the principle that judges, not agencies, should interpret the law when there is a dispute. We cannot allow the administrative state to circumvent the Constitution by granting agencies unchecked power.

Oversight Efforts to Strengthen Public Safety on Tribal Lands

I joined Chairman Jim Jordan in sending an oversight letter to FBI Director Kash Patel about the increase of serious criminal activity on tribal lands caused by the Biden administration’s failed open border policies.

Dangerous foreign cartel networks are using our

reservations as hubs for smuggling fentanyl, methamphetamine, and other illegal drugs into the U.S. They are also using these areas for human trafficking. These cartels prey on tribal members, taking advantage of unemployment, addiction, and financial strain. When people try to report cartel activity, they are often met with threats and intimidation. That is unacceptable.

Our committee, partnered with the Trump administration, aims to ensure the federal government prioritizes public safety in Indian Country, supplies adequate resources, closes jurisdictional loopholes, and holds cartel operatives accountable wherever they strike. That starts with clear data, increased personnel, and transparent partnership with the FBI to restore safety and justice for Native Americans living on reservations.

Putting American Students and Workers First

I joined several of my colleagues in urging the Trump administration to immediately end the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program, an unauthorized guest-worker scheme that undermines American students, American workers, and our national security. OPT was illegally created by the previous executive branch and never approved by Congress. Yet administrations have continued to expand it allowing foreign students to remain in the United States and work for up to three years after completing as little as one year of school here.

This loophole grew into a massive, unregulated pipeline that lets large corporations replace American STEM graduates with cheaper foreign labor while bypassing the H-1B caps that Congress established. In 2024 alone, nearly 300,000 foreign students received work authorization through OPT and its STEM extension, with many coming from countries like China that pose clear security risks.

OPT also exempts these workers from payroll taxes, costing our Social Security and Medicare trust funds billions each year and giving Big

Tech and Big Pharma a taxpayer-funded incentive to hire foreign labor instead of Americans.

I am also a cosponsor of legislation to terminate the OPT program, and I will keep fighting to ensure that American students, small businesses, and families remain at the center of our economic future, not sidelined by unlawful programs that put them last.

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Events and Announcements

Federal Register Comment Period

Administration Revises Endangered Species Act Regulations

The Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced four proposed rules to restore Endangered Species Act regulations to their 2019 and 2020 framework.

The comment periods end on December 22, 2025, for the following proposed rules:

- **[Interagency cooperation \(50 CFR part 402\):](#)**
 - The services jointly propose to return to the 2019 consultation framework by reinstating definitions of “effects of the action” and “environmental baseline,” removing the 2024 “offset” provisions and restoring section 7 procedures consistent with the statutory text. These changes respond directly to the Supreme Court’s decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, which overturned the Chevron deference standard and reaffirmed that agencies must adhere strictly to the law as written.
- **[Listing and critical habitat \(50 CFR part 424\):](#)**
 - The services jointly propose to

restore the 2019 regulatory text governing listing, delisting and critical habitat determinations. The proposal ensures decisions are based on the best scientific and commercial data available while allowing transparent consideration of economic impacts. It reestablishes the longstanding two-step process for designating unoccupied habitat, restores clarity to the definition of “foreseeable future” and reinstates flexibility to determine when designating critical habitat is not prudent.

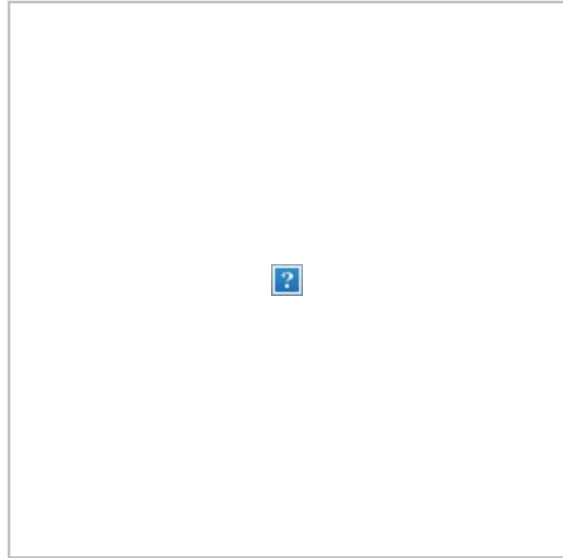
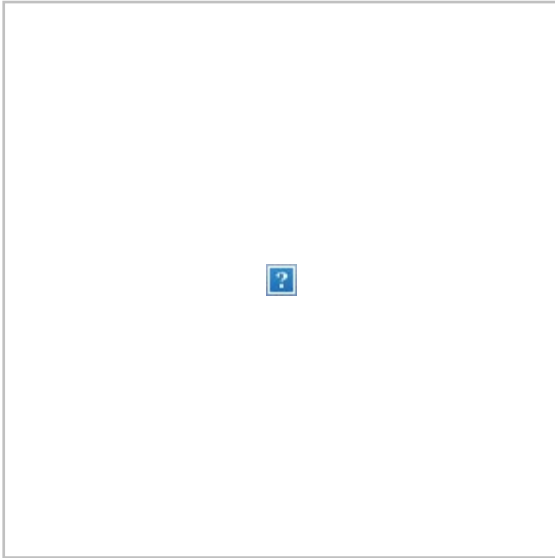
- **Threatened species protections (50 CFR part 17; section 4(d)):**

- The Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to eliminate the “blanket rule” option and require species-specific 4(d) rules tailored to each threatened species. This approach reflects the single best reading of the statute under *Loper Bright* and ensures that protections are necessary and advisable to conserve each species without imposing unnecessary restrictions on others. It also aligns service policy with the National Marine Fisheries Service’s longstanding species-specific approach.

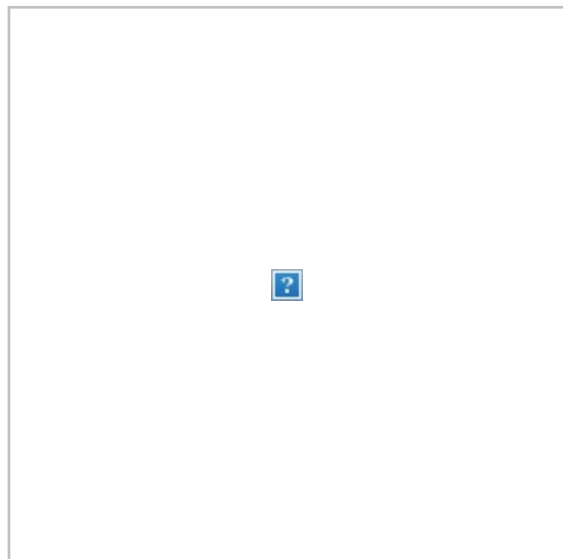
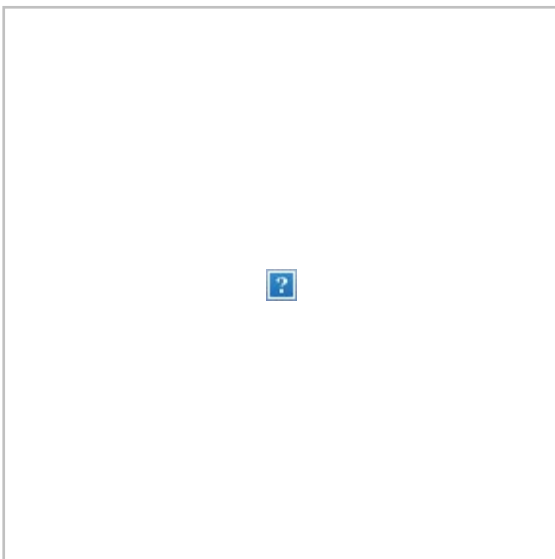
- **Critical habitat exclusions (50 CFR part 17; section 4(b)(2)):**

- The Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to reinstate its 2020 rule clarifying how economic, national security and other relevant impacts are weighed when determining whether to exclude areas from critical habitat. The revised framework provides transparency and predictability for landowners and project proponents while maintaining the service’s authority to ensure that exclusions will not result in species extinction.
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Recent Photos



I had a wonderful time at the 20th Annual Salute to Team Wyoming Breakfast, celebrating the outstanding athletes representing Wyoming at the National Finals Rodeo.



A wonderful evening at the Daily Caller Annual Dinner. Congratulations to DNI Tulsi Gabbard on being named Woman of the Year and to Secretary Chris Wright for receiving the Courage Under Fire award.

Recent Votes

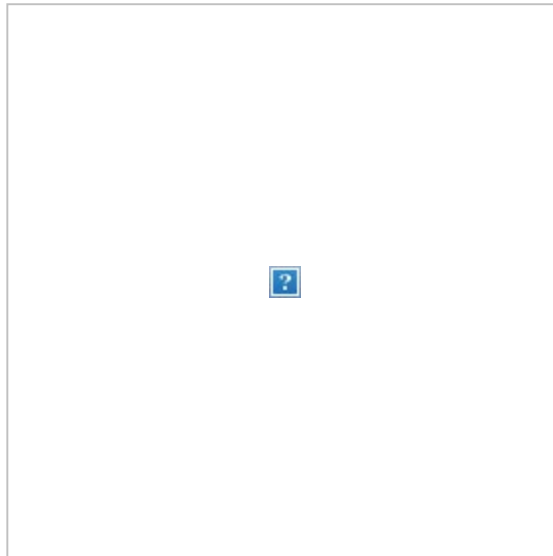
See below for highlights of this week's votes; for more information on each bill, click the bill number. For my full voting record, [click here](#).

Voted YES on [H.R. 4305](#) – DUMP Red Tape Act

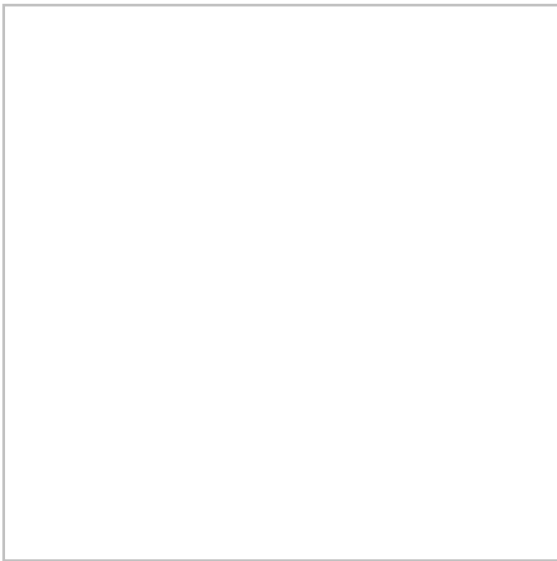
Voted YES on [H.R. 1069](#) – Protect Our Kids Act

Voted YES on [H.R. 2965](#) – Small Business Regulatory Reduction Act

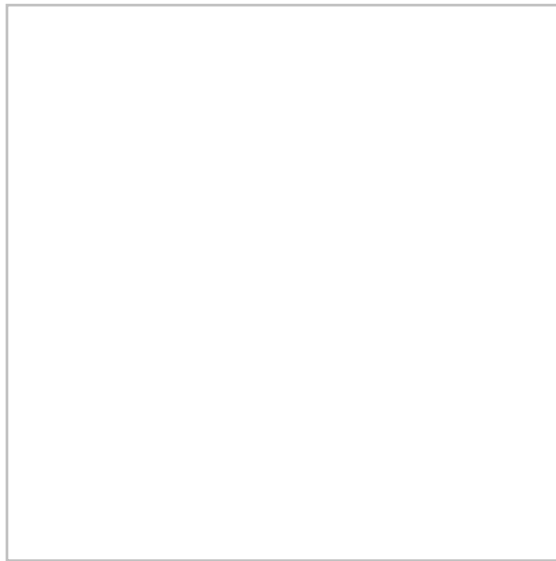
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Civic education is critically important to ensure each generation of Americans understands the role our Constitution plays in securing our natural liberties, including the right to keep and bear arms.



Cartels and transnational drug traffickers exploited the Biden administration's broken border and immigration policies to flood tribal lands with illegal drugs and violence.

Need Help With a Federal Agency?

One of the ways my office serves Wyomingites is by helping constituents navigate federal agencies. I am proud to share that November was an exceptional month for our casework team.

If you are facing issues with a federal agency, whether it is the VA, Social Security, the IRS, or another department, my office may be able to help. We can assist with paperwork, follow up on stalled cases, and make sure your concerns are heard and resolved as quickly as possible.

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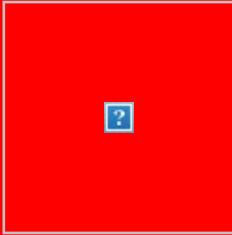


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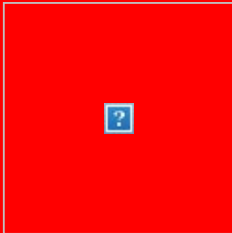
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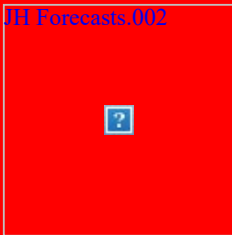
WILSON, Wyo. — Heads up, skiers and drivers! Starting today, Dec. 4, the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) and local crews will be [...]



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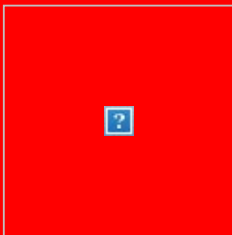


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[WYOWatch: Two bull moose put on a roadside sparring match](#)

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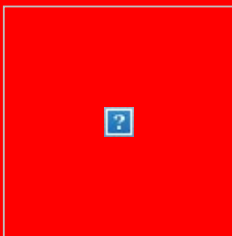
MOOSE, Wyo. — In late November, Buckrail reader Jason Sutton captured two bull moose sparring on the side of the road near Blacktail [...]



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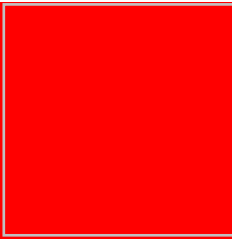
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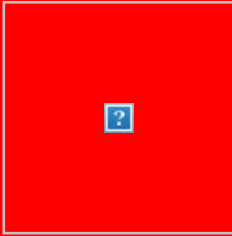
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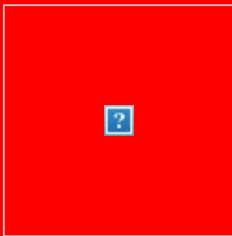
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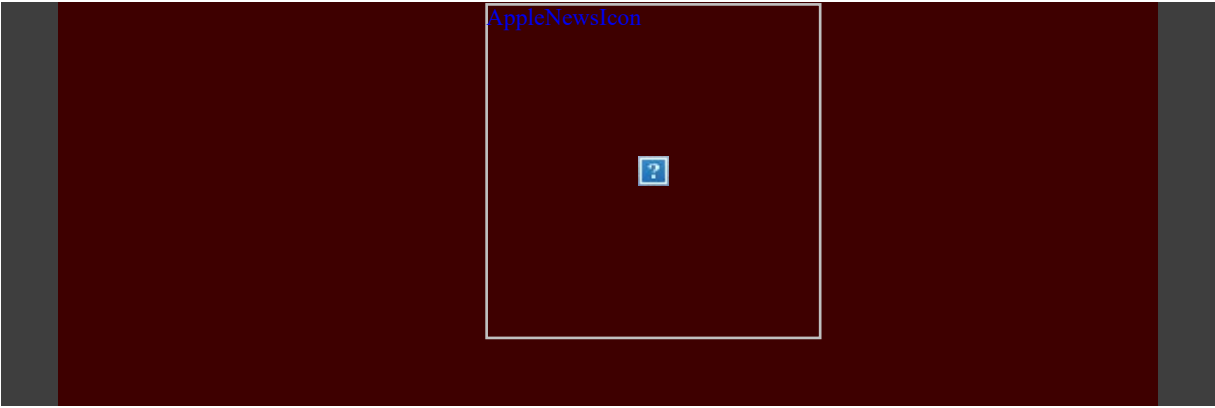
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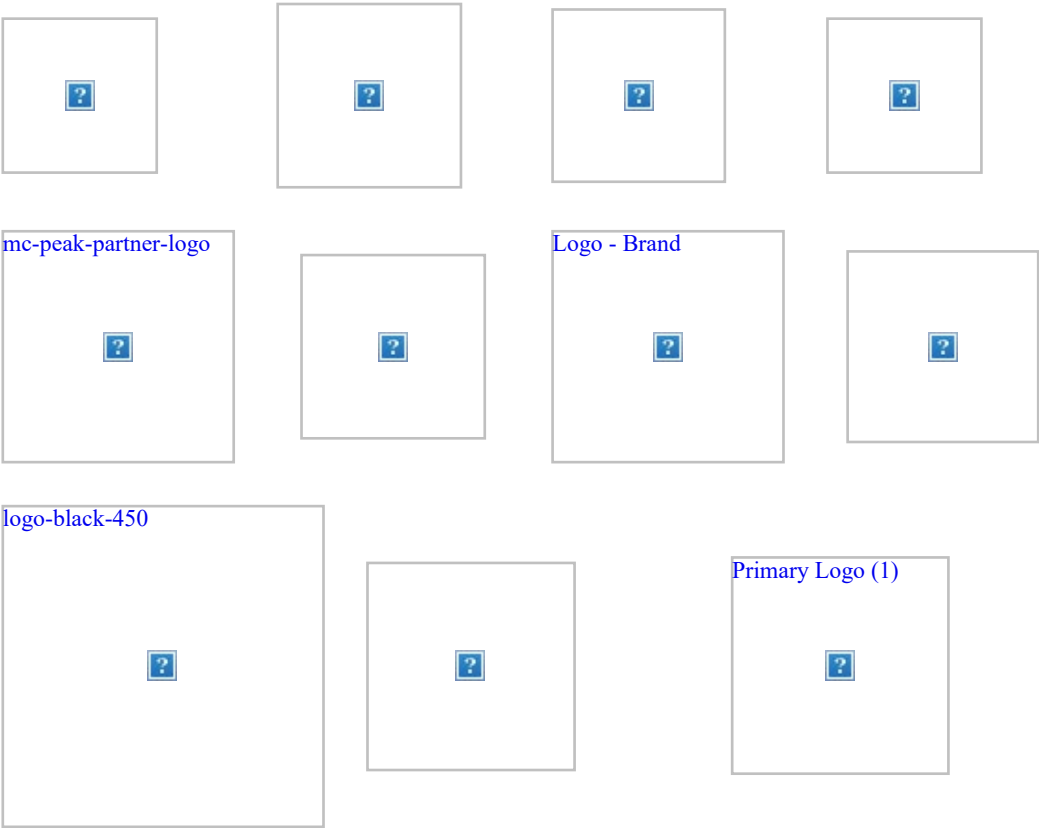
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NLC is conducting a brief survey to understand the ways cities are working to improve outcomes for children, youth and families. By participating, you will help NLC create a database of youth governance structures and allow us to provide resources and technical assistance to better support your work. [Learn more »](#)

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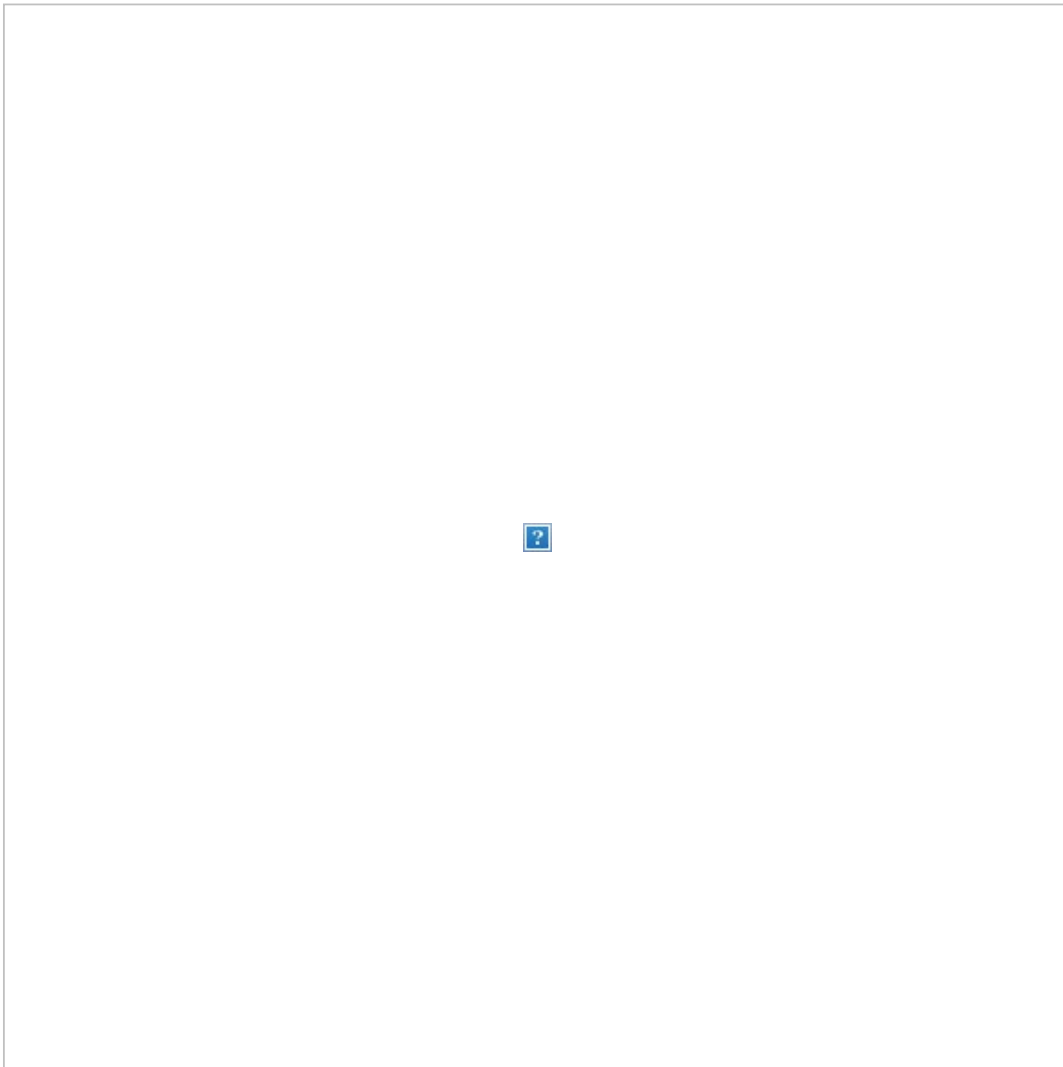
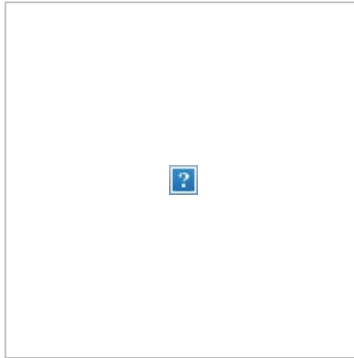
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EPA Announces \$7 Billion in Newly Available WIFIA Funding and Five New WIFIA Loan Approvals

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced \$6.5 billion in Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) funding available for water systems, with an additional \$550 million available to states. Interested entities can apply for this funding through a rolling application process. The agency is also announcing approval of five new WIFIA loans that will invest in critical water infrastructure projects in Texas, Illinois, Oregon, and Florida. EPA's WIFIA program provides a powerful financial tool that can significantly accelerate investments in water infrastructure to protect human health and the environment while saving communities millions of dollars.

"Modernizing and maintaining water infrastructure is essential to ensuring clean and safe water for all Americans and advancing EPA's Powering the Great American Comeback Initiative," *said EPA's Assistant Administrator for Water Jessica Kramer*. "EPA's WIFIA program provides a win-win for communities and American taxpayers. Communities use these competitive loans to upgrade water infrastructure to benefit residents and businesses while loan payments reimburse the U.S. Treasury."

Notices of Funding Availability

The first WIFIA Notice of Funding Availability was issued by the first Trump administration. EPA's 2025 funding initiates the 9th round of financing with \$6.5 billion available. Through a separate Notice of Funding Availability, \$550 million is available to State infrastructure financing authorities through the State WIFIA (SWIFIA) program. EPA is currently accepting letters of interest for both WIFIA and SWIFIA financing.

For this new round of funding, EPA has identified priority areas that will advance the agency's Powering the Great American Comeback Initiative, including:

- Ensuring safe drinking water and addressing pollution in our nation's waterbodies;
- Unleashing American energy dominance;
- Advancing cooperative federalism by supporting local, regional, and state water priorities;
- Supporting innovation in the water sector; and
- Promoting economic growth and furthering America's industrial resurgence.

Approved Loans

EPA is also announcing its approval of five loans that invest in water infrastructure projects that will benefit communities from coast to coast. The following loans have been approved, and EPA will work with the recipients to formally close loan agreements:

Fort Worth, Texas – A \$347 million loan will be used to upgrade wastewater collection and treatment and support beneficial water reuse. A newly designed and built water reclamation facility will meet the needs of a growing population while treating wastewater to be reused for industrial and irrigation purposes.

Pflugerville, Texas – A \$176 million WIFIA loan will support multiple projects modernizing drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in this growing city. Work will include design and construction of a new wastewater treatment plant, expansion and consolidation of wastewater collection systems, and water main rehabilitation. This is the second WIFIA loan to the City of Pflugerville

Joliet, Illinois – An \$87 million loan will help transition the city's drinking water supply from a stressed and unsustainable aquifer. Projects will include upgrading the distribution system to reduce water loss as the city prepares to begin using water from Lake Michigan. This is the third WIFIA loan for the City of Joliet under an agreement that will provide a total of \$395 million in financing.

Ashland, Oregon – A \$73 million WIFIA loan will help build a new drinking water treatment plant to provide a safer and more resilient supply of clean drinking water to this small, rural community.

Wilton Manors, Florida – A \$28 million WIFIA loan will reduce the risk of pipeline failures, minimize water loss, and improve system reliability, particularly during emergencies such as storm events. Projects include replacing water mains, rehabilitating and replacing wastewater lift

stations and force mains, and improving stormwater drainage systems.

Background

Established by the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, the **WIFIA program** is a federal loan program administered by EPA. The WIFIA program aims to accelerate investment in the nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental credit assistance for regionally and nationally significant projects. Through its flexible financing features and competitive interest rates, WIFIA helps communities save money. By partnering the WIFIA program's federal funding with state, local, and private investment, EPA accelerates water infrastructure investment worth billions of dollars.

The WIFIA program's rolling selection process allows a wide variety of borrowers from across the country to access WIFIA financing. For example, in the last round of funding, the WIFIA program selected two private entities and five small communities to submit loan applications. To date, EPA's WIFIA program has announced \$22 billion to help finance 141 projects across the country. These projects are creating over 160,000 jobs across the country.

Contact Information

General questions can be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division at 777-5985. The EPA contact for questions about WIFIA is Dallas Shattuck at 202-564-0972 or shattuck.dallas@epa.gov."

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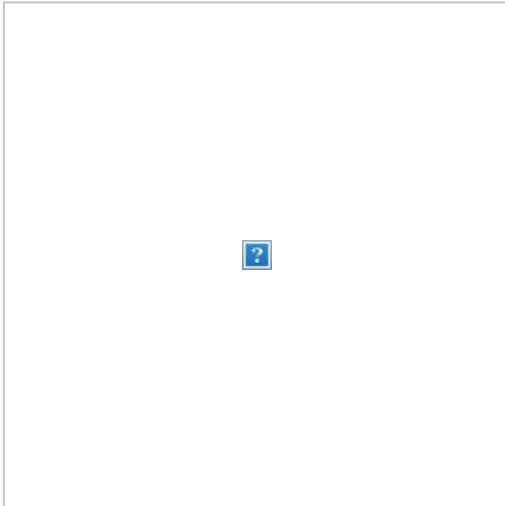


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“The Pass — it is always spoken of as The Pass — is never very far away from the thoughts of the inhabitants of the valley.”

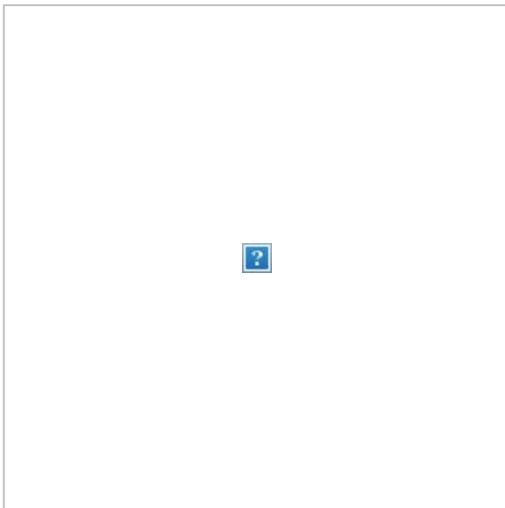
[Navigating Teton Pass](#) has been on the minds of locals as far back as the 1800s.

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TETON VILLAGE, Wyo. — And so the season begins! The slope of hope bore fruit and yesterday, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort (JHMR) opened for its 60th winter season. Buckrail photographer Nick Sulzer stopped [...]



[**TCSD seeks public input on district as part of superintendent search**](#)

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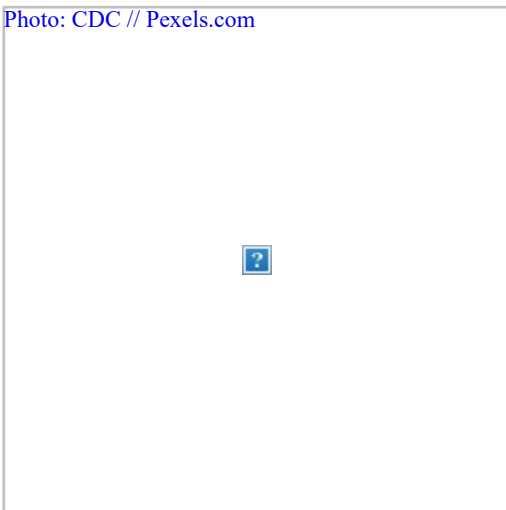
[**More films, more locations, more powerful stories – Jackson Hole International Film Festival returns**](#)

Jackson Hole International Film Festival returns from Dec. 11 through Dec. 14

Photo: Jackson Hole International Film Festival



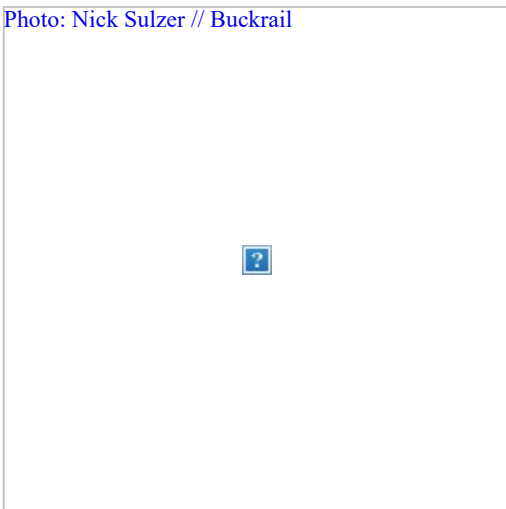
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TCHD to offer final flu and Covid-19 vaccine clinics of year

JACKSON, Wyo. — The Teton County Health Department (TCHD) will host two final walk-in clinics for Covid-19 and flu vaccines on Tuesday, Dec. 9, and Wednesday, Dec. 10, at its office on [...]

Photo: Nick Sulzer // Buckrail



Teton Pass has preoccupied Jackson Hole residents since 1800s

JACKSON, Wyo. — Teton Pass can be considered a current preoccupation for Jackson Hole residents due to the slick winter conditions and increasing traffic, but navigating that route has been on the [...]

Snowfall critical for local weasels

JACKSON, Wyo. — More snowfall is critical for local weasels, whose camouflage defense

Photo: Tyler Griffin



in the winter is dependent on a white, snowy landscape. While many animals in the area, from grizzly bears [...]

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TCHD to offer low to no-cost STI testing on Saturday

JACKSON, Wyo. — The Teton County Health Department's (TCHD) Sexual and Reproductive Health team is hosting a low to no-cost sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. [...]

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Wyo. receives \$348M to connect rural areas with high-speed internet

WYOMING — More of Wyoming will be able to access high-speed internet under a federal program that recently approved proposals from 29 states to expand broadband internet. A Tuesday press release from [...]

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Teen Takeover returns to The Center this Friday: “Glow in the Dark”

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26th Annual Avalanche Awareness Night returns to kick off Jackson’s Backcountry Season

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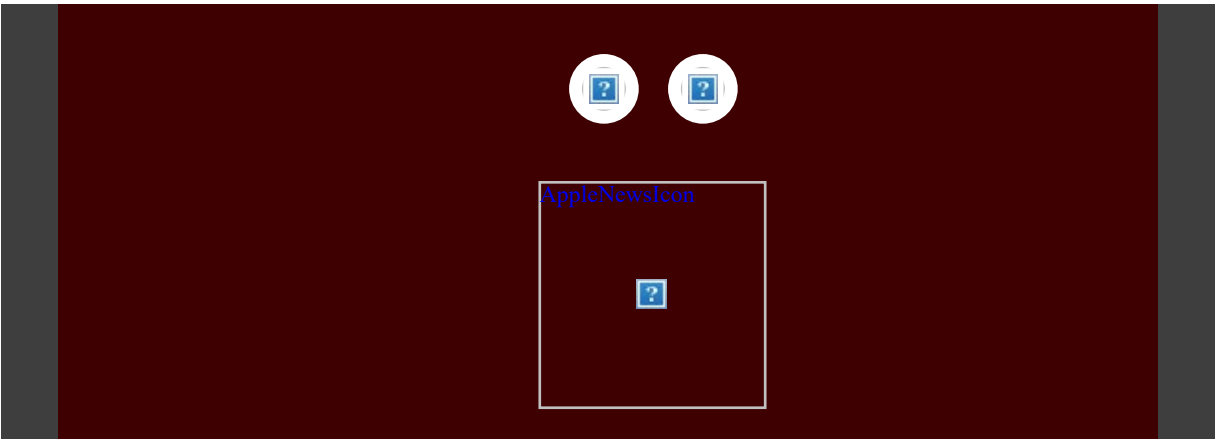
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For: Arne Jorgensen

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Community Entry Services Holiday Party

Saturday, December 20

6:00PM MST

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Jackson, WY 83001

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From: [Caroline Haines](#)
To: [Town Council](#); [Paul Anthony](#); [Tyler Sinclair](#)
Subject: Nelson Trailhead, more questions
Date: Friday, December 5, 2025 11:01:11 AM

Dear Town Council & Mayor Jorgensen:

Thank you for your continued research on the Nelson Trailhead Project; it deserves all the attention you can give. My questions remain sincere, and I hope you will consider actual answers.

Why isn't there an updated Impact Analysis (environmental or otherwise)?

Do you know how many square feet of housing have been added within ¼ mile of the proposed development since 2009? Where is the density analysis for the neighborhood?

Where does the USDA / Bridger Teton Forest Service say they approve of housing private sector employees on Public Land? Where do they acknowledge a development of 36 housing units?

Have you seen the Sept 24, 2025 Forest Service Memo? What other documents are available for review?

Should Arne recuse himself from decisions related to the Jackson Hole Housing Trust?

Could this handful of housing units the Town is considering be like that shiny object that is meant to be thoroughly scrutinized and also avoided?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Caroline Haines

From: [Jackson Hole Airport](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: DarkSky Celebration Event Reminder
Date: Friday, December 5, 2025 10:24:45 AM



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Hello!

This is a friendly reminder that the DarkSky Celebration Event will take place Tuesday, December 9 at 5:30pm at the Jackson Hole Airport.

Looking forward to seeing you!

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DarkSky Celebration Event

Hosted by Jackson Hole Airport

The program will include remarks from local leaders, a reception with light refreshments, and a guided stargazing experience. We look forward to honoring this milestone with you and celebrating the beauty of our shared night sky.

The event will take place in the airport's ticketing hall, near the security checkpoint. Please park in short or long term parking. Attendees will be provided with parking vouchers.



Tue. Dec. 9
5:30pm - 7:30pm MST

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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Cc: [Susan Scarlata](#)
Subject: FW: Join 550 Fellow Mayors to End Child Hunger!
Date: Friday, December 5, 2025 9:29:02 AM
Attachments: Mayors Alliance Invitation Letter_Jorgensen.pdf



Hi Mayor Jorgensen,

I hope you are doing well.

I am following up on our invitation for you to pledge to the [Mayors Alliance to End Childhood Hunger](#), a nonpartisan coalition of more than 560 mayors from across the country. These mayors, led by Mayor Mattie Parker of Fort Worth, TX (Chair), and Mayor Paige Cagnetti of Scranton, PA (Vice-Chair), are taking meaningful action to end child hunger in their communities, and we'd be grateful for your commitment.

Please join your fellow Wyoming mayors from Douglas and Rock Springs **in supporting the 1 in 5 kids facing hunger**.

We'd be grateful for your commitment, which can be easily done by completing this [form](#).

No membership dues are associated with the Mayors Alliance, and the time commitment to the Mayor's office is minimal yet high-impact on a solvable issue: ending child hunger.

If you have any questions about the Alliance, please contact me.

Best,
Aaron

AARON GOLDSTEIN
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From: Goldstein, Aaron <agoldstein@strength.org>
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Subject: Join 550 Fellow Mayors to End Child Hunger!

Dear Mayor Jorgensen,

I hope you are doing well.

On behalf of Mayor Mattie Parker, Fort Worth, TX (Chair), and Mayor Paige Cagnetti, Scranton, PA (Vice-Chair), the Mayors Alliance's leadership, we invite you to join the [Mayors Alliance to End Childhood Hunger](#), a partnership with more than 550 mayors from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. **Together, we have taken meaningful steps to combat childhood hunger in cities nationwide, and we invite you to [join us](#) in this important effort.** The Alliance offers tremendous resources and requires a minimal time commitment. It will make a difference on an issue that is solvable: childhood hunger.

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Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 5:22 PM

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Subject: Mike Yokel Thank you

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Dear Parks and Rec Advisory Board & Tyler, Town Council and County Commissioners,

I have been meaning to reach out and thank you all for partnering so well with the donors to have Mike Yokel Park updated with an amazing play structure! What a wonderful accomplishment!

All the best,

Diane McGee

Resident and Preschool Teacher whose students love it

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***"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind."* C.S. Lewis**

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Subject: Utah officials discuss national parks in closed-door meeting with feds
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Please see the press article and statements from Grand County UT.

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/environment/2025/12/04/utah-officials-discuss-national/>

<https://www.grandcountyutah.gov/1360/NPS-State-Gateway-Meeting>

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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: DC Climate Dispatch - What Climate Mayors Need to Know
Date: Friday, December 5, 2025 6:14:33 AM



DC Climate Dispatch

What Climate Mayors Need to Know

December 5th, 2025

Action Agenda

1. EPA Looks to Roll Back Air Pollution Standards for Soot

2. **Senate Releases Draft Funding Bill for DOE, Army Corps, and Bureau of Reclamation**
3. **EPA Proposes Roll Back Fuel Economy Standards**

News and Resources You Can Use

Congressional Support for EV Investment in Surface Transportation Reauthorization - Last week, 90 members of Congress joined a [statement](#) calling for the Senate Environment and Public Works and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committees to protect electric vehicle (EV) investments within the next Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill. In response, Climate Mayors released [this statement](#), praising the lawmakers for standing up for EV infrastructure. If you are interested in learning more about the Surface Transportation Reauthorization process, where negotiations stand in Congress, and how to elevate city priorities for transportation funding, you can watch our webinar recording [here](#), passcode: 1j@\$a8qE.

LIHEAP Funding Released for States: Last Friday, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHS) [released](#) \$3.6 billion of overdue funding to states for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to support households with their energy bills. States typically receive their federal LIHEAP allocations at the beginning of November, but were [met with delays](#) due to the record-breaking federal government shutdown. While the DHS has yet to issue a formal announcement that LIHEAP funding has resumed, agency officials had previously committed to working “swiftly” to administer the awards post-shutdown.

FEMA Review Council Public Meeting and Report Expected Next Week. The FEMA Review Council, a 13-member advisory committee chaired by Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, is [expected to present and vote on its long-awaited report during a public meeting](#) next Thursday, December 11. The report will provide recommendations for how President Trump should reform FEMA. The Review Council’s original draft report is said to have been [significantly altered by Secretary Noem’s office](#), including shortening the report from 100 pages to just 20 and substantively changing its recommendations. [Additional reporting has noted](#) that this altered version of the Review Council’s report may remove mention of disaster mitigation programs and recommend cutting preparedness dollars for local emergency management agencies.

- You can register to watch the two-hour council meeting virtually by sending an email to FEMAreviewcouncil@hq.dhs.gov; they will then respond with the meeting link. The meeting is scheduled for 1:00-3:00pm EST on Thursday, December 11.

EPA Looks to Roll Back Air Pollution Standards for Soot

What Happened: Last week, the EPA asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit [to strike down the stricter air pollution limits](#) that the Biden administration established on fine particulate matter, also known as PM2.5 or soot. These tiny toxic particles come from vehicle exhaust, power plants, and industrial sources and are known to cause respiratory problems, heart disease, and premature death — particularly in low-income communities and communities of color. Industry groups and Republican-led states had filed lawsuits against the EPA in March 2024, challenging

the stricter Biden-era limits. In its court filing from last week, the EPA under the Trump Administration is now reversing its position to side with the challengers, claiming that the Biden-era rule was done without proper procedure and is therefore unlawful. In other words, the EPA has asked to overturn its own rule. During the Biden administration, the [EPA had estimated](#) that this stricter standard would prevent 4,500 premature deaths and 290,000 lost workdays by 2032.

What Happens Next: The D.C. Circuit will now decide whether to grant EPA's motion to vacate the rule. EPA has requested that the court weigh in before February 7, 2026, when the agency is statutorily required to designate which geographic areas in the U.S. do not meet the Biden-era soot standards and must therefore take actions to improve air quality. If the court approves EPA's request to vacate the rule, then the air pollution limits for soot will revert back to what was established in 2012 under the Obama administration. If the court denies EPA's request to vacate, then the decision could be appealed up to the Supreme Court. The EPA could also choose to roll back the stricter standards for soot through a new rulemaking process with public comment.

What Should Mayors Do: Mayors are uniquely positioned to speak out against the EPA's effort to weaken these life-saving air quality standards and the impacts on both public health and the climate (see messaging toolkit below). There are also actions that mayors can take to further protect their residents from soot pollution in the event of federal deregulation. While cities cannot set their own air quality standards for pollutants like soot, they do have the ability to reduce residents' exposure to these pollutants through land-use controls such as zoning codes and permit requirements. Additionally, investing in clean energy and reducing reliance on polluting fossil fuels can deliver immediate health benefits for residents while supporting climate commitments. In the absence of robust and enforced federal air quality standards, these local strategies become even more important.

For example, [Chicago's Air Quality Ordinance](#), adopted in March 2021, protects residents from air pollution like soot by regulating the construction and expansion of industrial facilities and manufacturing operations. The ordinance requires site plan review and approval by multiple city departments and changes the city's zoning code to ensure that industrial and manufacturing sites remain sufficiently separated from residences and small businesses.

- **Messaging Toolkit:** [PDF](#) | [Word](#)
- [Statement from Clean Air Task Force](#)

Senate Releases Draft Funding Bill for DOE, Army Corps, and Bureau of Reclamation

What Happened: Last week, Senate Republican appropriators [released their draft](#) of the FY26 Energy and Water appropriations bill to fund the Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps), and the Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). The Senate bill would reduce the combined funding for these agencies by 1.1% – making it the only Senate FY26 appropriations bill to date that would reduce federal spending compared to current levels.

Among other provisions, the Senate FY26 Energy and Water bill would:

- **Increase funding for weatherization assistance.** The bill would increase funding for the

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) by \$9 million over FY25 levels to a total of \$335 million. Notably, the House proposed funding WAP at only \$180 million.

- **Cut funding for renewable energy.** The Senate bill would reduce DOE's overall budget by nearly \$600 million compared to FY25, with most of that money coming from cuts to DOE renewable energy and grid infrastructure programs.
- **Maintain funding for nuclear energy.** DOE's nuclear energy program would receive \$1.69 billion, roughly the same amount it has received each of the past two fiscal years.
- **Boost funding for Army Corps projects.** The Army Corps would receive \$9.79 billion through the Senate's FY26 Energy and Water bill, an increase of more than \$1 billion. The bill includes funding some projects related to flood risk reduction, dam safety, ecosystem restoration, and emergency response.
- **Favor Western water supply projects over ecosystem restoration.** BOR would see an over 15 percent reduction in its total funding compared to FY25, with most of the cuts coming from its fish and wildlife and habitat restoration programs.
- **Establish guardrails around grant terminations.** The Senate Energy and Water committee [included language](#) that, if enacted, would require the Trump administration to notify Congress at least 120 days before terminating a DOE, Army Corps, or BOR grant; it would also require the Administration to work with grantees for at least 90 of those days to rescope the work being funded, if that is what is motivating the termination. These notification requirements would **retroactively apply** to DOE, Army Corps, and BOR projects funded by previous appropriations bills and by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). It is unclear how this language would be enforced by Congress, should it become law in a final appropriations bill.

What Happens Next: As is the case for all the outstanding FY26 appropriations bills, the Senate's version of the FY26 Energy and Water bill will have to be reconciled with the House's version, which passed in July. Generally speaking, the FY26 House appropriations bills look to cut federal funding for critical climate, clean energy, and energy efficiency programs to a greater extent than the Senate FY26 appropriations bills. The two chambers will have to reach a compromise on and pass these appropriations bills by January 30, 2026; otherwise, they will need to enact another short-term, stop-gap funding measure to prevent the federal government from shutting down again.

What Should Mayors Do: Between now and January 30, mayors should double down on their engagement with their Congressional delegations to advocate for their federal funding priorities. This narrow window of time is critical, as the Senate and House will be working quickly and largely behind closed doors to arrive at final funding decisions. When making the case for robust FY26 appropriations levels, mayors should provide concrete examples of how federal funding has delivered critical benefits to their cities and its residents, such as energy affordability, job creation, public safety, and resilience. Resources that can support this Congressional engagement are below:

- [Climate Mayors Letter to Congress with FY26 Appropriations Priorities](#)
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Talking Points on Priority Programs for FY26 Appropriations: [PDF](#) | [Google Doc](#)

DOT Proposes Roll Back Fuel Economy Standards

What Happened: Earlier this week, the Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a proposed rulemaking that would dramatically weaken federal fuel economy standards for new cars and trucks. Under the current CAFE standards, finalized by the Biden administration in June 2024, automakers are required to achieve an average fuel efficiency of 50.4 miles per gallon by model year 2031; the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has estimated that the Biden-era standards would save Americans \$23 billion in fuel costs and prevent more than 710 million metric tons of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere by 2050 — the equivalent of taking 165,000 cars off the roads. The Trump administration's proposal would repeal these existing CAFE standards and instead require automakers to hit an average of 34.5 miles per gallon by model year 2031.

This proposed rule from DOT is the latest in a string of attacks by the Trump administration on electric vehicles and clean transportation. Earlier this year, President Trump signed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which sunsetted the tax credits for electric vehicles and eliminated fines for automakers that fail to comply with federal fuel economy standards.

What Happens Next: DOT is soliciting public comment on its proposed rule for weaker fuel economy standards over the next 45 days and will then work to finalize the rule in 2026.

What Should Mayors Do: Mayors can speak out against the Trump administration's attack on federal fuel economy standards and how it stands to impact your residents. If your city is interested in submitting a public comment in response to the DOT proposed rule, please reach out to Laura Jay (laura@climate-mayors.org).

- [Climate Mayors statement](#)
- [Clean Vehicles Campaign Talking Points and Toolkit](#)

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Let's have our own Town Hall!

The vote is December 15th, so I am throwing this together at the last minute! I will share more details in a few days.

In the meantime:

What we've been told:

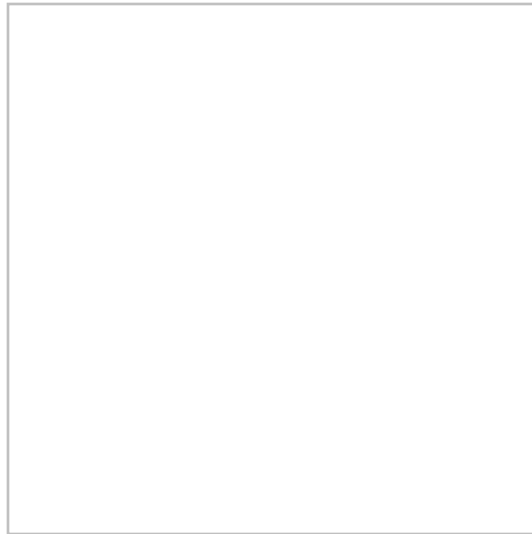
The Town of Jackson is considering a \$4 million investment to get first right of refusal on RENTALS for 6 units for town employees over the next 30 years. We are told this will secure the rents at half price.

(insert cheers!)

What's the problem?

1. Do we want to start grabbing federal land all around us to house members of the community? The Teton County Housing Authority *overcame* (wink wink) a few rules to build housing on public land at the Teton County Fairgrounds. Is this now a slippery slope? What's the next piece of land on the housing chopping block? The Kelly Parcel? I thought the community decided to protect that from housing.....oh wait.....
2. Is the Town possibly annexing the land so we can kick in on water and sewage? I thought we couldn't water our grass this past summer....

For real: in support of the SPET's \$10 million for town employees, why not buy 6 units for \$4 million that the Town can keep forever? Asking for a friend...



The Biggest Red Flags:

Seemingly, there has been NO public meeting on this for 16 years, until three days ago at the Town Council meeting when people were given a couple of minutes for public comment. Details on this further down.

We were told by the forest service and housing trust that there would be no public comment once this plan resurfaced. You just live here.

Here we are again with no transparency or oversight.

What I am feverishly working on ahead of our Town Hall:

It seems 13 UNITS were approved back in the day **FOR FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES**. This jumped to **14 UNITS** this past September.

Wait a minute. How are we talking about **14 BUILDINGS** and **36 UNITS** all of a sudden?

Also, what authority does the USFS have to allow members of the community to go live on forest service land?

I THOUGHT IT WAS PROTECTED FOREVER, DESPITE A HOUSING CRUNCH.

Some good news!

I HAVE MULTIPLE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS working on these answers for us, and I do not know what the verdict will be, but at least we will be officially informed about what's happening.

I am also looking for one of two EXPERTS who do NOT work for the interested parties to speak at our Town Hall. I have some information to bring forth, but I do not need to be the featured entertainment. I'll just handle the event planning and pay the bill.

Please send me your suggestions on valuable and knowledgeable residents to help us become further enlightened.
We will end with a Q & A.

ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE SINCERELY INVITED!

And if you are IN SUPPORT of this project, of course you are welcome, too!

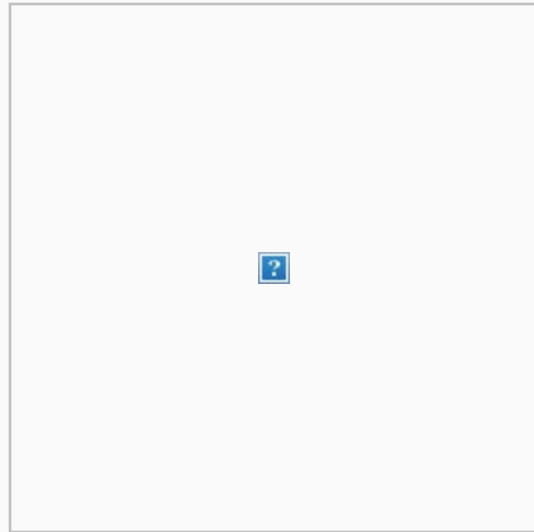
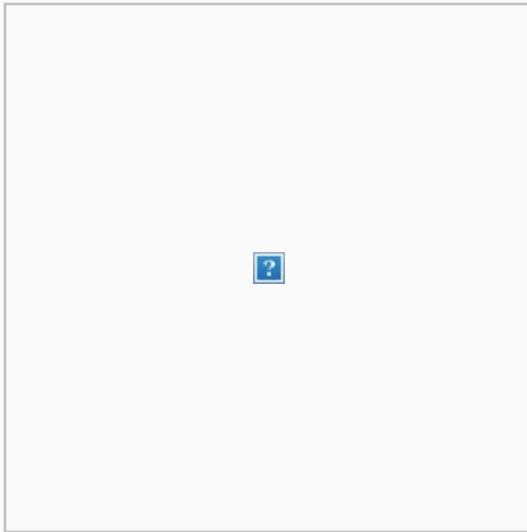
Otherwise, same deal as last time:

Non-partisan event, delicious Creekside Deli sammies and snacks,

**LET'S GET THE FACTS OUT THERE SO WE CAN UNDERSTAND
WHAT IS HAPPENING AND POSSIBLY PULL THE PLUG IF THAT
IS WHAT THE COMMUNITY WANTS!**

SPREAD THE WORD!

PS - Below is the best summary I have seen of the current run of events. Please click the images to enlarge.



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Today's news is brought to you by the [Jackson Hole Ski & Snowboard Club](#).

"The Teton County Commissioners recently spoke with WYDOT about clearing the right-of-way, due to public concern about rising [moose-vehicle collisions](#),"

Crews will be clearing vegetation along Village Road starting Dec. 4

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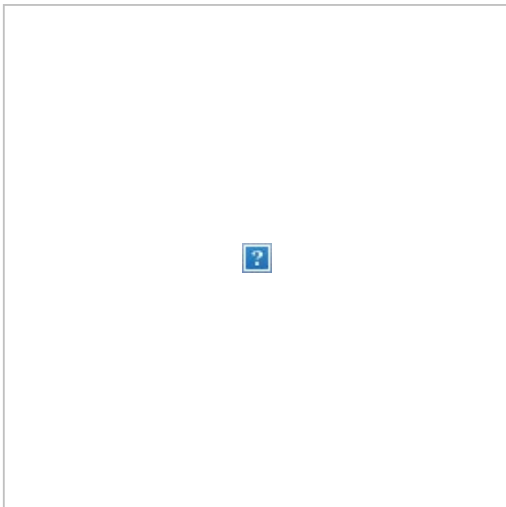
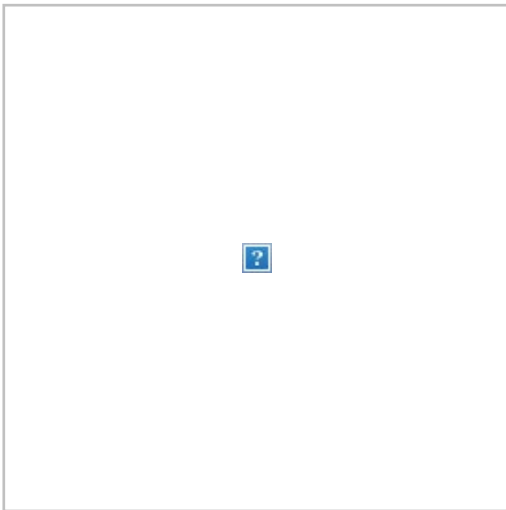
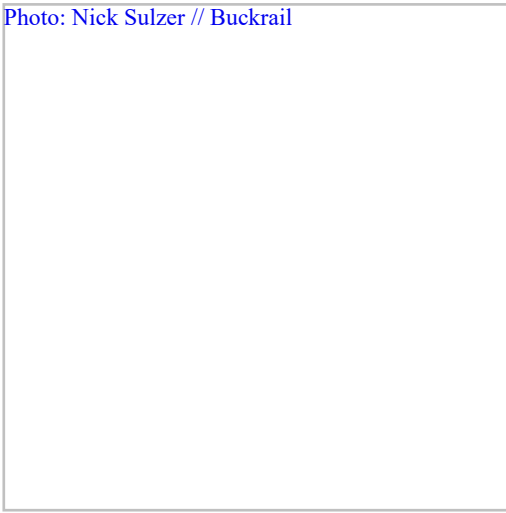
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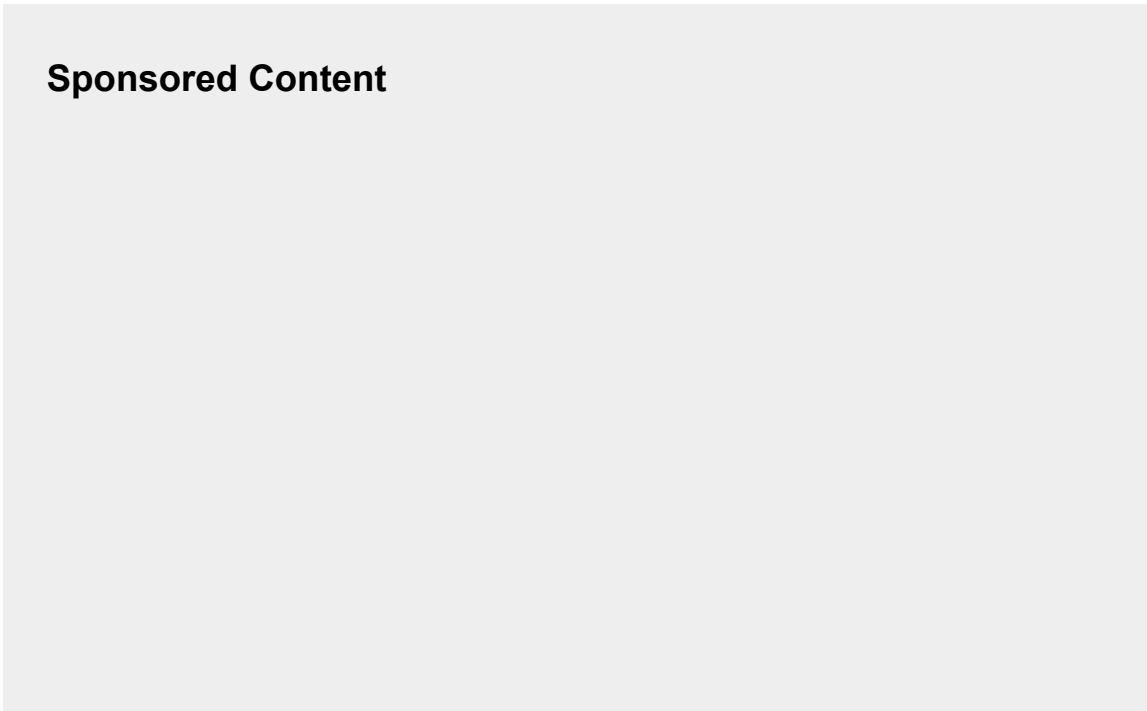
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26th Annual Avalanche Awareness Night returns to kick off Jackson's Backcountry Season

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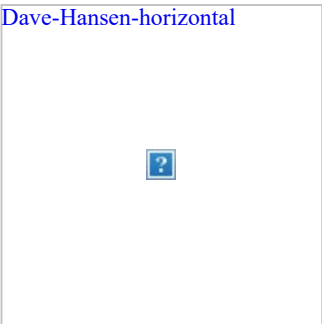
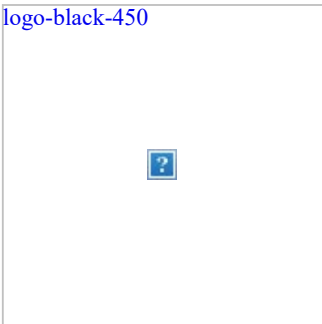
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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Chuck Gilmore Email Arne Jorgensen
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 10:58:31 AM



Email Arne Jorgensen

Email Content:

Dear Mayor,

I would like to share a tale with ya'll that resulted in a "Life time Ban" from Jackson Hole.

In the summer of 1976 we took a road trip from Dallas Texas to Anchorage Alaska to visit relatives. We hit every site on the way. One stop was Jackson Hole. We spent the night in town at a hotel and had a rafting trip planned the following day. Our dad warned us to be back at the hotel by 11:00 am sharp or we would miss the rafting trip, do not be late.

Here in lies the Story. My older brother wanted to walk to the ski lift where we could ride up to an observatory and see the vast beauty of Jackson and the surrounding valley. We boarded the Ski lift and off we went. As each telephone pole would come close, my brother would kick it. The lift would stop and we laughed loudly. As the lift would steady we would make our way on up the mountain. Each pole passing resulted in the same results. So as this was happening, I'm getting concerned of the time it's taken. As we approached somewhere around the half way point, and time was ticking away we came to a wooden ramp where skiers could get off I presume. I jumped off there as the lift was moving and it kept rising my brother then jumped as well. We started quickly running down the hillside with time against us. As we got to the bottom of the run the ski lift operator stopped us. He was not happy with us at all. We tried to explain that we were going to be late to our rafting trip and it was taking too long to reach the observatory. At this point he told us the delay was caused by our actions and each pole we kicked he had to stop the lift for safety reasons, "we could have killed everyone" he informed us. The verdict was issued, He shouted at us that we were "banned for life to return to Jackson Hole", I could hear this as I started to sprint back to the hotel. The thought of missing the raft trip and my fathers words of "don't dilly around and be late" were more on my mind than the operators harsh words at that time. We did make it back just in time to load up and head to the river for the raft trip. As the years have past and and I have grown up, children of my own, I now see the Operators concerns and that he was responsible for the riders safety on the lift, he was well in his rights to issue the ban. Thankfully no one was hurt by our careless actions and time has moved on.

When I run across anyone that has visited Jackson Hole, I tell the story, laugh and say that they may have a Age Progression poster there to make sure we never return.

So, as fifty year Anniversary approaches the lifetime ban, I ask for forgiveness and hope that the council could approve the lifting of the Ban, and I could come to visit ya'll's town and with respect of the rules and safety, I would love to finally make it to the mountain top to see all the of its beauty. I can assure you I'm too old to jump off at the halfway point.

Best wishes,

Chuck Gilmore

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From: [Scott Steen](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Re: Would you be willing to meet with me sometime about Slow Food?
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 10:14:48 AM



Hi Arne,

Thanks for your willingness to chat! I'll give you a call next week if that's okay.
I'd also be happy to go on a neighborhood dog walk if that worked for you. Meeting in person is great if it aligns.

Best,
Scott

On Oct 8, 2025, at 3:09 PM, Scott Steen <tetonslowfood@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Arne,

I'm reaching out to see if you'd be willing to find time for a call, coffee or neighborhood walk to chat a bit about an opportunity that has come up for Slow Food.

Do any of these times work?

Friday 10/10 at noon or 3pm

Tuesday 10/14 between 9am and 1pm

Wednesday 10/15 between 9am and noon

Or most any evening after work for a walk is good

Thanks
Scott

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Scott Steen
Executive Director
Slow Food in the Tetons
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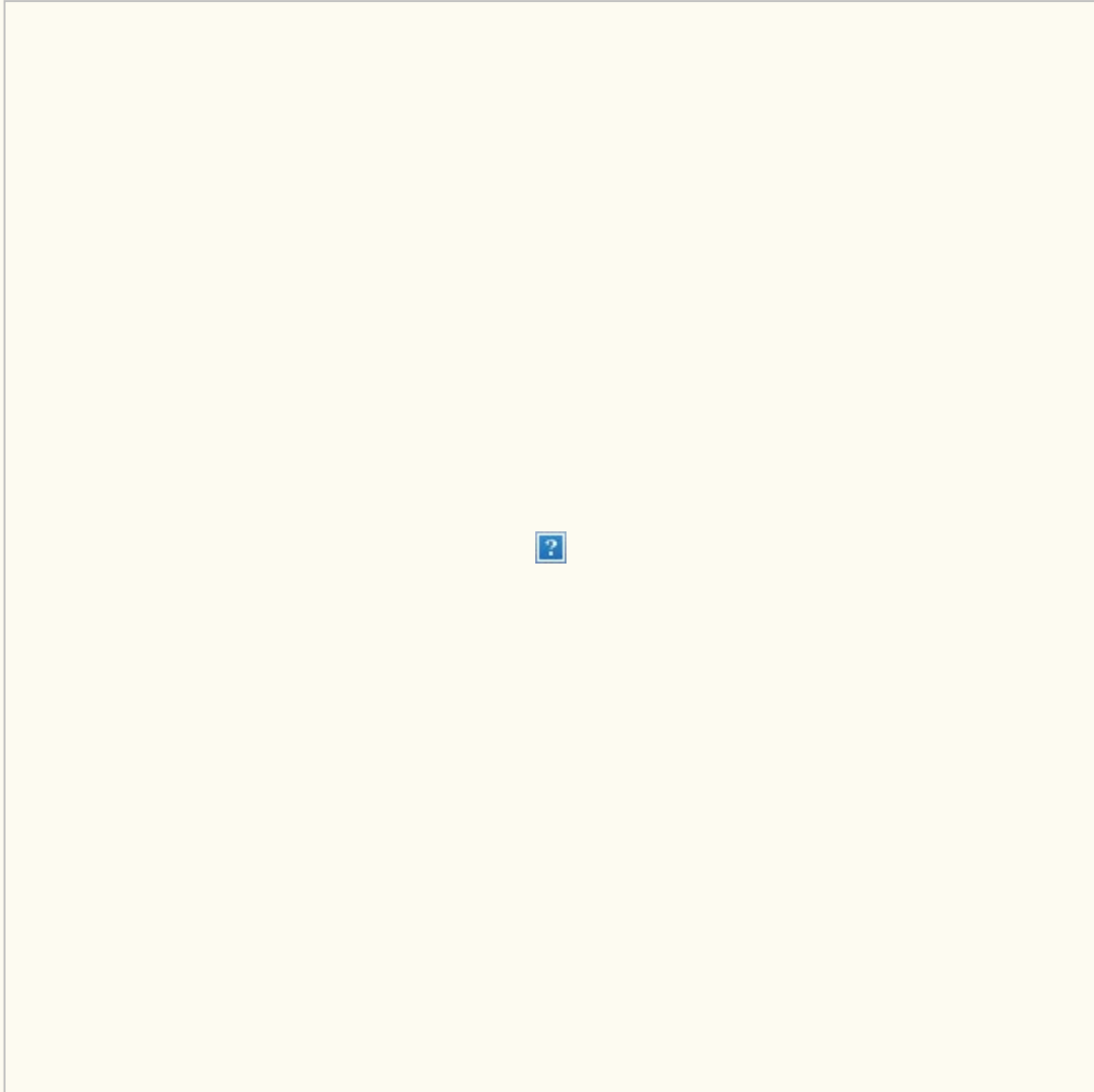


From: [Wyoming Arts Council](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Wyoming Arts Council's December News & Updates
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 9:15:03 AM



An email update from the Wyoming Arts Council.

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Save the Date: 2026 Governor's Arts Awards



Mark your calendars for the 2026 Governor's Arts Awards, taking place Feb. 27, 2026, in Cheyenne. Join us for an evening celebrating outstanding contributions to the arts in Wyoming. Recipient and ticket announcements will be shared soon, but for now, save the date and stay tuned for more details.



2026 Wyoming Road Trip Playlist Call Opens Monday, Dec. 8



Get your tracks ready! Submissions for the 2026 Wyoming Road Trip Playlist open Monday, Dec. 8. Wyoming-based musicians and podcasters are invited to submit original songs and podcast episodes for consideration in this annual Spotify playlist, promoted at museums, State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails, and events across the state.

The call will remain open through Jan. 26. Full details and the submission link will be available on the Wyoming Arts Council's [Submittable](#) page starting Dec. 8.



New Art in Public Buildings Selections

Announced



Three new artworks have been selected for upcoming Art in Public Buildings installations in Sheridan, Jackson, and Rock Springs. Each project's artwork was chosen by a committee of local community members and project stakeholders. The Wyoming Arts Council administers and coordinates the program, while selection decisions are made by the committees unique to each project.

- **Wyoming Girls' School, Sheridan – Ashley Hope Carlisle (Laramie)**
Carlisle's "*Seeds of Possibility*" sculpture and mural "*The Secret Life of a Seed*" draw on botanical illustration and themes of growth. Seed forms appear to drift through the space, symbolizing the students and their

potential.

- **Central Wyoming College Jackson Center, Jackson – Ben Roth (Jackson Hole)**

Roth's suspended sculpture "*TumbleWhale*" references Wyoming's prehistoric oceans. Crafted from locally collected tumbleweeds, the work blends natural history with an iconic symbol of the West.

- **Western Wyoming College Health Science Wing, Rock Springs – Alexander Bond (Mancos, Colo.)**

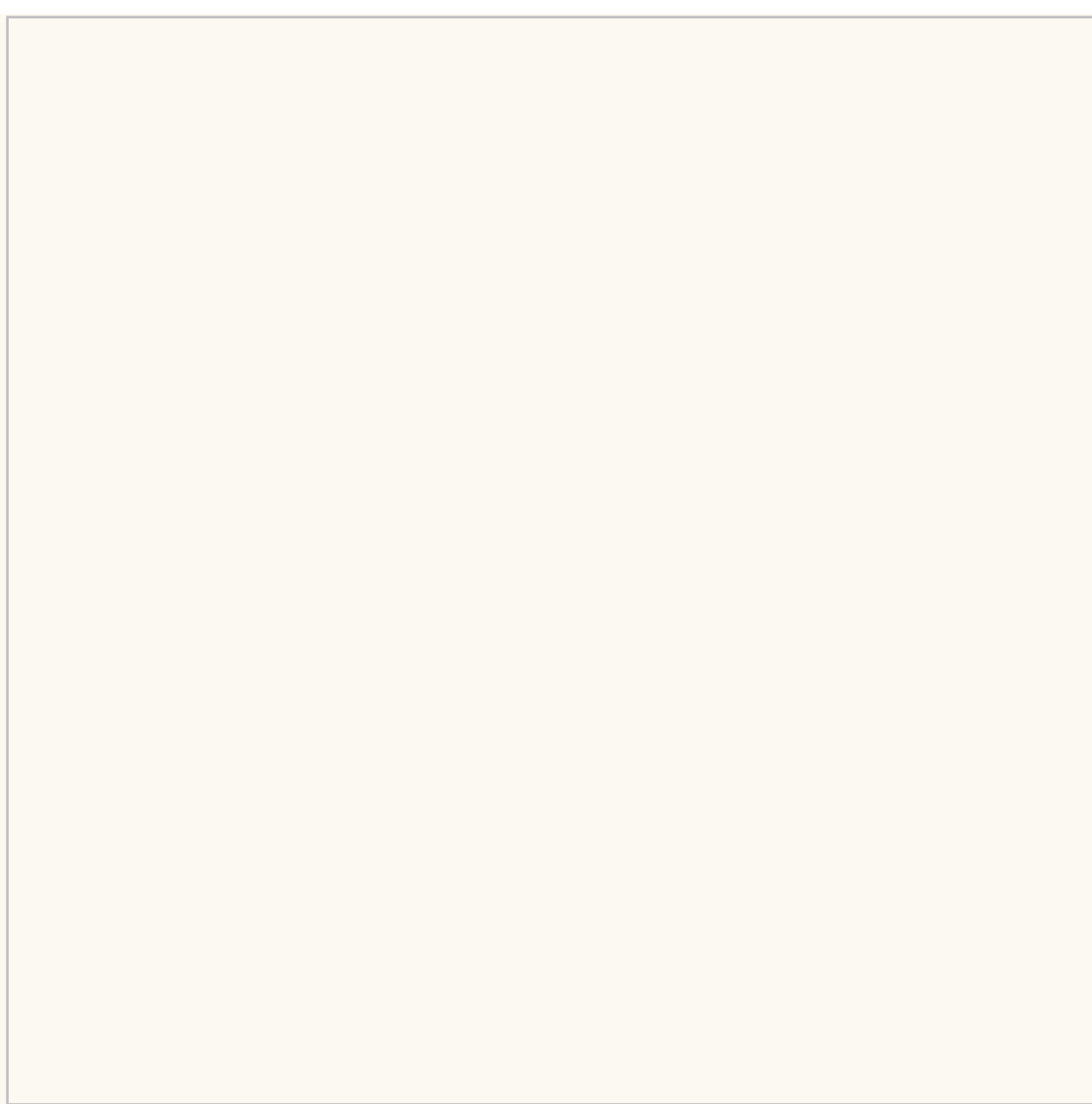
Bond's metal sculpture "*Telophase*" uses recycled materials to depict cell division as a metaphor for expanding knowledge and community. Its large scale invites viewers to consider the rhythms and patterns found in everyday life.

Since 1991, the Art in Public Buildings program has placed more than 200 artworks in public facilities across Wyoming.

Learn more about these projects on our [website](#).



Aubrey Edwards Selected for Inaugural National Arts Futures Fellowship



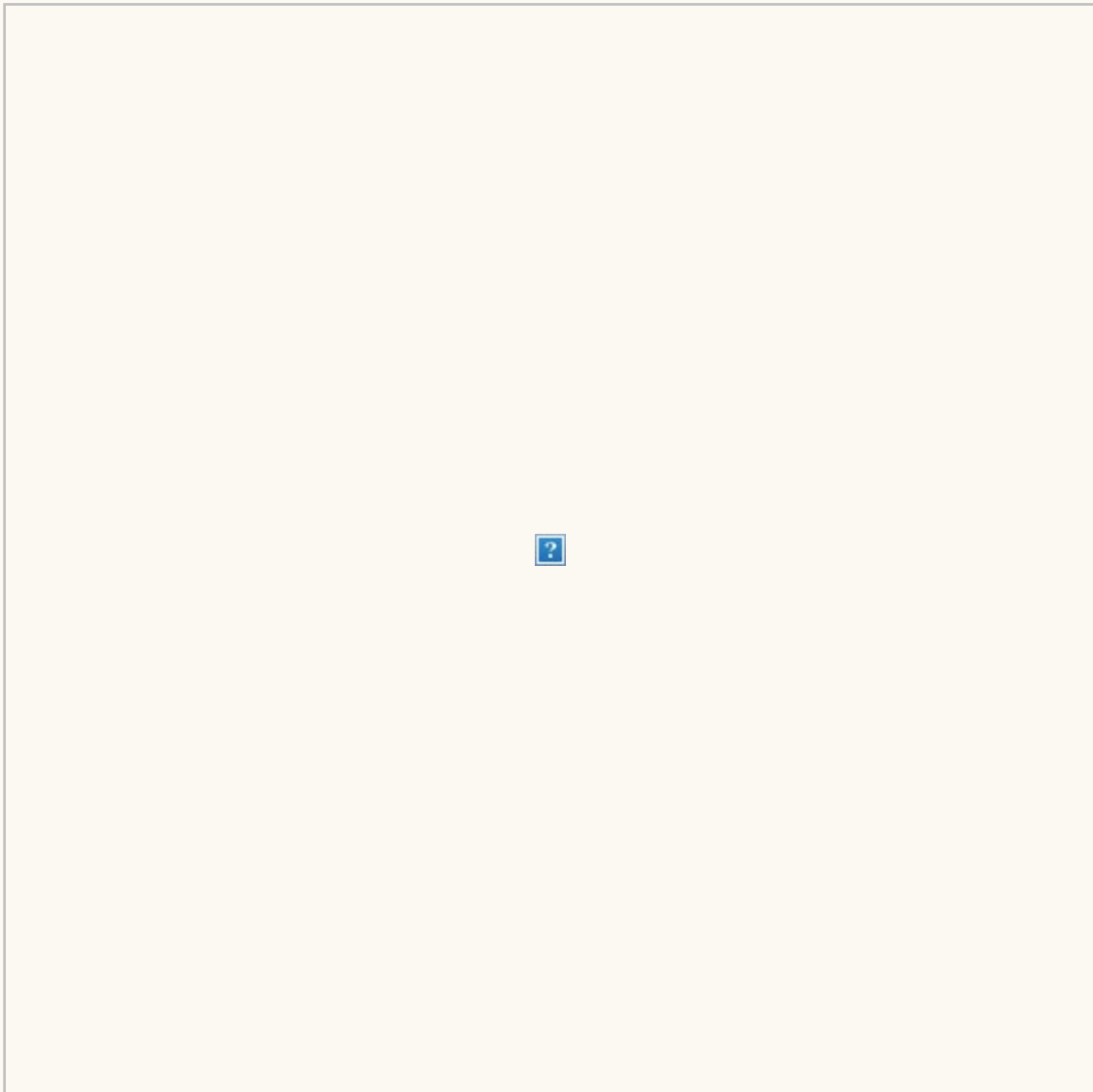
Creative West, in partnership with South Arts, has announced the inaugural cohort of National Arts Futures Fellows, and Wyoming photographer and storyteller Aubrey Edwards (Laramie, WY) has been selected to represent the state. Join us in congratulating her on this exciting recognition.

This new national program honors early- and mid-career leaders in the arts and culture field who are dedicated to building a more just, inclusive, and vibrant creative ecosystem. Fellows will participate in yearlong mentorship, networking, and professional development opportunities designed to strengthen their work and amplify their impact.

Learn more about the fellowship and the full list of recipients at wearecreativewest.org.



Tunes on the Trail to Return in 2026



Get ready for another summer of live music in Wyoming's state parks—Tunes on the Trail returns in 2026. The call for musicians will open Monday, Dec. 16, and all artists interested in performing will need to apply through the Wyoming Arts Council's [Submittable](#) portal. Full details and the application link will be available when the call opens.



Arts for All Grants Awarded in Teton County

A total of \$47,000 in Arts for All funding from Teton County and the Town of Jackson has been awarded to 20 local arts and culture organizations and two individual artists. These grants support projects that expand access to the arts, enhance arts education, foster new creative work, and provide operating assistance for organizations serving the Jackson community.

The grant process was facilitated by [JH Public Art](#), with awards selected by a panel of local community members representing diverse artistic and cultural experience.

- Alice Pang
- Art Association of Jackson Hole
- Community Center for the Arts
- Coombs Outdoors
- Dancers' Workshop
- Grand Teton Music Festival
- Jackson Hole Chorale
- Jackson Hole Community Radio
- Jackson Hole Pride
- Jackson Hole Writers
- Laff Staff
- Lina Collado Garcia
- MusicLand
- National Museum of Wildlife Art
- Off Square Theatre
- pARTners
- People Spread Love
- Riot Act
- Teton Artlab
- Teton Music School



Current National Funding Opportunities for Artists and Organizations

Creative West and the National Endowment for the Arts have several exciting funding opportunities now open to support arts, culture, and community connection across the region:

- **Living Traditions: Folk Art and Beyond Grant** — This program celebrates and invests in the folk arts and cultural practices that connect and sustain communities across the Creative West region. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through June 30, 2026, or until all funds are awarded. [Learn more.](#)
- **Access: An Accommodations Program for Organizations Grant** — Now open to current Creative West grantee organizations (funded between Oct. 1, 2025, and Sept. 30, 2026). This program supports efforts to make arts and cultural programming more inclusive for people with disabilities. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through June 30, 2026. [Learn more.](#)
- **2026–27 NEA Big Read: Celebrating America250** — Matching grants of up to \$20,000 are available for community-wide reading programs that explore American history, culture, and resilience. Intent to Apply due Jan. 15, 2026; applications close Jan. 29, 2026. Funded programs will take place Sept. 2026–June 2027. [Learn more](#)



Artist Residency and Fellowship Opportunities

Ucross Fall 2026 Artist Residency (Ucross, WY)

Deadline to Apply: Jan. 15, 2026

[View details here](#)

Ucross Fall 2026 Native American Fellowships (Ucross, WY)

Deadline to Apply: Jan. 15, 2026

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2026/2027 Open Air Artist Residencies (Montana)

Deadline to Apply: Dec. 17, 2025

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Career Opportunities

Marketing & Sales Associate and Patron Services & Development Operations Associate • Grand Teton Music Festival (Jackson, WY)

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Jentel Artist Residency Manager • UW's Neltje Center for Excellence in Creativity and the Arts (Sheridan, WY)

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Sugden Chief Curator of Education, Associate Curator of Education and Outreach, and Chief Curator of Art • National Museum of Wildlife Art (Jackson, WY)

[View job listings here](#)



Calls For Art and RFQs

WyoPoets' Eugene V. Shea National Poetry Contest (Wyoming)

Contest closes: Dec. 31, 2025

[View the details here](#)

Jackson Hole Still Works' Spirit of Wyoming 2026 Bottle Label Art Contest (Jackson, WY)

Call closes: Jan. 12, 2026

[View the call here](#)

2026 WYO Film Festival (Sheridan, WY)

Early bird call closes: Jan. 5, 2026

[View the call here](#)

18th & Empire Avenue Roundabout (Bend, OR)

Call closes: Jan. 12, 2026

[View the call here](#)

Hobo Hot Springs Mural (Saratoga, WY)

Call closes: Jan. 30, 2026

[View the call here](#)

Artemisia Tridentata From Rugged Soil (Austin, TX)

Call closes: Feb. 1, 2026

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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Housing Perspectives: Building Missing Middle Housing: Six Actions Massachusetts Can Take Beyond Policy Reform
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 9:07:34 AM



Housing Perspectives

Building Missing Middle Housing: Six Actions Massachusetts Can Take Beyond Policy Reform



Thursday, December 4, 2025 | Amy Love Tomasso

Missing middle housing such as duplexes, triplexes, and small multifamily buildings once formed the backbone of many Massachusetts communities. Today, this scale of housing—viewed as one solution to the current housing crisis—is effectively absent from the new construction market. As [Part 1](#) of my paper series “Unlocking the Missing Middle” explored, this is largely due to local zoning’s power to limit medium-density housing—and along with it, economies of scale ranging from construction efficiencies to financing products....

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Jonathan Schechter](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Email Jonathan Schechter
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 8:57:46 AM



Email Jonathan Schechter

Email Content: Hello Mr. Schechter.

I am writing today because of my idol curiosity in the Virginian Plan, and all attempts at affordable housing. As a statistics guy, I am somewhat surprised that you have not considered the opposite approach when analyzing the financial issues of affordable housing and the attempts to re-develop the RV park.

Our history with Cottonwood Park and Blair Place taught us many things. What set our projects apart from others is that A) we self-financed B) we already owned the land for over 50 years C) we were our own builder and D) we were our own management company. These are all significant factors in considering the ability to develop and sustain a rental property.

Using our decades of experience with Blair Place, let me provide some math to address the affordable rent topic. By using numbers from Blair Place as a model, I believe it will provide insight to the root issues. Blair Place was about 350,000 sf in total across 294 units. Over the years of construction, we averaged around \$85 per square foot to build the buildings -- a number that is far out of reach today. To build Blair Place again using today's estimates it would cost \$105 million. With additional development, planning, design, approval, and infrastructure costs, total costs would be around \$108 million. This does NOT include any costs for the land.

While I don't know the proposed development partner for the RV park, I find it unlikely they will build and operate the project for free or at a loss. I suspect their investment strategy is similar to any other and are seeking a net return of their investments. For the purposes of this discussion, I will use a low number of 4.5%. Therefore, annual target Net Income before taxes would need to be \$4,860,000.

Meanwhile, operating expenses, management fees, and capital improvement reserves will likely consume 34% of gross income.

I am assuming the RV park project would be exempt from property taxes.

Using some 8th grade algebra on the above numbers determines

that annual gross income to support investment and operating expenses to be \$7,363,636, or \$2,087 per rental unit. And that is on the highly conservative side.

A more realistic number based on a 7% ROI yields \$3,247 per unit.

My point is that the only three variables that can control the monthly rent amount are A) the size of the unit (a.k.a. livability) B) the quality of the unit (a.k.a. cost per sq foot) and C) sustainable ROI.

Without huge sacrifices to each of those items, I don't see how you can reach the stated target rent rates and still have a project that is desirable.

Anyway, this advice it worth exactly how much you have paid for!

Happy to discuss more if you would like.

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From: [Daryl Peightal](#)
To: [Anne Hayden](#); [Jonathan Schechter](#)
Subject: Re: Online Form Submittal: Email the Town Council
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 7:14:08 PM



We own a rental property on Cache creek dr. Near snow king (but further from the forest than this project) & were told if we were not grandfathered into our policy, it would be uninsurable because of forest fire risk.

Good to know there are companies out there that will. Would love to know who it is.

Thanks, Anne.

From: Anne <anne@housingtrustjh.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 3:42 PM
To: Jonathan Schechter <JSchechter@jacksonwy.gov>
Cc: dmpeightal@hotmail.com <dmpeightal@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Online Form Submittal: Email the Town Council

Daryl and Jonathan,

To answer your questions- if a town employee does not exercise the opportunity to rent a unit, CHT will lease the unit to a qualified applicant on the CHT waiting list and the next available rental opportunity will be presented to a TOJ employee. Based on our turnover at Redmond Street Rentals we expect that 4-6 units will turnover per year.

We will absolutely have insurance. We could not get financing without it. Moreover, all materials are WUI complaint (the siding, roofing, decking, joists etc).

Keep the questions coming,

Anne

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 2:13 PM

To: Town Council <electedofficials@jacksonwy.gov>

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Email the Town Council

Email the Town Council

Email Content:

Mr. Mayor & Jackson Town Council members,
Thank you for your time on Monday night & taking public comment on the Nelson Dr project.
I have a couple more questions since the meeting. First, if town commits to 6 units, in the unlikely event those units are vacant for a period of time, who is responsible for paying the rent?
Also, have you asked the housing trust about who is insuring the project. With it butting up against the forest, I would make sure they are able to insure these structures with the imminent fire danger.

Thank you again for listening & taking the extra time to flush out some more details before committing a large sum of tax payer dollars.

I hope we can revisit our concerns about The traffic flow & safety on Nelson drive after the new year.
Than you.
Daryl Peightal

Your Name: Daryl Peightal

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Your Email Address: dmpeightal@hotmail.com

Your City: Jackson

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From: [Teton County CTA](#)
To: [Jonathan Schechter](#)
Subject: Re: Follow Up Email re: Improvements to the Fairgrounds Tennis Courts
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 5:52:00 PM



My pleasure thank you so much!

Best,

Teton County Community Tennis Association

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Website: <https://playtennis.usta.com/jacksonholecommunitytennis>

"I've always believed that if you put in the work, the results will come." – Venus Williams

From: Teton County CTA <tetoncountytcta@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 7:00 AM
To: commissioners@tetoncountywy.gov <commissioners@tetoncountywy.gov>; Town Council <electedofficials@jacksonwy.gov>
Subject: Follow Up Email re: Improvements to the Fairgrounds Tennis Courts

Good afternoon Chairman Mark, Mayor Arne, town council members, and county commissioners.

My name is Diane McGee and I am writing on behalf of the Teton County Community Tennis Association. I am the president of this non-profit organization.

I appreciate the opportunity to have made public comment on Monday.

We are requesting that you add our project to your respective and joint agendas in the near future to determine next steps to move this important project forward.

As a brief recap, our mission is to create an indoor community tennis facility in Teton County. The only indoor year round tennis we have is unavailable and unaffordable to the majority of our community. We are proposing to build three tennis courts at the fairgrounds using the space of the existing two tennis courts and the grass areas that surround the courts. This is enough space to build a three tennis court facility with storage, a welcome area, and restrooms.

We would create a public private partnership, which as an example, exists in Cheyenne where a non-profit runs a seasonal indoor tennis facility at the local fairgrounds. In Denver and Steamboat Springs Colorado there are public private tennis facilities run on Park District and School District Properties. Existing operations models include shared usage with the pickleball community.

We have the backing of the United States Tennis Association Facilities Design and Management teams and existing public private partnership facilities to ensure the success of this project!

We have worked with the Parks and Rec Advisory Board, which in September of this year passed a unanimous resolution supporting this project.

Some key points about this approach:

- We will fundraise for the entire cost of the project, plus, a two-year operating reserve and sufficient funds will be held to remove the building so as to ensure zero risk of financial burden to the town and county.
- We will work with local entities to ensure the building meets the needs of not only racquet sports players, but also the Fair Board and our community. We have completed a preliminary facility requirements document based on the American Sports Builders Association and the United States Tennis Association. (*2024 Tennis Courts Construction and Maintenance Manual*)
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The building will be a community asset and owned by the Town and/or County based on what makes the most sense for all parties involved. Models for agreements already exist and can serve as a starting point to ensure we reach a workable solution. We have drafted a discussion document and started the conversation with Parks and Rec on how we can structure the operations of this partnership.

- We will pay for all ongoing costs such as staffing, programming, and maintenance. We have financial estimates that show the facility would be self-sufficient, however in the event of a budget shortfall, we will hold an annual fundraiser to close any funding shortfalls.
- We can use this project as a way to improve the facilities and aesthetics at the Fairgrounds ensuring that everyone benefits from this project.
- We have spoken to Fairgrounds stakeholders including the Fair Board, Parks and Rec, JH Rodeo, and Rebecca Bextel of "Save the Rodeo." We plan to meet with the 4H group as well.

Over the last 6 years, we have organized events and collaborated with P&R, the TCSD, and tennis professionals to serve over 300 children and teens and over 250 adults in community based, year round tennis programs.

We have the support of more than 650 tennis and pickleball players, parents, and advocates for this initiative.

Let's build this facility to give our children and youth another alternative for indoor recreation and help them be healthy, happy, and responsible members of our community!

This is the time to make this project happen and help our community thrive!

Thank you so much for your time.

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Best,

Teton County Community Tennis Association

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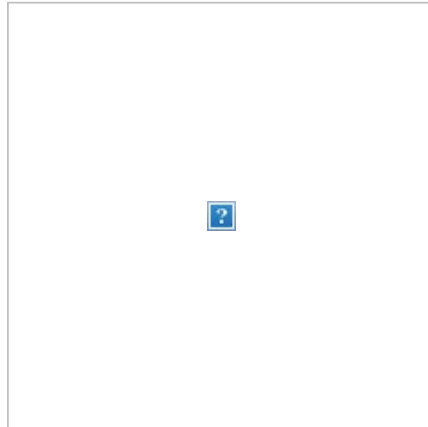
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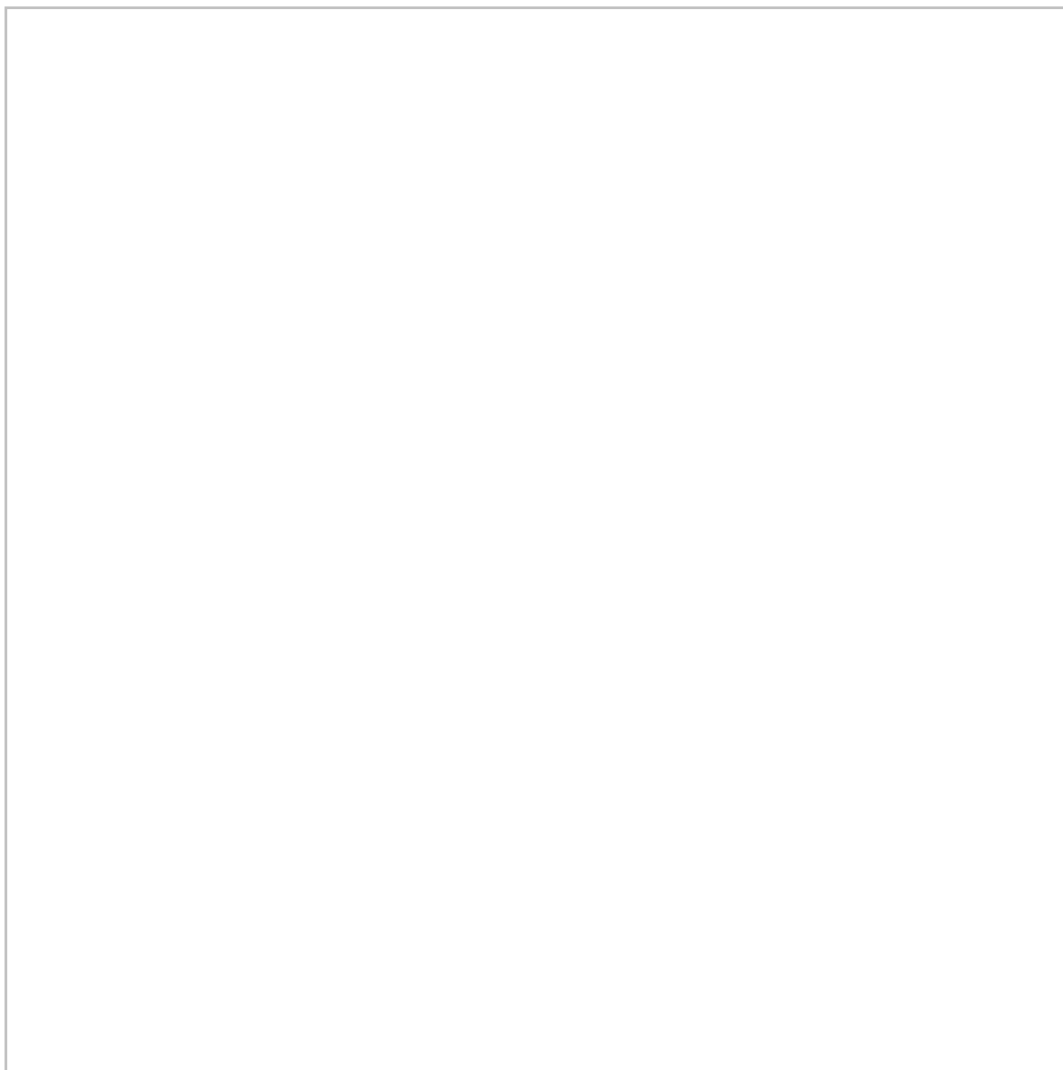
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To: [Alyson Sperry](#)
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Legislative Interim Highlights & What's Ahead



Dec 17

2025 Legislative Interim Recap

The legislative interim has been full of activity, and WAM staff invite you to join us for a comprehensive update. We'll walk through which committee bills advanced, highlight individual bills now under consideration, and share what you can expect in the upcoming legislative session.

You'll also hear how WAM's grassroots efforts and regional input have shaped the priorities for the 2026 Budget Session—ensuring that the voices of Wyoming's municipalities are front and center.



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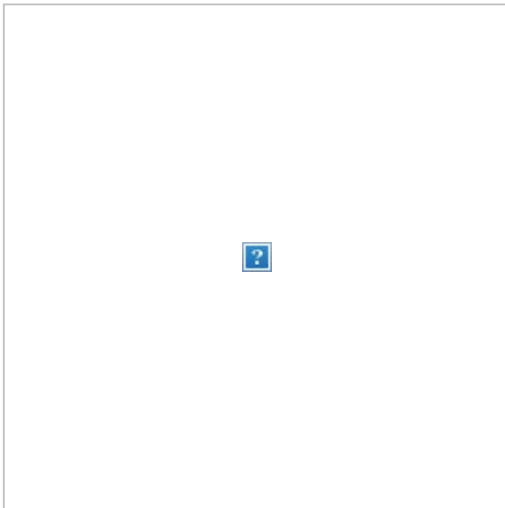


Today's news is brought to you by the [Jackson Hole Ski & Snowboard Club](#).

"Aspens are desirable for different wildlife species here, and the conifers can outcompete them."

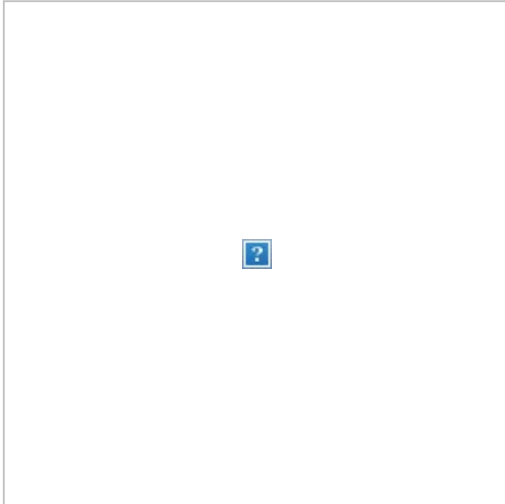
Cutting down a Christmas tree ethically on public lands can [help support forests](#) and land management.

Today's Top Stories



['Cold' supermoon of December to hit peak fullness Thursday](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — The final major lunar event of 2025 will take place on Thursday, Dec. 4, as the moon reaches peak fullness just before sunset. December's full moon, known as the [...]



[After discussion, Town pushes Nelson Drive housing questions to Dec. 15](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — It was a big week for discussions around affordable housing. At the Town Council meeting on Monday, Dec. 1, Town Manager Tyler Sinclair presented a request from the Jackson [...]

[WYOWatch: Two bull moose put on a roadside sparring match](#)

MOOSE, Wyo. — In late November, Buckrail reader Jason Sutton captured two bull moose sparring on the side of the road near Blacktail Butte. According to the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, the [...]

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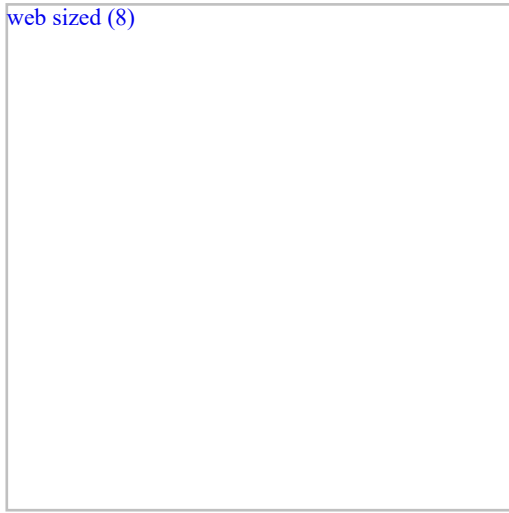


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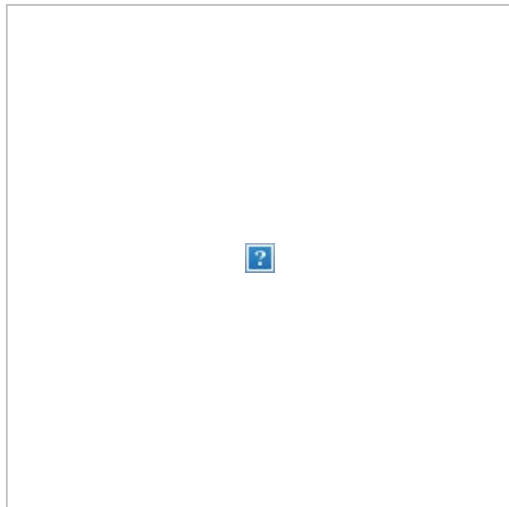


Funds reinstated for Wyo. heat support program; application approvals begin

WYOMING — The Wyoming Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), which was paused in October due to the federal government shutdown, has been funded once again and is now approving qualified applications. [...]

How to ethically cut Christmas trees for land management

JACKSON, Wyo. — It's that time of year, and local national forests are encouraging those who opt for cutting down a Christmas tree to be mindful of the best practices that will [...]



Hot Springs hold healing and cultural significance in Wyoming

JACKSON, Wyo. — Hot springs are a

Photo: Nick Sulzer // Buckrail



geothermal phenomenon of the western landscape, and Wyoming is home to many of these therapeutic and culturally significant features. People have enjoyed soaking in mineral [...]

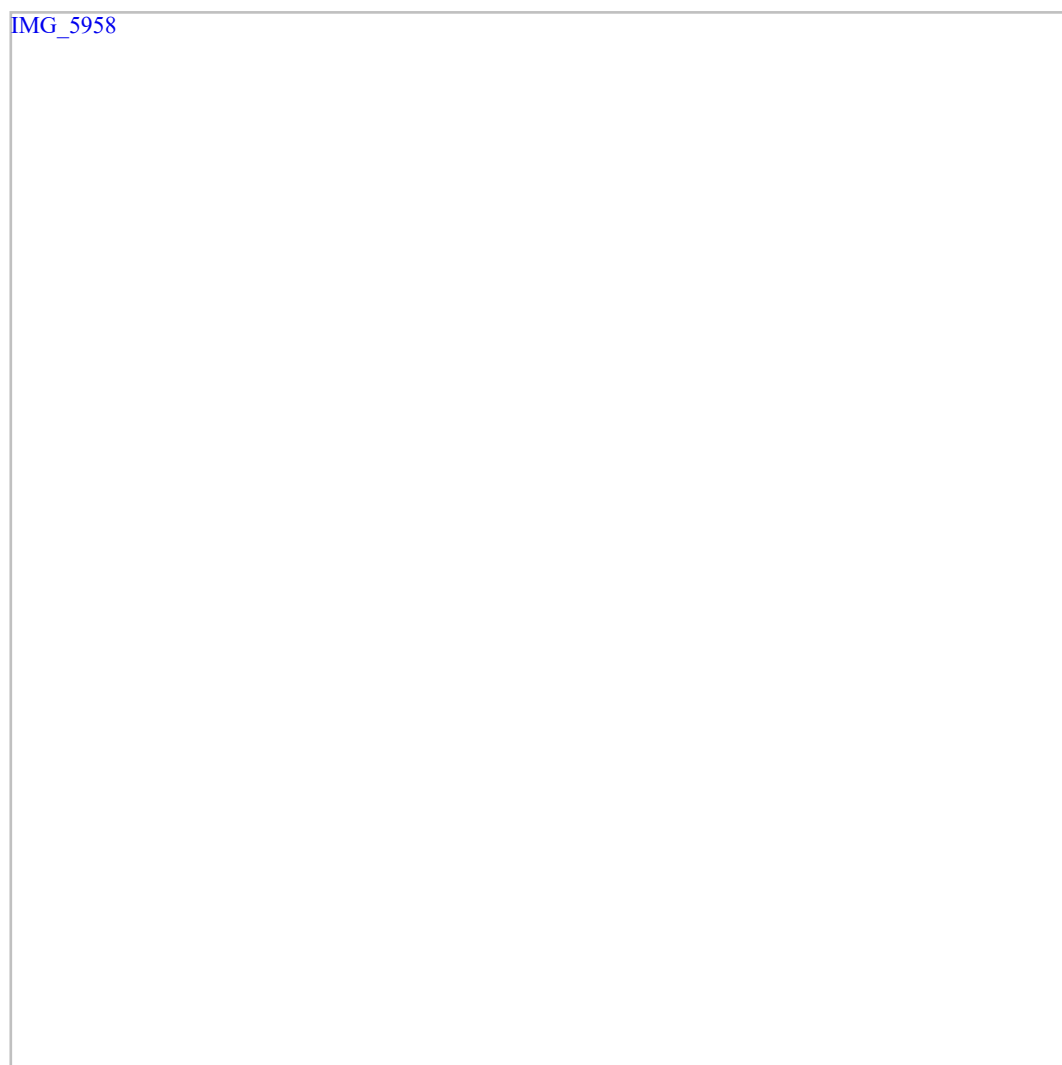
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Heads up! Gregory Lane to close Wednesday near pathway crossing

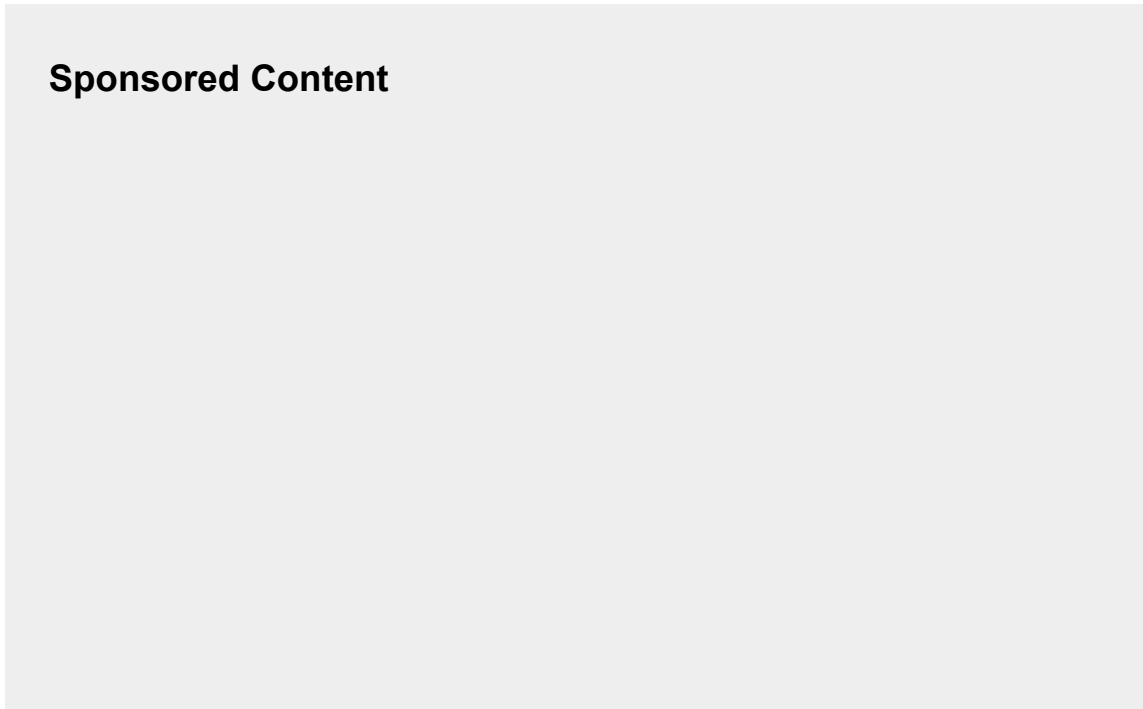
JACKSON, Wyo. — Though the Gregory Lane construction has concluded for the season, crews will be present to offload a stormwater treatment unit that is expected to be delivered on Wednesday. The [...]

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Teen Takeover returns to The Center this Friday: “Glow in the Dark”

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26th Annual Avalanche Awareness Night returns to kick off Jackson's Backcountry Season

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Keeping care close to home in Jackson

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From: [Stephanie Harsha](#)
Subject: WYDOT Release: Community groups will be clearing vegetation on WYO 390
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 3:27:07 PM
Attachments: 2025 WYO 390 vegetation clearing.pdf



JACKSON, Wyo. Local community companies have collaborated with the Wyoming Department of Transportation and Teton County to give drivers more sight distance to reduce wildlife collisions on Wyoming State Highway 390, the Village Road.

Several local companies--Aardvark Excavation, Feuz Excavation, VH Builders and Western States Cat Rental--have generously offered to donate time, equipment and materials to clear vegetation along WYO 390 beginning **tomorrow Dec. 4**, at no cost to the state.

“The Teton County Commissioners recently spoke with WYDOT about clearing the right-of-way, due to public concern about rising moose vehicle collisions. These companies are not under contract by WYDOT but have volunteered to get it done. They are very experienced in this type of work and have the right equipment to get it done,” WYDOT resident engineer Bob Hammond said.

Crews will be working during daylight hours from the Stilson parking area to the Aspens subdivision, working both sides of the road. The work is scheduled to last 3 to 4 days, weather dependent.

Teton County has authorized the closure of the pathway along WYO 390 while the work is underway for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.

The work will include brush clearing and small tree clearing along the low limb areas along the road. These companies have been given temporary use permits by WYDOT to work in the right-of-way to clear vegetation using best judgement practices. Some areas could see clearing more than 25 feet from the fog line. Crews aim to clear all shrubs and willows in the right-of-way, as well as reduce limb branches from mature trees to increase line of sight for drivers.

Drivers are asked to reduce their speeds, stay alert and be aware of roadside workers and activity.

For more information on construction projects across Wyoming, visit our web site at www.wyoroad.info, select the “map” link, and highlight “construction” on the additional layers menu.

Drivers can sign up for 511 Notify at <https://www.wyoroad.info/511/511NotifyAnnouncement.html>.

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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Email Arne Jorgensen
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 2:17:22 PM



Email Arne Jorgensen

Email Content: Hi Mr Mayor-Arne
With the upcoming Airport Board interviews coming up I wanted
to reach out and confirm my strong recommendation for Sigsby
Duck
Sigsby has the background, experience and certainly the
persistence in this process I suggest that the experience may be
more important in the next few years
Thank you for your consideration
Jerry

Your Name:	Jerry Blann
Your Company Name:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Your Phone Number:	3076902617
Your Email Address:	jerry.blann@gmail.com
Your City:	Wilson
Your State:	WY
Your Zip Code:	83014

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Jonathan Schechter](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Email Jonathan Schechter
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 2:09:22 PM



Email Jonathan Schechter

Email Content: Hi Jonathan
With the upcoming interviews for Airport Board coming up I
wanted to reach out and indicate my strong recommendation for
Sigsby Duck. He without a doubt has the most experience and
certainly has shown persistence in this process
Would be happy to discuss if you desire
Thank you for your service and consideration
Jerry

Your Name: Jerry Blann

Your Company Name: *Field not completed.*

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Your Email Address: jerry.blann@gmail.com

Your City: Wilson

Your State: WY

Your Zip Code: 83014

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Jerry Blann Email Devon Viehman
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 2:02:24 PM



Email Devon Viehman

Email Content:

Hi Devon

I know you are listed as a reference for another candidate for Airport Board With interviews coming up I wanted to reach out and indicate my support for Sigsby Duck. I have worked with Sigsby on State Aeronautics approaching 6 years. In summary he has the background and experience to fulfill the spot and support the Airport in what may be a more challenging time Let me know if you would like to diss and thanks for your service and consideration

Jerry

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Kevin Regan](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Jerry Blann Email Kevin Regan
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 1:54:08 PM



Email Kevin Regan

Email Content: Hi Kevin
Wanted to reach out in advance of your interviews for Airport Board on Monday. I have served on Wyoming Aeronautics with Sigsby Duck for approaching 6 years. With my 22 bursts on the Airport Board I cannot emphasize how important experience is and Sigsby excels above the other candidates
I would appreciate your support for Sigsby
Thank you
Jerry

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Alyson Spery](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Jerry Blann Email Alyson Spery
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 1:47:22 PM



Email Alyson Spery

Email Content: Hi Alyson
While I don't know you I had spent 22 years on the JH Airport Board (I know a long time). With the upcoming interviews I wanted to reach out and indicate how important this role is in our community. Experience is very important and for that reason I want to indicate that the most seasoned Airport candidate is without a doubt Sigsby Duck.
Thank you for your service and consideration
Jerry Blann

Your Name:	Jerry Blann
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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Tim Miller Email the Town Council
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 1:21:10 PM



Email the Town Council

Email Content:

Hello Town Council!

Thank you for your service. I'm writing today to give you my opinion on a few things:

1. I do not support the flock devices, and I ask that you do not continue the contract with Flock. Period.
2. As far as the Karns meadow is concerned, I ask that you prioritize a park plan that is of the lightest imprint, a plan that is the most harmonious for the existing environment, and one that minimizes human and dog activity. Teton County is already a giant park. That thoroughfare is crucial for nonhuman life, but is just a luxury for us. Please prioritize the lightest, smallest footprint possible. Thank you!
3. Please update the necessary LDR's and rules to prohibit monster, bloated development. Please do this ahead of time, before the next monster, bloated development proposal starts the next cycle of uproar. Please do what you need to do to prevent more large scale developments. We have what we need. I ask that you do everything you can do, even if and especially when it requires changing the rules. I don't believe the rules, as they exist, serve the community. Have we made meaningful progress around this issue?

Thanks for your work and service

Tim

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Tim miller

Your Company Name:

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From: [Womentum](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Big Wins, New Gatherings + Community Magic
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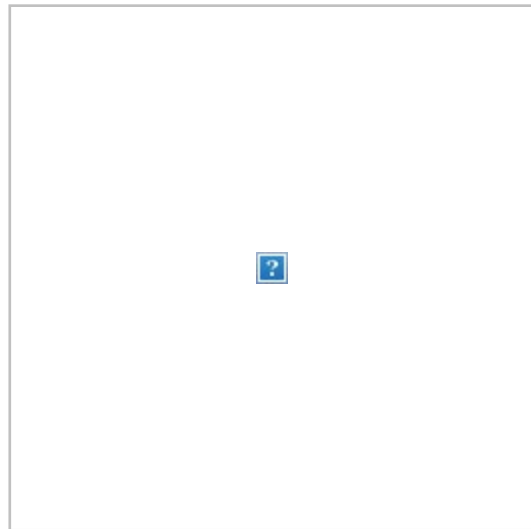
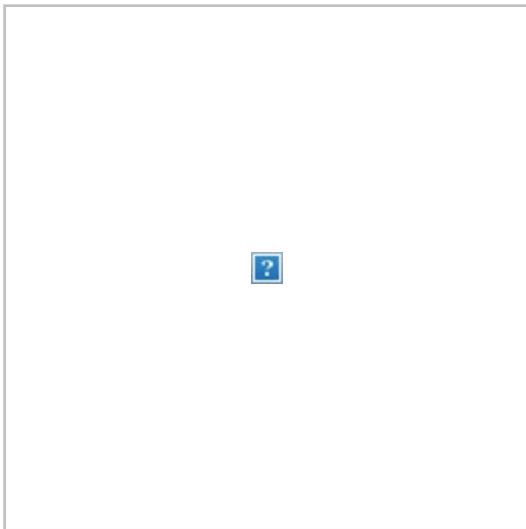
Building on eight years of impactful Womomentum Leadership Summits, our first-ever Teton Leadership Summit sparked an energizing surge of ideas and inspiration. Leaders from local businesses, government, higher-education, nonprofits, startups, and local schools gathered to discover how innovation and collective leadership can transform our world.





Pictured (L-R): Rose Hendricks, Kristen Fox (Womentum), Sue Muncaster (Teton Leadership Center), Sen. Julie Gonzales, Stacy Bare, Katie Gatti Tassin, and Shannon Bahrke. Photo by Garrett LeRoy, SP.

The theme, “Uniting for Impact: Igniting Collective Action”, calls us to move beyond individual heroics and lean into shared purpose. How will you move the needle “from me to we”? [Explore sources of inspiration that have shaped our speakers' leadership journeys.](#)

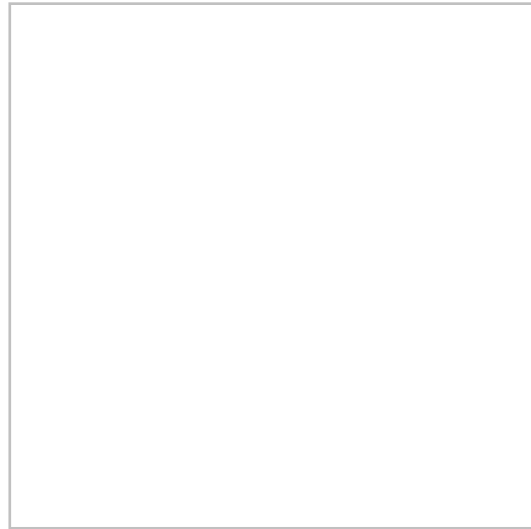
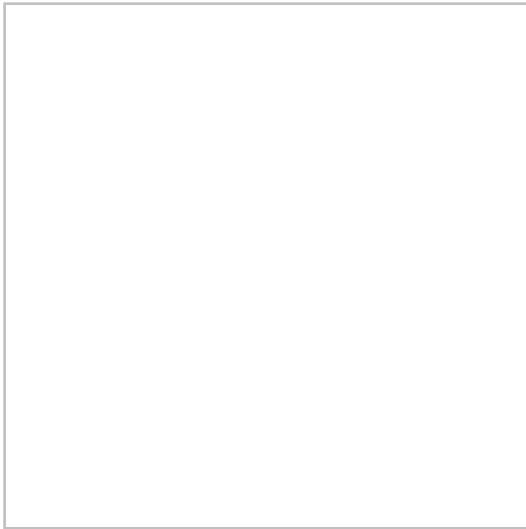


If you attended, we would be grateful for two minutes of your time to complete our [anonymous Summit evaluation survey, HERE](#), by next Friday, December 5. Your feedback helps us grow, refine, and imagine what comes next. We will release video footage in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!

[View professional photos by Garrett LeRoy](#)

Wyoming Tribune Eagle Spotlights

Womomentum's Executive Director, Kristen Fox was featured in the *Wyoming Tribune Eagle's Wyoming Women of Influence* article ["From Alabama Roots to Wyoming Heights Kristen Fox's Journey of Service"](#) sharing her story of adaptability, courage, and a steadfast belief in the power of connection.



Also featured, is [Womentoring Alumna and past Jackson Town Mayor Hailey Morton Levinson](#), who shared why she first ran for office at age 26: *‘There should be younger folks. There should be women on the council.’*

And, Alumna Jessica Jaubert, Principal of Three Elephants Public Relations, was nominated as a Wyoming Woman of Influence in Marketing & Public Relations for her Wyoming-centered leadership and values-driven work. Brava, Womomentum women!

[Read the Article + Be Inspired!](#)

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2024 March Onward Panelists Pictured (L-R): Melissa Turley, Commissioner Natalia Macker, Town Councilor Alyson Sperry, Hailey Morton-Levinson, Amy Renova, Victor City Councilor Sue Muncaster.

A gift of \$100 sponsors one attendee for our [March Onward panel, a celebration of National Women's History Month](#) featuring trailblazing women from across Wyoming. Now in its fourth year, this gathering continues to highlight stories of impact and leadership.

Thanks to Womomentum's commitment to accessibility, we subsidize 60% of every ticket to ensure cost is never a barrier. Our goal is to raise \$5,500 to keep this event open and welcoming to all.

With your generosity, Womomentum can continue creating intentional spaces to foster the transformative power of connection.

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Authentic Womomentum Gatherings



Womomentum creates intentional spaces to experience the transformative power of connection. Some of these spaces are open to the entire community, while others are designed exclusively for our Womentoring alumnae. Please join us!

ALUMNAE-EXCLUSIVE GATHERING

Led by Womomentum's Vice Chair Kris Shean and past Chair Ponteir Sackrey, twelve Womomentum women will enjoy a no-host lunch together at Palate Cafe, followed by a private tour of the Museum's special winter exhibits.

[1/22 at noon - Afternoon at the National Museum of Wildlife Art](#)

ALL ARE WELCOME

Join Womomentum this winter and spring for a series of meaningful events, including our workshop on **January 22**, our festive Galentine Happy Hour on **February 11**, and our “March Onward” panel and celebration of National Women's History Month on **March 11**. Connect with our community, explore new ideas, and embrace opportunities to grow and thrive together!

[View Womomentum's 2026 Event Calendar](#)

Womomentum Women Lead Statewide





Pictured (L-R): Kris Shean (Vice Chair), Anna Valsing (2026 Mentor), Melissa Turley (Womentum Founder & Emerita Board), and Katie Wilson (2013 Mentee).

We're seeing Womentum women living our mission to connect and inspire women to thrive as leaders! Earlier this month, several of our alumnae gathered at Leadership Wyoming's Anniversary Dinner in Laramie.

Their nine-month program brings leaders together from across the state for deep exploration, coaching, and lasting connection. We're so proud to see their commitment to personal growth and leadership continue!

Enjoy our Impact Report!

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Womentum is a Jackson Hole based nonprofit committed to inspiring and connecting women to thrive as leaders. We do this through Womentoring, our signature 9-month structured mentoring program, community events, educational programs, and our annual Womentum Leadership Summit.



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To: [Jonathan Schechter](#)
Subject: Re: \$666,000 per unit for the right to rent?
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 9:46:45 AM



Jonathon,

Good for you. Time to start spending down 'cause we be winding down. I'm starting to think, if not now, when? Have a great adventure and I'll contact you in late Jan.

Tim

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From: Tim Rieser <tjrn@ yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 8:41 AM

To: Jonathan Schechter <JSchechter@jacksonwy.gov>

Subject: Re: \$666,000 per unit for the right to rent?

Jonathon,

That's a great response! I appreciate it. I'm serious. Well done. It perfectly answers the question: How best to respond to a ranting lunatic?

But in all appropriate seriousness, I find spending 670k per unit nearly impossible to justify. But I see there's a new article today and I'll read it to get better informed.

Things are well in my world. I sold my house and I'm finishing it up for the buyer and enjoying it all as my career swan song.

Coffee sometime? Love to chat about housing and other things.

Tim

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From: Tim Rieser <tjrn@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, December 1, 2025 10:15 PM

To: Town Council <electedofficials@jacksonwy.gov>; Tyler Sinclair <tsinclair@jacksonwy.gov>; Johanna Love <jlove@jhnewsandguide.com>; Cara Froege <county@jhnewsandguide.com>; Jessica Chambers <jessica.s.chambers@gmail.com>; Leo Wolfson <leo@cowboystatedaily.com>; Commissioners Board Of County <commissioners@tetoncountywy.gov>

Subject: \$666,000 per unit for the right to rent?

\$666,000 for the right to rent units?? Are you kidding?

Have you all lost your f'in minds? All of you should know better; especially you Arne. Most especially, you.

You are all giddy and irresponsible with our money along with your complete disassociation from any reality about building costs and development and how to go about it.

Almost seven hundred thousand per unit for just the right to rent for 30 years to put town employees in homes to then recklessly grow government even more? I'm sorry, but who the hell are you to step in line in front of all the citizens and take the housing with the citizen's money that they entrusted you to be smart with?

And why are you stopping at six units? Hell, you have 10mm to blow. Spend it all if this seems so smart.

Individually you might all be smart. I just wouldn't know. But collectively, you're dumber than dirt. This is especially evident after witnessing the Virginian debacle.... among many others. And you, Arne. You should be especially ashamed, but I repeat myself.

I showed up in Jackson two decades ago as a proud lifelong multigenerational tax-and-spend liberal. Now I'm embarrassed to have ever been one.... and I'm sure as hell not a conservative! Only Teton County and Town of Jackson leadership could do that. You're all so exasperatingly stupid, it's just mind boggling.

Best regards,

Tim Rieser
Former of Teton County resident

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From: [Meghan Quinn](#)
To: [Meghan Quinn](#)
Subject: Reminder: Tomorrow @ 12pm - Teton Village E-Delivery Ribbon Cutting
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 9:10:17 AM



Date: Thursday, December 4th @ 12pm
Location: 2685 Apres Vous Road, Teton Village
Please join us for ribbon-cutting, lunch, hot cocoa & coffee

Teton Village Launches Innovative E-Delivery Program to Enhance Visitor Experience



Meghan Quinn, TVA Executive Director, Kate Goldfeder, TVA Financial Manager, and Marvin, 106West Logistics' mascot, show off the new "Village Couriers".

TETON VILLAGE, WY — Visitors to Teton Village this season may notice some new, pint-sized electric carts quietly zipping around the Village core. These "Village Couriers" are part of the Teton Village Association's (TVA) new **E-Delivery Program**, an innovative initiative designed to enhance safety and improve our guests' experience.

In partnership with **106West Logistics**, TVA is reimagining how goods move through the Village by replacing large, noisy delivery trucks with small, zero-emission electric carts. Participating food and beverage distributors now deliver all products to a centralized delivery dock located in the TVA Maintenance Yard, just east of the Ranch Parking Lot. There, goods are checked in, sorted, and transferred onto the electric carts for final delivery directly to each property's designated receiving area. The program will begin with deliveries of food and perishable goods, followed by beverages and other supplies. Orders are verified for accuracy at the dock before being transported via the new electric carts, ensuring smooth and reliable service for Village businesses.

By consolidating deliveries and removing large trucks from the pedestrian core, the program

significantly reduces congestion on Granite Loop Road and McCollister Drive, improves safety for visitors and staff, and reduces noise and vehicle emissions. The streamlined system also allows distributors to unload their products in a single stop, saving time, reducing idling, and improving efficiency across the board.

“This pilot is one of the most exciting innovations we’ve introduced in years,” said **Meghan Quinn, Executive Director of TVA**. “We’re proving that sustainability and guest experience go hand in hand. By taking delivery trucks off our streets, we’re creating a cleaner, more vibrant, and truly walkable mountain village.”

With fewer diesel trucks and less congestion, visitors will experience cleaner air, quieter streets, and an even more inviting environment for walking, shopping, and dining.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at the distribution dock in the TVA maintenance yard on **Thursday, December 4th, at noon**. Lunch will be provided.

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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
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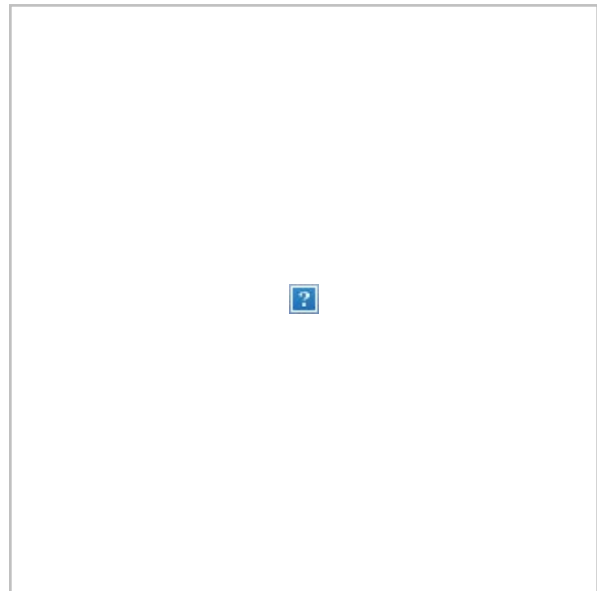


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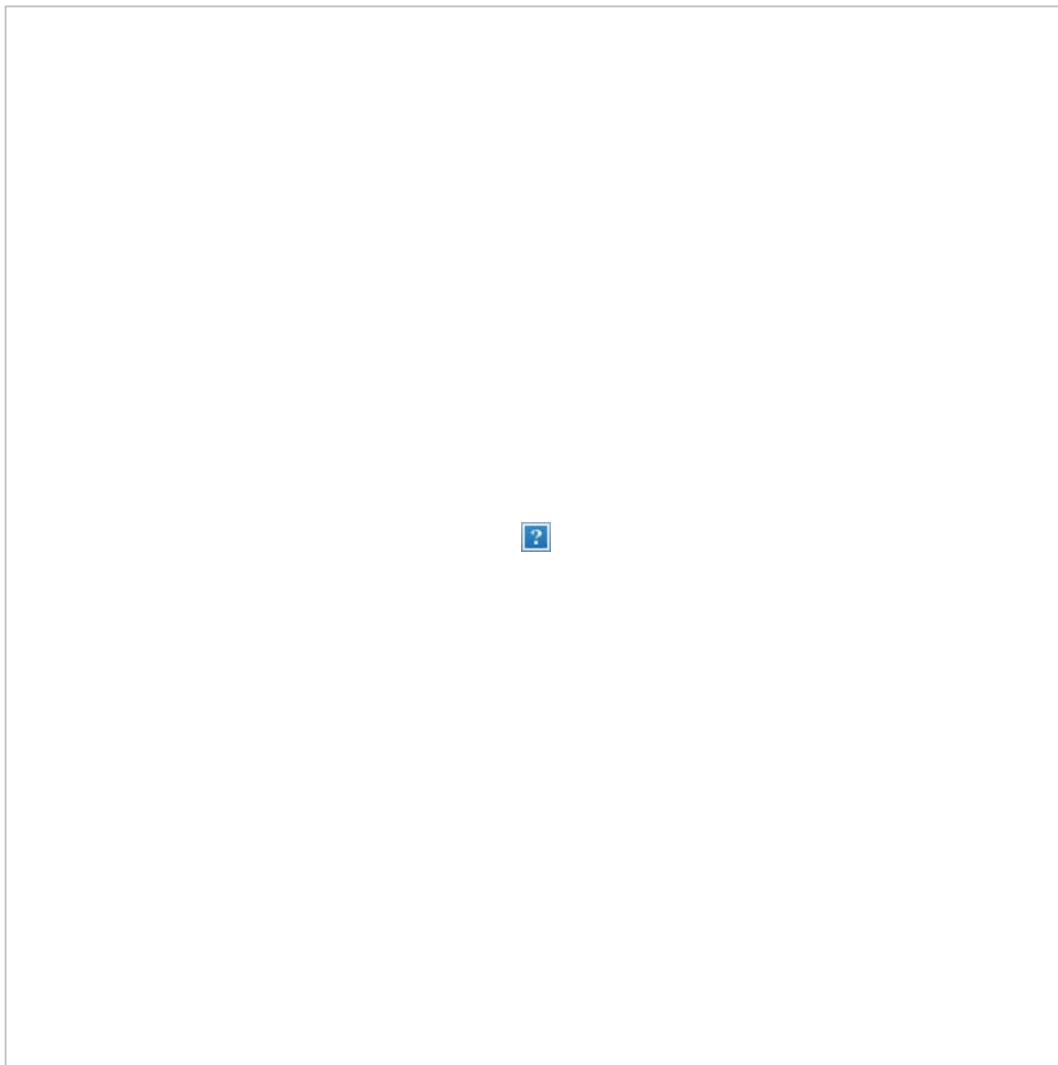
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I hope you all enjoyed the holiday weekend! I know we've been talking about newspaper subscriptions quite a bit lately—but for good reason. As a subscriber myself, there's just something special about turning real pages.

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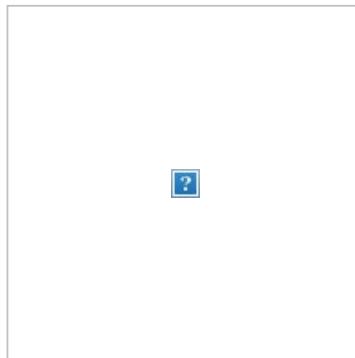
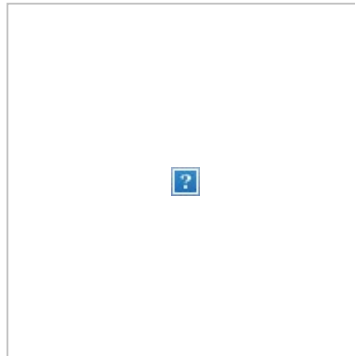
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To: [Alyson Sperry](#)
Subject: WY Tree Issues Survey
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 8:00:43 AM



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The completed survey results **will be summarized in an anonymous fashion and shared out with any email addresses entered in the form.** We appreciate your insights and help in compiling this information!

If you have a picture of an insect or tree issue item from this growing season which you'd like us to try to identify before you fill out the survey, send an email to plantdiagnostics@uwyo.edu

If you have any questions regarding the survey, feel free to contact me.

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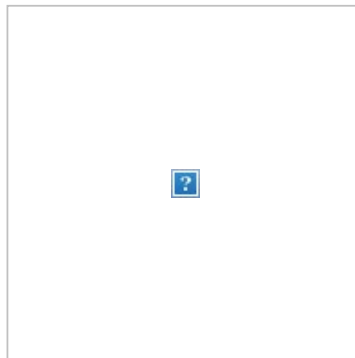
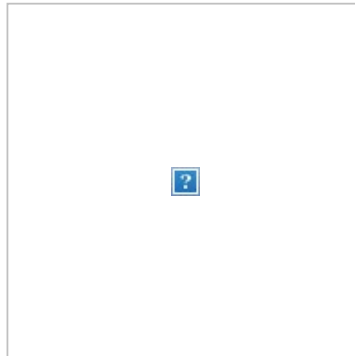
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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
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From: [Environmental](#)
To: [Jonathan Schechter](#)
Subject: Re: News&Guide: Airport story for tourism special section
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 7:45:49 AM



Sounds good, see you soon!

Christina MacIntosh, environmental reporter

Jackson Hole News&Guide

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Office: 307.732.5911

Mobile: 307.264.2231

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From: Environmental <environmental@jhnewsandguide.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 6:46 PM

To: Jonathan Schechter <JSchechter@jacksonwy.gov>

Subject: Re: News&Guide: Airport story for tourism special section

Let's do 11 am. We have a newsroom meeting then, but I'm always happy to weasel my way out of those when an opportunity presents itself. We could talk generally about airport growth and then perhaps follow up with hard numbers afterwards. The story isn't due for a couple of weeks.

Where would you like to meet?

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To: Jonathan Schechter <JSchechter@jacksonwy.gov>
Subject: Re: News&Guide: Airport story for tourism special section

I could do tomorrow. Would 3:30 or 4 pm work? Alternatively, could meet sometime before 11 am.

Would meeting in person somewhere in town work or would you prefer to talk over the phone?

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From: Environmental <environmental@jhnewsandguide.com>

Sent: Monday, December 1, 2025 4:55 PM

To: Jonathan Schechter <JSchechter@jacksonwy.gov>

Subject: News&Guide: Airport story for tourism special section

Hi Jonathan,

I hope you're doing well. My name's Christina MacIntosh, I'm the environmental reporter for the paper. I don't believe we've chatted for any stories, as I usually find myself talking to wildlife biologists and forest supervisors on this beat.

I'm working on a story for our upcoming tourism special section about the airport, specifically to answer the questions: How much has the airport really grown over the years? And what does the airport say about the past, present and future of tourism in the valley?

I understand from Billy that you track airport data; I'd be interested in talking to you about what you've observed over the years and hopefully get some historical data from you as well. Do you have time later this week to talk? Thursday or Friday would be best for me.

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From: [National League of Cities \(NLC\) - Membership Team](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Member Roundup: Diversified Funding for Health & Wellbeing
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 7:01:29 AM



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Explore a new toolkit designed to help you build a more resilient and sustainable financial strategy for health and wellbeing in your city. It provides foundational knowledge and core concepts that can guide your efforts as you develop a plan tailored to your community's needs. [Learn more »](#)

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DEC 4, 2:00 PM ET

**What to Expect from the Current
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DEC 8, 10:00 AM ET

**Coming Back Home: Why Housing
Matters for the Economy**

Join us for an in-person conversation

Join NLC and legal experts in a discussion of the new Supreme Court term and what cases local governments should be watching. [Register now »](#)

DEC 9, 2:00 PM ET

Info Session: Municipal Workforce Learning Lab

Learn more about NLC's 8-month learning and action planning process to help three cities grow and develop their municipal workforce. [Register now »](#)

DEC 10, 1:00 PM ET

NextGen Recruiting: What Do Students Think of the Public Sector

Join NLC and Enterprise partner MissionSquare to learn what motivates students in choosing public service careers and how to build awareness before graduation. [Register now »](#)

DEC 16, 3:00 PM ET

How to Build Sustainable Workforce Ecosystems

Get practical tips and best practices from cities that successfully created pathways to and through postsecondary training programs for their adult residents. [Register now »](#)

on the housing crisis's impact on the economy, and why leaders need to consider the effects of the crisis as they plan for the future. [Register now »](#)

DEC 9, 3:00 PM ET

Muni Bonds in 2026: What City Leaders Need to Know

Discover what's driving record municipal bond sales in 2025 and what's ahead for cities tapping the market in 2026. [Register now »](#)

DEC 11, 12 - 4:00 PM ET

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Workshop

Join the Local Infrastructure Hub for a complimentary half-day grant workshop focused on helping cities sharpen core skills and understand the technical requirements needed to apply for or implement funding effectively. [Register now »](#)

DEC 18, 2:00 PM ET

Sustaining People-Centered Public Safety Strategies

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3 Things to Know

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Nominate a LocalGov Champion

Nominate someone from your team as a LocalGov champion, a recognition of civil servants for America's 250th anniversary. Nominations close December 15. [Learn more »](#)

Expanding Opportunity for All: How to Increase Employment for People with Disabilities

Created in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor's State Exchange on Employment & Disability, this brief outlines strategies and actionable steps any city can implement to enhance support for workers with disabilities, both within city hall and across the broader community. [Learn more »](#)

What You Can Do Now to Make Sure Your Residents Get Their Money Back This Tax Season

Local leaders, there are steps you can take right now to help more families in your community get the money they have earned via the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit. [Learn more »](#)

Local Policy Hub: Advancing Health through Improving Housing Policy

Explore real-world examples of healthy housing policies from around the country that will help you craft your own policies. Topic areas include rental registries, rental inspection and licensing, and lead poisoning prevention. [Learn more »](#)

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Sincerely,

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From: [Caroline Haines](#)
To: [Devon Viehman](#)
Subject: Re: thank you
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 4:46:10 PM



Hi Devon - thank you so much, it was really nice to meet you too. And it feels great to finally be heard regarding Nelson Dr. I feel quite invested in all of this now, so I'll continue to send emails for your consideration. Thank you again. Kindest regards, Caroline

On Dec 1, 2025, at 10:19 PM, Caroline Haines
<carolinehainespatten@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Jackson Town Council,

Thank you for your demonstrated willingness to give the Nelson Drive -
Housing Trust Project additional time and deliberation.

Sincerely,

Caroline

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Caroline Haines

From: [Buckrail](#)
To: [Alyson Sperry](#)
Subject: Buckrail Daily: Targhee to open Fri. // 90 Virginian Ln. deadline extended // Ex Bills kicker attends fundraiser
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 4:14:03 PM



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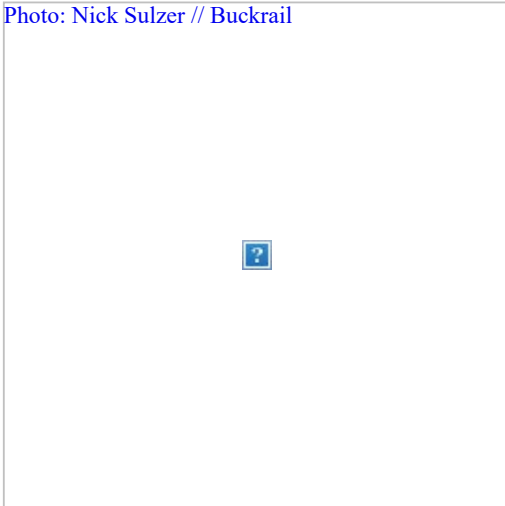
Today's news is brought to you by the [Jackson Hole Ski & Snowboard Club](#).

"As developers, we often use the phrase 'time kills all deals,' because it does."

Jackson Town Council and the Board of County Commissioners [voted again](#) to extend the deadline for the 90 Virginian Lane development agreement.

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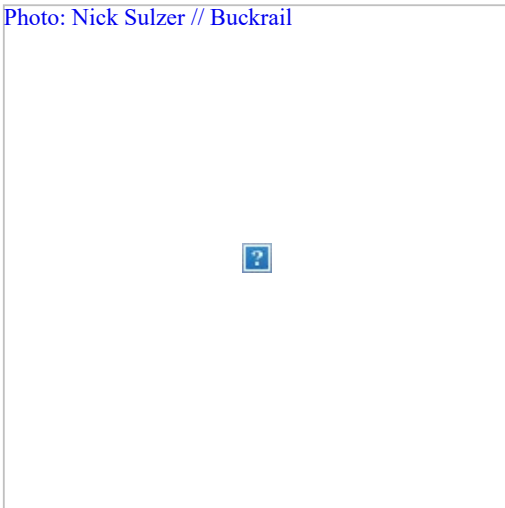
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[Heads up! Gregory Lane to close Wednesday near pathway crossing](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — Though the Gregory Lane construction has concluded for the season, crews will be present to offload a stormwater treatment unit that is expected to be delivered on Wednesday. The [...]

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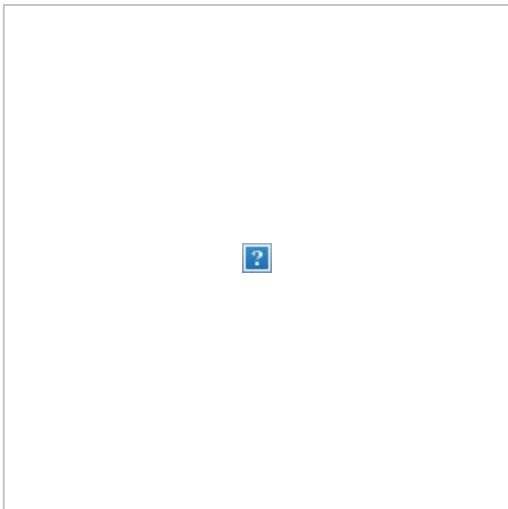
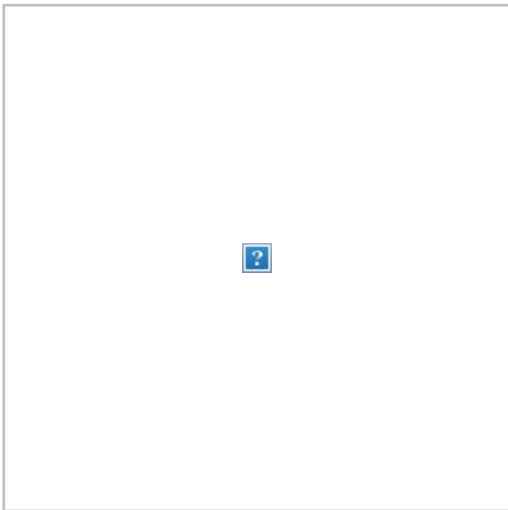
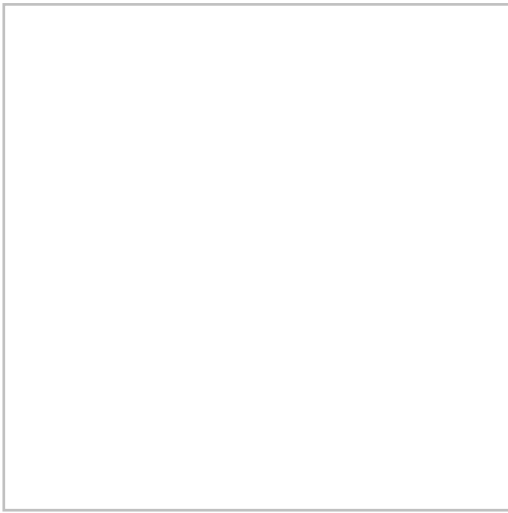


[Wildlife Foundation reminds residents of wildlife closures, conservation actions](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — The Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation (JHWF) reminds residents of actions they can take this winter to protect wildlife as they move through their historical winter range. As snow piles [...]

[WGFD to require permits for guided fishing boats on state waters in 2026](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — For the first time since 1989, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) is beginning oversight of commercial fishing outfitters in the state through regulations and permits that will [...]



[Deadline extended for 90 Virginian Lane development agreement](#)

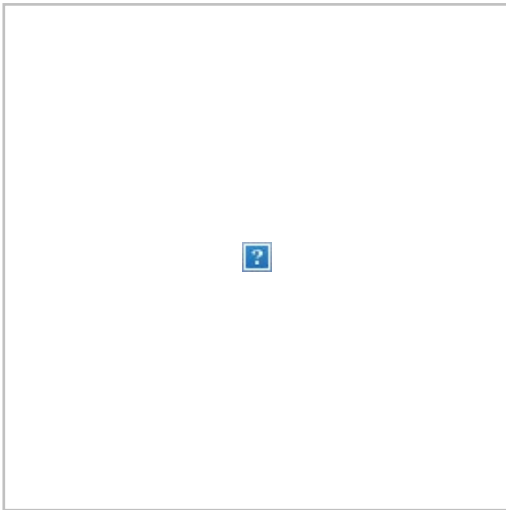
Editor's Note: A previous version of this story omitted the vote of the Town Council on the motion to extend the deadline for the development agreement. That change is reflected below. JACKSON, [...]

[Grand Targhee announces opening of Shoshone, Huckleberry on Friday](#)

ALTA, Wyo. — The snow is falling and the mountains are calling. Grand Targhee Resort on the west side of the Tetons has announced its rescheduled opening day. Chairlifts will spin for [...]

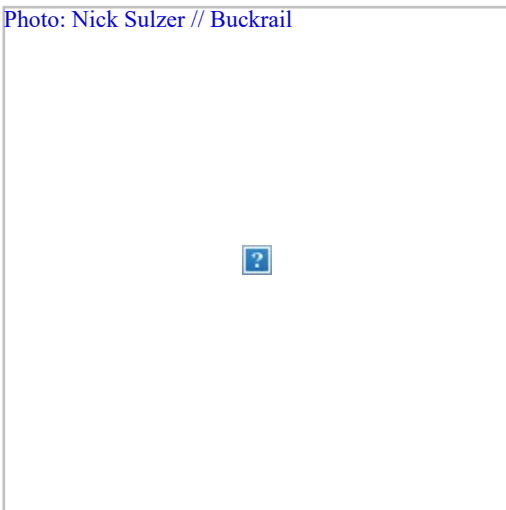
[Former Buffalo Bills kicker attends Habitat fundraiser, football watch party](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — In the season of giving, a



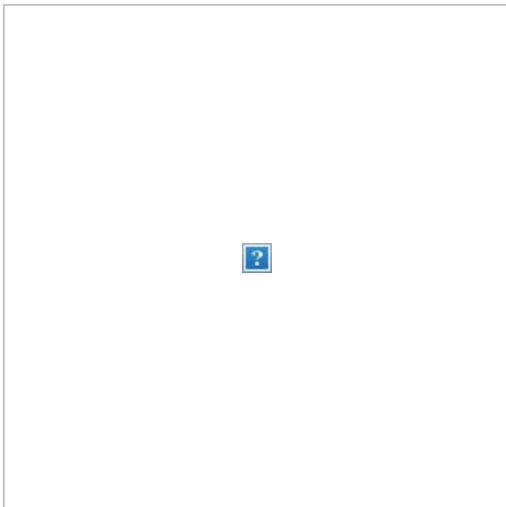
local nonprofit was the beneficiary of a fundraiser hosted in part by a local football fan club over the weekend. Each week, the [...]

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Explainer: Horizontal pupils give bighorn sheep advantage over predators

JACKSON, Wyo. — The Tetons are home to a small, isolated herd of native bighorn sheep, a species most notable for their namesake big horns. However, upon closer inspection, these ungulates sport [...]



Reintroduced carnivores' impacts on ecosystems are still coming into focus

Yellowstone has long been a mecca for scientists studying how predators affect everything from elk grazing to vegetation height. They are still debating how to make sense of what they've learned. This [...]

Celebrate public lands: Christmas tree permits available on BLM, BTNF

JACKSON, Wyo. — December holidays are

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speeding in and they'll arrive before long.
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can purchase a permit from one of two
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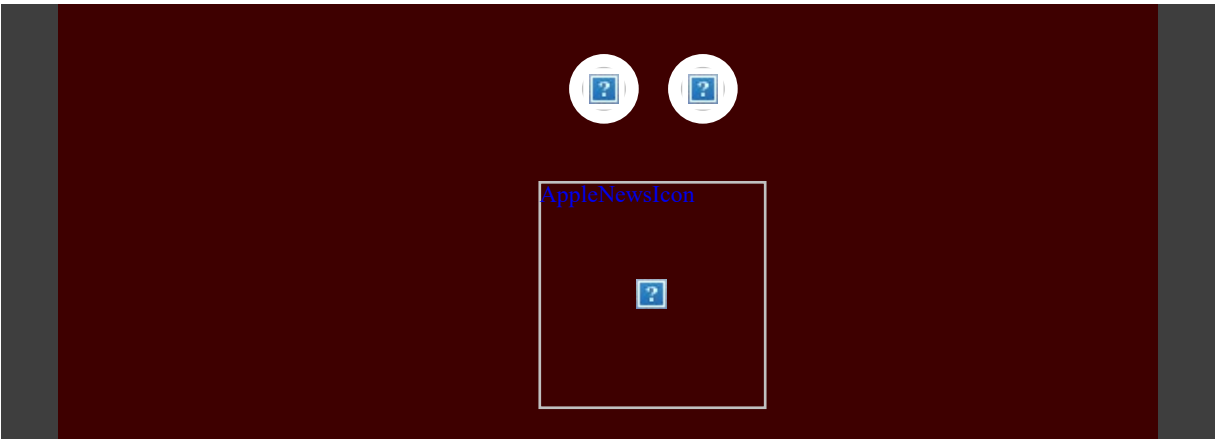
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Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 3:29:40 PM
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Dear PAC Members and Stakeholders,

Thank you to everyone who has responded so far to our Doodle poll for the upcoming virtual PAC/Stakeholder meeting.

Based on the responses received so far, Friday, December 19th, from 1:00-3:00 PM has emerged as the most popular option. We plan to move forward with scheduling the meeting for this date and time unless we hear otherwise.

An invite will be sent out on Friday with the Teams login information.

If you cannot attend on December 19th, or would like to vote for a different time, please indicate so on the Doodle poll by this **Friday, December 5th**.

<https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/epV3EWpb>

Best,
Obadiah



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From: [Teton County CTA](#)
To: [Devon Viehman](#)
Subject: Re: Meet with 4H
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 3:04:55 PM



Will do thanks!

Best,

Teton County Community Tennis Association

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On Nov 30, 2025, at 9:31 PM, Teton County CTA
<tetoncountycta@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Devon,

I wanted to follow up and see if you could please help connect us with folks at 4H who we could share our project with and discuss ways to collaborate with storage or use of an additional FG facility during the fair. Of course the Fairboard would be involved in the decisions, but it would be helpful for us to know any ways this project could support the 4H community.

Thank you!
Diane and Joe

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Best,

Teton County Community Tennis Association

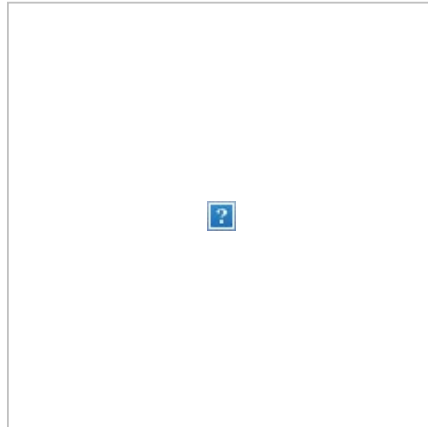
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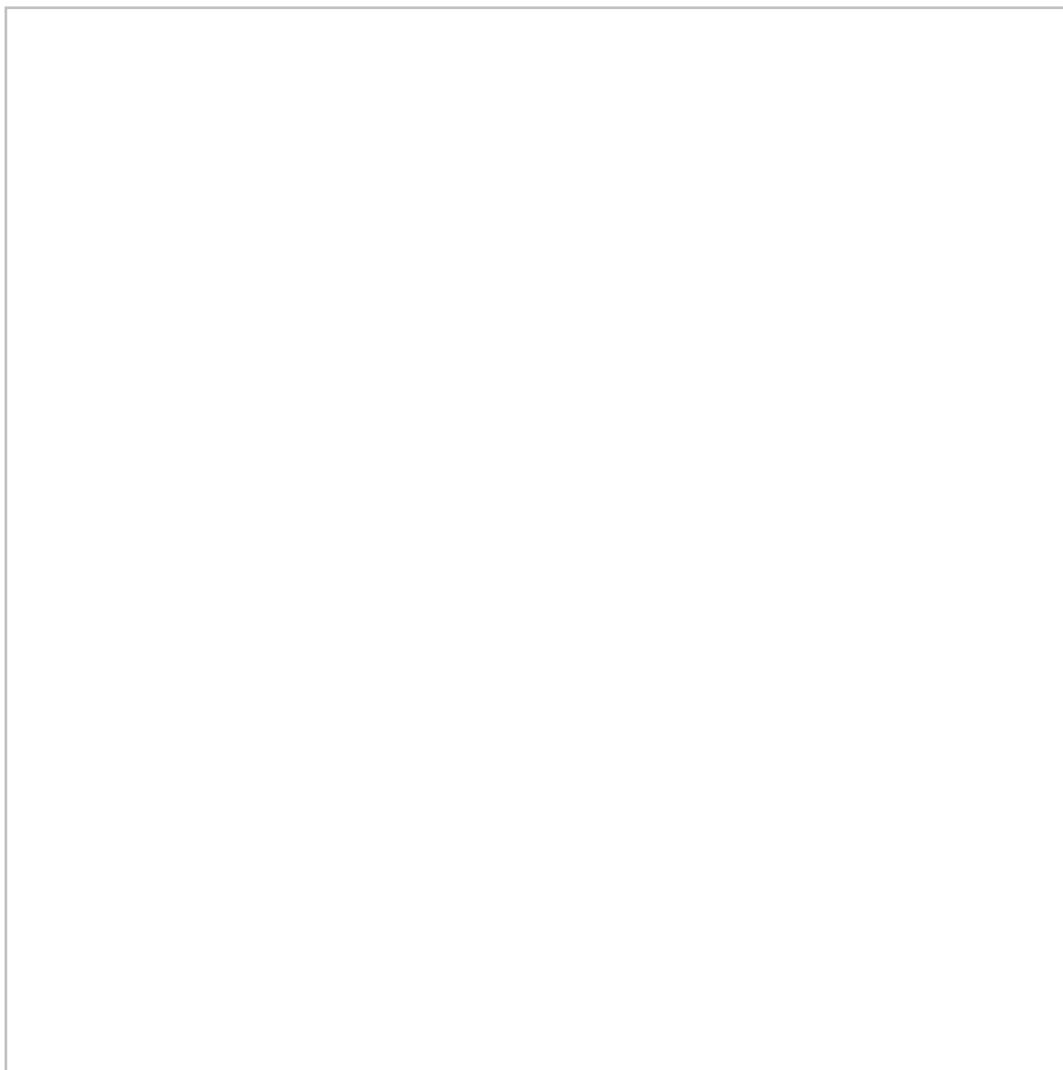
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From: [Wyoming Association of Municipalities](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Legislative Interim Highlights & What's Ahead
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 1:11:30 PM



Legislative Interim Highlights & What's Ahead



Dec 17

2025 Legislative Interim Recap

The legislative interim has been full of activity, and WAM staff invite you to join us for a comprehensive update. We'll walk through which committee bills advanced, highlight individual bills now under consideration, and share what you can expect in the upcoming legislative session.

You'll also hear how WAM's grassroots efforts and regional input have shaped the priorities for the 2026 Budget Session—ensuring that the voices of Wyoming's municipalities are front and center.



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From: [Dan Oas](#)
Subject: Goodman Benefit Follow-Up Appeal
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 12:15:21 PM



Dear Friends,

A COMMUNITY STEPPING UP

Thank you again for joining us at the Goodman home this fall. That gathering showed something powerful — when people come together to learn, ask honest questions, and explore the challenges beneath our feet, momentum builds.

Across Teton County, what happens underground is shaping the health of everything aboveground: our wells, our streams, our wildlife, and the places we love. The Goodman Benefit shone a spotlight on that reality and the work ahead.

TOOLS THAT HELP OUR COMMUNITY ACT

This year, we launched the [Clean Water Guide](#) — a simple and practical way for residents to understand how water moves through our valley, how waste affects it, and the steps we can take to prevent pollution before it occurs.

You had the opportunity to see [examples](#) of this work firsthand at the event. The conversations not only sparked interest but are influencing conversations in neighborhoods, boardrooms, and policy meetings. People are ready to move from awareness to action.

PROGRESS WE CAN BUILD ON

More than 200 households have already tested their wells through our partnership with the Teton Conservation District. Local decision-makers are using the Clean Water Guide as they evaluate land use, infrastructure, and septic rules. Residents are calling us to understand what's beneath their own homes and what better options exist.

These changes are real. And they're only possible because people in this community choose to get involved.

AN INVITATION TO BE PART OF THIS WORK

If the Goodman Benefit helped you see what's possible here, I hope you'll consider making a year-end gift to [Protect Our Water Jackson Hole](#).

Your support keeps the momentum going, strengthening local science, advancing better systems for wastewater, and helping every household make clean, informed choices about their water.

A gift this season would help move this work forward at a moment when our community is poised to take action.

Thank you for being part of this conversation and for caring about the future of our water.

With appreciation,

Dan

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From: [National League of Cities \(NLC\)](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Federal Advocacy Newsletter: City Summit 2025 Explored Themes of AI, Civility and Strong Communities
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 12:01:42 PM



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The overall theme for this year's conference was "Creating Opportunity in Uncertainty." NLC knows it has been an exceptionally challenging year to be a local leader – from vast changes to the federal government landscape to political violence to challenging economic indicators to AI disruption. Read our breakdown on how we shared opportunities at our annual meetup here. [Learn more »](#)

Highlights



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NLC Executive Action Tracker and Downloadable Fact Sheets

To help local governments stay updated, NLC has developed a member-gated tracker and detailed, downloadable fact sheets identifying the Trump-Vance Administration's Executive Actions that may impact local government operations.

[Learn more »](#)

Federal Budget Tracker

NLC tracks and compiles everything you need to know about the status of the federal budget and allocations to agency programs that may impact your community. [Learn more »](#)

NLC Calls for Revamp of Federal Connectivity Programs

Congress has begun work on updates to the Universal Service Fund, which is the largest permanent federal program to close the digital divide. NLC urged Congress to incorporate broadband subsidies and funding reform in its overhaul. [Learn more »](#)

EPA, Army Corps Release WOTUS Proposed Rule

On November 17, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released a new proposed rule on the definition of "Waters of the U.S." under the Clean Water Act. Comments on the proposed rule are due Jan. 5, 2026. [Learn more »](#)

Upcoming Local Infrastructure Hub Training!

Half-day virtual workshop, Dec 11, 2025, 12:00 PM ET

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

This workshop will explore how local governments can apply SS4A Planning and Implementation funding to advance roadway safety and address the needs of all road users. [Register now »](#)

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Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1:00 PM ET

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 - 12/05/2025, 5 PM ET

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From: [Wyoming Women's Legislative Caucus](#)
To: [Wyoming Women's Legislative Caucus](#)
Subject: Invitation to "Lunch with Legislators" Webinar
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 11:55:33 AM
Attachments: Lunch with Legislators.png



We hope this email finds you well!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce the dates for our signature event: the [Wyoming Women's Legislative Caucus \(WWLC\) 2026 Leap into Leadership event](#), to be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on **February 25-26, 2026!** As you know, the mission of the WWLC is to increase the leadership skills and potential of Wyoming women through vital events, trainings, networking, and resources.

While we work diligently on the details for Leap into Leadership, we know how much everyone missed connecting in person last year. So, to bring our community together again before our big 2026 event, we invite you to join us for a free, informative webinar:

- **What:** Lunch with Legislators
- **When:** Monday, December 15, 2025
- **Time:** 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM MST
- **Cost:** Free!

We will be joined by members of the WWLC Board of Directors, including:

- **Representative Trey Sherwood**
- **Representative Elissa Campbell**
- **Senator Wendy Schuler**

They will share their personal journeys to becoming Wyoming Legislators, discuss their experiences on the floor, and provide insights into the legislative process. This is a unique opportunity to ask questions and hear directly from our state's women leaders!

How to Attend

To ensure you receive the access link, please **RSVP by replying to this email** or sending a quick message to info@wyowlc.org.

You will receive the Google Meet video link and participation details shortly after you RSVP.

We look forward to seeing you virtually on **December 15th** and connecting again at Leap into Leadership in February!

For information on the Caucus visit www.wyowlc.org

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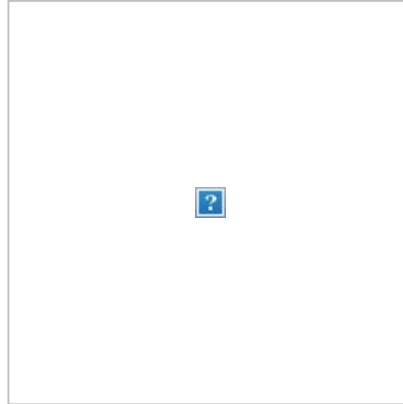
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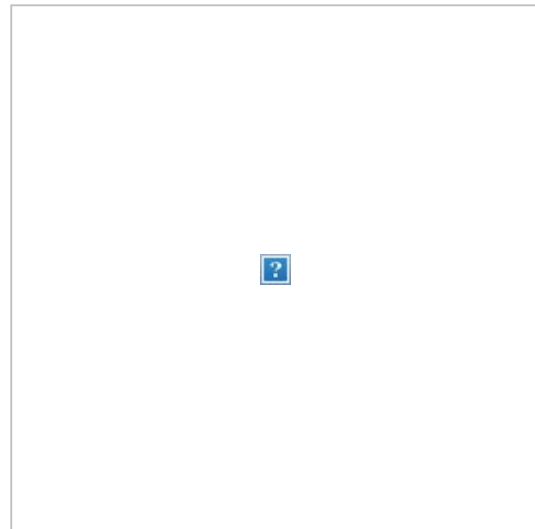
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From: [Snake River Headwaters Watershed Group](#)
To: [Alyson Spery](#)
Subject: Save the Date - SRHWG Winter 2026 Convening
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 11:23:59 AM



SAVE THE DATE
SRHWG
Winter 2026 Convening
Tuesday, January 27, 2026
1:00-3:00 PM MT
Virtual-Only



Dear Alyson,

Please save the date for the SRHWG Winter 2026 convening on **Tuesday, January 27, from 1-3:00 PM MT**. Due to the unpredictable weather and travel this time of year, we've opted for a **virtual-only** event. Stay tuned for more details, including an agenda and Zoom link.

If you are interested in presenting to the group, email julie@legacyworksgroup.com.

See below for community events and announcements from our members. Plus information regarding the 2026 Snake River Headwaters Symposium!

Best,

Julie Gonzalez
Project Manager
LegacyWorks Group

Town of Jackson Hosts - Water Conservation Community Event

Thursday, December 17, 2025

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Teton County Library, Jackson, WY

Join Ecosystem Stewardship Administrator Tanya Anderson and Interim Public Works Director Johnny Ziem to learn more and share input about the future of water conservation in the Town of Jackson. Everyone is welcome.



Our Members are Hiring

Grand Teton National Park - Seasonal Physical Scientist

- **Compensation:** \$23.94 per hour
- **Application Deadline:** Dec 8th, 2025
- **Link to Apply:** [GS-07 Physical Science Technician \(General\)](#)

Snake River Fund - Programs and Events Coordinator

- **Compensation:** \$26 per hour
- **Application Deadline:** January 2nd, 2026
- **Link to Apply:** www.snakeriverfund.org/jobs

Ricketts Conservation Foundation - Associate Ecologist

- **Pay Scale:** \$50K-\$60K
- **Application Deadline:** January 1st, 2026
- **Link to Apply:** <https://rickettsconservation.org/about-us/>

2026 Snake River Headwaters Symposium

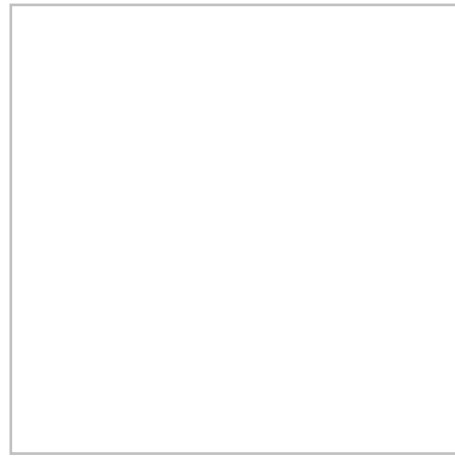
Friday, April 17, 2026

Center for the Arts, Jackson, WY

Join us on April 17, 2026, for the inaugural Snake River Headwaters Symposium, a full-day gathering of scientists, water users, agencies, nonprofits, and community members. Together, we'll explore the most

pressing issues facing our watershed and
spark collaborative solutions for the future.

**Featuring a keynote by *The Emerald Mile*
author Kevin Fedarko.**



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SRHWG Winter Newsletter

If you would like to contribute to our upcoming newsletter, please submit any updates, community events, entries from the field, or media links to the form below by Friday, Jan. 30th.

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From: [Veronika Chmelarova](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Nelson Drive Project
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 11:18:37 AM



Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I listened to yesterday's discussion about the Nelson Drive project. I support pursuing housing on this site, but I have a serious concern about the financial structure of the Town's participation.

As I understand it, the Town would pay \$4,050,000 for the right to place Town employees in 6 units for 30 years. The tenants in those units would pay their rent to the Housing Trust, and the Housing Trust would be responsible for management and maintenance. If that understanding is correct, the numbers in the operating budget do not support a \$4,050,000 payment by the Town.

The Housing Trust's own "Annual Operating Budget" table shows the following per unit, per year:

- Total operating expenses: about \$8,007
- Replacement reserves: about \$1,940

That means the true annual cost to operate and maintain a unit, including reserves, is roughly \$10,000 per year. After covering those costs, there is a significant amount per unit per year left over as free cash flow. Using the rents discussed at the meeting, that free cash flow is approximately \$11,400 per year for a 1-bedroom unit renting at about \$1,700 per month, and approximately \$23,600 per year for a 2-bedroom unit renting at about \$2,800 per month. In their table, that free cash flow is then used for debt service.

However, in this proposal the Town is already paying the full remaining construction cost of the 6 Town units up front (the \$4,050,000, or \$675,000 per unit). If the Town is paying the construction cost for these 6 units, it does not make sense that the Housing Trust also keeps all of the net rental income from those same units and uses it to support the project-wide debt service. In practical terms, the rent paid by Town employees in those units will be helping pay to build the other units.

Using the pro forma numbers and ignoring inflation for simplicity:

- Net cash after expenses and reserves is about \$11,400 per 1BD unit per year and \$23,600 per 2BD unit per year
- If the Town has one 2BD unit and five 1BD units, that is roughly \$80,600 per year
- Over 30 years, that adds up to roughly \$2,400,000 as additional subsidy coming from rent on the Town's 6 units

So in addition to the \$4,050,000 up-front payment, the Town would effectively be providing

more than \$2,000,000 over 30 years through the rents paid by its employees, while ending up with no ownership interest in the property.

In my view, if the Town pays \$4,050,000 to cover the construction cost of the 6 units, then the Town should receive the rent from those units, with the Town paying the Housing Trust about \$10,000 per unit per year for management, maintenance, and reserves.

Otherwise, the price the Town pays should be significantly lower, reflecting the fact that the Housing Trust will be keeping the net rental income for 30 years and the long-term residual value of the units.

As is the proposal now, the Town is not just securing housing for 6 employees. It is also heavily subsidizing the rest of the project.

I appreciate your work on housing and on this project in particular, and I hope you will reconsider the structure of the Town's financial commitment before moving forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Veronika Chmelarova

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Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 10:49:58 AM



Email the Town Council

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Spoken Public Comments Provided: Dec 1, 2025 - Jackson
Town Council Meeting Public Comment

Comments Provided by:

Kristin Combs, Executive Director of Wyoming Wildlife Advocates
&
Sheena Patel, Program & Operations Manager at Wyoming
Wildlife Advocates

Our program, Jackson Hole Bear Solutions' mission is to reduce human-bear conflicts regardless of people's economic status and help our community coexist safely with wildlife.

While Teton County has seen an overall decrease of human-bear conflicts with grizzly bears, there has been an increase in human-bear conflicts involving black bears this year as well as last year within the town of Jackson. Conflicts put both people and bears at risk and often stem from unsecured attractants like trash, compost, or bird feeders. We believe it's time to expand the town's human-bear conflict zone to include the entire Town of Jackson which would make the entirety of Teton County a bear smart area. Bears don't know where the line ends, and consistent expectations across the town would make it easier for residents and visitors to understand and follow the rules. Natural food availability plays a large role in the number of human-bear conflicts, but we have a responsibility to provide as much bear-proofing infrastructure as possible to reduce the chances of conflicts.

Several studies from other areas of the country such as Colorado (particularly Aspen and Durango), Florida and Massachusetts have had reduced human-bear conflicts since the implementation of town-wide regulations. Researchers have studied human-bear conflicts in urban areas for years, helping us understand what causes them and how to prevent them. These studies show that when only some attractants are secured, the overall impact on reducing conflicts is minimal. Consistent, community-wide participation is needed to see meaningful results.

In one recent 2025 study, Dr. Heather Johnson et al. found reducing available food at the community level causes bears to avoid neighborhoods, rather than simply relying on isolated

containers. Interventions are showing that bears are learning because of their perception of risks versus reward. This study also found that “...reduced bear activity in residential areas due to bear-resistant containers also likely alleviated non-garbage-related risks, including risks to people, domestic pets, and property as well as risks to bears via lethal control or vehicle collisions.”

In a study conducted in Durango, Colorado where bear-resistant trash cans were deployed in one neighborhood but not in another, it was found that the treatment neighborhood had reduced human-bear conflicts by 60%.

Relying on hazing bears away from attractants rather than securing those human-provided foods is increasingly being found to not be effective in reducing human-bear conflicts long-term. This is because the “energetic cost from hazing is small relative to the benefits of food rewards obtained.” (Lewis, et al. 2015).

In a 2019 study (Zeller, et al.), it was found that bears exploit human environments (roads, residential areas), especially temporally at night and become more nocturnal in human dominated landscapes. Unless anthropogenic food is broadly removed or secured across those same spaces, bears will continue to use residential areas which implies that piecemeal deployment of bear-resistant trash cans which leaves neighbouring attractants available is unlikely to stop such use. Together these studies present evidence that bears will continue to use residential areas while anthropogenic foods remain available, and reductions in human-bear conflict are most likely when those attractants are removed or secured across the landscape or community, not only at scattered locations. One study (Khorozyan, 2020) additionally emphasizes that human behaviour and compliance determine real-world effectiveness of food-isolation measures. Basically, people are apt to be more compliant when there is no confusion about whether they should have a bear-resistant trash can or not.

Communities like Canmore, Aspen, Whistler, Durango, and Vail are already further along in implementing attractant-management and bear-conflict prevention measures. Jackson has the opportunity to do the same, to take proactive steps now and show that living responsibly with wildlife is part of who we are.

Securing attractants doesn't just protect bears, it also keeps ravens, magpies, and other scavengers from spreading trash, keeping our neighborhoods cleaner and healthier.

Jackson Hole Bear Solutions would like to serve as a resource in making this transition easier. We help residents attain bear-resistant trash cans and are still offering subsidies that make cans affordable for all residents, regardless of their economic status. These cans qualify for free repairs or replacements in the

event of damage. We'd also like to work with the town to explore options for bear-resistant dumpsters for businesses. We will be implementing a bear safe business certification program to help businesses secure all attractants.

There are many effective ways to prevent these types of conflicts, and we're eager to share our expertise. From installing electric fencing around fruit trees and providing electric mats outside homes, to promoting the use of bear-resistant composters and trash cans, and educating residents on the importance of carrying bear spray, we have the tools and experience to help our community succeed.

We hope to continue collaborating with the county and the Town of Jackson to make this community a leader in responsible waste management and wildlife stewardship. We ask that you consider taking up this issue in discussions concerning regulation changes in 2026.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to keeping both people and wildlife safe in our community.

Resources

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From: [Rebecca Bextel](#)
To: [Board Of County Commissioners](#); [Town Council](#); [April Norton](#); [Lea Colasuonno](#); [Keith Gingery](#)
Subject: Thanks to Commissioner Propst!
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 10:35:09 AM



Hello,

When people were calling me this morning, I had to go back and listen in myself. I want to publicly state how wonderful it was to hear/see real leadership coming from Commissioner Propst last night when he asked where/what the private equity funding is for the Virginian project. Like what is the name of the group/firm, what are the details. He reminded people of what we signed up for, and he was trying to hold the developers and officials accountable to that.

THIS is exciting for us citizens! Some of the frustrations I have is when a project is approved and we are told that certain requirements will be in place, once the dust settles a few years later, we were given something completely different.

THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Rebecca

From: [Alicia with YTCC](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: A Special Thanks from us on Giving Tuesday
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 10:21:42 AM



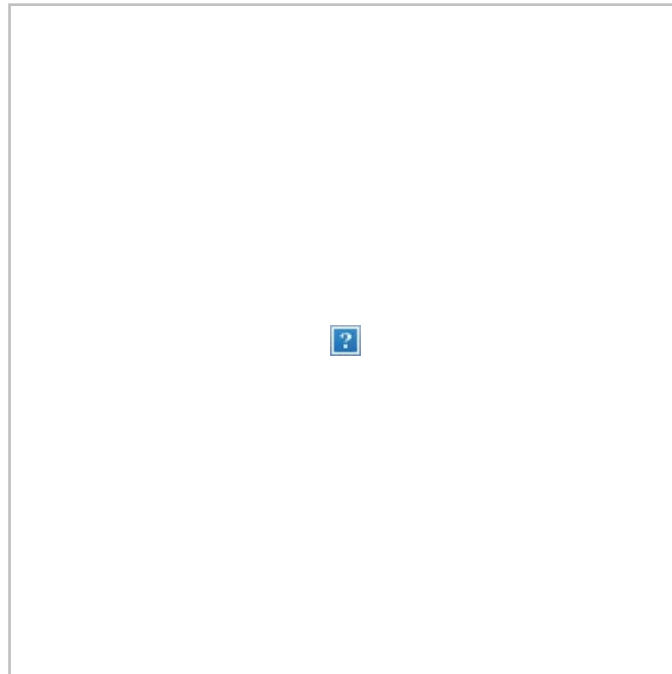
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Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities works to advance
alternative fuels, vehicles, infrastructure and sustainable
transportation opportunities in Idaho, Montana and



Wyoming. Our newsletter aims to connect you to resources, funding and events in our region.



On this Giving Tuesday we want to give thanks to all those who have supported our efforts over the past year. With your support and the collective actions of our stakeholders, greenhouse gas emissions from transportation in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming were reduced by an incredible 72% from the prior year—our largest reduction ever reported. To give proper context to this achievement, the Department of Energy tasks all Clean Cities and Communities Coalitions throughout the country with achieving a 20% year-over-year improvement, and our community far surpassed this target.

Despite many federal-level funding and program rollbacks, YTCC has been confidently moving our mission forward through programs, events, and individualized analysis and recommendations. Some highlights from the past year include:

 **Re-launch of our EV Experience program** with an F-150 Lightning. This program has been fully booked since it launched in the spring.

 **Providing administrative and program direction** for the Town of Jackson's Community Fueling and Infrastructure \$5.5 million grant. When completed, this project will transform the region's charging offerings and allow residents and tourists to smoothly navigate the Greater Yellowstone Region in an electric vehicle.

 **Offering our monthly Renewable Diesel Working Group**, continually bringing more fleets, businesses, and individuals into the know—and eventual use—of renewable diesel.

Hosting our Stakeholder Meetings in Helena, MT and Driggs, ID where we heard from various alternative and mobility champions in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming speak on their achievements and how they got there.

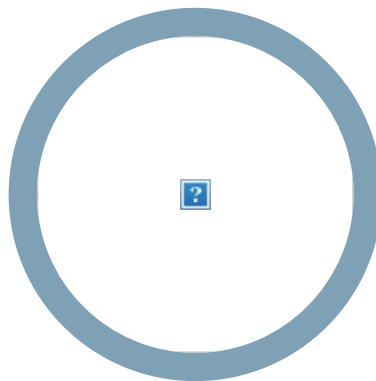
This is just a small snapshot of what we have been up to. To continue to stay updated on YTCC and clean transportation happenings, please:

- Follow us on social media: [YTCC Instagram](#), [Drive Electric Wyoming Instagram](#) and [Drive Electric Montana Instagram](#)
- Follow us on [LinkedIn](#)

Thank you for being an integral, supportive part of YTCC's community.

Donate Here

Warm regards,
Alicia Cox
Executive Director



Big News!

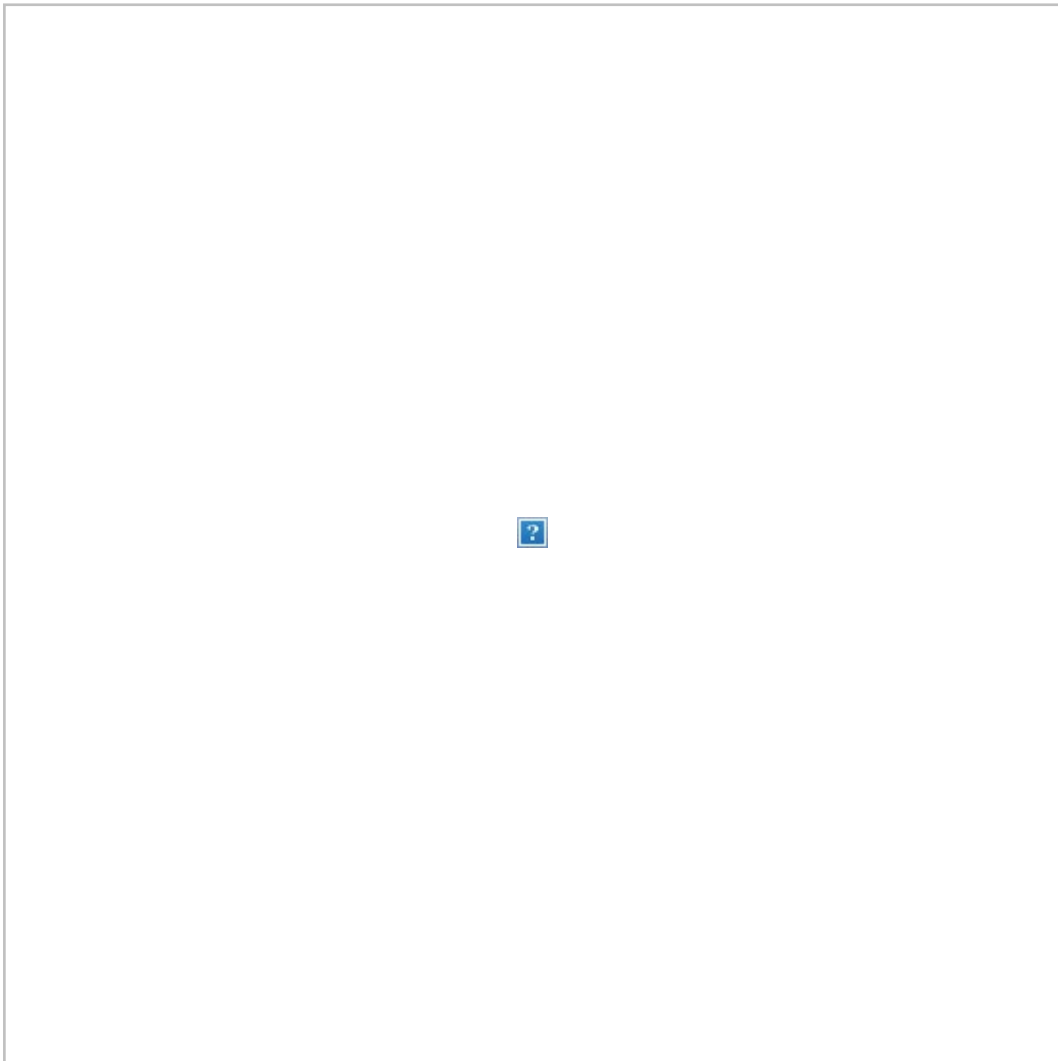


YTCC has a new website! We are thrilled to share our new website with our community. This website brings a clean, modern interface with more streamlined information. Check out our [project pages](#), view [our upcoming events](#) and check out our [resources](#) on our new website!

You can now sign up as an **Individual, Supporter, Small Fleet or Large Fleet Donor.**

Funding

MT DEQ Clean Transportation Funding



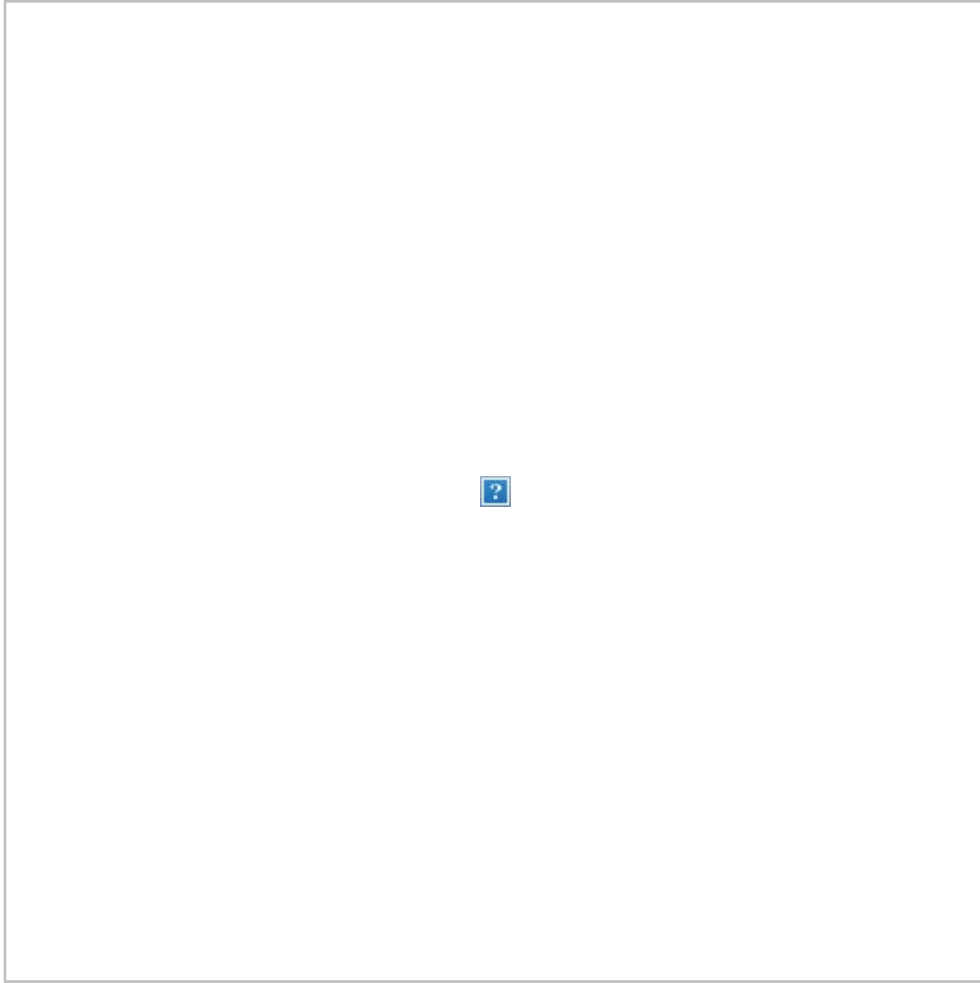
DEADLINE approaching

To be eligible for funding, entities must submit a draft application for DEQ's review and comment by December 5, 2025 by 2:00pm.

The Clean Truck, Bus & Airport Equipment Program matches funds to replace older diesel trucks, buses or airport ground support vehicles with battery electric, alternate fuel or newer diesel vehicles. Examples of vehicles eligible to receive funding through this opportunity include garbage trucks, school buses, street sweepers, bucket trucks, buses or vehicles that service aircraft between flights.

[More information](#)

Teton Village Association RFP



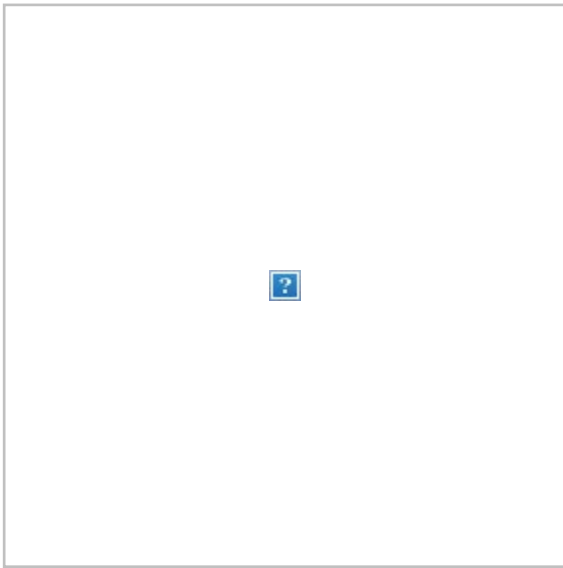
Teton Village Association has released an RFP for the design phase of their portion of the Town of Jackson's DOT CFI grant.

Learn more and view RFP [here](#).

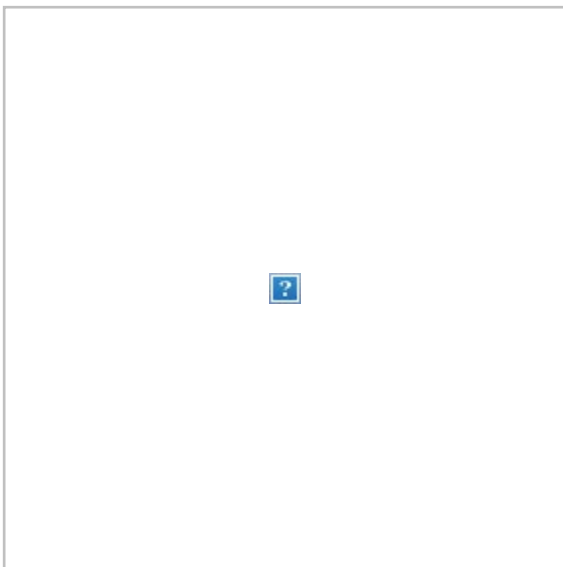
Events

Charging Station Planning Session

Join us on Wednesday, December 3rd in Butte Montana to voice your opinion on where you would like to see and where



you think Butte and Silver Bow County
needs more charging infrastructure.



TVA Ribbon Cutting

Where: Distribution Dock, Teton Village
Association maintenance yard, WY

When: Thursday, December 4th at noon

Join Teton Village Association staff to
celebrate the launch of their **innovative
E-Delivery program.**



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Cc: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: RE: Moving JM to 2nd Monday
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 10:12:51 AM
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Thanks Tyler, The BCC passed the 2026 Joint Meeting Resolution as presented this morning.

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From: [Ricky Bradley](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Today only! Unlock \$250,000 for Citizens' Climate
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 9:17:06 AM



Today's the last day to make sure your monthly gift has 5X the impact for three months.





Dear Arne,

Today only, your Giving Tuesday donation can unlock an additional \$250,000 for citizen-powered climate advocacy. If we raise \$250,000 by midnight, our Climate Guardian donors will match it and double your impact.

[Will you make a Giving Tuesday donation today and help unlock the \\$250,000 match?](#)

Donate Now

Corporations invest heavily in lobbying every year for one simple reason: lobbying works.

At Citizens' Climate, we're making it work for people and the planet. Your donation helps train and support our nonpartisan, grassroots lobbying team for the climate.

Your Giving Tuesday gift powers the strategic direction we've set for 2026 and beyond, which includes:

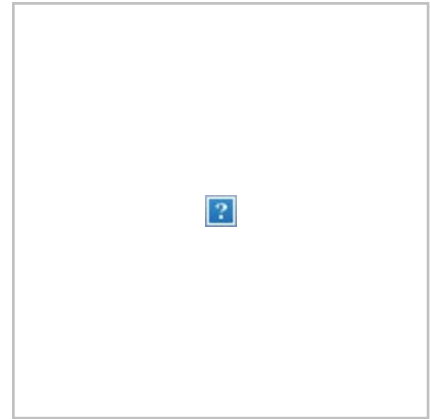
- **Introducing a new training series** that uses relational advocacy and behavioral science to deepen trust and strengthen our influence in Congress.
- **Coordinating targeted outreach efforts** so volunteers connect with key lawmakers at the exact moments when their voices can have the most impact.
- **Equipping advocates** to bring district-specific data and trusted local voices to lawmakers, showing them how climate solutions benefit the people they represent.

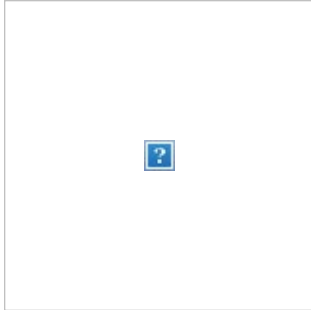
This approach will strengthen our ability to build real support in Congress. Because influence today isn't just about how loud we are. Effective advocacy depends on building trust in our communities and in Congress, so we can be truly heard.

That's where Citizens' Climate shines — and your donation funds the tools and training to make it happen.

[Please consider making a Giving Tuesday donation today](#), and help us unlock an additional \$250,000 to support this critical work.

With gratitude,



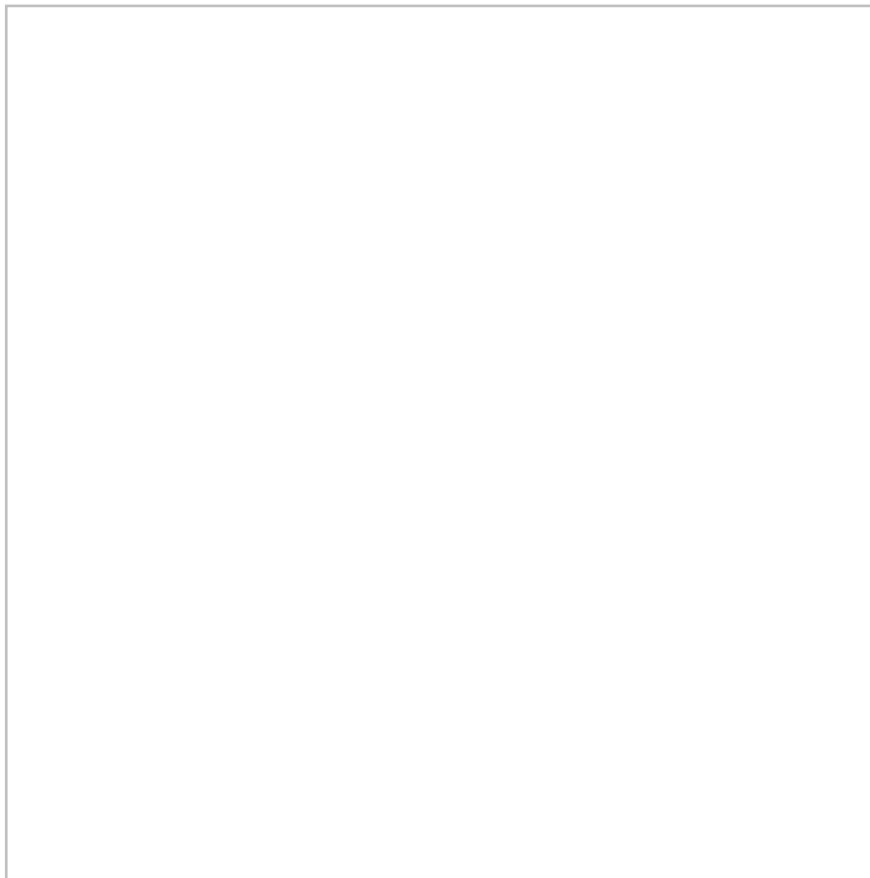


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Interim Executive Director

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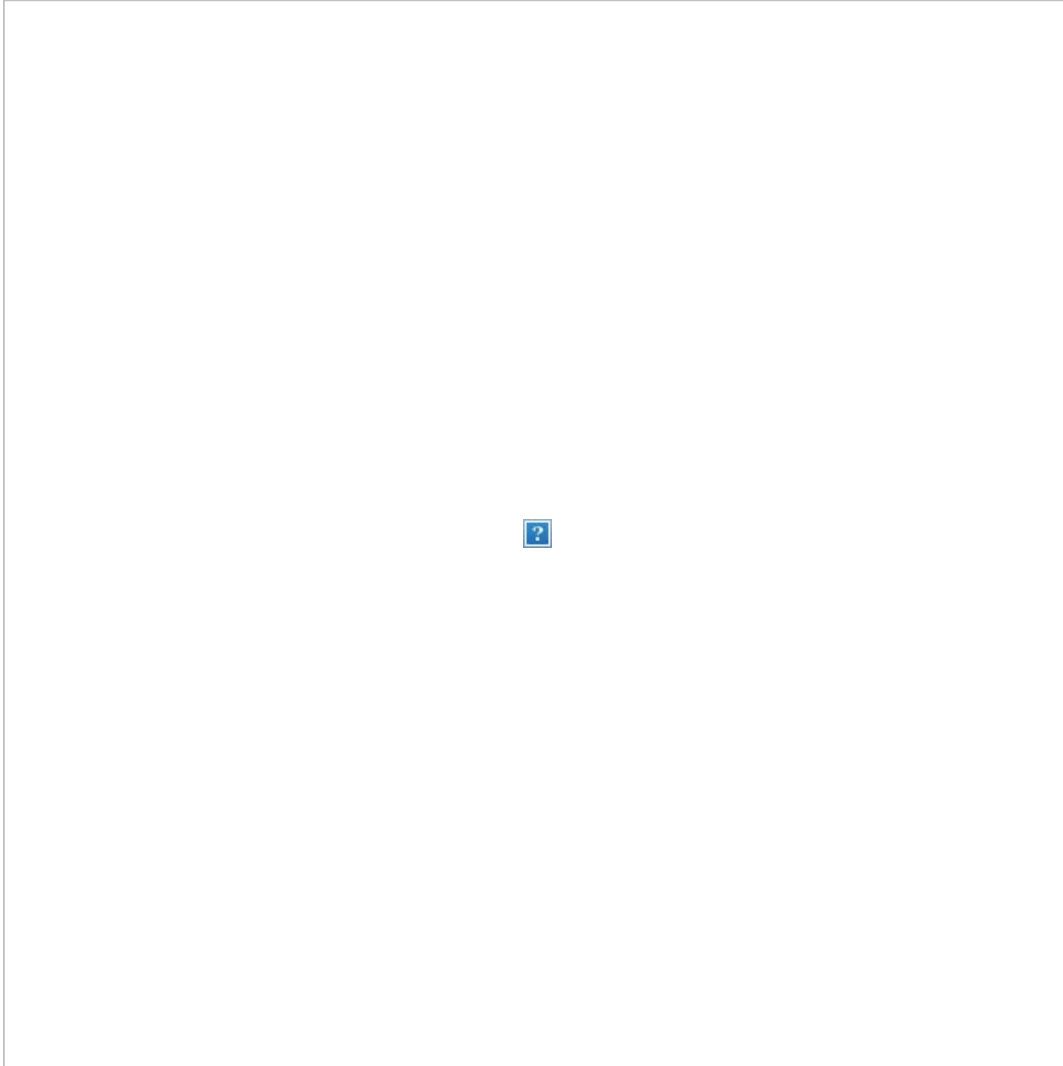
Good morning!

MY name is Hannah and I've recently started reporting for Buckrail. I watched the meeting last night regarding the decision to extend the deadline for 90 Virginian Lane.

I'm wondering if you'd be willing to share a comment with Buckrail. More specifically, are there any concerns you have about the third extension? It seems most council members stated this would be the last time they voted to extend the deadline, but am curious about how you see this in terms of project start date and completion.

Thanks in advance, and happy Tuesday!
Hannah

From: [Wyoming Business Council](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: /// WBC Team of Thousands Newsletter
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 9:05:44 AM



Building Wyoming's Future: Join the Team of Thousands

Greetings, Wyoming Pioneers.

We are thrilled to relaunch our regular Partner Message with a renewed focus on the power of collaboration – our **"Team of Thousands"** philosophy. Building a prosperous and resilient economic future for the Cowboy State is a collective mission, and every local leader, passionate business owner, community partner, and dedicated citizen is a vital part of this effort.

In this message, we're not just sharing updates; we're providing you with the knowledge and tools to actively participate in **building a thriving future for generations to come**. From exploring groundbreaking new industries to securing opportunities for our next generation of talent, the Wyoming Business Council is here to serve as an optimistic architect and catalyst for progress.

We are all in this together. Learn more about the critical work happening across Wyoming and discover how you can plug into the Team of Thousands to help us achieve our shared vision.



The Power of Collaboration: What it Means to be a "Team of Thousands"

Building a resilient, future-focused Wyoming economy isn't a task for a single office or one governing body. It requires all of us – a **Team of Thousands**.

The WBC believes the most powerful drivers of economic progress are found in our local communities. This philosophy recognizes that true, sustainable growth happens when we empower leaders across the state – from the entrepreneur starting a business in Gillette to the community college instructor training a skilled workforce in Riverton, and the county commissioner securing vital infrastructure funding in Pinedale.

Being a **Team of Thousands** means:

- **Shared Ownership:** Every citizen, business, and partner takes ownership of Wyoming's economic success.
- **Grassroots Solutions:** State resources and expertise are channeled to support **locally driven**, problem-solving initiatives.
- **Collective Voice:** We amplify successes and align on priorities, ensuring that the work being done in Cheyenne directly benefits communities across all 23 counties.

When we work together - when thousands of us are focused on the same goal – we can transform groundbreaking ideas, like developing a nuclear energy industry or capitalizing on critical minerals, into tangible opportunities that create jobs and secure a prosperous future **for all Wyoming families**.

You are a crucial part of this team. Learn more about how you can plug into these efforts in the stories below!

JOIN THE TEAM OF THOUSANDS



Change is a Team Sport: Mobilizing the "Team of Thousands" at JAC Watch Parties

The Team of Thousands is mobilizing! Join a statewide JAC Watch Party this **Thursday, December 4th**, to engage directly with the legislative budget process.

These live events center on the WBC's critical presentation to the Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC), where we will outline our **Vision for a More Resilient Wyoming Future** – the strategic investments and "big bets" required to reverse negative economic trends and ensure long-term prosperity. As our CEO, Josh Dorrell, noted, it takes informed citizens and engaged community leaders to ensure our state moves forward. The core message is clear: **CHANGE IS A TEAM SPORT!**

Why Join a Watch Party?

- **See Democracy in Action:** Observe firsthand how state budget decisions impact local jobs and economic growth.
- **Connect & Organize:** Meet fellow community members who share a passion for Wyoming's future.
- **Learn Your Role:** Get the tools and knowledge needed to effectively engage with the legislative process.

Event Details & Locations

The WBC's presentation is scheduled for 2:30 PM, with watch parties running from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 4th. Attendance is free, but registration is encouraged to manage logistics: wbc.pub/JAC_WatchParty

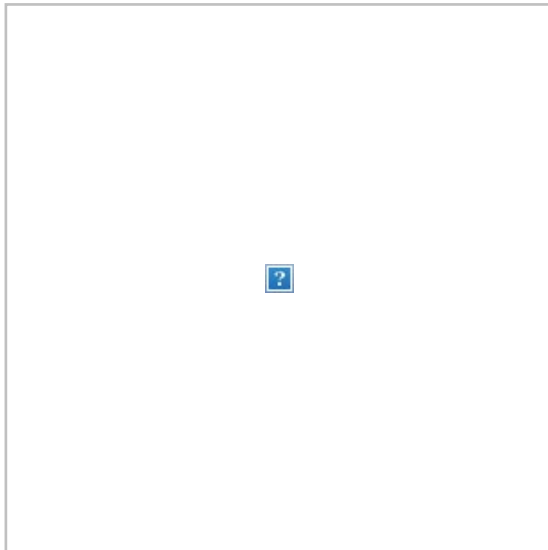
In-Person Locations (2:00 PM - 4:00 PM):

- Casper: Casper College Walter H. Nolte Gateway Center, Room 225
- Cheyenne: Wyoming Business Council office
- Gillette: Gillette College Technical Education Center Presentation Hall TEC213
- Laramie: UW College of Business Green Johnson Student Success Center Commons
- Powell: Northwest College Student Center, Room 100
- Riverton: Central Wyoming College Intertribal Education and Community Center
- Rock Springs: Rock Springs High School Auditorium (Note: A valid ID is required for admittance.)

Bonus: In-person attendees will receive light refreshments, Team of Thousands swag, and a chance to win Wyoming-made door prizes!

Virtual Option: Watch the full JAC hearing live on the Wyoming Legislature's YouTube channel: youtube.com/live/4jOJGnjN0Rg.

RSVP FOR A JAC WATCH PARTY NEAR YOU!



Catch the Wave: Nuclear Energy & Critical Minerals Drive Wyoming's Future

The Team of Thousands is already hard at work securing Wyoming's next economic chapter!

Last month, hundreds of citizens, local leaders, and business partners joined the inaugural **"Building Wyoming's Future: Understanding the Nuclear Industry"** community conversation. The message was clear and optimistic: high-tech industries are not just coming to Wyoming, they are a crucial path to diversification, creating the high-paying, long-term career opportunities we need to retain our talented young people.

We discussed how major developments, like the proposed **BWX Technologies (BWXT)** advanced nuclear fuel facility in Gillette/Campbell County, are poised to serve as powerful catalysts for growth, impacting supply chains and job markets across the

entire state. If you missed the conversation, the **full webinar recording** is now available on our website at wbc.pub/teamof1000s, including a complete community Q&A section with detailed responses from our panelists.

*A special congratulations to **Paula Strohschein from Wright, Wyoming**, the winner of our post-webinar survey raffle: a custom Wyoming-made night light! If you want to share your thoughts about the session, we would love your feedback in this [quick survey](#).*

Next Up: Going Beyond the Rocks

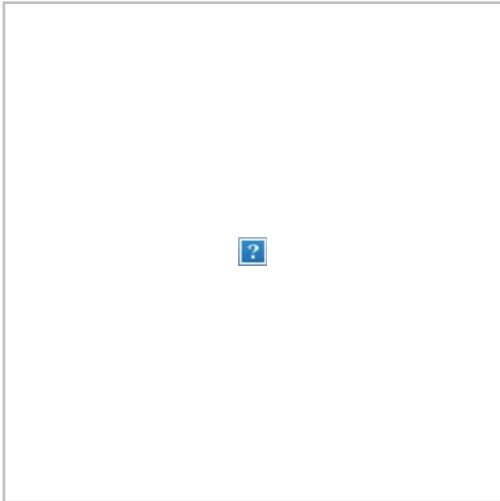
As we continue to build this foundation of prosperity, our next essential community conversation will shift focus from atoms to elements.

Join the Team of Thousands on **Wednesday, December 17th, at 2 PM (MST)** for: **"Building Wyoming's Future: Critical Minerals Beyond the Rocks."**

Critical minerals are the building blocks of the future, essential for everything from advanced technology to electric vehicle batteries and national defense. Wyoming is rich in these resources, but capitalizing on them requires a strategic approach that involves all of us. This webinar will explore how we can responsibly extract, process, and leverage these assets to create new economic clusters and solidify Wyoming's place as a global energy and resource leader.

Don't miss out on this vital conversation! **Register now at** wbc.pub/BWF_Rocks.

REGISTER FOR OUR NEXT COMMUNITY CONVERSATION



Help Us Close the Talent Gap: Share Your Input on Internships

Securing Wyoming's next generation of talent is a core mission of the Team of Thousands. A major step in this effort is **strengthening the connection between businesses and students**.

The **Wyoming Business Alliance** (WBA), in partnership with the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges, recently launched a critical survey to better understand needs and opportunities. They are asking for your help distributing it among your network of Wyoming companies and organizations.

The goal is simple: to better understand current levels of internship and experiential learning participation, and to clearly identify the barriers that may prevent businesses from engaging in these essential opportunities.

Your Input is Critical

Understanding your company's needs will allow us to assess barriers, expand hands-on learning, and develop strategies to retain skilled graduates in Wyoming. This is how we build a strong, future-proof workforce together.

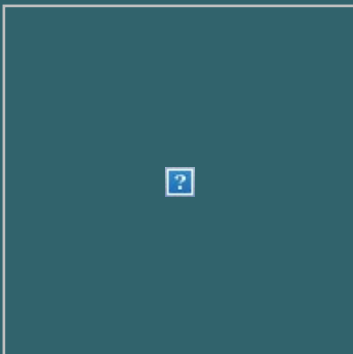
Please distribute the survey link to your networks as soon as possible. **All responses must be submitted by December 8th.**

Take and Share the Survey Now!

Thank you for supporting this vital initiative and for strengthening the connections between Wyoming businesses and our students!

INTERNSHIP SURVEY

Be a Pioneer: Join the Team of Thousands



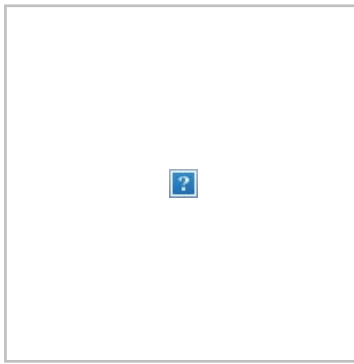
Ready to be an architect of Wyoming's future?

We believe building a thriving, resilient economy is a job for all of us. That's why we're embracing our pioneering spirit with the **"Team of Thousands."**

This movement includes every leader, business owner, and citizen. Together, we can move toward a bold, optimistic vision.

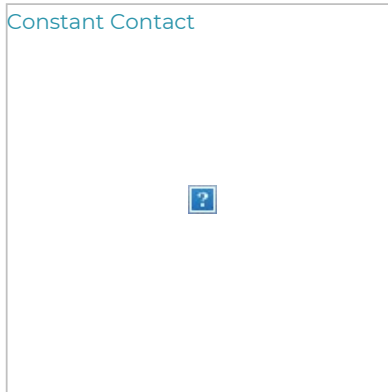
Share your story on our new Team of 1000s webpage and help us design a bold, optimistic vision for our state!

SHARE YOUR STORY



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From: [McKinnley Robinson](#)
Subject: Press Release: TCHD Hosts Low to No-Cost STI Testing Event on Saturday, December 6
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 8:31:57 AM
Attachments: Press Release_ Low to No-Cost STI Testing Event December 2025.pdf



Good Morning,

The Teton County Health Department's Sexual and Reproductive Health team invites the community to its low to no-cost STI testing event on Saturday, December 6th, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Teton County Health Department located at 460 East Pearl Ave.

If you are sexually active, getting tested for STIs is one of the most important things you can do to protect your health. No appointments are needed to attend and wait times at the event are possible. Testing for common sexually transmitted infections (STI) such as HIV, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, and Hep C will be available, at little to no-cost.

Please refer to the attached document to read the press release in its entirety.

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Subject: Why Your Gift Matters Today!
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The Garden of Lanterns Celebration on October 10, 2025 at the Center for the Arts Park

Give to What Brings Us Together

Dear Friends,

Giving Tuesday is a wonderful opportunity to support organizations in our community that are meaningful to YOU! It is also an important time for Jackson Hole Public Art to reach out to our community in the spirit of gratitude to thank YOU for your generous support!

As I begin my term as Chair of our Board of Directors, I want you to know that public art offers **unique art experiences for people of all ages and abilities**, whether you are visiting our community or call this wonderful place home. These interactions are building a

stronger, happier, more resilient and compassionate community. Public art is truly for EVERYONE!

This past October, on a perfect fall evening, we hosted the [Garden of Lanterns](#) at the Center for the Arts. It was a magical evening of art — beautiful lanterns came to sparkling life under the stars, dancers moved throughout the sculptures, and voices filled the air in perfect harmony.

We now know from scientific research that art-making provides major health benefits. That is why in 2026 we are bringing the authors of [Your Brain on Art](#) to Jackson for a FREE lecture. Ivy Ross and Susan Magsamen will introduce our community to vital new information that will change the way we approach participation in arts from a luxury to vital for our collective health.

We will also create the next large-scale, community-driven art project with [Bronwyn Minton](#), again inviting people of all ages and abilities into an art project that will grow into a movement.

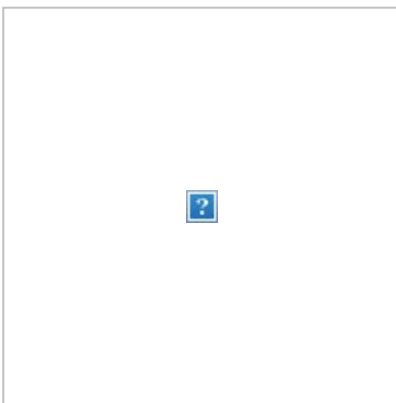
I hope you will join me in making a gift on this Giving Tuesday to help further our mission by producing another community-led art project with Bronwyn Minton, and hosting the Your Brain on Art authors. Together we will continue to build a healthier, more connected, and vibrant community around free and accessible public art experiences.

Thank you for your consideration!

Gratefully,

R. Jason Snider

Board Chair, Jackson Hole Public Art



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From: [Rebecca Bextel](#)
To: [April Norton](#)
Cc: [Town Council](#); [Board Of County Commissioners](#); [Keith Gingery](#); [Lea Colasuonno](#)
Subject: Re: Lying about the ground lease!
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 7:35:14 AM
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Hey April,

I thought I was the only one awake at 5am! Thank you for this, but unfortunately these are not the facts. Maybe it was what was intended, but this is not the reality of what happened with the Flat Creek Apartments. I will walk you through the actual documents point by point, as well as emails exchanged.

Here we go:

Point 1. There is NO tax return needed to verify income. I have an email from developer, Christian, telling you this exact thing in 2022. Because you told the town council you did not want to manage this building (which meant BlueLine got to pay themselves \$30,000 a year in an admin fee plus 6.5% of all revenue, which is higher than any contract anyone I know has ever seen), the rules are different for qualifying tenants into the building. NOTHING in the contracts say they have to meet Teton County standards for qualifying into a building. As a matter of fact, the IRS and WCDA rules expressly trump any of our policies. THEY have made sure THEIR rules have been recorded against the land! For example, our county rules at least say a tenant has to live here. I understand you are pointing to rules enacted by other agencies, third party administrators, etc. But the fact remains that:

A. a person only needs to show two months of source documents to verify their income to move into the Flat Creek Apartments. Again, NO tax return. You can sign a statement explaining away large deposits, bonuses received, etc. This is not a high enough threshold for many Teton residents (for example, if a tenant showed an April or November paycheck stub to qualify your income, for many workers it would seem they earn less. If you do not believe me on this, I will show you ACTUAL examples. ALL They do is take a paycheck stub and multiply by 25, or in some cases when even that is too high, the person says they only work 43 weeks a year so they recalculate OR they sign a statement saying their income is not going to be that high again. I CAN SHOW YOU ACTUAL EXAMPLES OF THIS).

I am not the only one who feels we needed stricter standards to move into government-funded housing on public land. I hate to tell you this, but the town (probably accidentally) sent me NOT REDACTED files for all 48 units. I have never disclosed someone's personal information, but the fact of the matter is that current residents applied FROM CALIFORNIA and received an apartment. There are TONS of issues with nearly every single application. When you and Mayor Jorgensen continue repeating the process for what it takes to qualify to

move in, I have no choice but continuing showing example after example of the actual tenants in the building. I will not ever disclose anyone's personal info, but I will continue rolling out the facts, and I have several horrible tenant files not even disclosed yet. If it matters, they were already red flags even when they were redacted.

B.. It took more than 6 months to rent out the apartments because, as many already knew, no one who actually works full time makes less than \$28,000 per year, UNLESS they have a cash business or are disabled. And by the way, NEARLY ALL of the 30% units have cash-based business owner tenants living there. I WANT more disabled housing around here, and I am not going after those tenants.

C. In 2022, BlueLine Developer, Christian Pritchett, sent you an email specifically telling you that people do NOT get kicked out for having an income higher than 60% of AMI. You replied to his email, so I know you read this. When you tried to get him to verify the process for tenant selection, you rightfully asked if this was stated correctly:

"Tenant selection criteria will provide a preference for tenants who work for a local business. If there are no applicants who work locally, then the next preference will be for current residents. If there are no applicants who currently reside in Teton County, then a qualified non-resident could lease one of the units."

Here is how Christian formatted your statement, deleting sentences and adding the red text:

"Tenant selection criteria will provide a preference for tenants who live or work in Teton County. If there are no applicants who currently live or work in Teton County, then units will be leased to individuals and families who otherwise qualify. "

He added that by saying "live/work", it gives them more flexibility in selecting tenants.

You KNEW since 2002:

That people DID NOT GET KICKED OUT if their income is higher than 60% of AMI. Literally Christian directly told you that. Now, maybe you did not see all the lease shenanigans, and I will get to that in a minute, but I wonder if you read the WDCA contracts that are actually filed with that county clerk's office that state:

3.2.4

Treatment of Over-Income Tenants: In the event an in-place tenant, **upon re-verification of the tenant's income, has a household income above 80% AMI, the Owner shall take the following actions:**

If after initial occupancy and income determination, the tenant's total household annual income increases above 80% of median income (Low-Income as defined under 24 CFR

92.2), the tenant will be required to pay the lesser of market rent for a comparable unit

in the area or 30% of their adjusted gross monthly income for rent and utilities,

NO ONE other than you and Mayor Jorgensen are claiming that this is for low-income tenants making less than 60% of AMI. Maybe you relied on legal help to guide you through the contracts. I am not holding you responsible for the fine print in the WCDA or even ground lease (WHICH YOU SIGNED) and covenant documents. However, BlueLine has done this scam before and they have competent attorneys who knew all of this. Where was our town council and town attorney? I am sorry to keep saying this, but that is why I repeatedly state that you are not qualified to be making \$28 million real estate deals. When we have someone like you coming to the table negotiating all this, and BlueLine and the East Coast equity firms send in the big dogs, we get a BAD DEAL. Sorry, but our county employees are not equipped to negotiate this stuff. NONE OF IT IS WRITTEN IN OUR FAVOR, YET THE TAX PAYERS ARE THE ONES WHO PROVIDED THE CASH AND LAND! At minimum, we should have gotten the upper hand in the deal.

Did you see the revenue projections Tyler and BlueLine submitted in the RFP? It talks about FAIR MARKET RENT all over the place! They have value projections BASED ON THIS! Did you not read any of this, and at least get curious?

To conclude point #1, what you are saying is not good enough for the tax payers, however there is a silver lining. I have been looking at contracts and projects all over Wyoming, and only Natrona County has it almost this bad. In other counties, they worked to get a better deal for the taxpayers. Because this case was so egregious, and a violation of some many things for the residents who live here, legislation will change directly as a result of this project. So in a way you have made a big difference.

Point 2. Not true! There is about to be a joint corporations and revenue committee hearing because of the .0001 scam. The statute clearly states that a profitmaking enterprise cannot exempt property tax. This is the one thing I have well in-hand. :) The lowest hanging fruit, if you will. In just a single weekend, 12 legislators called me about this. NO ONE KNEW this was happening, and again, we have you, Joe Rice's bullying and Nate Shephard calling the cops on me to thank for that. I could not help but notice that, based on the way people were acting, there was something bigger here, and I found it.

But please let me add here that this example (and Snow King Apartments) goes to show the lengths you were personally willing to go to to enrich developers at the expense of the residents. You cost us \$110,000 per year at the Flat Creek Apartments for a group of investors who will make MILLIONS of dollars per year. Shame on you. And from what I can tell, only Mayor Jorgensen also knew what was happening here. Part of what I am doing is alerting the new town council as to what is really going down. Some of them seem like decent people, and they deserve to get the facts on this.

Point 3. I keep pointing to the ground lease for a number of reasons, but mostly for two main

reasons: NOTHING protects low income housing for 99-years AND the time was taken in the lease to clarify that only 40% of the building has to be for people making less than 60% AMI (ASK YOURSELF, WHYYYYYYYYY is that requirement written in there in MULTIPLE places???? Because the developer's attorneys put it in there! Duh!)

A. And with regard to the actual ground lease, at least initially, no resident ever read it. COUNTLESS people emailed me for a copy to read it for themselves. Every single time Mayor Jorgensen said the restrictions were recorded against the land in the ground lease, I could not tell if he was making it up or received bad legal advice. I have all the screenshots. As of Friday, the ground lease has still yet to be recorded. In other words, a lot of people find this very curious. However, the covenants have been recorded, and I will get to that, as well, in a moment.

B. I hate to pile on here, but even the WCDA has maintained that the low income restrictions expire in 30 years. And they told me out of their own mouths THAT THE TOWN KNOWS THAT.

Point 4. Again, I am not holding you responsible for this one, as far as this language and the contracts that it is stated in. I only hold you responsible that you knew that a tenant did not have to earn less than 60% AMI to live in the building because you were directly told that by the developers in 2022. I tell people all the time how smart you are, and that is why I consider this a fair fight. You were directly told that people do not get kicked out of the building when their income goes up. You are very smart enough to understand what Christian was telling you. You never told the public that. You deceived us for years. And don't forget: when their income goes up, BlueLine makes more money!

The very first page of the land covenants state this right out of the gate, and remember, this IS filed with the clerk's office while the ground lease is NOT.

*"WHEREAS, the Owner has represented to the Authority in Owner's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Application ("Application" **that Owner shall lease 40% of the units in the Project to individuals or families whose income is 60% or less of the area median gross income** (including adjustments for family size) and with the rent restricted ("Low-Income Tenants"), all as determined in accordance with Section 42 and other applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"); and ..."*

Section 4 states this:

SECTION 4 – INCOME RESTRICTIONS; RENTAL RESTRICTION

The Owner represents, warrants and covenants throughout the term of this Agreement and in order to satisfy the requirements of Section 42 of the Code ("Section 42 Occupancy Restrictions") that:

(a) At least 40% or more of the residential units in the Project are both rent-restricted and occupied by individuals or families whose income is 60% or less of area median income. ★

(b) The determination of whether a tenant meets the low-income requirement shall be made by the Owner at least annually in a manner consistent with the methods used under HUD's Section 8 Program.

5. Oh my goodness. This bank loan is seriously that most disturbing new revelation. Let me show you a quick couple of screenshots, and then we will dive into it, although there is not much to argue about.

From: Maddy Mason <maddy@bluelinedevelopment.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 12:33 PM
To: April Norton <aprilnorton@jacksonwy.gov>
Cc: Harby, Jason C. <JHarby@winthrop.com>; Keith Gingery <kgingery@tetoncountywy.gov>
Subject: Fw: HAB & TOJ Document List for upcoming meetings

Hi April,

Jason and I are finalizing documents - can you confirm that we're ok to use a slip page to address the loan amount on the Resolutions for 400 SK SLP, LLC now that the loan amount is confirmed at \$15,500,000? I made note of it earlier this month prior to signing (below).

Thank you!

Maddy Mason

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www.BlueLineDevelopment.com

AMAZINGLY,
the Teton County Attorney replies to this email
THAT IT IS FINE!

First American Title Insurance Company - NCS Omaha
4909 S. 135 Street, Suite 207
Omaha, Nebraska 68137

RECORDATION REQUESTED BY:
Hilltop National Bank
Main Office
300 Country Club Rd
P O Box 2680
Casper, WY 82602

GRANTOR: FLAT CREEK APARTMENTS LLC
GRANTEE: HILLTOP NATIONAL BANK
Doc 1053617 Filed At 12:01 ON 02/02/23
Maureen Murphy Teton County Clerk fees: 36.00
By Corrina Dorman Deputy Clerk

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Casper, WY 82602

SEND TAX NOTICES TO:
Flat Creek Apartments LLC
1004 South Ave W
Missoula, MT 59801-7909

**The Teton County Housing Authority says they borrowed \$6,974,000
but the loan documents say \$15 million!**

For Recorders Use Only

LEASEHOLD MORTGAGE

THIS LEASEHOLD MORTGAGE is from FLAT CREEK APARTMENTS, LLC, 1004 South Avenue South West, Missoula, MT 59801, ("Mortgagor") to HILLTOP NATIONAL BANK, 300 Country Club Rd, Casper, WY 82602, ("Mortgagee").

W-I-T-N-E-S-S-E-T-H

WHEREAS, Mortgagor is indebted Mortgagee in the principal sum of Fifteen Million Five Hundred thousand dollars (\$15,500,000.00), which indebtedness bears interest at the rate of 6.00% per annum beginning on February 1st, 2023, and is evidenced by and payable as provided in an agreement entitled "Construction Loan Agreement" and a "Promissory Note" of even date herewith (collectively called the "Debt Agreement"). Interest is payable in 27 monthly installments beginning February 15th, 2023 with Principal and Interest due at maturity.

February 1,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Flat Creek Apartments Ground Lease Assignment and Assumption Agreement by and between the Town of Jackson, Wyoming, as the owner, the Jackson/Teton County

I don't even know what else to say on this.

1. You were directly told by BlueLine they were borrowing \$15.5 million dollars in an email.
2. The mortgage documents FILED with the county clerk's office indicate that they borrowed \$15.5 million, which confirms their email

So everyone is now wondering: WHAT DID THIS BUILDING COST?

In closing, what you did with the rezone is immoral and a violation of the rights of the residents who live here. I state that correctly. A citizen has rights. We are not merely the ones paying all the bills while you take our historic fairgrounds land. You know me. Did you honestly think I was going to watch something that corrupt happen and let it go? What, so Tyler Davis could get paid 33% of the \$1 million development fee? I believe that is really why all this happened. He was the guy to just push it through disguised as a concerned citizen who

cares about housing. I guess I don't care about money that much, that I would screw over the people in my own community to make a buck or a million.

I will tell you the FBI has called me about this project. April, I sincerely hope that you or your husband have not profited on this in any way. I am not so against you that I would ever want you to see the inside of a jail cell. This project has been so unbelievable that people constantly ask me who is getting paid off. We will only know that when we see all the construction fees and "\$4 million on soft costs" that I am waiting on with my record request.

Then my subsequent Snow King Apartments discovery added fuel to the fire. THERE IS NO REASON YOU SHOULD HAVE SIGNED US UP FOR THAT, except to once again enrich the developers. This is the perfect case to sue on behalf of the public good.

See you around the public meetings. Let me know if you need anymore documents. I hope to hear back from you or Keith on the \$15.5 million. That is kind of a big deal.

Sincerely,

Rebecca

From: Rebecca Bextel <rebeccabextel@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 6:55 AM

To: Town Council <electedofficials@jacksonwy.gov>; Board Of County Commissioners <commissioners@tetoncountyywy.gov>; Keith Gingery <kgingery@tetoncountyywy.gov>; Lea Colasuonno <colasuonno@jacksonwy.gov>; April Norton <ahnorton@tetoncountyywy.gov>

Subject: Lying about the ground lease!

[**NOTICE:** This message originated outside of the Teton County's mail system -- **DO NOT CLICK** on **links** or open **attachments** unless you are sure the content is safe.]

Hello,

I want to make sure that the new Town Council members and County Commissioners understand something that is very important regarding the Flat Creek Apartments scam. In this Teton County lobbyist's handout, it clearly states that there are restrictions recorded against the property. We have heard Mayor Jorgensen tell us the "low-income" restrictions are recorded in the ground lease.

Just so you understand: there is NO ground lease recorded on that land. There are documents that refer to a ground lease, but I cannot find the actual ground lease as being recorded. In other words, you are being dishonest every time you tell a resident that the ground lease is recorded against the land and that is what protects the land for 99-years. If

you look here, you will see four things titled "Lease". Unfortunately, the actual ground lease is not one of them.

<https://gis.tetoncountywy.gov/portal/apps/dashboards/03ef10d8b8634909b6263e9016bcc986#statepin=22-41-16-33-1-00-027>

Now, I know Town Attorney Lea Colasuanno received a copy of the ground lease after the developer's attorneys wrote it, because I saw that email (I have attached this email). This also explains that extremely uncomfortable 5 minute video with Secretary of State Chuck Gray asking Ms. Colasuanno some questions about the lease, and why she seemed unable to respond. I assume she read the ground lease, but maybe not. It seems like BlueLine Development and April Norton did everything they could to sway every single thing in the favor of the developers. Unfortunately, we did not seem to have anyone working for us.

The land covenants are actually recorded, and in multiple places it clearly states that only 40% of the building has to have residents earning less than 60% of AMI. I have put stars by this information to make it easy to find. I am guessing BlueLine's attorneys also wrote this agreement.

I have also included the recorded mortgage that shows the loan being for \$15.5 million, which is odd since every single document told us it was for \$6.94 million. HOW could it be MORE THAN DOUBLE and not one of you catch that?

I am hoping my attorney can go after April Norton personally in this lawsuit we are filing because some of this seems like a clear case of fraud. You cannot have numbers off by \$8 million when it is public land and funds. I am going to go through every single "public/private partnership" that April Norton was in charge of, and have public meetings to shed light on what has happened. We have been scammed, and NONE OF YOU have held April accountable!

People keep telling me the Mercill condos are a worse deal than the Flat Creek Apartments, but I genuinely cannot imagine that.

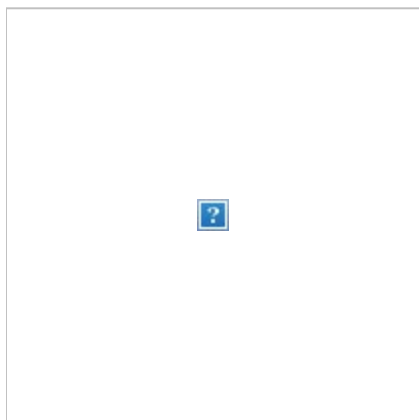
I also wanted to share with you some redacted emails from the town. It seems odd to not let us know the snow plow bill and why the developers wanted to update the operating agreement two years after it was signed.

Sincerely,

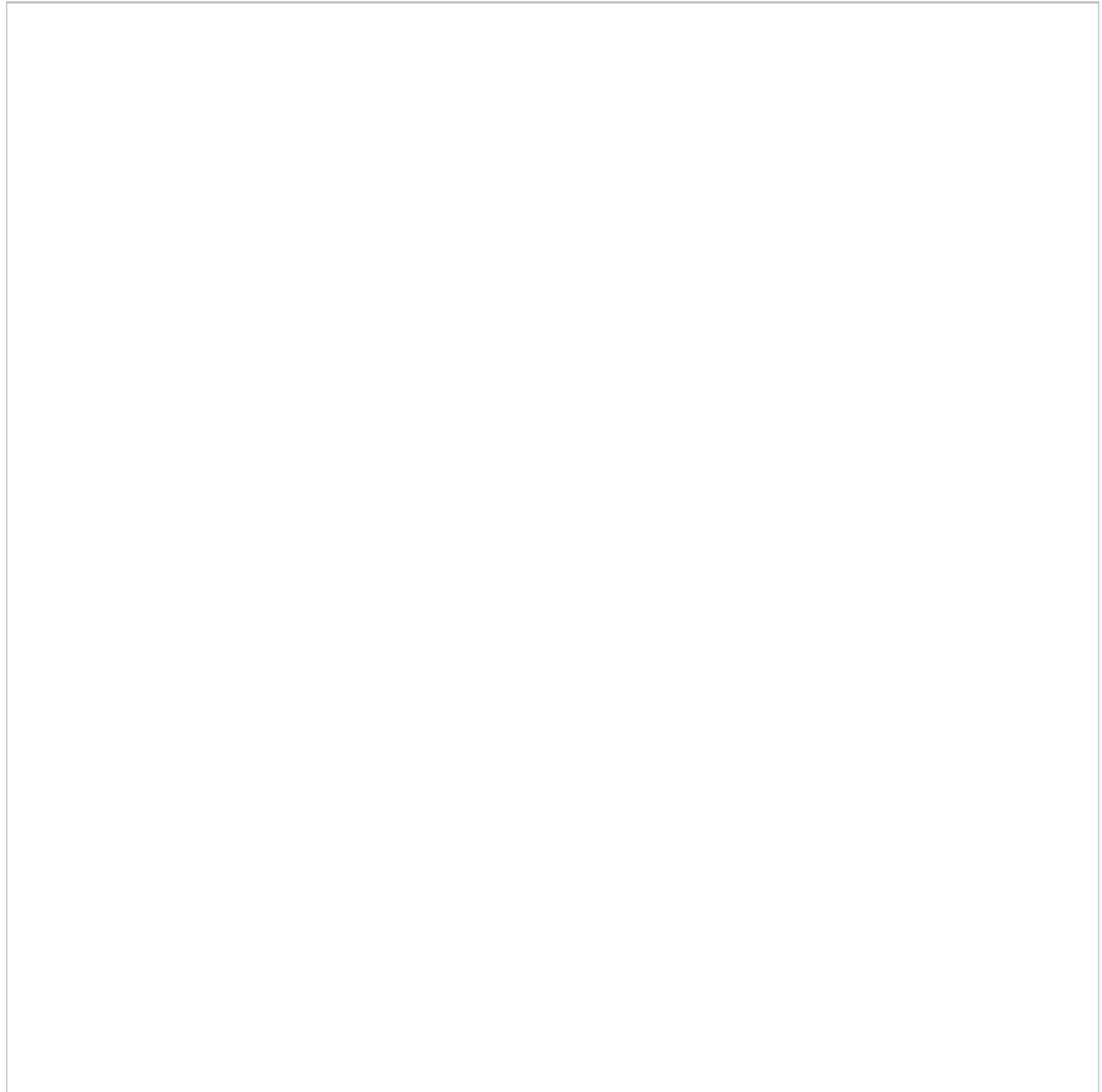
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From: [Michael Kusiek](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: It's Giving Tuesday! Help Keep Wyoming's Trails Moving Forward
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 1:04:43 AM



**We connect people to trails
and pathways**



**It's Giving Tuesday! Celebrate Wyoming Pathways'
Greatest Hits Over the Years and Help the Work Continue**



Hello Mrk ,

For 15 years, your generosity and support has helped us build and maintain trails that improve quality of life, strengthen recreation economies, and give people of all ages safe ways to explore the outdoors.

Together, we've deployed over \$2 million in funding, our time, and resources into projects across the state, while partnering with communities across Wyoming to complete more than 35 miles of new and improved trail.

Next year (2026), continued progress is at risk. Recent cuts to federal funding (DOGE) created a \$60,000 gap in our budget. These funds directly support our staffing. Our

project management, planning, and time in the field keep trail work on schedule, secure key grant opportunities, and maintain the partnerships that turn ideas into real, on-the-ground results.

Without this support, we risk losing the very people who have built the momentum you've witnessed across Wyoming.

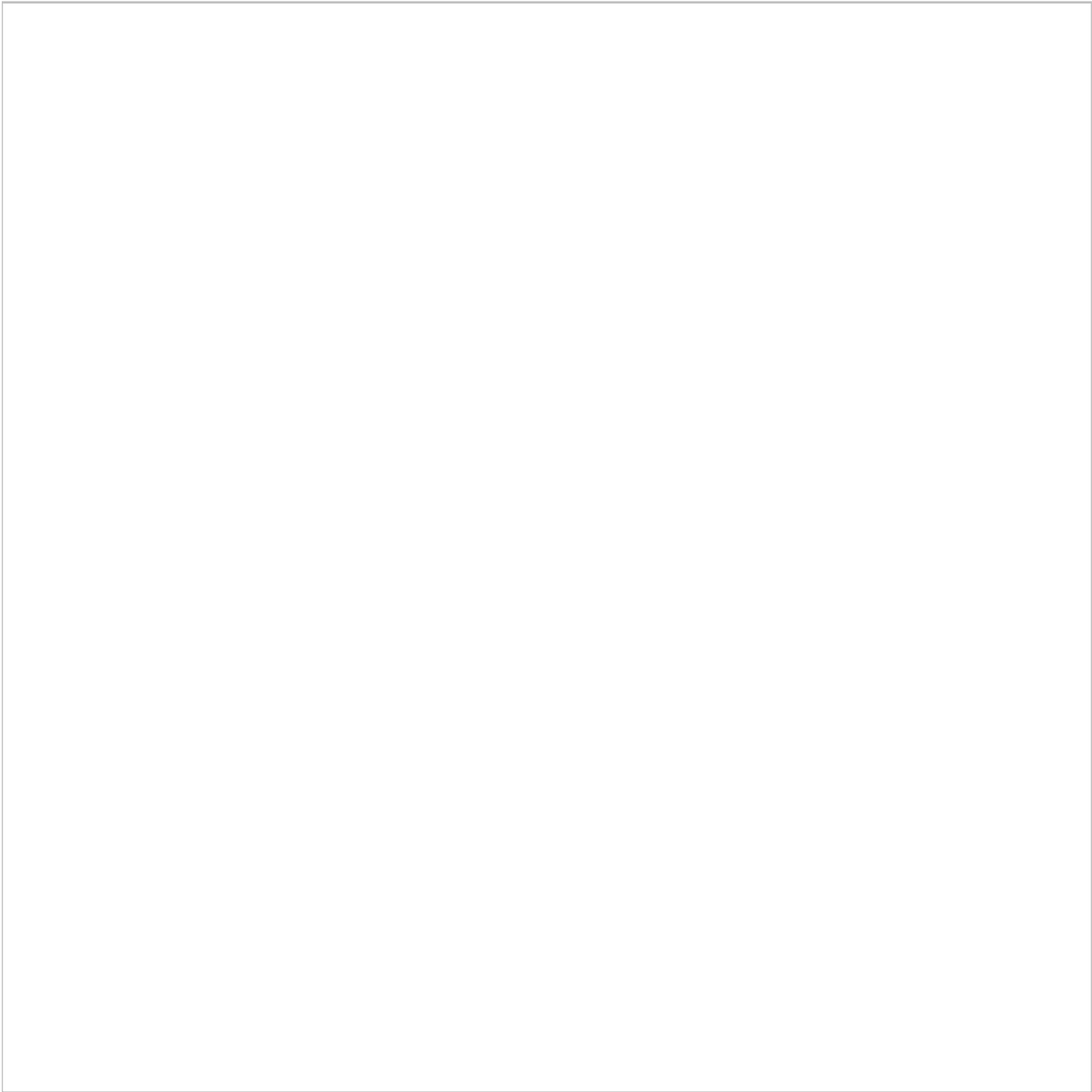
This Giving Tuesday, we're asking you to help protect that momentum.

Your donation *today* keeps trail projects moving, supports the team who makes them possible, and ensures Wyoming communities continue benefiting from safe, well-planned, and well-maintained trails.

If our work has impacted your community, your family, or your favorite trail experience, we ask you to give today. Every gift brings us one step closer to closing the \$60,000 gap and makes certain our momentum and success is not curtailed.

Thank you for believing in what trails and pathways do to make Wyoming even better!

Give Back TODAY!



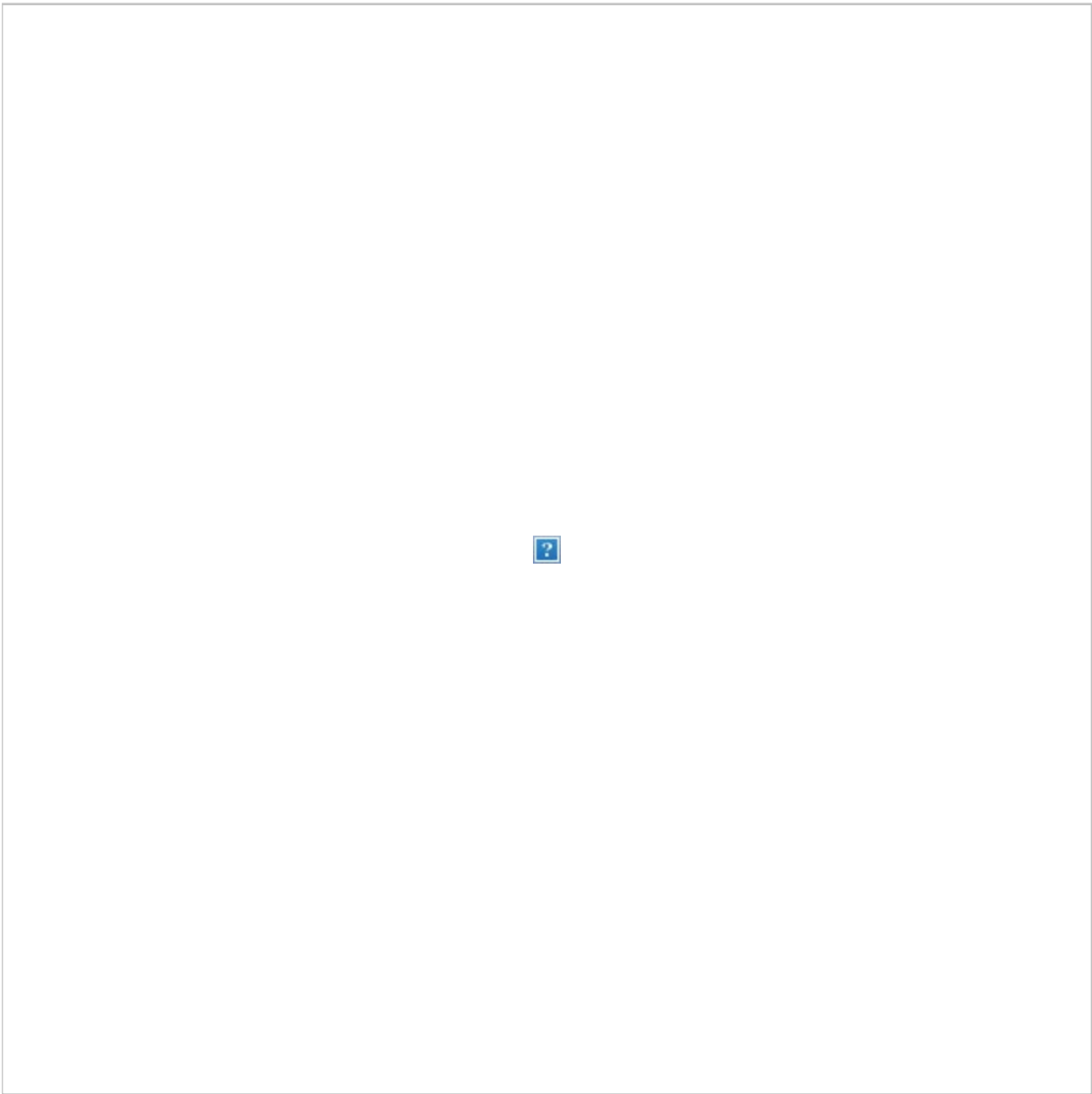
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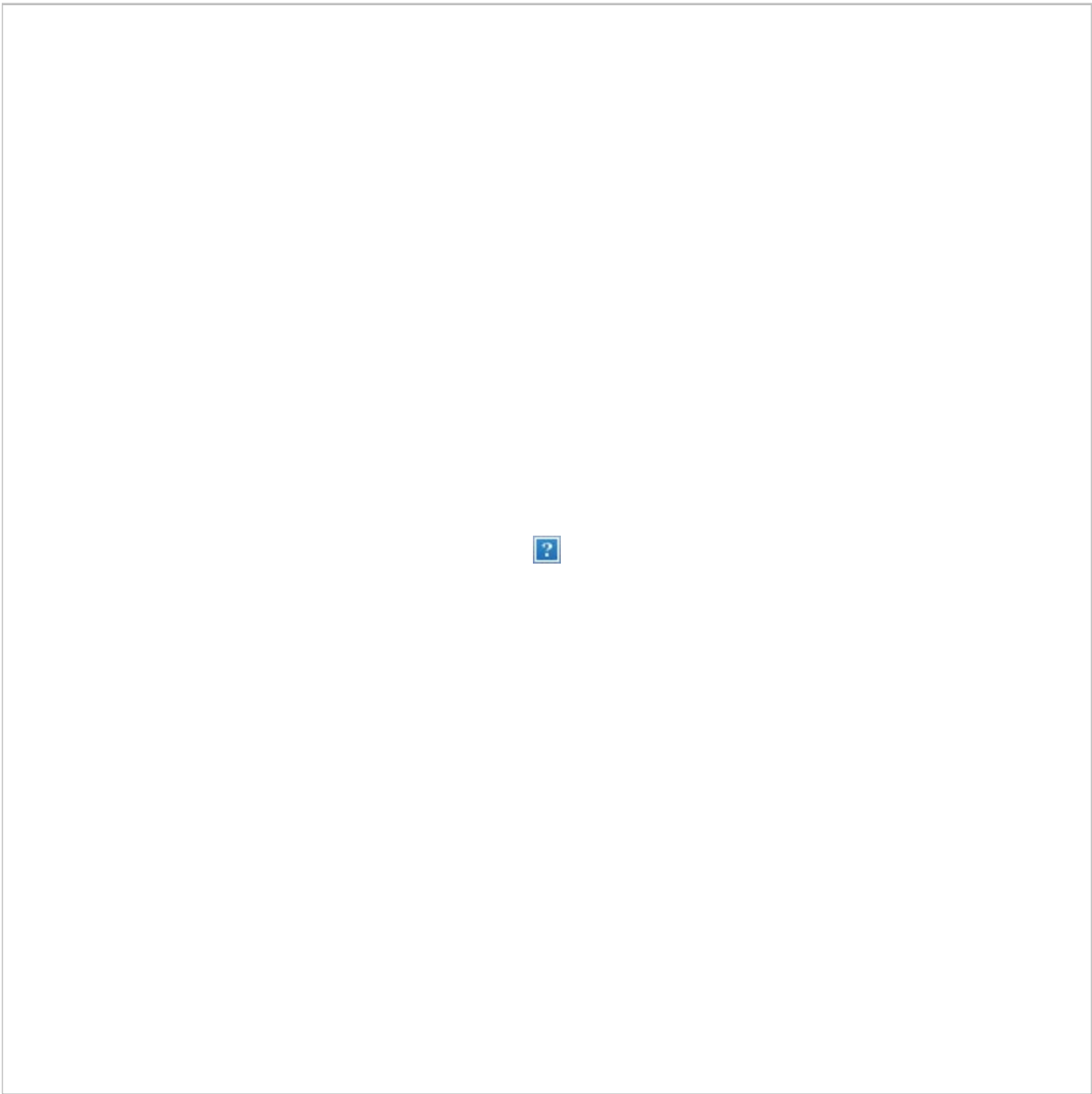
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3. Lander: Upper Brewers



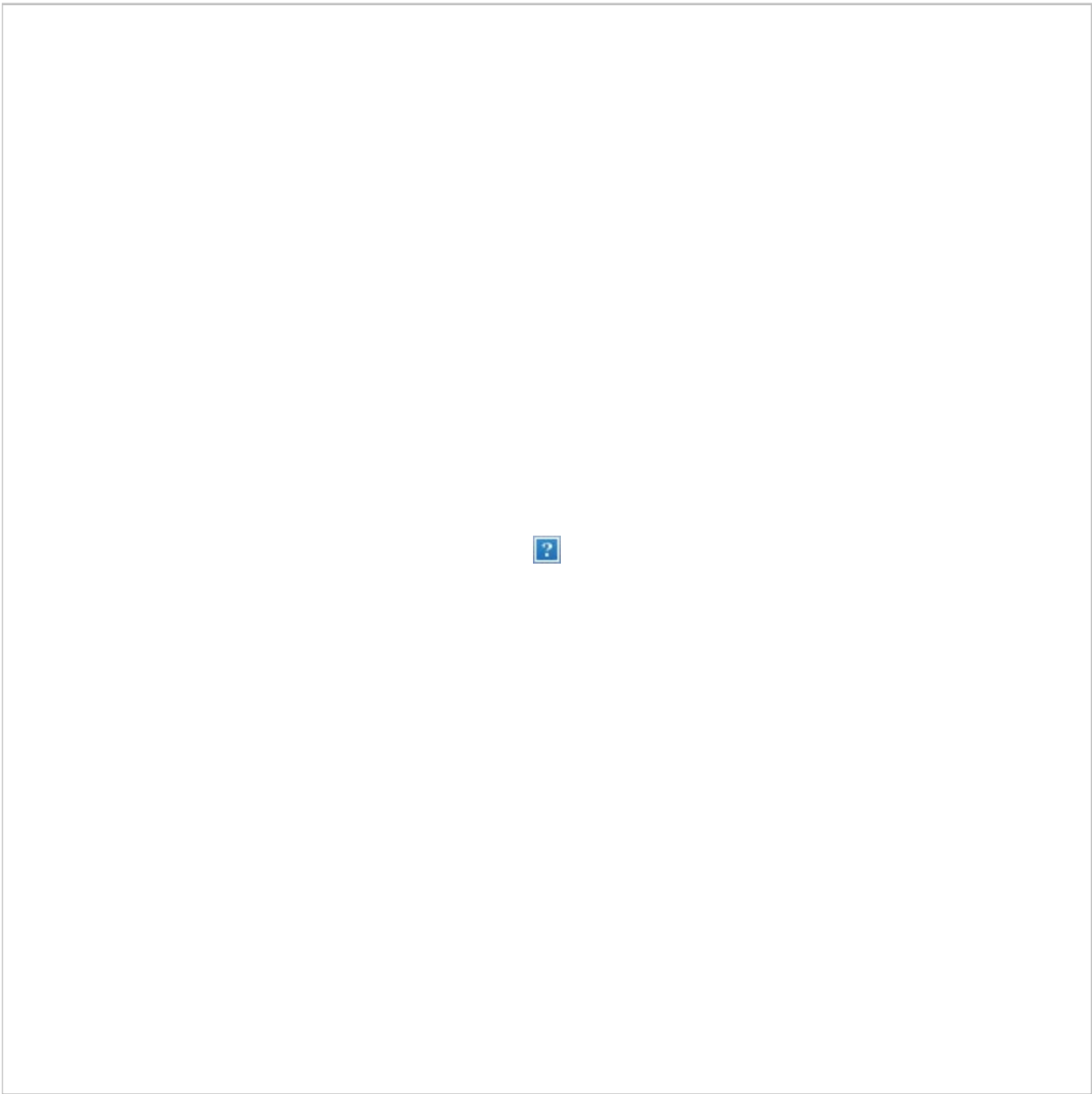
4. Continental Divide Trail: Sublette Pass



5. Thermopolis: Round Top Trail



6. Saratoga: Tie Hack Trail



7. Laramie: Haunted Forest Trail

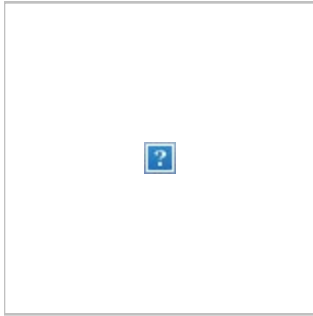


If these iconic trails mean something to you, *please consider giving back this **Giving Tuesday** to help protect their future!*

Give Back
Today!

Thank you,

Michael Kusiek
Executive Director
Wyoming Pathways



"We build trails and make communities more bikeable and walkable!"

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To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Patrick Dominick Email the Town Council
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 6:01:11 PM



Email the Town Council

Email Content: Regarding the Nelson trailhead housing development:
Thank you for designating 12 units to county and town employees. I agree this is a great use of SPET funds.
If I am correct, that leaves five units for persons that are not public servants. They may be employees of a private business or perhaps own their own business. I do not support public land being privatized for persons who are not public servants. This is particularly important in that this land is within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE). No land in the GYE should be privatized. Weather in Teton County or Yellowstone Park itself, the preservation of public lands for public use should be sacrosanct. If we rationalize private use now, what will mitigate the potential that it happens again? Please do not set a precedent by allowing privatization.

Your Name: Patrick Dominick

Your Company Name: Silver Sage Consulting

Your Phone Number: *Field not completed.*

Your Email Address: patrickdominick@me.com

Your City: *Field not completed.*

Your State: WY

Your Zip Code: *Field not completed.*

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From: [Anna Peterson](#)
Subject: Update on Fire Mitigation and Funding Letter to State AGs (deadline now December 15)- Quotes and Interviews?
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 5:41:37 PM
Attachments: Mountain Pact Header.png



Hi all,

Thanks so much for signing onto [this letter to state AGs on fire mitigation and funding](#). We have 85 signers as of tonight.

We'll be going out with the final letter and a media release on December 17th. Please let me know if you would like to be quoted and/or included on a list of folks open to media interviews.

We've pushed the deadline to sign on to December 15, so if you know folks not listed below who might be interested in signing on, [please feel free to pass this google form](#) along to them or folks can just [email me](#) - "yes, sign me on."

Thanks so much!

Anna

Note that a few of you have asked - we're also working on op-eds and a release/quotes opposing the nomination of Stevan Pearce to be the BLM director - let me know if you are interested in participating in that work.

Who has signed onto the Fire Mitigation and Funding Letter as of 12/1/25 PM:

County Supervisor Patrice Horstman, Coconino County, Arizona
County Supervisor Lena Fowler, Coconino County, Arizona
Mayor Becky Daggett, City of Flagstaff, Arizona
Council Member Anthony Garcia, City of Flagstaff, Arizona
Council Member Lori Matthews, City of Flagstaff, Arizona
Council Member Austin Aslan City of Flagstaff, Arizona
Vice-Mayor Michael Stabile, Town of Patagonia, Arizona
District 3 Supervisor and Vice Chair Jennifer Allen, Pima County, Arizona
Council Member Randall Putz, City of Big Bear Lake, California
County District 5 Supervisor Hardy Bullock, Nevada County, California
Council Member Dave Polivy, Town of Truckee, California
John Erickson, West Hollywood, California
State Senator Dylan Roberts, Colorado
State Representative to House District 57 Elizabeth Velasco, Pitkin, Garfield, and Eagle County Colorado
Mayor Pro Tem John Doyle, City Aspen, Colorado
Council Member Stephen Gerard, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado
Trustee Michal Rosenoer, Town of Buena Vista, Colorado
County Commissioner Marta Loachamin, Boulder County, Colorado
Mayor Aaron Brockett, City of Boulder, Colorado
Former County Commissioner Keith Baker, Chaffee County, Colorado
County Commissioner Jodie Hartman-Ball, Clear Creek County, Colorado
Council Member Flor Alvidrez City and County of Denver, Colorado

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Council Member Jessika Loyer, City of Durango, Colorado
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Council Member Scott Schreiner, Town Eagle, Colorado
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Councilmember & Marshall Fire Survivor Jenn Kaaoush, Town of Superior, Colorado
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Former Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member Todd Brown, Town of Telluride, Colorado
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City Commissioner Shannon Wilson, City of Great Falls, Montana
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Council Member Tammy Fiebelkorn, City of Albuquerque, New Mexico
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County Commissioner Jacques Hadler, Grand County Utah
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Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Salt Lake City, Utah
County Councilor Megan McKenna, Summit County, Utah
Council Member Craig Reynolds, Mercer Island, Washington
Council Member Tami Beaumont, City of Monroe, Washington
Mayor Arne O. Jorgensen, Town of Jackson, Wyoming

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December 2025

RE: Wildfire Funding in the West

Dear Western State Attorneys General,

As local elected officials, our foremost responsibility is to help protect the safety of our communities. In the communities we represent in the West, wildfires are one of the foremost risks we face.

Our communities are located near significant federal public lands — including U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the National Park Service (NPS) lands — and we count on these agencies to be able to capably and responsibly manage and respond to wildfire risks.

That's why we are writing to you today: to express our urgent concern about the rapid decline of federal wildfire preparedness in recent months, and to ask for your help in defending our communities from the impacts of reckless and potentially [illegal cuts](#) to federal [public land management agencies](#) and hazardous fuels reduction efforts.

Since the beginning of the year, we have seen substantial reductions in staffing at federal public land management agencies. Layoffs, voluntary deferred resignations, and early retirements of land management professionals at USFS, NPS, and BLM have severely hampered the federal wildland firefighting force. With these staff reductions, there are many fewer experienced “red card” holders who are able to deploy to manage the most dangerous wildfires.

Federal agencies this year were also impeded in their hiring of the thousands of seasonal firefighters who normally join their ranks during the months when wildfires are most active. According to [internal national data obtained by ProPublica](#) “more than 4,500 Forest Service firefighting jobs — as many as 27% — remained vacant as of July 17, 2025” during the heart of wildfire season in the West. NPS and BLM [reportedly](#) faced similar constraints on hiring seasonal firefighters this year.

Deep staffing cuts are also reducing the capacity of federal land management agencies to plan and execute hazardous fuels reduction projects that lower the risks catastrophic fires pose to our communities. According to an [analysis of USFS data](#), hazardous fuels reduction work across US Forest Service lands, including mechanical thinning and prescribed fire, is down 38% as of October 1, 2025, compared with the same period over the previous four years.

These cuts and reductions are impacting Western states in many ways:

- In Arizona, where [one of the largest wildfires in in the state’s history tore through the Kaibab National Forest and North Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park this summer](#), the Forest Service has removed hazardous fuels from barely half (56%) as many acres of national forest land as it has averaged in each of the previous four years.
- In California, the Forest Service has treated just 107,840 acres, or 34% of the four-year average full-year hazardous fuels reduction total.
- In Colorado, the Forest Service has removed hazardous fuels from 72% of its four-year average full-year hazardous fuels reduction total.
- In Idaho, where the Forest Service has treated, on average, 316,660 acres of national forestland each of the previous four years, the Forest Service has removed hazardous fuels from a mere 65,000 acres – just 21 percent of that four-year average.
- In Montana, the Forest Service is barely a fourth of the way (28%) to reaching the average full-year hazardous fuels reduction total from the previous four years.
- In Nevada, the Forest Service is barely a third (38%) of its way to removing hazardous fuels from as many acres of national forestland as it has averaged over the previous four years.
- In New Mexico, the Forest Service has treated just 68,000 acres of national forestland – barely half (53%) of the average amount treated each of the previous four years.
- In Oregon, the Forest Service treated an average of 364,000 acres annually between 2021 and 2024. As of the end of September 2025, it had completed hazardous fuels treatments on only 118,000 acres — about 32% of the recent four-year average.

Adding to the staffing challenges facing federal land management agencies, the federal government is now reportedly preparing for a [massive, government-wide reorganization](#) of firefighting operations. While some of the goals of this reorganization are laudable — including increasing firefighter pay, modernizing

computer systems, streamlining how agencies contract for equipment, and facilitating more prescribed burns — the uncertainty will create an atmosphere of confusion and could lead to worse outcomes, especially in the short term.

Wildfire preparedness is a matter of life and death in rural Western communities. The danger posed by wildfires to homes, businesses, and livelihoods is ever-present. The impacts of climate change, from increased drought to hotter and more unpredictable weather, are only heightening these risks.

We need the federal government to be able to manage and confront wildfire risks on the lands it manages near our communities. Public land agencies must have the resources and staffing necessary to conduct robust, year-round wildfire preparedness work, including pre-fire mitigation activities, fire suppression, and post-fire recovery and resilience-building.

We respectfully ask that you review the legality of the actions that have resulted in the erosion of federal wildlife preparedness and, as appropriate, take steps to hold the federal government accountable for fulfilling its responsibilities for protecting life and property.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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From: [Patrick Edwards](#)
To: [Patrick Edwards](#)
Subject: Fwd: Patrick // Wyoming Business Council Hosts Statewide JAC Watch Parties
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 4:50:46 PM



For the folks in my region, we are hosting at Central Wyoming College in the Intertribal Education Center in Room 116. I hope to see you there. Details below. Please note the virtual option if you cannot attend in person.

Thanks,

Patrick Edwards

West Central Regional Director

[Wyoming Business Council](#)

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Date: Mon, Dec 1, 2025 at 1:02 PM

Subject: Patrick // Wyoming Business Council Hosts Statewide JAC Watch Parties

To: <patrick.edwards@wyo.gov>



**Wyoming Business Council Hosts Statewide
Watch Parties to Mobilize "Team of Thousands"**

Around Economic Vision

Public Invited to Observe Legislative Budget Process and Discuss Wyoming's Future

CHEYENNE, WYO. (For Immediate Release) - The **Wyoming Business Council** (WBC) is hosting a series of statewide watch parties designed to increase public engagement and awareness around the legislative budget process and the future of Wyoming's economy. Citizens are invited to attend in person on **Thursday, December 4th**, to observe the WBC's presentation to the Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC).

The event is framed around the core message that **"Change is a team sport!"** Join a JAC Watch Party and be part of **Shaping Wyoming's Future**.

The WBC's presentation will outline its **Vision for a More Resilient Wyoming Future** and detail the necessity of strategic investments and "big bets" required to reverse negative economic trends, such as youth outmigration, and ensure long-term prosperity.

"This is a critical moment for understanding Wyoming's economic planning," said Business Council CEO Josh Dorrell. "It will take a Team of Thousands – informed citizens and engaged community leaders – to ensure our state moves forward. Change doesn't happen in a vacuum. It requires informed, collective action. These watch parties are the starting line for that mobilization, providing the tools and knowledge needed to engage with the legislative process effectively."

Why Join a Watch Party?

The WBC encourages Wyomingites to attend and bring a friend, neighbor, or coworker to maximize statewide participation. Attendees will gain the following:

- **See Democracy in Action:** Observe the JAC process firsthand and learn how state budget decisions are formed and what impact they have on local jobs, innovation, and economic growth in your community.
- **Connect & Organize:** Join fellow community members who share a passion for Wyoming's future. The event is an opportunity to connect with people organizing for awareness around the WBC's vision.
- **Learn Your Role:** Attendees will learn how to engage with the legislative process and share their own vision with decision-makers.

Event Details & Locations

The WBC's JAC presentation is scheduled for 2:30 PM. Watch parties will run from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 4th.

Watch Party Locations:

- Casper: Casper College Walter H. Nolte Gateway Center, Room 225
- Cheyenne: Wyoming Business Council office
- Gillette: Gillette College Presentation Hall
- Laramie: University of Wyoming College of Business Green Johnson Student Success Center Commons
- Powell: Northwest College Student Center
- Riverton: Central Wyoming College Intertribal Education and Community Center
- Rock Springs: Rock Springs High School Auditorium (*Note: A valid ID is required for admittance.)

Virtual Participation: Unable to join in person? You can watch the full JAC hearing on the Wyoming Legislature's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/live/4jOJGnjNORg>.

Registration: Watch party attendance is free, but registration is encouraged to manage logistics. RSVP at wbc.pub/JAC_WatchParty.

Bonus: In-person attendees will receive light refreshments, **Team of Thousands swag**, and a chance to win Wyoming-made door prizes.

RSVP FOR A WATCH PARTY NEAR YOU!

About the Wyoming Business Council

The Wyoming Business Council (WBC) is Wyoming's state economic development agency. Our mission is to reverse economic decline and build a prosperous, resilient, and sustainable economic landscape. We achieve this by empowering local leaders and businesses through strategic investments, data-driven planning, and the collaborative "Team of Thousands" approach to create opportunities for all generations in the Cowboy State.

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Today's news is brought to you by the [Jackson Hole Ski & Snowboard Club](#).

"With more snow in the forecast, we can't wait to welcome our first guests on Thursday and share some incredible days on the mountain together this winter."

After delaying its opening day, [Jackson Hole Mountain Resort announced](#) it will open with three chairlifts spinning on Thursday, Dec. 4.

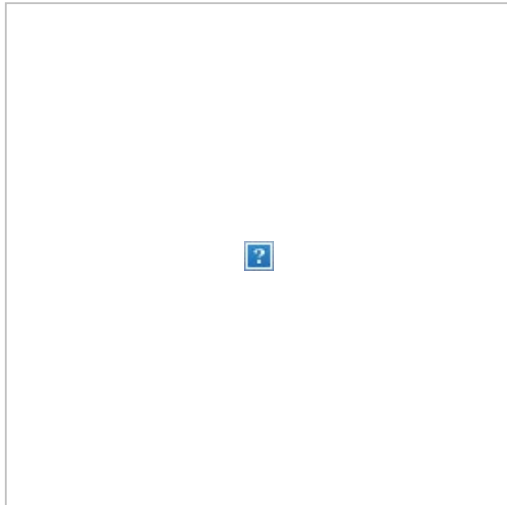
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[Winter weather advisory in effect Monday evening until Tuesday night](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for the Teton and Gros Ventre mountains. The advisory is in effect from 11 p.m. tonight until 11 [...]



[Chairlifts to start spinning at JHMR for 60th season on Thursday](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — The wait is over! With chilly temps descending on the valley over the weekend and more to come, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort (JHMR) has announced Thursday, Dec. 4, as [...]

[SNAPPED: Town Square lights up for the season](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — And just like that, Thanksgiving is behind us, snow is on the ground and the holiday season is here. On Friday, Mayor Arne Jorgensen flipped the switch to light [...]

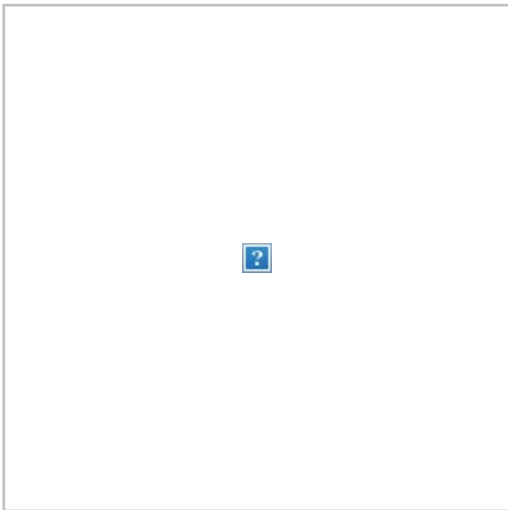
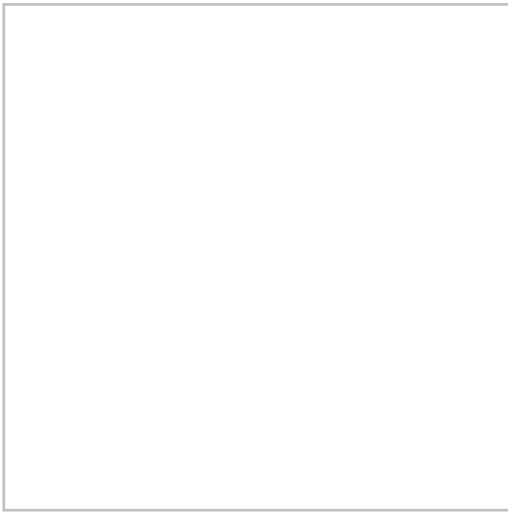
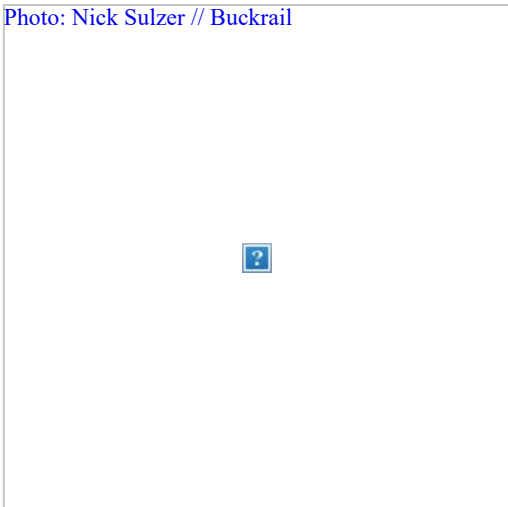


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[**Teton Raptor Center to present holiday gathering with avian twist**](#)

WILSON, Wyo. — Join the raptors of Jackson Hole tomorrow at a holiday themed event that will include the opportunity to meet a live bird. The Teton Raptor Center in Wilson will [...]

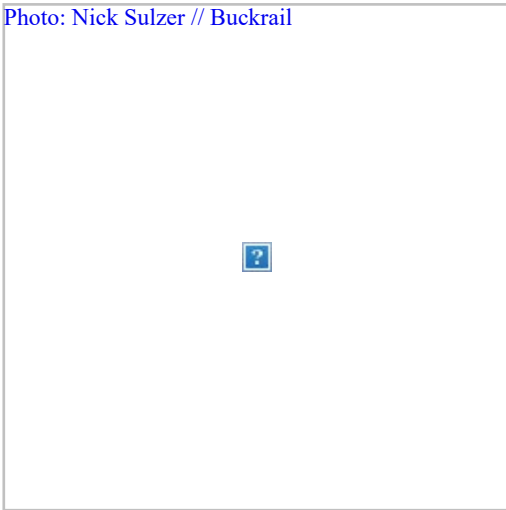
[**Fishing limits, October ban on Jackson Lake to change in 2026**](#)

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK — The Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) has announced changes to fishing regulation that will go into affect for the Jackson region starting on Jan. 1, 2026. [...]

[**‘Peak’ into past with history of iconic Teton range mountain names**](#)

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK — The

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Grand Teton is perhaps the most recognizable peak in Grand Teton National Park (GTNP), but with 56 named mountains within Park boundaries, there are a number [...]

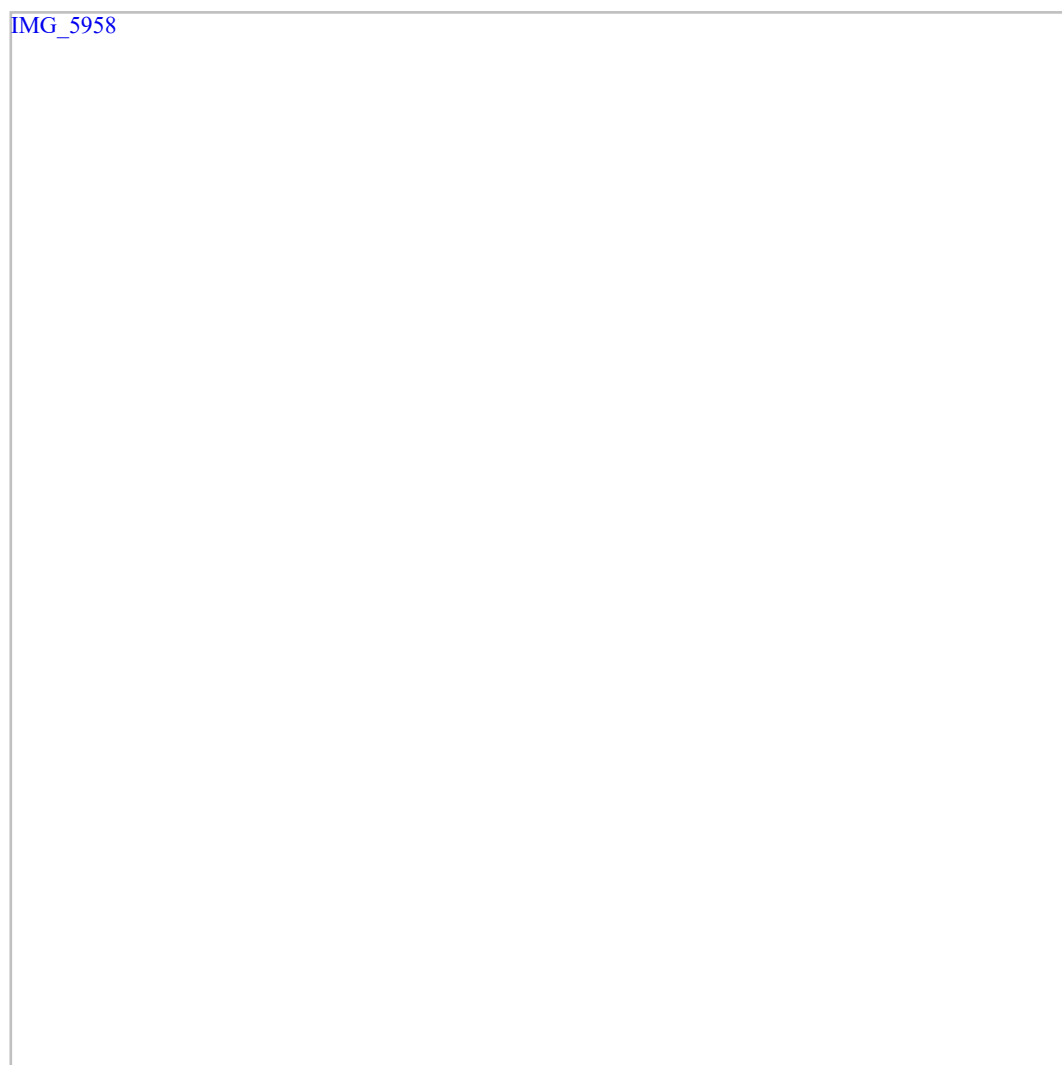
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Snowplow season means giving trucks space

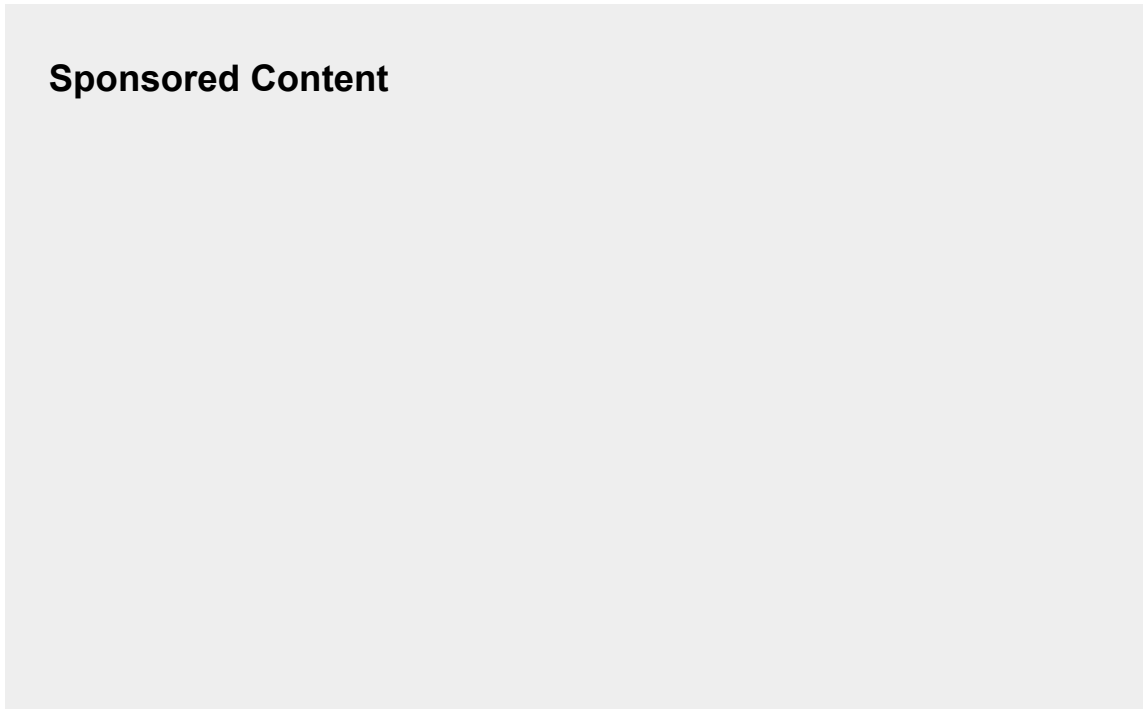
JACKSON, Wyo. — It's that time of the year again, when the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) is asking drivers to give snow plows plenty of room while out on the roads, [...]

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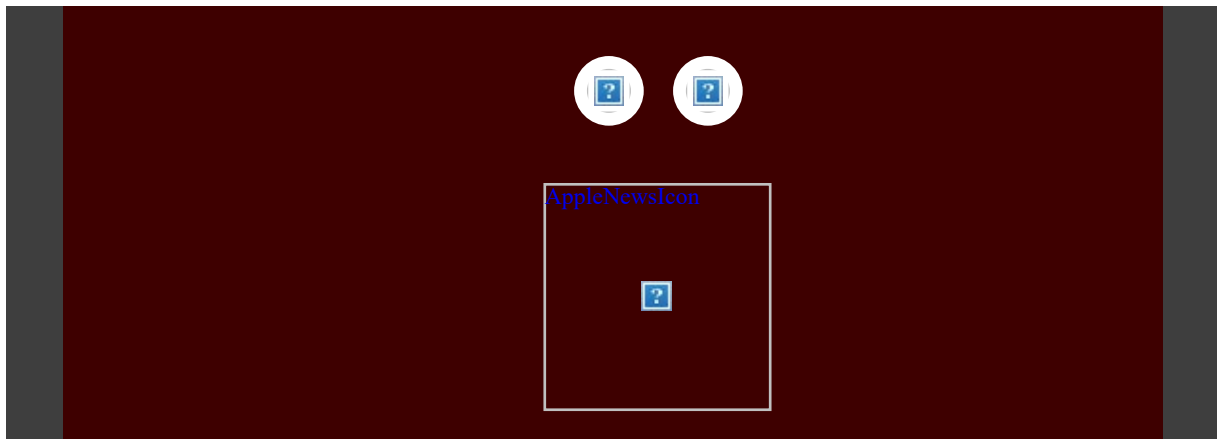
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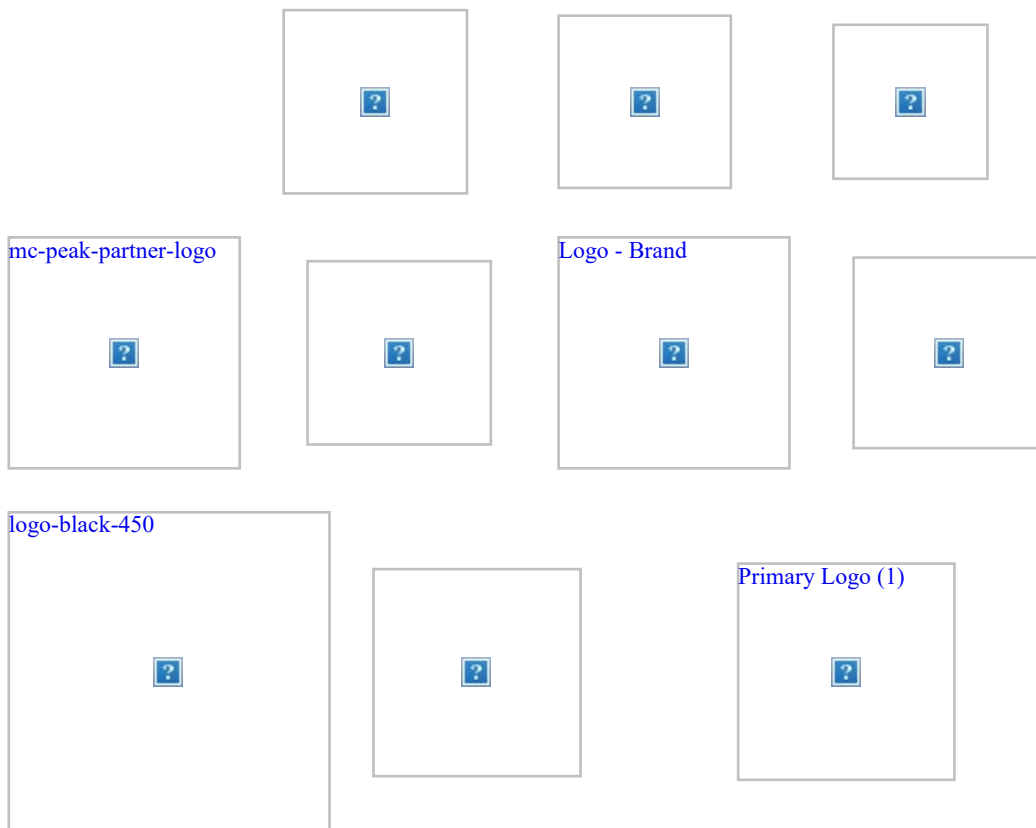
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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Laura Bonich Email the Town Council
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 3:03:02 PM



Email the Town Council

Email Content: While I commend the Trust for their past successful projects and perseverance and creativity in moving the Nelson Drive project forward I do not believe that the public subsidy requested (which is more than 3 times as much per unit than any previous project) makes good fiscal sense and I urge the Council not to spend \$4M dollars for the right to 6 rental units for 40 years.

Your Name: Laura bonich

Your Company Name: *Field not completed.*

Your Phone Number: 7753405346

Your Email Address: lauraabonich@gmail.com

Your City: Jackson

Your State: WY

Your Zip Code: 83002

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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Summer Fellowship Application Now Live!
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Dear Rappaport Community,

Happy holidays from the Rappaport Center! The [Rappaport Summer Fellowship](#) application is now [live](#). The deadline to apply is January 15, 2026 at 5:00pm EST.

For 25 years, the Rappaport Fellowship has been a launching pad for emerging leaders — lawyers, policymakers, and change agents who are strengthening the Commonwealth and shaping its future.

Fellows don't just spend a summer interning in state and local government. They get access to the centers of civic innovation and problem-solving in Massachusetts, build enduring connections, and join a legacy of leadership and impact. Fellows are assigned mentors who are seasoned in the field, access to experiential learning opportunities, and a \$10,000 stipend.

If you are a current 1L or 2L student at one of the 8 ABA-accredited law schools in Massachusetts, we

hope you will consider applying. For others in the Rappaport Community, we hope you will inform potential candidates of this unique summer fellowship opportunity.
We are wishing all a lovely holiday season!

Sincerely,
Rappaport Center

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To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Silicon Couloir's Holiday Party is NEXT Monday, December 8th
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 2:38:46 PM



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Holiday Party

Free and open to all!

Monday, December 8th • 5-7 pm @ Center for the Arts



Please join us on **Monday, December 8th from 5-7 pm at Center for the Arts Lobby** to celebrate Silicon Couloir ecosystem companies. Stock up on holiday gifts and learn about the remarkable companies established by local entrepreneurs. Companies featured this year include: Dabble, Remote Dietitians, Rendezvu, Slipstream Sockeye and The Wonder Institute. **Free and open to all!**

Our Holiday Party a wonderful opportunity to connect with our community, and learn more about some of the up-and-coming local startups participating in our TEAMS mentoring program. Come celebrate innovation, support local entrepreneurs, and get inspired by the ventures shaping our region's future. Enjoy complimentary appetizers and a cash bar.

NEWS & NOTES

**Next Noontime Knowledge is December 9th
Register Now!**



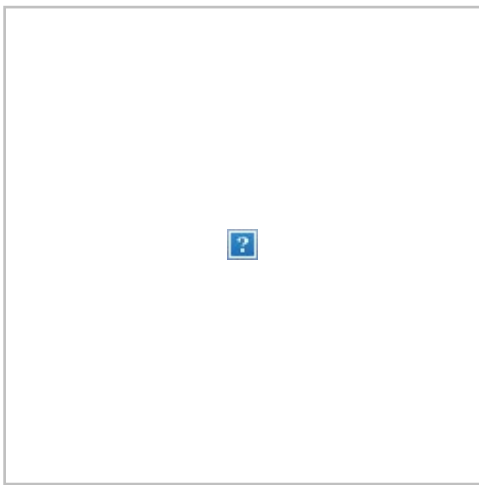
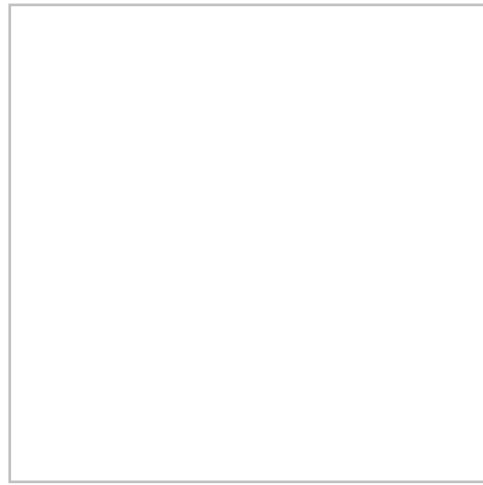
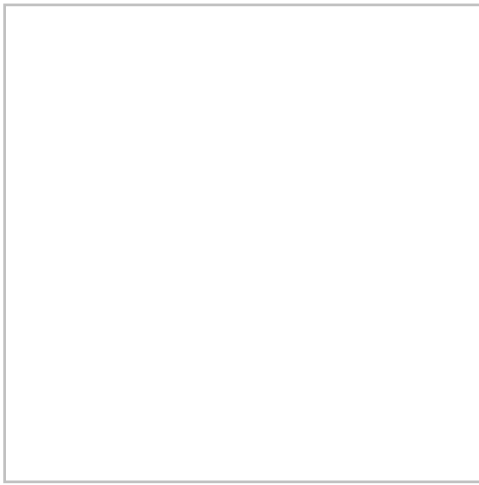
Join Silicon Couloir on **Tuesday, December 9 from 12:00 to 1:30 PM** in the Cloudveil Room at the Teton County Recreation Center for our next dynamic Noontime Knowledge. Lindsey

Kneuveen, CEO and Founder of Pure Impact, will lead an engaging and practical Noontime Knowledge workshop on building resilient, mission-driven companies and organizations. Lindsey will explore how mission and community engagement can boost employee morale, loyalty, and well-being, and share strategies for adapting to uncertainty while staying grounded in core values. She'll also share how to build and employ a logic model tool, a powerful framework companies and leaders can apply to create strategies that drive long-term impact. This session is ideal for founders, nonprofit leaders, and managers looking to strengthen their organization's culture, clarity, and strategic impact. Free and open to the community. Bring your lunch and your curiosity.

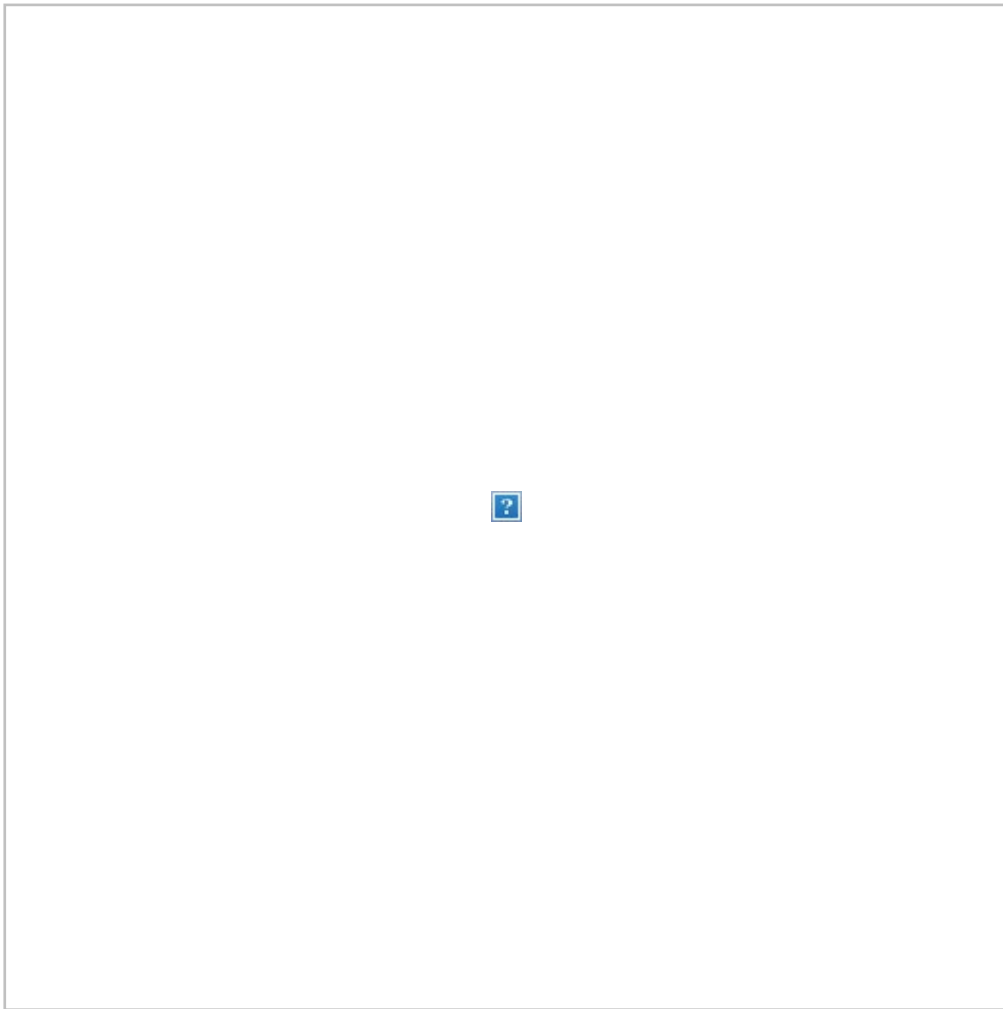
[Register Here](#)

Thank You to Outgoing Board Members

With deep gratitude for their many years of service, we say farewell to outgoing board members Tom Quantrille, Board Chair; Cynthia Blankenship, Secretary; and Kelli Jones, who served on the Executive Committee. Your guidance, dedication, and insight have helped Silicon Couloir grow and flourish. Thank you for the lasting impact you've made.



**Early Bird Pricing Available for 2026 Central
Wyoming Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Conference**



Central Wyoming College is pleased to announce early bird holiday pricing for the **2026 Central Wyoming Innovation & Entrepreneurship Conference**, which will be held April 23–24, 2026, in Riverton.

The two-day event brings together entrepreneurs, small business owners, educators, students, economic development professionals and community leaders to collaborate and strengthen Wyoming's entrepreneurial ecosystem. The conference also highlights the important connection between Career and Technical Education and small-business development, preparing many students for leadership roles in the trades and other high-demand fields.

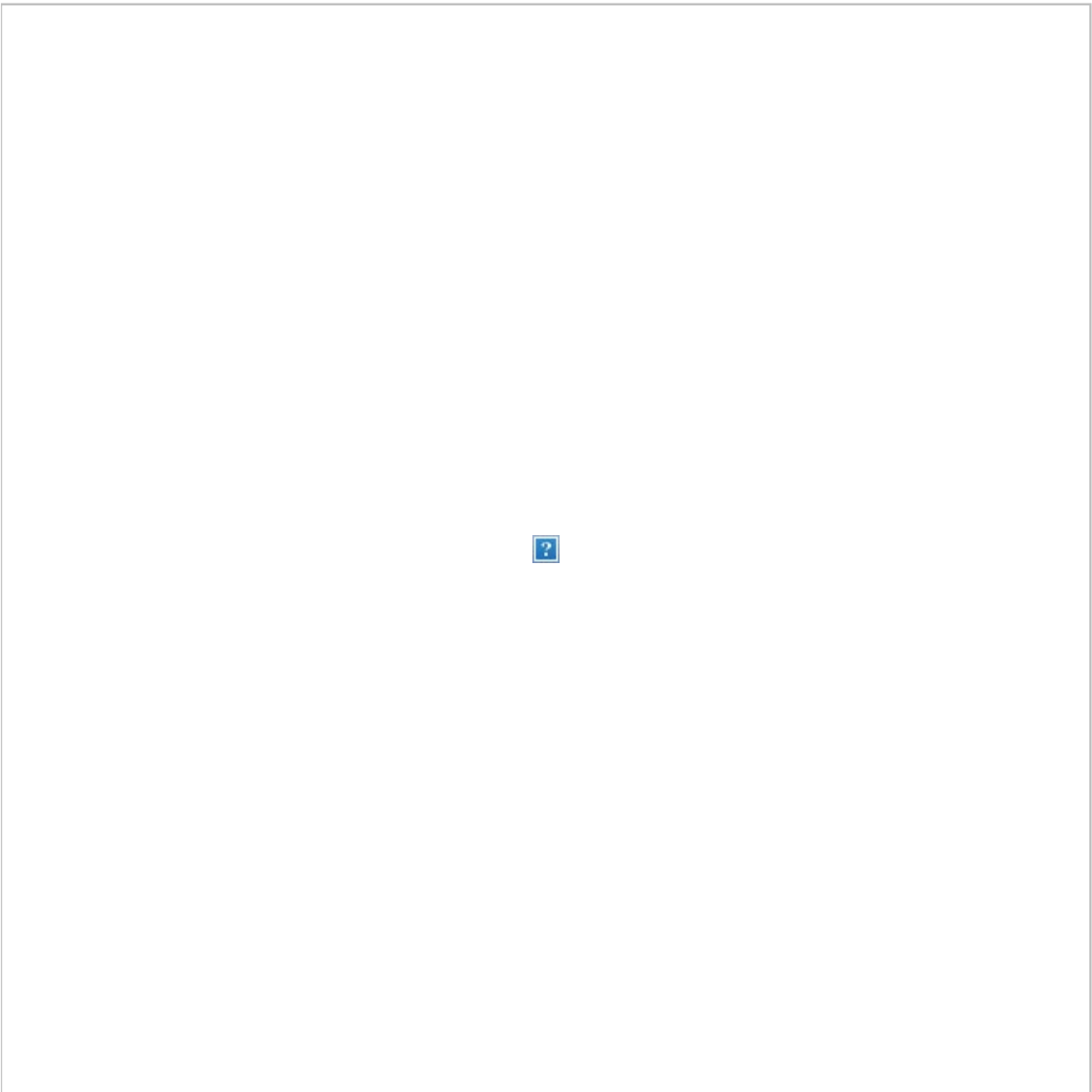


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To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: // Wyoming Business Council Hosts Statewide JAC Watch Parties
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 1:03:01 PM



Wyoming Business Council Hosts Statewide Watch Parties to Mobilize "Team of Thousands" Around Economic Vision

Public Invited to Observe Legislative Budget Process and Discuss Wyoming's Future

CHEYENNE, WYO. (For Immediate Release) - The **Wyoming Business Council** (WBC) is hosting a series of statewide watch parties designed to increase public engagement and awareness around the legislative budget process and the future of Wyoming's economy. Citizens are invited to attend in person on **Thursday, December 4th**, to observe the WBC's presentation to the Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC).

The event is framed around the core message that "**Change is a team sport!**" Join a JAC Watch Party and be part of **Shaping Wyoming's Future**.

The WBC's presentation will outline its **Vision for a More Resilient Wyoming Future** and detail the necessity of strategic investments and "big bets" required to reverse negative economic trends, such as youth outmigration, and ensure long-term prosperity.

"This is a critical moment for understanding Wyoming's economic planning," said Business Council CEO Josh Dorrell. "It will take a Team of Thousands – informed citizens and engaged community leaders – to ensure our state moves forward. Change doesn't happen in a vacuum. It requires informed, collective action. These watch parties are the starting line for that mobilization, providing the tools and knowledge needed to engage with the legislative process effectively."

Why Join a Watch Party?

The WBC encourages Wyomingites to attend and bring a friend, neighbor, or coworker to maximize statewide participation. Attendees will gain the following:

- **See Democracy in Action:** Observe the JAC process firsthand and learn how state budget decisions are formed and what impact they have on local jobs, innovation, and economic growth in your community.
- **Connect & Organize:** Join fellow community members who share a passion for Wyoming's future. The event is an opportunity to connect with people organizing for awareness around the WBC's vision.

- **Learn Your Role:** Attendees will learn how to engage with the legislative process and share their own vision with decision-makers.

Event Details & Locations

The WBC's JAC presentation is scheduled for 2:30 PM. Watch parties will run from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 4th.

Watch Party Locations:

- Casper: Casper College Walter H. Nolte Gateway Center, Room 225
- Cheyenne: Wyoming Business Council office
- Gillette: Gillette College Presentation Hall
- Laramie: University of Wyoming College of Business Green Johnson Student Success Center Commons
- Powell: Northwest College Student Center
- Riverton: Central Wyoming College Intertribal Education and Community Center
- Rock Springs: Rock Springs High School Auditorium (**Note: A valid ID is required for admittance.**)

Virtual Participation: Unable to join in person? You can watch the full JAC hearing on the Wyoming Legislature's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/live/4jOJGnjN0Rg>.

Registration: Watch party attendance is free, but registration is encouraged to manage logistics. RSVP at wbc.pub/JAC_WatchParty.

Bonus: In-person attendees will receive light refreshments, **Team of Thousands swag**, and a chance to win Wyoming-made door prizes.

RSVP FOR A WATCH PARTY NEAR YOU!

About the Wyoming Business Council

The Wyoming Business Council (WBC) is Wyoming's state economic development agency. Our mission is to reverse economic decline and build a prosperous, resilient, and sustainable economic landscape. We achieve this by empowering local leaders and businesses through strategic investments, data-driven planning, and the collaborative "Team of Thousands" approach to create opportunities for all generations in the Cowboy State.

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From: [Eloise Catlin](#)
Subject: POWJH Holiday party NEXT WEDNESDAY
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 11:42:16 AM



Hello friends,

Happy December! Winter seems to have arrived here in Jackson, and what better way to stay warm and cheery than by joining us at our holiday party next week?

We'll be gathering at **Nora's Fish Creek Inn** on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025**, from **6–8 PM**. Come enjoy delicious food, connect with fellow clean-water advocates, and celebrate all that our community and POWJH have accomplished this year.

Our Executive Director, Phil Powers, will provide an update and share some of our water-quality goals and initiatives for 2026.

This gathering is open to all, so feel free to bring a friend!

If you haven't had a chance to RSVP yet, please email me at eloise@protectourwaterjh.org so we can plan accordingly.

Hope to see you there,

Eloise



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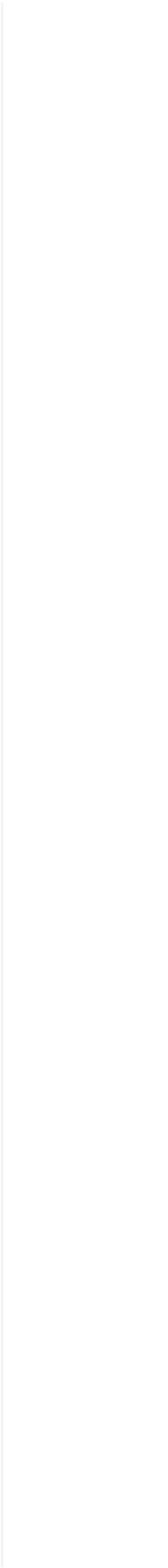
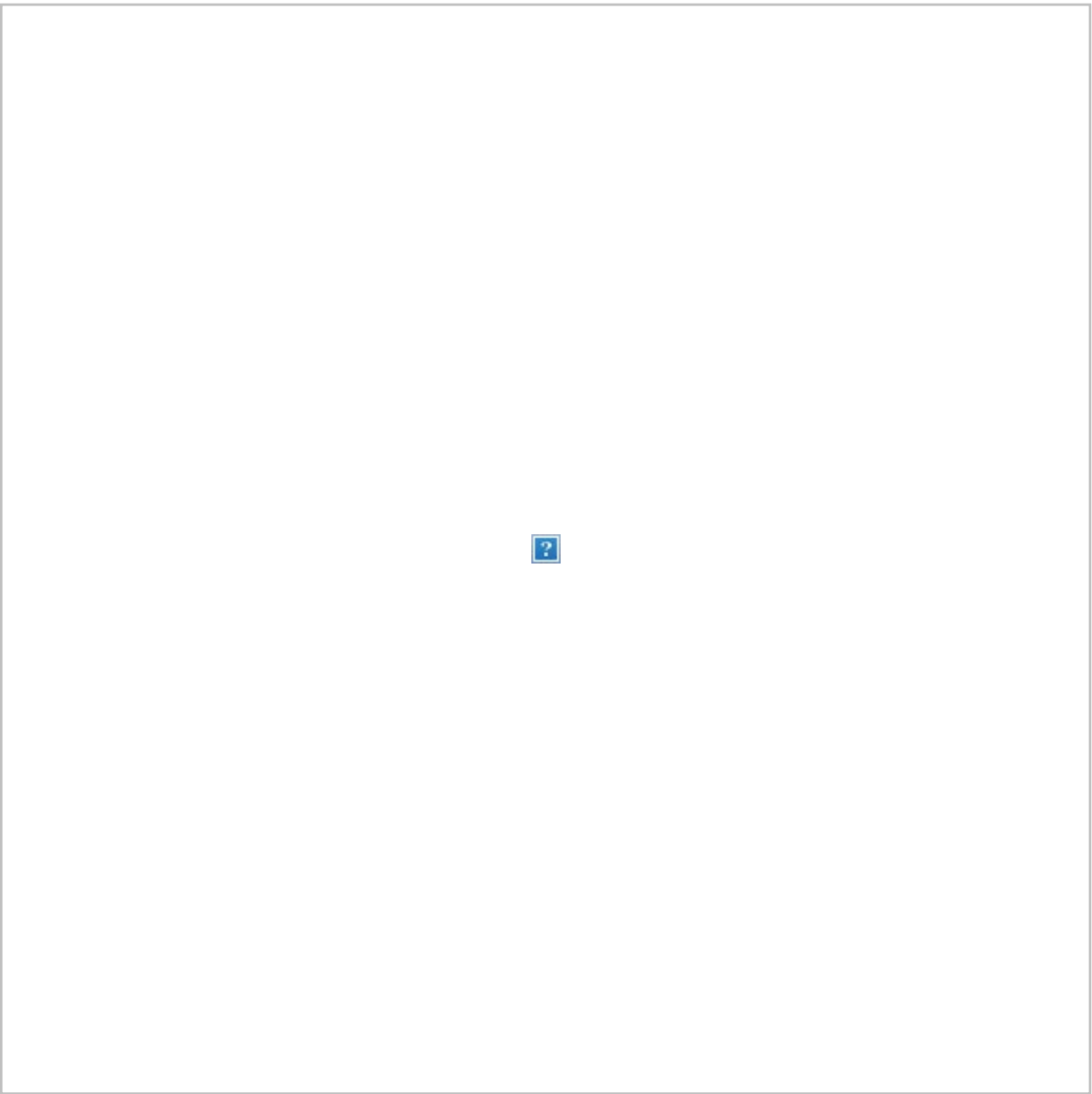
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To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: The 2025 Holiday Gift Guide is Here!
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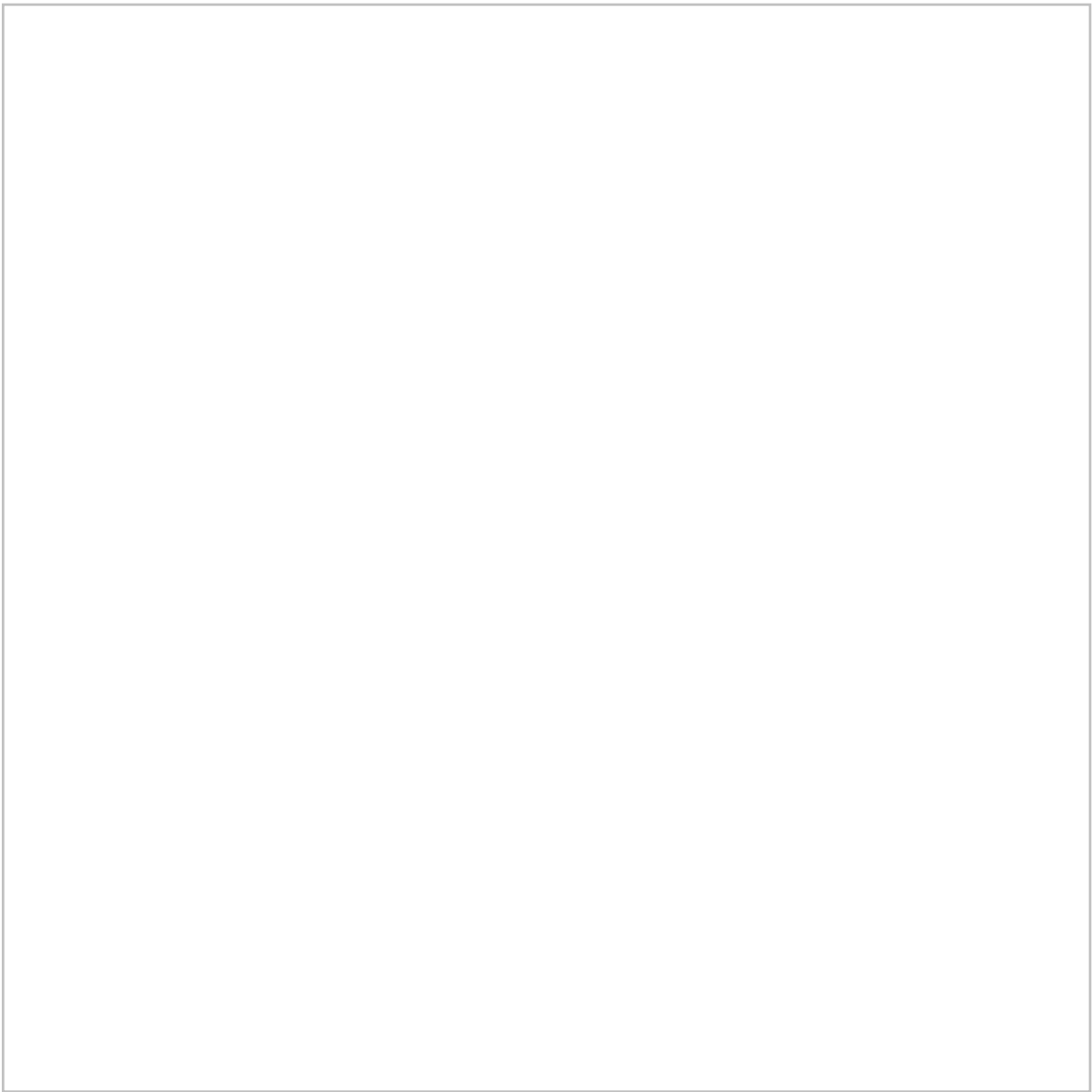


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From: [Caroline Haines](#)
To: [Devon Viehman](#)
Subject: Re: Connect today?
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 11:03:15 AM



970 331 6554 Caroline Haines

On Sun, Nov 30, 2025 at 8:26 AM Caroline Haines <carolinehainespatten@gmail.com> wrote:

Sure! Thanks Devon. My number is 970-331-6564. - caroline

On Nov 28, 2025, at 9:50 AM, Caroline Haines
<carolinehainespatten@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Devon - I had a nice visit with Arne the other day and he said you're in town. Do you have time to connect about Nelson Dr? Thanks!!

Caroline Haines

From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Raena Parsons Email the Town Council
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 10:08:24 AM



Email the Town Council

Email Content:

Dear Mayor & Town Council,

Please join us for our rescheduled Open House, Nature & Nibbles, on January 29th from 6p to 8p in the National Elk Refuge and Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center at 532 N. Cache Street. There will be live music, a silent auction, guided tours, kid's activities, and a short presentation on the plans for a new Nature Center. I hope you will consider joining us!

Raena Parsons
Visitor & Community Engagement Manager
National Elk Refuge

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From: [Jim Hunt](#)
To: commissioners@tetoncountywy.gov; [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Airport Board - Carey reference
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 9:28:48 AM

Jackson Leadership:

A heads up on John Carey who has put his hat in the ring for the JH Airport board. He has listed me as a reference which I welcome enthusiastically

John would be hugely accretive with his general counsel experience at FEMA, financial executive roles, corporate governance experience and accumulated business knowledge - he is full time in Jackson and he was terrific on the now closed, Hunt SPAC board, pursuing infrastructure investments. John is well liked and connected in our community and I am confident he will hear all points of view.

Best regards to all.

Jim

Jim Hunt
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From: [Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Housing Perspectives: Transit-Oriented Incentive Programs and Multifamily Housing: Evidence from Los Angeles
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 9:08:11 AM



Housing Perspectives

Transit-Oriented Incentive Programs and Multifamily Housing: Evidence from Los Angeles



Monday, December 1, 2025 | Stephanie Kestelman

High housing costs in major US cities have brought renewed attention to the regulatory constraints that limit new residential construction. In response, many local and state governments have adopted policies that aim to produce new housing units by easing these constraints. Among these, transit-oriented development incentives—which legalize or encourage dense housing near transit—are popular. In a recent [working paper](#), I study the impacts of one such policy. Los Angeles’s Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Incentive Program...

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From: [Aiden Emilo](#)
To: [Mark Newcomb](#); [Natalia Macker](#); [Luther Propst](#); [Wes Gardner](#); [Arne Jorgensen](#); [Alyson Sperry](#); [Devon Viehman](#); [Jonathan Schechter](#); [Kevin Regan](#)
Subject: Defense of Housing Department Staff Against Personal Attacks
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 8:36:33 AM



Dear Mayor Jorgensen, Town Council Members, Teton County Commissioners:

I am writing to express deep concern regarding the ongoing personal attacks being directed at April Norton, Director of the Teton County Affordable Housing Department. While policy debates about housing programs are legitimate and welcome in our democratic process, the nature of recent public attacks has crossed the line from policy criticism into personal vilification of a dedicated public servant.

April Norton is not an elected official. She is a hired professional who has served our community for nearly 10 years. She has represented our community on national stages and demonstrated that Jackson and Teton County are leaders in addressing affordable housing challenges. Such distinction, hard work and dedication to this cause that has been a top priority of our community for decades should not be disparaged while the elected officials and community remain silent.

The coordinated campaign targeting April Norton personally—through misleading publications, public records requests designed to harass rather than inform, and characterizations that misrepresent her role—creates a chilling effect on public service. If government employees become the targets of personal attacks for executing the policies set by elected officials, we will struggle to recruit and retain qualified professionals willing to serve our community.

I urge you, as the elected leaders, to publicly acknowledge the following:

1. That April Norton has faithfully executed the housing policies established by the Town Council and Board of County Commissioners;
2. That personal attacks on government employees who are carrying out their duties as directed are inappropriate and counterproductive to democratic discourse;
3. That you, as the elected policymakers, take responsibility for the housing initiatives you have authorized and supported;
4. That you stand behind the staff members who work diligently to address our community's housing needs.

The voters of Jackson and Teton County have repeatedly expressed their support for affordable housing initiatives. The staff members who work to implement these

initiatives deserve the public backing of the elected officials who direct their work. Your silence in the face of these attacks leaves April Norton to bear the brunt of criticism for policies that you have championed and authorized.

I respectfully request that the Town Council and Board of County Commissioners issue a joint statement defending the integrity of the Housing Department, acknowledging April Norton's professional service, and making clear that policy disagreements should be directed at elected officials rather than career public servants.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,
Aiden Emilo

Jackson, WY resident and community member
(802) 922-2574

From: [Teton County CTA](#)
To: [Jonathan Schechter](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comment on Monday
Date: Sunday, November 30, 2025 9:46:44 PM



Thank you Jonathan!

See you then.

From: Teton County CTA <tetoncountycta@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 30, 2025 9:38 PM
To: Jonathan Schechter <JSchechter@jacksonwy.gov>
Cc: Joe Manning <jgjmanning@gmail.com>
Subject: Public Comment on Monday

Hi Jonathan,

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving!

So Joe and I have met with everyone on the Town Council and County Commissioners as well as with Paul Anthony and Tyler Florence. Everyone has expressed interest in our project to a certain extent.

Our next step is to come and make a public comment asking the Town and CC's to vote to

add an item to their agenda to discuss holding a joint workshop as soon as feasibly possible to move this important project forward.

I think I will come 12/1 at 130pm for the JIM meeting unless you think it would be best to go to separate meetings.

I look forward to your thoughts and advice.

Thank you!

Best, Diane

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Best,

Teton County Community Tennis Association

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From: [Teton County CTA](#)
To: [Jonathan Schechter](#)
Subject: Limited Availability Re: Public Comment on Monday
Date: Sunday, November 30, 2025 9:41:56 PM



Thanks for your email!

We will be checking email intermittently this week for the Thanksgiving Holiday and will respond as soon as possible during this time.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Best,
TCCTA

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From: [Teton County CTA](#)
To: [Devon Viehman](#); [Natalia Macker](#)
Cc: [Joe Manning](#)
Subject: Thank you!
Date: Sunday, November 30, 2025 9:30:26 PM



Hi Devon and Natalia,

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Thank you both for making the time to meet with us last week. We really appreciate your time, interest in our mission, and advice on next steps.

We look forward to further conversations and moving this worthwhile project forward that will benefit all ages in our community.

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Best,
Diane and Joe

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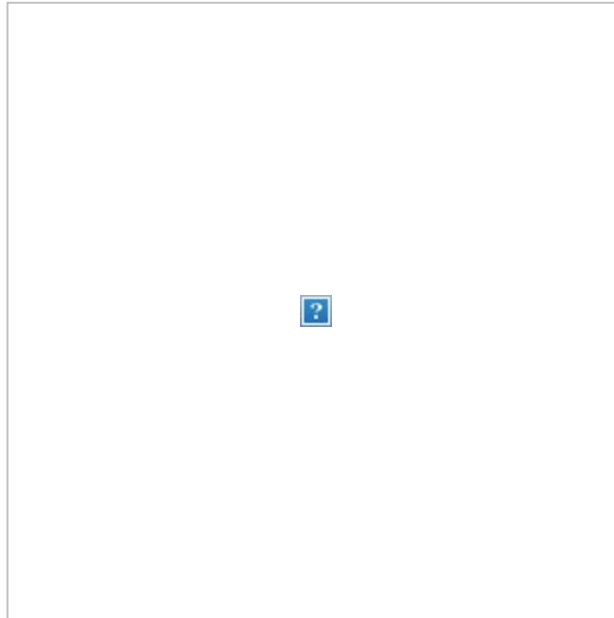
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From: [Rep. Harriet Hageman](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: The Wyoming Round-Up — November 30, 2025
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Hello Arne ,

Last week, I had the joy of being back home in Wyoming for Thanksgiving and to celebrate my mother's 102nd birthday.

As we move into December, I am excited to share updates from my office, highlight some of the great work we accomplished in November, and show how we are continuing to serve you.

The Commercial Motor Vehicle English Proficiency Act

I am proud to co-lead the Commercial Motor Vehicle English Proficiency Act alongside Congressman Dave Taylor and Congressman Greg Steube. This critical piece of legislation puts public safety and common sense back at the center of our national transportation policy. This bill ensures that anyone operating a commercial vehicle on American roads can read road signs, understand warnings, and

communicate with law enforcement and first responders.

Current law allows states to administer the CDL knowledge test in any language they choose. While the road skills test must be conducted in English, the written examination—the portion that determines whether a driver can understand signage, safety alerts, and instructions—can be taken in multiple languages. California and Washington take full advantage of this loophole to license drivers who lack the English language proficiency needed to read warning signs, understand instructions from law enforcement, or respond to hazardous conditions. These states have been putting ideology ahead of safety, and innocent people pay the price when unqualified drivers take the wheel of an 80,000-pound vehicle.

Our bill closes that loophole and requires every part of the CDL testing process to be conducted in English. It establishes a clear federal standard that drivers must read and understand traffic signs, communicate with officers and emergency personnel, and receive and follow directions in English. By restoring these basic requirements, we strengthen public safety and prevent states from lowering standards for political convenience.

Improving road safety is a significant issue across Wyoming, where tragic accidents claim lives year after year. Our legislation is essential to protect the safety and security of every driver on our highways.

Fighting for our Servicemembers

I sent a letter to the Department of War to request long-overdue answers regarding the misuse of Article 15s and other non-judicial punishments during the COVID-19 era. Under the Biden administration, thousands of brave men and women in uniform were subjected not only to an unlawful vaccine mandate, but also to a series of arbitrary and unscientific “preventative” measures that had real consequences for their careers, livelihoods, and

families.

Article 15s, while intended to address minor infractions without resorting to the court-martial process, can still inflict lasting harm. They can delay or derail promotions, jeopardize security clearances, and limit access to special assignments. Because these punishments rely so heavily on the discretion of individual commanders, the system is vulnerable to inconsistency and, at times, abuse.

During COVID-19, reporting revealed that soldiers at Fort Knox and Fort Benning were punished for infractions as minor as not wearing a mask or traveling off-post. These decisions were made under policies we now know were not rooted in science. Dr. Fauci himself admitted in closed-door testimony that the “six-foot rule” that disrupted schools, businesses, and daily life “sort of just appeared.” The evidence behind mask mandates was equally inconclusive. Yet despite this uncertainty, servicemembers faced significant disciplinary actions that could follow them throughout their careers.

Thanks to President Trump and Secretary Hegseth, we have begun the process of restoring justice by reinstating servicemembers who were wrongfully discharged under the Biden vaccine mandate, returning them with back pay, benefits, and bonuses.

In my inquiry, I asked the Department of War to detail how many Article 15s were issued during the pandemic, what kinds of COVID-related violations triggered these punishments, and whether the Department is actively reviewing these cases as part of its reinstatement process. Our servicemembers deserve clarity, fairness, and accountability from the government they serve.

Working For You

One of the ways my office serves Wyomingites is by helping constituents navigate federal agencies. I am proud to share that November was an exceptional month for our casework

team.

In November alone, my office resolved 91 individual cases, returning \$3.4 million in funds, benefits, reimbursements, and corrections to hardworking Wyomingites just like you. This is a testament to the dedication of our staff and our commitment to making sure your concerns are addressed promptly and effectively.

If you are facing issues with a federal agency, whether it is the VA, Social Security, the IRS, or another department, my office may be able to help. We can assist with paperwork, follow up on stalled cases, and make sure your concerns are heard and resolved as quickly as possible.

You can fill out a casework form on my [website](#) or call us directly at (307) 261-6595.

Protecting Grazing Rights on Our National Grasslands

I joined Senators Barrasso and Lummis in introducing legislation to give our ranchers on National Grasslands the certainty and fairness they deserve. Our bill amends the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) to clearly recognize that grazing on National Grasslands is an authorized and protected use, just as it is on Bureau of Land Management and National Forest lands. Ranchers who steward these landscapes should not face a different, or weaker, set of rules simply because their allotments lie on National Grasslands.

Right now, the U.S. Forest Service issues 10-year permits for grazing on National Grasslands under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act of 1937, but the agency has no obligation to renew them. Too often, they don't. That uncertainty puts our producers in an impossible position. They invest in range improvements, manage forage responsibly, and support the local economy, yet they lack the same renewal protections that FLPMA provides to ranchers on other federal lands. Our bill fixes that inequity.

By codifying what the Forest Service already acknowledges, that grazing is allowed on National Grasslands, we bring consistency to federal grazing policy and protect the families who depend on it. This legislation ensures that our ranchers receive the stability they need to plan for the future, care for the land, and continue feeding our communities.

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A Congressional Internship offers a unique opportunity to gain firsthand experience in public service and to work alongside elected officials and their staff. Interns develop valuable skills in research, policy analysis, communication, and constituent services. Whether you're interested in law, policy, or advocacy, a congressional internship is an excellent stepping stone to a career in government and beyond.

The deadline to apply for an internship this spring is Friday, December 5. If you have any questions, please call the DC office at 202-225-2311 or apply by filling out the form on our [website](#).

Federal Register Comment Period

Administration Revises Endangered Species Act Regulations

The Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced four proposed rules to restore Endangered Species Act regulations to their 2019 and 2020 framework.

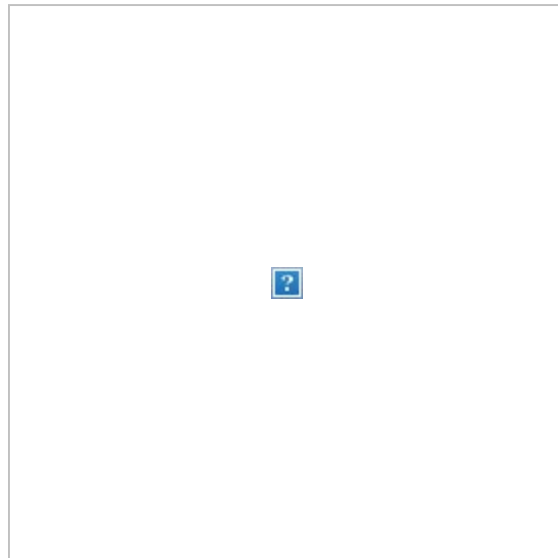
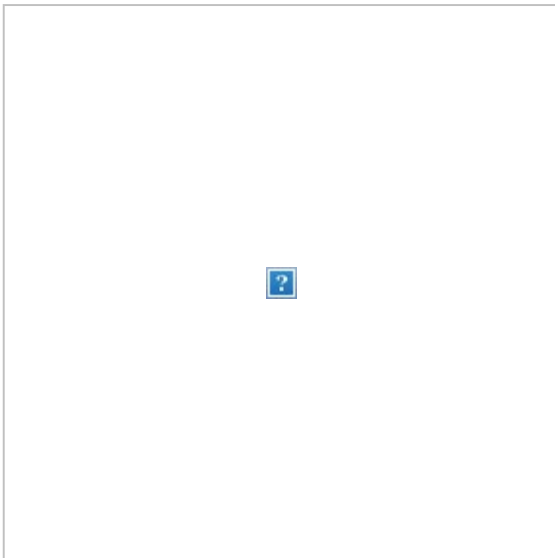
The comment periods end on December 22, 2025, for the following proposed rules:

- **Interagency cooperation (50 CFR part 402):**
 - The services jointly propose to return to the 2019 consultation framework by reinstating definitions of “effects of the action” and “environmental baseline,” removing the 2024 “offset” provisions and restoring section 7 procedures consistent with the statutory text. These changes respond directly to the Supreme Court’s decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, which overturned the Chevron deference standard and reaffirmed that agencies must adhere strictly to the law as written.
- **Listing and critical habitat (50 CFR part 424):**
 - The services jointly propose to restore the 2019 regulatory text governing listing, delisting and critical habitat determinations. The proposal ensures decisions are based on the best scientific and commercial data available while allowing transparent consideration of economic impacts. It reestablishes the longstanding two-step process for designating unoccupied habitat, restores clarity to the definition of “foreseeable future” and reinstates flexibility to determine when designating critical habitat is not prudent.
- **Threatened species protections (50 CFR part 17; section 4(d)):**
 - The Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to eliminate the “blanket rule” option and require species-specific 4(d) rules tailored to each threatened species. This approach reflects the single best reading of the statute under *Loper Bright* and ensures that protections are necessary and advisable to conserve each species without

imposing unnecessary restrictions on others. It also aligns service policy with the National Marine Fisheries Service's longstanding species-specific approach.

- **Critical habitat exclusions (50 CFR part 17; section 4(b)(2)):**
 - The Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to reinstate its 2020 rule clarifying how economic, national security and other relevant impacts are weighed when determining whether to exclude areas from critical habitat. The revised framework provides transparency and predictability for landowners and project proponents while maintaining the service's authority to ensure that exclusions will not result in species extinction.

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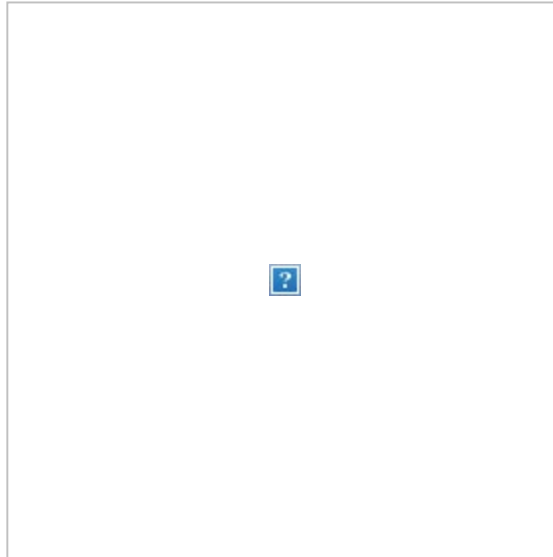


I want to thank Karl Brauneis for sending his remarkable photographs that truly capture the beauty of our great state. I am thankful that he allows me to share his talented work with all of you as a reminder of how lucky we are to call Wyoming home.

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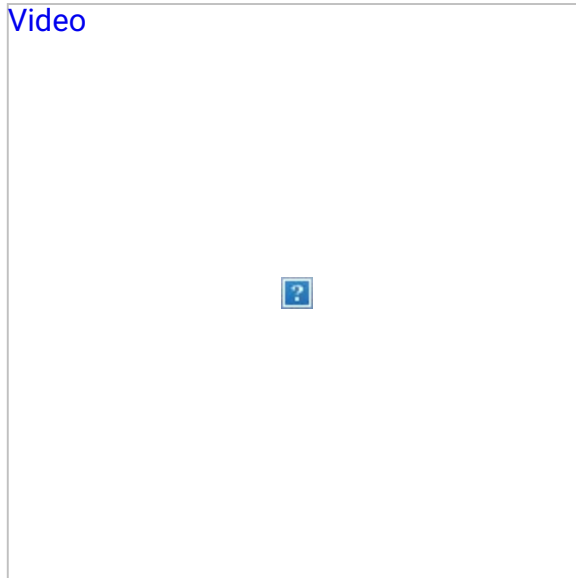
Last week, the House was out of session. For my full voting record, click [here](#).

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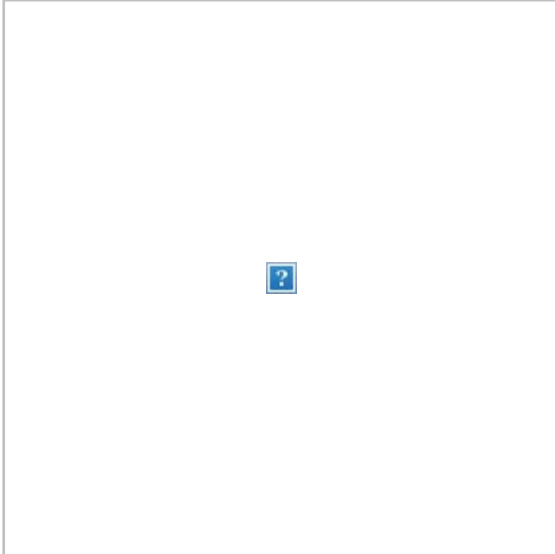
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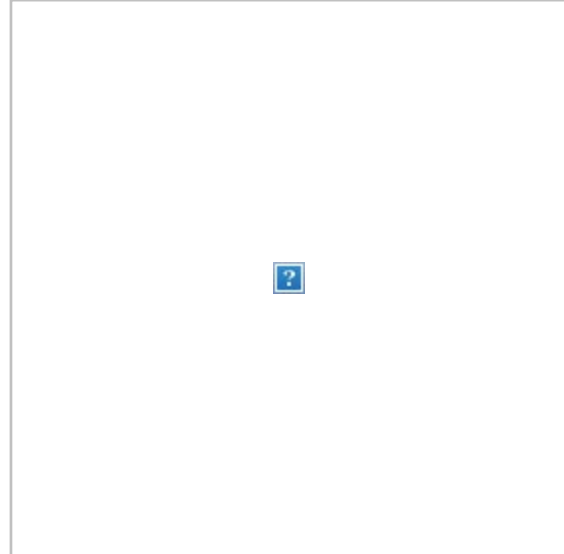
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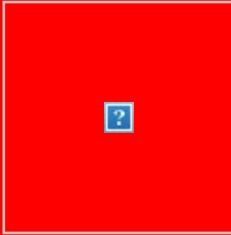


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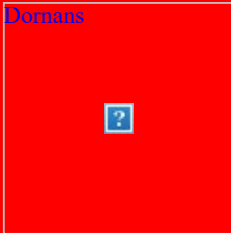


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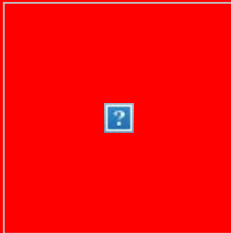
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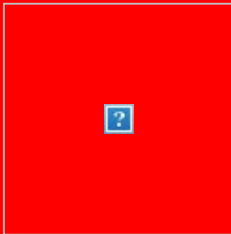
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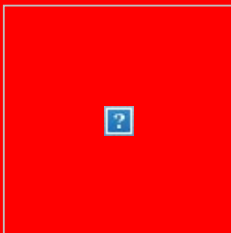
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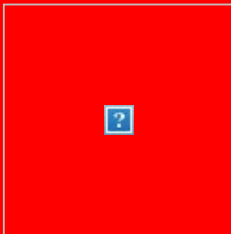
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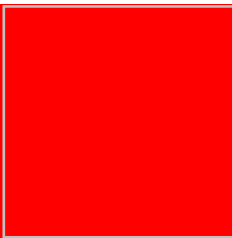
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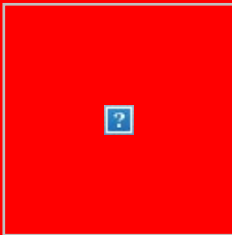
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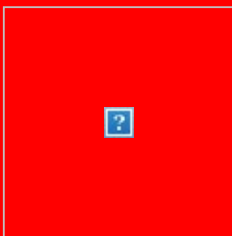
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[Stalker sentenced to 3 years in prison after Yellowstone, Grand Teton chase](#)

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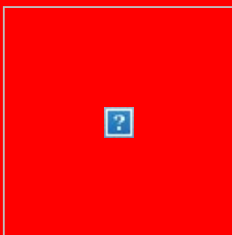
WYOMING — A 22-year-old man from Utah has been sentenced to 36 months' imprisonment for interstate stalking that unfolded across Yellowstone and Grand Teton [...]



[Wyoming horses potentially exposed to equine virus, no reported cases yet](#)

November 24, 2025

WYOMING — Wyoming's horse community is on high alert following potential exposure to the equine herpesvirus (EHV) at events in the state earlier [...]



[Snow King postpones opening day due to warm temps](#)

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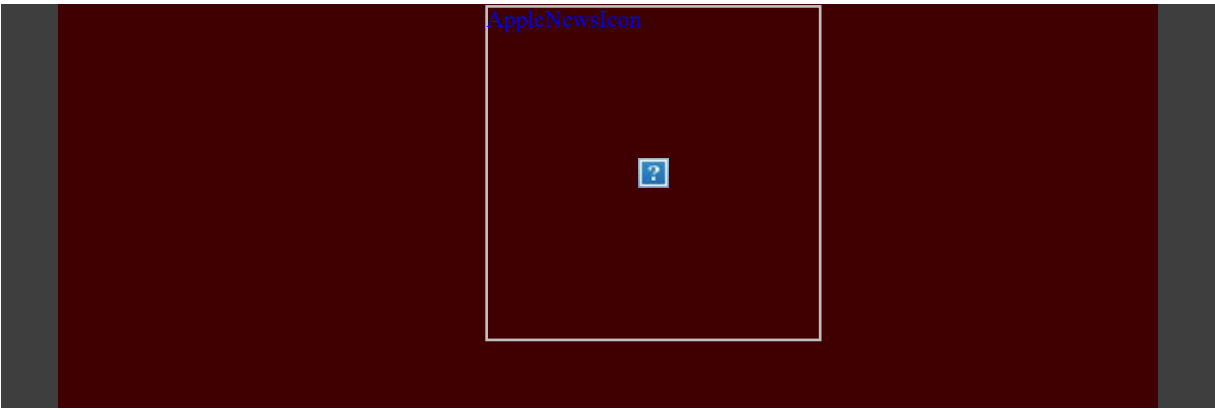


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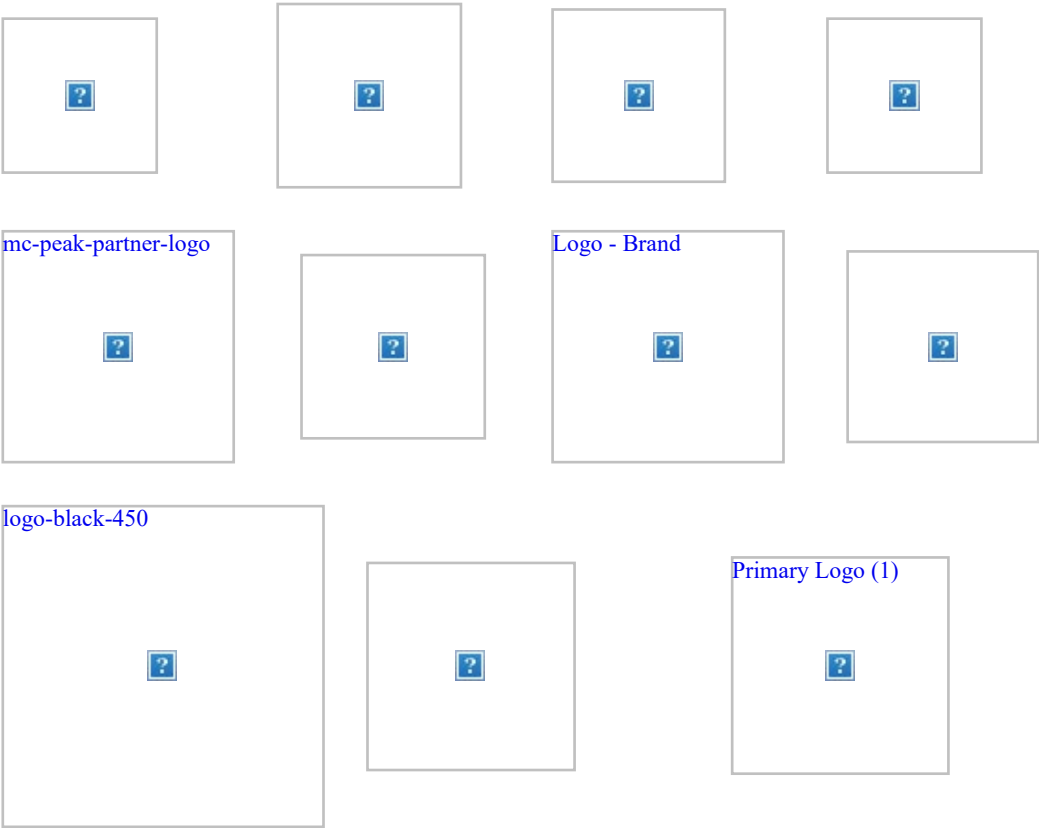
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To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Fire Standard of Cover Issues
Date: Friday, November 28, 2025 4:26:55 PM



Town Council:

With all of the work from ESCI this year, you still won't know what level of service you are actually paying for and what it will cost per option they propose. They give you 6 new scenarios, but no total cost for each, that is unacceptable for the time and money it took to get here.

They want you to endorse NFPA standards as the goal, but according to the report, they are so far from meeting them that they are unrealistic and too costly. It looks like they never even come close to meeting those standards and don't track times properly to know how bad it is. Yes, Teton County is large and rural so response times meeting national standards are not realistic, but responses inside town limits should be close (if that is the level of service you want) if Station 1 is staffed. For 90% of the calls, dispatch's **alarm handling time** and firefighter **turnout times** for career staffed stations should have no problem meeting those time standards, but they are so far from it and there is no excuse for that, none!

Obviously dispatch still isn't providing the data needed to track response times and crews are not reporting accurate turnout times. Gannon identified those issues in 2021 and it was ignored and the situation may have even gotten worse. And what ESCI did report for alarm handling and turnout times are so far beyond national standards that you need to ask why and hold people accountable for those dismal times. Why does it take dispatch consistently over 3 minutes to handle a call when the standard is 60 seconds and so many other dispatch centers can do it no problem, in fact many dispatch centers handle most alarms in 30 seconds or less. What standards does dispatch meet? Do they have any? Does the sheriff find this acceptable? There are deeper issues here at both fire and dispatch negatively impacting public safety and you need to ask why they can't make these simple changes. I know why, there is no accountability!! Maybe get a copy of the unpublished report annex that Gannon gave to the chief which has all the personnel and liability issues in it they found, I hear it's shocking.

Effective January 1, you should demand dispatch and FireEMS start tracking these call handling and turnout times and benchmarks per NFPA 1221, 1710 and 1720 and report them to you every month.

It's also interesting how a lot of the content, conclusions, and recommendations in this ESCI SOC are very similar to the Gannon report. Coincidence? No, ESCI took the Gannon report and reused most of their stuff after getting a lot of the data that Teton County would not turn over to Gannon, the data is why it took so long to get this report and its months late. ESCI endorsed Gannon's key recommendations and most of ESCI's 15 recommendations are similar to Gannon. They didn't even reference the Gannon report properly, just casually mentioned it. Ask Joe.

You should be about transparency and accountability. Many of us also fully support the volunteer resident program which has made Teton Village a successful mostly volunteer fire department for years and more cost effective than Jackson Hole FireEMS, but the county has been against volunteer residents for a long time. It is nice to see the slideshow recommend *"Establish a Residential Volunteer Program & Build Station 8."* It's great to see the county is finally listing a "volunteer resident program" as something they want to do. However, I searched the entire ESCI SOC report and nowhere in there does it say anything about a residential volunteer program. You need to ask why the slide says they recommend it when the report does not. This is only one of several examples where the slide show you are being presented does not match up to the actual report. Frankly it is

fraudulent and unethical. Ask the right questions and if you don't know the right ones, then get your own expert to help. This entire process with **ESCI is just baffling you with BS!**

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From: [Buckrail](#)
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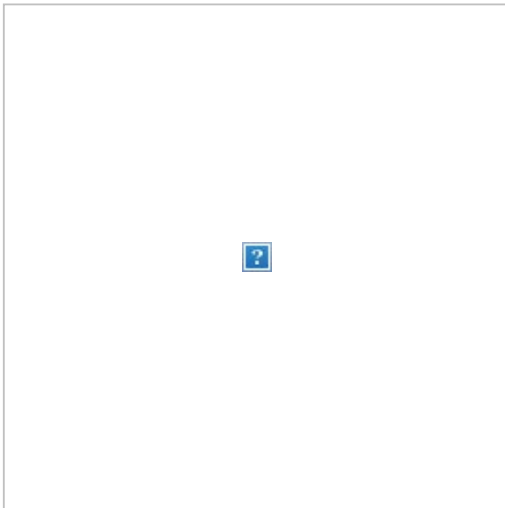


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"If the walls at the Stagecoach Bar could talk, they might have a few stories after 80 years."

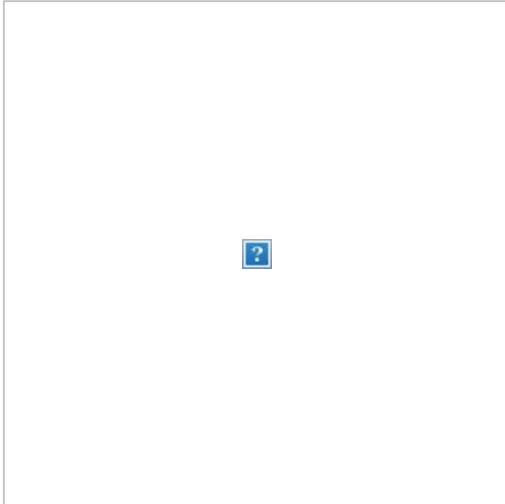
From bumpers to bus stops and bikes to bar tops; you name it, there's probably a [sticker on it](#) in Jackson Hole.

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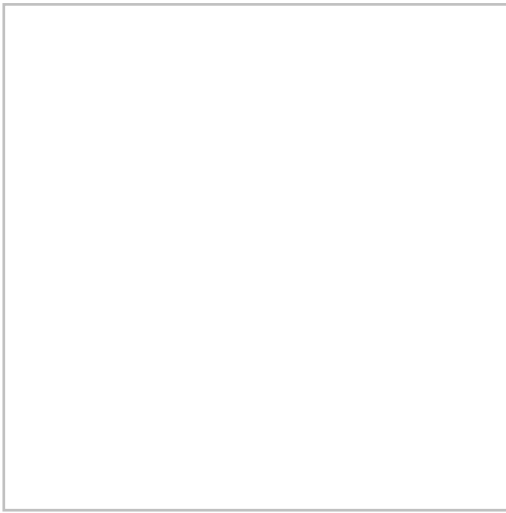


[**START Bus modifies service due to JHMR delayed opening**](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — Due to the delayed opening of Jackson Hole Mountain Resort (JHMR) in Teton Village, START Bus is beginning its winter service schedule with some temporary modifications. The Teton Village [...]

[**Stickers in Jackson Hole: Cultural artifacts and a window to times passed**](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — There are a lot of things that make mountain towns unique — access to the outdoors, beautiful weather, a close-knit community — but one often overlooked piece of the story [...]



Downtown Jackson on a winter day.

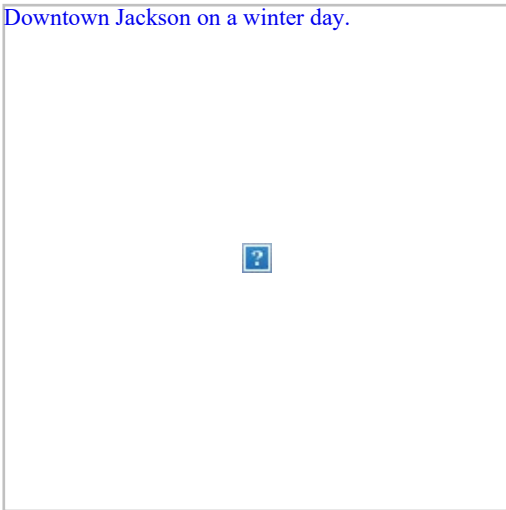
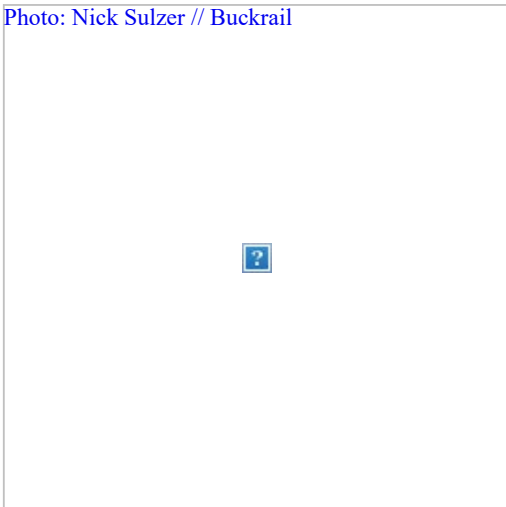


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Chamber of Commerce, ACLU of Wyoming to host free immigration-focused webinar

JACKSON, Wyo. — The Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce and the ACLU of Wyoming will cohost a free Zoom webinar on Dec. 4, from 8 to 9 a.m. to discuss employee rights [...]

SNAPPED: Moosin' around in light snow

JACKSON, Wyo. — Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Wintery weather is finally making a strong showing in the valley. Buckrail photographer Nick Sulzer came across this bull moose traipsing [...]

Survivors of Suicide Loss Bereavement group meets first Wednesday of every month

JACKSON, Wyo. — The Survivors of Suicide

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Loss Bereavement Group will meet on Zoom Dec. 3 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and the first Wednesday of each following month. The group is free to attend. [...]



SNAPPED: Steam swirls, kingfisher observes Yellowstone from above

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK —

While tourists flock every year to Yellowstone to see the thermal pools and wildlife, it's not often one gets to see Yellowstone from above. The National Park Service [...]



'It's terrifying.' Wyoming leads country with highest jump in Obamacare costs

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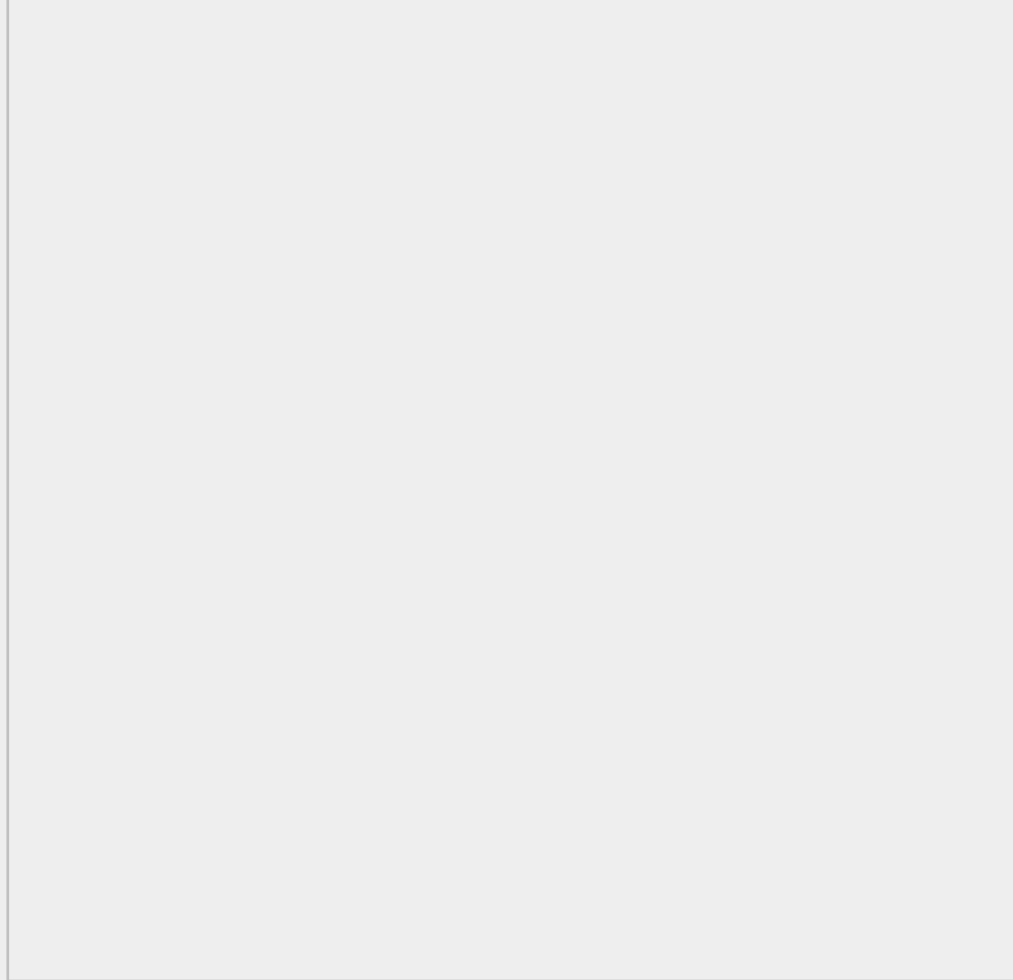
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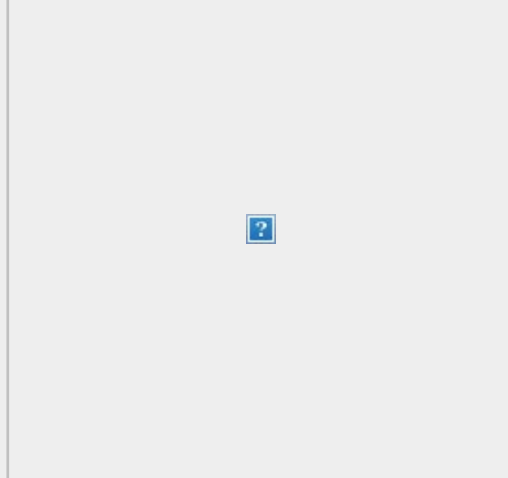
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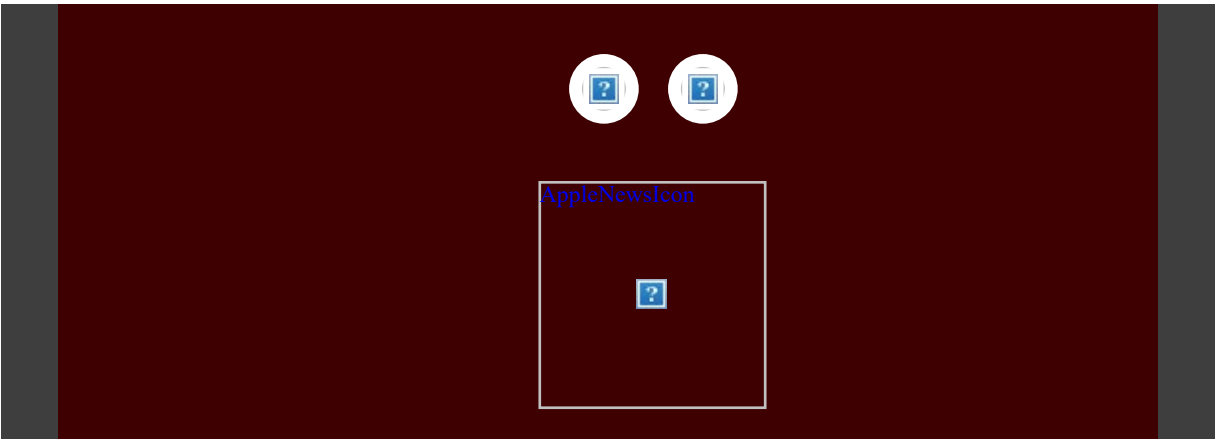
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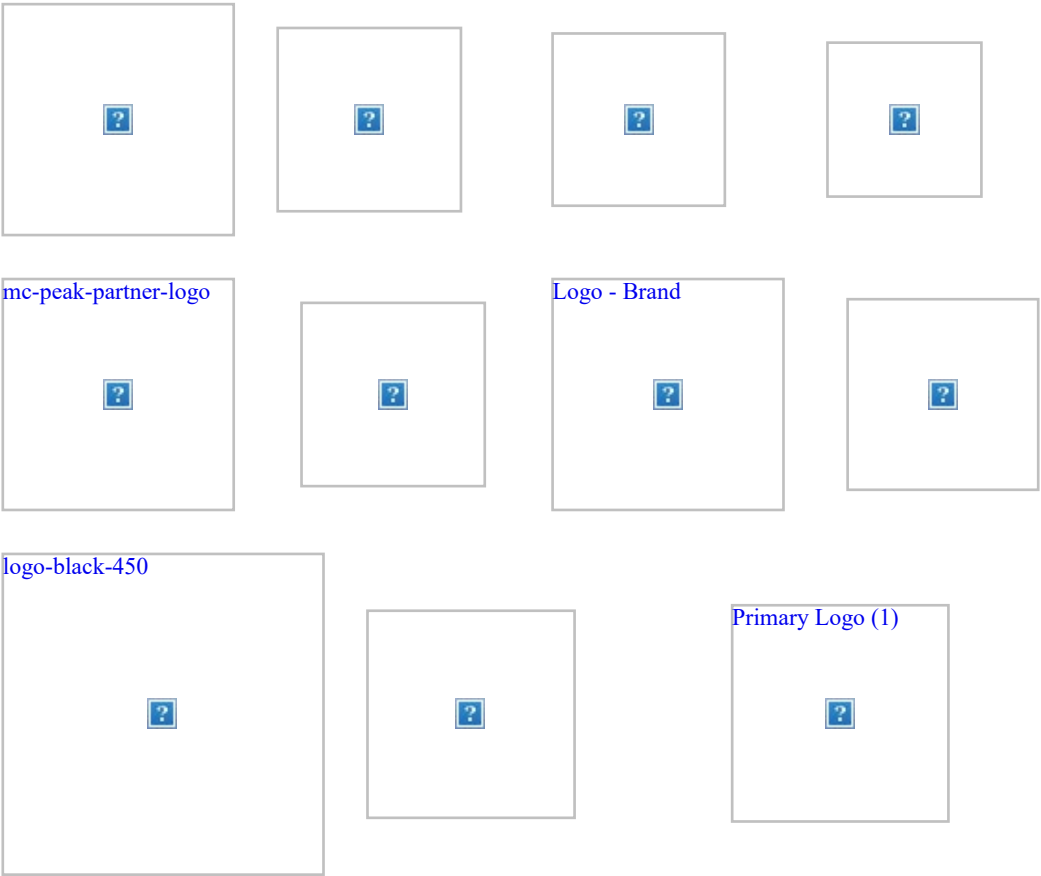
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Email Arne Jorgensen

Email Content:

Good morning Mayor Jorgensen. This is Sigsbee Duck and we have met before, most recently @ the September Air Rendezvous in Teton Village.

I have submitted my application to serve on the Jackson Airport Board. I am in Kentucky for Thanksgiving with my family this week. I had no idea the interviews would be December 8, as I am returning to Jackson December 7 to then go to Cheyenne to attend an Aeronautics Commission meeting.

Regardless, I was hoping we could speak sometime this week so we could talk a bit about the Airport and my desire to serve. I would appreciate that opportunity or we could Zoom if you'd rather. I would sure like to garner your support. I have applied before and feel I am uniquely qualified. I am sorry I am gone this week, but we have two new granddaughters plus a six year old and we are all together at this particular time.

My email is sduck74@yahoo.com and my mobile number is 307-699-5248. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you. Kari Cooper, Senator Gierau and Jerry Blann are my references. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you so very much for your consideration and understanding. Sigsbee

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Your State: Wyoming

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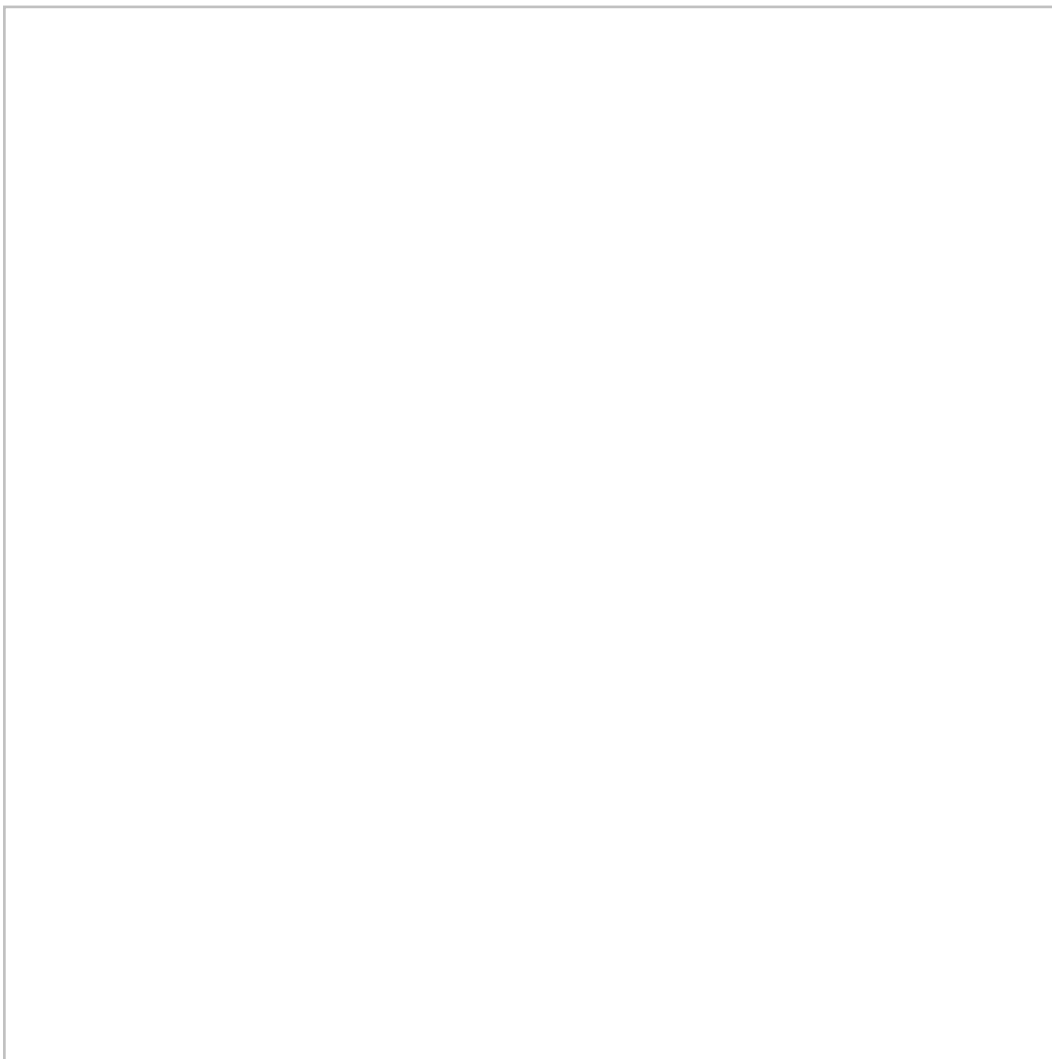
Dear Town Councilors,
I wish you and your families a Happy and tasty Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Julien Hass
julien.hass@gmail.com
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From: [Diana Peck, Library Foundation & Friends](#)
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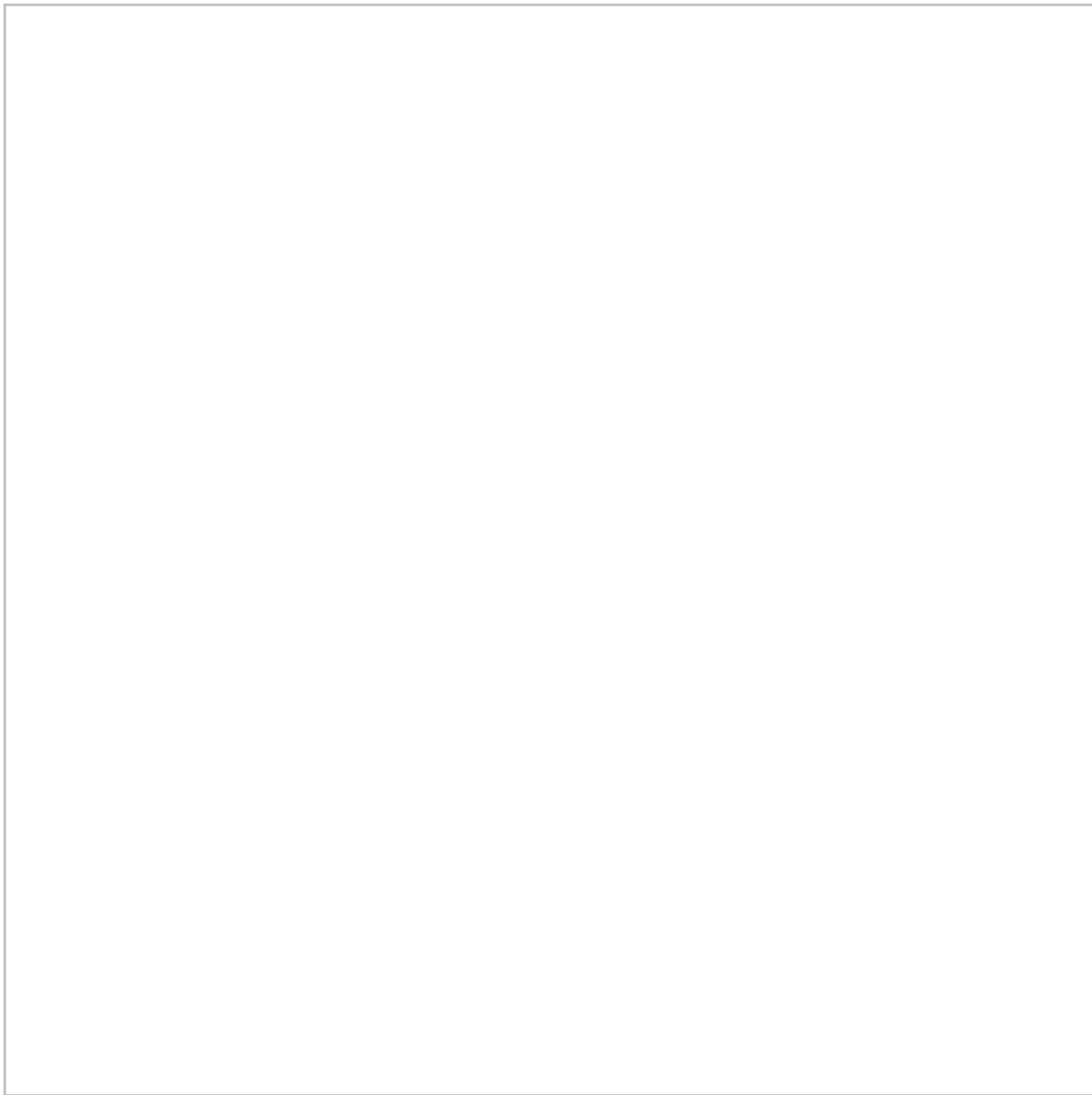
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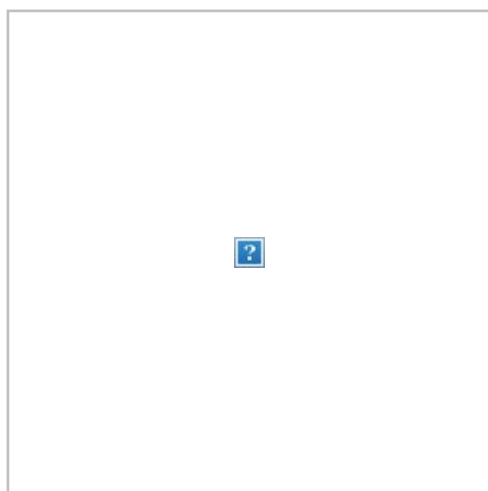


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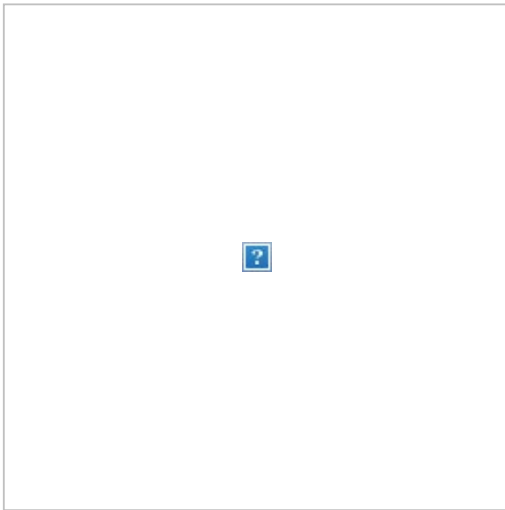


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"It's tempting to go back for more, but perishable foods are only safe out on the table or buffet for two hours. After two hours, food will be in the 'danger zone' of temperatures between 40-140°F, where bacteria can rapidly multiply and cause the food to become unsafe."

Happy Thanksgiving from *Buckrail*! Ahead of the big day, it would be wise to review the Wyoming Department of Health's tips to help [prevent foodborne illness](#).

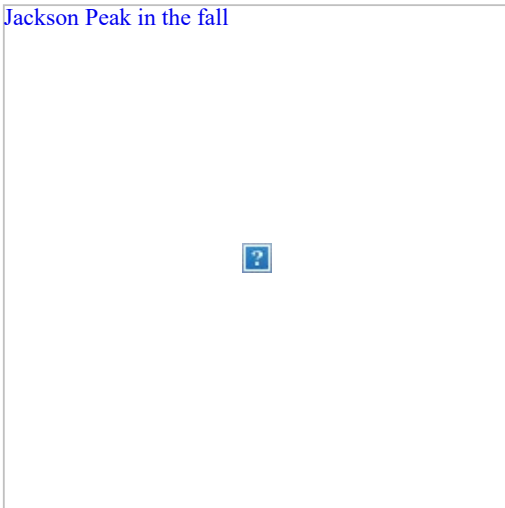
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[Jackson Peak in the fall](#)



[Calm before the storm: Readers share their favorite parts of offseason](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — November can bring a welcome respite from the chaos of the summer to Jacksonites. Buckrail recently asked its readers about their favorite part of the offseason. Some Facebook commenters [...]

[Library to bring back 'Stuffed Animal Sleepover' for local youth](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — Time to pack your stuffed animals' overnight bag, they have a

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big sleepover coming up! On Friday, Dec. 5, from 5 to 6 p.m. the Teton County Library Youth Service [...]

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woman in white sweater baking cake

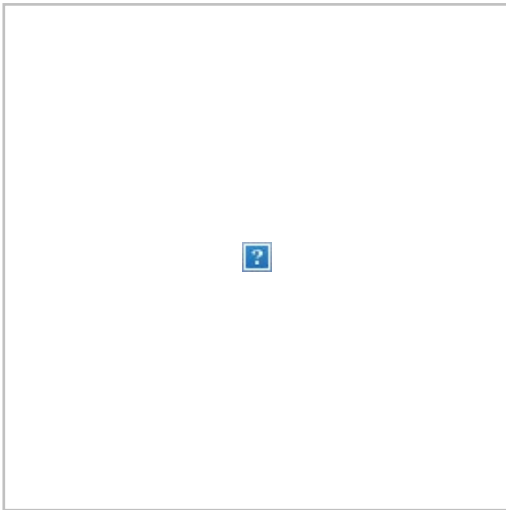


Keep Thanksgiving turkey dinners safe, delicious

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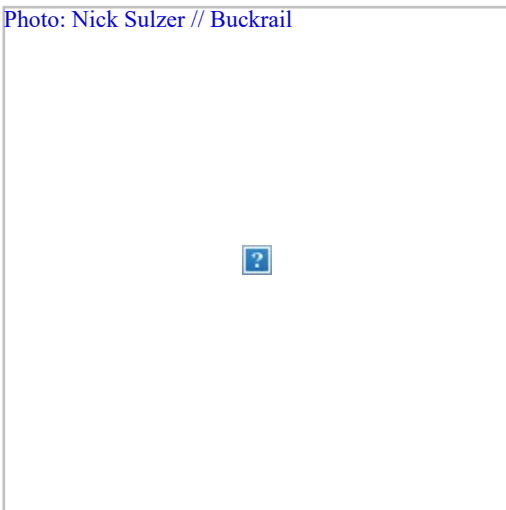
The Center to host 26th Annual Avalanche Awareness night

JACKSON, Wyo. — Another ski season incoming! On Thursday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m.,



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Free community events for everyone on Turkey Day

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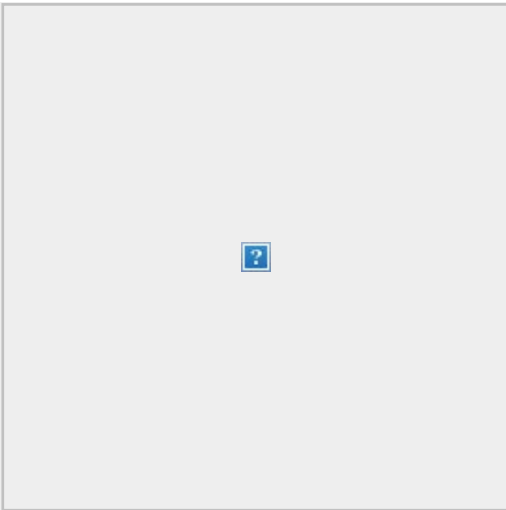
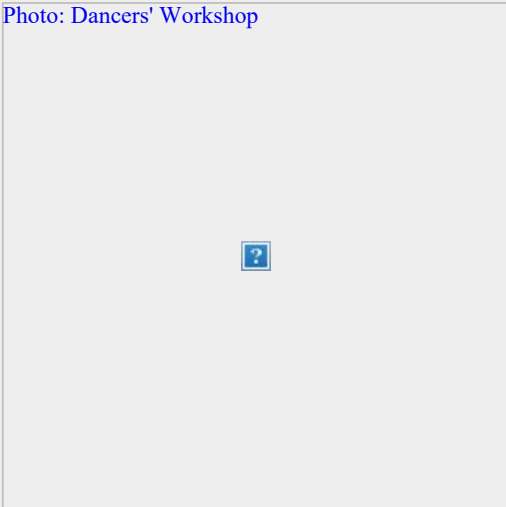


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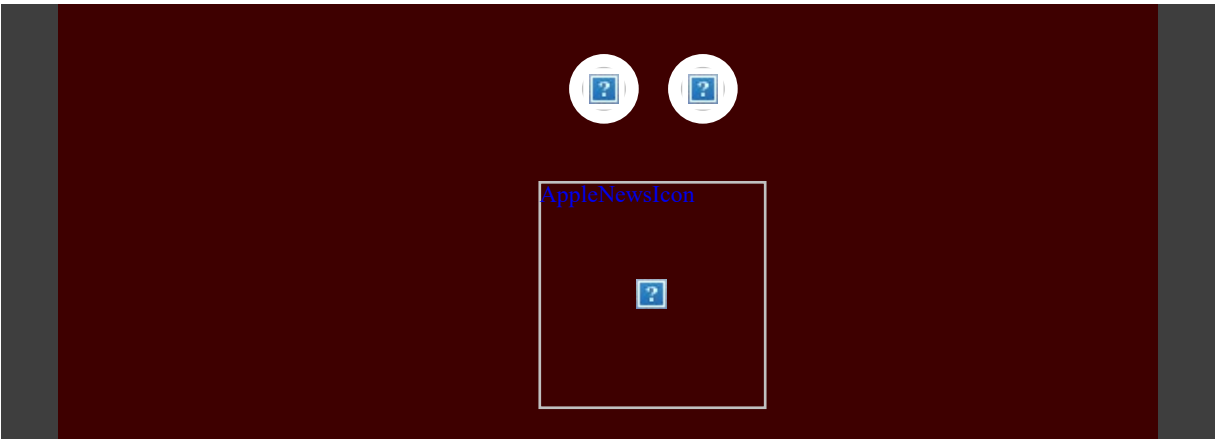
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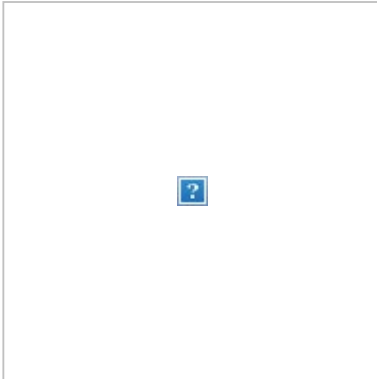
In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we wanted to use this month's newsletter to share some heartfelt gratitude for our many supporters!

2025 By the Numbers: Our network is the backbone of everything we aim to accomplish at WYldlife for Tomorrow, and your commitment to Wyoming's wildlife is the inspiration we need. This year was a record-setting year for us, and we're grateful for everyone who has been along for the ride.

- **\$164,000** raised
- **84** individual contributors

- Nearly **100** Business Partners (*who will be #100?!)*
- Funding delivered to **4** priority conservation projects

More gratitude on our blog!



Giving Tuesday

It's not too late to join the herd and be part of this historic year for WYldlife for Tomorrow. This Giving Tuesday we hope you'll consider choosing WYldlife for Tomorrow as an organization to support and see firsthand how your support will help move the needle for Wyoming's wildlife in 2026.

Donate today!

Upcoming Winter Giveaway

As newsletter subscribers, here is your early heads-up about a WYldlife for Tomorrow winter getaway raffle launching soon! Stay tuned to learn how you can win a **3-night stay in Jackson Hole this winter**, complete with a bundle of assorted goodies to elevate your retreat. With a little luck, you may just secure someone the Christmas gift of a lifetime!

There is a lot to be grateful for this Thanksgiving, not the least of which is the support you all have shown Wyoming's wildlife in 2025. We're endlessly thankful for wild Wyoming and equally grateful to all of you who value protecting its animals, landscapes, and heritage.

From all of us at WYldlife for Tomorrow, thank you!

With Gratitude,



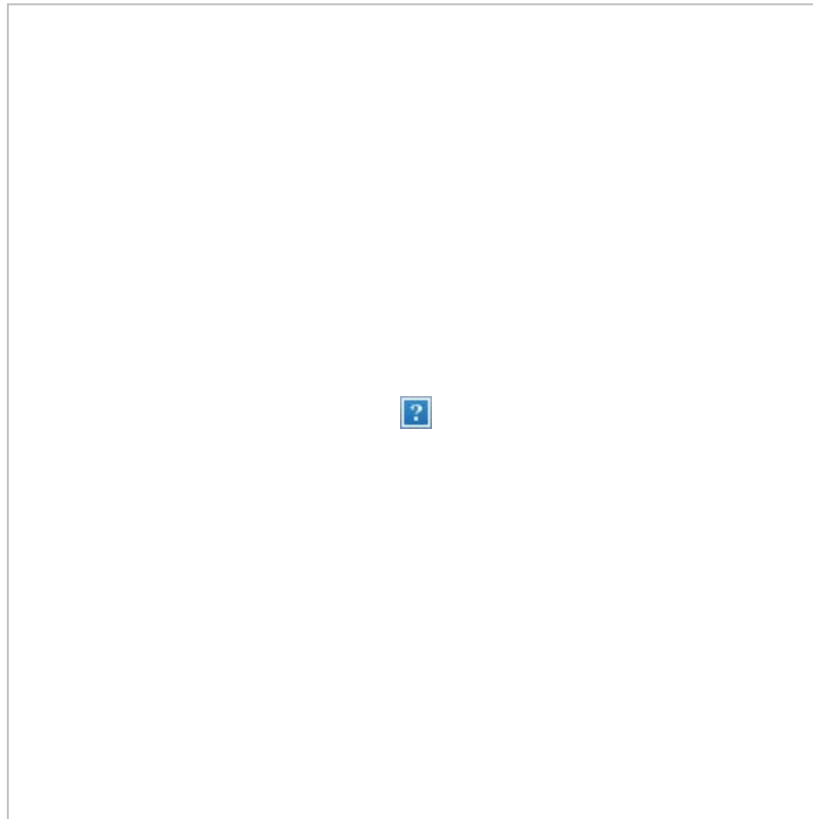


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Building Momentum: November Highlights from Across Wyoming

In this issue of *the Word from WAM*

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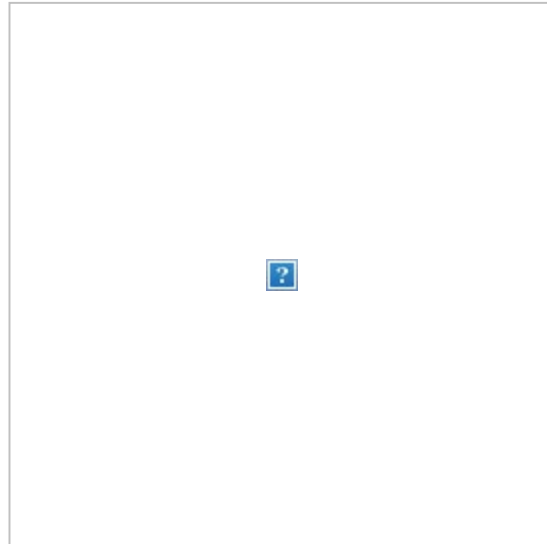
HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM WAM!

*We are grateful for the opportunity to serve those who dedicate themselves
as public servants—thank you for all you do!*

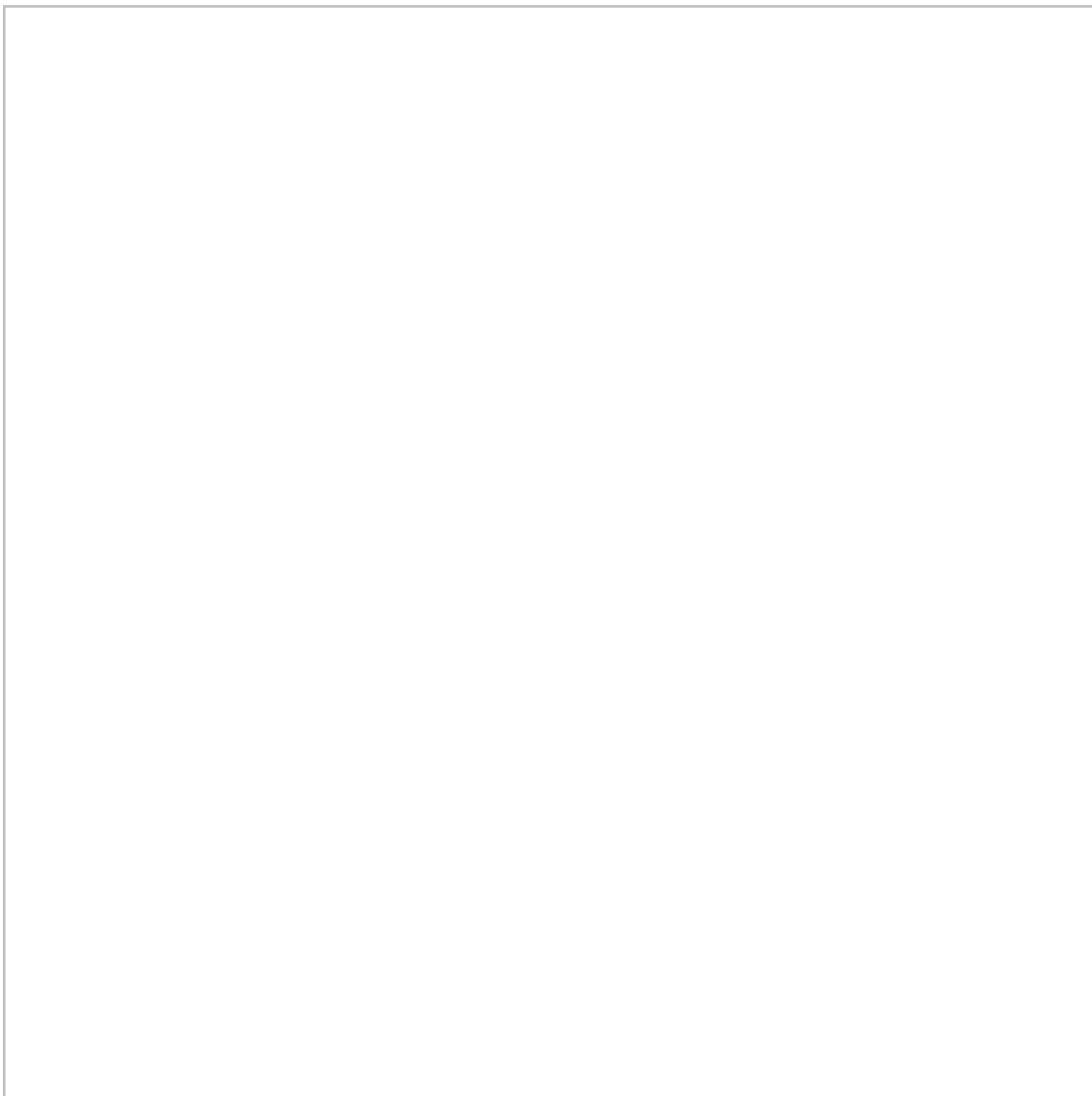
The WAM office will be closed Wednesday, November 26 - Friday, November 28.

WAM President's Corner: a message from Mayor Matt Murdock

As we move into Thanksgiving week and the close of November, I've been reflecting on a theme that emerged repeatedly at the National League of Cities' City Summit in Salt Lake City: the essential role of dignity in public life. With nearly 30 Wyoming municipal leaders in attendance – our strongest delegations ever – this message landed with particular force. The work from Dignity.us (<https://www.dignity.us/>) puts it plainly – dignity is not earned, negotiated, or conditional. It is inherent to every person. That resonates deeply with those of us whose traditions teach that every individual bears the image of God and possesses intrinsic worth.



Click here to [continue reading](#).



Don't miss the WAM Winter Conference February 11-13, 2026!

Wyoming's premier gathering for municipal leaders, policy experts, and local changemakers. This three-day experience offers the tools, insights, and connections you need to lead your community forward. Register now to be part of the conversation shaping Wyoming's future.

[Register now](#) for the 2026 WAM Winter Conference!

Insightful Sessions & Expert Panels

- Dive into timely topics like AI in government, PFAS water challenges, tax policy and housing solutions.
- Hear from state leaders including the Wyoming Department of Audit, Department of Revenue, and UW College of Business.
- Specialized training session focused on Local Government Budgeting Planning with Joe Coyne.

Legislative Access & Advocacy

- Participate in the Local Leaders Legislative Reception with Wyoming County

- Commissioners Association, Capitol exploration, and a panel with the Big Five.
- Stay informed with the WAM Legislative Update and committee briefings.

Networking That Matters

- Connect with peers at the WAM Membership Dinner, WAM After Dark, and Sunrise Social.
- Build relationships across regions, agencies, and sectors.

Specialized Tracks & Training

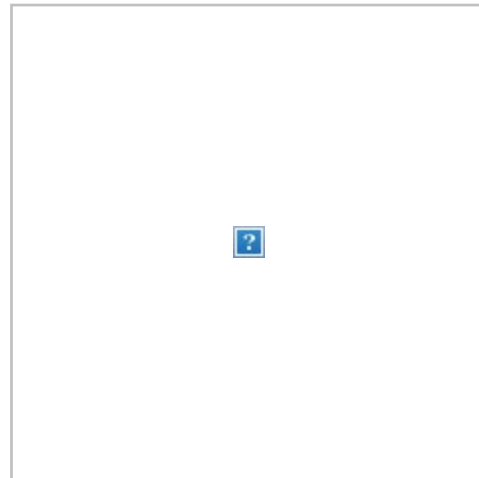
- Targeted breakout sessions for economic development, budget planning, and public records compliance.
- New collaboration with WCCA through the joint Local Leaders Reception
- Exclusive programming for WEDA members, city managers, and regional leaders.

Click below for more details:

[Event Details and Agenda Preview](#)
[Registration](#)

Communications Planning Webinar Series

Watch back here!



Our communication webinar series provides WAM members the opportunity to learn best practices from industry professionals Kirsten Gunther, PhD, and Jessika Davidson. Each session was tailored to meet the needs of both towns with limited capacity and cities with broader bandwidth, ensuring relevant and actionable insights for all. Key lessons learned:

- The fundamentals of communication planning
- How to prepare for crisis communication
- Strategies for navigating the complex world of social media

VIEW ALL SESSIONS AND COLLATERAL MATERIALS BELOW

Session 1

TOWN SESSION: [CLICK HERE](#) for the recording and [CLICK HERE](#) for collateral materials.

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WAM LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES - 2026 BUDGET SESSION

NOW is the time to discuss these priorities with your local legislators

Support Home Rule and defend local decision-making authority

Protect local government revenues

Support the right of municipalities to associate freely and collaboratively

Sustainable funding for critical infrastructure & services

[View all bills we are tracking HERE.](#)

LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (LLC)

Please reach out to your region representative or staff if you have, questions an issue or plan to testify on upcoming issues.

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Joint Corporations Committee - November 3 - 4 in Cheyenne

911 Funding

[26LSO-0183 v0.4 911 funding](#). Appropriates funding for next generation 911 and existing 911 infrastructure.

ACTION: The bill **PASSED** as amended to include a \$750,000 study on operating 911 services and an appropriation to help address the \$3 million deficit for 911 funding

Elected Officials

[26LSO-0184 v0.3 Public funds lobbying](#). Creates a prohibition on using public funds for lobbying.

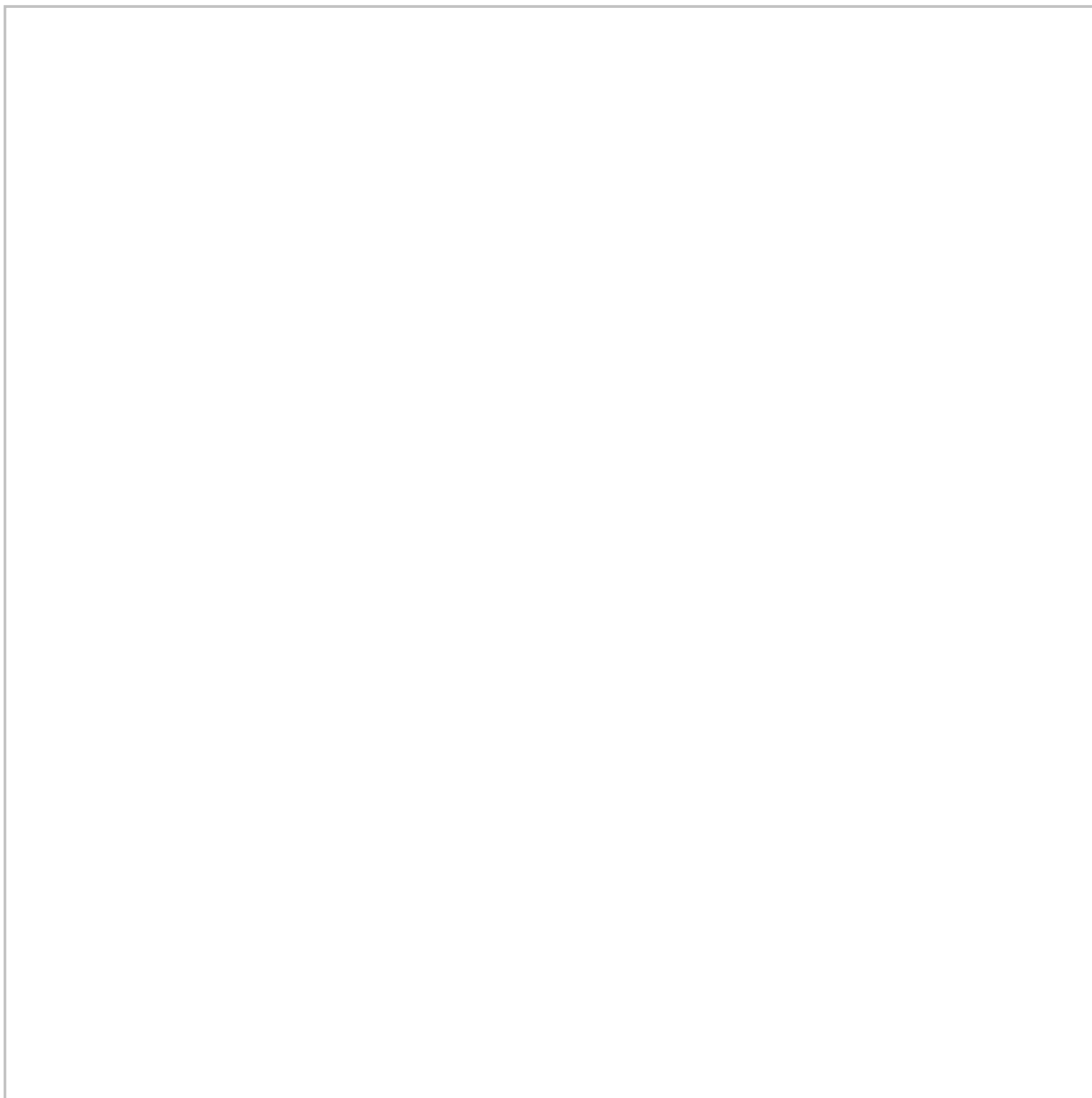
ACTION: The bill was indefinitely tabled and will not advance as a Committee bill. We expect to see this during the session as an individual bill.

Public Records Working Group Update

[26LSO-0051 v0.4 Public records act revisions](#). Revises time periods for acknowledgement of public records requests and release of public records. View the Ombudsmen amendments [here](#).

ACTION: The bill **PASSED** and will be introduced as a committee bill with the understanding that the Ombudsman's amendments would be considered when it is introduced on the floor of the House

This was the final meeting for this committee for the remainder of the interim.



ABOVE (L-R): WAM President and Mayor of Pinedale Matt Murdock, WAM Executive Director Ashley Harpstreith and WCCA Executive Director speak in opposition of [26LSO-0148 Public funds lobbying](#) in front of the Joint Corporations Committee.

Select Water Committee - November 4 - 6 in Casper

Water and Sewer Infrastructure

[26LSO-0219 Waste and storm water infrastructure study](#). Requires the creation of a study regarding waste water and storm water infrastructure in the state.

ACTION: The bill **PASSED** and will be introduced as a committee bill

This was the final meeting for this committee for the remainder of the interim.

Joint Travel, Recreation, and Cultural Resources - November 6 in Casper

State Lottery

[26LSO-0122 v0.4 Lottery tickets-acceptance of debit card payments](#). The bill proposes amendments to the statute governing the state lottery, allowing for the sale of lottery tickets via cash or debit cards only.

ACTION: The bill **PASSED** and will be introduced as a committee bill

This was the final meeting for this

Joint Revenue Committee - November 18 - 19 in Cheyenne

Government Property Tax Exemptions

[26LSO-0202 v0.4 Governmental property.](#) The bill seeks to change how government-owned property is treated for taxable purposes.

ACTION: The bill was **TABLED** and will not be considered further. We expect to see this during the session as an individual bill.

Electric Generation Tax

[26LSO-0189 Electrical generation tax.](#) This bill proposes the creation of a new excise tax on electric generation in Wyoming.

ACTION: The bill was **TABLED** and will not be considered further. We expect to see this during the session as an individual bill.

[26LSO-0190 v0.4 Nuclear electricity tax exemption-repeal.](#) This bill proposes to repeal the tax exemption imposed on any advanced nuclear reactor operated under W.S. 35-11-2101.

ACTION: The bill was significantly amended to reduce the tax on nuclear from \$5 per megawatt-hour to \$1 per megawatt-hour, and also imposed a \$1 per megawatt-hour tax on solar and wind. The amended bill **PASSED** and will be introduced as a committee bill.

Property Tax

[26LSO-0099 v0.2 Long-term homeowner tax exemption-revisions.](#) This bill repeals the sunset date of the property-tax exemption for long-term homeowners which passed the legislature last session.

ACTION: The bill **PASSED** and will be introduced as a committee bill.

[26LSO-0100 v0.6 Residential property tax-constitutional amendment.](#) This bill would authorize an election to amend Wyoming's constitution to change the manner in which property taxes are assessed.

ACTION: The bill **PASSED** and will be introduced as a committee bill.

[26LSO-0101 v0.5 Property tax-fair market value on transfer.](#) This bill defines fair market value and provides that the basis of the assessment shall be the acquisition value of the property.

ACTION: The bill **PASSED** and will be introduced as a committee bill.

[26LSO-0102 v0.5 Residential property tax value-constitutional amendment.](#) This bill would allow the legislature to use acquisition values as the method to assess residential property. It is necessary for this constitutional amendment to pass in order to implement [26-LSO101](#).

ACTION: The bill **PASSED** and will be introduced as a committee bill.

[26LSO-0103 v0.4 Residential real property-taxable value.](#) This bill amends Wyoming's property tax statutes that set the assessment rates for residential real property.

ACTION: The bill **PASSED** and will be introduced as a committee bill

[26LSO-0104 v0.4 Property tax appeals-revisions.](#) The bill revises the property tax review and appeal process for real property in Wyoming.

ACTION: The bill was **TABLED** and will not be considered further.

[26LSO-0282 v0.3 Residential property tax replacement.](#) This bill creates a property tax exemption for the first \$200,000 of assessed value for 2026. In 2027 and thereafter, this exemption increases to \$2 million. The bill also increases the state sales tax by 2% (to 6%).

ACTION: The bill **PASSED** and will be introduced as a committee bill.

This was the final meeting for this committee for the remainder of the interim.

Management Council - November 18 - 19 in Cheyenne

Gaming

26LSO-0145 Local approval for simulcasting. This bill provides that a simulcasting permit must be approved by the local authority in addition to being issued by the Wyoming Gaming Commission.

ACTION: The bill **PASSED** and will be introduced as a committee bill.

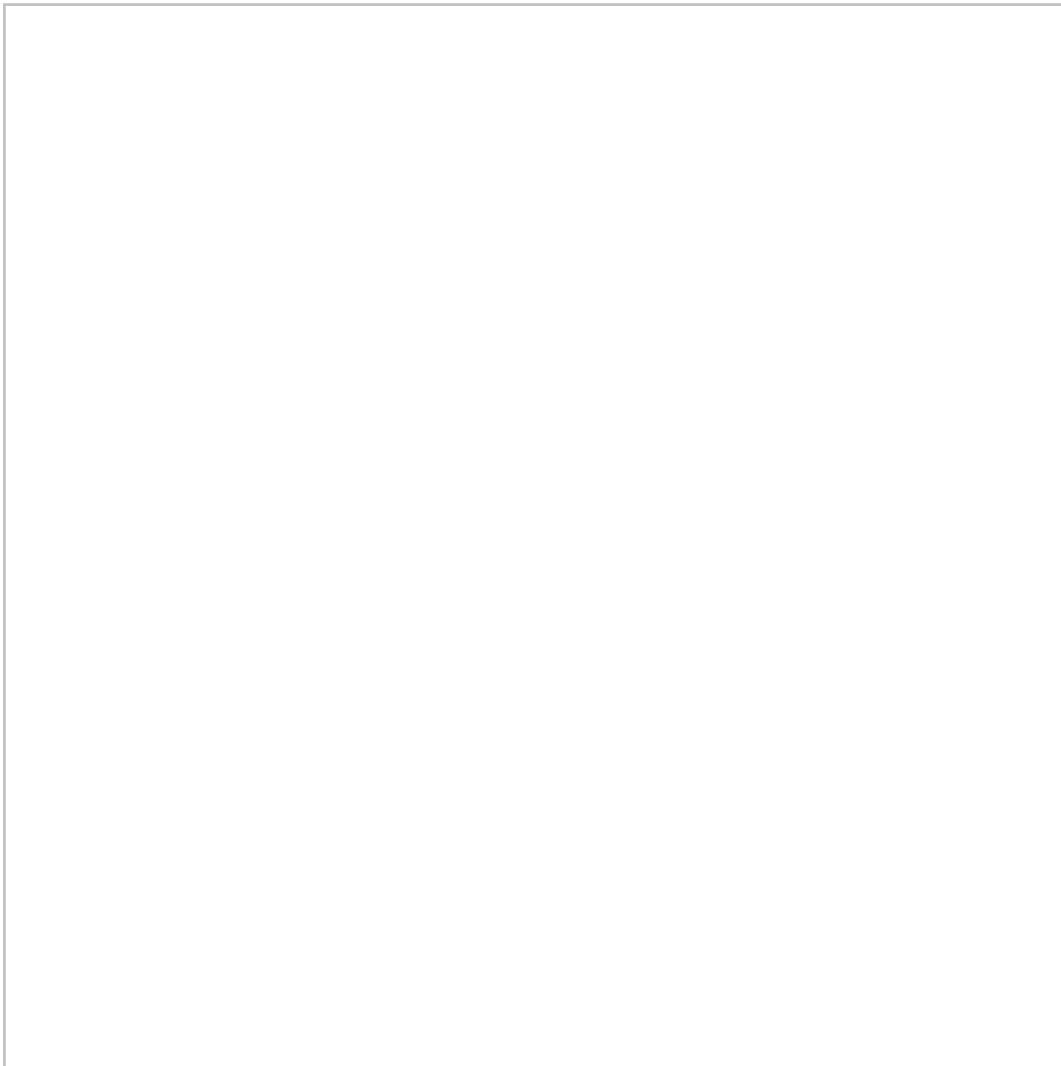
26LSO-279 v0.4 Skill-based amusement games - licensed liquor establishments. This bill limits where skill-based games may be located.

ACTION: The bill **PASSED** and will be introduced as a committee bill.

26LSO-0168 v0.8 Limitation of historic horse racing (HHR) machines. This bill would place a limit on the number of Historic Horse Racing (HHR) Terminals that would be permitted within the state.

ACTION: The bill **FAILED** and will not be introduced as a committee bill.

This was the final meeting for this committee for the remainder of the interim.



ABOVE (L-R): WAM LLC Chairman and President of the Cheyenne Council Mark Rinne, Select Committee on Gaming Chairman John Kolb and WCCA Executive Director Jerimiah Rieman speak in favor of [26LSO-0145 v0.8 Local approval for simulcasting](#).

UPCOMING INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Please let staff know if you plan to testify or attend a hearing. Contact Ashley (ashley@wyomuni.org) or Bob (bob@wyomuni.org) if you need more information or help registering remotely to comment at a legislative hearing. Find the December schedule [here](#).

December

[Joint Appropriations Committee](#), December 1-5, 8-12, Cheyenne

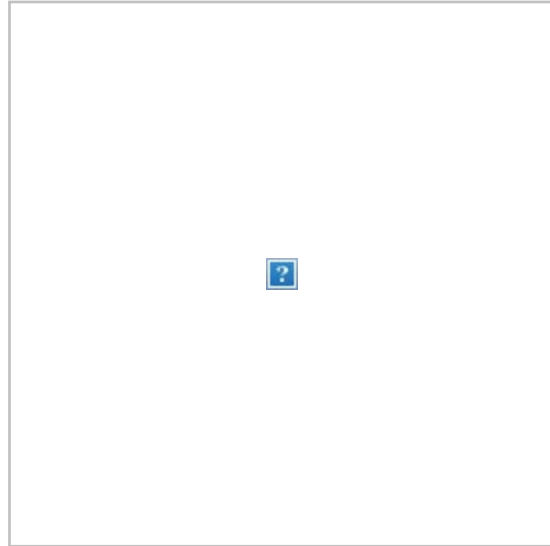
[Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology](#) December 15, Cheyenne

WAM in Wyoming
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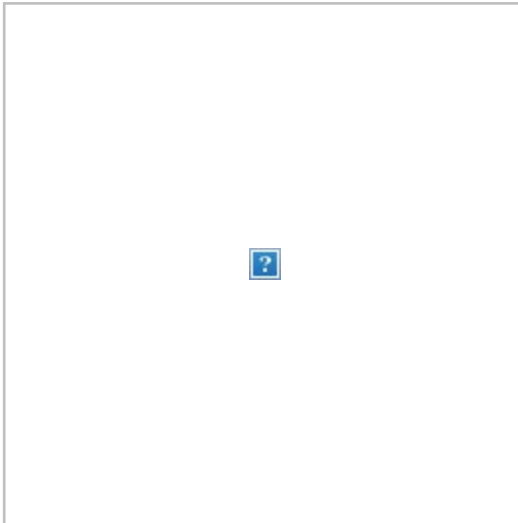
WyoCMA 2025 Fall Conference

WAM staff joined Wyoming city managers for the Wyoming City Management Association's (WyoCMA) Fall Conference in Sheridan, Wyoming. During the three day conference, attendees listened to panels pertaining to economic development, tourism and hospitality, and housing and workforce development, visited businesses and city facilities, and discussed issues relevant to the respective communities.

RIGHT: WyoCMA Conference attendees tour a new housing development in Sheridan.



WAM attends the 2025 Governor's Business Forum



WAM staff and members joined Wyoming business leaders, entrepreneurs and local leaders for the Governor's Business Forum in Laramie, hosted by the Wyoming Business Alliance. Discussions highlighted Wyoming's economic future, the upcoming budget session and the Governor's proposed budget, and Wyoming's rich history in business.

ABOVE LEFT (L-R): Gillette City Councilwoman Heidi Gross, Mayor of Gillette Shay Lundvall, WAM Executive Director Ashley Harpstreith, Upton Clerk-Treasurer Kelley Millar, and Mayor of Douglas Kim Paxton attending the Governor's Business Forum.

WAM travels to Salt Lake City for NLC City Summit

Last week, WAM proudly brought 30 municipal leaders to the National League of Cities City Summit in Salt Lake City. This annual gathering is an invaluable opportunity for Wyoming's elected officials to learn, connect, and collaborate with peers from across the nation.

Highlights from the Summit:

WAM staff and members toured the Utah State Capitol alongside fellow NLC attendees.

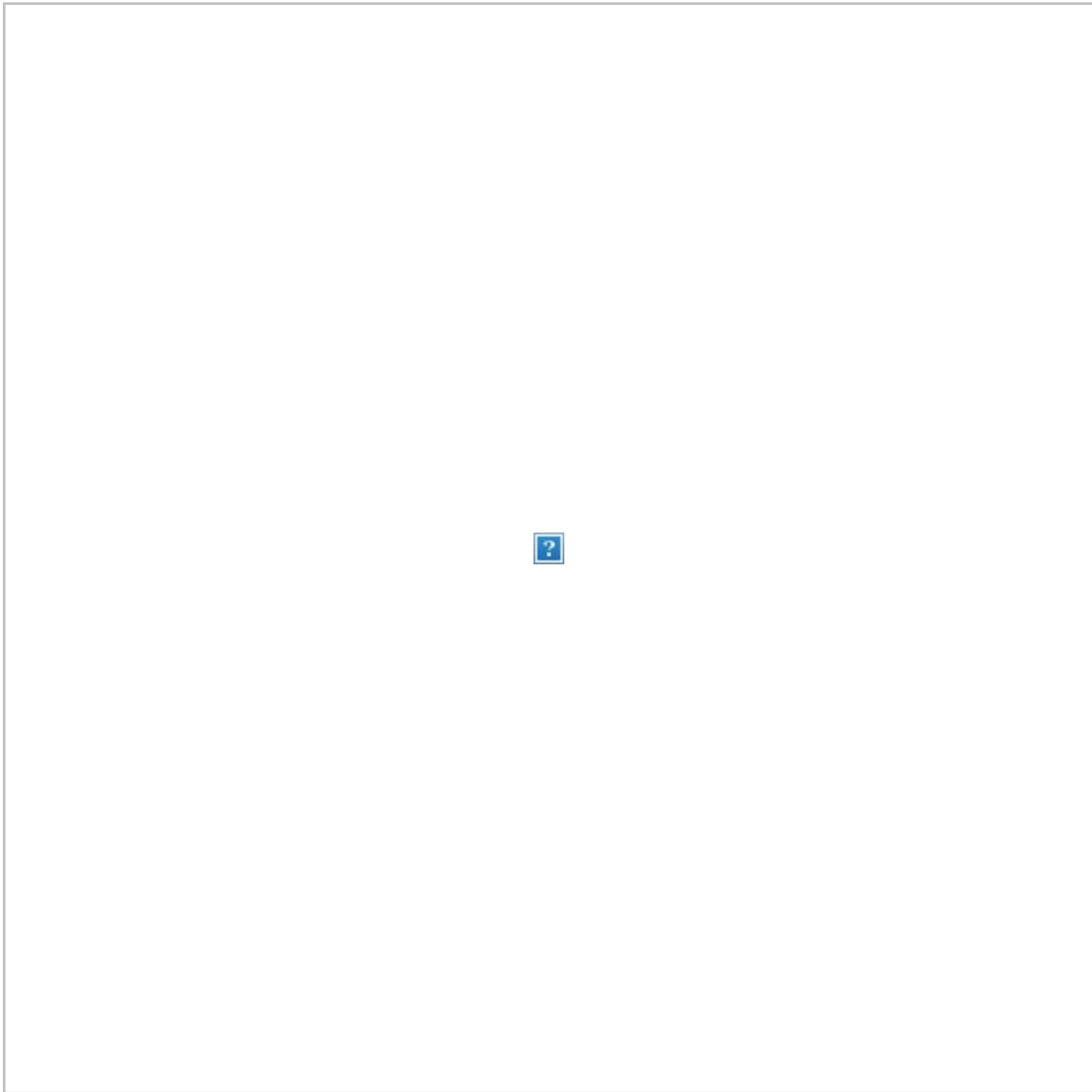
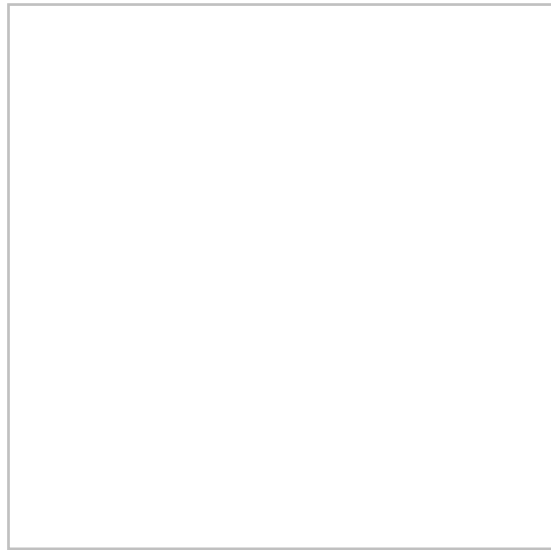
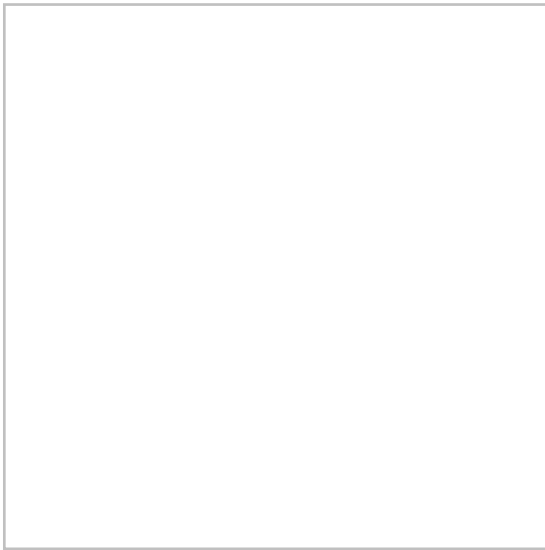
- Wyoming's delegation gathered for a group photo on Day 3 of the Summit.
- NLC Executive Director Clarence Anthony hosted a fireside chat with Utah Governor Spencer Cox and New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham.
- Gillette Mayor Shay Lundvall and WAM Executive Director Ashley Harpstreith met with Enbridge's executive team.
- Pinedale Mayor and WAM President Matt Murdock joined a panel on Innovative Local Development Solutions for Small & Rural Communities.

The Summit explored themes of AI, civility, and building strong communities—topics that resonate deeply with Wyoming municipalities as we look toward the future.

Education and networking are at the heart of WAM's mission. By engaging in these national conversations, Wyoming leaders bring back fresh ideas, stronger partnerships, and renewed energy to serve their communities.



ABOVE LEFT: WAM staff and members joined other NLC City Summit attendees on a tour of the Utah State Capitol. ABOVE RIGHT: The Wyoming attendees take a group photo on day three of the NLC 2025 City Summit. BELOW LEFT: NLC Executive Director Clarence Anthony hosts a fireside chat with Utah Governor Spencer Cox and New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. BELOW RIGHT: Gillette Mayor Shay Lundvall and WAM Executive Director Ashley Harpstreith visit with Enbridge's executive team.



ABOVE: Mayor of Pinedale and WAM President Matt Murdock (middle right) joins a panel titled *Innovative Local Development Solutions for Small & Rural Communities*. BELOW: WAM Executive Director Ashley

Harpstreith attended the Western Municipal Association region meetings in Salt Lake City at the Utah League of Cities office ahead of the NLC City Summit.



STATE & AGENCY UPDATES

Other Statewide Action to Take Note!

Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

WDEQ Launches Free PFAS Testing for Public Water Systems, Helping Systems Comply with New EPA PFAS Drinking Water Regulation - The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) today announced it is offering free per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) testing to all public water systems, with a sign-up deadline of December 5, 2025.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Wyoming Department of Workforce Services

The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS) is making it easier for businesses to build the skilled workforce they need. To simplify the process, DWS has launched a new online system specifically designed for Wyoming employers and organizations interested in starting or expanding Registered Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship Programs.

The new platform makes it easier to apply for and manage apprenticeship funding through a federal apprenticeship expansion grant (SAEF3). Employers can now complete applications, track progress, and manage grants all in one place, saving time and streamlining communication with the DWS Apprenticeship Team.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Office of State Lands and Investments

OSLI's October/November Newsletter is now available. Some of the topics in this edition include:

- The last Oil & Gas Lease Auction for 2025
- 2025 Annual Wyoming Tree Academy
- SLIB approves the first Lead Service Line Loans

Additional topics include further SLIB and SLBC updates and upcoming meeting times.

[Read the full newsletter here.](#)

Governor Gordon Releases "The Essentials Budget"

Governor Mark Gordon (R-WY) today unveiled the [2027–2028 biennial budget](#) proposal, titled “The Essentials,” emphasizing careful stewardship, long-term planning, and Wyoming values rooted in family, community, and responsible government.

The Governor said the budget reflects the shared priorities Wyomingites consistently express: strong families, strong communities, strong opportunity, and a strong future for the next generation. He emphasized now is not the time to look backwards.

[Read the full press release here.](#)

Key takeaways from the Governor's proposed budget:

Largest Direct Municipal Impact

- Reduction of local government direct distributions - proposed direct distributions totaling \$105 million

Indirect Impacts to Municipalities

- Reduced WBC grant funding (affecting downtowns, community facilities, and economic development)
- Modest changes in fire training and safety programs
- Ongoing support through SLIB and infrastructure programs
- Significant state capital construction projects

[Click here](#) to view the Governor's proposed budget.



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Federal Moves You Need to Know

EPA: Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap

The Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Initiative provides no-cost technical assistance to communities with failing septic systems or without existing wastewater infrastructure. Through the technical assistance initiative, EPA also helps communities apply for funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program (including tribal and territory programs funded through CWSRF appropriations) made available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to address wastewater needs.

[Click here to learn more about this EPA initiative](#)

EPA Aims to Scale Back PFAS Reporting Requirements

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to scale back reporting requirements for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). These substances, known colloquially as “forever chemicals,” are linked to potential toxicity and bioaccumulation in humans and ecological receptors.

[Click here to view the full article](#)

Fact Sheets

From the White House Intergovernmental Affairs *(click below)*

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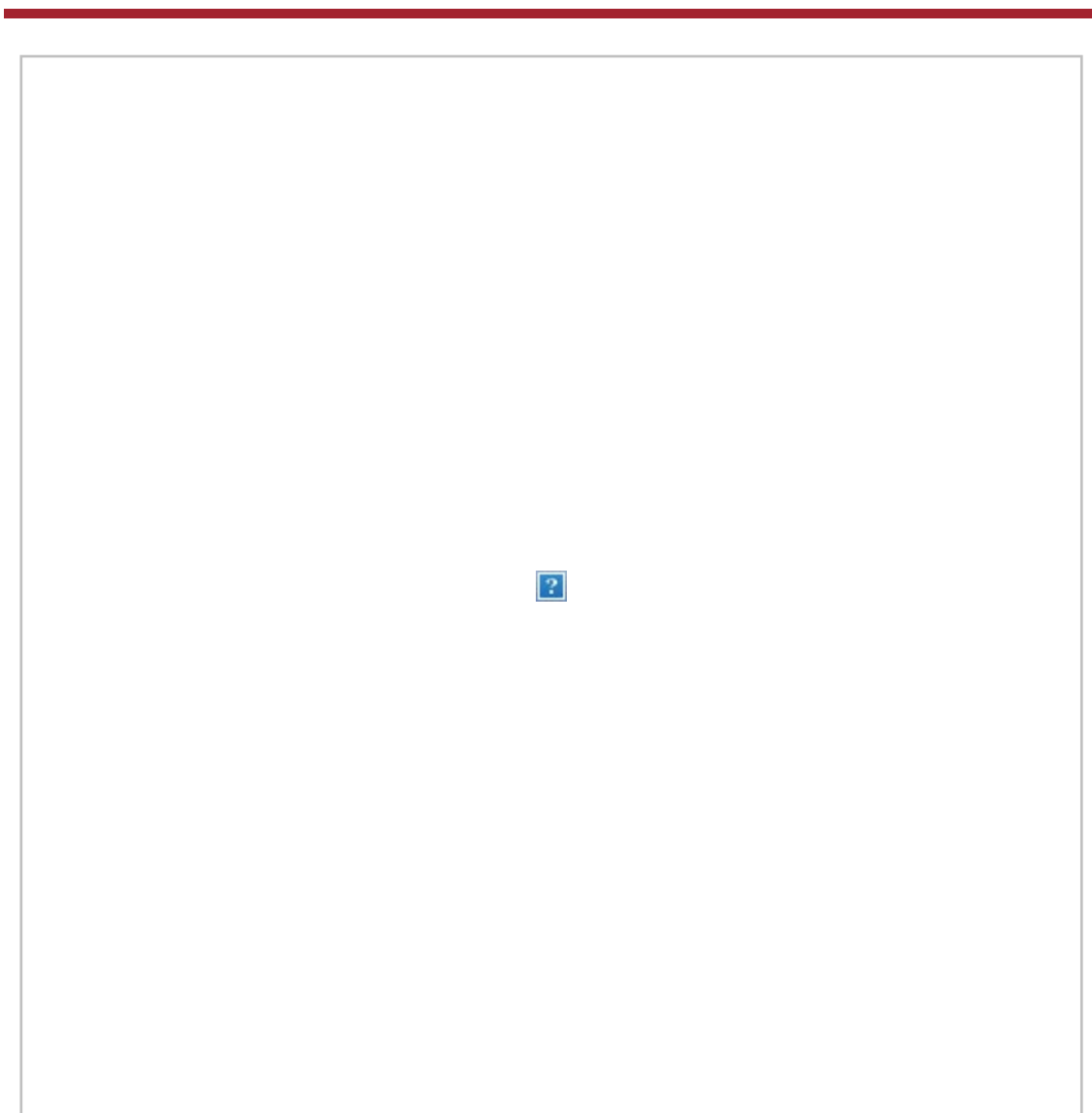
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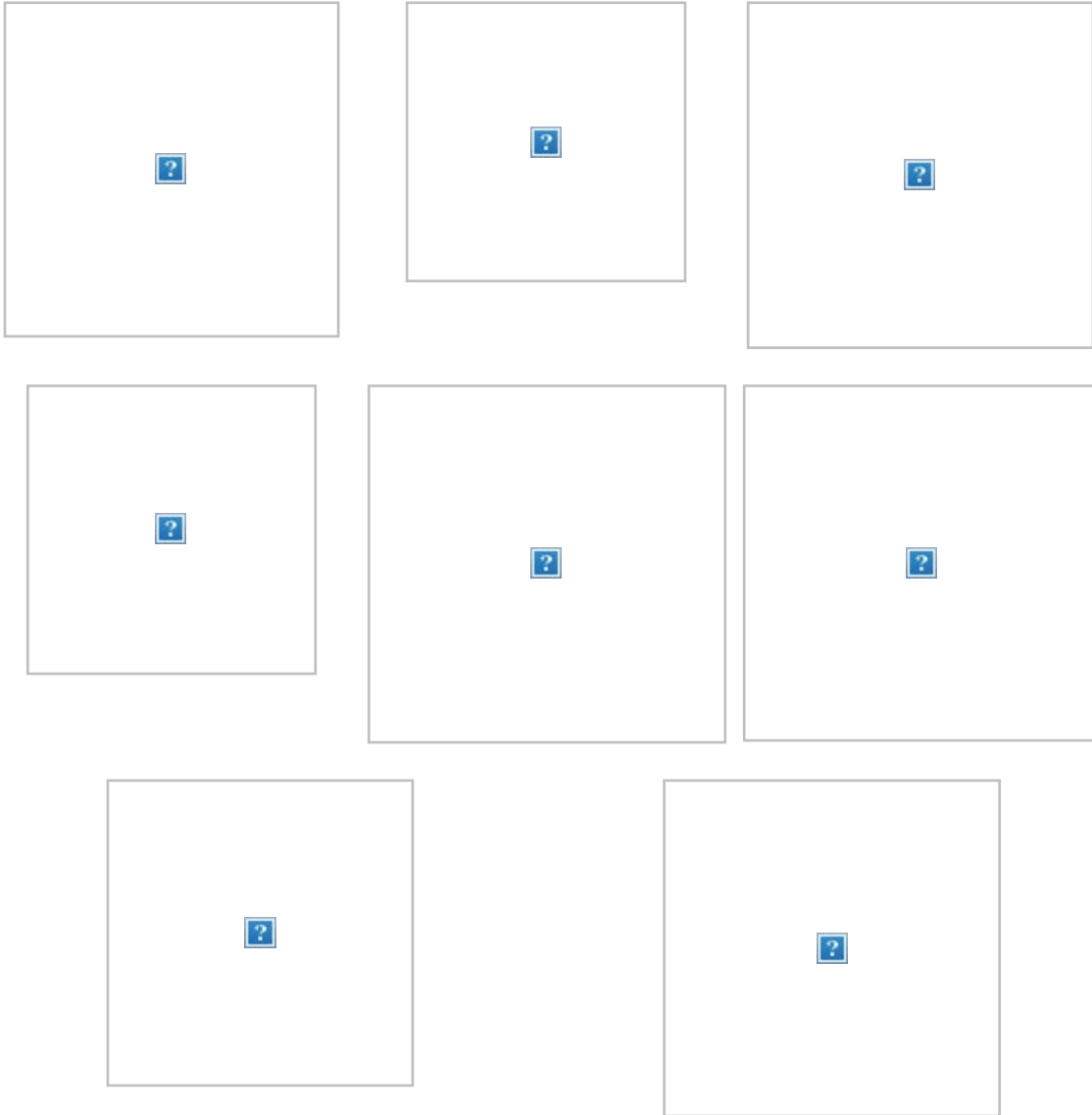


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WHAT'S up WAM?

Important headlines, events and news for WAM!

In the News

What Happened When Small-Town America Became Data Center, U.S.A - Residents, politicians and local agencies are making the most of the tech boom, but prosperity comes with costs; 'What's going to happen when they stop building?' [Read more here](#)

Wyoming Investment Earnings Blow Past Projections By Hundreds of Millions of Dollars - The Consensus Revenue Revenue Estimating Group (CREG) report given to legislators Thursday shows that the state's investments outpaced projections by hundreds of millions of dollars. Record-high investment earnings of \$1.86 billion "dominated" the 2025 fiscal year. [Read more here](#)

Local control over gambling legislation advances in Wyoming committee - The Wyoming Legislature's Select Committee on Gaming advanced major reforms for pari-mutuel wagering Tuesday, moving forward a bill granting local approval for simulcasting facilities and passing a significantly amended bill establishing definitive caps on historic horse racing terminals. [Read more here](#)

Draft bill would codify direct distribution - A draft bill would allocate some of the state's sales and use tax revenue to its direct distribution program. [Read more here](#)

Joan Barron: Smile When You Subpoena Me, Partner! - Columnist Joan Barron writes, "The use of its subpoena power by a minor committee may ultimately damage the Legislature's relationship with local government officials." [Read more here](#)

ProRodeo Hall of Fame And PRCA Looking To Move To Wyoming - After 46 years in Colorado Springs, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and ProRodeo Hall of Fame are considering a move 183 miles north on Interstate 25 to Cheyenne, home of Cheyenne Frontier Days and its "Daddy of 'Em All" rodeo. [Read more here](#)

Wyoming's property tax relief cuts deep for some, but not all - As more tax cuts loom, disparate counties struggle with how to pay for elections, roads, weed control, fire trucks and even a morgue. [Read more here](#)

Wyoming's Energy Sector An Economic Wild Card, Gordon Says - Affordable and workforce housing remain challenges for Wyoming, Gov. Mark Gordon said Thursday during a Laramie business conference. But the energy sector is a wild card that could bring new opportunities, if the state is willing to wrestle with change. [Read more here](#)

Joan Barron: Will We Let Wyoming's Small Towns Die? - Columnist Joan Barron writes, "Could we, in good conscience, let Lost Springs die? Or Manderson? Or Hyattville? I think as long as Wyoming has money in the bank, they will get state help. Whether that is wise or not is debatable." [Read more here](#)

Weston County Clerk In Court, Pleads Not Guilty To Ignoring Legislative Subpoena - The Weston County Clerk on Friday pleaded not guilty in Casper Circuit Court to a misdemeanor charge for failing to appear after subpoenaed by a legislative subcommittee. The subcommittee was investigating her handling of the 2024 election results. [Read more here](#)

John Eklund, Longtime Wyoming Lawmaker And Rancher, Dies at 74 - State Rep. John Eklund, a longtime Wyoming lawmaker, rancher and family man, died Friday at 74 after battling cancer. Colleagues praised his integrity, love of agriculture and deep commitment to his community. [Read more here](#)

Lawmakers advance bill shortening public records request timelines - State lawmakers have advanced draft legislation aimed at revising the Wyoming Public Records Act following discussions that weighed rapid governmental transparency against local capacity constraints. [Read more here](#)

Lobbying bill aimed at local governments tabled - Wyoming lawmakers indefinitely tabled a bill that would take aim at organizations lobbying on behalf of local governments. [Read more here](#)

Wyoming Horse Racing Is Thriving, But Legislators Want More Regulation - Wyoming is bucking a national trend by growing its horse racing industry. But legislators want more control of the gaming terminals that support its big purses amid complaints the state is looking too much like Montana. [Read more here](#)

Seeking More Centralized Power, Freedom Caucus Smothers Local Voice" By Upton Mayor Nick Trandahl - There's a new boogeyman in Wyoming politics, and it's the word "lobbying". As a public official, the amount of education, information, and advocacy I have received over the years on the Town of Upton's behalf from the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM) has been both priceless and crucial. Even more crucial has been the knowledge and contact cultivated by Upton's municipal department heads over the decades from WAM. [Read more here](#) (page 11 of linked pdf)

HELPFUL RESOURCES & INFORMATION

Training and Educational Opportunities

DWS Virtual Training Series - The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services' Virtual Training Series is back, offering free, expert-led sessions that empower Wyoming's employers, employees, and job seekers.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Tips for Strategic Communication in a Noisy World from Kristen Gunther - [Read more here](#)

Helpful Information

Wyoming Taxpayers Association Releases 2025 "Wyoming Property Taxation" and "Wyoming Tax Summary and How Wyoming Compares" Publications - [Read more here](#)

DWS taking public comment on Workers' Compensation Division Rules, Chapter 9: Fee Schedules - [Read more here](#)

National League of Cities Federal Advocacy News Letter - [Read more here](#)

New from Research & Planning: November Trends, UI Claims Report, Growing/Declining Industries Report, and More - [Read more here](#)

Wyoming State Forestry Division - 2026 Community Forestry Partnership, Cost-Share Grants - [Read more here](#)

Standing Resources

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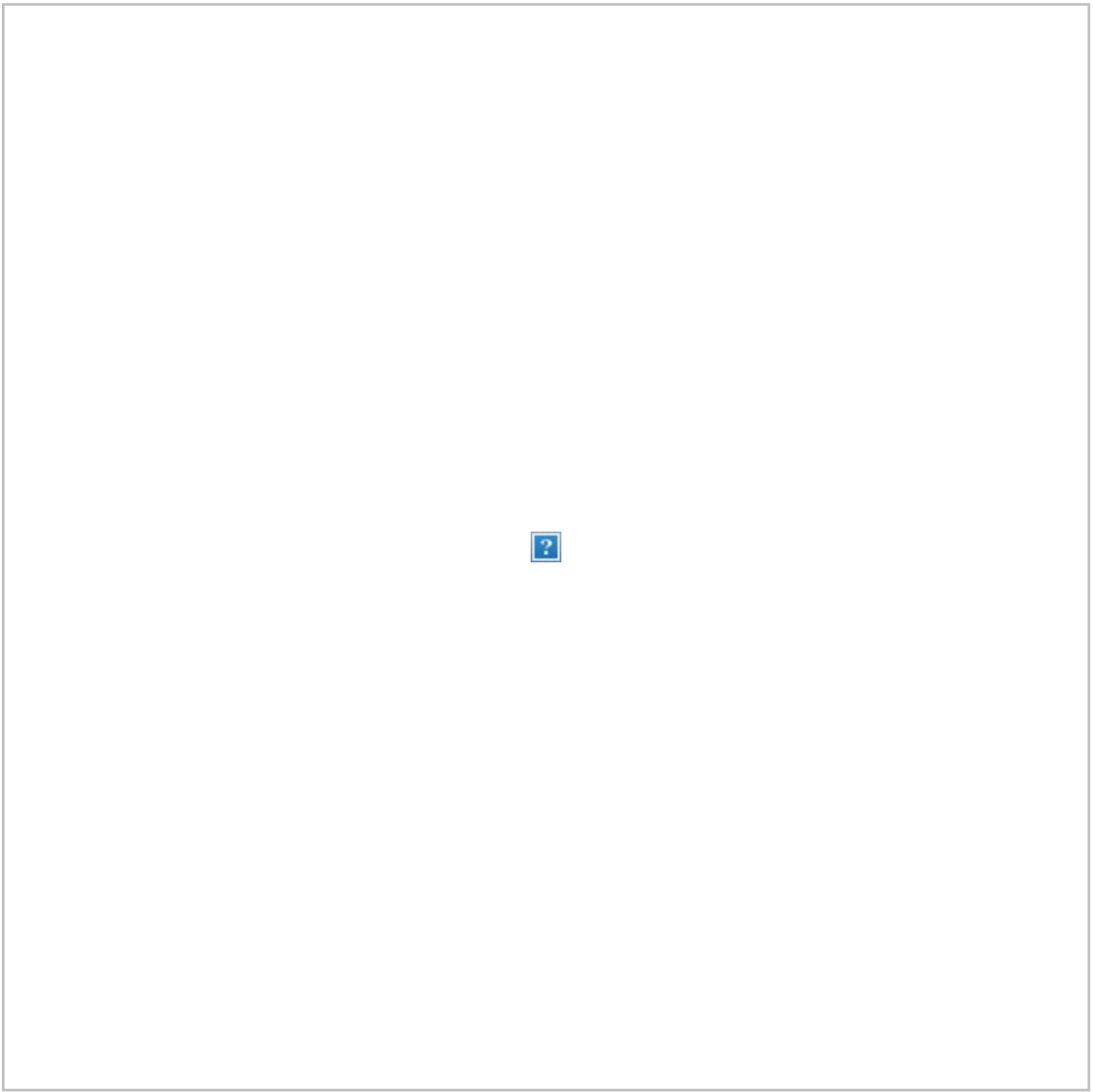
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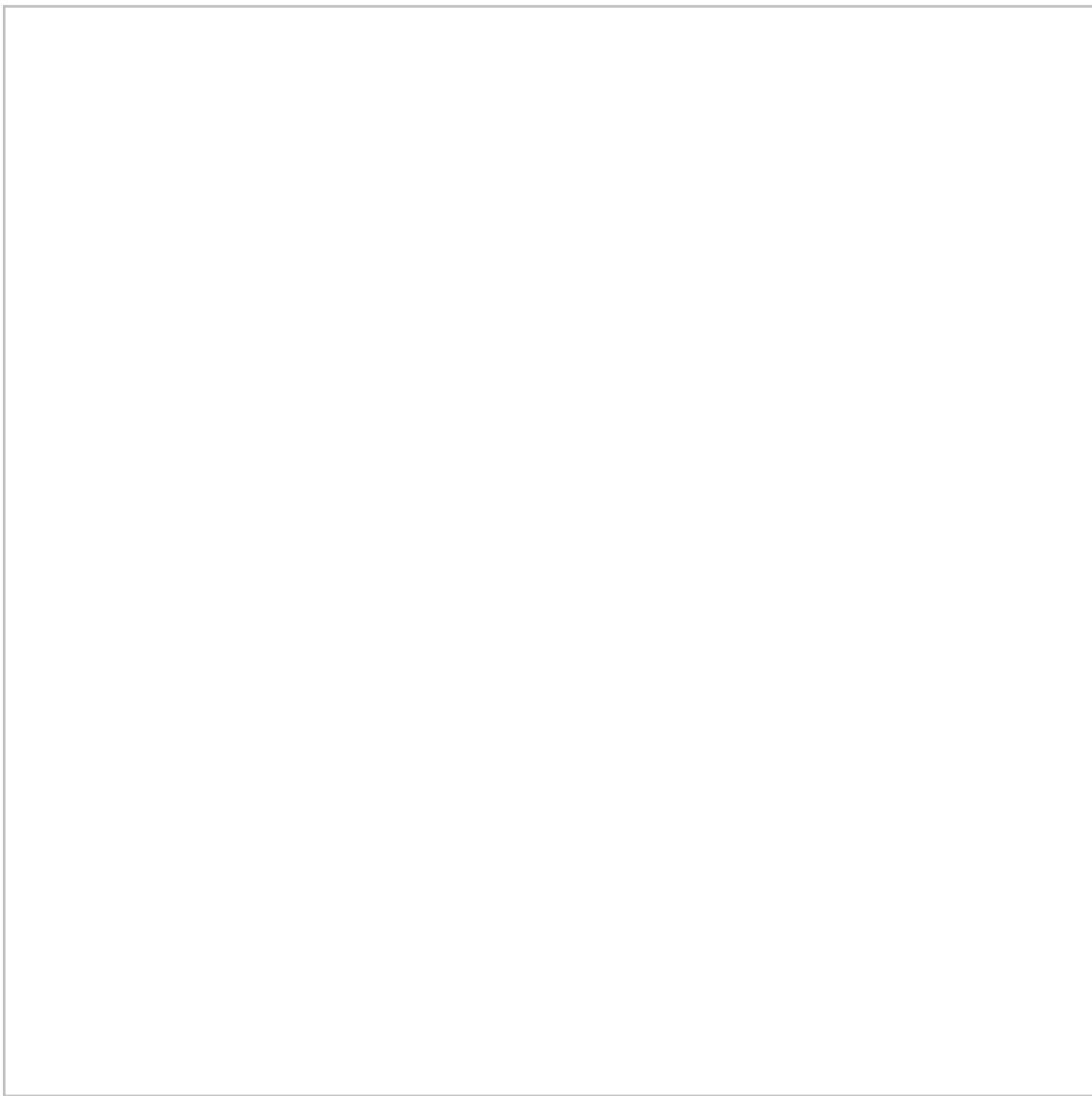
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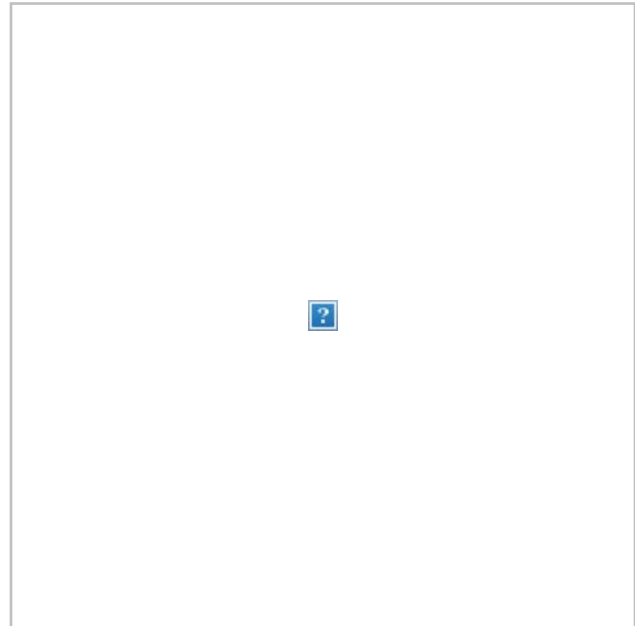
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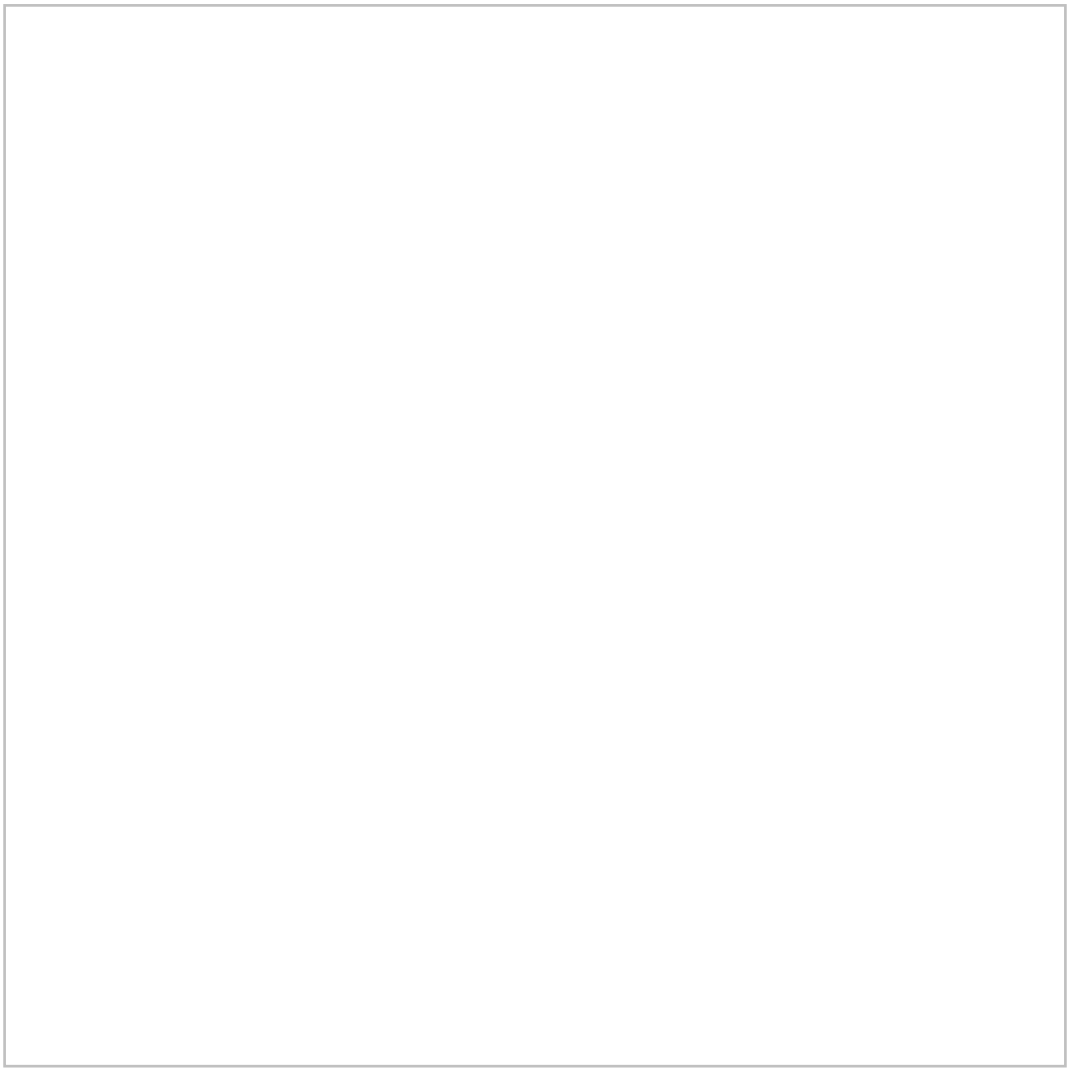
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The holiday season is officially in full swing! We're thankful we get to experience it alongside businesses and people like you.

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NLC Elects New Leadership for 2026



NLC has elected its new leadership for 2026, welcoming Councilmember Kevin Kramer as president, Mayor Van R. Johnson II as vice president and Councilmember Doreen Garlid as second vice president. Learn more about who will be taking the helm for NLC constituency groups, member councils and federal advocacy committees. [Learn more »](#)

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Discover what's driving record municipal bond sales in 2025 and what's ahead for cities tapping the market in 2026. [Register now »](#)

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NextGen Recruiting: What Do Students Think of the Public Sector

Join NLC and Enterprise partner MissionSquare to learn what motivates students in choosing public service careers and how to build awareness before graduation. [Register now »](#)

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Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Workshop

Join the Local Infrastructure Hub for a complimentary half-day grant workshop focused on helping cities sharpen core skills and understand the technical requirements needed to apply for or implement funding effectively. [Register now »](#)

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Across the country, residents and leaders alike are struggling with rising incivility, intimidating behaviors and in some cases violent behavior towards those in public offices. Explore a few strategies to reduce this tension and behavior. [Learn more »](#)

What We Know About AI Adoption & Attitudes

AI is surging, with 98 percent of US adults saying they have seen or heard something about AI in the last year. Recently, several notable studies examined how we use and view AI. Taken together, these studies offer a clearer picture of AI adoption and use. [Learn more »](#)

LocalGov250 Champions

As part of the America 250 celebration, LocalGov250 is celebrating the work of municipal workers and advocates. Nominate someone from your team as a LocalGov250 Champion. [Learn more »](#)

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our membership team wants to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your leadership and service, and for being a valued member of the National League of Cities (NLC). Every day, you work to strengthen your cities, towns and villages and create places where people can thrive. It's an honor to support the work you do on the ground, shaping the future of local government.

Thank you for your dedication, your partnership and the trust you place in the NLC.

We wish you and your loved ones a warm, joyful and restorative Thanksgiving.



Sincerely,

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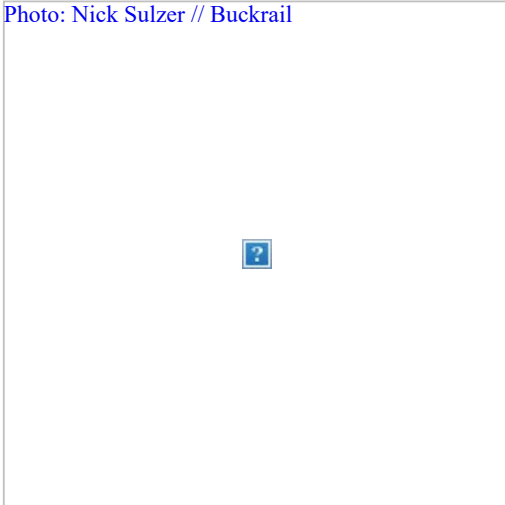
Today's news is brought to you by the [Jackson Hole Ski & Snowboard Club](#).

"The mountain just needs a little more time, but we are monitoring conditions closely, and the forecast is favorable for both snowfall and snowmaking."

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort announced that it will [postpone opening day](#), joining Grand Targhee Resort and Snow King Mountain Resort in opening late.

Today's Top Stories

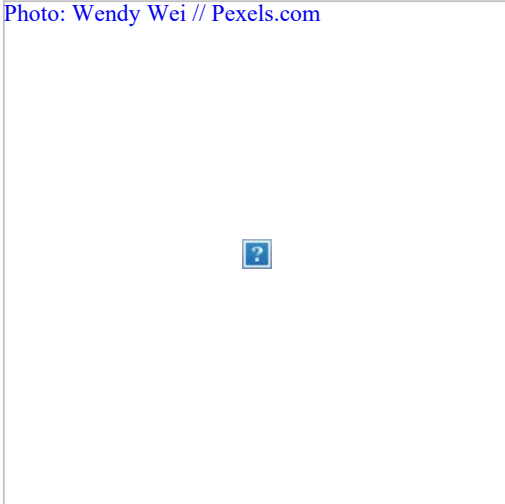
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[GTNP, YNP to charge \\$100 nonresident fee; NPS unveils pass featuring Trump](#)

UNITED STATES — Sweeping changes to National Park Service (NPS) visitor fees were announced by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) on Tuesday, including increases for international visitors, changes to fee-free days, [...]

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[Free community events for everyone on Turkey Day](#)

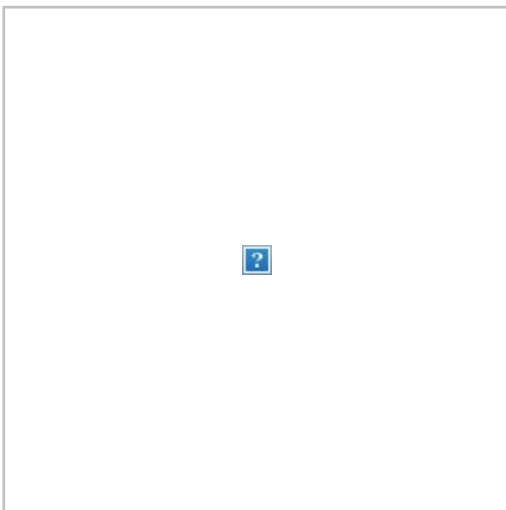
JACKSON, Wyo. — For those who have an empty calendar on Thanksgiving, there are options to gather with other locals if desired. Community members are invited to the following events on Thursday, [...]

[JHMR delays opening day: 'Mountain just needs a little more time'](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — As expected, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort (JHMR) has announced that it will not open on Friday, as planned, due to lack of snowfall and unseasonably warm temperatures. In the



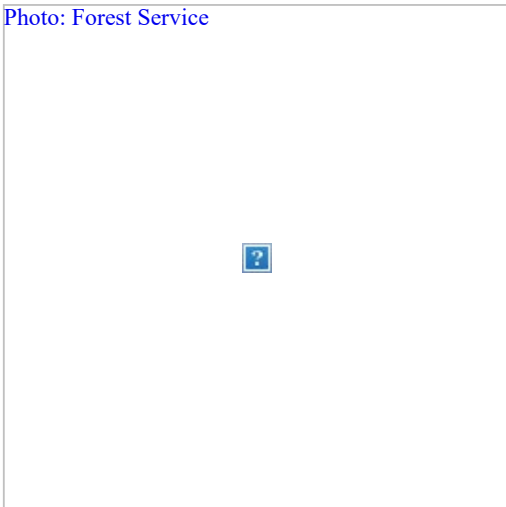
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[Stalker sentenced to 3 years in prison after Yellowstone, Grand Teton chase](#)

WYOMING — A 22-year-old man from Utah has been sentenced to 36 months' imprisonment for interstate stalking that unfolded across Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks this summer, according to a Monday announcement [...]

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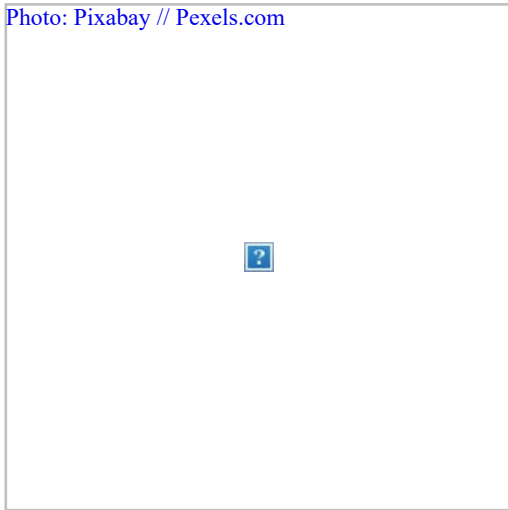
[Heads up: BTNF conducting pile burns near Turpin Meadow Ranch today](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — Bridger-Teton National Forest announced Tuesday morning that it will be conducting pile burns near Turpin Meadow Ranch today. Burning operations will carry on as weather and fuel conditions allow. No [...]

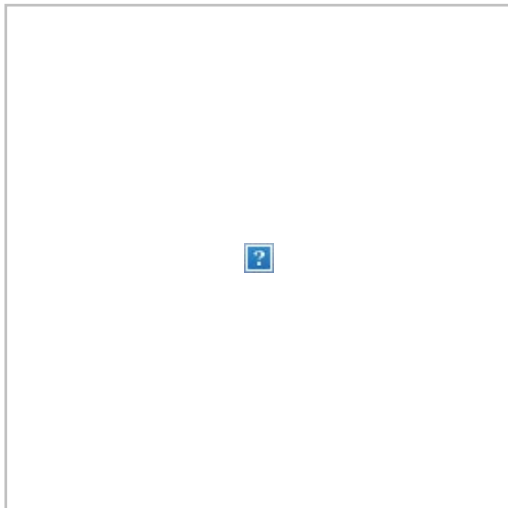
[Fire & Rescue in Teton Valley taking donations for toy drive until Dec. 20](#)

DRIGGS, Idaho — As the holidays draw

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near, it is a good time to keep in mind those less fortunate. Teton County (Idaho) Fire & Rescue is hosting a toy drive this [...]

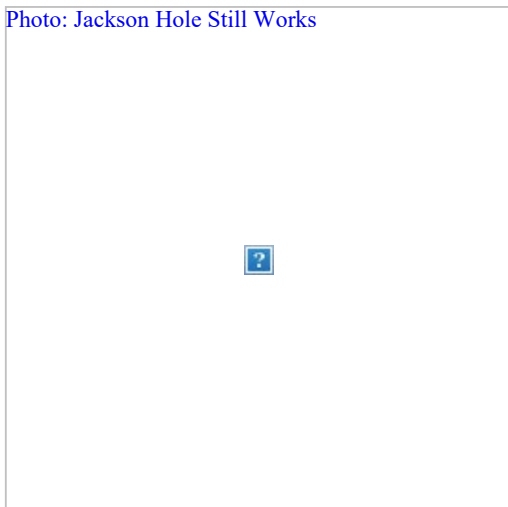


Trash, recycling centers to close Thursday, Friday for Thanksgiving

JACKSON, Wyo. — Gobble, gobble! The Teton County Trash Transfer Station and the Recycling Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Trash Transfer Station will resume its normal hours of [...]

Photo: Jackson Hole Still Works



Still Works' 10th annual art contest submissions open

JACKSON, Wyo. — The 10th annual Spirit of Wyoming Bottle Art Contest by Jackson Hole Still Works is officially underway. This year's theme is the same as every other: Wyoming. Past winners [...]

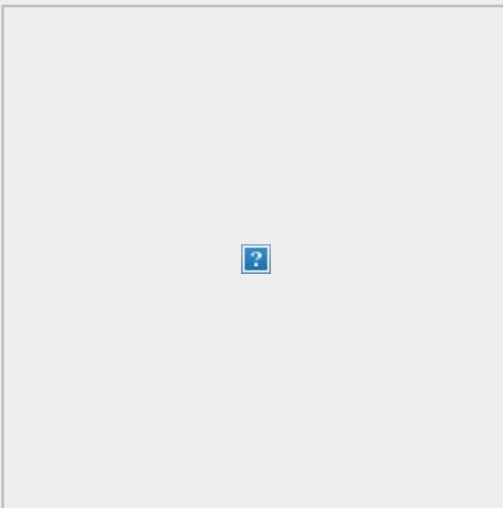
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Murie Ranch cookie swap, open house on Dec. 7 kicks off holiday season with TSS

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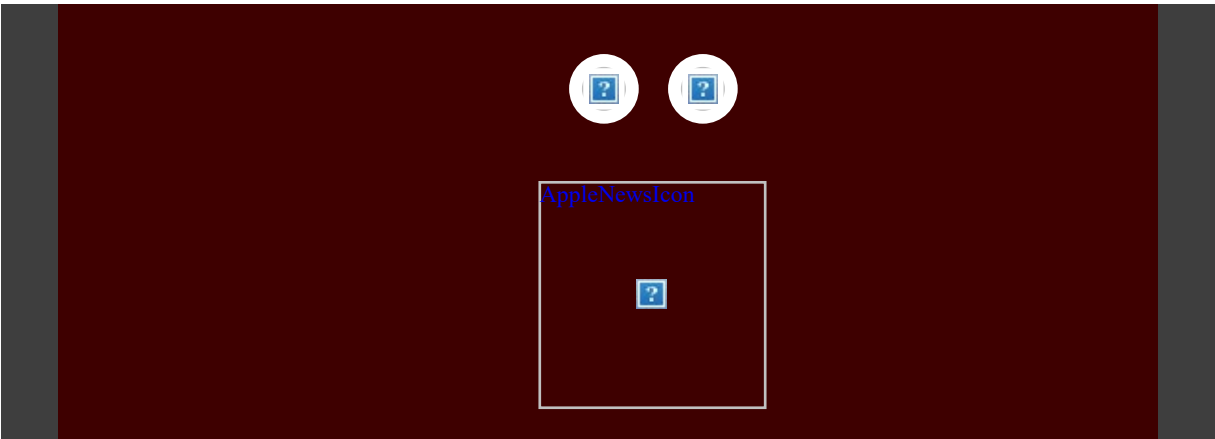
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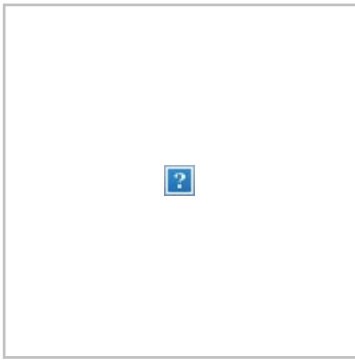
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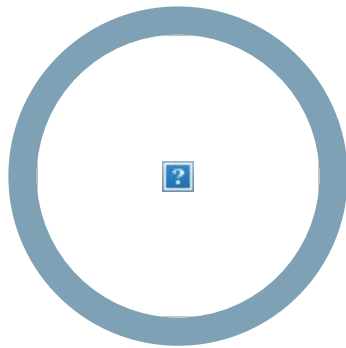


Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities works to advance alternative fuels, vehicles, infrastructure and sustainable transportation opportunities in Idaho, Montana and



Wyoming. Our newsletter aims to connect you to resources, funding and events in our region.

We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. We are so thankful for this community of clean fuel enthusiasts and consistently impressed with your commitment to advancing meaningful projects throughout the region.



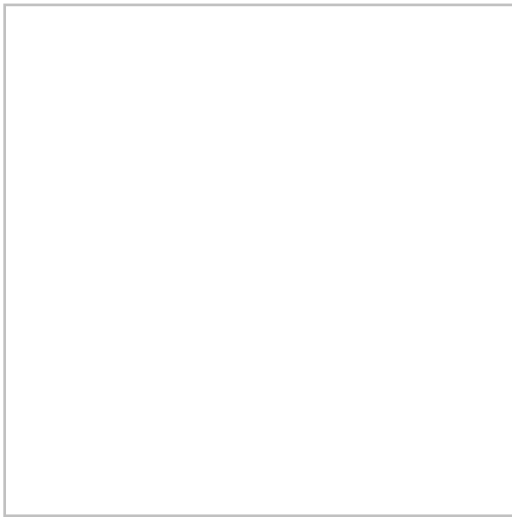
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Executive Director

Meet Our New Board Members

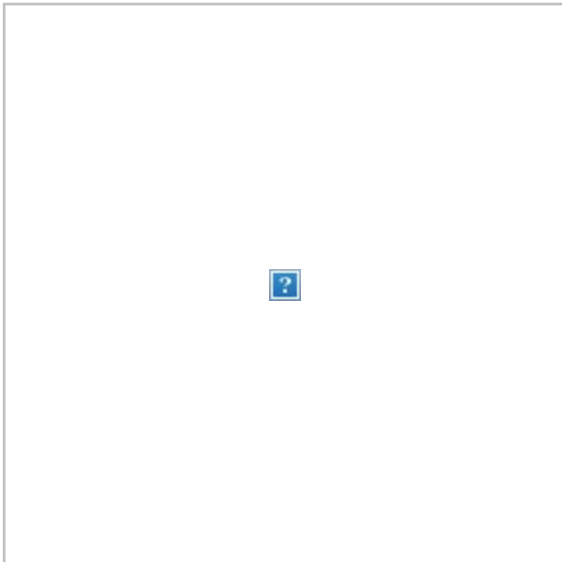
Please join us in welcoming 3 new board members! We are so thrilled to have the on board!

Amy Lientz

Amy Lientz is an accomplished executive and consultant with more than three decades of experience leading large engineering organizations and advancing complex energy and industrial initiatives.



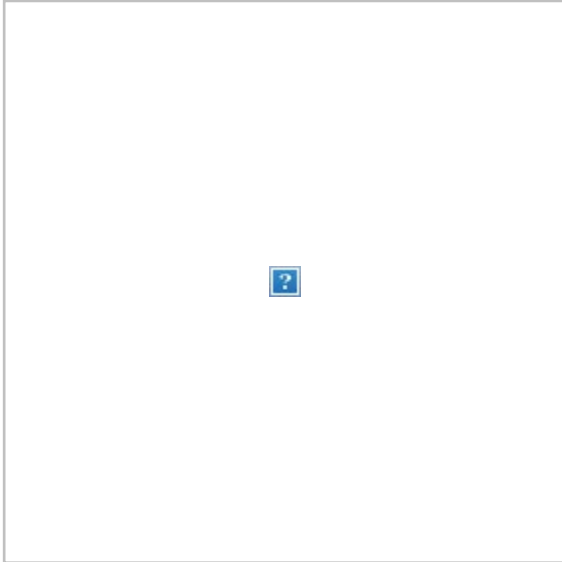
She holds a degree in Environmental Science and a Master's in Industrial Engineering Technology, with expertise in assessments, site development, and expansion of energy and industrial operations. Today, Amy provides consulting services to organizations and causes she is passionate about, particularly in conservation, education, public service, and veterans' support. Outside of work, she enjoys fly-fishing, skiing, rafting, hiking, and golfing with her husband, Jay Astle.



Patrick Lawson

Patrick Adam Lawson serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Wild West EV, a company focused on enhancing electric vehicle infrastructure in Wyoming by installing charging stations and conducting public education initiatives. Possessing a background in technology and renewable energy, Mr. Lawson holds the position of Executive Manager at Wind River Internet, where he directs research and development activities. He has played a key role in advancing electric vehicle adoption in rural regions, through partnerships with local enterprises and contributions to national dialogues on clean energy transitions, as highlighted in outlets such as The New York Times and NPR. His proficiency in

sustainable transportation complements the objectives of the Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities Coalition.

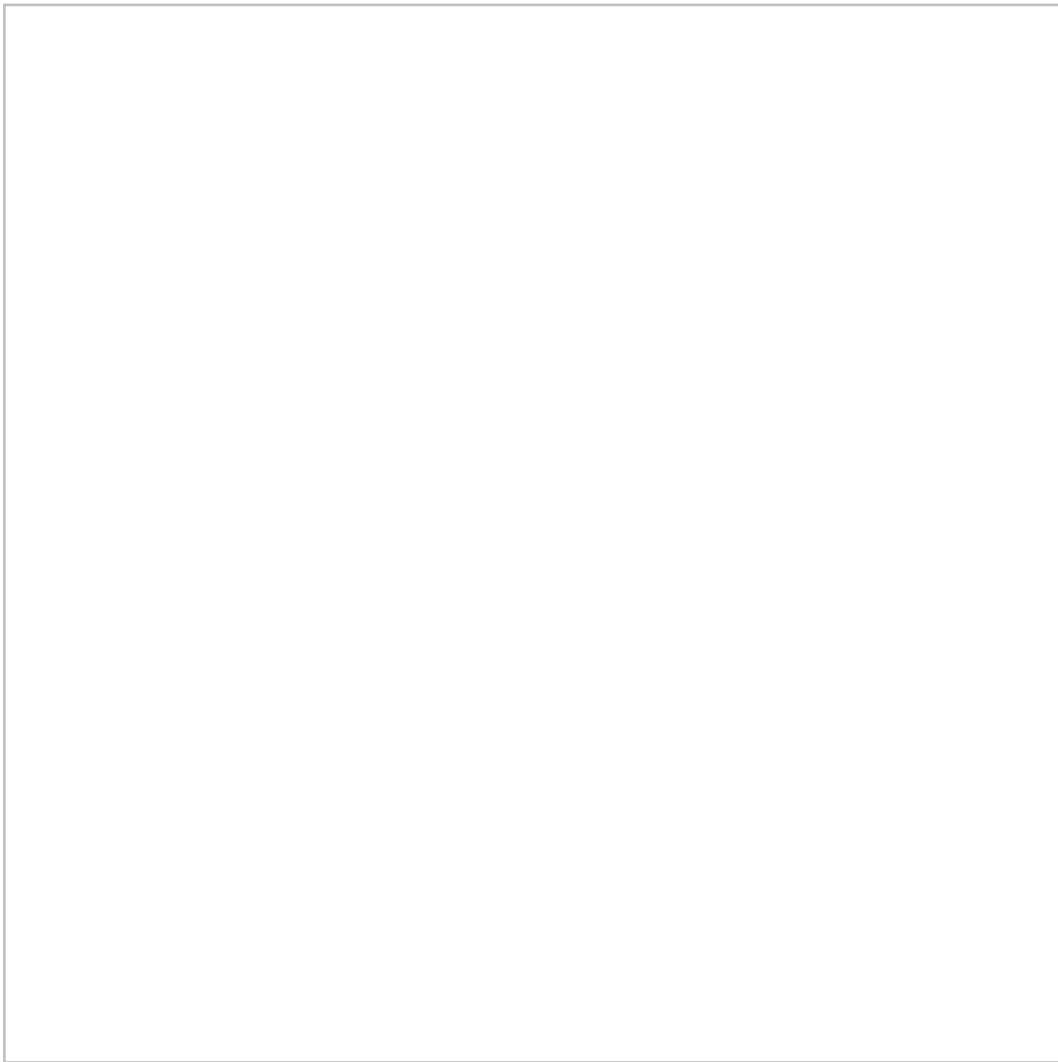


Swen Magnuson

Swen worked in the environmental field in numerical simulation of groundwater flow/contaminant movement and in database management for environmental sampling. He is retired from the Idaho National Laboratory. While new to using electric vehicles he has become a fan of the technology as a current EV owner and joined the YTCC Board to help further the adoption of the technology.

FUNDING ALERTS

MT DEQ Clean Transportation Funding



DEADLINE approaching

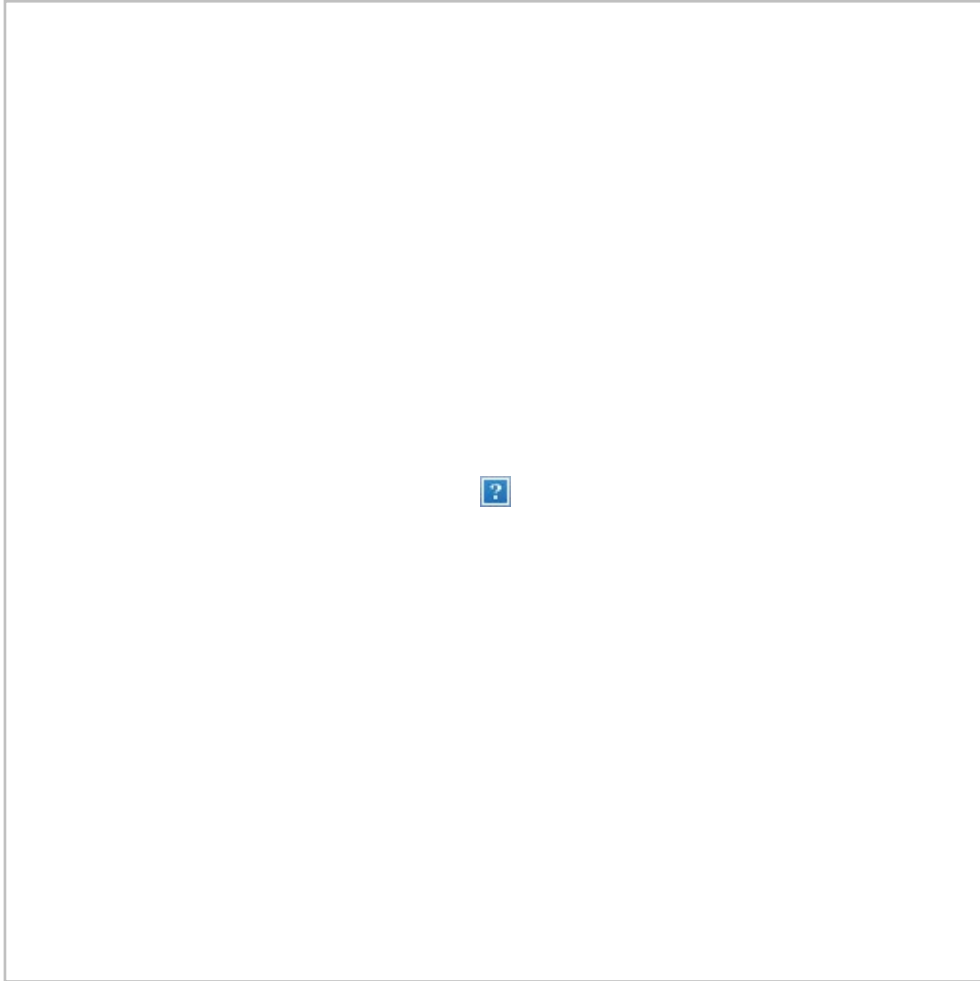
To be eligible for funding, entities must submit a draft application for DEQ's review and comment by December 5, 2025 by 2:00pm.

The Clean Truck, Bus & Airport Equipment Program matches funds to replace older diesel trucks, buses or airport ground support vehicles with battery electric, alternate fuel or newer diesel vehicles. Examples of vehicles eligible to receive funding through this opportunity include garbage trucks, school buses, street sweepers, bucket trucks, buses or vehicles that service aircraft between flights.

[More information](#)



Teton Village Association RFP

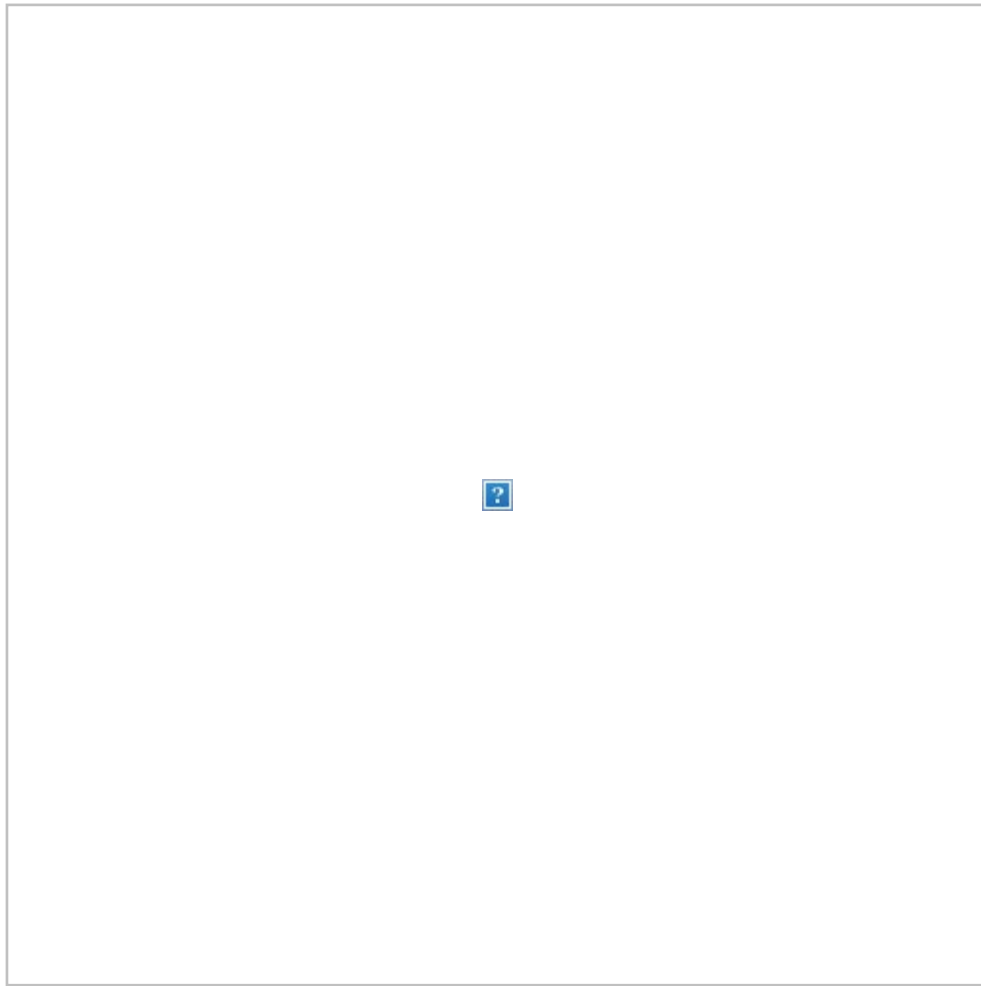


Teton Village Association has released an RFP for the design phase of their portion of the Town of Jackson's DOT CFI grant.

Learn more and view RFP [here](#).

CLEAN TRANSPORTATION IN ACTION

**Teton Village Association Launches New,
Innovative Program**



Meghan Quinn, TVA Executive Director, Kate Goldfeder, TVA Financial Manager, and Marvin, 106West Logistics' mascot, show off the new "Village Couriers".

Teton Village Association press release: Visitors to Teton Village this season may notice some new, pint-sized electric carts quietly zipping around the Village core. These "Village Couriers" are part of the Teton Village Association's (TVA) new **E-Delivery Program**, an innovative initiative designed to enhance safety and improve our guests' experience.

In partnership with **106West Logistics**, TVA is reimagining how goods move through the Village by replacing large, noisy delivery trucks with small, zero-emission electric carts. Participating food and beverage distributors now deliver all products to a centralized delivery dock located in the TVA Maintenance Yard, just east of the Ranch Parking Lot. There, goods are checked in, sorted, and transferred onto the electric carts for final delivery directly to each property's designated receiving area. The program will begin with deliveries of food and perishable goods, followed by beverages and other supplies. Orders are verified for accuracy at the dock before being transported via the new electric carts, ensuring smooth and reliable service for Village businesses.

By consolidating deliveries and removing large trucks from the pedestrian core, the program significantly reduces congestion on Granite Loop Road and McCollister Drive, improves safety for visitors and staff, and reduces noise and vehicle emissions. The streamlined system also allows distributors to unload their products in a single stop, saving time, reducing idling, and improving efficiency across the board.

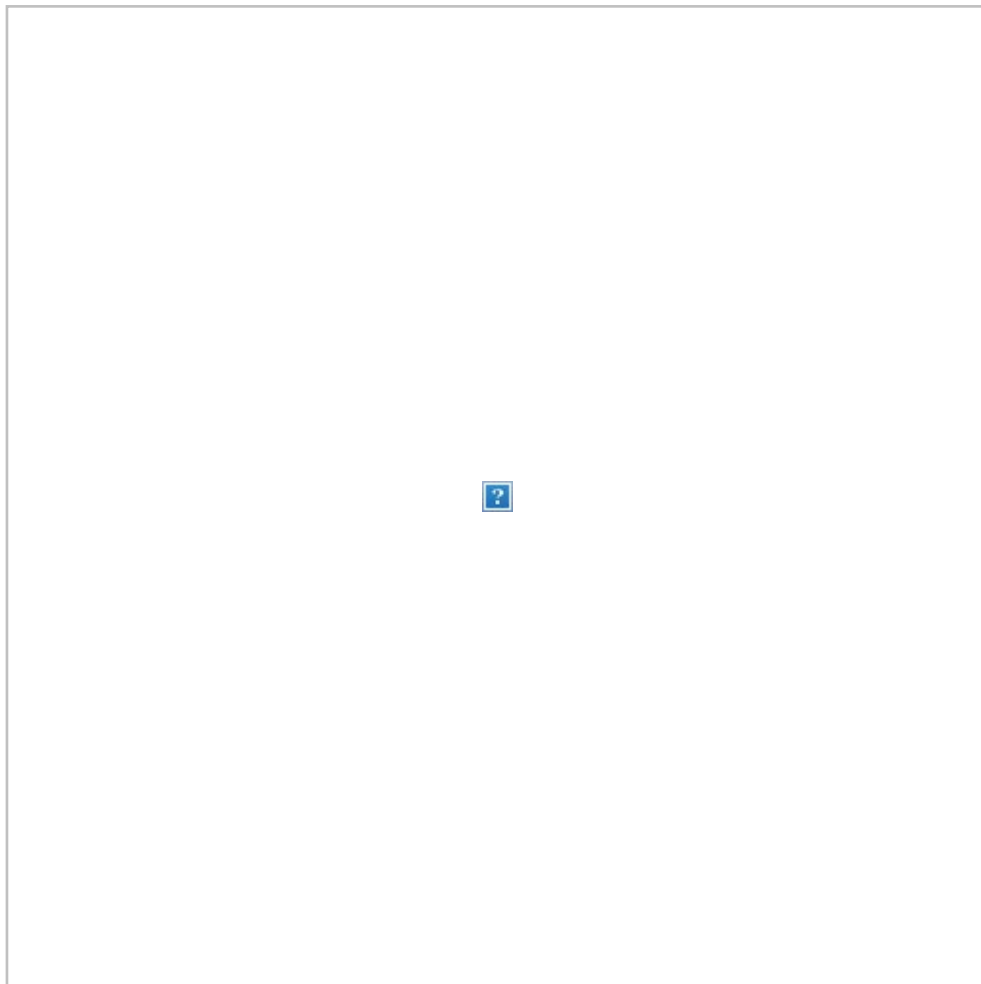
"This pilot is one of the most exciting innovations we've introduced in years," said **Meghan Quinn, Executive Director of TVA**. "We're proving that sustainability and guest experience go

hand in hand. By taking delivery trucks off our streets, we're creating a cleaner, more vibrant, and truly walkable mountain village."

With fewer diesel trucks and less congestion, visitors will experience cleaner air, quieter streets, and an even more inviting environment for walking, shopping, and dining.

*A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at the distribution dock in the TVA maintenance yard on **Thursday, December 4th, at noon.** Lunch will be provided.*

GIVING TUESDAY



Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities works to acceleratate the use of alternative fuels, advance the infrastructure to do so and support sustainable transportation and mobility solutions across Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

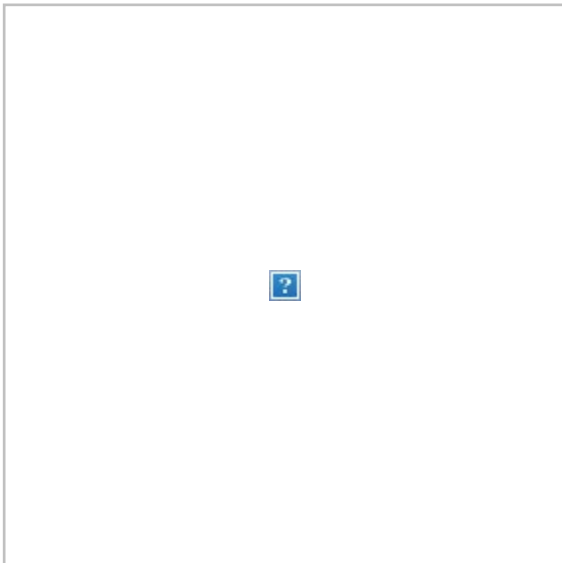
If you are intereseted in further advancing projects leading to cleaner air in our

pristine ecosystem and becoming a part of a community committed to clean air and transportation innovation, consider a gift to Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities this Giving Tuesday, on Tuesday, December 2nd.

Help us, help fuel the future!

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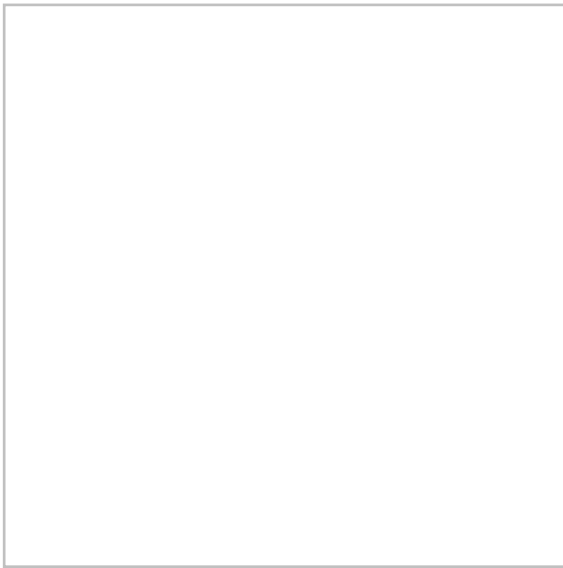
Charging Station Planning Session

Join us on Wednesday, December 3rd in Butte Montana to voice your opinion on where you would like to see and where you think Butte and Silver Bow County needs more charging infrastructure.

TVA Ribbon Cutting

Where: Distribution Dock, Teton Village Association maintenance yard, WY
When: Thursday, December 4th at noon

Join Teton Village Association staff to celebrate the launch of their **innovative E-Delivery program**.



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Dear Mayor Jorgensen, Councilmembers, and City Staff,
On behalf of the Jackson Hole Shrine Club, I'm writing to express our strong support for the Wilson family and their continued operation of the Jackson Hole Rodeo. Over the past several years, this event has become more than entertainment; it's a true community fundraiser that directly benefits Shriners Children's in Salt Lake City and local families in need.

About Shriners Children's

Shriners Children's provides specialty pediatric care; including orthopedics, burn care, spinal cord injury, and cleft services. This is regardless of a family's ability to pay. The Jackson Hole Shrine Club also helps families with travel expenses so children can get to and from the hospital.

History and Impact of the Rodeo Partnership

Since 2018, the Wilson family has hosted two Shriners benefit rodeo nights each summer. Each year, they donate the entire gate, many employees donate their wages, and several contestants give back their winnings. Thanks to this generosity and growing community support, contributions have increased year after year. In total, our combined efforts have provided well over \$150,000 to Shriners Children's Salt Lake City in 2025 alone.

Why continued Wilson family stewardship matters

The Wilson family's leadership is the backbone of this impact. Their commitment, operational excellence, and philanthropic spirit make these benefit nights possible at the scale our community has come to rely on. Preserving their role in operating the summer rodeo sustains critical support for pediatric care across our region and for Jackson families facing medical travel costs.

We respectfully urge the Town to continue supporting the Wilson family's operation of the summer rodeo; through permitting, logistical coordination, and any other assistance that keeps this essential community partnership thriving.

Thank you for your consideration. We would welcome the opportunity to provide additional details or answer any questions.

Warm regards,
Jackson Hole Shrine Club

Your Name: Nicholas Houfek

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November 2025 Conservation Update

Happy Thanksgiving from [The Mountain Pact](#)! We hope this season of reflection finds you well. The Mountain Pact has had a busy month. We monitored the end of the government shutdown, and took stock of the harmful impacts it had on our public lands. We also supported communities

standing up to protect the amazing natural spaces we call home, including fighting back against shortsighted effort to rollback the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Public Lands Rule. Read on for more about how national parks are recovering from the shutdown, updates on Colorado River negotiations, and to learn how you can get involved in the fight to ensure public lands remain in public hands.

ELECTION UPDATES

Congratulations to many of the folks we work with for winning your elections earlier this month! We look forward to continuing to work with you. Please share these newsletters and other updates with newly elected colleagues or [connect them with us directly](#).

A reminder - we extend our appreciation to the local elected officials we've worked with over the years who couldn't run for re-election because of term limits. Remember that you can still be a part of The Mountain Pact as a former local elected official and we'd love to stay in touch. Please [let us](#) know if we can update your email address before it expires.

TAKE ACTION

SIGN ON WILDFIRE MITIGATION and FUNDING LETTER

In response to the rapid decline in wildfire preparedness at our nation's public land agencies, local elected officials are calling on Western state attorneys general to ask for help in defending our communities from the impacts of reckless and potentially [illegal cuts](#) to federal [public land management agencies](#) and hazardous fuels reduction efforts.

[Please sign on here to sign onto this letter by mid-December.](#)

FILL OUT PUBLIC LANDS IN CRISIS SURVEY

We want to hear from you! We're conducting a [brief survey](#) regarding the government shutdown, funding, and staffing cut impacts on our public lands and local communities.

[Please consider completing this survey](#), which should only take 5-10 minutes, to help us better understand how cuts are impacting public lands near you.

THE MOUNTAIN PACT NEWS

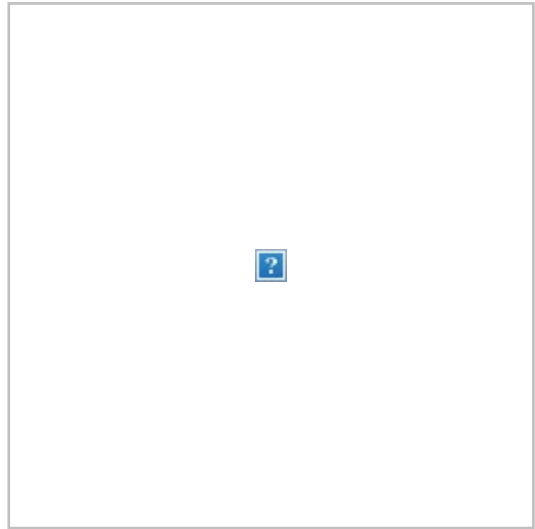
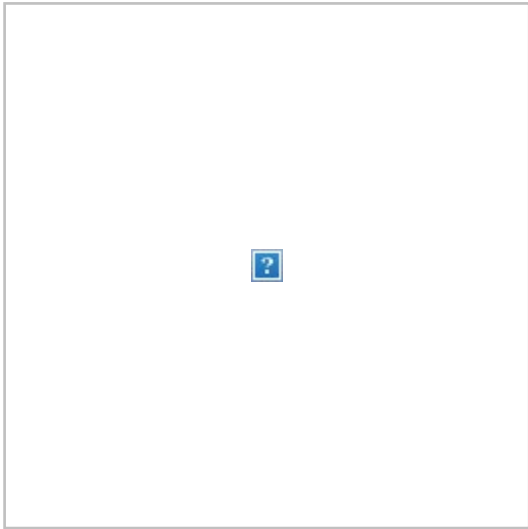
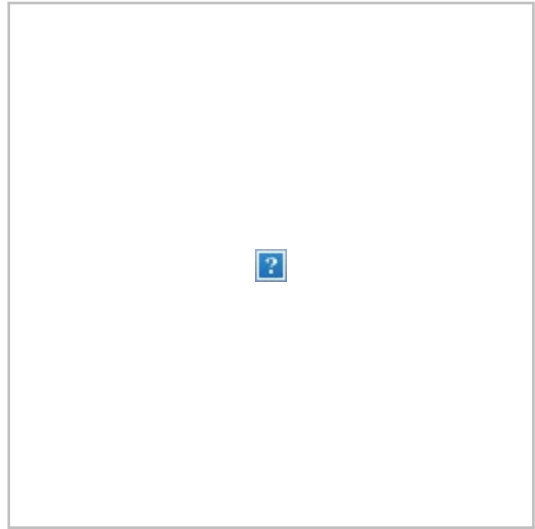
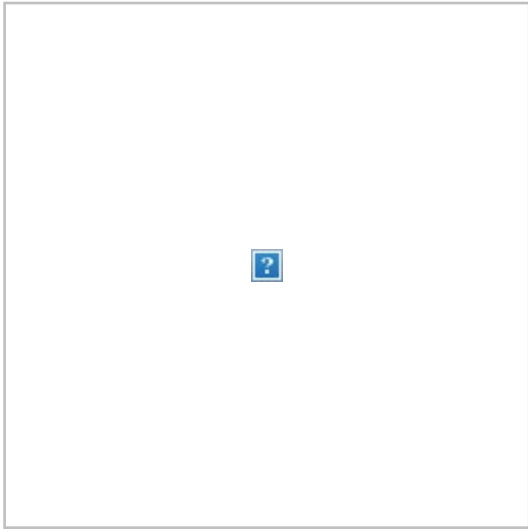
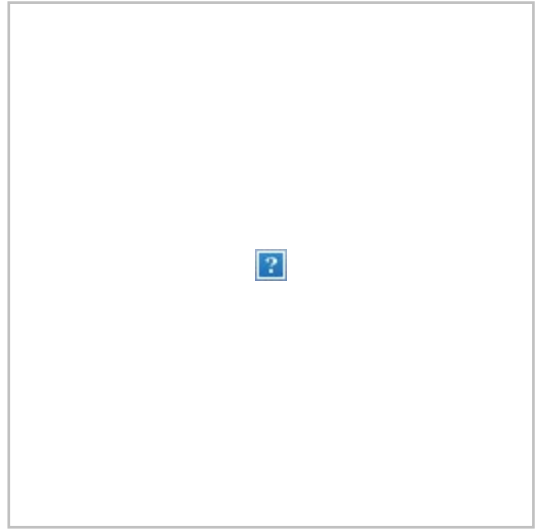
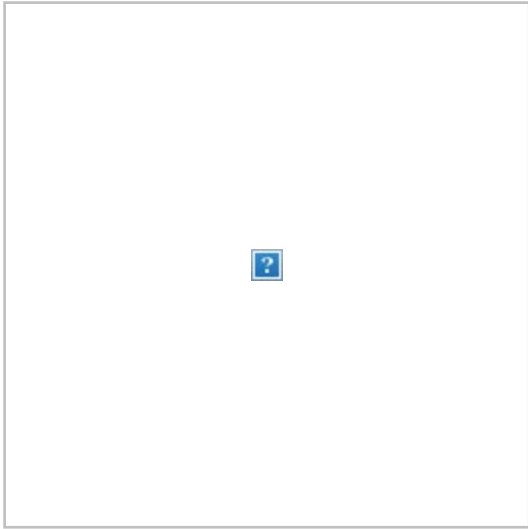
Bureau of Land Management Public Lands Rule Rescission Opposition Comment Letter 2025

On November 6, 2025, via a [comment letter](#), [180 elected mountain community leaders](#) from across the West this month urged the Trump Administration to abandon its shortsighted push to roll back the Public Lands Rule - a critical rule the BLM finalized last year that balanced stewardship on public lands by putting conservation on equal footing with other uses of BLM land like energy development, livestock grazing and recreation.

The county commissioners/supervisors, mayors, and council members/trustees wrote that the Rule provides a more balanced approach to public lands management in the West, and said any rollback will negatively impact Western communities' important wildlife habitat, treasured recreation areas, critical water resources, and Indigenous cultural sites.

The letter was covered by [Mountain West Bureau](#) and stations [KNPR](#), [Aspen Public Radio](#), [KUNC](#), [Wyoming Public Media](#), [Boise Public Radio](#), [KDNK](#); [E&E/Politico](#); [Navajo Times](#); [Sierra Sun](#); [Ark Valley Voice](#); [Colorado Newslane](#); [Missoula Current](#); [Aspen Times](#), [Post Independent](#), [Summit Daily](#), [Vail Daily](#), [Steamboat Pilot](#); and [the Navajo Hopi Observer](#).





We also weighed in on the Rule in an [op-ed for the Grand Junction Sentinel](#), writing that “*eighty-two percent of voters in the West—on a bipartisan basis—support a national goal of conserving America’s*

lands and waters in the next decade, including support from over two-thirds of conservative Republican voters. I am urging the BLM and our leaders here in Mesa County to listen to the voices of our communities and abandon this foolish idea, and instead to keep the Rule in place so it can continue benefitting us for decades to come."

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SUPPORTIVE PUBLIC LANDS RESOLUTIONS

Mammoth Lakes, California passed a resolution in November recently affirming their commitment to defending our nation's most treasured natural spaces.

They join over 60 other Western communities who have stood up to support public lands through recent resolutions, proclamations and letters to their federal delegation. Read more about the movement [here](#) and let us know if you are interested in pursuing a similar effort in your community. Recent coverage of Bernalillo County and Albuquerque, New Mexico, Hailey, Idaho, and Mammoth Lakes resolutions was coverage by [National Parks Traveler](#).



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If you haven't done a resolution in support of public lands yet, please consider joining the many communities who have already spoken out in support of public lands. Reach out to [Anna](#) for more information.

MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY NEWS

WILDFIRE

- [Trump cuts have hindered key wildfire prevention efforts.](#)
- [Planned Interior layoffs could cripple New Mexico wildfire research.](#)
- [Wildfire mitigation down 53 percent in New Mexico since Trump took office](#) and [Study: Forest Service wildfire mitigation work on decline.](#)
- [Forest Service completed prescribed burns on 127,000 acres during shutdown, despite reduced workforce.](#)
- [Wildfire mitigation work declined significantly in 2025, advocacy group warns.](#)
- [Montana could pay \\$70 million in fire suppression costs this season.](#)

DROUGHT AND FLOODING

- [Experts break down the sticking points holding up Colorado River negotiations.](#)
- [Colorado's Arkansas River reflects a complex history of both Western expansion and Indigenous displacement.](#)
- [Amid 'a transparency desert,' states look likely to blow past Colorado River deadline. What's next?](#)
- [Major water right approval could protect ample Colorado River flows.](#)

TOURISM and OUTDOOR RECREATION

- [Outdoor recreation on U.S. public lands generates \\$351 million a day in economic activity.](#)
- [Hikers blocked from the Arizona Trail after DHS installs razor wire.](#)
- [Can labor unions save the National Park Service?](#)
- [Report: Trump cuts to national parks are unpopular.](#)
- [Trump offers \\$70,000 hiring bonus as National Park Service seeks to hire 500 law enforcement officers.](#)
- [National Park crews close Grand Canyon's North Rim until mid-2026 following fire damage.](#)

PUBLIC LANDS

- [Opinion: Former Forest Service supervisor criticizes Trump admin's staffing cuts, impact in rural communities.](#)
- [Feds propose opening up more public lands for cattle grazing in Western states.](#)
- [New Mexico leaders condemn Trump's move to reverse Chaco protections.](#)
- [Author of "This America of Ours" revisits how McCarthyism came for public land conservation.](#)
- [The Enchantments predicament: Does Colorado have a solution?](#)
- [Opinion: USDA's beef industry plan sells out public lands.](#)
- ['We haven't lost': Conservationists urge state action amid federal rollback of public land protections.](#)
- [Public Lands Caucus makes first endorsement.](#)
- [Why Montana fought to protect federal public lands and what's at stake if they are sold off.](#)
- [Colorado State Land Board approves La Jara Basin sale, reversing a possible plan to cancel the 9-year deal.](#)
- [Interior Secretary Doug Burgum faces scrutiny for travel amid shutdown.](#)
- [After Trump cuts at Interior, seeds sit in the warehouse.](#)
- [Billionaire landowner erecting 8-foot-tall fence in Colorado gets 'cease and desist' from state water officials.](#)

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

- [Comment period extended for Wyoming's Rock Springs Resource Management Plan.](#)
- [Sen. Mike Lee sets hearing to probe BLM permitting activity.](#)
- [Senate advances CRA bid to kill BLM Buffalo Field Office land use plan.](#)

Nomination of Stevan Pearce to be Director of BLM

- [Trump nominates former anti-public lands congressman for BLM director.](#)
- [He once pushed to divest federal lands. Now he's Trump's BLM nominee.](#)
- [Trump's pick to manage BLM notoriously hellbent on selling public lands.](#)
- [Opinion: New Mexico knows Trump's BLM nominee. Back away; Column: Trump's nominee to head the BLM may be his most extreme yet; Opinion: Montana's public lands birthright under threat from Sell off Steve's nomination.](#)

- [Seven times 'Sell-off Steve' tried to dispose of America's public lands.](#)
- [Conservation leaders unite to oppose Steve Pearce BLM nomination.](#)

Public Lands Rule Rescission

- [Local officials in the Mountain West weigh in on Public Lands Rule.](#)
- [Dems urge Burgum to retain Biden-era public lands rule.](#)
- [Opinion: Repealing the Public Lands Rule kills Nevada's economy.](#)
- [Americans overwhelmingly oppose repeal of Public Lands Rule.](#)

Let us know if you'd like to comment on Stevan Pearce's nomination to run the BLM - we're working on a few different media outreach pieces in early December. Please reach out to [Anna](#) if you are interested.

SHUTDOWN

- [The government shutdown is over. The nightmare facing public lands under Trump may have just begun.](#)
- [Hundreds of Joshua trees were scorched during the shutdown.](#)
- [Federal shutdown placed public lands strain on local governments, nonprofits.](#)
- [Government shutdown leaves Zion National Park with funds shortfall, nonprofit says 'impact is huge.'](#)
- [Some park rangers are still owed pay after the shutdown](#)
- [Former National Park Service employees urged Grand Canyon closure.](#)
- [As Utah's national parks stayed open, so did questions about the shutdown's impact.](#)
- ['Bear jams,' graffiti, and fires: National parks suffered during shutdown.](#)
- [States and nonprofits helped national parks run during the shutdown. Could their efforts backfire? *Related:* \[Here's what Mountain West states paid to fund park visitor centers during the shutdown.\]\(#\)](#)
- [Government Shutdown Brings Waves Of Illegal Activity To Yosemite National Park.](#)
- [Arches National Park faces uncertainty after the government shutdown.](#)

NATIONAL MONUMENTS

- [California Tribes form an intertribal commission to co-manage Chuckwalla National Monument.](#)

- [Opinion: Attacks on Arizona's national monuments undermine public opinion, local voices.](#)
- [Colorado National Monument Association discusses hardships during government shutdown.](#)
- [Opinion: Why the Chuckwalla National Monument matters.](#)

WILDLIFE

- [U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service reverses recovery plan for gray wolves.](#)
- [New study estimates economic value of bear sightings in Yellowstone.](#)
- [Amid 10 dead wolves and federal interference, Colorado's wolf reintroduction program is struggling.](#)
- [What happens when wolves leave Yellowstone.](#)
- [Trump administration seeks to weaken ESA.](#)

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

- [National Park Service loses the only employee tracking leaky wells.](#)
- [Trump fossil fuel approvals keep coming despite government shutdown.](#)
- [On national forests, logging projects advance with less public input.](#)
- [Trump considers opening California coast to oil drilling.](#)
- [Trump plans to open over a billion acres of U.S. waters to drilling, including California coastline.](#)

COAL LEASING

- [Interior opens land adjacent to Zion, other national parks to coal leasing.](#)
- [Energy department announces \\$100 million to modernize declining coal plants.](#)
- [Colorado's plans for closing coal plants could be reversed under Trump.](#)
- [Despite Trump admin's best efforts, interest in coal mining across the West is falling flat.](#)
- [Trump's DOE may soon force more coal plants to stay open.](#)
- [New Powder River Basin coal is one step closer to opening, but market demand is unclear.](#)
- [Navajo Nation is divided as its leader embraces Trump and coal.](#)



Thank you for your interest in, and participation with, the Mountain Pact!

Founded in 2014, The Mountain Pact mobilizes local elected officials in over 100 Western mountain communities with outdoor recreation based economies to speak with a collective voice on federal climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation policy.

Read this and past versions of other Mountain Pact updates here.

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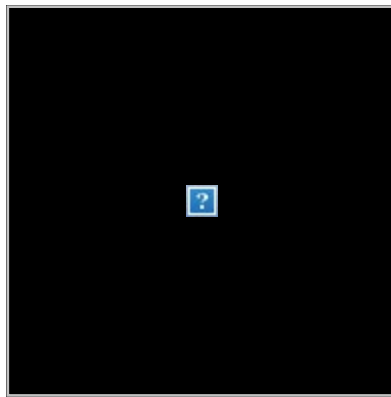




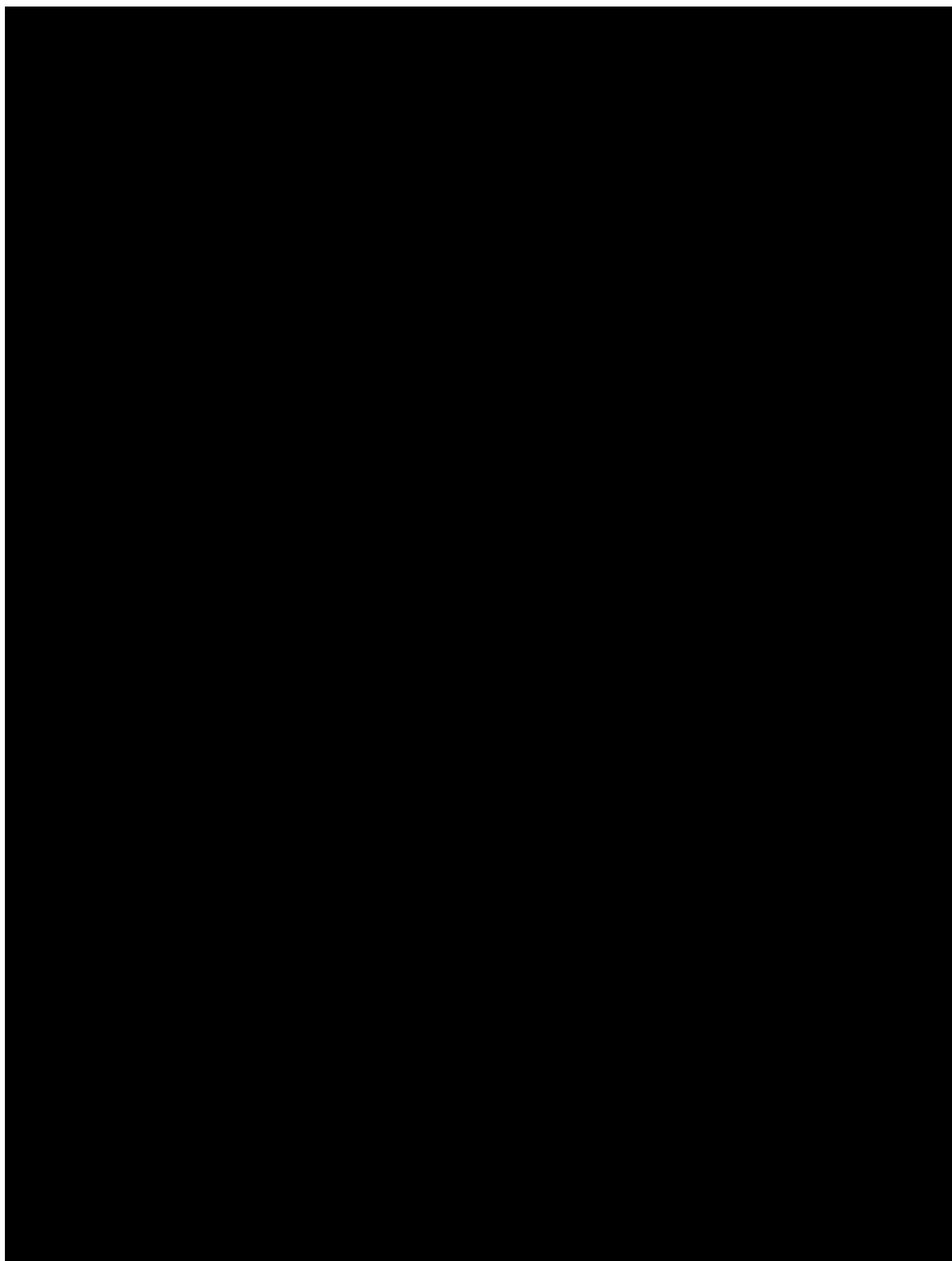
A Tax with Tangible Benefits

Residents of Jackson Hole might have noticed world-class public art installations, ambassadors at busy trailheads, or the new amenities at the recently expanded Teton County Recreation Center (hello, indoor rock climbing!). Some may have appreciated the comfort of a bus shelter in the dead of winter. In Cheyenne, Wyoming, locals revel in the Celtic Fest, Spanish Fest, Frozen Fury on the Plains, and the Hell on Wheels Rodeo Series. Lake Placid, N.Y. residents enjoy upgrades to the town's 1980 Olympic facilities. Oregon's coastal towns breathe easier behind new seawalls and stormwater systems.

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