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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Patrick Trucco Email Arne Jorgensen
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026 2:39:43 PM



Email Arne Jorgensen

Email Content:

Dear Arne, I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to recognize and celebrate the exceptional work that Carrie Boynton has carried out over the past ten years at the Animal Adoption Center here in Wyoming. Her leadership, compassion, and dedication have made a profound and measurable difference for animals and communities across our state. I serve as the board president, and I have worked with Carrie for most of these ten years. Her efforts and recognition among the rescue and shelter organizations is well known throughout Wyoming. For the past decade, Carrie has overseen and actively participated in Free Spay and Neuter Clinics on the Wind River Reservation, an effort that has required deep partnership, cultural respect, and consistent on the ground involvement. These clinics have played a vital role in reducing the feral cat and dog population, improving animal welfare outcomes, and creating a healthier and safer environment for the families who live there. Her work has not been limited to Fremont County and Teton County. Under Carrie's guidance, the Animal Adoption Center has worked throughout Wyoming to rescue, treat, and rehome animals who otherwise might not have had a second chance. Her team's initiatives have expanded access to veterinary care, increased adoption opportunities, and provided education and resources to communities statewide. Carrie's ten years of service represent a rare combination of compassion, perseverance, and effective action. Her efforts have not only saved thousands of animal lives but have strengthened communities and demonstrated the best of what nonprofit partnerships can achieve in Wyoming. Thank you for your continued support of organizations and individuals working to improve the lives of both people and animals across our great state. I wanted to ensure you were aware of the tremendous impact Carrie has had as she reaches this important milestone.

Carrie is not aware of my efforts to gain recognition for her work.

Your Name:	Patrick Trucco
Your Company Name:	Rockefeller Capital
Your Phone Number:	307 284 4320

Your Email Address: ptrucco@rockco.com

Your City: Jackson

Your State: WY

Your Zip Code: 83001

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From: [Mark Newcomb](#)
To: [Jill Baldauf](#)
Cc: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Re: Volunteer Advisory Board appointments
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026 1:39:11 PM



Jill,

I'm very sorry there hasn't been any communication. We scheduled the interviews for the first available date based on town, county and folks schedules. But indeed, we should have communicated sooner that interviews will be on January 26th.

Thank you very much for your service on the Parks and Recreation board. I assure you that your input does matter.

Thank you,
Mark Newcomb
Teton County, Wyoming Commission
mnewcomb@tetoncountywy.gov
(307) 413-9690

On Jan 14, 2026, at 1:19 PM, Jill Baldauf <jillbaldauf@gmail.com> wrote:

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Dear Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing to both you and the Town Council about the delay in vetting and appointing members of the Volunteer Advisory boards. The original deadline for applications as well as the extended application deadlines are well behind us, and yet applicants have received no communication about their applications nor have interviews been scheduled.

I was fortunate enough to be appointed to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board last year but only for a 1 year term. I applied and met the original application deadline hoping to be re-appointed in time for the January 2026 Board meeting. That clearly did not happen. I attended the meeting but am unclear if I am still a Board member.

This delay is bordering on being disrespectful to those citizens who have applied. I would urge you to please take up the responsibility of reviewing, interviewing and appointing voluntary board members post haste.

Thank you,

Jill Baldauf
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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Alyson Spery](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Natalie Wright Email Alyson Spery
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026 12:52:11 PM



Email Alyson Spery

Email Content: Hi Alyson,
Thank you for your reply to my email commenting on the Crosswalks in Jackson WY. I meant to reply and I think I must have deleted your message because I can't find it.... Anyhow I just wanted to thank you for letting me know how the process works. I understand this topic is basically up to WYDOT to make the improvements and that the Council is in communication with them. Let me know if there is anything I can do to help. Thank you for all your hard work on the Council this year! Thank you.

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Your Company Name:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Your Email Address:	wightnatalie@gmail.com
Your City:	Jackson
Your State:	WY
Your Zip Code:	83001

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From: [Jennifer Evans](#)
To: [Kevin Regan](#); [Devon Viehman](#)
Subject: Re: DEQ Response to POWJH Petition
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026 12:27:26 PM
Attachments: noname



Hi Kevin and Devon,

Thanks so much for your time today. We forgot to share a physical copy of our Clean Water Guide with you, but here is the link to the [online version](#). Feel free to share it around!

Thanks!

Jen

On Thu, Jan 15, 2026 at 11:12 AM Jennifer Evans <jen@protectourwaterjh.org> wrote:
Attached.

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Jen Evans

Advocacy Director

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From: [Sam Neirman](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Cc: [Peter Poutiatine](#)
Subject: Re: Week of January 19th: Propsective Mountain Academy Middle School Visit
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026 11:51:26 AM



Hey Arne,

Just making sure this email didn't sink through the digital cracks of your email inbox :)

Let us know if there is a time which works best for you next Thursday, January 22nd.

Thank you so much!

Sam & Peter

On Mon, Jan 12, 2026 at 8:00 AM Sam Neirman <sam.neirman@tetonscience.org> wrote:
Arne,

We are so excited about this prospective Journey.

Would the afternoon of Thursday, January 22nd work for you? We can be pretty flexible between 12:30 & 2:30 PM, but need to be back on campus at 3 PM. Let us know what time works best for you within that window.

Thank you so much!

Best,
Sam & Peter

On Jan 9, 2026, at 1:25 PM, Sam Neirman <sam.neirman@tetonscience.org> wrote:

Arne,

I hope this email finds you well, and Happy New Year.

My colleague and I (cc'd here) are wrapping up a unit for our class, *Project Lab*, in which students have been exploring the prospective redevelopment of the Coyote Canyon Road and Wyo 22 intersection.

As a final step in the unit, we'd love to introduce our students to the public process. Our goal is for them to understand how community members can meaningfully engage if they want to change something—such as improving safety at the Coyote Canyon intersection—and what that process looks like in practice.

With that in mind, we would greatly appreciate the opportunity to visit with you and/or attend a Town Council meeting to learn more about how the public process works.

Do you have any availability during the week of January 19th to meet with us?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,
Sam & Peter

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Sam Neirman

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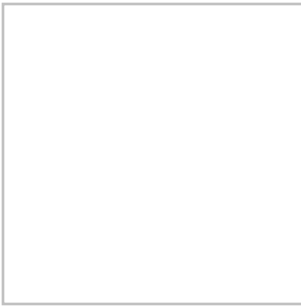
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From: [Wyoming Business Council](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Arne /// Wyoming Broadband Office Advances to Next Phase of Historic BEAD Program
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026 9:26:31 AM



Wyoming Broadband Office Advances to Next Phase of Historic BEAD Program

Cheyenne, Wyo. (For Immediate Release) - The **Wyoming Broadband Office** (WBO) is pleased to announce that the state of Wyoming has met all federal requirements and is moving forward on implementing its **\$198 million statewide broadband program**.

After successfully meeting all federal requirements, WBO signed the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Notice of Award Amendment for the **Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program** on January 9, 2026.

The Notice of Award officially launches the next phase of Wyoming's BEAD

Program. Wyoming was allocated approximately \$348 million in BEAD funding to connect nearly 39,000 unserved and underserved locations in the state with reliable and affordable broadband. WBO awarded projects totaling approximately \$198 million, **saving more than \$100 million in taxpayer dollars.**

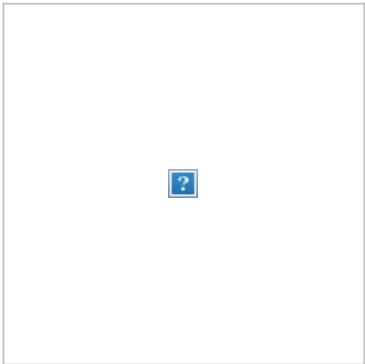
In total, WBO awarded **65 last-mile deployment projects to 13 subgrantees** that will achieve the goal of **universal broadband access in Wyoming.**

"We are thrilled to partner with such an extensive group of internet service providers and thank all applicants that participated in Wyoming's BEAD process," said **Chad Bolling**, WBC's Broadband Manager.

As WBO moves into this next phase of connecting residents across the state, the office will:

- Publish the subgrantee contract agreements
- Engage awardees in contract negotiations
- Publish program materials
- Schedule Technical assistance webinars

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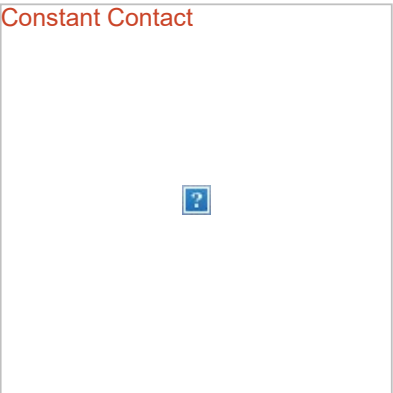
**Reach Out to the Wyoming
Broadband Office**

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From: [Anna Peterson](#)
Subject: Mountain Pact January 2026 Federal Public Lands Updates and Way to Take Action
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 9:22:36 PM



Hi all,

Happy New Year! I hope folks got a bit of a break and getting back into things hasn't been too hectic or hard with *all* that's going on. I wanted to send a quick update and some action items - below:

1. Steve Pearce BLM Nomination: As you know, Former New Mexico Congressman Stevan Pearce, is President Trump's pick to lead the Bureau of Land Management. Pearce is on the record as a strident opponent of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument in New Mexico's Doña Ana County. Additionally, his record in Congress, including his public support for selling off America's public lands, his conflicts of interest with the oil and gas industry, and his efforts to undermine national monuments and the Antiquities Act, demonstrates that he is the wrong candidate to lead this complex multiple-use agency.

We expect his hearing to be the last week of January or the 1st week of February.

We will be going out with a media release on Tuesday, January 20 - next week - can you please let me know if you have a quote you'd like included (by Monday night)?

2. [Mountain Pact 2025 Year in Review](#): In case you haven't reviewed it yet, please see [our 2025 Year In Review](#) covering all of the work YOU did last year - thank you!

3. Impacts to our public lands? Please consider filling out this [short survey, or just answering any or all of the below questions on the direct impact you are seeing from reduced federal funding and staffing cuts](#).

- Are there any public lands or facilities near you that are closed or inaccessible due to staffing shortages, or funding impacts?
- If your local public lands are open, have you noticed any impacts from a lack of management or oversight by federal employees?
 - For instance, is the trash being picked up? Are the restroom facilities being serviced? Vandalism? Are there traffic backups or other congestion issues? Unattended campfires? Safety concerns? Closed trails or roads? Wildlife management concerns? Loss of scientific capacity? Cultural resource damage? Businesses who have lost their contract with federal agencies? Please share as much detail as you can.
- Have any of your local public land agencies like the Forest Service, BLM, or USGS suffered permanent layoffs in the past year? Do you know how many

employees have left or been fired so far, and are you worried that furloughs will turn into permanent layoffs? What have you heard, if anything about future RIFs?

- Are funding cuts impacting any local outdoor recreation businesses in your community, like raft and fishing guides, outfitters, or our retail stores? Or restoration or other activities like prescribed burns, road maintenance, etc.?
- Is your local government taking steps to push back against firings, funding cuts, or to mitigate its impacts on public lands?
- Whether due to DOGE reductions in force earlier this year or the shutdown, do you know anyone who has left your community and moved elsewhere?
- Do you have documentation (photos, videos, letters from constituents) of these impacts that you'd be willing to share with us?

4. More Pro Public Lands Resolutions/Opinion Pieces: We are continuing to track attempts to sell off our public lands.

- If you haven't already, please [consider joining the nearly 70 communities](#) across the west who have [passed resolutions, sent letters to their federal delegation, or issued proclamations affirming their commitment to defending our nation's most treasured natural spaces](#).
 - We will likely have an updated resolution template in the next month or so, but in the meantime, **let me know if this is of interest to you!**
- We'd like to continue to show support for our public lands in the media. **Please let me know if you are interested in doing an opinion piece.**

5. Contact Information: Let me know if you have been termed out and please connect me with new folks on your commission/board/council who may be interested in what we do.

Thank you!
Anna

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From: [Kate Jensen](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Letter of Recommendation
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 4:02:35 PM



Hi Arne,

I hope this message finds you well, and that your new year is off to a great start.

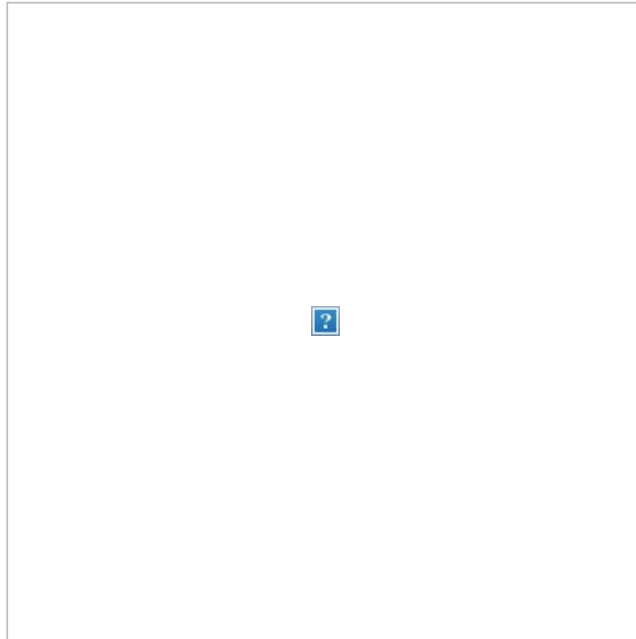
I am excited to tell you that I have decided to apply to the Master of Social Work program at the University of Utah. I'm writing to ask if you would be willing to write a letter of recommendation for my application. I appreciate our collaboration within my role as Executive Director of the Wind River Community Alliance, particularly on my work within the Jackson community and the town council including Mending Relationships in Communities workshops, and visits to the Wind River Indian Reservation, in which I valued your partnership and perspective.

I believe your insights into my leadership, community engagement and collaboration, and commitment to social justice and education would provide a strong perspective for the admissions committee. The University of Utah uses an online system in which recommenders receive a direct link with instructions to submit the letter and form electronically. If you agree, they will contact you with instructions soon. My application deadline is March 1. If you're able and willing to write the letter, I'd be happy to send my resume, personal statement, or bullet points about key experiences to make the process easier.

Of course, I understand if your schedule doesn't allow for the recommendation. Please don't hesitate to let me know either way. Thank you so much for considering this request. Your support would mean a great deal to me as I take this next step in my career.

With Appreciation,
Kate Jensen

From: [Wyoming Association of Municipalities](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Representative Hageman - H.R. 281 - Grizzly Bear State Management Act
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 3:27:47 PM



Representative Hageman is gathering letters of support for [H.R. 281 - Grizzly Bear State Management Act](#).

The bill is nearing congressional action and those interested in pushing it forward are invited to write the Speaker of the House and Majority Leader urging their consideration of the bill on the floor.

Please send the letters of support to Congresswoman Hageman's office and cc: WAM Executive Director, Ashley Harpstreith.

Troy MacMullan Troy.MacMullan@mail.house.gov
Trinity Lewis Trinity.Lewis@mail.house.gov
cc: WAM Executive Director Ashley Harpstreith ashley@wyomuni.org

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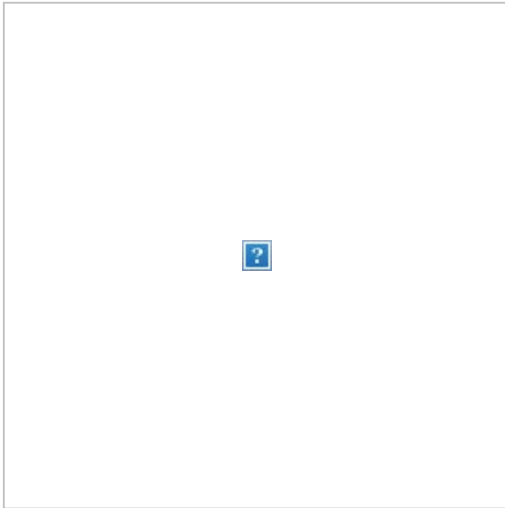


“Cavigelli and his crew returned to the site along with Touren and his

grandparents to fully excavate the fossil. ... It was nearly complete and remarkably well preserved.”

An 11-year-old exploring public lands in southwest Wyoming made an exciting discovery that was later identified as a fossil nearly [48 million years old](#).

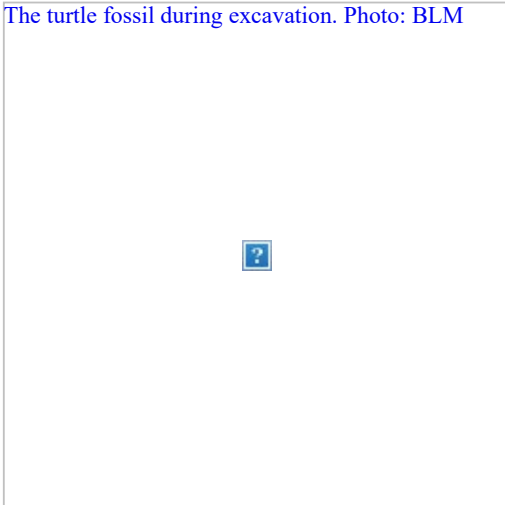
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The turtle fossil during excavation. Photo: BLM



[11-year-old discovers turtle fossil on southwest Wyo BLM land](#)

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JACKSON, Wyo. — A unique species of raptor can be spotted on the National Elk Refuge (NER) this winter. The northern harrier (*Circus hudsonius*) is a species of hawk that shares some [...]

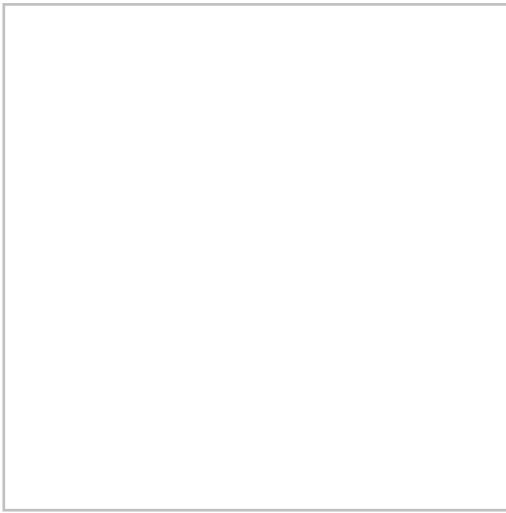
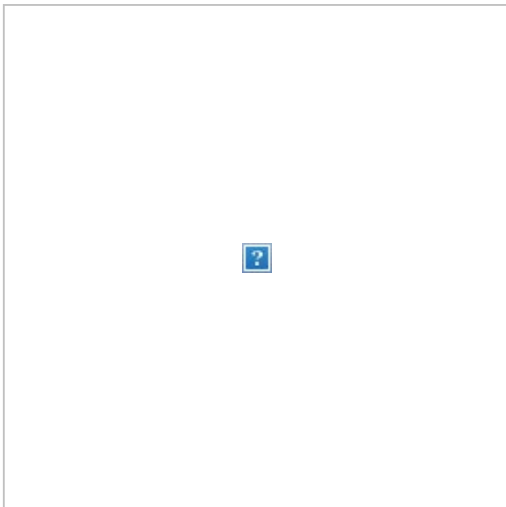
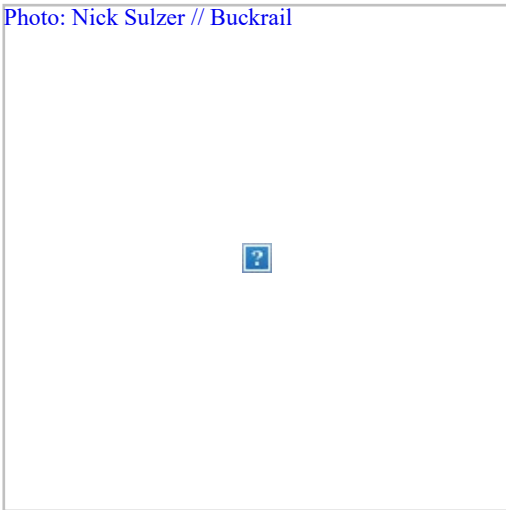


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Free Beacons and Brews event Thurs. to provide rescue tips

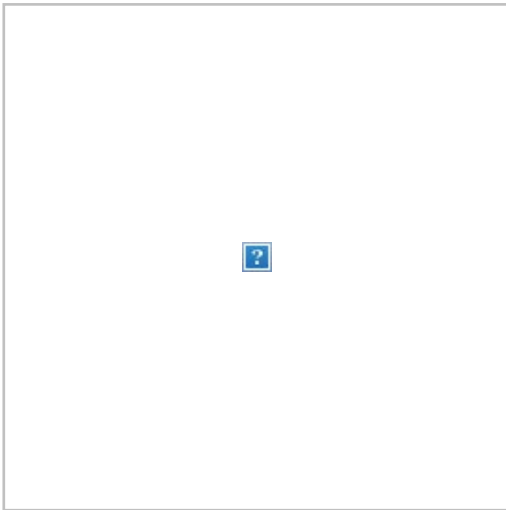
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TCSAR completes back-to-back skier rescues with chopper on Pass

JACKSON, Wyo. — Teton County Search and Rescue (TCSAR) has been busy in the new year. On Monday and Tuesday, the rescue team responded to two separate incidents on Teton Pass involving [...]

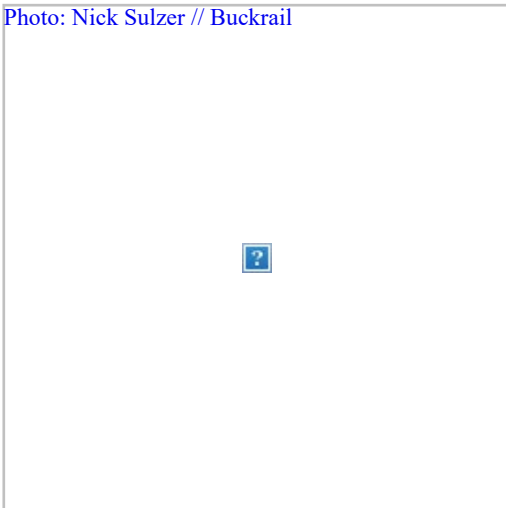
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JACKSON, Wyo. — Ahh, winter sunsets. The flaming colors in the sky paired with the



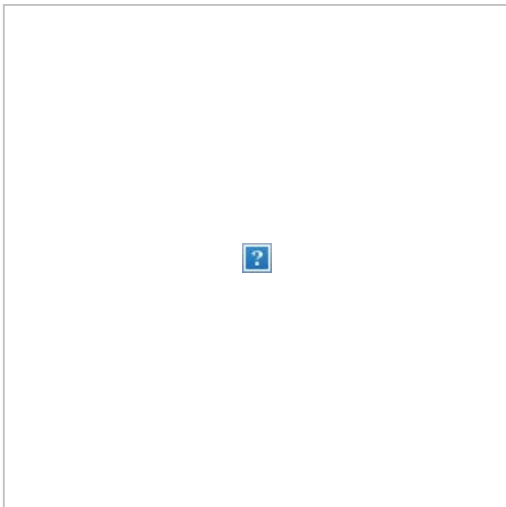
pristine white snow make for a striking visual display. Buckrail photographer Nick Sulzer caught the sunset over [...]

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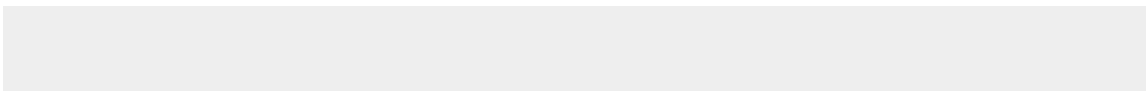
Library brings back High Velocity Trivia, game night, Story Slam

JACKSON, Wyo. — The Teton County Library (TCL) is offering a variety of programs this month to keep the mind sharp. Tonight, the library will bring back its popular High Velocity Trivia [...]



BTAC examines snowpack at site of LaBarge Creek fatal avalanche

AFTON, Wyo. — After a snowmobiler was caught and killed in an avalanche in the backcountry south of Afton on Sunday, the Bridger-Teton Avalanche Center (BTAC) has released preliminary information about the [...]



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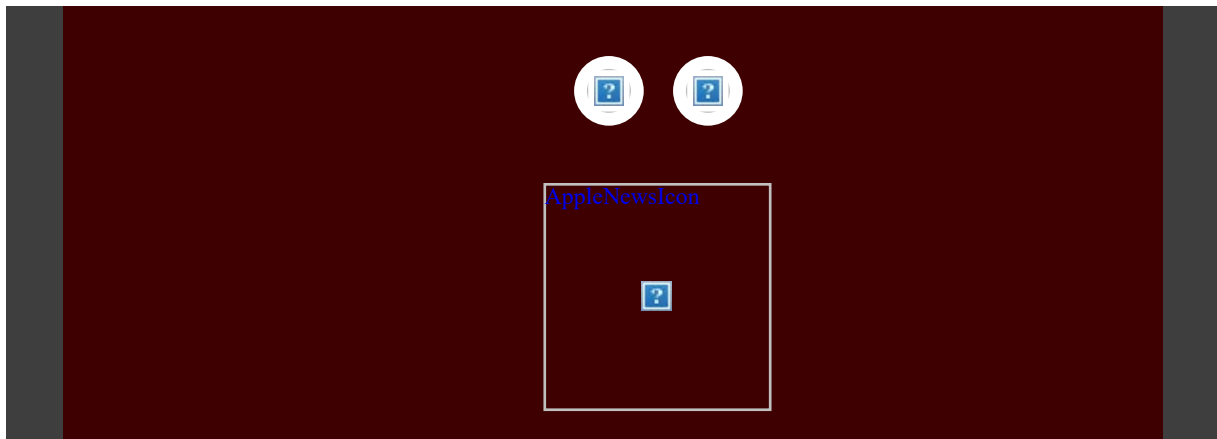
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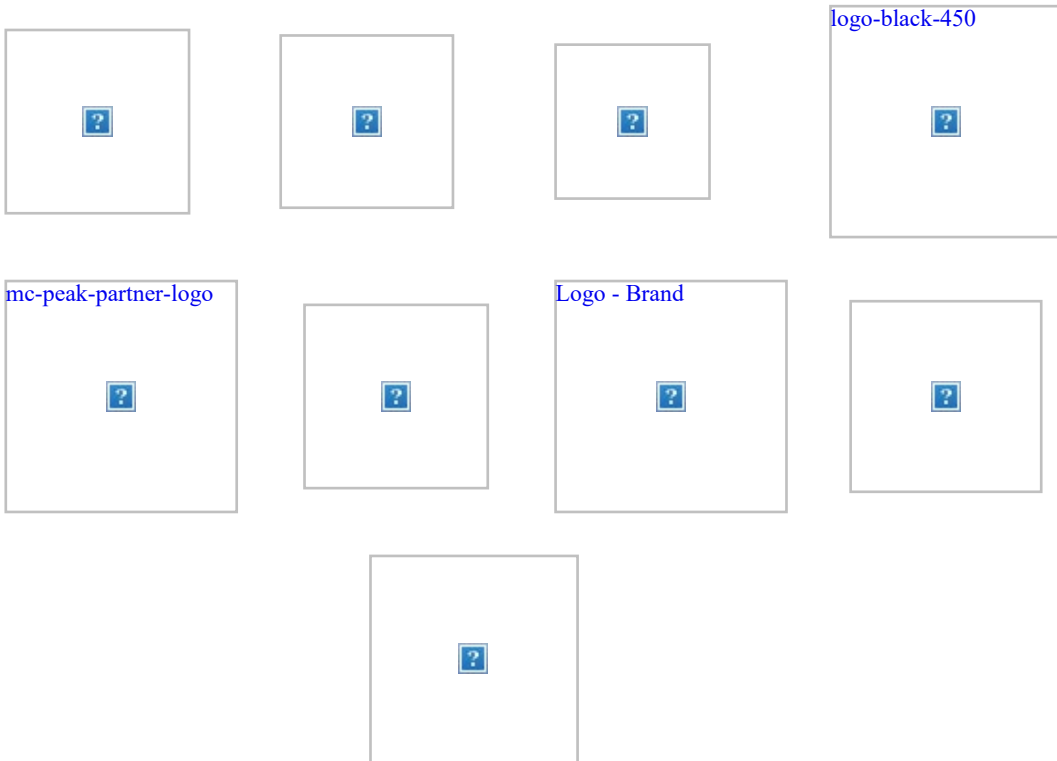
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From: [CCL Weekly Briefing](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Billions in funding for climate and clean energy
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 2:44:59 PM



January Monthly Call recording is live; new year, new trainings!

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Weekly Briefing, Jan. 14, 2026



Congress rejects major climate-related budget cuts from White House

CCL's first Monthly Meeting of the year, which took place this past Saturday, set the tone for our 2026 advocacy. Executive Director Ricky Bradley said, "Steady, values-driven work still matters —

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even when the political winds are rough and the outcomes are far from guaranteed.”

The meeting featured updates on fundraising, leadership, our new BRIDGE program, and a new appropriations action. [Watch the recording](#) if you weren’t able to attend. But if you’re short on time, we’ll share one of our favorite segments from the call: an update on our appropriations asks.

When we first asked Congress to fully fund climate and clean energy programs last year, it was a new type of ask for CCLers. While we usually channel our grassroots advocacy into specific new policies and bills, this was the first time we asked Congress to fund to existing climate programs — and it’s paying off.

Congress is now using its “power of the purse” to push back against major cuts proposed by the executive branch. After we reached out to Congress asking them to fund NOAA, NASA and Department of Energy programs, we’re now seeing the following results:

- **Advanced Research Projects Agency–Energy (ARPA-E):** Senate funded \$350M, limiting cuts to \$110M—far less than the \$200M cut proposed by the Trump Administration, preserving a core engine of breakthrough clean-energy innovation.
- **Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE):** Senate funded \$3.1B, rejecting the Trump Administration’s proposal to slash funding to \$888M and the Administration’s suggestion that the office could be eliminated entirely—protecting efficiency and renewable deployment nationwide.
- **NASA Science:** Senate funded science missions at \$7.25B, a modest 1.1% reduction, compared to the 47% cut proposed by the Trump Administration, safeguarding critical Earth and climate science.
- **NOAA:** Senate maintained overall funding at \$6.2B, rejecting the Administration’s proposed \$2.2B cut to research and grants, and preserving the Office of Atmospheric Research at near-level funding despite proposals to eliminate it entirely.

Congress has yet to pass the final appropriations bills, but both the House and Senate have proposed bills rejecting these cuts. We can confidently say the final bills will look similar to these funding levels. Though this is a new avenue of advocacy for us, it is definitely proving to be successful. Great work, CCLers!

Get the full appropriations update and learn more about CCL’s efforts by watching the Monthly Meeting recording.

[Watch Now](#)



Take action this week

If you have a little time: Spread the word about the EU CBAM. In major carbon pricing news, the EU's carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) went into effect January 1. In order to trade certain goods with Europe, importers must now pay for the greenhouse gas emissions of their products. This is a huge, exciting milestone for carbon pricing on the global stage, and CCLers are hard at work encouraging the U.S. to follow the EU's example! Spread the word by sharing CCL's social media posts about the CBAM on [X](#) and [Bluesky](#).

If you have more time: Kick off the year with a Letter to the Editor. This month is full of opportunities for timely LTEs. Follow the prompts in our [January Action Sheet](#) to write about NCAR funding, the Fix Our Forests Act, or the importance of addressing climate change in 2026. If you need more support, join our monthly LTE party tonight! CCL Communications & Media Manager Charlotte Ward hosts a 5-minute training to get you started, followed by a 20-minute period of focused time off-camera to start writing your letter, and then a chance to discuss your draft or ask questions. [Register here](#) for tonight's workshop, which starts at 5 p.m. PT / 8 p.m. ET, or an LTE party in an upcoming month.



Upcoming trainings

1/15: Understanding the Permitting Reform Landscape - Permitting reform is a complex topic that touches on many politically sensitive topics including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), judicial reforms, and federal involvement in interstate project permitting processes. Join CCL Vice President of Government Affairs Jenn Tyler and CCL Research Manager Dana Nuccitelli to learn about the permitting players, politics, problems, and how and why CCL is engaging in this challenging landscape. [Join us!](#)

1/22: From Intuition to Insight: Understanding How We All Make Meaning - This training is the first lesson in CCL's BRIDGE Advocacy Program. We'll take a deeper look at how all of us form beliefs, using Moral Foundations Theory and insights from behavioral science. We'll explore why intuition and emotion usually come first, and how reasoning often follows to justify those initial reactions. The focus is on self-awareness as a foundation for stronger, more respectful advocacy across differences. [Join us!](#)

1/26: CCL Health January: Framing the Conversation Around Health - Climate impacts often feel as if they're a long way in the future. But the health impacts of climate change can get people's attention. This joint session from CCL's Health and Electrification Action Teams will summarize the many impacts of indoor air quality and energy burden and will share insights into the state of the clean energy transition. [Join](#)

us!

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Subject: New York Times Coverage of Nordic Skiing in Jackson Hole
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 2:11:09 PM
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Dear Mayor and Town Councilors, Chair and Commissioners,

I wanted to share a new New York Times travel article, “[Cross-Country Skiing in Jackson Hole, Wyoming](#)” ([Jan. 14, 2026](#)), which highlights the breadth of Nordic skiing opportunities in our valley. One important part of that story that was not included in the article is the role of Teton County/Jackson Parks & Recreation, which grooms 68.5 miles of the approximately 200 miles of Nordic trails available in the valley. This level of service is made possible through local tax dollars, strong partnerships with nonprofit organizations, and broad community support—reflecting a shared commitment to accessible, high-quality winter recreation.

In response to the article, I submitted a short letter to the editor to the Jackson Hole News & Guide recognizing the critical work of Parks & Recreation staff in maintaining trails, ice rinks, and other winter amenities that benefit both residents and visitors. I also want to acknowledge Andy Erskine’s ongoing efforts to keep the public informed about winter operations during what has been a particularly challenging winter weather season.

Thank you for your continued support of winter recreation infrastructure and the dedicated staff who make these opportunities possible for our community.

Warm regards,

Jessica Kellett
Chair, Teton County / Jackson Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

I am speaking in my personal capacity. My comments do not represent an official position of the TCJPR Advisory Board.

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Celebrate National Mentoring Month!

Join us this January in recognizing the powerful role mentoring plays in shaping individuals, strengthening communities and creating lasting impact. At Womomentum, mentoring is at the heart of everything we do. For more than two decades, we have proudly served as Teton County's premier mentorship organization.

We invite you to reflect on how you may have mentored others, as well as

who has mentored you. And while you're at it, why not reach out to your mentor to express your appreciation!

First Workshop of 2026 - Next Wednesday!

Join us next Wednesday, January 21st to nix perfectionism! As highlighted in today's Jackson Hole News & Guide article, we'll explore how to transform self-doubt into a source of energy and momentum. Participants will leave with a clear goal, practical tools, and built-in accountability to support meaningful forward progress. And students are free!





Register

Authentic Womomentum Gatherings



Womentum 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 Womentum's Vice Chair Kris Shean and past Chair Ponteir Sackrey, Womentumoring Alumnae will enjoy a no-host lunch together at Palate, followed by a private tour of the Museum's special exhibits. **Only 3 spots left!**

1/22, 11:30am - Tour & Lunch at the National Museum of Wildlife Art

Join us for an Alumnae lunch at Jireh's, the new Mexican restaurant in Teton

Plaza opened by current mentee Marcela Badillo! Special thanks to our host Leslye Hardie to show up, celebrate, and support Marcela's business together!

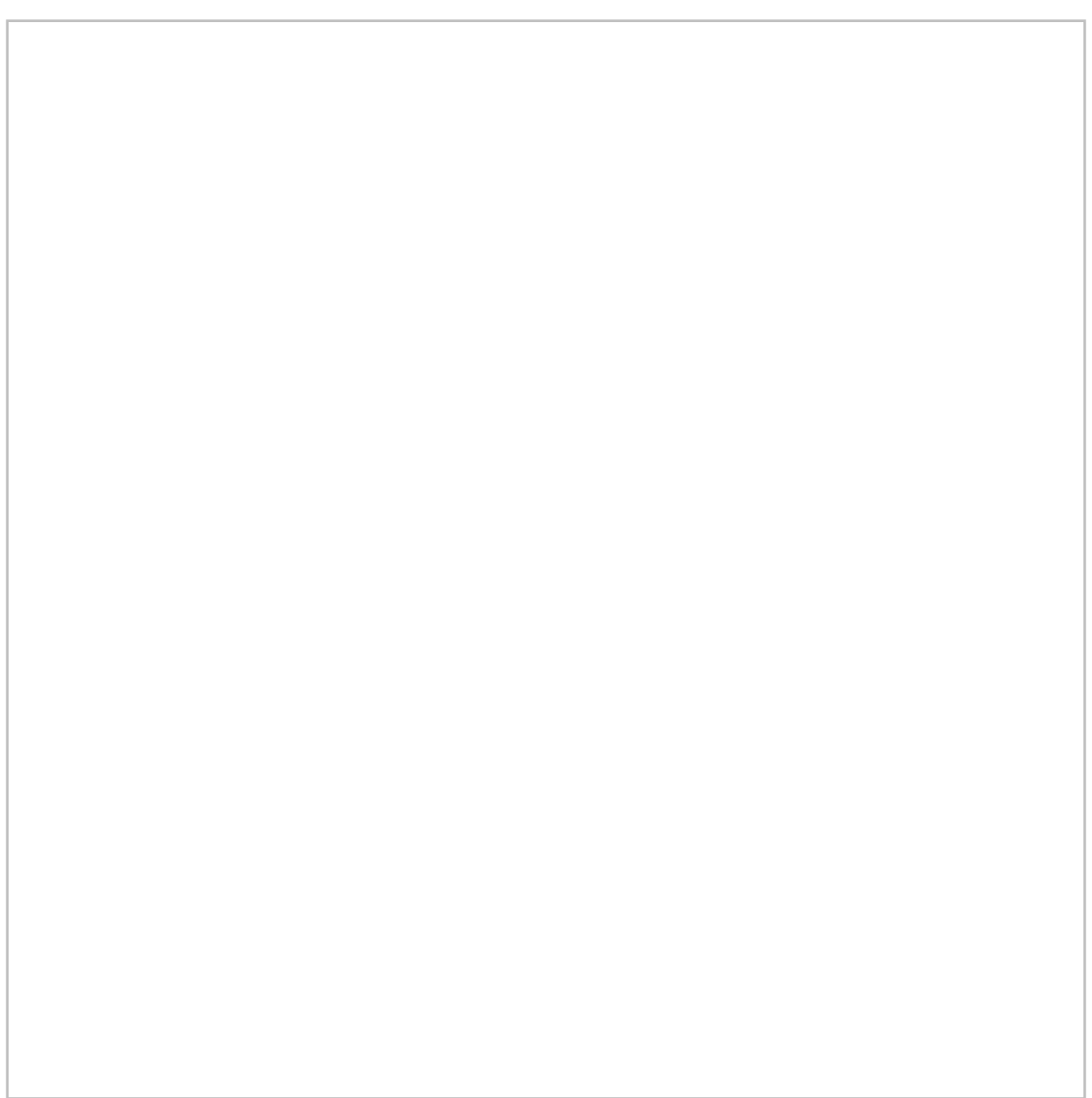
1/27, noon - Lunch at Jireh's Mexican restaurant

ALL ARE WELCOME

We invite you to our 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

Gift a Scholarship for Next Week's Workshop



A gift of \$100 removes the financial barrier and opens the door for a woman to attend next week's workshop "[*Ditching Perfectionism, Stepping Into Power: Rewriting the Confidence Rules.*](#)"

One of last year's scholarship recipients shared, *"the workshop introduced me to new tools, enhancing my skill set in areas I hadn't fully explored. It connected me with like-mind individuals, motivating me to continue learning and growing in my career."*

With your support, a workshop attendee will be paired with an accountability partner to set a clear personal or professional goal and leave with manageable action steps that create real forward momentum.



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Connect with our Executive Director

Womentum Gives Back



Our Cohort put ***action philanthropy*** into practice through a partnership with Spread the Love Commission, gathering clothing, hygiene items, and essential supplies for our most vulnerable neighbors across the Mountain West, including the Wind River Reservation. These and other donations will be distributed on January 22nd at the Teton Library. Volunteers are welcome!

Enjoy our Impact Report!

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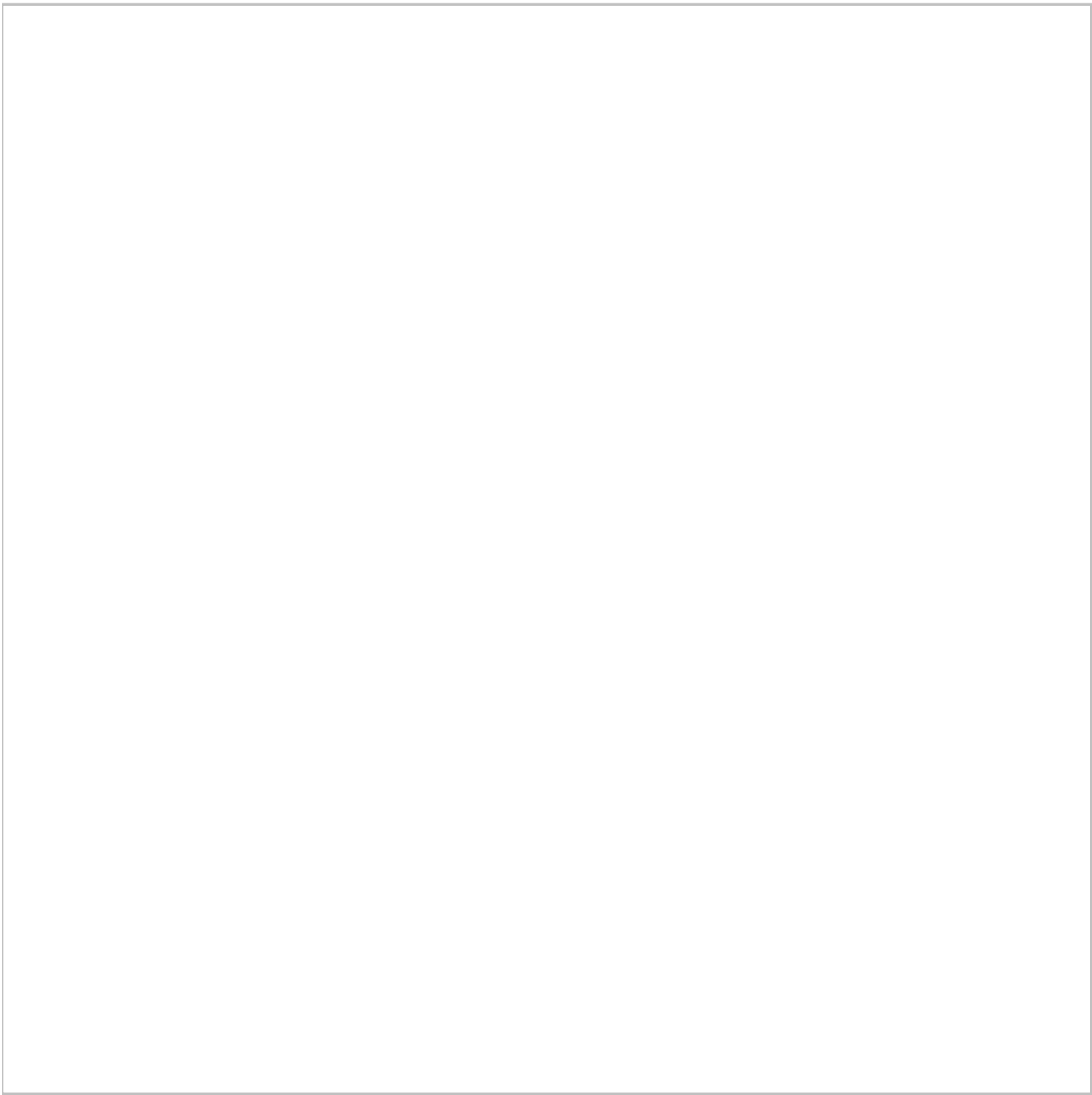


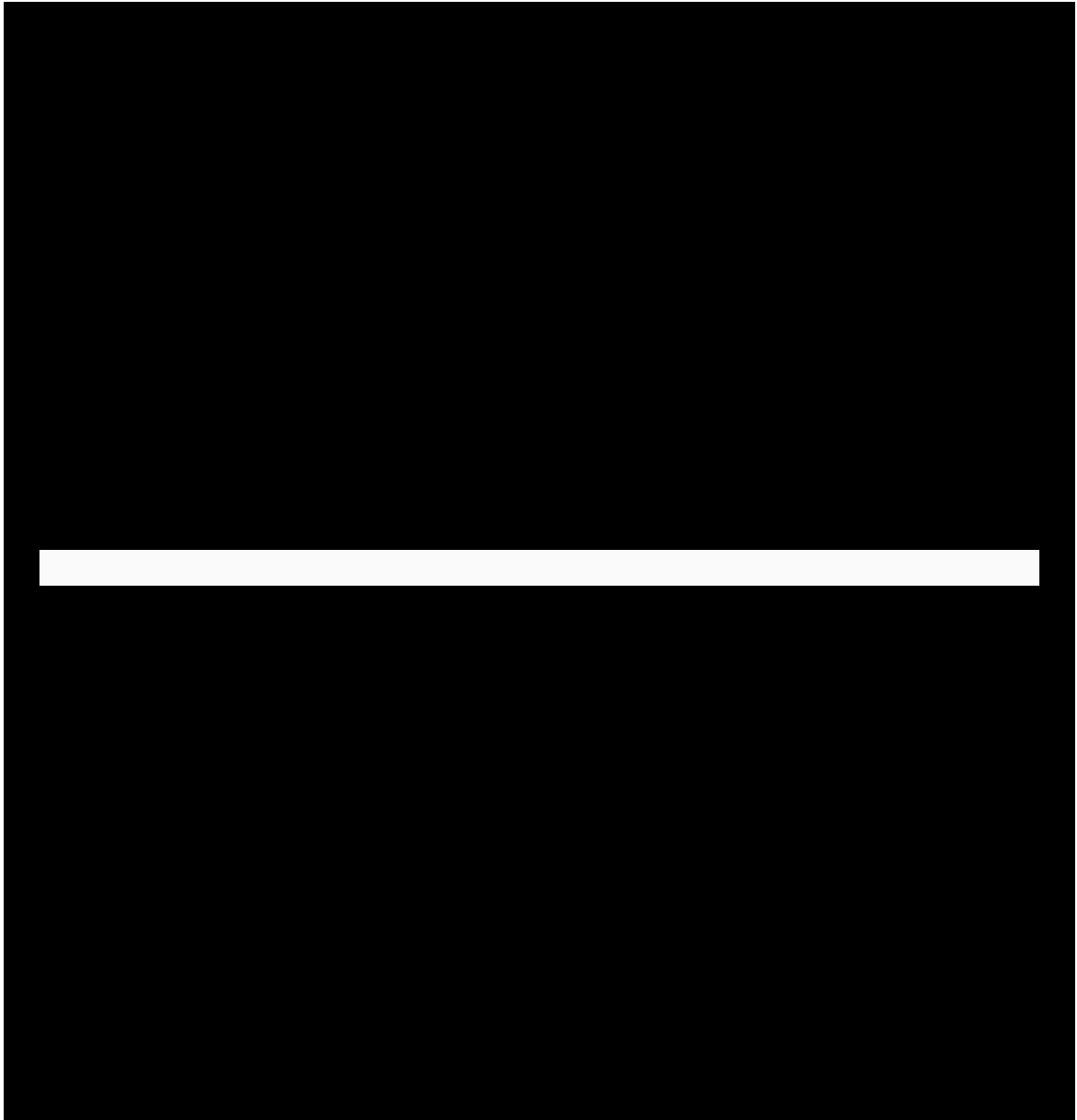
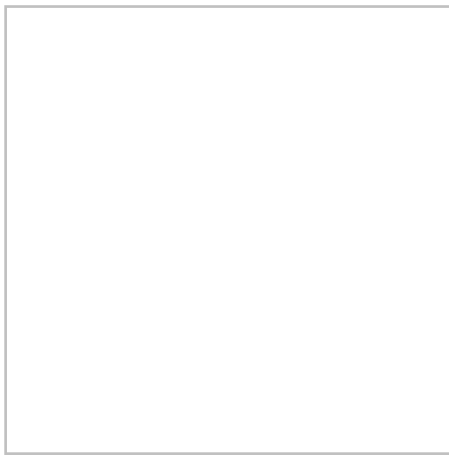
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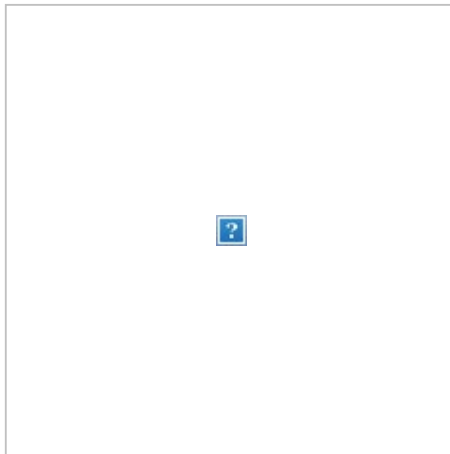


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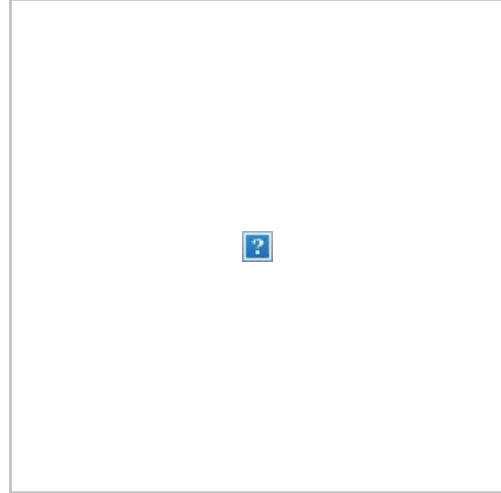
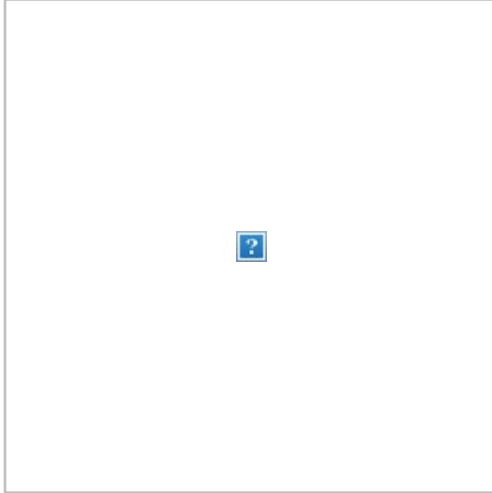


**I need to reschedule the Town Hall debriefing
for the Mercill Condos and Snow King
Apartments .0001 scam.**

(click on the images to enlarge them)

**THERE WILL NOT BE A TOWN HALL ON
JANUARY 20th!**

Sadly, there are a few different angles which are working against the public transparency process, and my attorneys and I need a little more time.

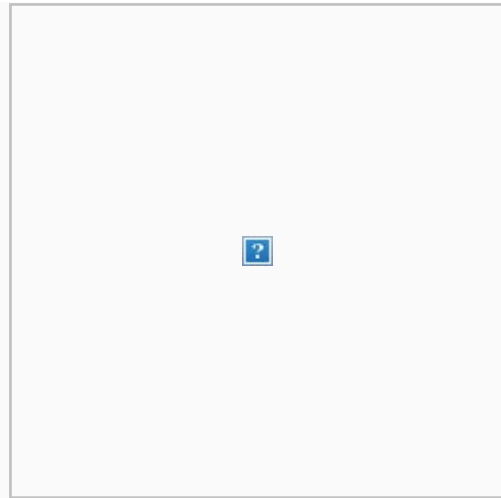
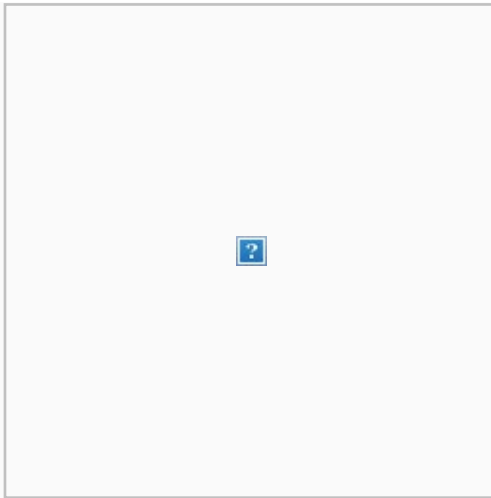


1. I requested all payouts from the \$4 million in "other costs" for the Flat Creek Apartments complex, which was completed in 2023. These costs are separate from the \$20 million in "construction costs".

In response, the Town Attorney, Lea Colasuonno, provided the 2021 staff report **budget** for the Flat Creek Apartments, which is obviously insufficient.

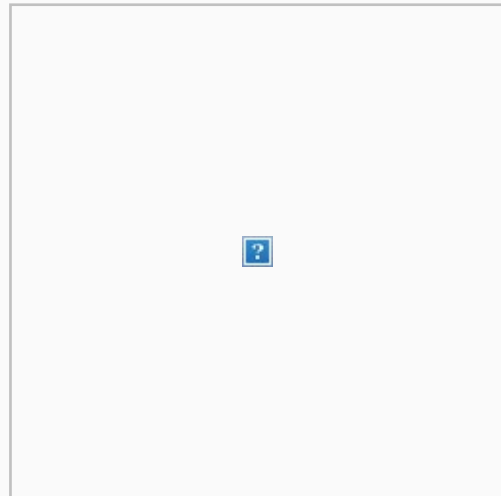
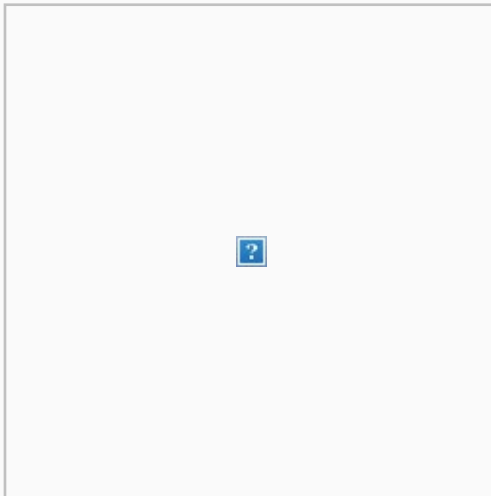
The taxpayers deserve to know who else got paid, in addition to Tyler Davis and BlueLine Development paying themselves \$1 million in "development fees".

To recap, the Town of Jackson granted \$1 million and the state granted \$1.25 to the project, in addition to the FREE 99-year lease, property tax abatement and \$13 million in federal grants.



2. The Teton County Housing Authority Director, April Norton, **deleted all text messages with BlueLine Development** to "clear up space on her phone". This is illegal. You cannot conduct business on behalf of the taxpayers in secret. My attorneys have sent a letter to the county, and we will possibly head to court next.

Teton County Attorney Keith Gingery tried to suggest that maybe we could ask BlueLine to produce them. The problem with this is they are under no legal obligation to include every text. **We are pushing for a court order to get them directly from the carrier.**



3. The Town of Jackson can't seem to get it straight on what is going on with the Mercill Condos public records request. The Town reported that they are withholding some information that I am not allowed to see. **The law requires the custodian of the records to detail what they are withholding, and why.**

According to the WY Supreme Court, all government contracts should be viewed as a "fishbowl," where everyone can look in.

Normally, the custodian would provide a **privilege log** to detail exactly what is being withheld or redacted, and why. I have included an example from the City of Casper so you can compare.

Are you curious what kind of operation Tyler Davis brought to town for 33% of the \$1 million development fee? It is called the LIHTC program, and it seems to be a disaster. It is currently considered the next "Minnesota scandal".



According to the CATO Institute's recent testimony in congress,

“...LIHTC can be a vehicle for state and local corruption because officials have discretion in handing out the lucrative credits.”



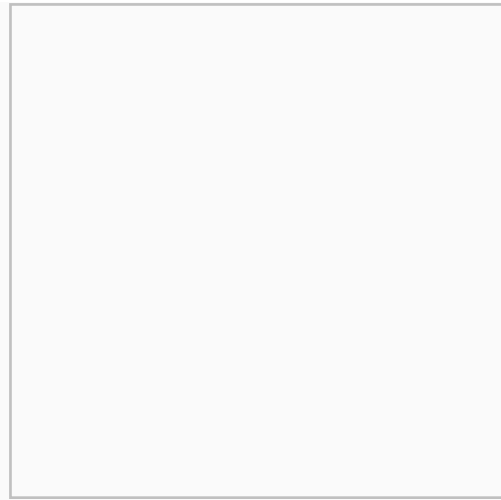
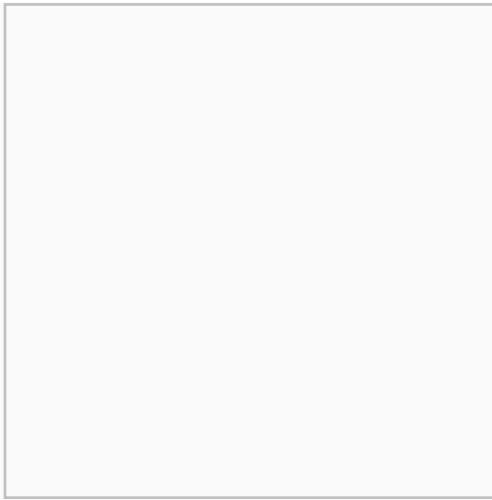
In this one minute video, April tells us that even though the other developer is cheaper to build the Flat Creek Apartments, they have never had success in getting the LIHTCs out of the WCDA, so she does not recommend we move forward with them.

In the next video taken just a couple of minutes later, April tells us she recommends hiring Joe Rice and Tyler Davis, and they brought in BlueLine Development, which "the WCDA highly recommends", even though they are going to charge \$150 more per sq foot.



In this two minute video, listen to April talk about how the WCDA recommends BlueLine Development.

Remember that I recently disclosed how **Christian Pritchett of BlueLine Development** previously worked as the **Federal Programs Coordinator at the WCDA**. Now he is a federal programs recipient.



Christian Pritchett recently got a \$2 million contract for "consulting" for two years for St Johns Hospital's Hitching Post housing project. Seemingly, **this was a no-bid contract that the taxpayers will fund.** Christian does not swing a hammer or do manual labor. He just talks for \$2 million.

If you watch my recent Town Hall in Casper, you will see multiple videos of Christian misleading the revenue committee.

I targeted Natrona County's housing programs because the Casper Housing Authority taught April how to get wealthy East Coast investors out of paying any property tax with the Flat Creek Apartments scam.

Thanks to my presentation and emails, **the Natrona County Assessor is already removing the property tax exemptions from the buildings I highlighted.**

[Watch the Natrona County Town Hall](#)





Things got pretty crazy in Bar Nunn!

If it were not for Joe Rice sending me that Cease & Desist, and BlueLine Development calling the cops on me for taking photos of expensive cars in the "low-income" parking lot, I would have never discovered what was going on in Wyoming.

Change is here!

Thank you Joe Rice and Nate Shephard!

According to CATO: "Similarly, economist Ed Olsen concludes that "the best evidence available also indicates that occupants of tax credit projects capture a small fraction of the subsidies provided to developers,"

[Learn more about the LIHTC program!](#)

By the way, what has happened here in Teton County has caught national attention! Most people listen to this as a podcast, but I am attaching the Youtube version of the program. Please listen if you have time!

Isn't it AMAZING that the JHN&G has yet to do a single story on the .0001 Snow King Apartments scam, which is getting national coverage?! However, I doubt they could get the story straight if they did!



I join the program at 21 minutes in!

Many of you have sent me the piece by Paul Hansen. He writes,

*"Ironically, what may be our community's best housing project has been subject to **uninformed** 'hair on fire' accusations that defy credulity. The Flat Creek Apartments were built on no-cost town land, completed on time and on budget, and now*

*provide in-town low-cost worker housing. After a local woman's complaints prompted a recent investigation, **the Wyoming Office of State Lands said the project is in compliance and no further action is warranted.** The project also enabled the construction of a fantastic new exhibit hall at the fairgrounds."*

[Click here for the misleading article by Mr. Hanson](#)



Why is the JHN&G working so hard to make you think that everything checked out with the Flat Creek Apartments? All the investigation revealed is that the construction was complete. NO ONE HAS EVER SAID THE INVESTIGATION INTO TENANTS OR ANYTHING ELSE WAS IN COMPLIANCE!

Either Mr Hanson does not know what he is talking

about, or he has really low standards.

I will hit you with the quick FACTS from the Flat Creek Apartments:

- the land covenants only require **40% of the building to house tenants earning less than 60% AMI**
- a resident moved in with **\$200,390** in his bank account
- a tax return is **NOT required** to verify anything!
- residents do not have to be low-income to live there, and we have emails from the developers explaining this to April back in 2022. She just didn't relay that information to any of us!
- it took **more than 6 months to find enough tenants to fill up the building**
- the developers received a **FREE 99-year lease, and PAY NO PROPERTY TAX**
- the developers-turned-managers **imported tenants from other states to live in the complex**
- the Town is clinging for dear life to who all got paid out in the **\$4 million "other costs"**. They have even hired an outside legal firm in hopes of not disclosing this information.
- Tyler Davis received **33% of the \$1 million taxpayer funded development fee** to push this project on us as the local concerned citizen. His father-in-law, Joe Rice, has at least three different businesses with employees living there
- **the Exhibit Hall is hardly every used** because it is expensive and reservations are **REQUIRED** to be booked at least 30 days in advance!

The Flat Creek Apartments is considered such a scam, legislation is being introduced to **STOP** this kind of project from every happening again in Wyoming!

And this is what Mr Hanson calls "our community's best housing project"!

More info on the Flat Creek Apartments housing SCAM!

I am hosting a legislative event in Cheyenne on Feb 10th to walk elected officials through what is happening here in Teton County.

Topics will include:

Unconstitutional housing mitigation fees, April Norton's unethical practices, the lack of oversight by the Town Council and County Commissioners on the .0001 scam, and the Virginian DISASTER.

I will also touch on my concerns that the legal RFP process is not being followed, and **we have incompetent people giving away town and county assets.**

Don't get me started on the fairgrounds again!

Stay tuned!

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Email Arne Jorgensen

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Dear Mayor Jorgensen,

My name is T.J. McCann, and on Monday, January 12th, I submitted my application for the open position on the Jackson Hole Airport Board. I very much appreciate the reopening of the application process for the upcoming vacancy. When the position first opened, I was out of the country and not aware of the details.

As a resident living in close proximity to the airport and Grand Teton National Park, and a frequent user of the airport, I have a strong personal interest in the safe, efficient, and well-managed operation of the airport. I believe my background allows me to offer a practical and informed perspective in service to the Board and the community.

My experience includes hands-on work at airports in operational roles, including aircraft refueling and FBO operations, providing me with an understanding of day-to-day airport realities. As a pilot, I have flown a broad range of aircraft—from general aviation to private and military jets—into and out of airports throughout the United States and internationally. This experience has given me a clear appreciation for operational efficiency, safety, and the quality of service expected by airport users.

In 2022, I served as a community representative on the Southern Departure Task Force, working alongside Airport Board members, noise consultants, procedure designers, and representatives from Grand Teton National Park, the National Elk Refuge, and Bridger-Teton National Forest. Our goal was to evaluate potential departure procedures to reduce noise impacts on residents south of the airport. This process provided me with valuable insight into community engagement, interagency collaboration, and the complexities of balancing operational needs with public concerns.

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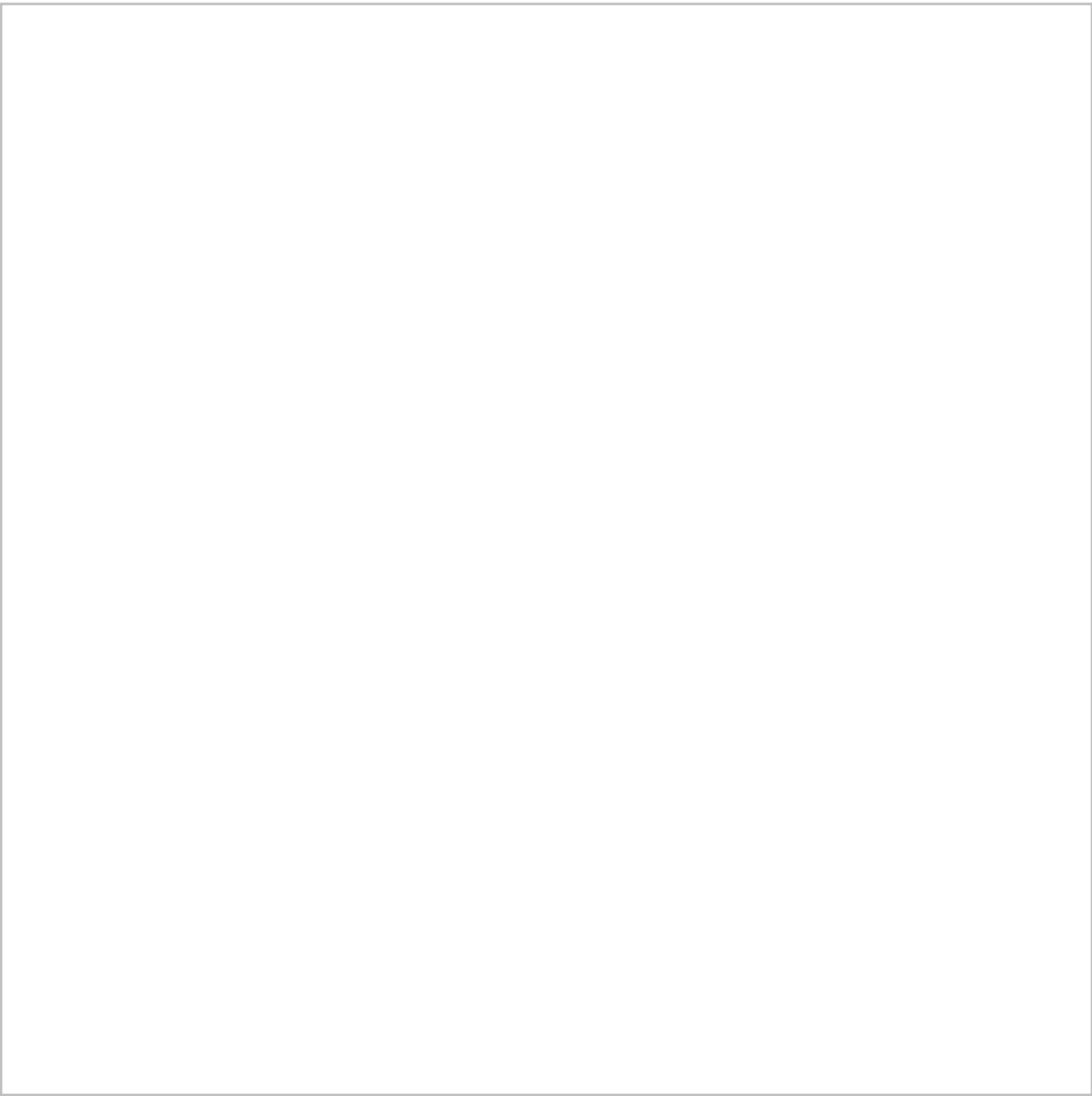
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Cop Used Flock to Wrongfully Accuse a Woman Then Refused to Look at Evidence That Exonerated Her, Body Camera Shows

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Hey there,

I have a follow up to some great reporting by the Colorado Sun. Using public records requests, I was able to get body camera footage of an alarming incident in which a woman was accused of stealing a package using evidence from a Flock camera. But she didn't do it.

-Jason

A police officer in Colorado used evidence from Flock cameras to wrongfully accuse an innocent woman for package theft, then yelled at her on the phone when she told him she had evidence that exonerated

her, according to body camera footage obtained by 404 Media.

The nightmare situation happened in September in Columbine Valley, Colorado and [was first reported by *The Colorado Sun*](#), which obtained Ring camera footage from the woman, Christina Elser, that showed an initial interaction with Sergeant Jamie Milliman at her home. 404 Media has obtained body camera footage of that interaction as well as footage from a phone call Milliman made to Elser after he gave her a court summons.

The incident highlights not only the extreme extent to which America's cities and towns are surveilled, but also the fact that police believe this surveillance evidence, which in this case was used to wrongfully summons Elser to court, is infallible and bulletproof. It also shows that anyone can be caught in America's surveillance dragnet; there is no safety in the idea that you have nothing to worry about if you have nothing to hide.

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"You know we have cameras in that town. You can't get a breath of fresh air in or out of that place without us knowing," Milliman told Elser and her husband at her home, referring to Flock automated license plate reader cameras in the nearby town of Bow Mar. He then told her the town's Flock cameras had recorded her vehicle entering and leaving the town 20 times in the last month, including on Tuesday, September 22 "from 11:52 until 12:09, exactly," he said. "Like I said, nothing gets in or out of the town without us knowing about it ... I have you on camera walking up, ringing the doorbell, taking the package, and literally running away. I have you on camera doing this ... I get that this is a shock to you, but I am telling you, this is a lock, 100 percent no doubt she did this."

But Elser didn't do it. Elser was visiting her tailor's home for a dress fitting, and didn't steal the package. She had her Ring camera footage from her tailor's house and footage from her Rivian vehicle to show that she didn't steal the package, which she told Milliman on a phone call obtained by 404 Media.

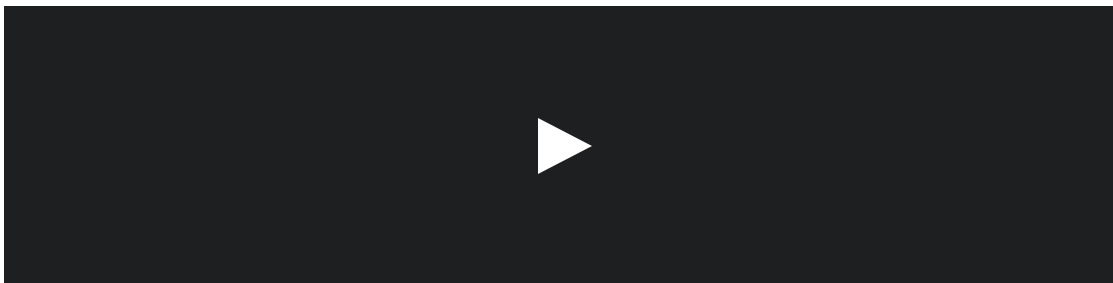
"Why don't you come on down and look at the video?" Elser said. Milliman refused to look at the video, and said "The next person you can tell is the judge or your lawyer. This is how this works. The judge or your lawyer."

Elser asked to speak to his supervisor.

"I am the supervisor. That is it. There is no one else to talk to," he said. "It is on camera many times. You've been served a summons ... I will bring all of my evidence, the many, many, many, many videos, and you can bring yours. And if a judge says you didn't do it then you didn't do it."

"What are going to be the repercussions when this is proven incorrectly and you're wasting my fucking time?" Elser's husband told Milliman on the

call.



Elser and her husband also asked Milliman to show them the evidence he had, or to answer basic questions such as what the woman on the Flock cameras was wearing in the department's video footage. "You'll have to go to court for this information," he said. "I can tell you. I am not going to tell you. I can tell you, but I am not going to tell you."

"I'm going to go to the local police department," Elser said.

"This is the local police department. I am the jurisdiction," he responded.

"I want to talk to somebody today," Elser said.

"Well, that is not going to happen. It's not going to happen," Milliman said.

"Yes, it can happen," Elser said.

"I didn't say it couldn't happen. I said it's not going to happen," he said.

"No, no, it can happen," Elser said.

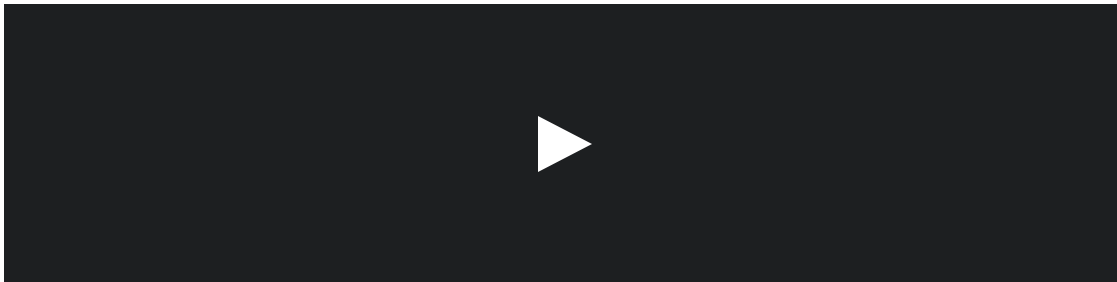
"I agree it can, but it's not going to," he said. "You're not talking to anybody else."

Elser continues to explain that she has footage from her vehicle showing where she was, and that she was at her tailor's house, not stealing a package.

“By the way, if your truck has GPS, I will simply request records from Rivian and do a court order to have those sent to me. I don’t care where your truck was. I care where you were. Your truck didn’t take the package, you did. Do you understand that? Your truck did not ring the doorbell. Your truck did not walk away with the package. You did. It doesn’t matter where the truck was. It matters where you were.”

“But you’re showing me a picture of my truck,” Elser said. “You didn’t show me a picture of me.”

Later in the conversation, Milliman says “I have been doing this for 27 years. I have probable cause because I saw you. You can laugh and giggle all you want, but I have video of you. This is going nowhere because you’re not being truthful with me. If you want to be truthful with me, you know how to get a hold of me. Other than that, you have a good rest of your day.” He then hangs up the phone.



Milliman was disciplined with “extra training” after the incident, [according to The Colorado Sun](#). A reprimand letter given to Milliman and obtained by *The Colorado Sun* noted that he exhibited “rude behavior,” and that his actions were “unprofessional and inconsistent with the standards expected of a sworn officer.” Milliman and the Columbine Valley police department did not respond to a request for comment.

Elser shared an additional voicemail with 404 Media that Milliman left her a day after the call in which he refused to look at her evidence. In this follow-up call, Milliman completely changed his tone and said he would

not be willing to look at her evidence: "Yesterday when we had talked, you had mentioned that you had some exonerating video and I mentioned you had my email. I would love to see it," the voicemail says. "In the interest of justice and to make things right, I would love to go above and beyond and see anything that could possibly take away my probable cause for issuing the summons."

Two weeks later, she sent an email to police chief Bret Cottrell containing evidence from her Rivian's cameras, her tailor's Ring camera, and a detailed timeline of events. Cottrell responded and said that they would be dropping the case: "After reviewing the evidence you have provided (nicely done btw), we have voided the summons that was issued," he wrote. "We have double checks with Jefferson County courts and the case was not yet entered into the system, therefore, there is no record on file. Thank you for getting back to us with the evidence you said you would be able to provide."

In a phone interview, Elser told 404 Media that it feels like "they'll talk to convicted murderers and rapists in a nicer way than they'll talk to me about a \$25 package and me saying 'I have evidence I can show you and we can end this.'"

She said that she eventually saw video of the person taking the package.

"From a distance, I'm like, 'kind of it was like my outfit I was wearing at the time,' but my truck isn't there at all, she had a shaved head, she's much younger, had earrings on and all that," she said. Elser said that before this experience, she was "very big on surveillance, and knowing we have cameras in our house because if something happens, I wanna know how it happens. Maybe not even a crime against me, but maybe my animals knocked something over and I wanted to know who." She said that she has dash cams because she'd been involved in multiple hit-and-run car accidents.

“Honestly, I was one of those people that believed, ‘well, if you’re not doing anything wrong, what’s the big deal?’ But here’s a situation where I was doing absolutely nothing wrong, and I almost lost my entire career over this,” she said. “I’ve lost trust for law enforcement ... I mean I love the Flock stories where they help out with saving a kid, and I look at them and go ‘yeah, you did that, but you’re not using the technology right.’”

“The overreach of this technology is the biggest concern. Just having it out there is scary, it’s too much,” she added. “It’s changed my mind immensely.”



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Wyoming Business Council Board to Hold Special Virtual Meeting Jan. 15

Board will consider loan participation requests to support business succession and expansion in Cheyenne and Sheridan.

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (For Immediate Release) – The [Wyoming Business Council](#) (WBC) Board of Directors will convene a special virtual meeting on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026, beginning at 9 a.m.

The Board will consider two specific investment opportunities designed to remove financial barriers for Wyoming businesses and keep local companies thriving. The agenda includes:

- **Succession Loan:** A request for \$500,000 in loan participation for Cowboy Drifters in Cheyenne, in partnership with Jonah Bank of Wyoming.
- **50/50 Loan:** A request for \$343,000 in loan participation for Wendtland Machine Works (Double U Designs, LLC) in Sheridan, in partnership with First Federal Bank & Trust.

These investments reflect the WBC's commitment to unlocking the positive potential of local entrepreneurs by providing the capital necessary to sustain and scale Wyoming-grown businesses.

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

Anyone interested in joining the meeting virtually may do so via Zoom at wbc.pub/WBC_Meeting or by calling 1.669.900.6833 (Meeting ID: 295-704-768; no PIN required, press # when prompted.) If joining by phone, your ability to interact with panelists may be limited due to system limitations.

Public Comment: Members of the public who wish to speak during the meeting must email wbc-conference@wyo.gov before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026, stating their name. In accordance with the special meeting format, comments will only be received for the specific loan items listed on the agenda.

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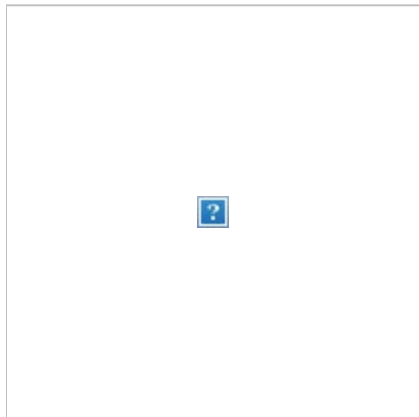
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January Newsletter: What's on the Docket



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Hello Mrk ,

Happy New Year from the Wyoming Pathways team! For us, this year is about ensuring our state's recreational infrastructure is well-funded and sustainable, providing lasting benefits for local residents and the landscapes we share. Read below to find out what we have on the docket in 2026, and how you can help support our work.

Legislative Focus: Securing Funding for Every Corner of

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Our primary advocacy goal this year is centered on financial sustainability for our state's trail networks. We are working to support legislation that produces additional funding for trail systems across the entire state.

At the same time, we are zeroing in on securing specific support for the Bighorn Basin and the Lovell area. To jumpstart these efforts, we will be submitting applications for the first round of the Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund to ensure these projects have the

resources they need to move forward.

Project Spotlight: Lovell's 26-Mile Trail System Plan

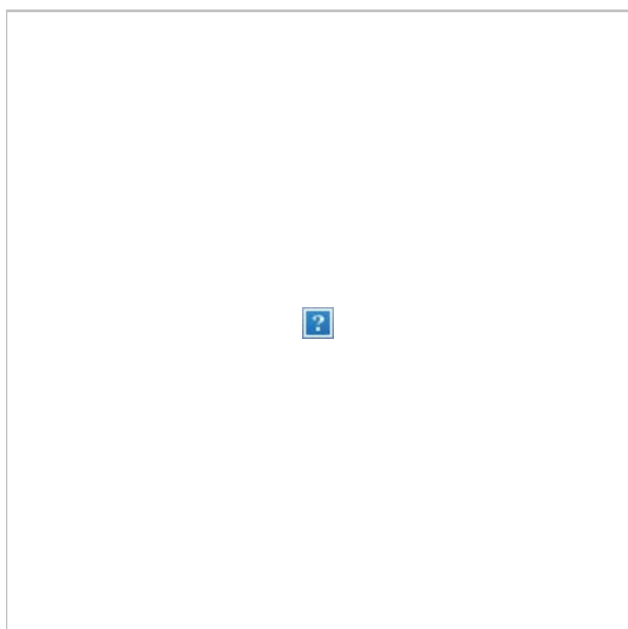


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For the last three years, we have been partnering with the City of Lovell and local residents to determine the viability of a major trail system for the region. We worked closely with the city and Pointe Strategies to create a comprehensive trail plan and hosted several community meetings to gather local input.

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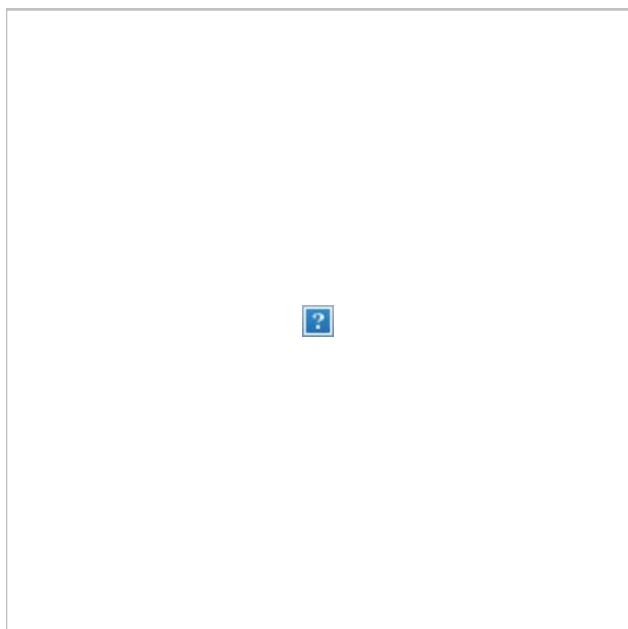
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DeCoster Trail

Last year, the Caribou and Targhee invited us to partner with them to repair segments of the classic DeCoster Trail. Thanks to the leadership of our board member Mitch Prissel, the Teton Mountain Bike Alliance, and the Montana Conservation Corps, work on the trail is now complete.

This January, we are applying for a grant to complete 10 miles of essential maintenance on the DeCoster trail, to the north. We expect this work to be finished by the end of the summer, ensuring the trails remain in top shape for the season.

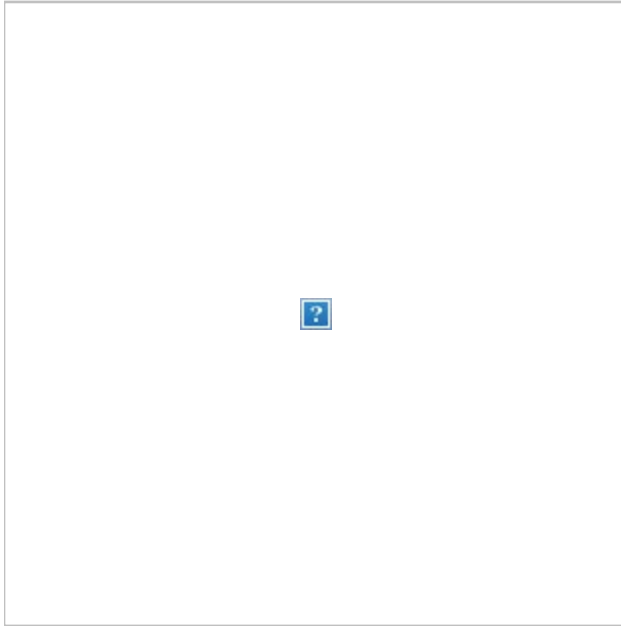


Lander: Johnny Behind the Rocks

After a year of intensive planning alongside the BLM, we are moving forward with "Moses Returns." This 4-mile multi-use connection between Red Ridge and the "Waterfall Trail" at Johnny Behind the Rocks will serve hikers, mountain bikers, trail runners, and equestrians.

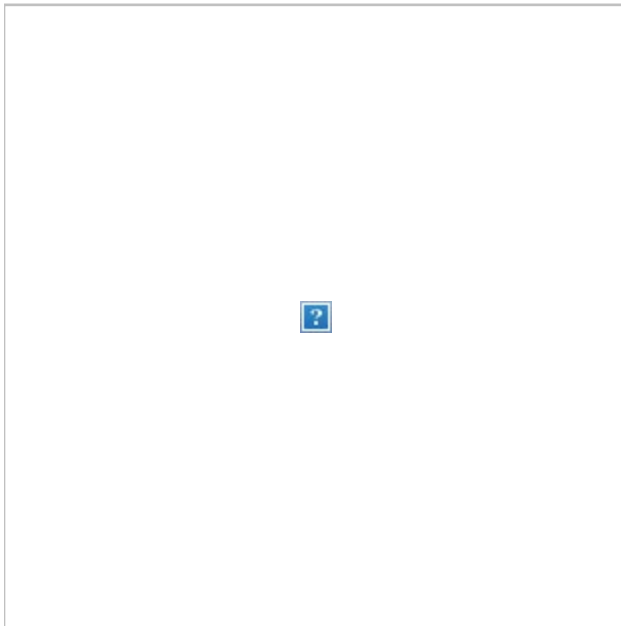
Despite a slight delay caused by the Autumn 2025 government shutdown, our team is energized for a productive year. We are currently scheduled to complete "Moses Returns" while also working on

completing "Egyptian Time Machine" (to the parking lot) and the alternate line, "Dad Jokes."



Albany County and Laramie

We are working with partners in Albany County and Laramie on an exciting new active transportation project. We will have more details to share in the coming months, so stay tuned for updates on this collaboration.



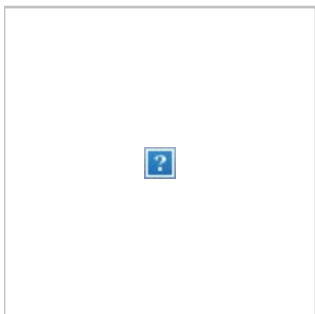
Commissary Ridge

We remain in close contact with the Bridger-Teton National Forest regarding Commissary Ridge. This will be a multi-year project. We are continuing to evaluate how Wyoming Pathways can best support this effort and assist.

Our work is made possible by the support of people like you who value Wyoming's outdoor spaces. As we navigate the upcoming legislative session and the Trust Fund application process, your voice is our greatest asset. We look forward to working together to keep these projects moving forward. More to come!

Thank you,

Michael Kusiek
Executive Director
Wyoming Pathways



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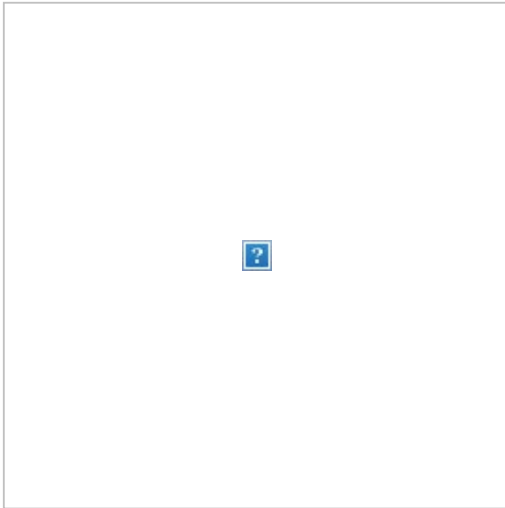


“The real measure of success is found in the quiet moments after a mission —

when a volunteer drives home exhausted, knowing they gave their best to help someone they've never met."

Teton County Search and Rescue has released its [year-end rescue report](#), which highlighted more than 30 hiker-related rescues in the second half of 2025.

Today's Top Stories



[TCSAR report looks back on 2025 missions, ICAR; Lockhart signs off](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — Teton County Search and Rescue (TCSAR) released its biannual rescue report on Monday, which highlighted more than 30 hiker-related rescues in the second half of 2025, and included Cody [...]

Photo: Jillian Balow's campaign website.



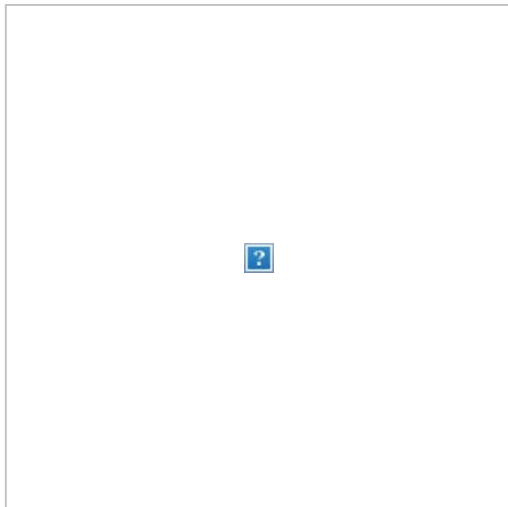
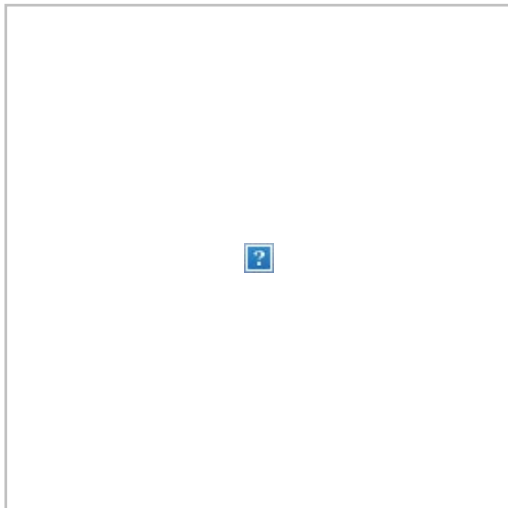
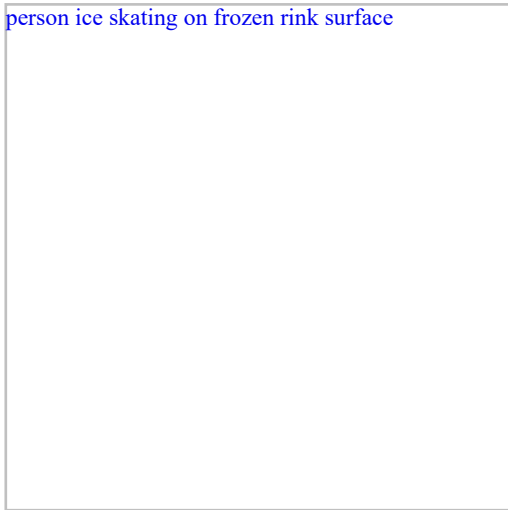
[Jillian Balow announces run for U.S. House](#)

WYOMING — Another candidate has emerged in the race to fill Rep. Harriet Hageman's seat. Former State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow announced her campaign to be Wyoming's sole delegate in the [...]

[Owen Bircher ice rink opening today](#)

WILSON, Wyo. — Get those skates out! Teton County/Jackson Parks and Recreation announced that the ice rink in Owen Bircher Park is open to the public beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 13, with [...]

person ice skating on frozen rink surface



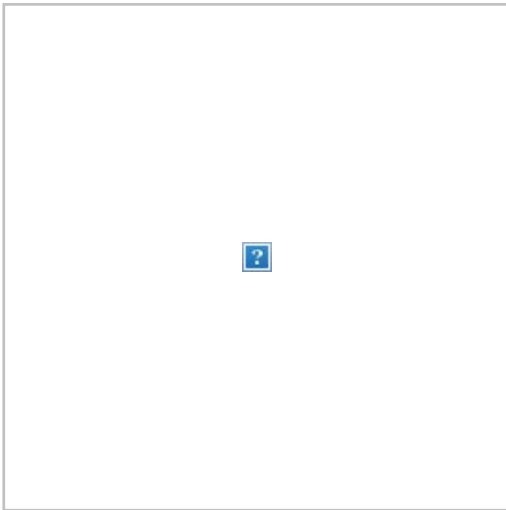
Health Dept. encourages radon testing

JACKSON, Wyo. — January is National Radon Action Month. The Teton County Health Department (TCHD) encourages residents to test dwellings and workplaces for radon. Test kits are available at TCHD's headquarters at 460 [...]

Trash transfer station to continue to accept Christmas trees until end of Jan.

JACKSON, Wyo. — While the Christmas tree drop off point at the Rodeo Grounds is now closed, the Teton County Trash Transfer Station will continue to accept Christmas trees to compost until [...]

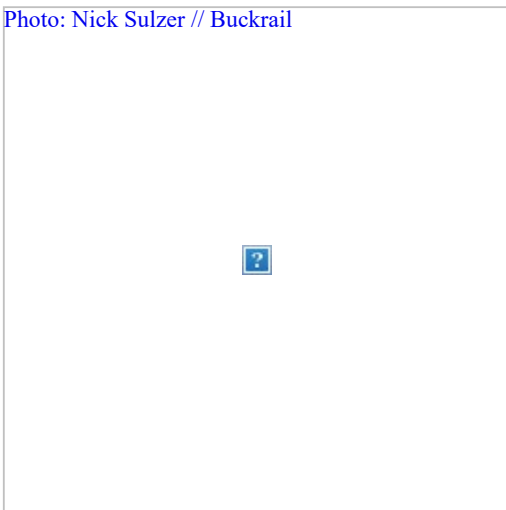
What's at stake if Wyoming lawmakers don't act on \$205M proposal to improve rural



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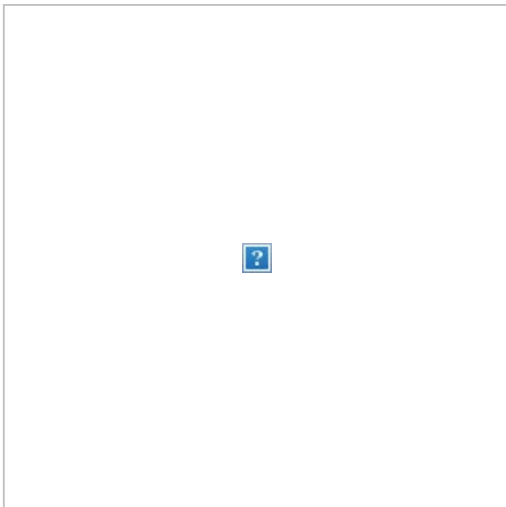
Wyoming could leave \$800M on the table if it doesn't implement the proposals outlined in its application. By Katie Klingsporn, WyoFile Though Wyoming only learned recently it will receive \$205 million in federal [...]

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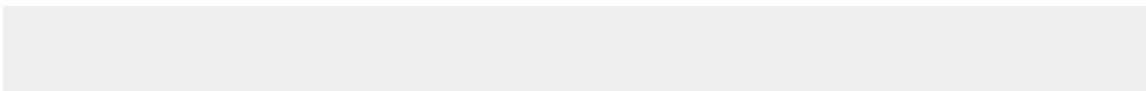
Library to offer free discussions on foreign policy

JACKSON, Wyo. — From Jan. 26 through March 23, the Teton County Library will bring back its “Foreign Policy Discussion Series” on Monday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Ordway Auditorium. [...]



BTNF to conduct prescribed burns on Teton Pass this week

JACKSON, Wyo. — The Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF) will be conducting prescribed fires on Teton Pass this week. According to a 511 text message alert from the Wyoming Department of Transportation on [...]



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This Sunday, GTMF presents Met Opera in HD: Puccini's 'La Bohème'

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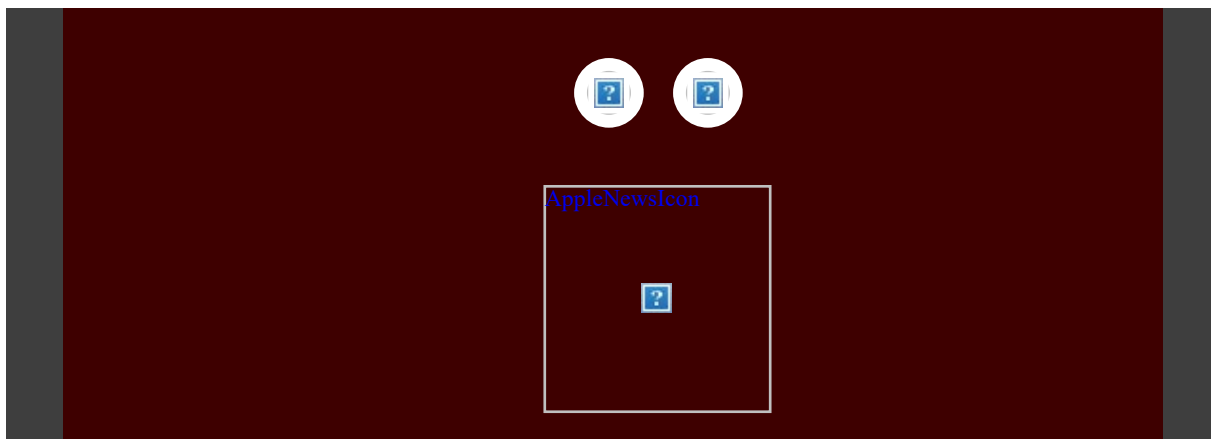
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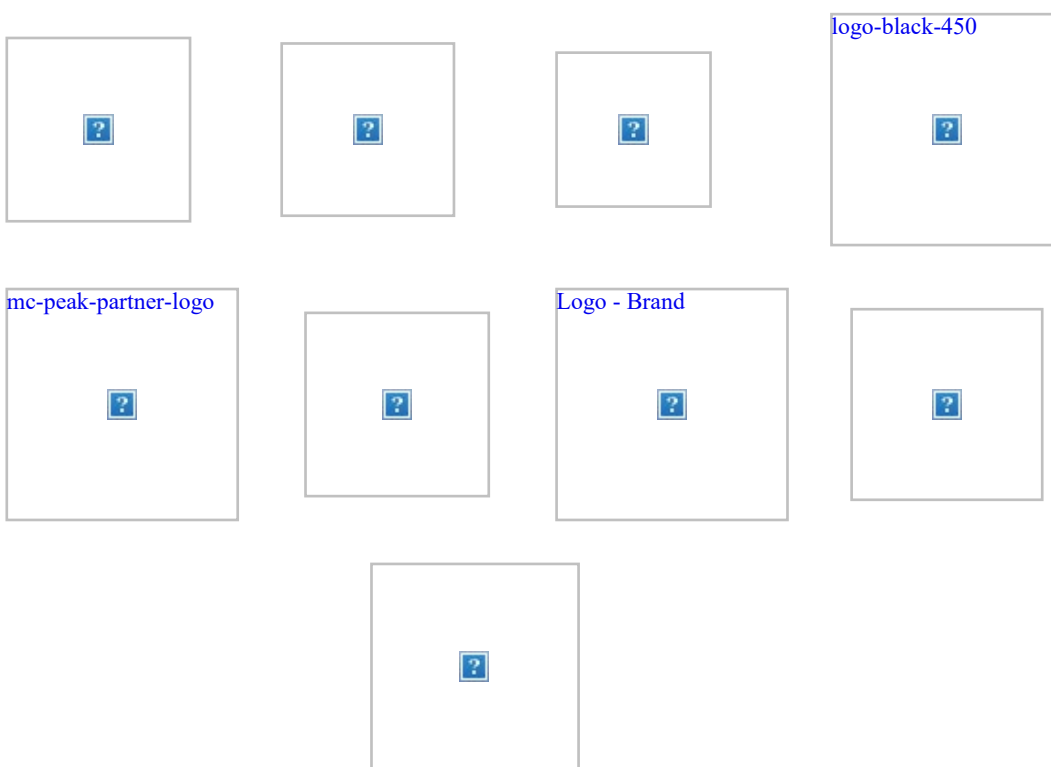
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From: Evan Scolnick <evanjhwy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 11:06 AM
To: Devon Viehman <DViehman@jacksonwy.gov>
Cc: Alyson Sperry <ASperry@jacksonwy.gov>
Subject: Re: Online Form Submittal: Email the Town Council



Thanks for getting back to me. The Starbucks at Target is usually pretty low key. If you have another place that you think will work I'm flexible.

Best,
Evan

On Jan 12, 2026, at 9:50 AM, Evan Scolnick <evanjhwy@gmail.com> wrote:

Devon,
Thanks for the heads up. I'm happy to meet in person or chat on the phone. Let me know what works best for you and we can coordinate, I'm pretty flexible this week.

Thanks,
Evan

On Jan 8, 2026, at 2:53 PM, Evan Scolnick <evanjhwy@gmail.com> wrote:

Devon,

Im under the impression that you have close ties to both the Senior Moose and Youth Hockey. Is there another member of the council that I can copy on this email. This is nothing major and more of a curiosity question on how the rink is intended to be run. However this is a small town and I want to tread lightly and remain anonymous as far as CMI and youth hockey are concerned.

Thanks Again,
Evan

On Jan 6, 2026, at 10:35 AM,
noreply@civicplus.com wrote:

Email the Town Council

Email Content:	Who would one email about concerns about the way our town ice arena is managed?
Your Name:	Evan Scolnick
Your Company Name:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Your Phone Number:	3076903550
Your Email Address:	evanjhwy@gmail.com
Your City:	Jackson
Your State:	WY
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Subject: Happening NOW: Financial Planning with Kate Johnson
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12 Lessons For a Stronger You In the New Year

THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN US!

As we think of all the opportunity that lies in the year ahead, we hope you'll join us in taking advantage of at least one opportunity: Gaining more knowledge of our finances to build a strong future!

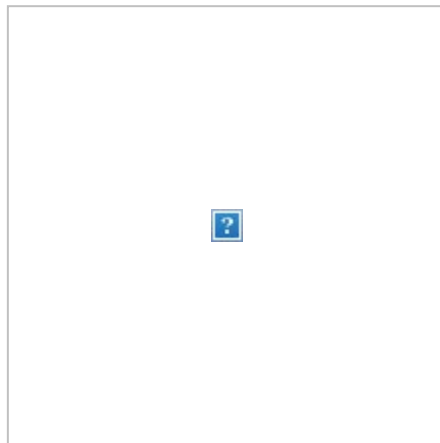
To help us achieve this, we're excited to have Kate Johnson, MBA and former WYWF board member, [join us via Zoom to share her financial planning wisdom!](#)

"When we think about financial well-being, it's more than just investments," says Kate. "It's about making sure every part of your financial life works together to support your goals."

Kate will look at 12 key areas that often impact financial well-being. She'll discuss each of the areas to help you determine what's most important for you.

Register!

**Tuesday, January 13th
at 12pm**



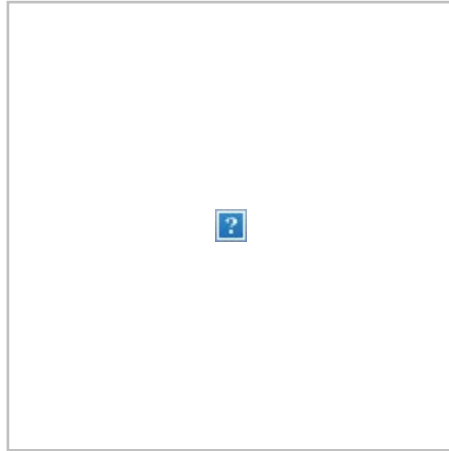
Kate Johnson, MBA
Senior Wealth Advisor & Portfolio Manager, [Ashton Thomas](#)

A former WYWF board member, Kate believes in empowering people to achieve financial confidence through personalized strategies, transparent guidance, and long-term partnership.

Kate has more than three decades of experience in wealth management and investment strategy. Her experience spans portfolio construction, risk management, and fiduciary oversight, with a proven track record managing assets across trusts, foundations, endowments, corporate accounts, and individual portfolios.

Before joining Ashton Thomas in 2021, Kate served as Senior Investment Strategist at Wells Fargo Private Bank. She holds an MBA from Regis University and a degree in Human Resources and Business from Hastings College.

Active in the Casper community, Kate serves on the boards of the Natrona County Meals on Wheels Foundation, Natrona Collective Health Trust, and the Gottsche Foundation. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, home improvement projects, fly-fishing, and exploring the outdoors with her significant other.



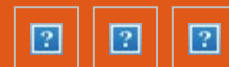
About the Wyoming Women's Foundation

Established in 1999, the [Wyoming Women's Foundation](#) (WYWF) is one of a family of funds held at the [Wyoming Community Foundation](#) (WYCF). WYWF makes grants and spearheads initiatives that benefit women and girls as well as our communities overall. As a statewide leader dedicated to promoting women and girls, we leverage funds through our endowment, and grantmaking is focused on lasting change. The mission of WYWF is to invest in the economic self-sufficiency of women and opportunities for girls in Wyoming. Since 1999, WYWF has made more than \$1 million in grants to nonprofits advancing self-sufficiency for Wyoming women and girls.

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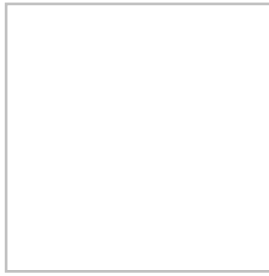


This past year tested local governments with unprecedented federal uncertainty, including a prolonged shutdown and shifting budget priorities. Through strong advocacy and partnership, NLC delivered critical wins that safeguarded essential programs and positioned cities, towns and villages for success. Read our breakdown here. [Learn more »](#)

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Key Federal Updates

521 Communities Win \$982 Million in Safe Streets Grants

USDOT is empowering local and regional efforts to save lives and reduce serious injuries on our roadways with an additional 521 Safe Streets for All grants released. With \$3.9 billion provided to over 2,000 communities in all 50 States and Puerto Rico, NLC is actively supporting the Safe Streets program renewal in the next federal transportation bill coming this spring. [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 Opposes Federal Preemption of Wireless Infrastructure Oversight

NLC, along with local government allies, urged the Federal Communications Commission not to preempt local authority over wireless communications infrastructure facilities. NLC opposed proposals to limit local permitting timelines, fees, and requirements for wireless facilities. [Learn more »](#)

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

Did your community file for Elective Pay (Direct Pay) in 2025 for a clean energy or electric vehicle project? If so, help us develop 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 »](#)

Upcoming Training: Thursday, February 5, 12 pm ET

Local Infrastructure Hub Workshop: Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. [Register now »](#)

Advocacy Opportunities

Urge Congress to Support Transportation and Water Infrastructure Reauthorization

Congressional action is underway in the House and Senate to reauthorize surface transportation and water infrastructure programs, which expire on Sept. 30. Now is the time for local leaders to let your Members of Congress know the priority programs and funding needs for transportation and water projects in your community. [Learn more »](#)

Show Support for Clean Energy Projects and Tax Credits

NLC supports the American Energy Independence and Affordability Act (H.R. 5862) to restore the clean energy tax credits for local governments. Let your Members of Congress know the clean energy projects planned in your community. [Learn more »](#)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 15, 1 PM ET

FCC Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Quarterly Webinar

[Register now »](#)

Wednesday, January 21, 1 PM ET

IRS Office Hours on Filing for Elective Pay

[Register now »](#)

Monday, January 26, 2 PM ET

Ongoing April 2026

**From Hassle to Habit: What
Municipal Leaders Miss About
Cybersecurity**

ARPA Office Hours

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Technical Assistance & Funding Opportunities

Environmental Protection Agency

- [Water Technical Assistance](#)
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 - Rolling Applications
- [FY26 Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment and Cleanup Grants](#)
 - Closing Date: 01/28/2026

Federal Emergency Management Agency

- [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(C-UAS\) Grant Program](#)
 - Ongoing

Department of Transportation

- [Port Infrastructure Development Program](#)
 - Feb 28, 2026
- [Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development \(BUILD\)](#)
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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: CCL Action: Urge Congress to fund this key climate program
Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 12:00:27 PM



Hi Arne,

The science behind climate solutions doesn't happen by accident — it's powered by public investment. Right now, Congress is deciding how to fund federal agencies for the next fiscal year, and the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) is on the line.

Visit our action page and use CCL's simple tool to contact your members of Congress,

urging them to fully fund NCAR in the upcoming appropriations process.

I'll Send a Message!

NCAR provides the climate and weather science that policymakers, communities, farmers, utilities, and emergency managers rely on every day.

From improving extreme weather forecasts to advancing climate modeling, NCAR's work helps protect lives and guide smart climate policy.

The current administration has already announced its intention to fold NCAR. But it's not up to the executive branch — it's up to Congress.



When lawmakers hear directly from constituents, it reinforces that strong climate science is a priority voters care about. [Send a message now.](#)

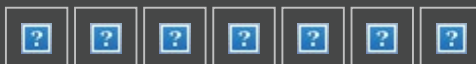
Thank you for continuing to show up for science-based climate solutions and for taking action when it's most needed.

Brett Cease

Vice President of Field Operations
Citizens' Climate Lobby

Timely, quick, high-impact monthly actions like this one are helpful in building support for our overall work in Congress

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Guardians of Yellowstone Jackson Poster.png



Hi Jonathan and Arne,

Hope you're well, and happy 2026! I miss working with you and the DSC group in Jackson, but I wanted to send you a quick note to let you know we'll be in your neighborhood next week.

Yellowstone Forever is premiering a [film](#) at the JH Center for the Arts on Thursday evening 1/22 on Yellowstone Cougars, along with a panel that includes park wildlife biologists and the filmmakers. We're hosting snacks and drinks at 6:00, film at 7:00, and panel at 8:00.

Arne - can't wait to hear how the mayoral term is going. Jackson is lucky to have your leadership. Feel free to share with your networks if of interest (poster attached), and perhaps I'll see you there.

Would be great to catch up with both of you - either at the film or separately.

Christina



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Christina White, Director of Strategic Engagement

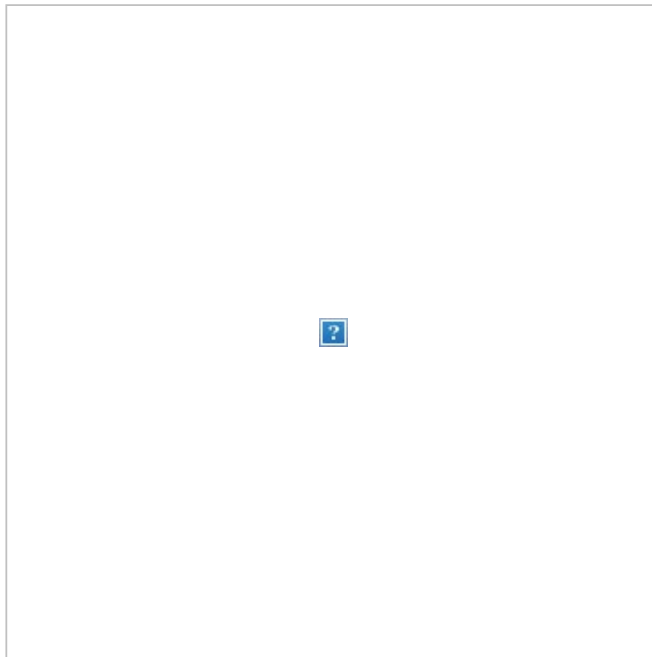
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The official nonprofit partner of Yellowstone National Park

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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: WAM Executive Director, Ashley Harpstreith, to participate on Economic Development Panel during WWDC quarterly meeting
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 5:15:41 PM



WAM Executive Director, Ashley Harpstreith, will be participating on the **Economic Development Panel: *Live the Legend, Build the Future: Economic Growth in Wyoming*** at 1:00 pm on Thursday, Jan. 15th. The panel discussion is on future economic development prospects for Wyoming. Director Harpstreith will provide insight to the role of local government in economic development.

[Click here for the agenda: January_2026_Quarterly_Meeting](#)

[Click here to join the zoom: Join from Zoom Workplace app - Zoom](#)

The Wyoming Workforce Development Council (WWDC) will hold its quarterly meeting virtually on **Thursday, Jan. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

The meeting will focus on key workforce development priorities and economic growth opportunities across Wyoming. Council members will receive program updates, hear from subject-matter experts, and take action on funding requests and proposed updates to council bylaws.

Meeting highlights include:

- Labor Market Information: Michael Moore, Research Supervisor with the Department of Workforce Services Research and Planning, will present Women in the Workforce, examining the trends and insights shaping Wyoming's labor force.
- Economic Development Panel: Live the Legend, Build the Future: Economic Growth in Wyoming will feature a panel discussion on emerging opportunities and long-term economic prospects for the state.
- One-Stop Center Spotlight: A success story from the Rock Springs Workforce Center highlighting workforce services in action.
- Suicide Prevention Awareness: Tracy Rassley of the American Foundation for

Suicide Prevention, Montana Chapter, will present Talk Saves Lives, emphasizing the importance of mental health awareness and prevention. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted virtually. For the full agenda and participation details, visit wyowdc.wyo.gov.

About the Wyoming Workforce Development Council

The Wyoming Workforce Development Council is dedicated to fostering a skilled workforce and promoting economic growth across the state of Wyoming. The Council works collaboratively with businesses, educators, and government agencies to address workforce challenges and ensure Wyoming's competitiveness.

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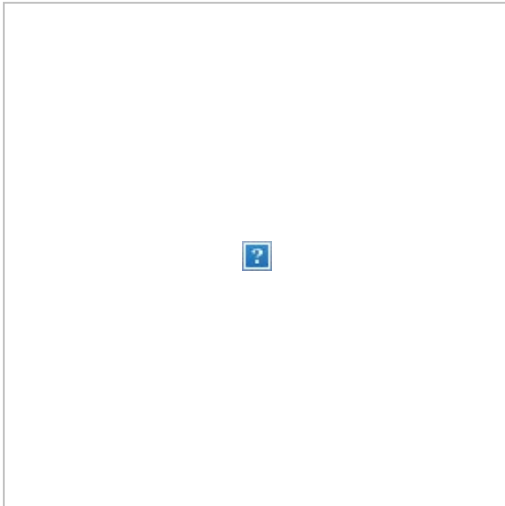
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“Our condolences go out to those involved.”

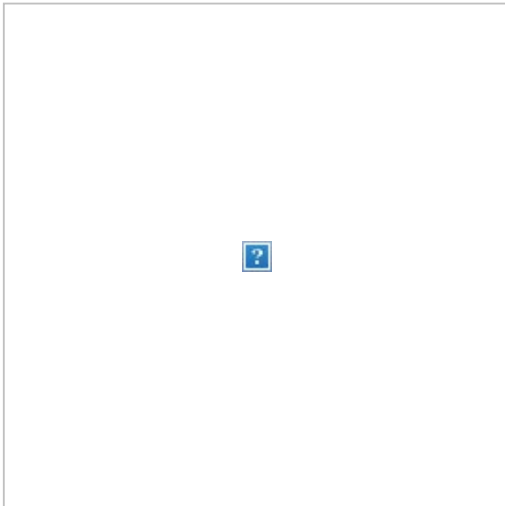
A snowmobiler was [fatally buried](#) in an avalanche on Sunday near LaBarge Creek, as reported by the Bridger-Teton Avalanche Center.

Today's Top Stories



[SNAPPED: 'ICE Out for Good' protest hits Town Square](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — Protestors gathered on Town Square on Saturday as part of the nationwide “ICE Out for Good” demonstration to commemorate the person fatally shot by Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) in [...]



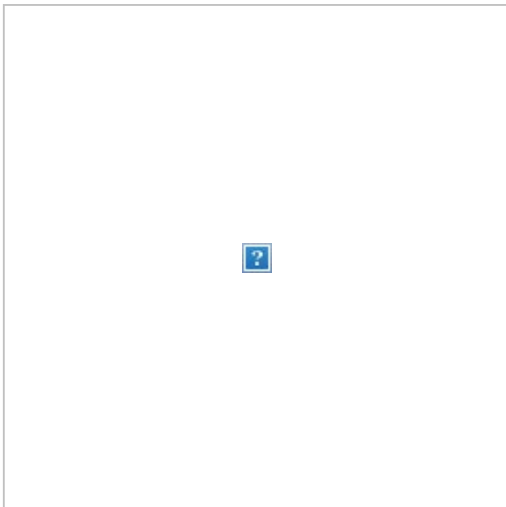
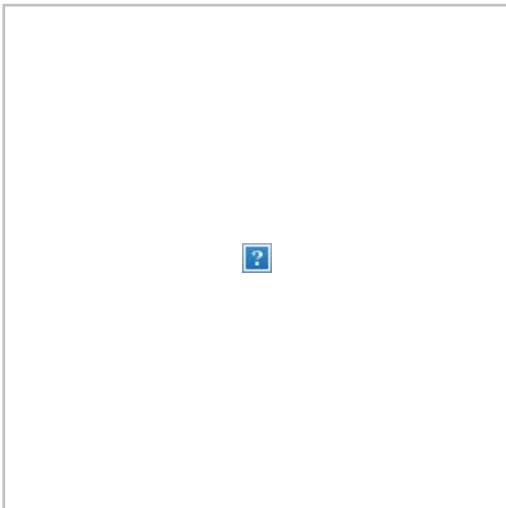
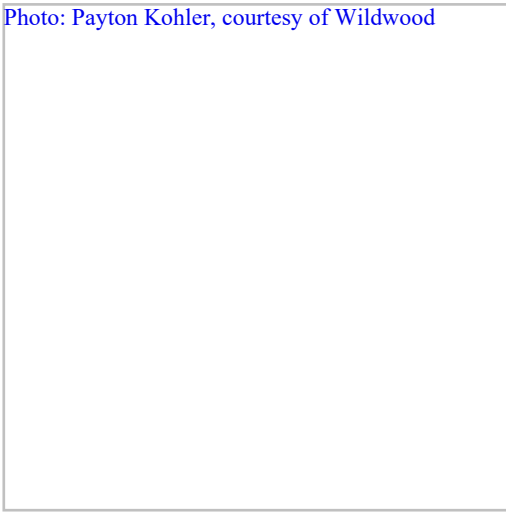
[South Jackson wildlife biologist retires from WGFD after 40 years](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — A longtime Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) biologist based in the Jackson area has retired after 40 years with the agency. Wildlife Biologist Gary Fralick began working with [...]

[Victor's Wildwood Room returns for reprise](#)

VICTOR, Idaho — When Bill Boney and his wife Alice decided to build out a kitchen for their off-site catering business, Dining-In Catering, nearly 30 years ago, they almost didn't add the [...]

Photo: Payton Kohler, courtesy of Wildwood



Degenfelder throws hat in the ring for governor

WYOMING — A fourth Wyomingite has announced a campaign for state governor. Current Superintendent of Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder will join Eric Barlow, Joseph Kibler and Brent Bien on the ballot for [...]

Snowmobiler killed in LaBarge Creek avalanche

SMOOT, Wyo. — A snowmobiler was fatally buried in an avalanche on Sunday near LaBarge Creek within the Salt River/Wyoming Range forecast zone, according to an announcement by the Bridger-Teton Avalanche Center [...]

Mike Dillon & Brian Haas step into unknown at Knotty Pine

VICTOR, Idaho — To be a fearless music improviser and performer, you must

Brian Haas & Mike Dillon



embrace a special set of skills, a fierce mentality, yet be willing to let the muse guide you. The [...]

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Fairground ice opens tomorrow; rink at Powderhorn eliminated

JACKSON, Wyo. — The cold temps have proven helpful for Teton County/Jackson Parks and Recreation's ice-making endeavors. On Friday, Parks & Rec announced that the Teton County Fairgrounds ice rink will open [...]

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Community Foundation requests participation in quality of life survey

JACKSON, Wyo. — Teton Behavioral Health Alliance, an initiative of the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole, has opened its 2026 Community Behavioral Health Needs Survey. Those 18 years or older who live [...]

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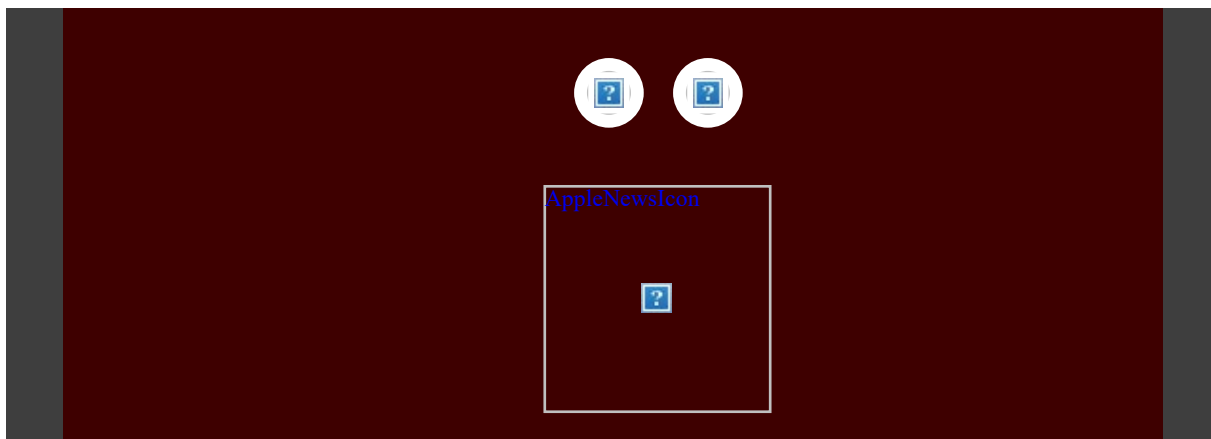
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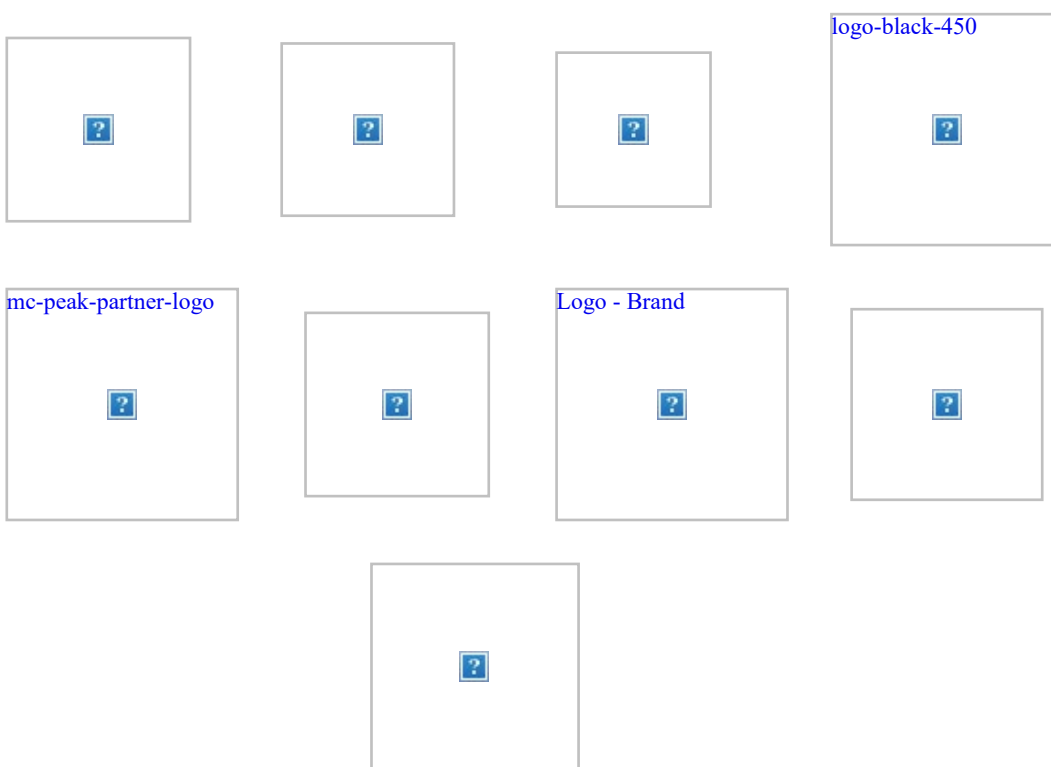
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To: [Alyson Spery](#)
Subject: Join us for the Snake River Headwaters Symposium on April 17th!
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 3:23:06 PM



Hi Alyson,

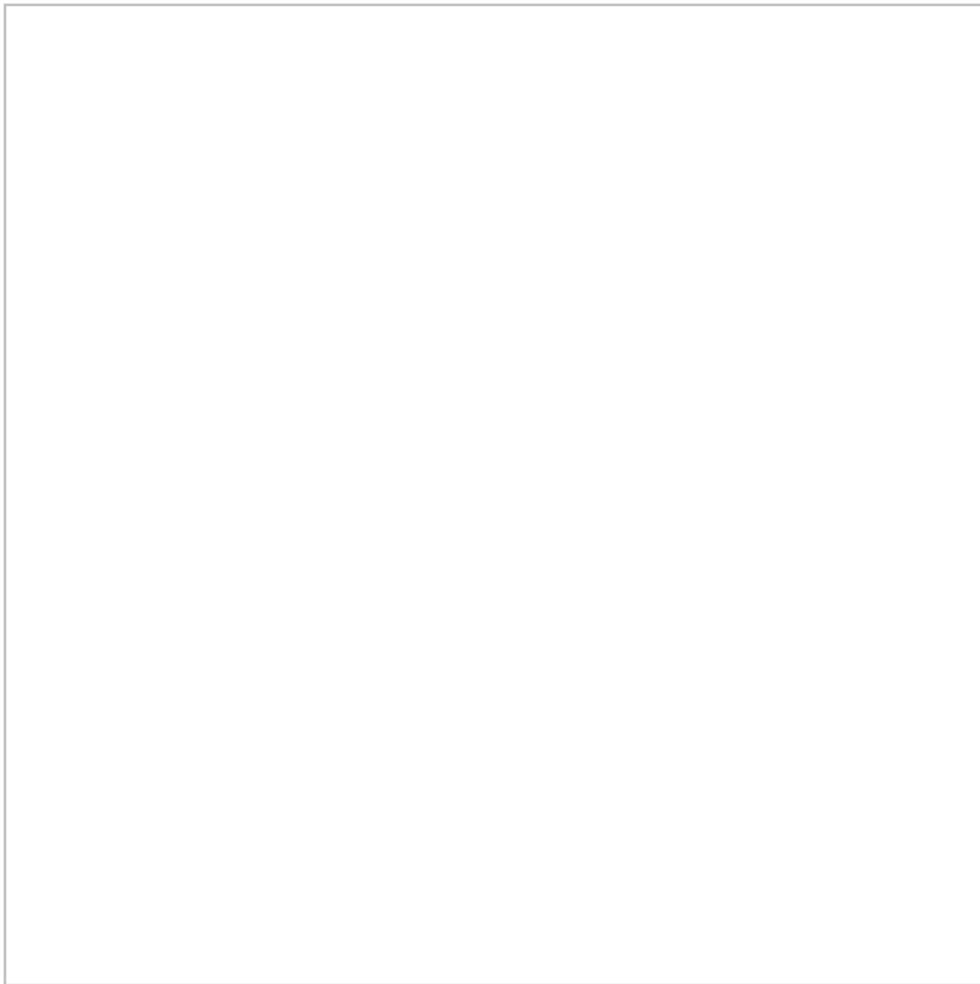
The Snake River Headwaters Watershed Group is excited to announce the **Snake River Headwaters Symposium** on **April 17th in Jackson, Wyoming**. Join agencies, nonprofits, water users, scientists, and community members for a full day of learning, connection, and collaboration for the Snake River Headwaters.

Through presentations, panels, workshops, and networking opportunities, participants will dive into topics such as:

- Water management, agriculture, and irrigation
- Conservation, recreation, and responsible access
- Ecosystem restoration and climate resilience
- Water quality and community health
- Regional lessons from the Colorado River

Together, we'll explore the most pressing issues facing our watershed and spark collaborative solutions for the future.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM AND REGISTER HERE](#)



Featured Keynote: Kevin Fedarko

We are honored to welcome [Kevin Fedarko](#), acclaimed author of *The Emerald Mile* and *A Walk in the Park*. Through gripping storytelling and lessons from the Colorado River and the Grand Canyon, Fedarko invites us to reflect on the future of our own watershed and the shared responsibility we carry for the river that sustains our community.

Register Now for the SRH Symposium

Full-Day Symposium with Evening Keynote

Tickets for the Full-Day Snake River Headwaters Symposium are available for purchase. They include access to the presentations, panels, networking events, and the evening keynote with Kevin Fedarko. Lunch and snacks provided. Cost is \$25 plus a \$3 service fee. Discounts available.



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Evening Keynote with Kevin Fedarko

The evening keynote with Kevin Fedarko is free and open to the public. You do not need to attend the full-day Symposium to join the evening event. Tickets are required.

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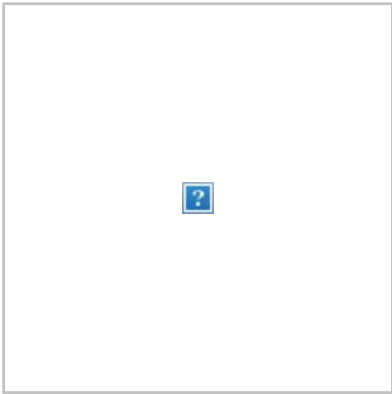


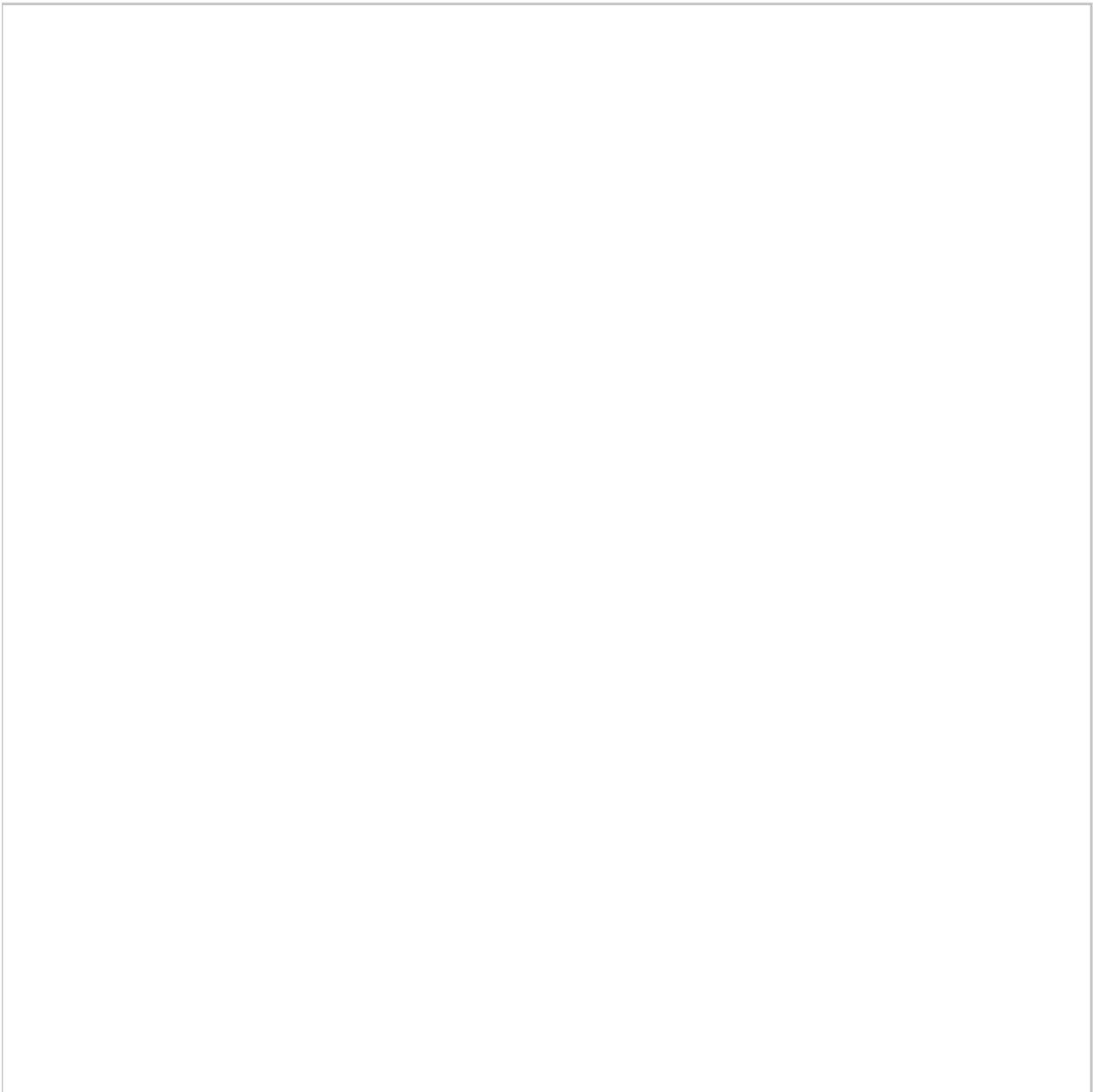
Visit Jackson Hole Seeks Creative Agency and Public Relations Agency

The Jackson Hole Travel and Tourism Board (JHTTB), d.b.a Visit Jackson Hole, has released two requests for proposals (RFPs) seeking qualified agencies to support the destination's marketing and communications efforts.

- [Creative Agency RFP](#)
- [Public Relations Agency RFP](#)

Through this competitive procurement process, Visit Jackson Hole aims to identify strategic partners to advance its mission of promoting Jackson Hole as a year-round destination while supporting responsible visitation, responsible recreation, community values, and destination stewardship. An RFP for a Creative Agency of Record seeks a partner to develop, design, and produce compelling campaigns and creative assets that bring the Visit Jackson Hole brand vision to life. A separate RFP for a Public Relations Agency seeks a firm to manage and expand earned media coverage for the destination.





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From: [Bobby Thomson](#)
To: [Devon Viehman](#)
Subject: Re: Flock Plate Readers + ICE
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 12:07:50 PM



Old enough to remember that I pointed out in July that the Flock cameras would be used for mass surveillance and are easily hackable.

Get rid of them yesterday. Get rid of them Devon.

Don't delay. Be on the right side of history. Kill the contract and remove the cameras.
On Jul 14, 2025 at 7:40 PM -0600, Bobby Thomson <rhthomson3@gmail.com>, wrote:

Devon,

This is amazing information.

I HIGHLY suggest getting this into the paper to quell surveillance fears.

I'm extremely happy to learn how restrictive our system is.

Do I think that Flock could be used by nefarious individuals in DOGE or other federal departments?
Yes. But a bit less today.

Thank you,
Bobby Thomson
757-647-7188

On Jul 10, 2025, at 12:49 PM, Bobby Thomson
<rhthomson3@gmail.com> wrote:

6 weeks later....anything?

On Jun 3, 2025 at 11:36 AM -0600, Bobby Thomson
<rhthomson3@gmail.com>, wrote:

I mean, I appreciate that effort but it's more of a general existential question of why are we continuing this mass surveillance in our town that we knew could be compromised and now we KNOW it is.

Thank you tho, let's get rid of this bs and not have to pay \$110k+ annually to maintain a spy system for the feds.

What a wild time.

-Bobby Thomson
757-647-7188

On Jun 2, 2025, at 6:54 PM,
Bobby Thomson
<rhthomson3@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you Devon.

On Jun 2,
2025, at
9:15 AM,
Bobby
Thomson
<rhthomson3@gmail.com>
wrote:

Howdy,

I'd like to
bring to
your
attention
to latest
revelation
that ICE
(the
federal
government)
is now
using the
Flock
company's
license
plate data
network
to
conduct
mass
surveillance.

<https://san.com/cc/ice-illegally-gains-informal-access-to-nationwide-license-plate-camera-network/>

The most concerning part about this revelation is the fact that we have no idea how many more federal agencies are also using this data.

Why did a handful of council persons willfully vote to install a mass government surveillance system within our town limits on behalf of federal government? That sentence was a stretch when these fears were brought up prior to the original approval vote but is no longer.

https://www.jhnewsandguide.com/news/cops_courts/local/17-license-plate-cameras-installed-town-of-jackson-says/article_a003668c-83fa-

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town?

Question:
do our
police
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and
parking
enforcement
officers
also use
the Flock
system?

This is
wildly
un-
American
to have a
surveillance
system
compromised
by the
federal
government.

I look
forward
to the
council's
solution.

Thanks a
lot,

Bobby
Thomson
Aspen
Drive

From: [Evan Scolnick](#)
To: [Alyson Sperry](#)
Subject: Re: Snow King Sports & Events Center
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 11:30:27 AM



Alyson,

Devon has reached out to me and offered to meet in person or speak on the phone in order to keep our conversation anonymous. My concerns are small and mainly questions about if different entities have equal opportunities to use the rink or if there is a hierarchy to who has preference to use it. I'm hoping that Devon shares my questions with others on the council if she feels I have valid points unless there's a misunderstanding on my part with how the town wants the rink run.

Best,

Evan

From: [Wyoming Arts Council](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Wyoming Arts Council's January 2026 News & Updates
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 11:19:47 AM



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Announcing the 2025 Governor's Arts Awards Recipients



Governor Mark Gordon has announced the recipients of the 2025 Governor's Arts Awards. Three individuals and one community organization will be honored for their contributions to the arts in Wyoming during the 43rd annual Governor's Arts Awards banquet.

The 2025 Governor's Arts Awards honorees are:

- **Community Fine Arts Center (Rock Springs)** – A cornerstone cultural institution in Rock Springs, celebrated for bringing high-quality visual and performing arts to Sweetwater County through exhibitions, education, and community outreach.
- **Rebecca “Becky” Larsen (Lander)** – A dedicated theater director honored for more than two decades of leading the Story Hour Players, a volunteer troupe that brings live performances to more than 2,000 Fremont County

students each year.

- **Ernie Marsh (Lovell)** – A master traditional silversmith recognized for his exceptional craftsmanship and for mentoring the next generation of makers. He is also a 2025 NEA National Heritage Fellowship recipient.
- **Susan Miller (Sheridan)** – An arts advocate celebrated for her longstanding leadership, philanthropy, and support of arts organizations across the state. Her work has strengthened Wyoming's cultural landscape and elevated The Brinton Museum's national visibility.

These individuals and organizations have made lasting contributions to Wyoming's arts and cultural landscape through creativity, leadership, and community impact.

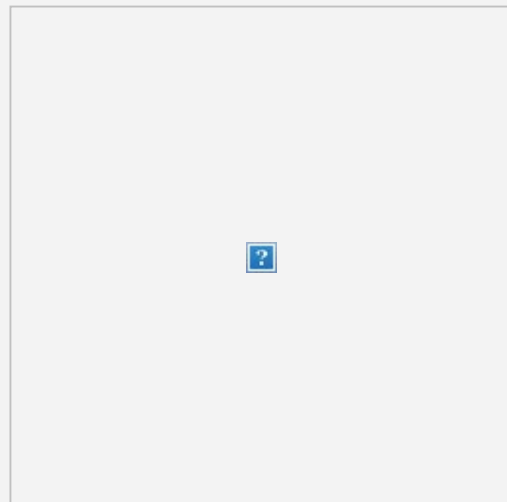
The Governor's Arts Awards banquet and dinner will take place Friday, Feb. 27, 2026, at Little America Hotel & Resort in Cheyenne. Tickets are on sale now, and we invite you to join us for an evening celebrating excellence in the arts.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for those interested in supporting this statewide event and helping honor Wyoming's artists and arts advocates. Reach out to Mandy for more info at mandy.connelley@wyo.gov for details.

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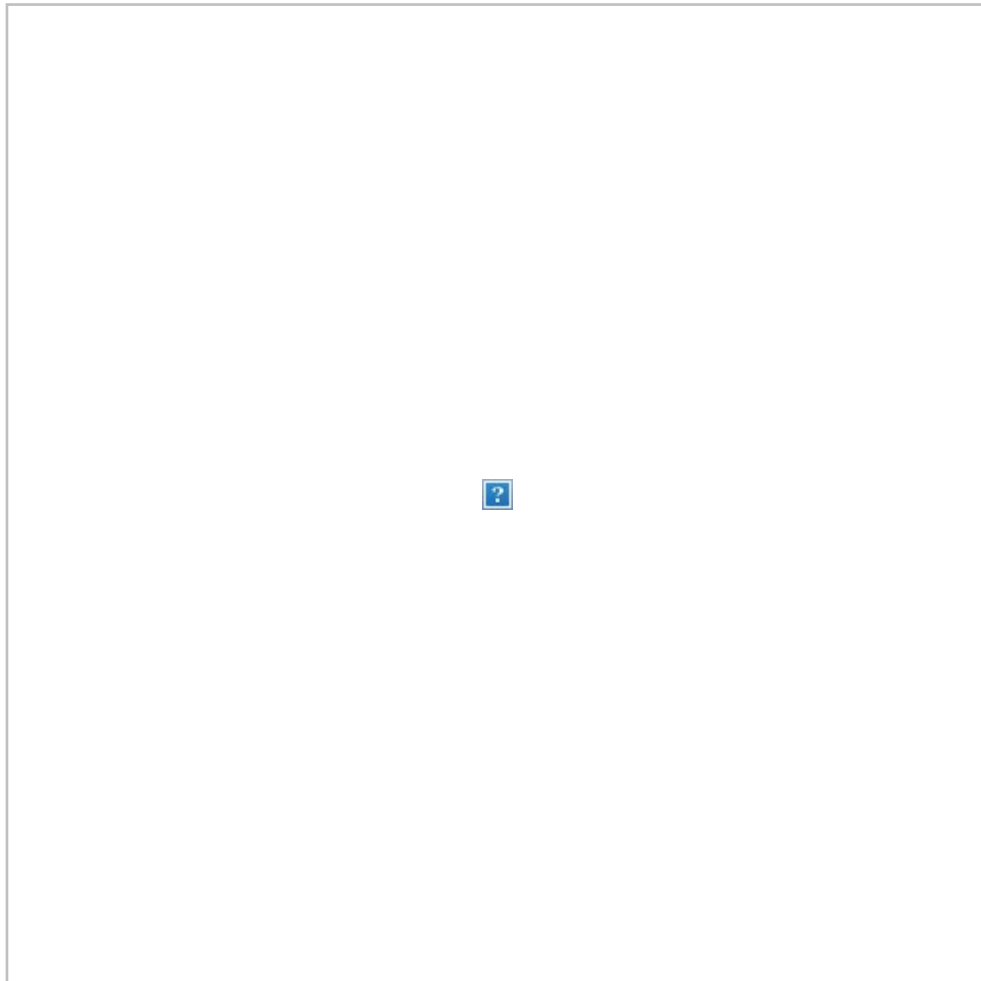
New Artists and Venues Directory Launched

The Wyoming Arts Council has relaunched its Artists and Venues Directory, making it easier to discover creatives, spaces, and arts resources across the state. The updated directory features a streamlined layout, improved search tools, and simplified listings.



EXPLORE OR JOIN THE DIRECTORY HERE

Note: All existing directory listings will need to update their password information to access and edit profiles. [Step-by-step instructions are available here.](#)



New Readiness Roadmap for the Arts Now Available

The Wyoming Arts Council has launched a new Readiness Roadmap to the Arts, an interactive PDF toolkit designed to help arts organizations strengthen operations, improve communication, build partnerships, and plan sustainably. Organized as a “choose-your-own-adventure” resource, users can explore topics such as board development, marketing, program design, and strategic planning based on their needs.

EXPLORE THE ROAD MAP



Online Arts and Culture Series: New Resources and Tools

Join the Wyoming Arts Council and Wyoming Arts Alliance at 12 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16, for the first Online Arts and Culture Series of the new year. The webinar will highlight new tools and resources, including the Arts Council's new Readiness Roadmap for the Arts and WyAA's Funding Story Toolkit.

REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR HERE

**2026 Wyoming Road Trip
Playlist Call Now Open**



Submissions are now open for the 2026 Wyoming Road Trip Playlist. Wyoming-based musicians and podcasters are invited to submit original songs and podcast episodes for inclusion in this annual playlist, promoted statewide throughout the year.

Artists must apply through the Wyoming Arts Council's [Submittable portal](#). Applications close Jan. 26.

Tunes on the Trail Returns

Live music is heading back to Wyoming's state parks. Tunes on the Trail returns in 2026, and the application window is now open for musicians interested in performing as part of the statewide summer series.

Artists must apply through the Wyoming Arts Council's [Submittable portal](#). Applications close Feb. 6.



[CLICK HERE TO ENTER WAC'S SUBMITTABLE PORTAL](#)



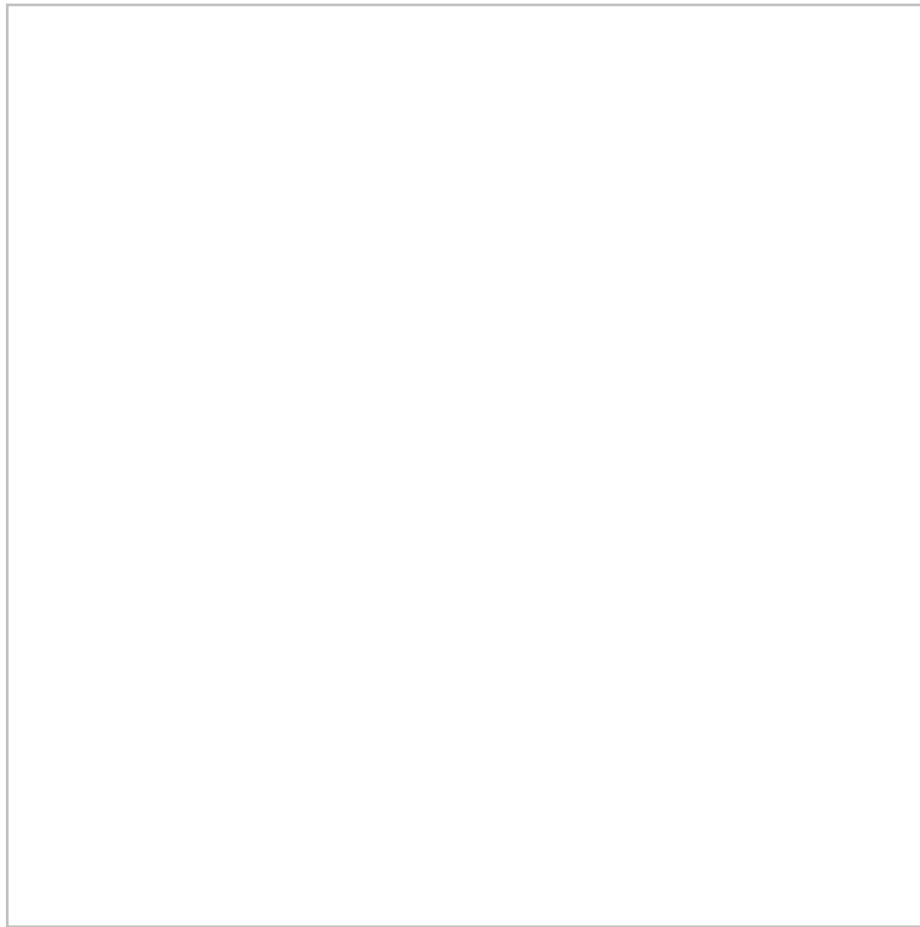
2026 Spirit of Wyoming Bottle Label Contest

Now in its tenth year, the Spirit of Wyoming Label Art Contest has grown into a statewide partnership between Jackson Hole Still Works and the Wyoming Arts Council, celebrating Wyoming artists while directly supporting arts programs across the state. What began as a creative business decision has evolved into one of Wyoming's most distinctive examples of how art, entrepreneurship, and community impact can work together.

Submissions for the 2026 contest close Monday, with public voting opening Jan. 28–30 and an in-person celebration and winner announcement at Jackson Hole Still Works on Jan. 30. A portion of proceeds from the silent auction following the event will benefit the Wyoming Arts Council and the Governor's Arts Awards.

Learn more about the contest, voting, and events at jhstillworks.com/spirit-of-wyoming





Ripple Effect: An Evening of Artistic Celebration in Afton

The Wyoming Arts Development Institute invites the community to Ripple Effect: An Evening of Artistic Celebration on Friday, Jan. 30, in Afton. The event begins at 6 p.m. at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and brings together film, live performance, and regional arts resources for an evening focused on creativity and connection.

The program includes a screening of *First Drop: Ripple Effects of an Artist*, a talkback with filmmakers and featured artists, and aerial arts demonstrations by Star Valley Circus. Representatives from the Salt River Arts Society and Star Valley Arts Council will also be on hand to connect with local creatives. Tickets are \$25, with proceeds benefiting the Wyoming Arts Development Institute and can be [found here](#).

Grant Opportunities

NEA FY 2027 Grants for Arts Projects Guidelines Now Available

Guidelines are now available for the National Endowment for the Arts' Grants for Arts Projects, the agency's primary funding program supporting arts projects nationwide. These grants support activities that expand access to the arts, celebrate America's artistic heritage, advance arts education, and promote community well-being, including arts and health initiatives.

Application deadlines are Feb. 12, 2026, and July 9, 2026, for projects taking place beginning in 2027. The NEA welcomes applications from first-time and returning applicants, organizations of all sizes, and communities across rural, urban, suburban, and tribal areas.

Learn more about eligibility, disciplines, and funding priorities by reviewing the Grants for Arts Projects Program Guidelines on the [NEA website](#).

2026 Levitt Foundation Festival Grant Applications Now Open

Applications are now open for 2026 Levitt Foundation Festival Grants, offering up to \$5,000 for U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofits presenting free outdoor music festivals. Eligible festivals must take place in a public outdoor space, be free to attend, and feature professional musicians who are compensated for their work.

Applications are due Friday, Jan. 30, 2026, at 3 p.m. ET / 12 p.m. PT. Learn more about eligibility and apply at levitt.org/festivals.



Kaj Seifert Foundation Youth Arts Grant Applications Open

The Kaj Seifert Foundation for Aspiring Young Artists is now accepting applications for its 2026 youth arts grants. The program supports young artists ages 10–17 from Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho who are pursuing interests in the literary, visual, musical, or performing arts.

Applications are open through Jan. 31, with awards announced by mid-February 2026. Grant funds may be used for arts camps, lessons, equipment or instrument purchases, software, and other resources that help young artists grow their skills.

Learn more and apply at kajseifertfoundation.org/apply.

Career Opportunities

Museum Curator

The Washakie Museum (Worland, WY)

[View job listing here](#)

Assistant/Associate Curator of Exhibitions

The Brinton Museum (Big Horn, WY)

[View job listing here](#)

Administrative Coordinator

Ucross Foundation (Clearmont, WY)

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Full-Time Art Center Coordinator

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming (Casper, WY)

[View job listing here](#)

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

Jackson Hole Still Works' Spirit of Wyoming 2026 Bottle Label Art Contest (Jackson, WY)

Call closes: Jan. 12, 2026

[View the call here](#)

Hobo Hot Springs Mural (Saratoga, WY)

Call closes: Jan. 30, 2026

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Artemisia Tridentata From Rugged Soil (Austin, TX)

Call closes: Feb. 1, 2026

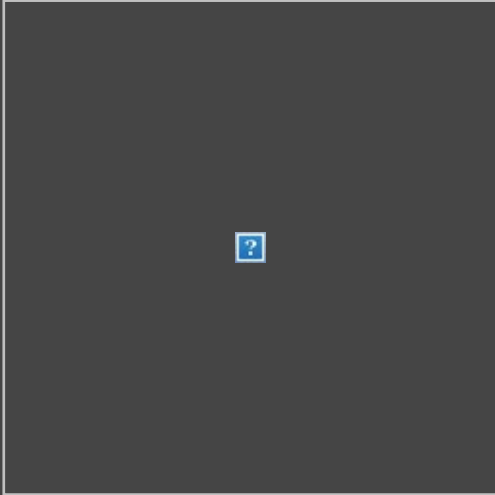
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WY Game and Fish's 2027 Collectible Conservation Stamp Art Contest (Cheyenne, WY)

Call closes: Mar. 31, 2026

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From: [Micah at the Wyoming Women's Foundation](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: The Red Coats Are Coming! The Red Coats Are Coming!
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 10:06:41 AM



Dear Arne,

I've been watching Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) meetings. **The committee is reviewing Governor Gordon's proposed budget** and will make changes to it which will be voted on by the full legislature this upcoming session.

Each Wednesday of the [JAC meetings](#), select members wear red coats to symbolize the cuts they need to make to the budget to stay out of the red.

Let's be clear, there has not been a year when the legislature didn't approve a balanced budget. It's constitutionally mandated. And this year Wyoming has a surplus of funds.

Wyoming is already lean. Cuts have been made year after year. According to Senator Driskill, a Republican out of Hulette, **this is the lowest proposed budget in 15 years** and the state has 700 fewer employees than it did 15 years ago. "[We have the ability to cut our way into a budget crisis](#)," he noted.

I think he's right.

And I think, like Paul Revere's warning of the red coats, **we need to sound the alarm about the damage Wyoming's "red coats"** could do to the state budget. Thank you to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow for [his original poem](#) which inspired the following. I hope we can look back at these words fondly in March. **Please scroll down to see how you can take action!**

It was February by Wyoming's clock,
When they descended on Chey town.
We heard the bleating of the flock,
And the wind among the trees,
Feeling the familiar bite of the state's chilly morning breeze.

And many were safe and asleep in bed
When discussions lively arose,
Who that day would be hurt by what was said,
or worse by poor decisions led.

You know the rest. In the history you've read,
How the budget busters voted and fled, —
How the advocates gave them ball for ball,
Beside each other standing tall,
Moving the red-coats down the lane,
Then crossing communities to emerge again
Under the stop lights at the turn of the road,
And only pausing to gain and grow.

So through the night cried Wyoming's strong;
And so through the night went their hopeful song,
To every Wyoming city and town, —
A cry of hope and not of fear,
A voice in the darkness, a knock at the door,
And a word that shall echo forevermore!
For, borne on the night-wind of the recent past,
Through all our shared history, to the last,
In the hour of darkness and peril and need,
The people will waken and listen to hear
The beautiful message of citizens dear,
And the powerful voices of Wyomingites near.

Paul Revere From the New York Public Library



From the New York Public Library.

How can you be Paul Revere-esque?

Read about budget requests below and choose one or all to reach out to the Joint Appropriations Committee about

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ken.pendergraft@wyoleg.gov, trey.sherwood@wyoleg.gov, scott.smith@wyoleg.gov,
jeremy.haroldson@wyoleg.gov

- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is incredibly important to ensuring hardworking families can put food on the table (38% of SNAP users are single moms)
Ask the Joint Appropriations Committee to cover the new, increased budget amount.
- Ask them to support the inpatient **rate increase to 100% of cost for Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) that maintain labor and delivery services!**
- Let them know Sun Bucks are important for kids who receive free and reduced lunches

during the school year. **These dollars help kids, including those who don't qualify for SNAP, have food in their tummies and stay fueled in the summer.** They also allow busy parents more flexibility.

- Tell them how important prenatal, delivery and postpartum care is to Wyoming families and ask that they **increase maternity and delivery physician services to 105% of Medicare.**



You and I still have the power to help make change. Thank you for continuing to advocate for women and girls in Wyoming. You make a difference!

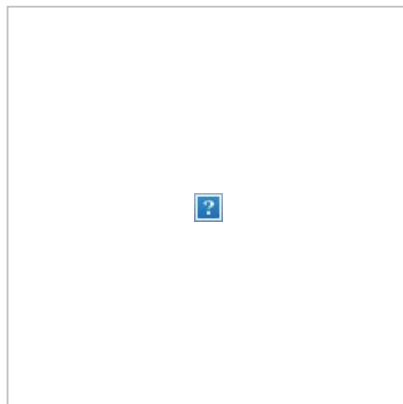
Take care,
Micah Richardson
Associate Director of Policy, WYWF

Give Today!

Other Items to Keep on Your Radar

- [Financial Planning Webinar \(Register here\)](#) - Tomorrow, Jan. 13th
- Joint Appropriations Budget Hearings - Jan. 12 - Jan. 16 in Cheyenne or via Zoom ([click on the meeting, then audio/visual tab](#))
- [WY Women Won't Wait - Session Survival \(Register\)](#) - Feb. 6th

Speak up now about what matters most to you! [Find your legislator here](#) by typing in your address!



About the Wyoming Women's Foundation

Established in 1999, the [Wyoming Women's Foundation](#) (WYWF) is one of a family of funds held at the [Wyoming Community Foundation](#) (WYCF). WYWF makes grants and spearheads initiatives that benefit women and girls as well as our communities overall. As a statewide leader dedicated to promoting women and girls, we leverage funds through our endowment, and grantmaking is focused on lasting change. The mission of WYWF is to invest in the economic self-sufficiency of women and opportunities for girls in Wyoming. Since 1999, WYWF has made more than \$1 million in grants to nonprofits advancing self-sufficiency for Wyoming women and girls.

Is this work important to you?

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Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 9:42 AM
To: Tyler Valentine <tvalentine@jacksonwy.gov>
Cc: Paul Anthony <panthony@jacksonwy.gov>; Devon Viehman <DViehman@jacksonwy.gov>
Subject: Re: Mogul Development proposal



Really good news Tyler. Thank you for sharing. I'm available to help out in any way that I can.

Fred Becker, LHG
Sent from my iPhone

From: fredhb <fredhb@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 10:05 PM

To: Paul Anthony <panthony@jacksonwy.gov>

Cc: Tyler Valentine <tvalentine@jacksonwy.gov>; Devon Viehman <DViehman@jacksonwy.gov>

Subject: Re: Mogul Development proposal

PCBs were not part of the monitoring plan or they would have been part of the analytical suite. When Tyler and Devon asked about the reference to “vehicle maintenance “ it was my hope that they were going to have their staff do further research on the referenced business (s).

I don't have confidence that the applicant is sophisticated enough to understand.

Not researching these inferred businesses is not in the best interest of the citizens of Jackson.

Fred Becker, LHG

Sent from my iPhone

From: fredhb <fredhb@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 5:22 PM

To: Paul Anthony <panthony@jacksonwy.gov>

Cc: Devon Viehman <DViehman@jacksonwy.gov>

Subject: Re: Mogul Development proposal

Both of you were interested in the report that referenced vehicle maintenance facilities. Did you do any research into those

businesses? I would really like to rule out the potential for PCBs to be present in the soil and ground water.

Fred Becker, LHG.

Sent from my iPhone

From: FRED H BECKER <fredhb@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 12:49 PM
To: Devon Viehman <DViehman@jacksonwy.gov>
Subject: Mogul Development proposal

Good Day Devon: I hope you had a great holiday with your family. I am anxiously looking forward to reading the new construction plan from Mogul to see how they intend to address the benzene plume. Has the Town made any decisions or found any new information to address the potential PCB issues with this building Site?

I am in town for the winter and would be available to meet with you if you wanted to chat.

Fred Becker, LHG

Within the physical world of listening and patiently watching there is a spiritual connection that goes beyond spoken words. The paddling world quiets me and the exposure both physical and emotional makes the entire day an ongoing form of prayer. (after C. Duff).

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Greg Bigler Email the Town Council
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 8:12:38 AM



Email the Town Council

Email Content:	Please cancel the Flock camera contract. Big Brother does not belong here.
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Your Name:	Greg Bigler
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Your Company Name:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Your Phone Number:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Your Email Address:	livcimplify@aol.com
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From: [Silicon Couloir](#)
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Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 6:29:50 AM



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CHANCE MEETINGS

Free and Open to All

Monday, January 26th • 5-7 pm @ Lula Wine Bar, Driggs, ID



In small communities — and especially in entrepreneurial ecosystems — the quality of our communication determines the quality of our relationships, our leadership, and ultimately our results. In this gathering on **Monday, January 26th from 5-7pm at Lula Wine Bar and Bistro in Driggs, ID, writer and community leader Sue Muncaster explores the practice of courageous communication: the ability to speak honestly and listen generously, while staying grounded in dignity and shared purpose.**

Drawing on 25+ years as a lifestyle entrepreneur, storyteller, and civic leader in the Tetons, Sue shares practical tools for navigating disagreement, building trust, reducing reactivity, and creating environments where people feel seen and respected. This isn't about "being nice." It's about learning to engage and disagree with clarity, curiosity, and compassion — so we can turn tension into creativity rather than division.

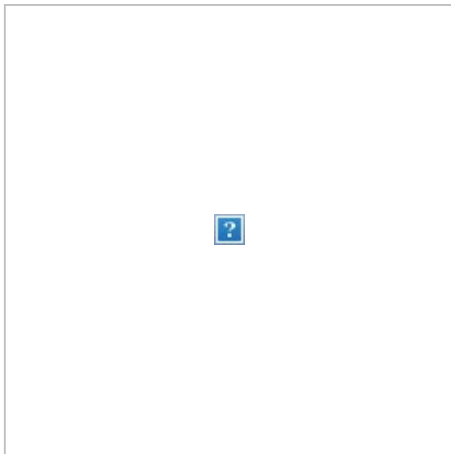
This session is especially relevant for founders, leaders, creatives, and community builders who believe that healthy organizations and resilient communities begin with

how we speak — and how we listen. Because when communication improves, everything improves.

Join us for a lively discussion exploring:

- What courageous communication is — and why it matters in entrepreneurial, political, and community leadership
- How dignity-centered communication strengthens culture, innovation, and decisions
- How to recognize assumptions and reduce defensiveness in difficult conversations
- Tools for building real relational trust inside teams and partnerships

Leave with practical communication tools drawn from real-life situations in Sue's civic, business, and creative life that have helped her and will help you better understand human perspectives, diffuse divisiveness, and discover better solutions.

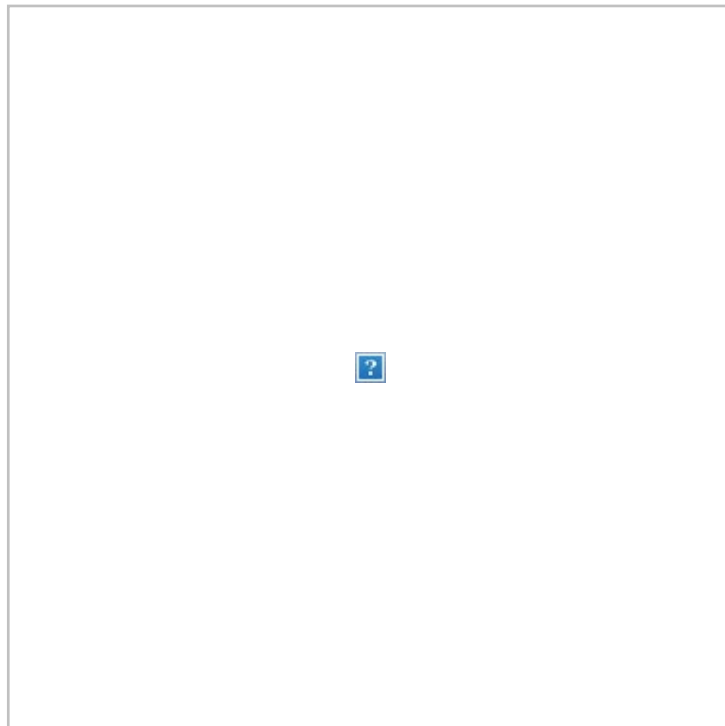


Sue Muncaster is a lifestyle entrepreneur, writer, and civic leader based in Teton Valley, Idaho. Over the past 25 years, Sue has built a creative career rooted in purpose, storytelling, and the outdoor lifestyle — including founding Teton Family Magazine, co-founding Slow Food in the Tetons, launching the Treetop Adventure at Snow King Mountain, and publishing essays on mountain culture, resilience, and human connection through her Substack, Teton Strong.

Sue currently serves on the Victor City Council and as Executive Director of the Teton Leadership Center, where she supports entrepreneurs and community leaders in practicing values-based, purpose-driven leadership as the foundation for trust, innovation, and collaborative problem-solving.

NEWS & NOTES

ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET TRAINING IS FILLING FAST



Learn what tens of thousands have gained from this training: that opportunity recognition, resilience, and action, not just ideas or resources, are what ultimately determine success.

The Entrepreneurial Mindset Training, offered in partnership with Startup Wyoming and facilitated by certified instructors, empowers participants to uncover new opportunities, overcome challenges, and create value in their work, business or community.

The program is designed for anyone who wants to cultivate an entrepreneur mindset. Participants range from aspiring entrepreneurs, small business owners, non-profit professionals, elected officials, and students. If you are looking to shift your mindset towards recognizing opportunity, putting ideas into action, overcoming self-imposed limitations, and creating intentional community, this

course is for you!

Essential Details:

Facilitated by Casey Sedlack, Professional Leadership and Team Building Coach

Tuition: \$99 (includes all course materials)

Meetings:

Four 2-hour in-person meetings in downtown Jackson from 5-7pm:

- February 11
- February 18
- March 4
- March 11

Space is limited and early registration recommended.

Register Now

ANNOUNCING FEBRUARY AND MARCH NOONTIME KNOWLEDGE WORKSHOPS

Registration is \$25. We are committed to accessibility in our programs, and will not turn away anyone unable to afford registration.



In fast-moving environments, it's easy for urgency, pressure, and outside expectations to quietly pull leaders away from their values. Yet the leaders and organizations that endure across business, nonprofits, and public service are those that stay steady when decisions are difficult and the path forward isn't clear.

This Noontime Knowledge session with **Hailey Morton-Levinson on Wednesday, Feb. 4th from 12:00-1:30pm** explores how values-based leadership shows up in everyday choices, especially when the stakes are high or the tradeoffs are uncomfortable. Participants will consider what it means to lead for the long term—whether their “community” is a place, a customer base, a team, or a mission—and how staying grounded in values builds trust, resilience, and sustainable success over time.

Grounded in Hailey Levinson's experience across family-owned hospitality, as

Mayor of Jackson, community service, and now as the Commodore of Community with Pirate Ship, this session helps participants reflect on how values guide leadership decisions over the long term. Through real-world examples and guided discussion, attendees will leave with practical ways to keep values front and center in day-to-day leadership, as well as in the moments that matter most.

Register Now



Uncover Your #1 On-Camera Blind Spot

In a world of AI rising, your authentic personality will be your competitive edge. But even the best lighting & cameras mean zero if you don't have the right mindset & presence! Join **Rose Caiazzo on Tuesday, March 10th from 12:00 to 1:30pm** for this high-impact, 90-minute interactive workshop designed to solidify your authority on camera. This is a high-level audit of your professional presence on video, where theory meets real-time execution.

What to expect:

First, Rose breaks down everything in her **V.O.I.C.E. Framework**. We discuss everything from the psychology of showing up on camera, removing unconscious behaviors repelling your audience & how you can trigger actual trust with your messaging.

The Twist?

In the second half, we move into the **"Pro-Presence" Hot Seats**, so bring the URL to your last video (<2 min clip)! Rose will review attendee videos & identify the specific blind spots you can't see -- so you can fix them immediately.

Leave with a clear understanding of your #1 blind spot when on camera & level up to show up as the face of your business without fear, fluff, or filters.

About Rose:

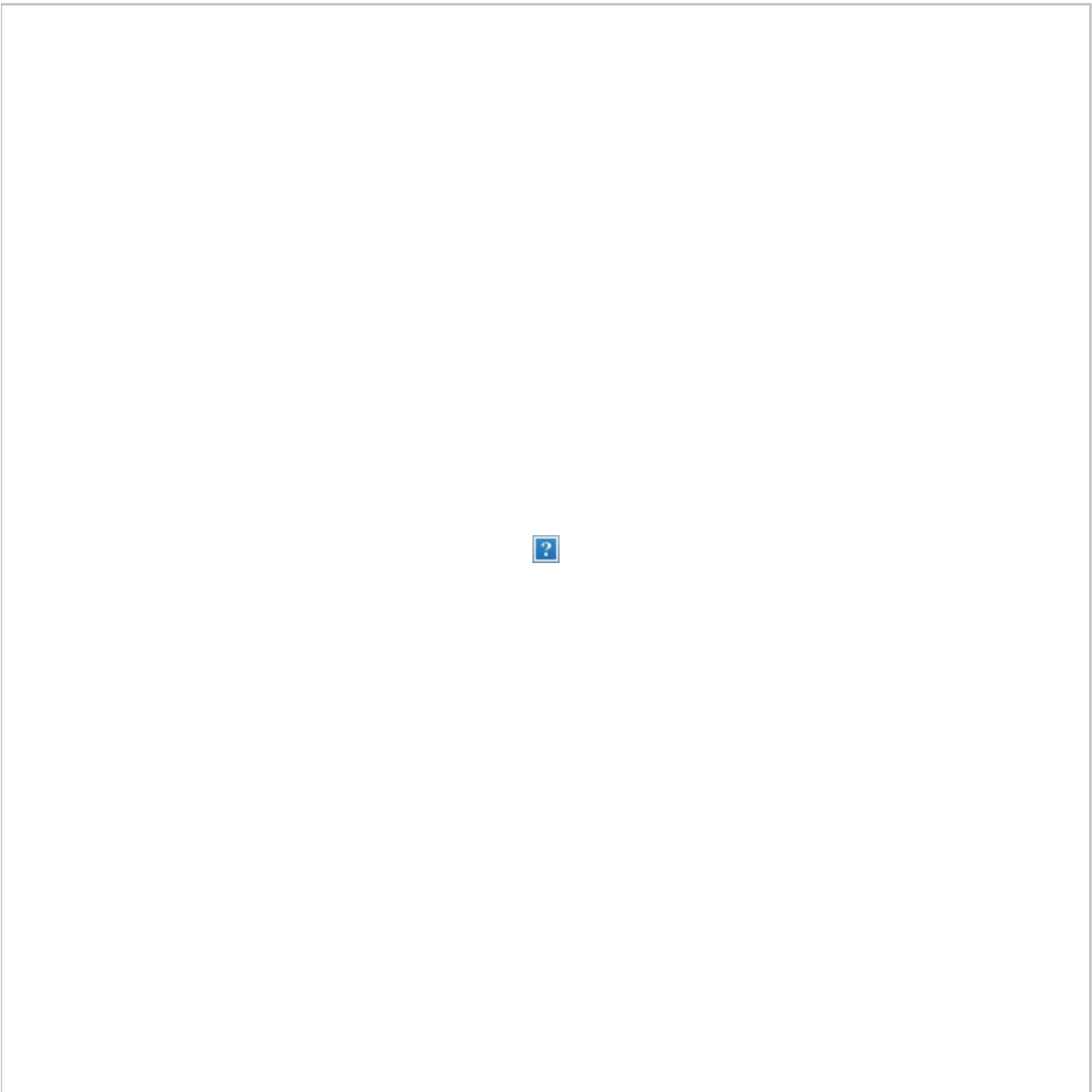
Rose is a communications strategist who has spent nearly two decades helping businesses stay ahead of digital shifts, from early social media adoption to today's live video economy. She built and merged two successful companies and established herself as an on-camera host, voice-over talent, and live event emcee. In 2022, she launched a LIVE-first methodology that helps leaders stand out in an AI-driven world by showing up with authority, authenticity, and impact—and turning attention into revenue.

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To: [Jeremy Barnum](#)
Cc: tsinclair@jackaonwy.gov; [Susan Scarlata](#); [kwaters](#); [Arne Jorgensen](#); [Jodie Pond](#)
Subject: Re: upcoming Game and Fish elk captures and JAC airspace
Date: Sunday, January 11, 2026 7:31:46 PM
Attachments: Image.png



Thank you.
Mark Newcomb
Teton County Board of Commissioners

On Jan 10, 2026, at 8:05 PM, Jeremy Barnum <Jeremy.Barnum@jhairport.org> wrote:

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Dear Town and County Colleagues,

Flagging the below email from Aly at Game and Fish regarding upcoming helicopter elk captures in case you get any questions from the public.

Best,

Jeremy K. Barnum
Chief Communications Officer
(307) 284-7321
jeremy.barnum@jhairport.org
[Jackson Hole Airport](#)
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From: Alyson Courtemanch <alyson.courtemanch@wyo.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 4:46 AM
To: JAC Tower <jac.tower@serco-na.com>
Cc: Jeremy Barnum <Jeremy.Barnum@jhairport.org>; Dustin Havel <Dustin.Havel@jhairport.org>; Cheyenne Stewart <cheyenne.stewart@wyo.gov>
Subject: upcoming Game and Fish elk captures and JAC airspace

Good morning,

I work for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department here in Jackson and we are planning a multi-day operation to capture elk with a helicopter that will include some areas in the southeast portion of the JAC airspace on the National Elk Refuge. The tentative dates of this operation are **January 14-16 and January 20-23**. I wanted to reach out ahead of time and let you know about this operation and also provide any needed details and establish a good line of communication with the ATC tower.

We will be using an R44 helicopter with tail number N996NR. The helicopter will mostly be flying below 200 feet AGL and never higher than 500 feet. I have attached a map of the area we will be operating in that overlaps the JAC airspace on the National Elk Refuge. The helicopter will never fly west of Highway 89 or north of the Kelly/Gros Ventre Road. We likely won't be in that area every day- it will depend on how many elk are there.

Please let me know if I can help provide more details and how best to communicate during these operations.

Thank you for your assistance,

Aly

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Aly Courtemanch
Wildlife Biologist

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From: [Bob Weiss](#)
To: [Kevin Regan](#)
Subject: Follow Up
Date: Sunday, January 11, 2026 10:40:34 AM
Attachments: Legal Memorandum Keith Gingery Can County Pay More than Fair Market.pdf



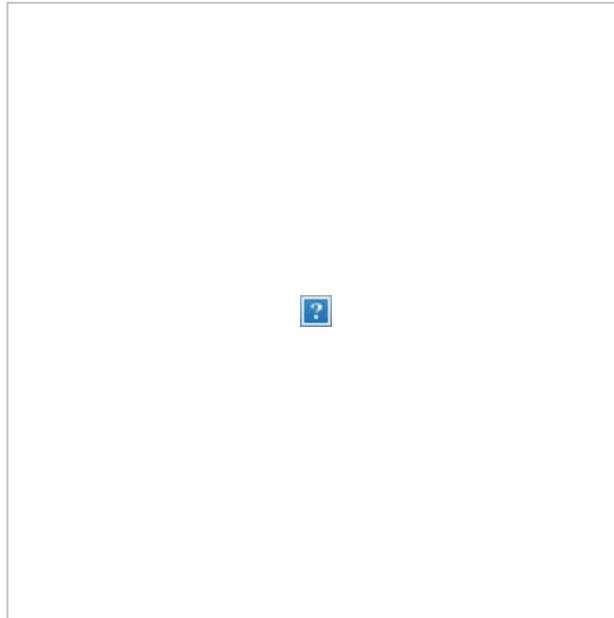
Good morning Kevin,

First, I want to apologize for interrupting your workout. Elected officials are entitled to personal time even in public spaces!! You are an accessible elected official so I should have waited. As I shared with you, I am attaching Keith's memo to the BCC regarding the CHT proposal and its state constitutionality. I found it compelling. I assuming that the town's attorney has seen it. I am opposed to the project on other grounds than financial but the memo did give me pause to focus more on the financial aspects of the project. Last, you might want to check out Michael Clement's, the plaintiff, Federal lawsuit opposing the project.

Cordially,

Bob Weiss
2028 Hidden Ranch Loop
Jackson WY 83001
POBox 7472
Jackson WY 83002
214 499 1980

From: [Rep. Harriet Hageman](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: The Wyoming Round-Up — January 11, 2026
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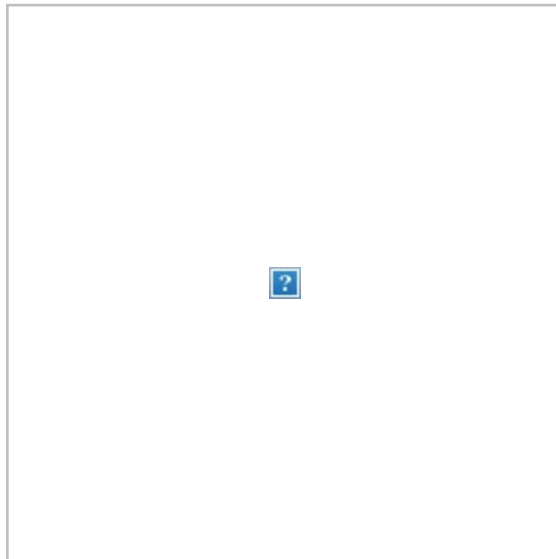
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Hello Arne ,

The House returned to Washington, D.C. last week to begin the second session of the 119th Congress. We are ready to hit the ground running to deliver for the American people.

I am providing in this week's newsletter a firsthand look at the work we are doing in Congress to protect Wyoming families, support American energy dominance, and keep our government focused on those it was designed to serve.

Funding Critical Services for Wyoming



The House passed H.R. 6938, a critical spending bill that funds the federal agencies Wyoming depends on every day, including the Department of the Interior, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Environmental Protection Agency. With this package the House has voted to fund 6 of the 12 annual appropriations bills. It is now off to the Senate for consideration and hopefully passage.

Although the Democrat-led shutdown in 2025 hindered our ability to fully engage with the appropriations process, we were still able to finish the year strong by passing three full-year spending bills when we returned in November. We are now starting 2026 even stronger by passing this three-bill package in the first week back in session. Importantly, while we are funding critical federal agencies, we are also reducing our spending by nearly \$2 billion below those levels projected under the current continuing resolution.

As seen in the photo above, we are delivering \$20.8 million to Wyoming infrastructure projects that I requested through Community Project Funding. For municipalities interested in submitting a CPF request, please reach out to my office.

By passing this bill, we are protecting Wyoming's jobs, energy, public safety, and infrastructure. I fought to make sure our

communities have the resources they need and our state can thrive without unnecessary federal overreach

Lowering Costs for Wyoming Families in 2026

Last year, Republicans delivered real relief for hardworking families with the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, also known as the Working Families Tax Cut. This pro-growth, pro-family legislation puts more money back into your pockets.

Thanks to this law, there is no tax on tips or overtime, a bigger Child Tax Credit, tax relief for seniors, an increased standard deduction, and investments in rural America. These changes mean most families will receive a noticeable boost in their 2026 tax returns.

If the Working Families Tax Cut was not signed into law, taxpayers would see a tax increase this week of around \$1,700 following the expiration of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Wyoming taxpayers will instead see an average \$5,375 tax cut this year, which is the largest in the nation.

Fighting for Healthy Forests and Reliable Water and Power

As chair of the Water, Wildlife and Fisheries Subcommittee, I led a hearing to address the consequences of decades of federal forest mismanagement. Our neglected forests made wildfires more frequent and severe, worsened insect infestations, reduced water availability, and put critical energy infrastructure at risk.

During the hearing, we examined current forest management practices and identified solutions to restore forest health while strengthening our water and power systems. Poor policies left federal forests overgrown, with tree densities 10 to 20 times higher than historical levels. This overstocking increases competition for water, reduces downstream flows, and turns forests into ticking time bombs that can ignite with a single spark. The result is catastrophic wildfire

risk, costly power disruptions, and threats to reliable water for irrigation, hydropower, and daily use.

Wyoming's way of life depends on healthy forests and dependable water and power, and I will continue to fight for commonsense forest management policies.

Protecting Consumers in the Streaming Market

In Wednesday's Judiciary Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust hearing, we questioned antitrust experts on competition and consumer choice in the streaming market, focusing on the proposed sale of Warner Brothers and HBO Max to Netflix.

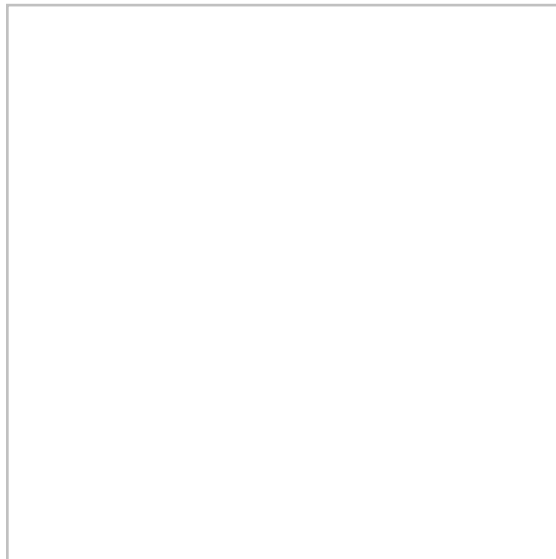
In our modern streaming world that requires multiple apps and subscriptions, we need to balance consumer desire for consolidation of this fragmented entertainment industry while preserving free market competition.

This hearing provided our committee an opportunity to prepare to oversee the antitrust enforcers who will review this merger and to ensure consumers are protected.

See What I'm Doing in D.C.! Add Me on
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It was great to see Wyomingite Ea'mon O'Toole with the Family Farm Alliance. I appreciate the time he took to testify at the Water, Wildlife and Fisheries Subcommittee on the Fix Our Forest Act.

It is always a privilege to hear directly from the people of our great state.

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. 5184](#) – Affordable HOMES Act

Voted YES on [H.R. 6938](#) – Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026

Video of the Week

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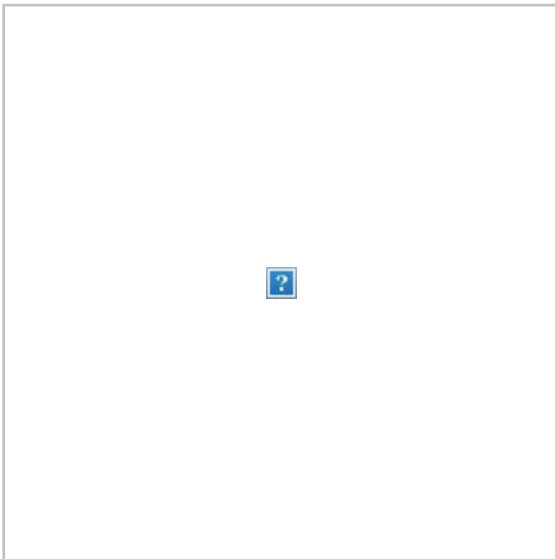


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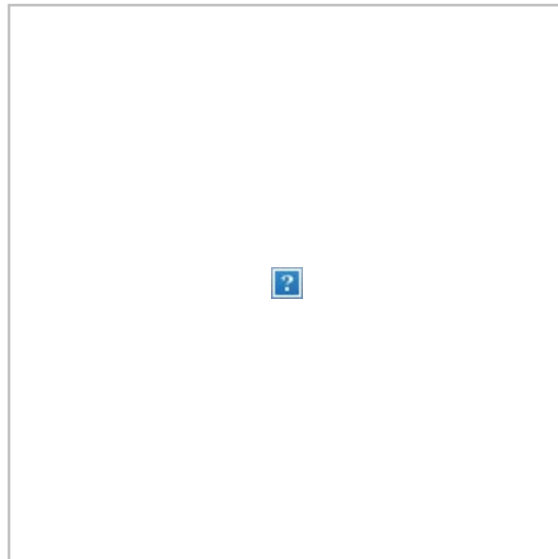
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In the News



Global organizations are no friends of the USA. Thank you to President Trump for taking decisive action to remove the US from these alphabet soup organizations that work against our national interests.



Americans expect their government to prioritize safety. Maduro is an indicted criminal who poses a threat to national security.

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,



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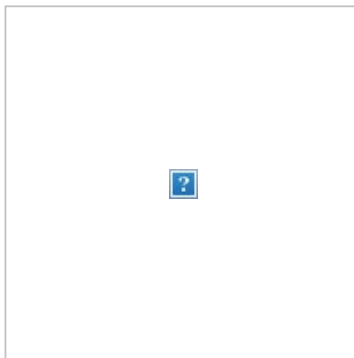
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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Expanding Opportunities Through NLC Affiliate Membership
Date: Sunday, January 11, 2026 6:01:12 AM



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,
2026 (11 a.m. to 12 p.m. MST).

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To: [Alyson Sperry](#)
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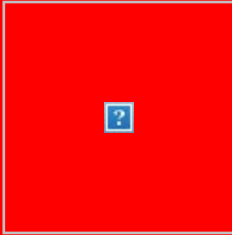


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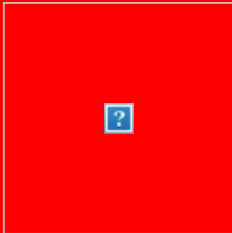
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[Planning Commission recommends Council deny Pearl Ave. development](#)

January 8, 2026, 2:03 pm

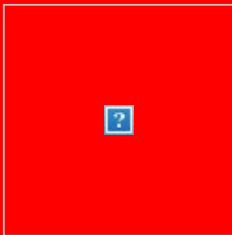
Editor's note: A previous version of this story misspelled the name of Chairman Thomas Smits. It has been corrected and Buckrail regrets the [...]



[SNAPPED: Steve Aoki returns to The Center with beats, cakes](#)

January 8, 2026, 12:00 pm

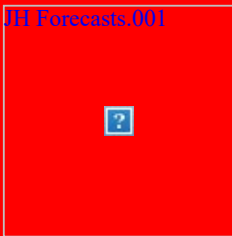
JACKSON, Wyo. — How about some cake to accompany that dance music? EDM giant Steve Aoki made a triumphant return to Jackson on [...]



[Surveillance camera contract to be reviewed](#)

January 8, 2026, 11:00 am

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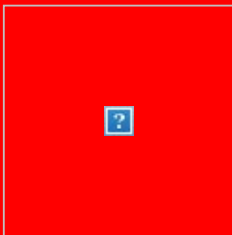


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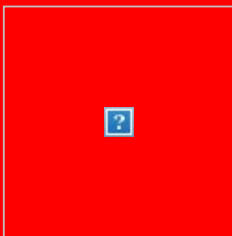
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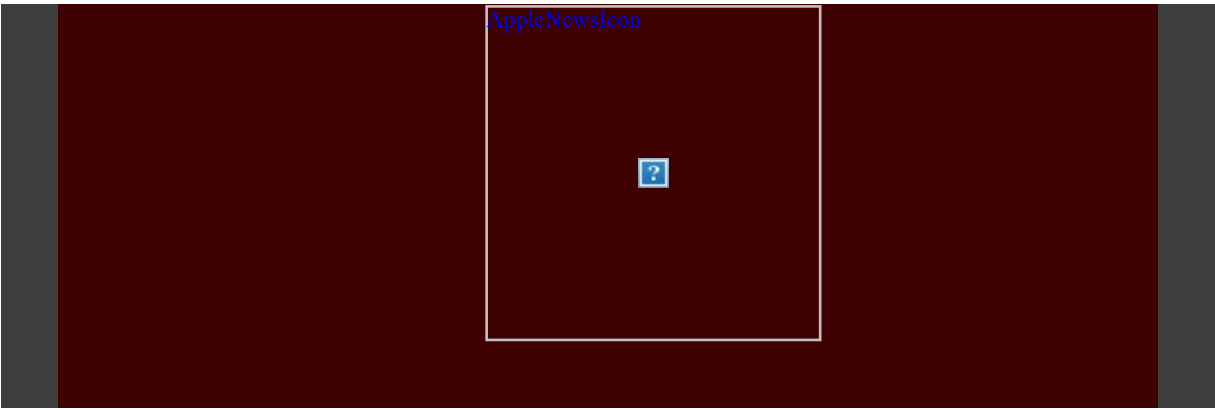
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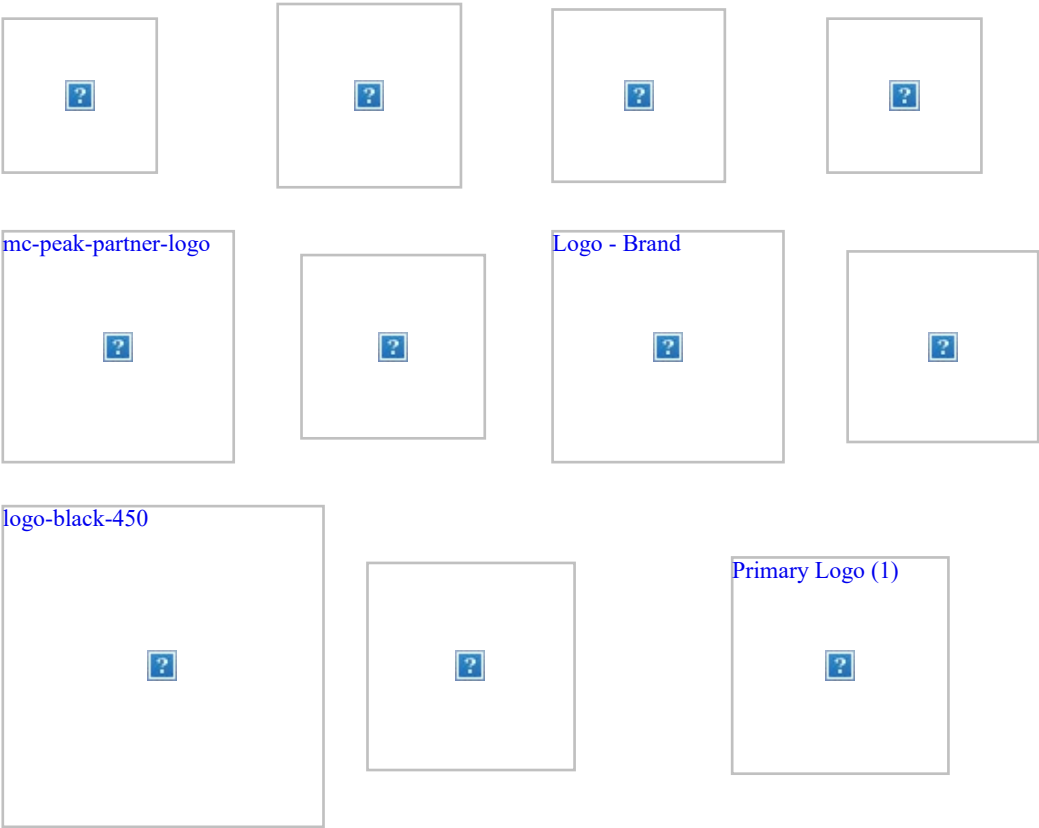
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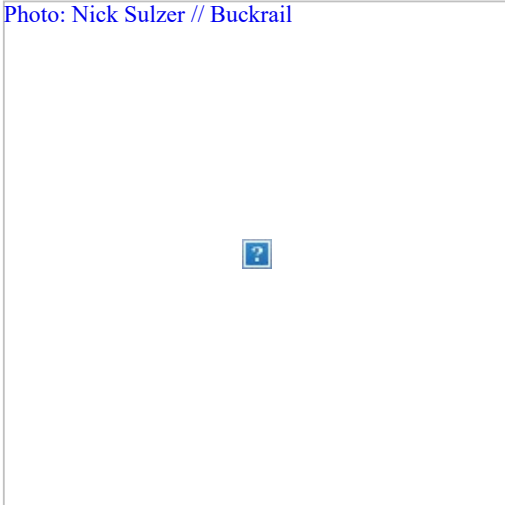
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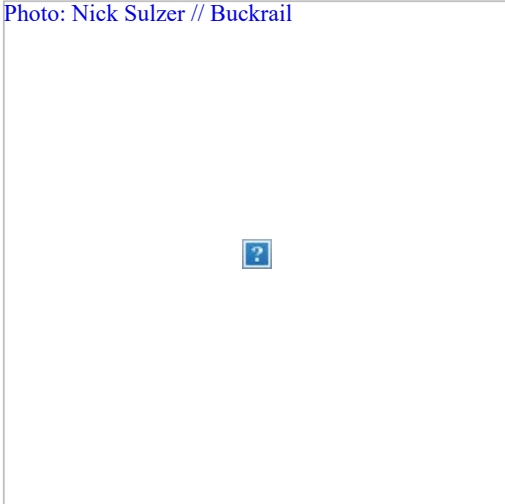
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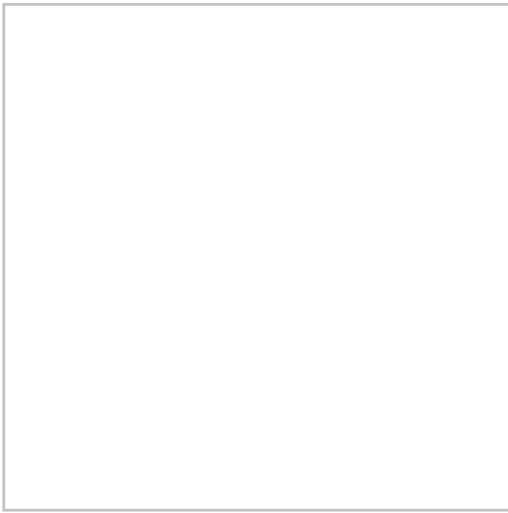
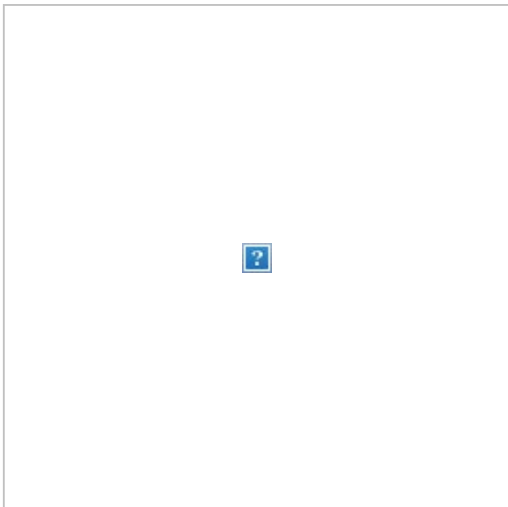
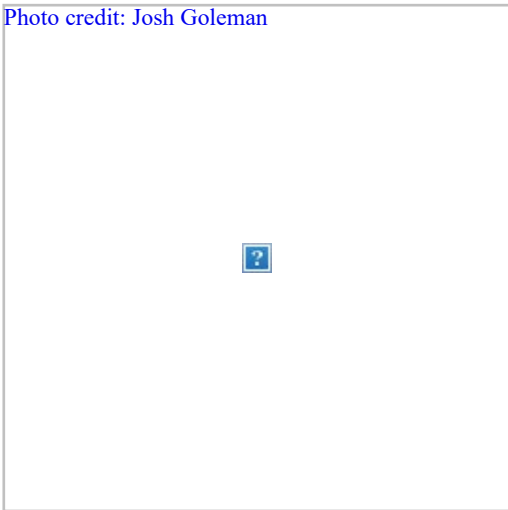


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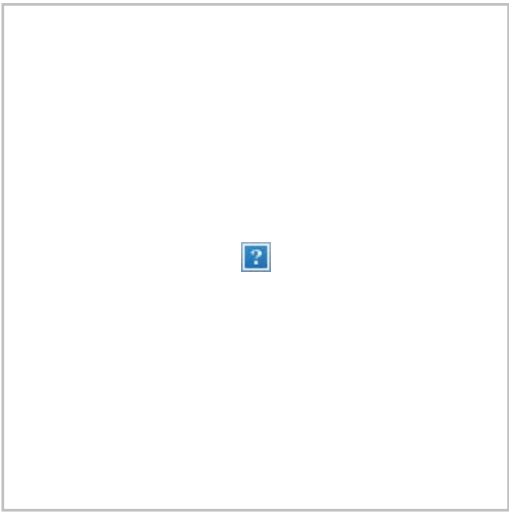
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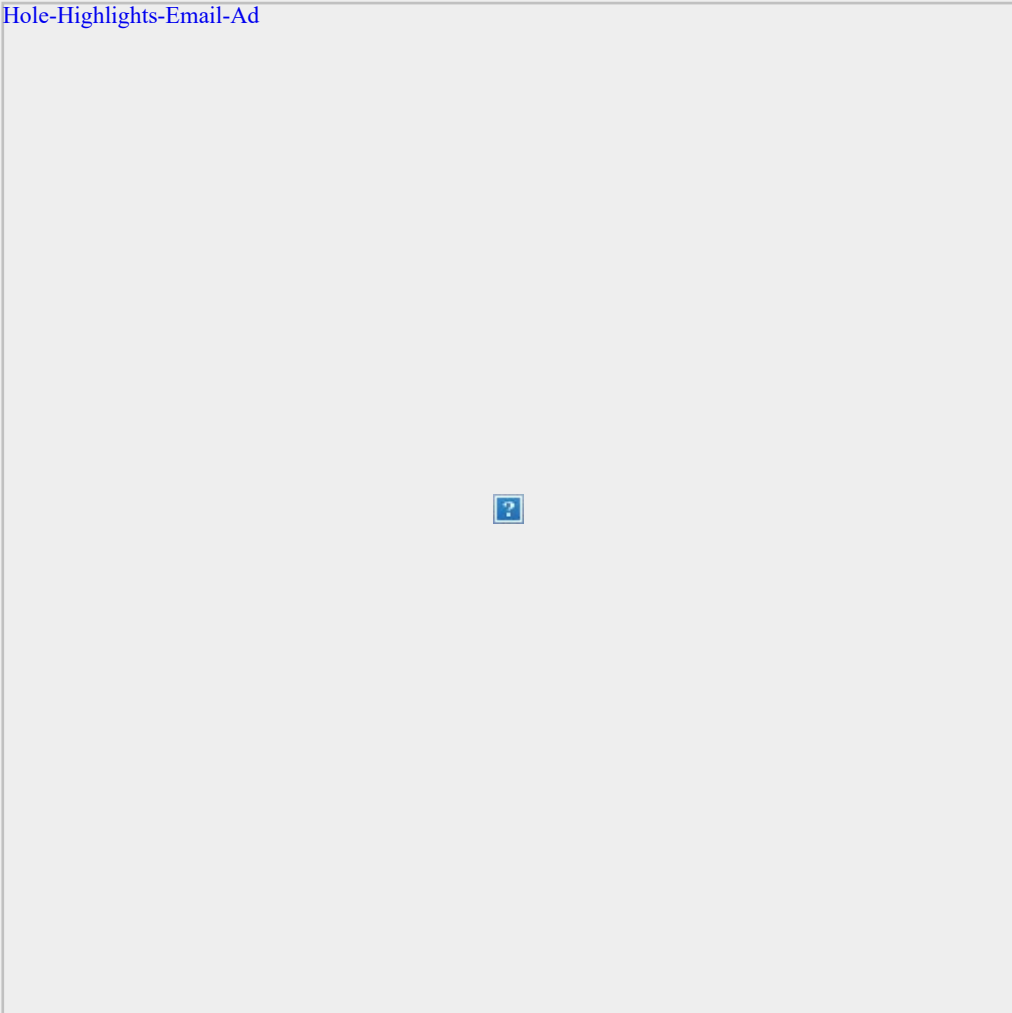


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Date: Friday, January 9, 2026 1:22:02 PM
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Greetings, dear coalition

I hope everyone is well and had a fantastic week!

Please see the attached agenda for our meeting next Wednesday 14 January at noon, in the TCHD 2nd floor Boardroom. We will have a guest speaker joining us, Ben Read, with Jail Volunteers. Lunch will be available by 11:45am.

For those unable to attend in-person, Zoom link included below and will also be recorded in the Google calendar invite to follow.

Topic: CPCTC Monthly Meeting

Time: Jan 14, 2026 12:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Have a great weekend,
Beverly

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Subject: Re: Pre-Session Legislative Update 2026 - Save the date 2/4/2026
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Thank you for making time, Representative Yin. See you then. We're very appreciative of you.

Sharel Lund

Executive Director

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On Fri, Jan 9, 2026 at 12:07 PM Representative - Yin, Mike <Mike.Yin@wyoleg.gov> wrote:

Let's move the chamber to 9am, and TVA to 11:45. Thanks!

9AM Chamber of Commerce
9:45 TCSD
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11:15 Town Council
11:45 Teton Village Association
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2:45 Travel and Tourism Board
3:15 Public Comment

We will be in the BCC chambers!

Mike

From: Meghan Quinn <meghan@tetonvillagewy.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 10:58 AM

To: Mark Newcomb <mnewcomb@tetoncountywy.gov>

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11:45am or 12:45pm works for TVA.

Thank you!
Meghan

Meghan Quinn

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On Thu, Jan 8, 2026 at 10:20 AM Mark Newcomb <mnewcomb@tetoncountywy.gov> wrote:

I'm pretty sure BCC could take the 9 am slot. Commissioners, let me know if you'd prefer the afternoon slot. Otherwise, let's plan on Wednesday the 4th at 9 am. Thanks!

Mark Newcomb

Teton County Board of Commissioners

On Jan 8, 2026, at 10:10 AM, Rick Howe <rick@jacksonholechamber.com> wrote:

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We are happy to take that slot if TVA could do 11:45.

Let us know,

Rick

From: Representative - Yin, Mike <Mike.Yin@wyoleg.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 9:58 AM

To: Sarah Cavallaro <scavallaro@tyfs.org>; Jen Simon (jen.m.simon@gmail.com) <jen.m.simon@gmail.com>; Rick Howe <rick@jacksonholechamber.com>; Arne Jorgensen <ajorgensen@jacksonwy.gov>; Crista Valentino <lodgingtax@tetoncountywy.gov>; Maureen Murphy Teton Co <mmurphy@tetoncountywy.gov>; Luther Propst <lpropst@tetoncountywy.gov>; Tyler Sinclair <tsinclair@jacksonwy.gov>; Susan Scarlata <sscarlata@jacksonwy.gov>; Sharel Lund <sharel@one22jh.org>; Scott Crisp <scrisp@tcsd.org>; Deidre Ashley <dashley@mhrsjh.org>; Meghan Quinn <meghan@tetonvillagewy.gov>; Mark Newcomb <mnewcomb@tetoncountywy.gov>; jpond@tetoncountywy.gov

Subject: Re: Pre-Session Legislative Update 2026 - Save the date 2/4/2026

Adding Commissioner Newcomb as the current BCC chair and fixing Jodie Pond's email.

TVA has requested an afternoon slot. Are there any folks that would prefer the 9am slot?

Mike

From: Representative - Yin, Mike <Mike.Yin@wyoleg.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 2:51 PM

To: Sarah Cavallaro <scavallaro@tyfs.org>; Jen Simon (jen.m.simon@gmail.com) <jen.m.simon@gmail.com>; Rick Howe <rick@jacksonholechamber.com>; Arne Jorgensen <ajorgensen@jacksonwy.gov>; Crista Valentino <lodgingtax@tetoncountywy.gov>; Maureen Murphy Teton Co <mmurphy@tetoncountywy.gov>; Luther Propst <lpropst@tetoncountywy.gov>; Tyler Sinclair <tsinclair@jacksonwy.gov>; Susan Scarlata <sscarlata@jacksonwy.gov>; Sharel Lund <sharel@one22jh.org>; Jodie Pond <jodie.pond@wyo.gov>; Scott Crisp <scrisp@tcsd.org>; Deidre Ashley <dashley@mhrsjh.org>; Meghan Quinn <meghan@tetonvillagewy.gov>

Subject: Pre-Session Legislative Update 2026 - Save the date 2/4/2026

Hi all,

Sorry for the relatively late scheduling for this.

TCSD, I know we have a zoom scheduled for this day, so hopefully this works instead. If we need additional time outside of this meeting, we can do that too.

We currently have the county commission chambers booked on Wednesday, February 4th.

Please let me know if the slot from last year works or does not work for your organization, and we can work from there.

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To: [Town Council](#); [Tyler Sinclair](#); [Andy Schwartz \(aschwartzwy@gmail.com\)](#)
Cc: [Alyson Sperry](#); [Kevin Regan](#); [Jonathan Schechter](#)
Subject: Pre-Session Update w/ Legislators |
Start: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 11:15:00 AM
End: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 11:45:00 AM
Location: County Commission Chambers

Representative Mike Yin pulled together this schedule for our legislators to meet with the following groups before they head to the Legislative Session on February 9.

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From: [Scott Steen](#)
To: [Kevin Regan](#); [Devon Viehman](#)
Subject: Re: Request to meet with Scott Steen from Slow Food in the Tetons
Date: Friday, January 9, 2026 12:18:45 PM



Dear Kevin and Devon,

Thank you both very much for taking some time out of your busy day to meet with me, I really appreciate it.

I look forward to seeing you both on Feb 2nd.

Warmly,
Scott

On Wed, Jan 7, 2026 at 3:00 PM Slow Food in the Tetons <tetonslowfood@gmail.com> wrote:

Sounds good, I look forward to speaking with you both.

Best,
Scott

On Jan 7, 2026, at 10:41 AM, Scott Steen
<tetonslowfood@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Devon,

Thank you so much for making time to meet with me,

let's plan on 11am this Friday.
Do you have a favorite location? If not, Yeah Buddy
Pizza might be good as it's been recently less crowded
than the coffee shops. I'm open though.

Warmly
Scott

On Jan 6, 2026, at 12:21 PM, Scott
Steen <tetonslowfood@gmail.com>
wrote:

Dear Council Members Viehman and
Regan,

I'm reaching out to follow up on my
previous email to see if you'd be willing
to find a time to meet with me. I'd like to
discuss the recent loss of our Online
Marketplace location (in the
Movieworks Plaza) starting Jan 1st, and
the opportunity to find a new home for
that program at Vertical Harvest.

I had an opportunity to speak with Tyler
Sinclair this morning and he indicated
that this would likely go on the Feb 2
agenda. Might you have time to meet
me for coffee sometime before that
upcoming meeting?
I'd be happy to provide additional
information before we meet if that
would be helpful.

Warmly,
Scott

On Wed, Dec 17, 2025 at 3:16 PM Scott Steen <tetonslowfood@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Council Members Viehman and Regan,

Happy holidays to you both. I'm Scott Steen, Executive Director of [Slow Food in the Teton](#)s. 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 for considering.

Best,
Scott

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From: [Natalie Wight](#)
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Thank you for your email and attention to this critical matter. Broadway and Willow is also an extreme hazard with the things mentioned before i.e. traffic pedestrians bicycles the Stagecoach, AND also it is a crosswalk used frequently by school children, not to mention additional hazards by wildlife and weather ice snow or shining sun. This makes it difficult for motorists to see pedestrians, especially at night. More lamp posts are needed at every intersection in town. There is also a weird pedestrian cross walk I just noticed last night by Abuelitos and the Thrifty Car Rental with Mountain Modern Motel on the other side. It isn't even attached to an intersection. Just a random pedestrian crosswalk with no lights or anything to alert motorists to potential pedestrians. Please please please devote your time and attention to this dangerous problem as soon as possible. I can help. Thank you.

Natalie

From: [Rep. Harriet Hageman](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Hageman Votes to Advance Three Appropriations Bills to the Senate
Date: Friday, January 9, 2026 9:09:38 AM



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January 9, 2026

Hageman Votes to Advance Three Appropriations Bills to the Senate

Washington, D.C. – Congresswoman Harriet Hageman (R-WY) voted for H.R. [6938](#), which funds crucial agencies that serve Wyoming, such as the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Environmental Protection Agency. This appropriations package is the product of a conference committee between the House and Senate and would complete 6 of the 12 annual appropriations bills in advance of the January 30th funding deadline.

“After a harmful Democrat-caused shutdown in 2025, Congress finished the year strong by passing three full-year spending bills. We are starting 2026 even stronger with the passage of another three-bill package in the first week of the second session of the 119th Congress. We are funding the federal agencies Wyoming relies on every day while

spending nearly \$2 billion less than levels projected under the current continuing resolution. H.R. 6938 also invests **\$20.8 million in Wyoming infrastructure** projects that I requested in Community Project Funding,” **stated Rep. Hageman.**

Background:

Congress appropriates discretionary funds for all the federal agencies each fiscal year through 12 appropriations bills. If signed into law, H.R. 6938 would complete 6 of those bills, avoiding another harmful shutdown for the agencies which most directly serve Wyoming.

H.R. 6938 makes appropriations for agencies such as: the Departments of Commerce, Energy, the Interior, and Justice; the U.S. Forest Service; the Bureaus of Indian Affairs and Education; and the Environmental Protection Agency. Notable provisions of the bill are:

- \$20.8 million in Community Project Funding requested by Rep. Hageman
 - \$14.6 million for the Fort Laramie Canal Tunnel Restoration Project
 - \$1 million for the Northern Arapaho Tribe, Arapaho Industrial Park Wastewater Improvements Project
 - \$1 million for the City of Mills - Lower Mills Hydrant, Service, and Valve Replacement Project
 - \$1.75 million for the City of Casper - North Platte Sanitary Sewer Project
 - \$600,000 Carbon County - Police Pursuit Vehicle Acquisition
 - \$828,000 City of Casper - Police Fleet Vehicle Replacement
 - \$1 million Town of Jackson - Snow King Complete Street Project
- Fully funds the Unleashing American Energy agenda by increasing funding for on and offshore oil and gas development on federal lands and waters
- Fully funds the Payments in Lieu of Taxes

(PILT) program, estimated at \$550 million

- Increases funding to \$570.06 million for Tribal Public Safety and Justice programs and expands the DOI Opioid Reduction Task Force to target disrupt drug smuggling and cartel operations on tribal lands
- Cuts the EPA's budget by \$320 million, or nearly 4%
- Prohibits the drawdown of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to entities controlled or owned by the Chinese Communist Party
- Increases funding for the Drug Enforcement Agency to combat fentanyl and reduces funding for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- Maintains longstanding conservative riders that protect the Second Amendment and Hyde pro-life protections
- Cuts and eliminates funding for woke, green spending from the Biden administration, such as Biden-era Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations, zeroing out funds for Department of Energy's Office of Energy Justice and Equity, and eliminating funding for environmental justice
- Exempts farmers and livestock producers from burdensome greenhouse gas permitting and reporting requirements

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Subject: One Small Correction | Ringing in the New at the Rappaport Center
Date: Friday, January 9, 2026 8:46:05 AM



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Dear Rappaport Community,

Our apologies for a small error in the newsletter that was sent out earlier this week. The deadline for applications to the Rappaport Summer Fellowship in Law and Public Policy is Thursday, January 15, at 5 pm (not January 16 as was shared in the original copy).

Warmly,
The Rappaport Center Team

January 2026 Newsletter



Rappaport Center Fellows and Rappaport Institute Fellows with Mayor Wu at Boston City Hall in 2025.

Message from the Director

A new year brings renewed purpose and a powerful reminder of what public-service leadership can make possible. Yesterday, we proudly celebrated the inauguration of Mayor Michelle Wu, a Rappaport Fellowship alum and Advisory Board member. Her path is a vivid reminder of what this community helps launch. In that spirit, we invite the next generation of leaders to apply to the [Rappaport Summer Fellowship in Law and Public Policy](#) by January 15, 2026. We also hope you'll join us for a dynamic spring of programming, including our January 15 panel entitled

[“Beyond Prosecution: Creative Legal Approaches to Combat Human Trafficking and Support Survivors”](#) and the residencies of two pathbreaking Rappaport Senior Fellows — Danielle Sered, Executive Director of [Common Justice](#), in February, and Alex Peña, Executive Vice President at [Partnership for New York City](#), in April.

This moment of renewal also brings a meaningful leadership transition. We extend our thanks to Professor Dan Kanstroom for 7 years of extraordinary service as Faculty Director, and we are thrilled to welcome Professor Patricia McCoy into this role. A longtime Advisory Board member and champion of the Center's mission, Professor

McCoy brings a new perspective, deep experience, and a bold vision for what comes next.

From all of us at the Rappaport Center, happy 2026.

Sincerely,
Amanda Teo
Executive Director

Message from the Faculty Director

Ring in the New

New Year's Day is always special, but this year it was even more so because on January 1, I had the distinct honor of taking up the reins as the Faculty Director of the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy. For years, I have specialized in economic law and policy, as an academic and a regulator. So imagine my excitement when eleven years ago, in 2015, Jerry and Phyllis Rappaport generously chose Boston College Law School as the Rappaport Center's home. Not long after, I joined the Center's Advisory Board and since then I have enjoyed many fulfilling years as an organizer of—and avid audience member at—Rappaport Center events. Over that period, the Rappaport Center has vastly enriched the lives of countless law students, teachers, policymakers, and members of our legal community. I look forward to continuing and building on the Center's rich legacy in my new role.

As we embark on 2026, the Rappaport Center's work has never been more vital or important. Turmoil inside the Beltway has forced state and local governments to make difficult decisions about how to respond. Should cities and states build their own vaccine approval process as the federal government retreats? Should localities cooperate with ICE arrests or resist them, and what weighs in the balance? Should states fill the growing federal vacuum in environmental and consumer protection by strengthening their own safeguards? How can states and municipalities improve affordability for working families, especially in childcare and housing? Are congestion pricing or bike lanes the answer to traffic gridlock? And as federal funding dries up, how will state and local governments fill the fiscal gap?

These are daunting challenges and the stakes are increasingly high. Yet the pressures on localities have a silver lining. For as governments grapple with these policy issues, we are witnessing a remarkable new era of state and local innovation and resilience. Here in Greater Boston and in Massachusetts, bold new initiatives in housing, education, and health are making the headlines. Meanwhile, experienced federal workers are flocking to Massachusetts for its exciting policy environment. Next summer, our Rappaport Center fellows will have the chance to work with these talented public servants and learn from their expertise.

The Rappaport Center is uniquely poised to offer this opportunity to law students and to explore this new age of state and local innovation through a series of exciting programs and speakers. As we roll out these programs, my comrades-in-arms will be the Rappaport Center's energetic Executive Director, Amanda Teo, our esteemed Advisory Board chair, Michael Caljouw, and our indispensable Administrative Assistant, Alexis Albert. All the while, the spirit of our former Executive Director, Lissy Medvedow, and our past Faculty Directors, Michael Cassidy and Daniel Kanstroom, will be there to inspire us. Above all, Jerry and Phyllis Rappaport will be our guiding lights. In the coming weeks and months, we will have more news about next summer's fellows and upcoming events. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,
Patricia A. McCoy
Faculty Director



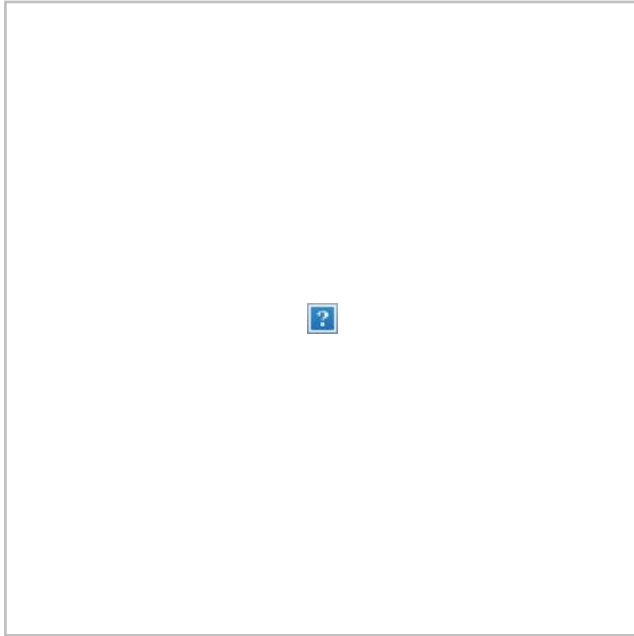
Upcoming Events

In recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month and the 25th Anniversary of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and the Palermo Protocol, the Rappaport Center is honored to kick off its spring 2026 programming with a panel entitled "Beyond Prosecution: Creative Legal Approaches to Combat Human Trafficking and Support Survivors." Please join us on Thursday, January 15, at 12 pm. The program is moderated by Julie Dahlstrom, Director, BU Law Immigrants' Rights and Human Trafficking Clinic, and features Jose Alfaro, Lived Experience Expert and Survivor Advocate; Beth Keeley, Partner, Butters Brazilian LLP, and former Chief of Human Trafficking Division, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office; and Cynthia Vreeland, Partner, WilmerHale.

Please RSVP by Monday, January 12, for attendance either [in person](#) at BC Law School or [virtually by zoom](#).



2026 Summer Fellowship Application due January 15 at 5:00pm!



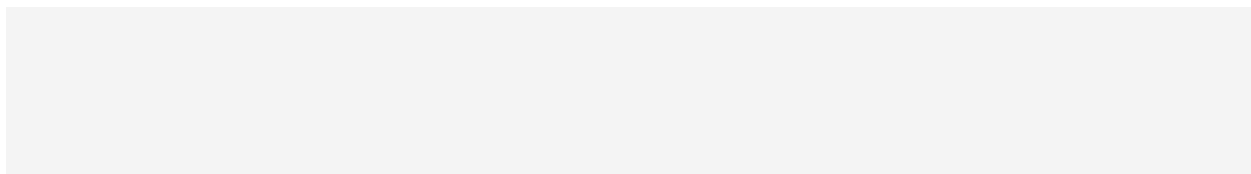
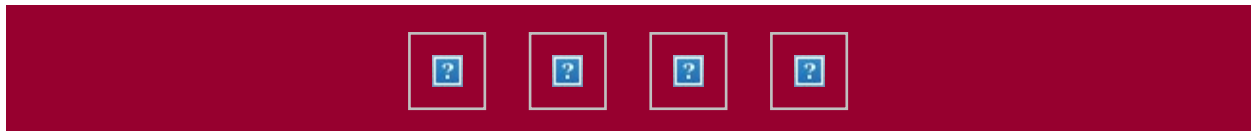
The Rappaport Summer Fellowship in Law and Public Policy is a 10-week summer fellowship for law students to work within the highest levels of state and municipal government in Massachusetts while gaining invaluable access to mentorship, experiential learning, cohort community-building, and funding.

The Rappaport Center seeks to assemble a cohort of emerging leaders whose lived, educational, and professional experiences enrich the fields of law and public policy.

The deadline to apply is Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 5:00pm.

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Subject: Fairgrounds improvements possibility program
Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026 11:58:38 PM
Attachments: Screenshot 2026-01-08 at 23-48-56 Announcing Rodeo Grounds Pedestrian Transportation Infrastructure Grants.png



Good afternoon Fair Board members, Town Councilors and County Commissioners,

I am attaching a copy of a program I just saw and received an email about from the State Lands Investment Board.

I believe this program could be used in a very positive manner for the Fairgrounds/Rodeo, possibly leading to upgrades to the area and safer areas for all during the various summer events. Here is the link to the site as well.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WYOSLI/bulletins/403185c>

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Julien Hass



Request for Projects: Rodeo Grounds Pedestrian Transportation Infrastructure

Purpose: The State Loan and Investment Board is soliciting grant proposals for pedestrian transportation infrastructure projects related to special events conducted on the grounds of any indoor or outdoor rodeo.

Authority: [2023 Wyo. Sess. Laws 455](#)

Funding Available: \$4 million

Submission Deadline: February 9, 2026

Project Requirements:

1. The project must create or enhance pedestrian transportation infrastructure to increase safety, and avoid pedestrian and vehicle interactions, collisions, and conflicts;
2. Related to special events conducted on the grounds of any indoor or outdoor rodeo;
3. The rodeo grounds must have a total seating capacity of not less than 7,500; and
4. The applicant must provide at least a 1:1 match for the funds applied for,

including in-kind contributions.

Project Proposals Must Include:

1. Applicant's information;
2. Full description and justification for the project;
3. Evidence that the project requirements identified above are met;
4. Complete financial plan for the project (including source, amount of match, and if funding is secured or pending); and
5. A commitment letter for any match funding that is secured.

A complete proposal must be submitted to slf-grantsandloans@wyo.gov by 5 pm MST on February 9, 2026.

OSLI Staff Contact:

Shelley Hood

State Grants and Loans Manager

307-777-6373

shelley.hood3@wyo.gov

Julien Hass
julien.hass@gmail.com
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From: [Wyoming Association of Municipalities](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Communication/Technical Assistance "help desk" sessions at Winter Conference
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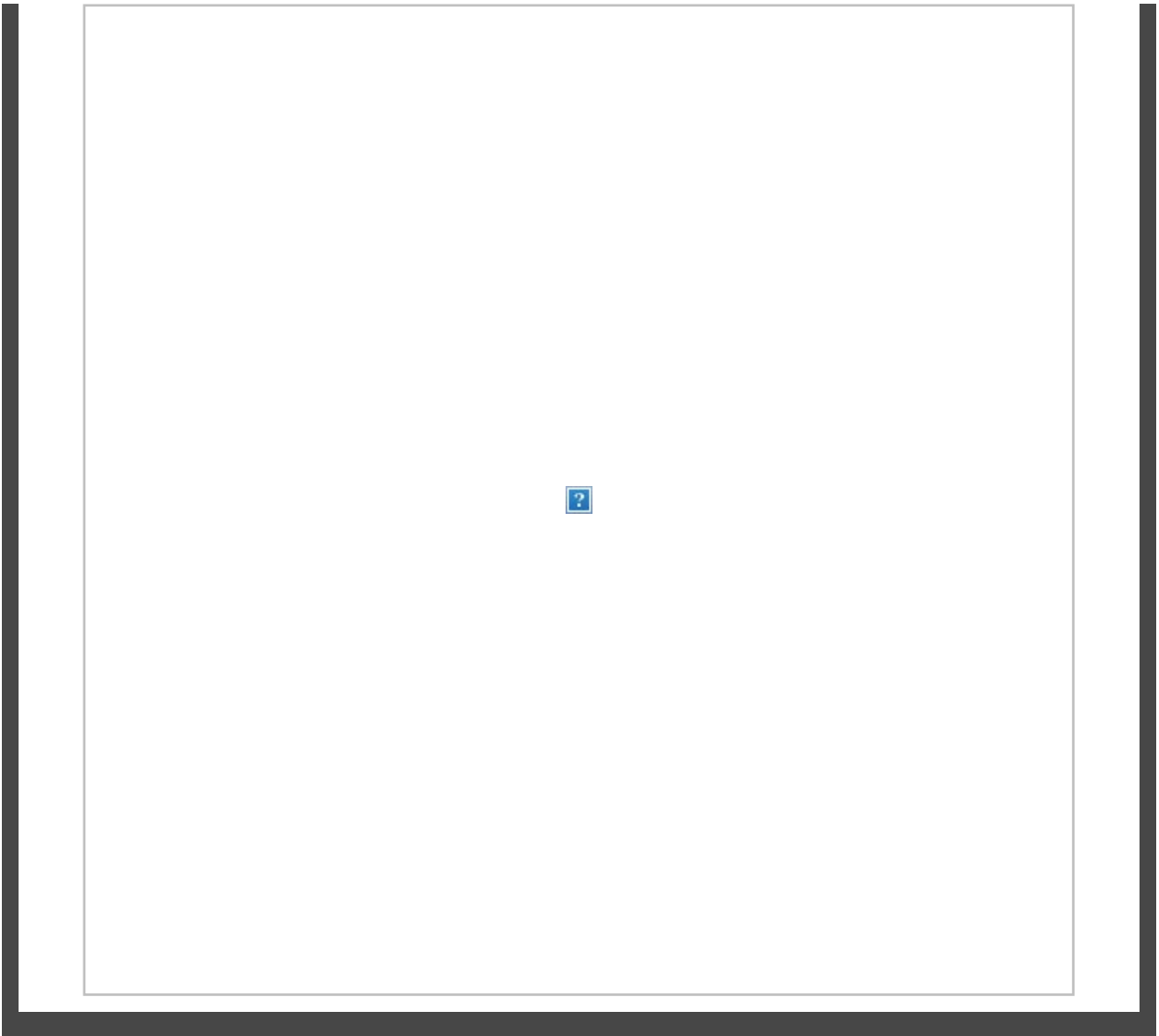
Call to Action! (Revised)

Sign up for technical assistance at the WAM Winter Conference!

WAM is pleased to continue our engagement in **strategic communications support and training for our members** at the upcoming Winter Conference with a special offering of **one-on-one 30 minute communications consultation sessions**. Building from our ongoing partnership with MPK&D and our fall series of communications trainings, we are opening a series of slots on **Thursday, February 12** for direct communications support for WAM member communities. In these sessions, MPK&D partner Kristen Gunther will work with you on strategy and messaging, give feedback on current approaches, and identify helpful best practices or tactics to try. These "help desk" slots are designed to create tangible and useful suggestions for addressing the communications challenges and opportunities that your specific community may be facing.

To sign up, please fill out the following short form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G7NHCT8>

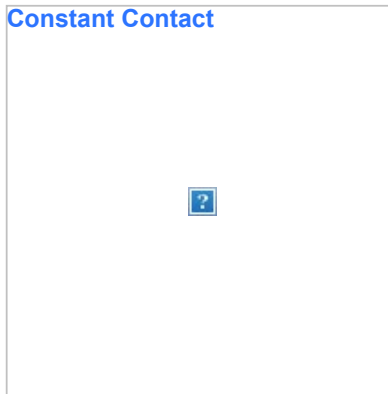
****30-minute slots will be available in the morning and afternoon on Thursday, February 12th.**



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Subject: Re: Online Form Submittal: Email Devon Viehman
Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026 3:47:08 PM



Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

On Jan 8, 2026, at 1:22 PM, noreply@civicplus.com wrote:

Email Devon Viehman

Email Content:

Hi Ms Viehman,

This email is to comment on an ongoing dangerous issue regarding crosswalks in the Town of Jackson, WY. There are many vehicles that aren't familiar with the abnormal street system we have, like where the turn lane is, when a street becomes one-way etc. Jackson has many of these odd intersections like the wierd 5 way of FlatCreek Pearl Broadway and a Parking Lot. Also Glenwood and Broadway and Willow and Broadway. Just to name a few. :) These streets are busy with traffic pedestrians, bicycles and in the summer the Stage Coach. Please put a stoplight with a safe crosswalk light at Broadway and Willow and also at Broadway and Glenwood. These are dangerous and unsettling to both motorists and pedestrians.

Thank you for your time. :)

Let me know how I can help with this issue.

Your Name: Natalie Wight

Your Company Name: *Field not completed.*

Your Phone Number: 801-376-8182

Your Email Address: wightnatalie@gmail.com

Your City:	Jackson
Your State:	WY
Your Zip Code:	83001

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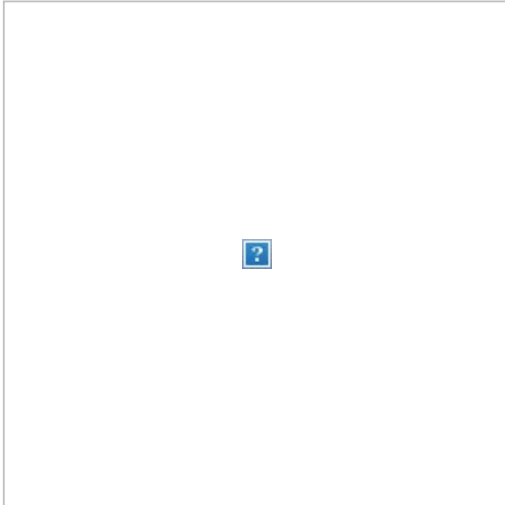


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“In the town of Jackson, temperatures were 12.2 degrees above average in December, and it was also the wettest month in town since February 2017.”

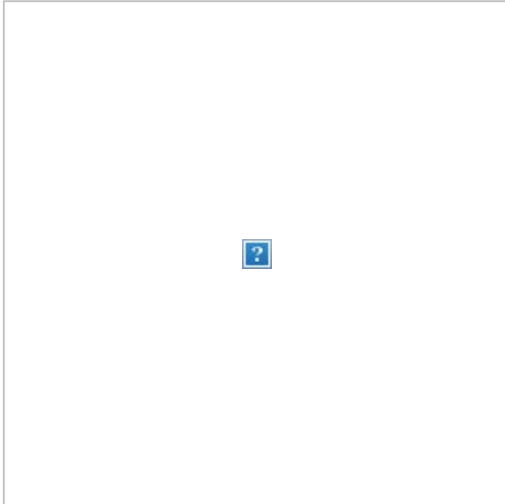
December 2025 was the [warmest on record](#) for many locations in western Wyoming.

Today's Top Stories



[Planning Commission recommends Council deny Pearl Ave. development](#)

Editor's note: A previous version of this story misspelled the name of Chairman Thomas Smits. It has been corrected and Buckrail regrets the error. JACKSON, Wyo. — On Wednesday evening, the Town [...]



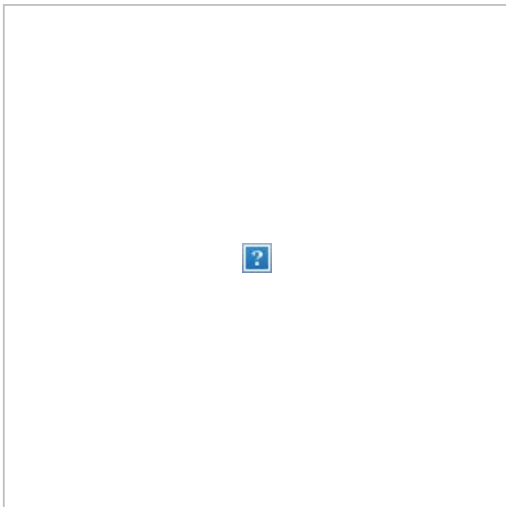
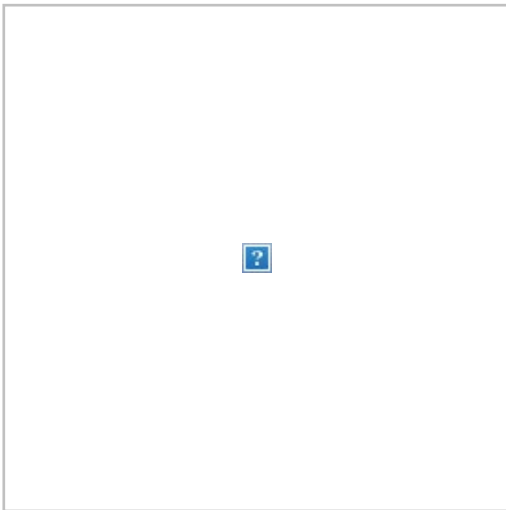
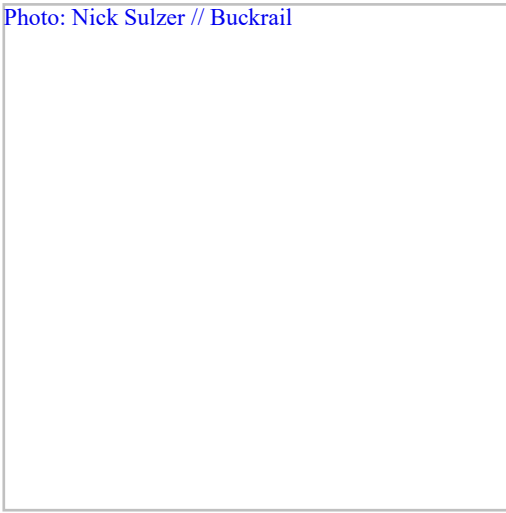
[SNAPPED: Steve Aoki returns to The Center with beats, cakes](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — How about some cake to accompany that dance music? EDM giant Steve Aoki made a triumphant return to Jackson on Wednesday night, playing to a packed house at Center [...]

[Surveillance camera contract to be reviewed](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — At the Monday Town Council meeting, a motion was passed unanimously to address amending the contract between the Town and Flock Safety. The contract, which resulted in the installation [...]

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Free guided snowshoe hikes back at GTNP

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK — Winter visitors to the Tetons have a unique opportunity to step into history. Grand Teton National Park (GTNP) has announced the return of ranger-led snowshoe hikes this [...]

State reps Yin, Provenza bring 'listening sessions' to Jackson tonight

JACKSON, Wyo. — Two Democrat Wyoming state representatives are continuing their series of “listening sessions” with an event in Jackson this evening. The discussion, featuring Mike Yin (Teton County) and Karlee Provenza [...]

December 2025 was anomalously warm, and also wet, across Western Wyoming

JACKSON, Wyo. — December 2025 was the

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warmest on record for many locations in Western Wyoming. In the town of Jackson, temperatures were [...]

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St. John's Health announces first baby born in new year

JACKSON, Wyo. — St. John's Health (SJH) has announced the arrival of the first baby born in 2026! According to a Monday Facebook post by SJH, baby boy Connor was born to [...]

'Attacks on public lands' spur creation of Wyo PAC led by hunters, anglers

WYOMING — In light of the many attempted incursions on public lands last year, a group of sportsmen and women in Wyoming are banding together to form a political action committee (PAC) [...]



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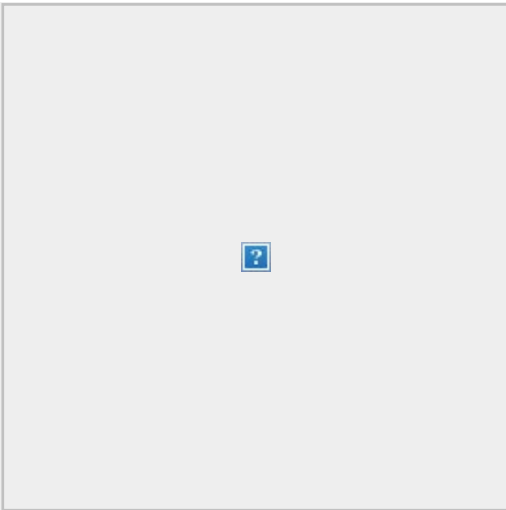
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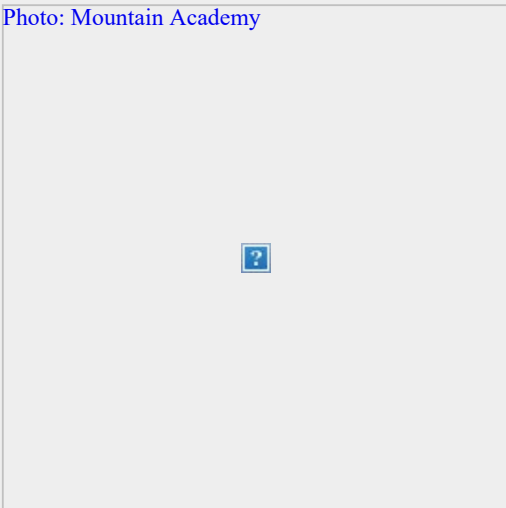
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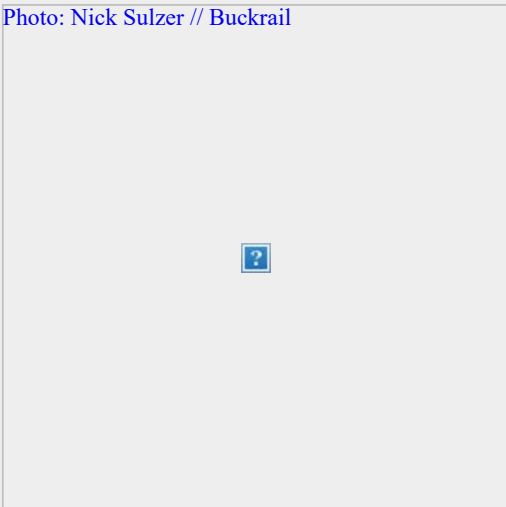
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Discover Mountain Academy's Jackson Campus this January

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Christmas tree composting available with two free options

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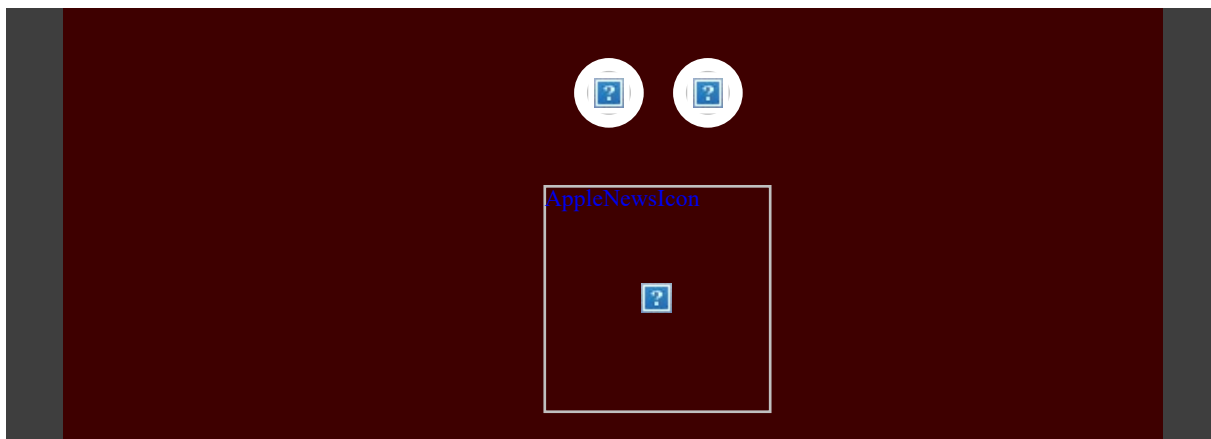
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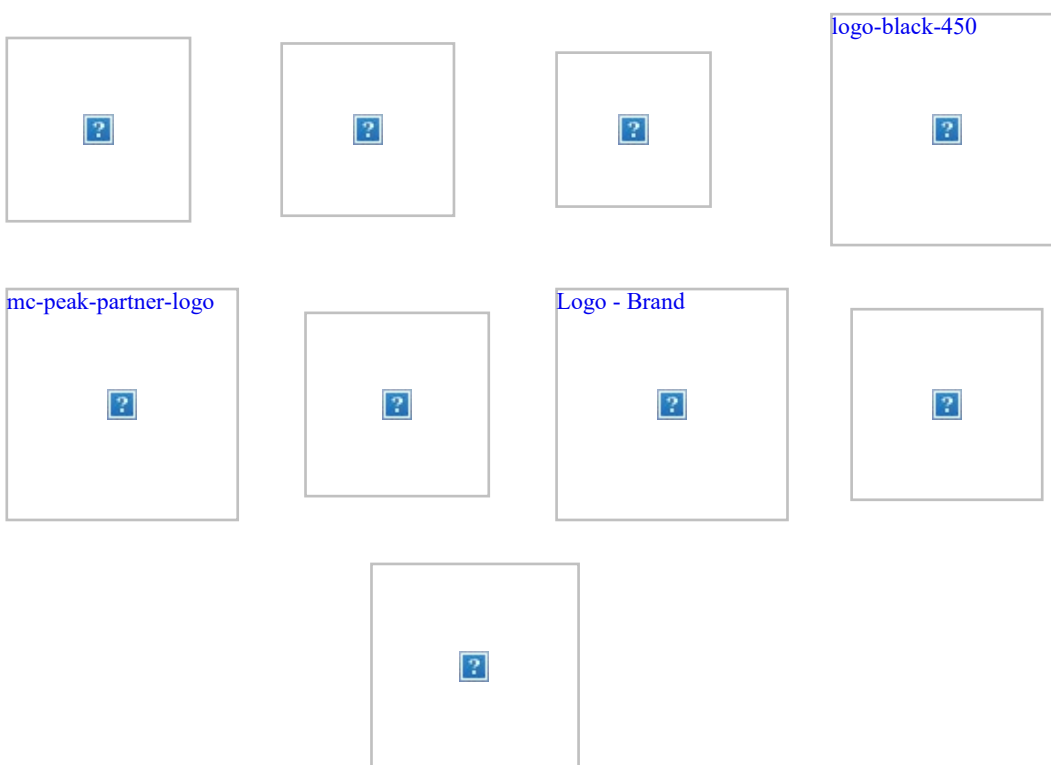
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Email Content:

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Thank you for your time. :)

Let me know how I can help with this issue.

Your Name: Natalie Wight

Your Company Name: *Field not completed.*

Your Phone Number: 801-376-8182

Your Email Address: wightnatalie@gmail.com

Your City: Jackson

Your State: WY

Your Zip Code: 83001

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From: [Evan Scolnick](#)
To: [Devon Viehman](#)
Subject: Re: Online Form Submittal: Email the Town Council
Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026 2:53:07 PM



Devon,

Im under the impression that you have close ties to both the Senior Moose and Youth Hockey. Is there another member of the council that I can copy on this email. This is nothing major and more of a curiosity question on how the rink is intended to be run. However this is a small town and I want to tread lightly and remain anonymous as far as CMI and youth hockey are concerned.

Thanks Again,

Evan

On Jan 6, 2026, at 10:35 AM, noreply@civicplus.com wrote:

Email the Town Council

Email Content:	Who would one email about concerns about the way our town ice arena is managed?
Your Name:	Evan Scolnick
Your Company Name:	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Your Phone Number:	3076903550
Your Email Address:	evanjhwy@gmail.com
Your City:	Jackson
Your State:	WY
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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Climate Mayors Announces 2026 Leadership Team
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Climate Mayors Announces 2026 Leadership Team

Dear Climate Mayors,

Today, **Climate Mayors announced its new [mayoral leadership team for 2026](#)**, reaffirming the organization's unwavering commitment to advancing local climate action across the United States.

Watch the introductory press conference [here](#). The incoming leadership will collaborate with the Climate Mayors [Steering Committee](#) and broader network to make progress on the coalition's 2026 objectives to improve affordability, expand nature based solutions, highlight success stories, and emphasize how local governments continue to serve as a key partner for their communities.

Mayor Kate Gallego of Phoenix guided Climate Mayors with strength and poise through a presidential transition, leading with clarity in times of adversity and uncertainty. As she concludes her distinguished term as Chair, Climate Mayors is grateful for her continued support as Chair Emerita. Looking ahead, **Mayor Lauren McLean of Boise** assumes the role of Chair in 2026, carrying forward this vital work. Mayor McLean, who previously served as Vice-Chair, brings extensive experience in local climate leadership to her new position. Joining her as Vice-Chairs are **Mayor Andre Dickens of Atlanta** and **Mayor Barbara Buffaloe of Columbia, Missouri**. Climate Mayors is also pleased to welcome [six new mayors](#) to its Steering Committee, further strengthening its ability to drive climate solutions at the local level.

To promote this exciting announcement, we are sharing suggested language and graphics to use on your social media channels. Please remember to tag and use #ClimateMayors in your posts so that we can amplify your content! As always, don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

		
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Direct links to content:

- [Incoming leadership team press release](#)
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- [Press Conference Video](#)

Leadership team handles to tag:

- @boisemayor
- @andreforatlanta
- @BarbaraBuffaloe
- @MayorGallego

Twitter/X/Bluesky:

- Congratulations to @boisemayor, @andreforatlanta, and @ColumbiaMO's Mayor Buffaloe on stepping into #ClimateMayors leadership for 2026! Grateful for Mayor Gallego's dedicated service as Chair & excited to build on this momentum.

Learn more: <https://www.climatemayors.org/post/new-leadership-2026>

- Honoring Mayor Gallego's leadership as Chair of #ClimateMayors & welcoming the new 2026 leadership team! Excited to work with Mayors @boisemayor, @andreforatlanta, & @BarbaraBuffaloe as we continue driving climate progress in our communities.

Learn more: <https://www.climatemayors.org/post/new-leadership-2026>

- @climatemayors just announced new leadership !!!I'm excited to work alongside Chair @boisemayor & Vice-Chairs @andreforatlanta & @BarbaraBuffaloe on our 2026 goals of ensuring our cities are resilient, safe, and sustainable communities for all.
<https://www.climatemayors.org/post/new-leadership-2026>

LinkedIn:

- Congratulations to Mayor Lauren McLean (Boise), Mayor Andre Dickens (Atlanta), and Mayor Barbara Buffaloe (Columbia, MO) as they take the helm of Climate Mayors for 2026!

A heartfelt thank you to Mayor Kate Gallego for her outstanding leadership and vision as Chair. I'm proud to be part of this network and to work alongside these fellow mayors united

in advancing climate solutions for affordable and resilient communities.

#ClimateMayors2026 #ClimateLeadership #ThankYouMayorGallego

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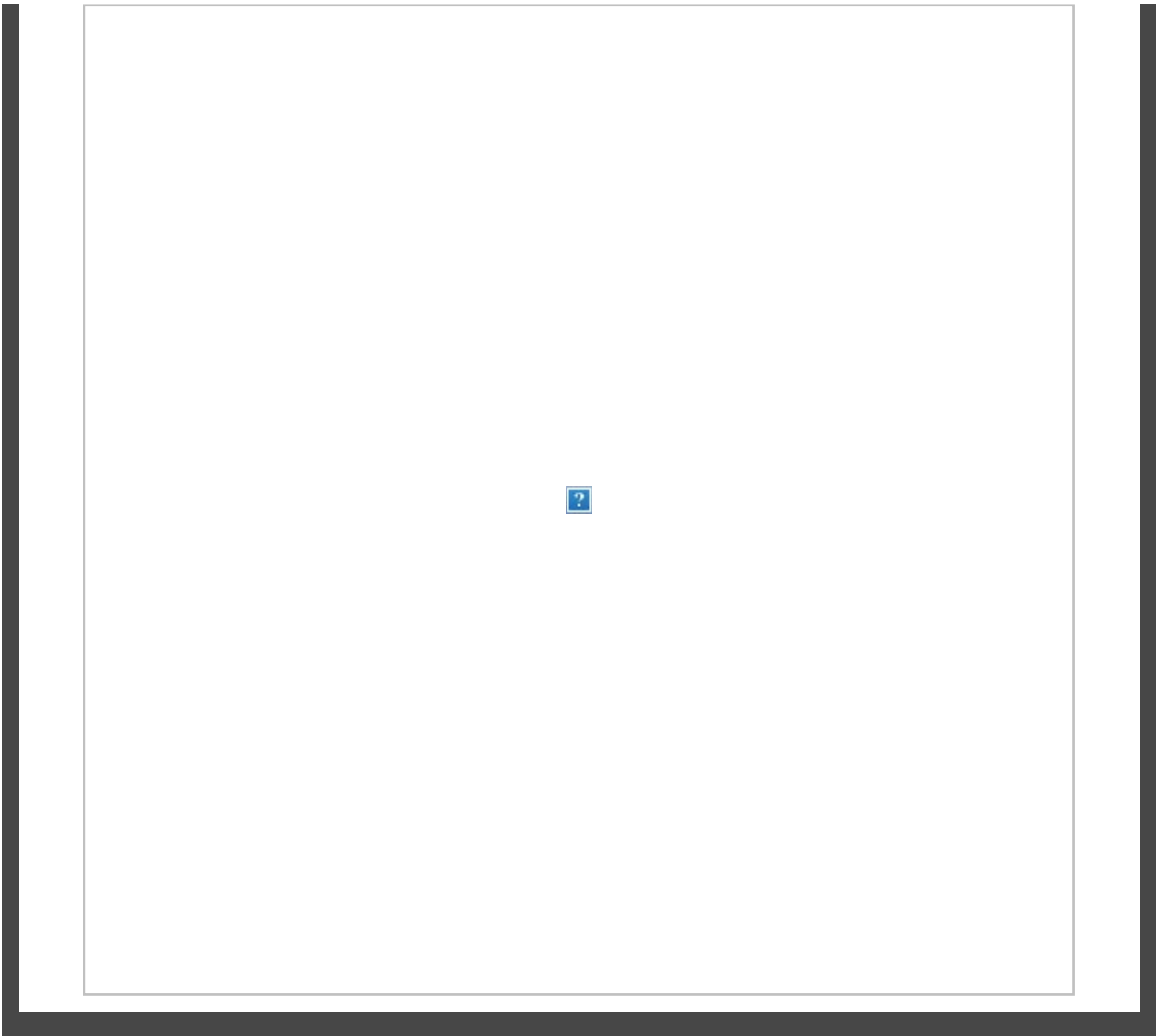
Call to Action!

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WAM is pleased to continue our engagement in **strategic communications support and training for our members** at the upcoming Winter Conference with a special offering of **one-on-one 30 minute communications consultation sessions**. Building from our ongoing partnership with MPK&D and our fall series of communications trainings, we are opening a series of slots on **Thursday, February 12** for direct communications support for WAM member communities. In these sessions, MPK&D partner Kristen Gunther will work with you on strategy and messaging, give feedback on current approaches, and identify helpful best practices or tactics to try. These "help desk" slots are designed to create tangible and useful suggestions for addressing the communications challenges and opportunities that your specific community may be facing.

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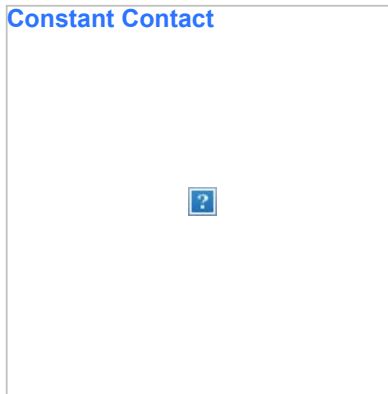
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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Natalie Wight Email Arne Jorgensen
Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026 1:29:16 PM



Email Arne Jorgensen

Email Content:

Hi Mr Jorgensen,

This email is to comment on an ongoing dangerous issue regarding crosswalks in the Town of Jackson, WY. There are many vehicles that aren't familiar with the abnormal street system we have, like where the turn lane is, when a street becomes one-way etc. Jackson has many of these odd intersections like the wierd 5 way of FlatCreek Pearl Broadway and a Parking Lot. Also Glenwood and Broadway and Willow and Broadway. Just to name a few. :) These streets are busy with traffic pedestrians, bicycles and in the summer the Stage Coach. Please put a stoplight with a safe crosswalk light at Broadway and Willow and also at Broadway and Glenwood. These are dangerous and unsettling to both motorists and pedestrians.

Thank you for your time. :)

Let me know how I can help with this issue.

Your Name: Natalie Wight

Your Company Name: *Field not completed.*

Your Phone Number: 801-376-8182

Your Email Address: wightnatalie@gmail.com

Your City: Jackson

Your State: WY

Your Zip Code: 83001

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Jonathan Schechter](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Natalie Wight Email Jonathan Schechter
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Email Jonathan Schechter

Email Content:

Hi Mr Schechter,

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Email Kevin Regan

Email Content:

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Email Alyson Spery

Email Content:

Hi Alyson,

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Thank you for your time. :)

Yes it's me, Natalie. :)

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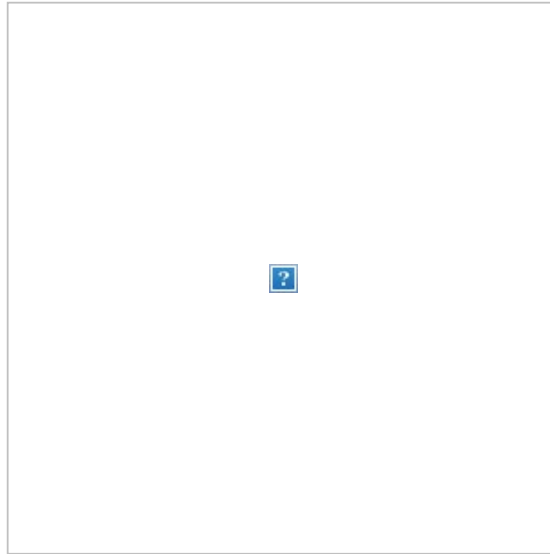
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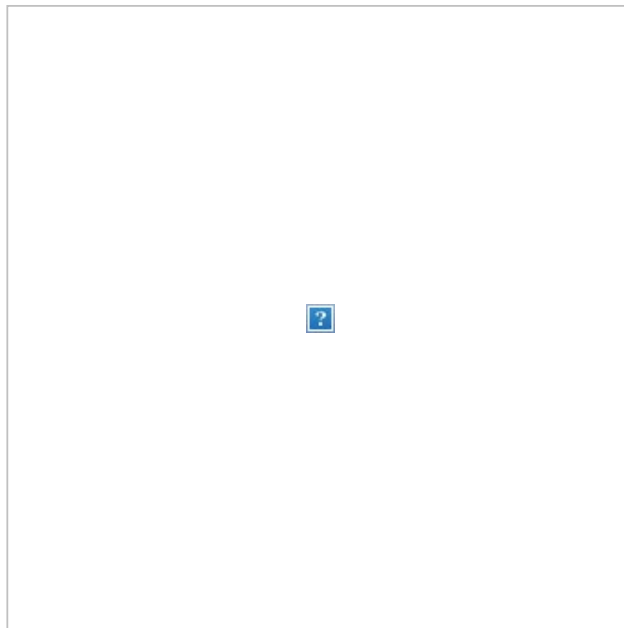
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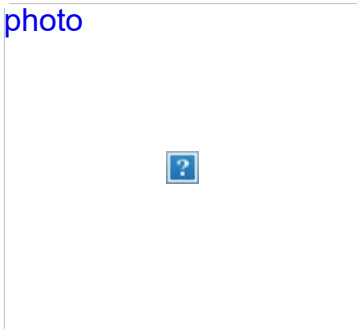


Hey Arne,

Hope parents are well down in AZ.

Talk soon

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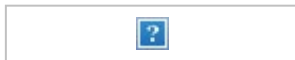


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On Jan 5, 2026, at 8:10 AM, Taylor Phillips <taylor@jhecotouradventures.com>

wrote:

Hi Arne, Happy holidays! I hope you had a great holiday season and are easing into the new year.

We're excited to invite you to a Chamber of Commerce Mixer on January 8th at 5:00 p.m. at our office:

1300 Carroll Lane
Jackson, WY

This event is a small way for us to say thank you to our community for 18 years of support at EcoTour Adventures. We feel incredibly grateful to be part of such an awesome and engaged community, and we'd love for you to join us for some food, drinks, and good conversation.

If you know folks in your circle who would benefit from learning more about EcoTour Adventures, please bring them along, all are welcome.

Hope to see you there!

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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Housing Perspectives: Federal Assistance Programs Help Mitigate the Worst of the Housing Crisis
Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026 9:05:44 AM



Housing Perspectives

Federal Assistance Programs Help Mitigate the Worst of the Housing Crisis



Thursday, January 8, 2026 | Peyton Whitney , Alexander Hermann , Chris Herbert , Whitney Airgood-Obrycki

Housing affordability challenges are pervasive across the country. In 2023, a record-high 22.6 million renter households—half of all renters—were cost burdened, meaning they spent more than 30 percent of their income on rent and utilities. When households spend more on rent, they have less to spend on everything else including food, childcare, clothing, transportation, and healthcare....

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Kicking off 2026 strong; upcoming permitting reform trainings

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Weekly Briefing, Jan. 7, 2026



We reached our year-end fundraising goal!

Citizens' Climate officially reached our goal of \$1.25 million in fundraising donations on December 31, right before the start of the new year. That means we're entering 2026 set up for success! This year we'll be able to equip volunteers like you with even better training and coordinate more strategic mobilizations than ever before. All of that helps us advance good climate policy in

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Congress.

And we're already seeing challenges where we can step up this year. Just before the holidays, the Trump administration canceled a number of [offshore wind projects](#) — which had already been approved — showing the need for certainty measures in a permitting reform package. And this month, Congress is in the midst of a [funding process](#) that could affect climate research. CCL staff are hard at work preparing guidance and action tools you can use to make a difference on these important issues.

We're deeply grateful to everyone who made our year-end success possible. If you haven't yet had a chance to give, we invite you to start the year with a gift that ensures Earth's lobbying team has the resources to respond quickly, mobilize effectively, and push climate solutions forward in Congress throughout 2026.

Donate Today

In other news this week:

- **The Clean Competition Act:** On Dec. 17, 2025, [several Democrats](#) in the Senate and House re-introduced the [Clean Competition Act](#). This bill would enact a carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) and also include a domestic carbon price. We have endorsed the bill and appreciate the ways it helps to advance the conversation on CBAMs.

You can share news of the bill on [Bluesky](#) or [X](#), and for more on the topic of CBAMs, catch up on Dr. Danny Richter's Fall Conference presentation, "[More Carbon Pricing Around the World](#)."





Take action this week

If you have a little time: Build momentum for a Fix Our Forests floor vote. There's just one day left to hit our goal of 5,000 contacts to senators in support of the Fix Our Forests Act. Remember, the bill has already passed in the House and passed the Senate Agriculture Committee last fall with a strong bipartisan vote. Next, it will be up for consideration by the full Senate. [Send your Senator a message](#) to let them know about the bill's progress and voice your support!

If you have more time: Attend this Saturday's Monthly Meeting. Kick off the year with a State of the Organization message from CCL leaders, celebrating our recent fundraising milestones, sharing leadership updates, and previewing where things stand as we begin 2026. CCL Vice President of Field Operations Brett Cease will also debut BRIDGE —Building Relationships in Dialogue, Growth, and Engagement — our robust new relational advocacy training program designed to strengthen your communication skills and deepen your relationships with congressional offices in the year ahead. [Plan to tune in](#) this Saturday at 1 p.m. ET / 10 a.m. PT.



Featured: CCL Kalamazoo

Mary Ann Renz, who co-leads CCL Kalamazoo with Deb Freiman, rallied the CCL Kalamazoo chapter to create a group fundraiser in support of CCL's Year-End Fundraiser last month. They set a goal to raise \$1,000, and they succeeded, finishing December with \$1,135 raised! Fundraising can be tough, but Mary Ann and her chapter stayed committed because of all the ways they "get their money's worth" from CCL — from tools and scripts to easily contact Congress, to national events and calls that offer education and empowerment.

As they head into 2026, CCL Kalamazoo is planning for lots of outreach through tabling, film screenings, and midterm campaign season activities. "We plan to organize get-togethers with candidates for Congress in our district, viewing the events as opportunities to talk about our shared concerns about climate change and our support for effective bipartisan climate solutions," Mary Ann says.

The chapter will also work alongside two other CCL groups in their congressional district. After a successful roundtable event last spring and a social event at a winery in the fall (pictured above), they're excited to keep collaborating and amplifying their voices to Congress.

Keep up the great work, CCL Kalamazoo!

CCL has over 350 chapters across the country. [Find your local chapter today](#) and get plugged

in.



Upcoming trainings

1/8: Introduction to Permitting Reform Basics - What are “permitting” and “permitting reform,” and why does CCL consider it such an important climate solution? Join CCL's VP of Government Affairs Jenn Tyler and Research Manager Dana Nuccitelli to learn the answers to these questions and why CCL is leaning into permitting reform as the key climate policy solution of 2026. [Join us!](#)

1/15: Understanding the Permitting Reform Landscape - Permitting reform is a complex topic that touches on many politically sensitive topics including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), judicial reforms, and federal involvement in interstate project permitting processes. Join Jenn Tyler and Dana Nuccitelli to learn about the permitting players, politics, problems, and how and why CCL is engaging in this challenging landscape. [Join us!](#)

To see other events and CCL trainings, visit the [Training Topics page of CCL Community](#).

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From: [Brad Hovinga](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Cc: [Cheyenne Stewart](#)
Subject: Feedground Management Action Plan Stakeholder Meeting
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 4:59:55 PM



Hi Arne,

Happy New Year!

We are beginning to engage with stakeholders regarding the Jackson Feedground Management Action Plan (FMAP). I wanted to reach out for your input on the best way to coordinate with the Town of Jackson.

We are flexible and happy to meet in a way works best for you:

1. Meeting individually with you and any interested Town Council members.
2. Meeting with you or your designee to relay the discussion to others in town government.

Please let me know your thoughts and availability to discuss the Jackson FMAP. If it is easier, feel free to call me at 307-699-3948.

Thank you, and I look forward to our discussion,
Brad

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Brad Hovinga

Jackson Regional Supervisor

Wyoming Game and Fish Department
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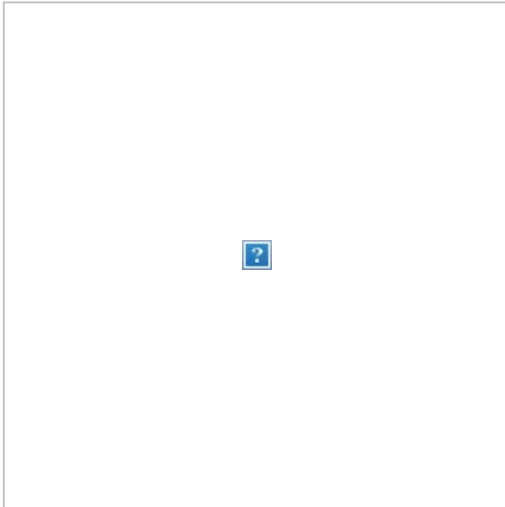


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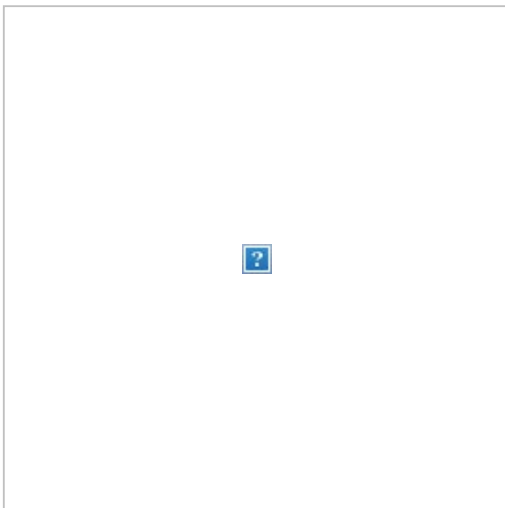
A new [political action committee](#) aims to educate Wyoming voters about candidates based on their support for public lands.

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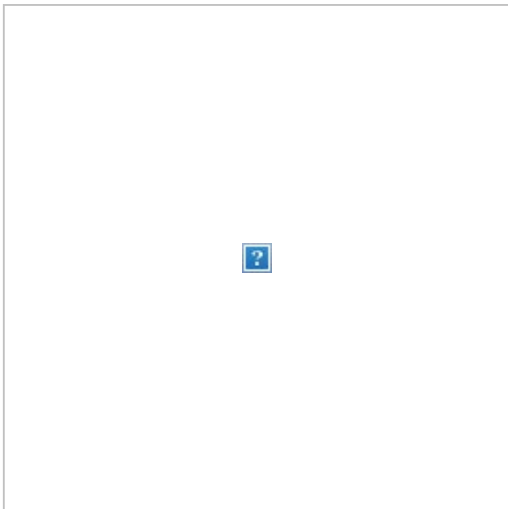
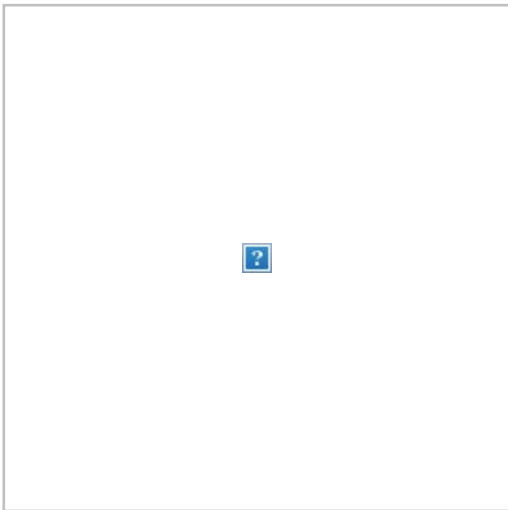
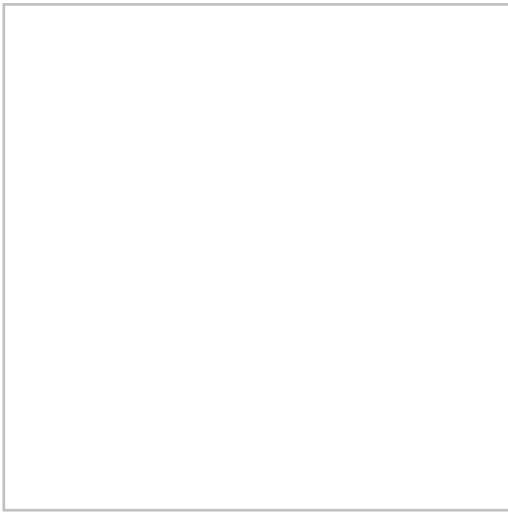


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[History museum to host free talk on legendary Teton guide Paul Petzoldt](#)

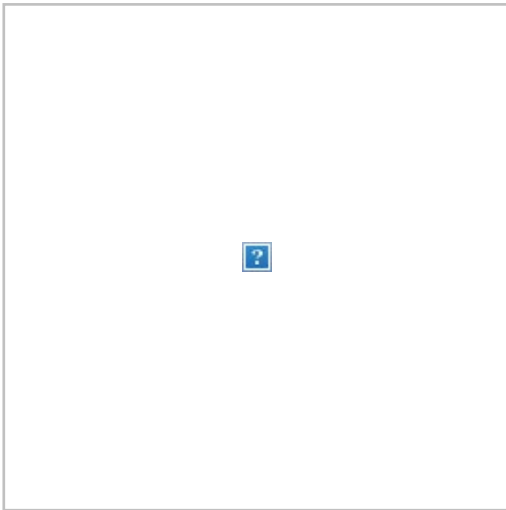
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[SNAPPED: Bighorn sheep peruse rocky terrain in Gros Ventre](#)

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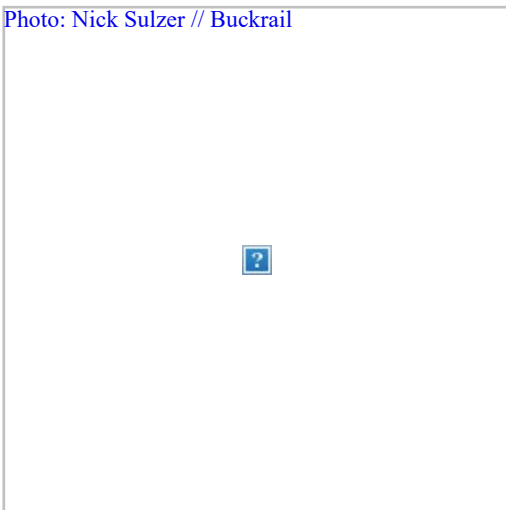
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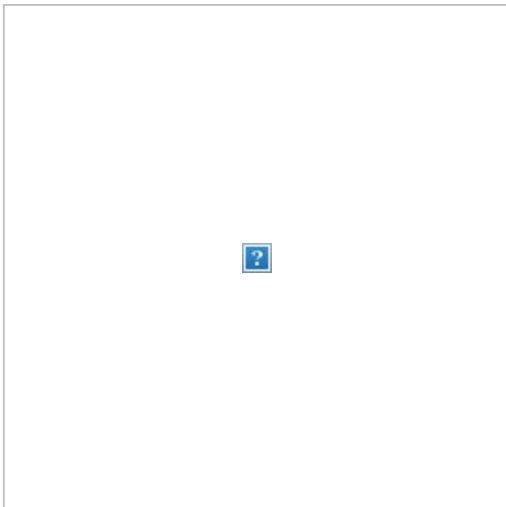
— Following 2022’s historic flood in Yellowstone National Park (YNP), the National Park Service (NPS) and Federal Highway Administration are devising reconstruction plans for the park’s North Entrance Road. That [...]

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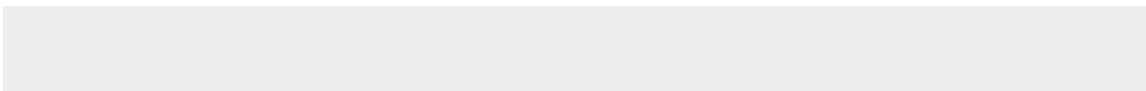
TCD conservation grant program to accept project applications until Feb.

JACKSON, Wyo. — The Teton Conservation District (TCD) has announced that it is accepting applications for its annual Partners in Conservation (PIC) grant program from now until 5 p.m. on Feb. 1. Applications [...]



Free winter recreation day returns to Turpin Meadows on Sunday

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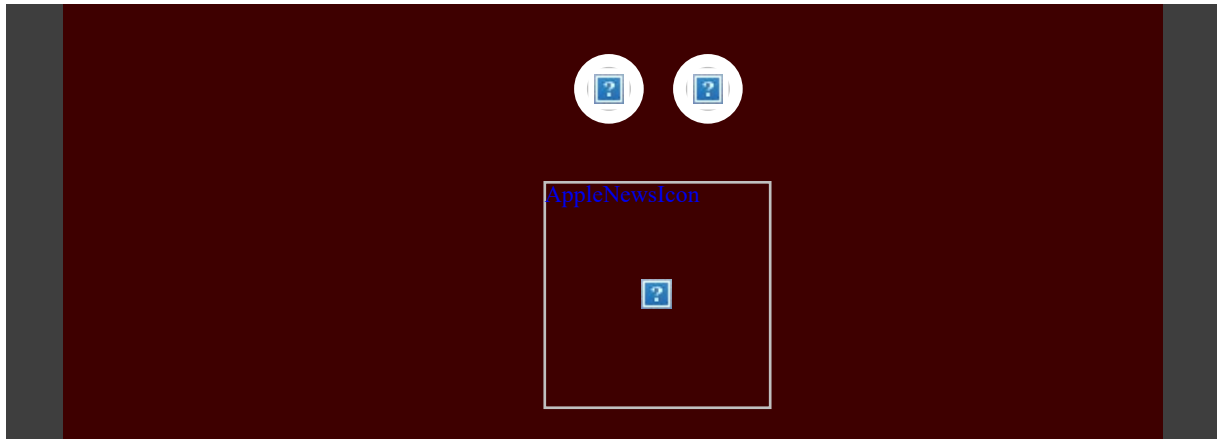
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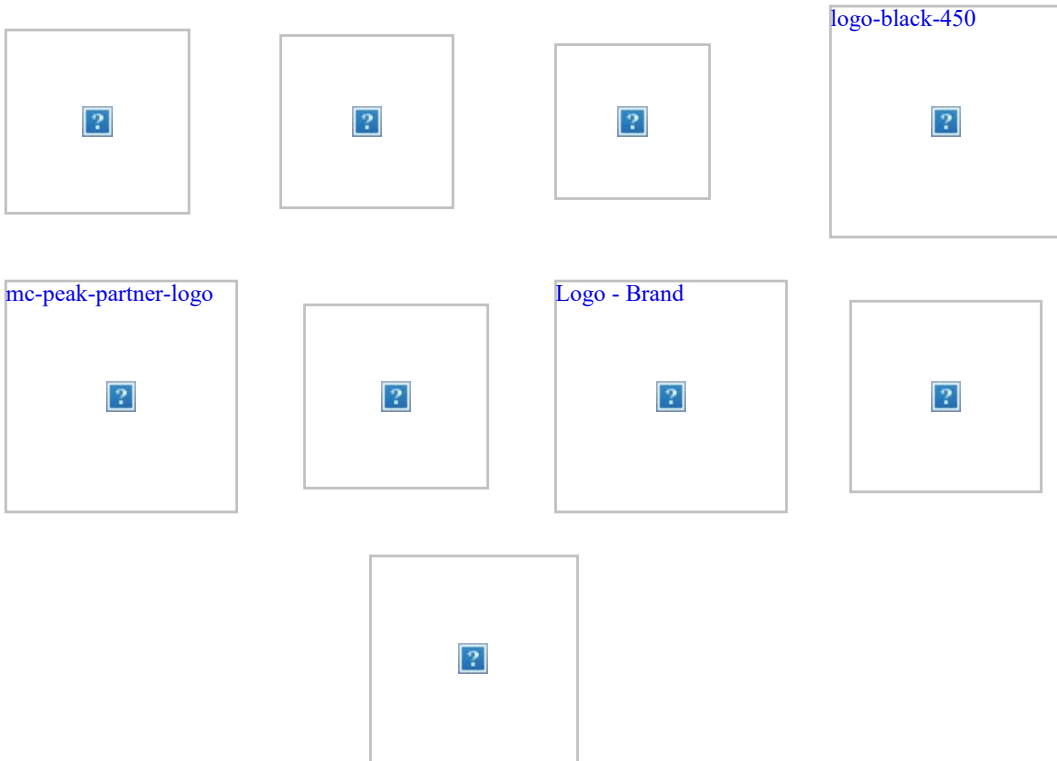
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Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 3:36:09 PM



Email Arne Jorgensen

Email Content:

Dear Mayor Jorgensen,
Special Olympics Wyoming would like to invite you to briefly speak at the Law Enforcement Torch Run on February 24, 2026, to kick off State Winter Games in Jackson Hole, February 24-26. We are thrilled to return to Jackson for some fierce and friendly competition on the slopes of the Jackson Hole mountains.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) symbolizes courage and celebrates diversity, uniting communities and lighting the way for acceptance and inclusion. Detective Heidi Schmidl from Jackson PD is organizing a short torch run in downtown Jackson to show law enforcement's support and highlight the talents Special Olympics athletes share during games.

If your schedule permits, it would be an honor to have you speak at the conclusion of the Torch Run in the Town Square at approximately 2:15 PM on February 24th, welcoming the athletes, coaches, volunteers, and families to Jackson.

We look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience regarding your availability for this opportunity.
Thank you,
Cathy Bisiar
Director of Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics WY

Your Name: Cathy Bisiar

Your Company Name: Special Olympics Wyoming

Your Phone Number: 3072353062

Your Email Address: LETR@specialolympicswy.org

Your City: Casper

Your State: Wyoming

Your Zip Code: 82601

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Webinar: Winter 2025/26 A Climate-Fueled Season

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Join us **Thursday, January 14th** for a timely look at early-season snowpack across the Western U.S. We'll unpack the unseasonable weather so far, what the outlook suggests ahead, and how a warming climate is shaping this winter.

The conversation will also explore early economic impacts in an iconic mountain community and how local partners are supporting businesses through uncertainty. Time will be reserved for audience Q&A.

Featured Speakers:

- Morgan Mingle, Director of Sustainable Tourism, Park City
- Daniel Swain, Climate Scientist, University of California, Davis
- Shel Winkley, Meteorologist, Climate Central

Wednesday, January 14th
10:00 a.m. MT



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This year, MT2030 is launching a series of monthly webinars where communities share real-world climate solutions already in action. By showcasing proven case studies, we can help other communities replicate what works - saving months of planning and effort.

Do you have a climate solution successfully deployed in your community that you'd be willing to share?

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The VPP Strategy: Securing Our Community's Energy Future

As traditional solar incentives evolve, communities need new, scalable pathways to meet 2030 climate commitments. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and National Science Foundation have identified a critical frontier: rooftop heat cables (snowmelt systems). Today, these systems represent the largest uncontrolled load on the North American grid—and one of the most immediate opportunities for decarbonization.

The DOE has coined the term **FlexiWatt** to describe the Powder Watts impact, now recognized as the nation's most powerful Virtual Power Plant

(VPP) opportunity.

For mountain communities, the case is clear. Powder Watts delivers the fastest payback and lowest embodied carbon of any energy solution available, outperforming heat pumps in both ROI and grid impact per building. By applying smart controls to existing snowmelt systems, communities can cut winter energy waste by up to **92%**, stabilizing the grid while delivering a measurable climate win.

This community-led FlexiWatt transition needs local leaders. If you're ready to position your community as a national model for the DOE's leading VPP opportunity, let's talk about becoming a **Powder Watts Energy Ambassador** for your region.

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Subject: January Clubhouse News 2026
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January 2026

Museum & Program Updates

Happy 2026 JHCM Community! Thanks for sticking with us this year and your continued support of events like Touch-a-Truck, summer camps, Old Bill's, afterschool programs, Museum Pop-Up, and our Capital Campaign.

Winter afterschool programs are full! For those who missed the lottery, we hope to see you in future programming. STEAM continues with outreach and museum trips for local schools. Kids will create cars, instruments, habitats, and more. Please donate recycled materials.

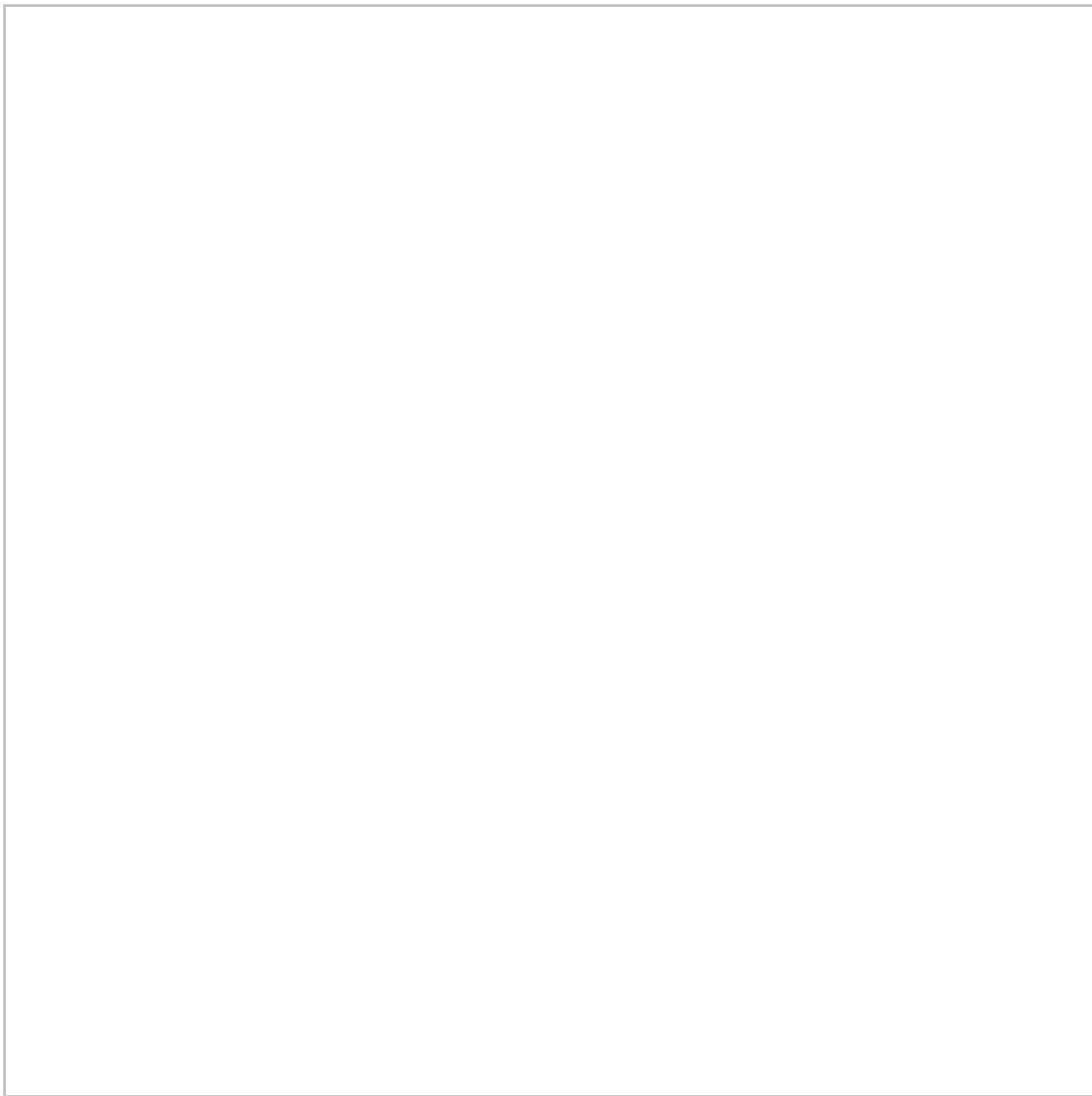
Discover our book of the month and a fun winter craft you can do at home!

[Read Our Book of the Month](#)

[Unleash Creativity at Home](#)

[Donate Recycled Materials](#)

Become a JHCM Member



Operations Updates

That's a wrap on our Museum Pop-Up at the Lodge Conference Center! We're excited to welcome you to the new museum soon.

This month, we made great progress on exhibits like the sensory secrets tree, simple machines tree, glass donor drops, wildness climber, and hole story. Our contractors, fabricators, and artists continue to amaze us. Stay tuned for opening dates and times later this month. Current or former members are welcome to fill out the survey linked below to help us best shape membership benefits and structure.

[Stay updated on Museum Operations](#)

[Fill out Member Survey Here](#)

Support the move to 105 Mercill



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Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 2:44:08 AM
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Patriots Cities – 2026 Global City Survey - Google Forms.pdf



Dear Mayor Jorgensen,

I am writing to briefly follow up on our invitation for the Town of Jackson to participate in the **2026 Patriots Cities Global City Survey**. We would be honored to include Jackson's unique perspective in this international research initiative.

Recognizing that your office may wish to review the scope of this request before coordinating with the relevant departments, **I have attached a PDF copy of the survey to this email for your convenience.**

We have designed the survey to be an efficient resource for municipal leaders:

- **Strategic & Descriptive:** The goal is to map urban and town-level trends and facilitate peer-to-peer learning—this is **not** a ranking or comparative evaluation.
- **Time-Efficient Format:** Most of the 10 sections use **multiple-choice questions**, focusing on high-level policy frameworks and community engagement rather than granular data entry.
- **Low Administrative Burden:** No file uploads are required; simple web links to existing Town ordinances, wildlife-coexistence policies, or public programs are more than sufficient.

We believe Jackson's experience in managing the human–animal bond within a unique ecological and tourism-driven context would offer a highly valuable perspective to this global mapping effort. While final entry is via a digital portal, this PDF allows your staff to gather information internally at their own pace.

If your team has any questions or would like a brief call to clarify the scope, I would be very happy to assist.

With appreciation,

Stefano Gnes President, Noble Alliance Association

On Thu, Nov 20, 2025 at 9:55 AM Noble Alliance Association Geneva
<team@noblealliance.org> wrote:



Dear Mayor Jorgensen,

We are pleased to invite your municipality to participate in the **2026 Petriots Cities Global City Survey**, an independent research initiative led by Noble Alliance. The survey examines how cities around the world engage with pets, their families, and the broader human–animal bond in their local governance, operations, and community initiatives.

The survey is descriptive—not comparative. It does not score, rank, or evaluate cities. Its objective is to build a clear and accurate overview of current municipal practices, highlight emerging approaches, and identify areas where cross-city learning or coordination may be beneficial.

What your city gains from participating

Your contribution will enable your municipality to:

- Access the global findings report, including aggregated insights, comparative patterns, and emerging trends relevant to municipal planning.
- Benefit from peer-to-peer learning, with the option to join a Community of Practice on pet-inclusive policy.
- Help inform future guidance, tools, and frameworks designed to support cities navigating related policy, operational, and service challenges.
- Be eligible for an attributed city profile, should you wish to highlight your city's experience or initiatives (published only with explicit consent).

- Engage in international knowledge exchange, supporting evidence-based decision-making without public rankings or assessments.

Access the survey here:

<https://forms.gle/PLGVwdmaxFDSHwN77>

Your participation will help address a recognized global data gap. Companion animals intersect with many important and evolving areas of city and community life, yet consistent municipal-level information remains limited. Your contribution will help ensure that the final report reflects the perspectives, constraints, and approaches shared directly through your municipality's input.

The survey includes **10 concise sections** and may be completed by a single department or through coordination across relevant units. Responses are used exclusively for research and policy analysis. No city will be identified in any publication without explicit prior consent. Every municipality operates within its own legal frameworks, priorities, and resources, and there are no right or wrong answers. If exact figures are not available, respondents are encouraged to provide their best estimates or the information most readily accessible within their organization.

Supporting documents may be shared via links within the survey or by email at team@noblealliance.org.

We would appreciate receiving your completed survey by **February 28th, 2026 at 23:59 (CET / UTC+1)**. If your team requires additional time or clarification, we are available to assist at any stage.

Thank you for considering this request and for contributing to this global effort. Your insights will help strengthen understanding and support practical, evidence-based solutions for municipalities around the world.

With appreciation,

Stefano Gnes
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[Start the Survey](#)

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From: [Tim Rieser](#)
To: [Tyler Sinclair](#)
Cc: [Johanna Love](#); [Kevin Olson/Teton Media Works](#); [Commissioners Board Of County](#); [Town Council](#)
Subject: I call it negligent homicide....
Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 10:05:14 PM



Tyler,

I rote you three times in 20 months that someone would get killed on the pedestrian crossings if something wasn't done about the utter disregard of the trrrrible condition. This is on you, buddy. You, and whomever else that was warned, have responsibility in what was very obviously a real death hazard to pedestrians. Others warned you all as well.

Do you not live here? Do you and the other folks in charge not drive in this town? Law enforcement isn't see it? Seriously, how many times were you all collectively warned?

Everyone knew it was just a matter of time before someone got killed - except, evidently, you and everyone else that run this community. I hope this troubles you deeply Tyler. You own a good measure of what happened.

I'm intent on finding out who might represent the decedent's next of kin, but the News and Guide never ran the story. So once again, the NaG killed the story because it wasn't favorable to local leadership. Nothing new there. But I will find that attorney. And if they can't retain an attorney for financial reasons, I will remove that issue.

Tim Rieser

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 8:36 PM, Timothy J Rieser <tjrn@ yahoo.com> wrote:

Tyler,

Twice I've written you about what I consider to be a hazard to pedestrians in town. The first time you failed to respond I chalked it up to you being over your head. However, I've decided you are simply too cowardly (well known) to address this or even respond. Not good. What other safety issues are you ignoring?

You had better hope no pedestrian gets hit, Tyler. Because it seems that the victim would have a very good case alleging gross negligence against you and the town.

Tim Rieser

From: [Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy at Boston College Law School](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Ringing in the New at the Rappaport Center
Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 6:00:48 PM



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January 2026 Newsletter



Rappaport Center Fellows and Rappaport Institute Fellows with Mayor Wu at Boston City Hall in 2025.

Message from the Director

A new year brings renewed purpose and a powerful reminder of what public-service leadership can make possible. Yesterday, we proudly celebrated the inauguration of Mayor Michelle Wu, a Rappaport Fellowship alum and Advisory Board member. Her path is a vivid reminder of what this community helps launch. In that spirit, we invite the next generation of leaders to apply to the [Rappaport Summer Fellowship in Law and Public Policy](#) by January 16, 2026. We also hope you'll join us for a dynamic spring of programming, including our January 15 panel entitled

[“Beyond Prosecution: Creative Legal Approaches to Combat Human Trafficking and Support Survivors”](#) and the residencies of two pathbreaking Rappaport Senior Fellows — Danielle Sered, Executive Director of [Common Justice](#), in February, and Alex Peña, Executive Vice President at [Partnership for New York City](#), in April.

This moment of renewal also brings a meaningful leadership transition. We extend our thanks to Professor Dan Kanstroom for 7 years of extraordinary service as Faculty Director, and we are thrilled to welcome Professor Patricia McCoy into this role. A longtime Advisory Board member and champion of the Center's mission, Professor

McCoy brings a new perspective, deep experience, and a bold vision for what comes next.

From all of us at the Rappaport Center, happy 2026.

Sincerely,
Amanda Teo
Executive Director

Message from the Faculty Director

Ring in the New

New Year's Day is always special, but this year it was even more so because on January 1, I had the distinct honor of taking up the reins as the Faculty Director of the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy. For years, I have specialized in economic law and policy, as an academic and a regulator. So imagine my excitement when eleven years ago, in 2015, Jerry and Phyllis Rappaport generously chose Boston College Law School as the Rappaport Center's home. Not long after, I joined the Center's Advisory Board and since then I have enjoyed many fulfilling years as an organizer of—and avid audience member at—Rappaport Center events. Over that period, the Rappaport Center has vastly enriched the lives of countless law students, teachers, policymakers, and members of our legal community. I look forward to continuing and building on the Center's rich legacy in my new role.

As we embark on 2026, the Rappaport Center's work has never been more vital or important. Turmoil inside the Beltway has forced state and local governments to make difficult decisions about how to respond. Should cities and states build their own vaccine approval process as the federal government retreats? Should localities cooperate with ICE arrests or resist them, and what weighs in the balance? Should states fill the growing federal vacuum in environmental and consumer protection by strengthening their own safeguards? How can states and municipalities improve affordability for working families, especially in childcare and housing? Are congestion pricing or bike lanes the answer to traffic gridlock? And as federal funding dries up, how will state and local governments fill the fiscal gap?

These are daunting challenges and the stakes are increasingly high. Yet the pressures on localities have a silver lining. For as governments grapple with these policy issues, we are witnessing a remarkable new era of state and local innovation and resilience. Here in Greater Boston and in Massachusetts, bold new initiatives in housing, education, and health are making the headlines. Meanwhile, experienced federal workers are flocking to Massachusetts for its exciting policy environment. Next summer, our Rappaport Center fellows will have the chance to work with these talented public servants and learn from their expertise.

The Rappaport Center is uniquely poised to offer this opportunity to law students and to explore this new age of state and local innovation through a series of exciting programs and speakers. As we roll out these programs, my comrades-in-arms will be the Rappaport Center's energetic Executive Director, Amanda Teo, our esteemed Advisory Board chair, Michael Caljouw, and our indispensable Administrative Assistant, Alexis Albert. All the while, the spirit of our former Executive Director, Lissy Medvedow, and our past Faculty Directors, Michael Cassidy and Daniel Kanstroom, will be there to inspire us. Above all, Jerry and Phyllis Rappaport will be our guiding lights. In the coming weeks and months, we will have more news about next summer's fellows and upcoming events. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,
Patricia A. McCoy
Faculty Director



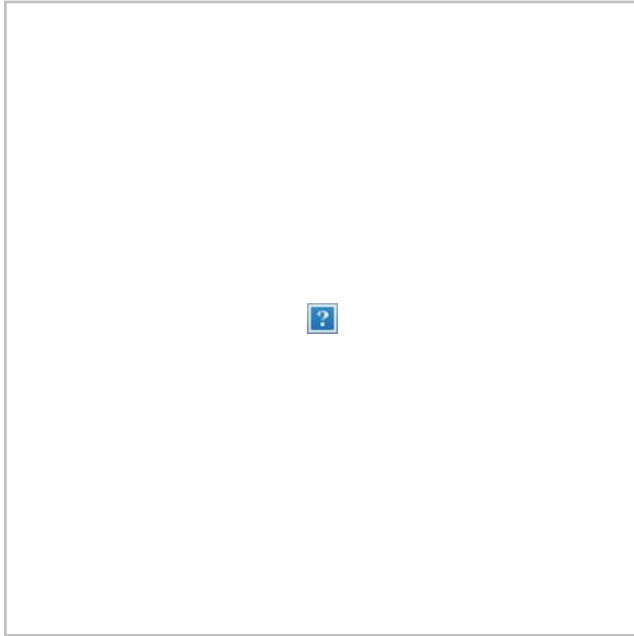
Upcoming Events

In recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month and the 25th Anniversary of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and the Palermo Protocol, the Rappaport Center is honored to kick off its spring 2026 programming with a panel entitled "Beyond Prosecution: Creative Legal Approaches to Combat Human Trafficking and Support Survivors." Please join us on Thursday, January 15, at 12 pm. The program is moderated by Julie Dahlstrom, Director, BU Law Immigrants' Rights and Human Trafficking Clinic, and features Jose Alfaro, Lived Experience Expert and Survivor Advocate; Beth Keeley, Partner, Butters Brazilian LLP, and former Chief of Human Trafficking Division, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office; and Cynthia Vreeland, Partner, WilmerHale.

Please RSVP by Monday, January 12, for attendance either [in person](#) at BC Law School or [virtually by zoom](#).



2026 Summer Fellowship Application due January 15 at 5:00pm!



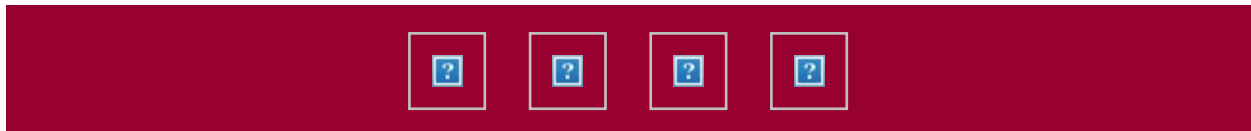
The Rappaport Summer Fellowship in Law and Public Policy is a 10-week summer fellowship for law students to work within the highest levels of state and municipal government in Massachusetts while gaining invaluable access to mentorship, experiential learning, cohort community-building, and funding.

The Rappaport Center seeks to assemble a cohort of emerging leaders whose lived, educational, and professional experiences enrich the fields of law and public policy.

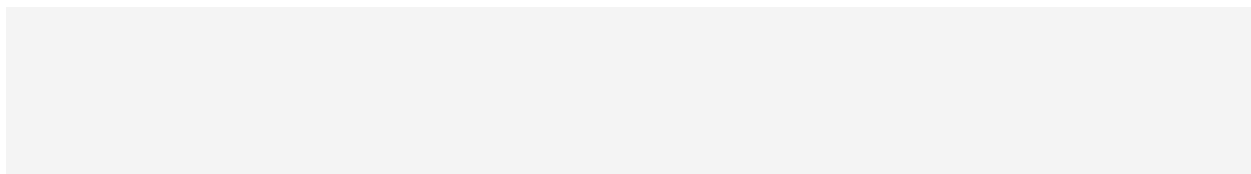
The deadline to apply is Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 5:00pm.

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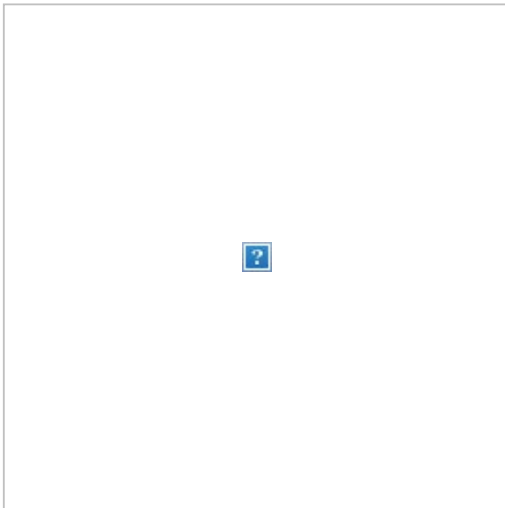


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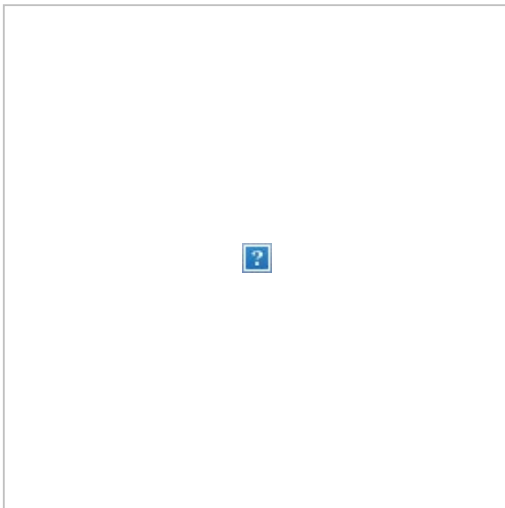
Abortion will remain legal in the Equality State following the Wyoming Supreme Court’s [Tuesday decision](#) that a pair of 2023 abortion bans violate the state’s constitution.

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JACKSON, Wyo. — Jackson’s Town Council and the Teton County Board of County Commissioners unanimously passed a joint motion to direct staff to draft a letter to Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) [...]



[GTNP backcountry camping permits drop Wednesday morning](#)

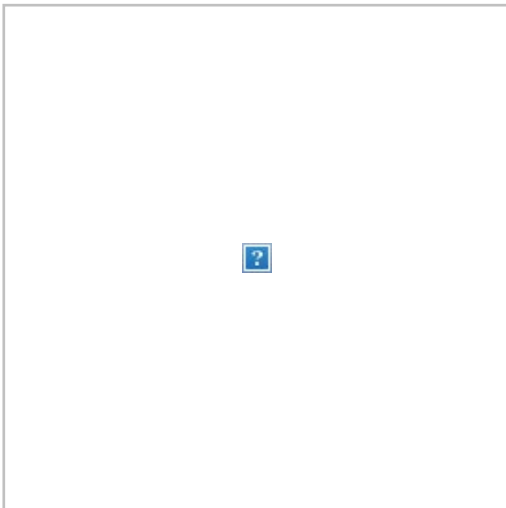
GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK — New year, new summer camping plans. Grand Teton National Park (GTNP) announced that advanced reservations for peak season backcountry camping permits will become available at 8 a.m. [...]

[TCSAR’s free State of the Snowpack series to return for the winter season](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — On Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Headwall Sports, the annual State of the Snowpack (SotS) series will

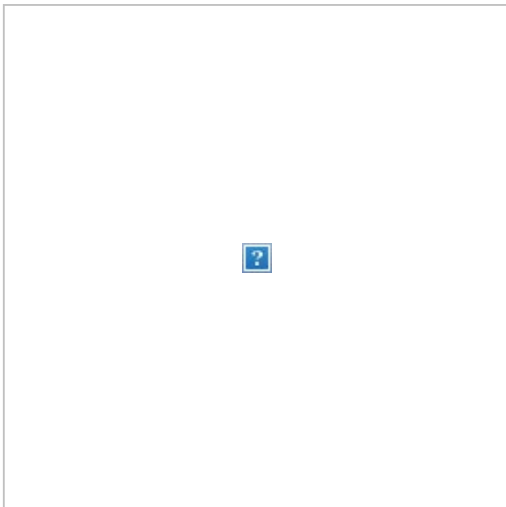


begin for another season. Owner of Headwall Sports Sean Doherty [...]



[Wyo Supreme Court rules 2023 abortion bans unconstitutional](#)

WYOMING — Abortion will remain legal in the Equality State following the Wyoming Supreme Court's Tuesday decision that a pair of abortion bans violate the state's constitution. The yearslong Johnson v. Wyoming [...]



[Free climbing, wellness event at Rec Center welcomes first responders](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — First responders and their families are invited to an evening of climbing at the Teton County/Jackson Community Recreation Center to connect with others and alleviate stress as the winter [...]

[Tumbleweed Creative Arts to launch new literary and arts journal](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — Tumbleweed Creative

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Arts, a local hub for artists founded by its Creative Director Andrew Munz, has announced the release of a new literary and arts journal: GRANITE. The will [...]



TCSAR rescues injured snowmobiler near Togwotee Pass

JACKSON, Wyo. — The Teton County Search and Rescue (TCSAR) team is in full swing for the winter rescue season. According to a Monday Facebook post, TCSAR received a page-out on Friday [...]



Winter weather advisory forecasts up to 2 feet of snow for Tetons in 48 hours

JACKSON, Wyo. — Did somebody ask for more snow? The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a winter weather advisory for the Teton and Gros Ventre mountain ranges, in effect from 11 [...]

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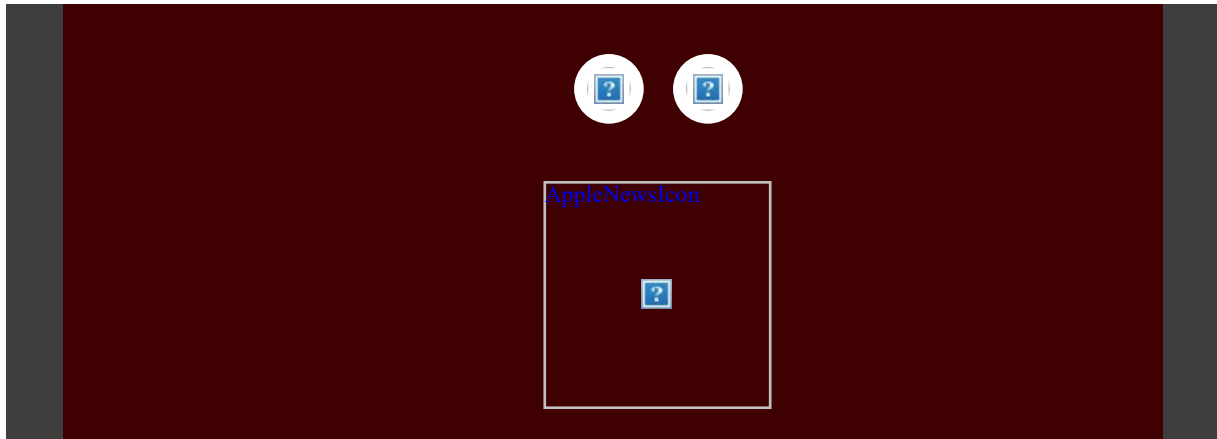
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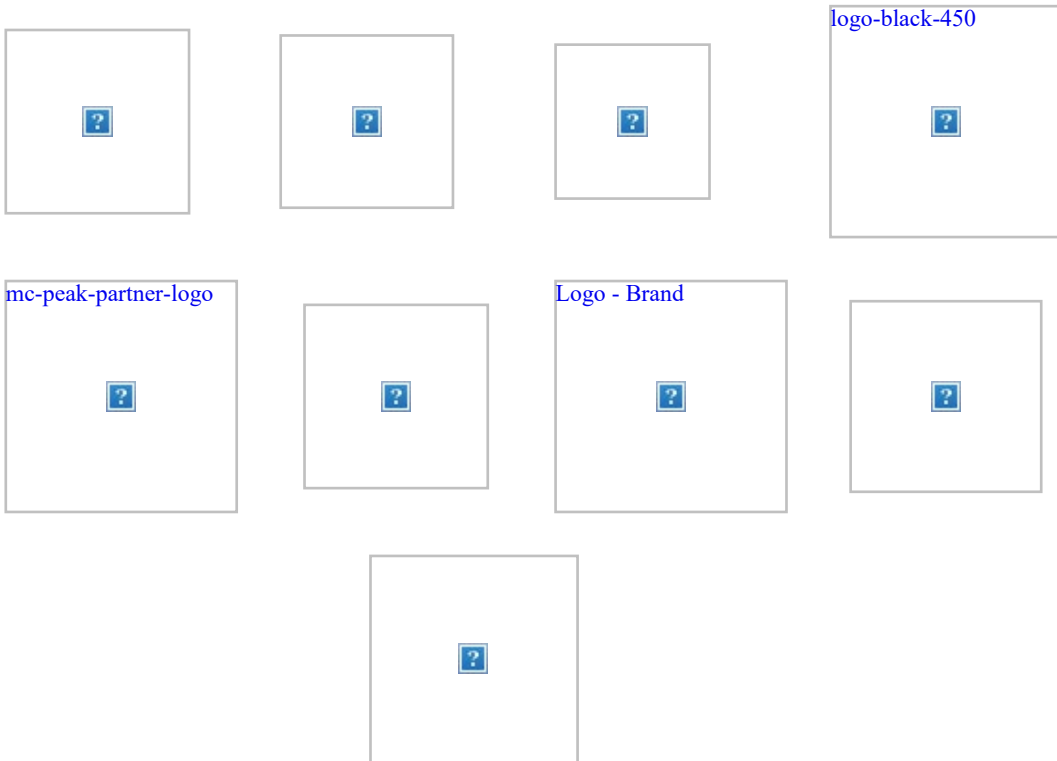
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From: [Paul Hansen](#)
To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Common Ground column on housing
Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 2:43:53 PM



Town Council

I am working on a Common Ground column on the challenges of affordable housing in JH, with a focus on the Nelson Drive proposal. Since you have already deliberated on Nelson Drive and come to a decision, I was hoping you could share with me your thinking. Specifically...

- 1) Is this a cost-effective project, or could SPET investments do more elsewhere? I am having trouble sorting out the various financial claims.
- 2) What about the precedent of allowing public land for private housing? Yes, this is administrative land, but our own Congressional delegation has proposed selling public lands, which a majority of our community clearly opposes.
- 3) Why about the secret partner involved that the CHT will not disclose? Transparency from government is vital.
- 4) There seems to be a community consensus in favor of Forest Service housing, why not just do that?

I would appreciate your help. This is not for attribution, but I want to get my facts right. My deadline is Friday, Jan. 9

Thanks
Paul

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From: [Patrick Edwards](#)
To: [Patrick Edwards](#)
Subject: Fwd: [WBC-ALLREGIONAL] [WBC-ALLSTAFF] All // Wyoming Childcare Provider Grants Reopen for 2026
Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 1:47:57 PM



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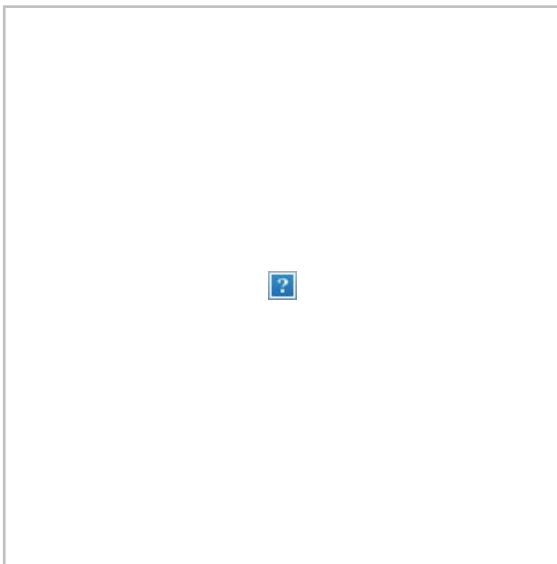
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Breaking Barriers to Growth: Wyoming Childcare Provider Grants Reopen for 2026

***Strategic investments focus on high-needs communities
to build a more resilient workforce.***



Laramie, Wyoming (For Immediate Release) – Following a successful pilot year that proved the significant need for local childcare solutions, the **Wyoming Interagency Working Group on Childcare** continues to address a major economic barrier: the lack of childcare in the state. Applications are now open for the **2026 Childcare Start-Up Grant** cycle, deploying strategic capital to help local childcare businesses start, stabilize, and scale their operations across Wyoming.

After launching in 2025 and collaboratively awarding more than \$228,000 to 24 providers, the program is scaling its impact. Administered by the **Wyoming Community Foundation**, this year's cycle offers grants of up to \$20,000 to help local entrepreneurs tackle the significant childcare shortages that act as "barriers to growth" in our economy. By focusing on these high-needs areas, we are removing the challenges that prevent Wyoming's communities from reaching their full potential.

While Wyoming has seen a decline of over 200 licensed providers in the last decade, the **Wyoming Business Council** (WBC) and its partners are myth-busting the idea that this trend is permanent. By focusing on sustainable business models and providing critical startup capital, the program empowers local leaders to create a future where families can stay and thrive in Wyoming.

Priority will be given to applicants who:

- Operate in **high-needs communities** where the childcare gap is a primary barrier to local business and job growth.
- Demonstrate a clear plan to increase the number of children and families being cared for.
- Commit to **long-term sustainability** by engaging with business support services through the **Wyoming Small Business Development Center** (SBDC).

The Working Group is led by the WBC and includes the Wyoming Early Childhood Professional Learning Collaborative, Wyoming Department of Family Services, the Wyoming Department of Health, the SBDC, and the Wyoming Women's Foundation.

Wyoming Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Unit Manager, Feliciano Turner, noted that this grantmaking aligns with vital statewide data. "During the 2025 MCH Needs Assessment, childcare gaps emerged as a primary barrier to family well-being and economic stability," says Turner. "This workgroup is directly moving a key finding into action. MCH is proud to play a role."

Funding for this round includes the Wyoming Maternal and Child Health Unit, Wyoming Department of Family Services, the Wyoming Community Foundation, and the Business Studio at LCCC. The working group thanks the Ellbogen Foundation and the Wyoming Council for Women for previous funding.

How to Apply

The Working Group invites childcare entrepreneurs and providers to help strengthen our state's economic foundation. **Applications are open now and must be submitted by March 1, 2026.**

- **View Guidelines & Apply:** wycf.org/childcare-grant
- **Questions:** Contact Micah Richardson at the Wyoming Community Foundation at micah@wycf.org.
- **Collaborate:** To engage with the Interagency Working Group on Childcare, contact the WBC's Kristin Fong at kristin.fong@wyo.gov.

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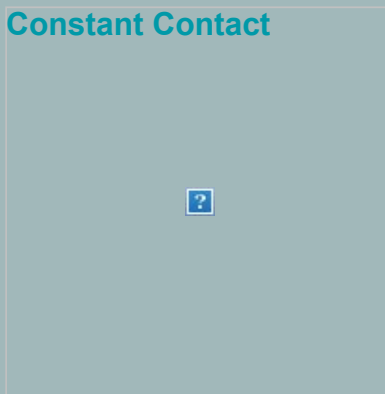


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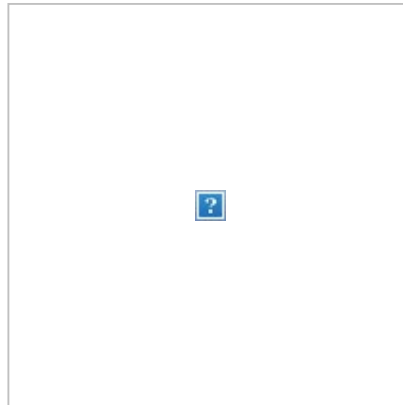


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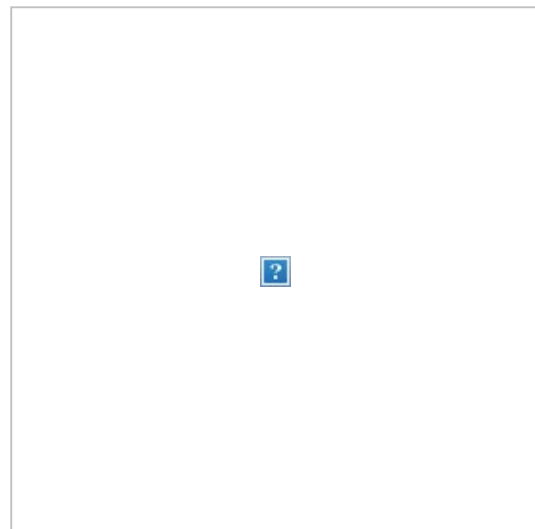
SRHWG Winter 2026 Convening

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

1:00-3:00 PM MT

Virtual-Only

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SRHWG members,

Happy New Year! The SRHWG Winter 2026 convening will be on **Tuesday, January 27, from 1-3:00 PM MT**. Due to the time of year, unpredictable weather, and travel, we've opted for a **virtual-only** event. Please register for the meeting using the link below.

[Register Here](#)

Once you've registered, you'll receive the Zoom link and can add the event to your calendar.

The meeting will feature presentations from:

- **Cameran Bahnsen**, Teton Conservation District: *Cultural Competency: Engaging with*

Tribal Partners

- **Jeff Baldock**, US Geological Survey: *Groundwater structures trout growth and production across a riverscape: tools for habitat management*
- **Lesley Beckworth**, Teton County Weed & Pest: *Overview of the Snake River Project and Pesticide Monitoring with USGS*
- **Russ Weedon**, Idaho Power: *Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability with Idaho Power*

For a detailed meeting agenda, goals, partner list, Steering Committee list, and brief updates from each of the four working groups, view the [Winter 2026 Convening Placemat](#).

See below for information on upcoming working group meetings, a request to share content for our winter newsletter, and community events.

Best,

Julie Gonzalez
Project Manager
LegacyWorks Group

Upcoming SRHWG Working Group Meetings

Outreach & Community Engagement WG

Wednesday, January 21 at 10 AM

The group will meet to continue Symposium planning, marketing, and fundraising.

Ecosystem WG

Wednesday, January 21 at 1 PM

The group will learn about and discuss beavers, their role in the ecosystem, and the use of beaver dam analogs (BDAs).

To join a working group, email julie@legacyworksgroup.com

SRHWG Winter Newsletter - A request for contributions

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**.

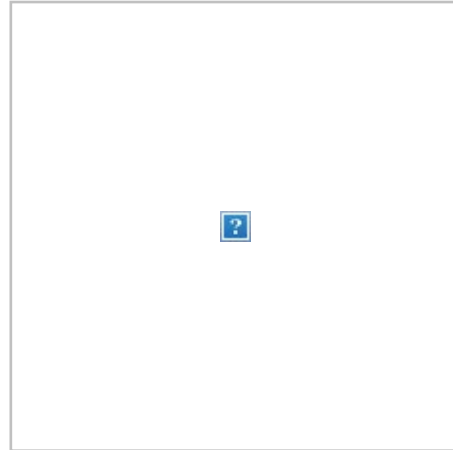
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2026 Snake River Headwaters Symposium

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.

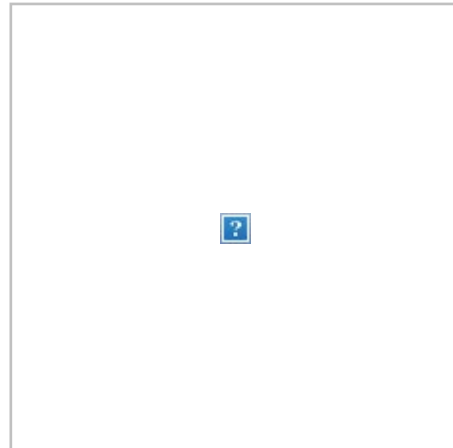


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POWJH TAP into Science Series

Monday, January 12, 2026 | 6:30 PM
Snake River Brewing, Jackson, WY

Join Protect Our Water JH on January 12 at Snake River Brewing for thought-provoking discussions on critical water issues with leading experts.



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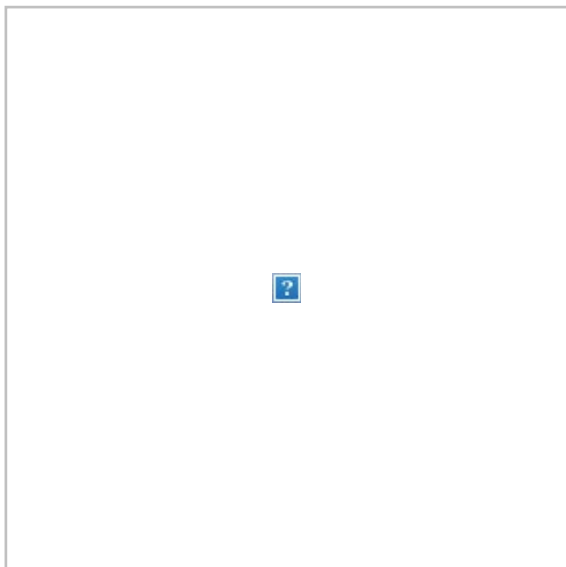
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Breaking Barriers to Growth: Wyoming Childcare Provider Grants Reopen for 2026

Strategic investments focus on high-needs communities to build a more resilient workforce.



Laramie, Wyoming (For Immediate Release) – Following a successful pilot year that proved the significant need for local childcare solutions, the [Wyoming Interagency Working Group on Childcare](#) continues to address a major economic barrier: the lack of childcare in the state. Applications are now open for the **2026 Childcare Start-Up Grant** cycle, deploying strategic capital to help local childcare businesses start, stabilize, and scale their operations across Wyoming.

After launching in 2025 and collaboratively awarding more than \$228,000 to 24 providers, the program is scaling its impact. Administered by the [Wyoming Community Foundation](#), this year's cycle offers grants of up to \$20,000 to help local entrepreneurs tackle the significant childcare shortages that act as "barriers to growth" in our economy. By focusing on these high-needs areas, we are removing the challenges that prevent Wyoming's communities from reaching their full potential.

While Wyoming has seen a decline of over 200 licensed providers in the last decade, the [Wyoming Business Council](#) (WBC) and its partners are myth-busting the idea that this trend is permanent. By focusing on sustainable business models and providing critical startup capital, the program empowers local leaders to create a future where families can stay and thrive in Wyoming.

Priority will be given to applicants who:

- Operate in **high-needs communities** where the childcare gap is a primary barrier to local business and job growth.
- Demonstrate a clear plan to increase the number of children and families being cared for.
- Commit to **long-term sustainability** by engaging with business support services through the [Wyoming Small Business Development Center](#) (SBDC).

The Working Group is led by the WBC and includes the Wyoming Early Childhood Professional Learning Collaborative, Wyoming Department of Family Services, the Wyoming Department of Health, the SBDC, and the Wyoming Women's Foundation.

Wyoming Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Unit Manager, Feliciana Turner, noted that this grantmaking aligns with vital statewide data. "During the 2025 MCH Needs Assessment, childcare gaps emerged as a primary barrier to family well-being and economic stability," says Turner. "This workgroup is directly moving a key finding into action. MCH is proud to play a role."

Funding for this round includes the Wyoming Maternal and Child Health Unit, Wyoming Department of Family Services, the Wyoming Community Foundation, and the Business Studio at LCCC. The working group thanks the Ellbogen Foundation and the Wyoming Council for Women for previous funding.

How to Apply

The Working Group invites childcare entrepreneurs and providers to help strengthen our state's economic foundation. **Applications are open now and must be submitted by March 1, 2026.**

- **View Guidelines & Apply:** wycf.org/childcare-grant
- **Questions:** Contact Micah Richardson at the Wyoming Community Foundation at micah@wycf.org.
- **Collaborate:** To engage with the Interagency Working Group on Childcare, contact the WBC's Kristin Fong at kristin.fong@wyo.gov.

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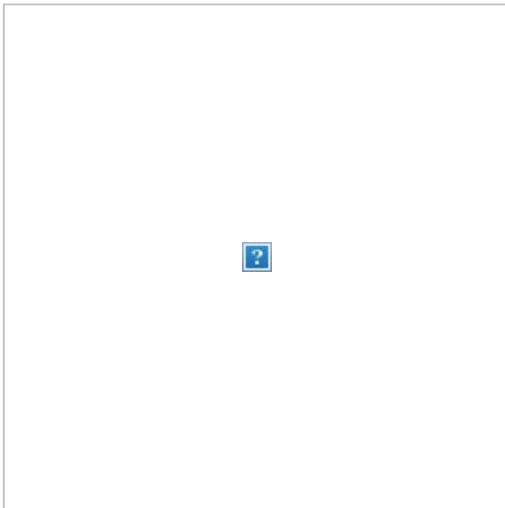


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"The new Rodeo specialty license plate features an historic photo of Steamboat, the iconic bucking horse that is now a symbol for the state."

New [specialty license plates](#) celebrate the state's rodeo heritage and search and rescue sector.

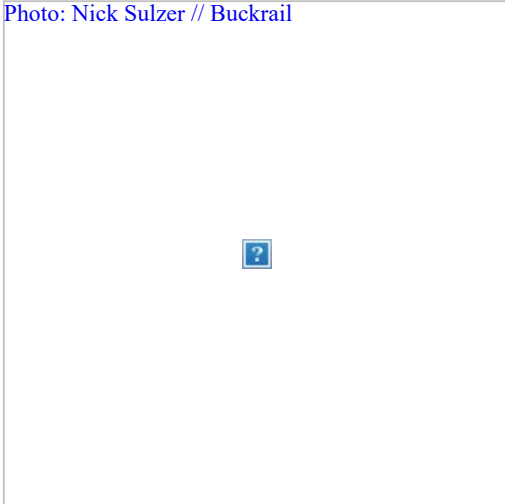
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[Short-lived sign on Fish Creek pathway bridge criticizes design: 'Butt ugly'](#)

WILSON, Wyo. — Thousands of morning commuters drove past a new feature in Wilson on Monday morning: a critical sign affixed to the Fish Creek pathway bridge. "Butt Ugly Bridge," the sign [...]

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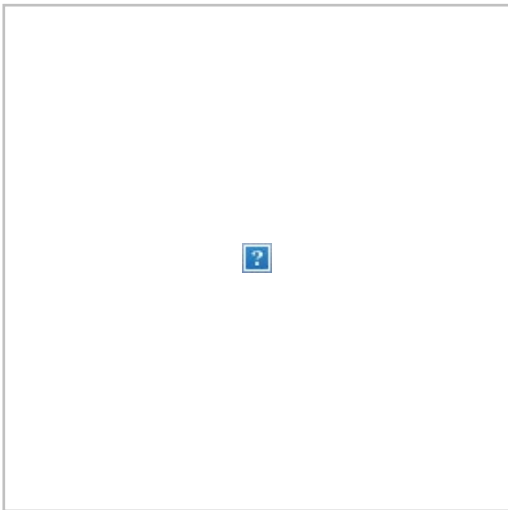
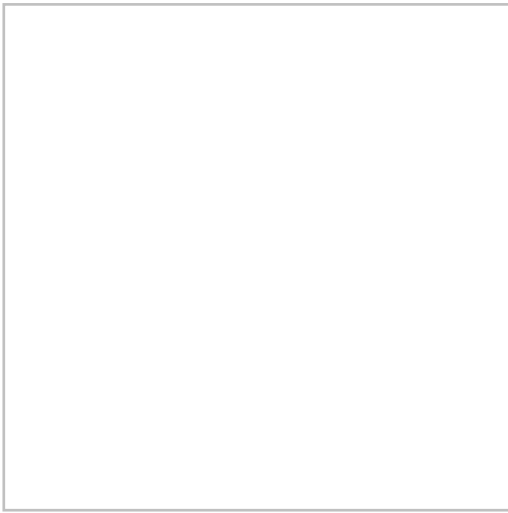


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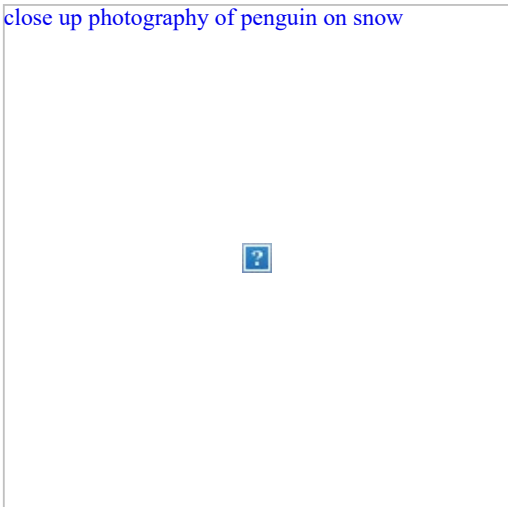
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[Moose duo strolls through airport lot](#)

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close up photography of penguin on snow



New Wyo specialty license plates give nod to rodeo, search and rescue

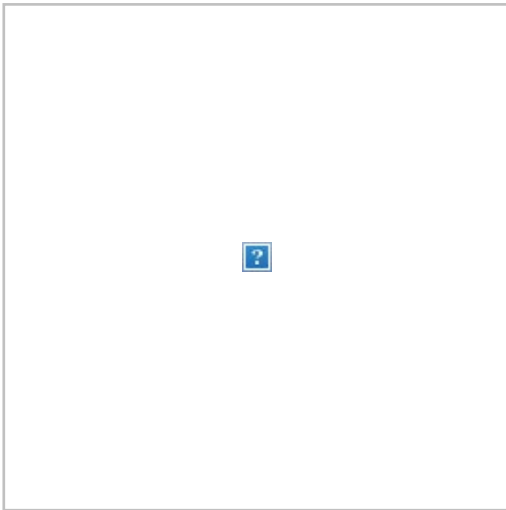
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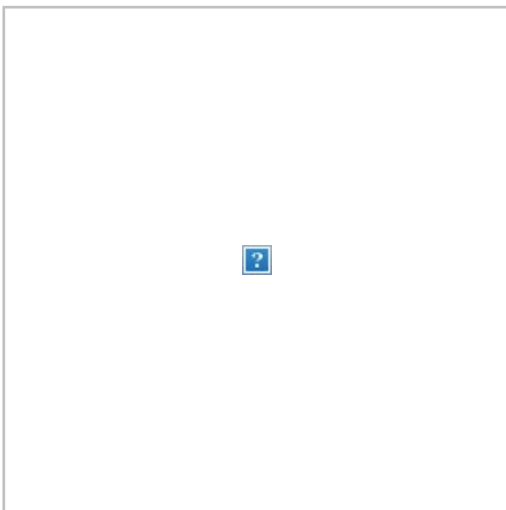
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Bus stop at Stilson to move east on Monday

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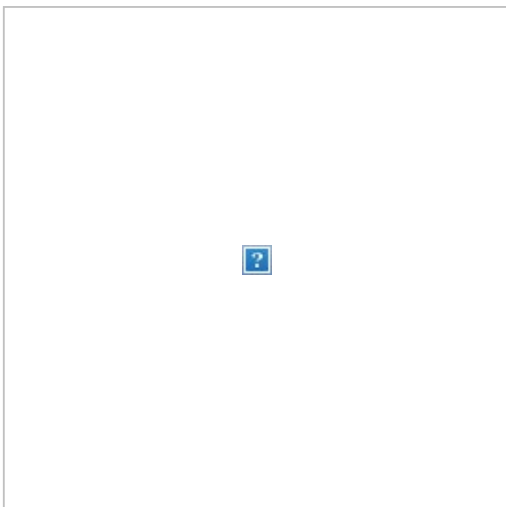


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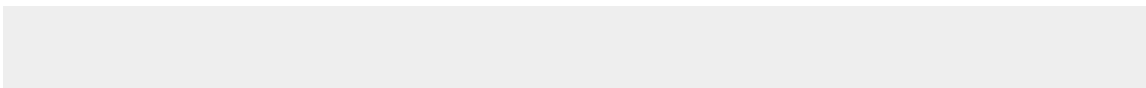
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JACKSON, Wyo. — In the winter, the National Elk Refuge fills up with herds of elk coming down from the snowy mountains to graze. Buckrail photographer Nick Sulzer snapped some photos of [...]



Free wellbeing support group to address seasonal woes over Zoom

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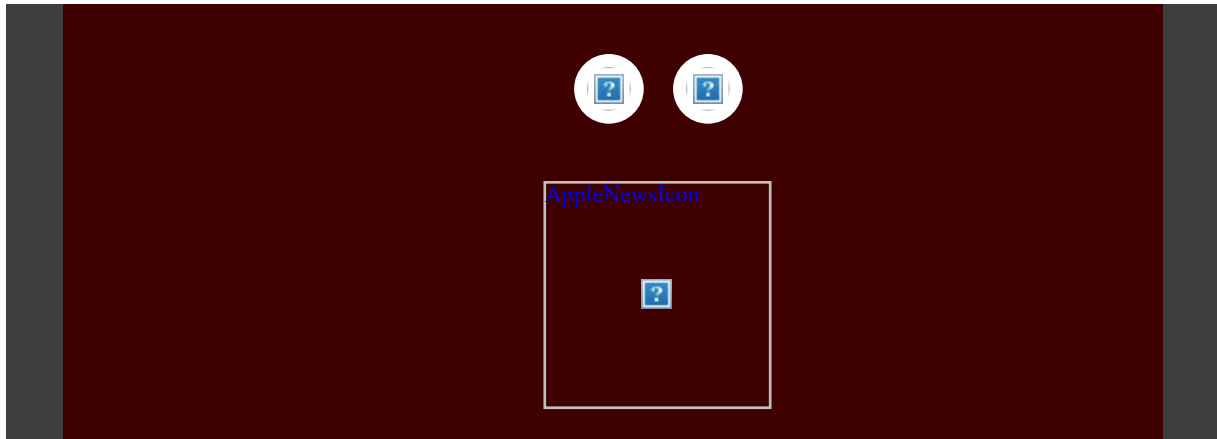
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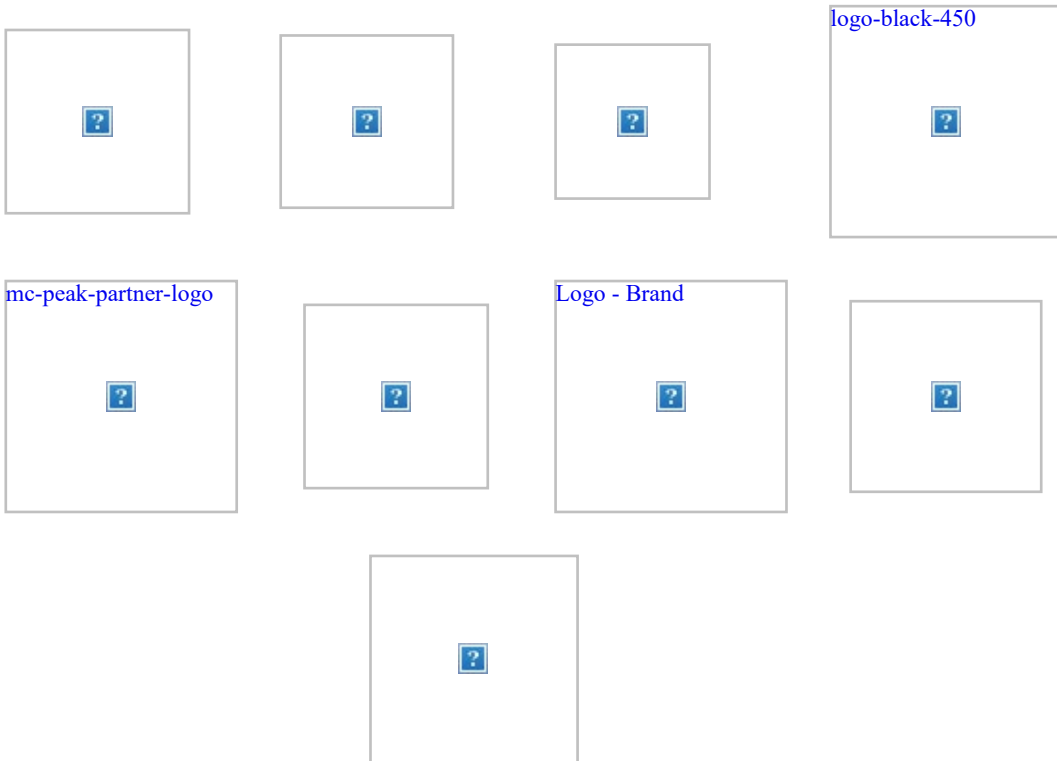
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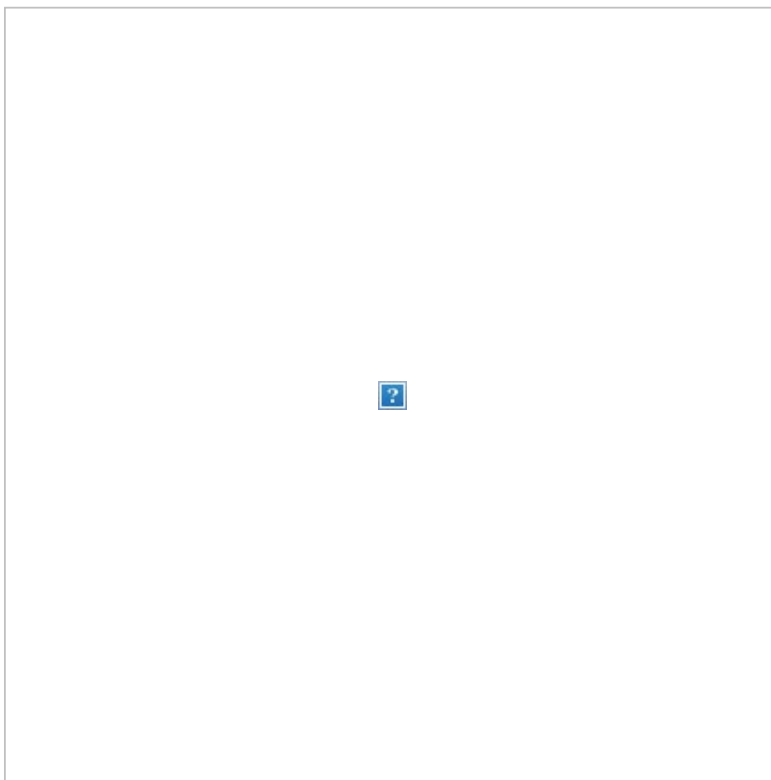
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Public Water System Notice: Lead Service Line Policy Update

CHEYENNE, WYOMING - The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) is informing public water systems that a new policy from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8 was recently adopted, providing critical guidance for identifying and replacing lead service lines across the state.

The EPA Region 8 policy, effective December 15, 2025, outlines the requirements of the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI), a federal regulation designed to significantly reduce lead exposure to drinking water. Under this rule, all public water systems in Wyoming must develop a comprehensive baseline inventory of service lines and connectors by November 1, 2027.

Key Provisions for Wyoming Water Systems

The EPA Region 8 policy establishes a step-by-step process for water systems to move from "unknown" material classifications to verified data. Key highlights include:

- **Baseline Inventory Deadline:** Water systems must submit an updated baseline inventory by **November 1, 2027**, which includes information on both service lines and connectors.
- **Approved Investigation Methods:** To avoid costly system-wide excavations, the policy approves several information sources and methods, including:
 - **Simple System Wide Statistical Method (SSWSM):** A random sampling approach to verify record reliability.
 - **Statistical Predictive Modeling (SPM):** Using common characteristics to predict materials in specific areas.

- **Customer Self-Identification:** Guidelines for residents to assist by providing photos and visual inspection data of their own service lines.
- **“Other Sources of Information” for Records Review:** Documentation of affidavits from current water system personnel, licensed plumbers, experienced and retired water operators, as well as plumbing code inspectors.

Public water systems are encouraged to continue their historical record reviews, engage with past and present water system personnel, and collaborate with their communities to fill data gaps. Additional technical and financial assistance is available through [EPA Region 8](#) and the [WDEQ State Revolving Funds \(SRF\) Program](#).

The WDEQ reminds the public that the [2027 Intended Use Plans](#) for SRF loans are currently open for new projects to register until January 16, 2026.

For more information on the Lead and Copper Rule and to view the full policy document, please visit the [Office of State Lands and Investments](#) website or [wyriskit.com](#).

For questions regarding the Lead Service Line Inventory and Replacement Policy or related submittal requirements, please contact Erica Wenzel, EPA Region 8 LCR and LSL Specialist, at wenzel.ERICA@epa.gov or (303) 312-6411.

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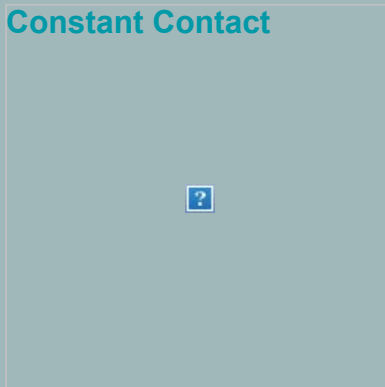


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Cheers,

Kris Shean
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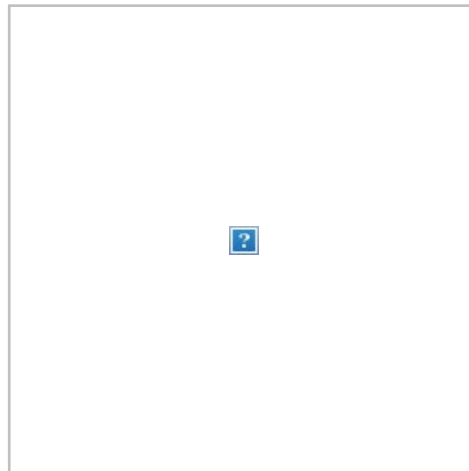


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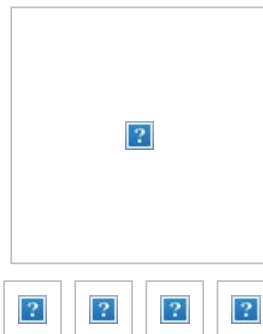
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Housing Perspectives

Homebuilding and Remodeling Depend on Immigrant Labor in Major Metros



Monday, January 5, 2026 | Riordan Frost

In metro areas with the highest levels of homebuilding and remodeling, immigrants play a key role in the supply of labor. There is a disproportionately high share of foreign-born workers in the construction trades nationally, and that share is even higher in these communities. The recent slowdown in immigration will limit foreign-born labor for the trades, however, potentially worsening chronic labor shortages and constraining the ability to build and remodel housing. While immigrants make up about one in five workers...

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Date: Monday, January 5, 2026 8:30:42 AM
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Good Morning,

January is National Radon Action Month and Teton County Health Department is reminding you to test your residence, office, or rental for radon. Radon is a radioactive gas that naturally occurs from the breakdown of uranium in rocks, soil, and groundwater. Radon gas enters homes and buildings from the soil beneath and can build up to high levels indoors. When people breathe radon, the radioactive decay products damage lung tissue, which can increase the likelihood of developing lung cancer.

Short-term radon test kits are available for \$10 at the Teton County Health Department, located at 460 East Pearl Avenue. Please refer to the attached press release for more information or stop by our office Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to purchase a test kit.

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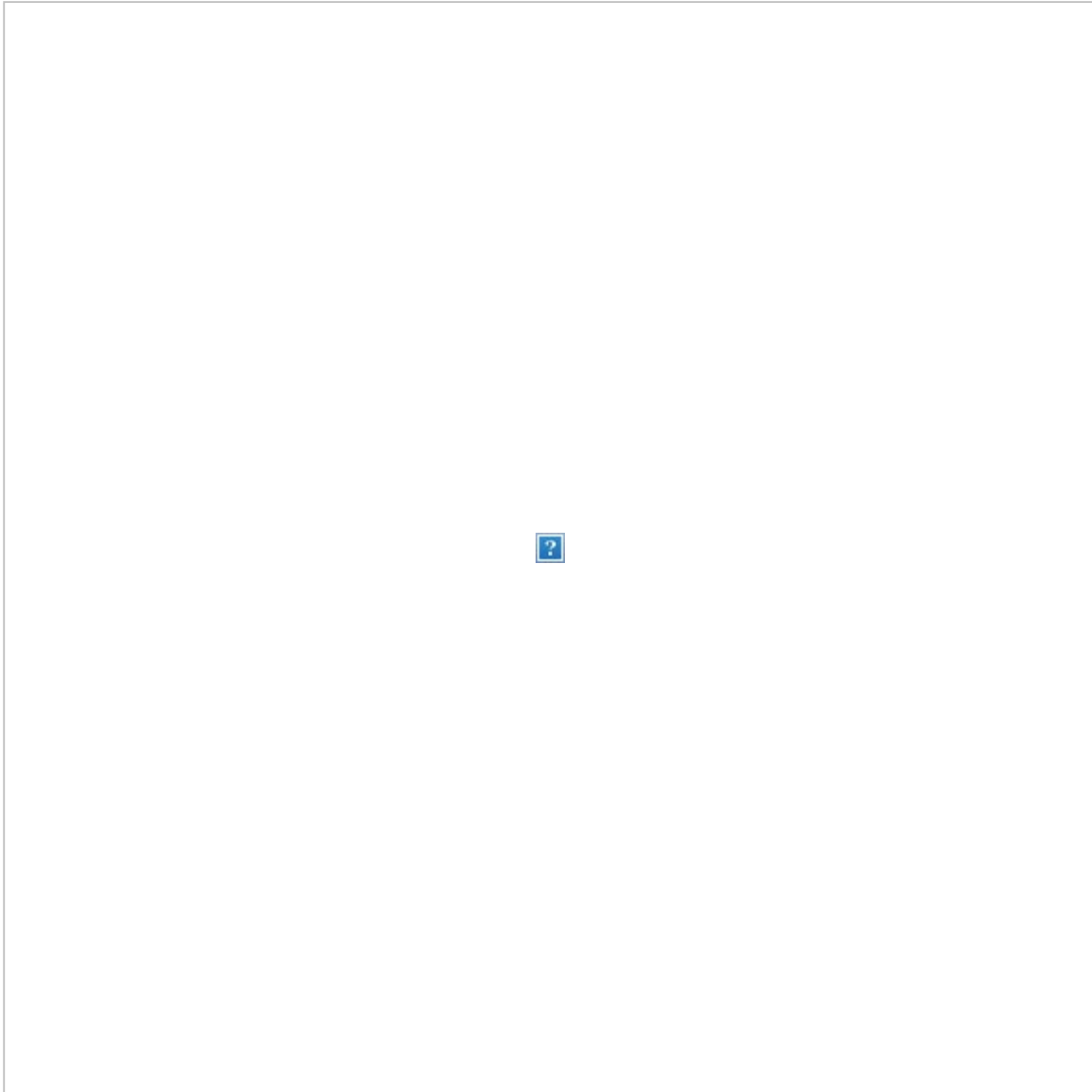
January 8, 2026 Climate Mayors Leadership Press Call

Dear Climate Mayors,

We hope you had a restful holiday. As a reminder, Climate Mayors will be hosting a virtual press and member event on [Thursday, January 8th at 12:30 PM ET/9:30 AM PT](#).

Climate Mayors will kick off the new year by welcoming the new leadership team and highlighting our 2026 goals and priorities. There will also be time for Q&A with the press.

Please register [here](#).



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CHANCE MEETINGS

Free & Open to All

Monday, January 5th • 5-7 pm @ The Virginian



Entrepreneurs, business owners, and community leaders are constantly pushing beyond their comfort zones, making high-stakes decisions, taking financial and reputational risks, and stepping into uncertainty where fear is often an unavoidable companion. While courage is celebrated in entrepreneurship, the internal struggle with self-doubt, anxiety, and pressure is rarely discussed openly. Learning to face fear head-on and use it productively can be the difference between hesitation and decisive, confident leadership.

Join us at Chance Meetings on Monday, January 5th to start the year with a powerful shift in mindset by learning how to harness the power of fear. Jason Ochs, a trial lawyer with more than 20 years of experience, teaches professionals how to overcome uncertainty and self-doubt in high-pressure situations. Through years of courtroom experience, he has developed a proven, four-step process, battle-tested where the stakes are highest, that transforms fear into fuel for growth and performance.

Jason's methodology was born from witnessing how stress and anxiety could derail even the most capable individuals during depositions and cross-examinations. His approach prepared people to become mentally and emotionally resilient under pressure. Now, Jason is bringing this powerful framework beyond the courtroom, sharing practical tools that help individuals channel fear into focus, clarity, and strength.

NEWS & NOTES

ANNOUNCING NEW ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET TRAINING



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opportunity recognition, resilience, and action, not just ideas or resources, are what ultimately determine success.

The Entrepreneurial Mindset Training, offered in partnership with Startup Wyoming and facilitated by certified instructors, empowers participants to uncover new opportunities, overcome challenges, and create value in their work, business or community.

The program is designed for anyone who wants to cultivate an entrepreneur mindset. Participants range from aspiring entrepreneurs, small business owners, non-profit professionals, elected officials, and students. If you are looking shift your mindset towards recognizing opportunity, putting ideas into action, overcoming self-imposed limitations, and creating intentional community, this course is for you!

Essential Details:

Facilitated by Casey Sedlack, Professional Leadership and Team Building Coach

Tuition: \$99 (includes all course materials)

Meetings:

Four 2-hour in-person meetings in downtown Jackson from 5-7pm:

- February 11
- February 18
- March 4
- March 11

Space is limited and early registration is encouraged!

DETAILS & REGISTRATION

**Save the Date for Teton Valley Chance Meetings:
Monday, Jan 26**

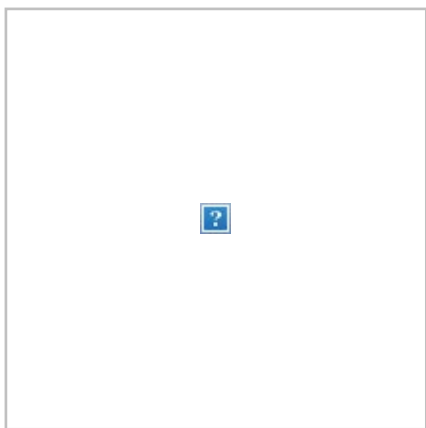


New in 2026: Silicon Couloir will be hosting three Chance Meetings in Idaho. January 26th and March 23rd will be at Lula Wine Bar & Bistro, and October 19th will be at Highpoint Cider. Thank you to our Teton Valley committee for helping to shape the programs and bring the community together!

THREE COMPANIES JOIN TEAMS

We're thrilled to announce the acceptance of three dynamic companies into our TEAMS mentoring program. Congratulations to **K9 Kitchen**, **RecPak** and **Simple Learning**.

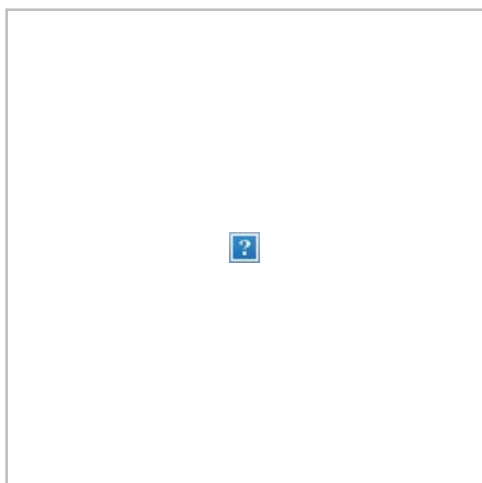
K9 Kitchen is a fresh and freeze-dried pet food company dedicated to



improving the health and wellness of pets through natural, human-grade nutrition. We're solving the problem of overly processed, low-quality kibble dominating the market by offering fresh, balanced meals made with real, recognizable ingredients.



RecPak is a complete, drinkable meal built for people who live and work in the outdoors like firefighters, guides, soldiers, and thru-hikers who need real nutrition on the move. We solve the problem of limited access to balanced meals that are lightweight, quick, and nutritionally complete.

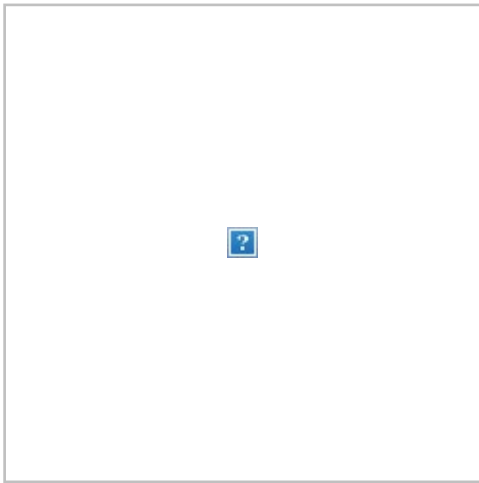


Simple Learning is addressing the problem of ADHD being primarily treated with drugs. The patented Sound Device is supporting focus and fostering productivity through sound therapy on the go when it is needed most.

WELCOME TO NEW TRUSTEE

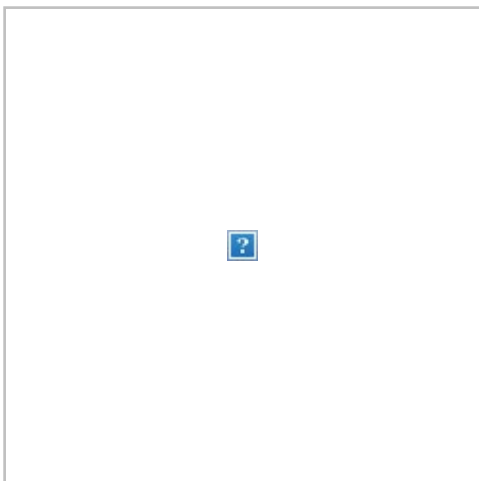
Please join us in extending a warm welcome to **new Trustee Colin O'Farrell**. Thank you, Colin, for your generous support of Silicon Couloir's mission and work.

Colin O'Farrell is an experienced



energy sector executive and entrepreneur serving as Principal at Enclosure Energy Management, where he applies more than two decades of expertise in exploration, field planning, development, and acquisitions and divestitures to drive value-oriented investment and operational strategies. He has a proven track record in building and leading energy ventures, including co-founding private equity-backed exploration and production companies that delivered strong investor returns, and he holds a degree from Dartmouth College. Based in Jackson, Wyoming, O'Farrell combines deep industry knowledge with strategic leadership to advance energy investment and asset performance.

REMEMBERING CHUCK FLEISCHMAN



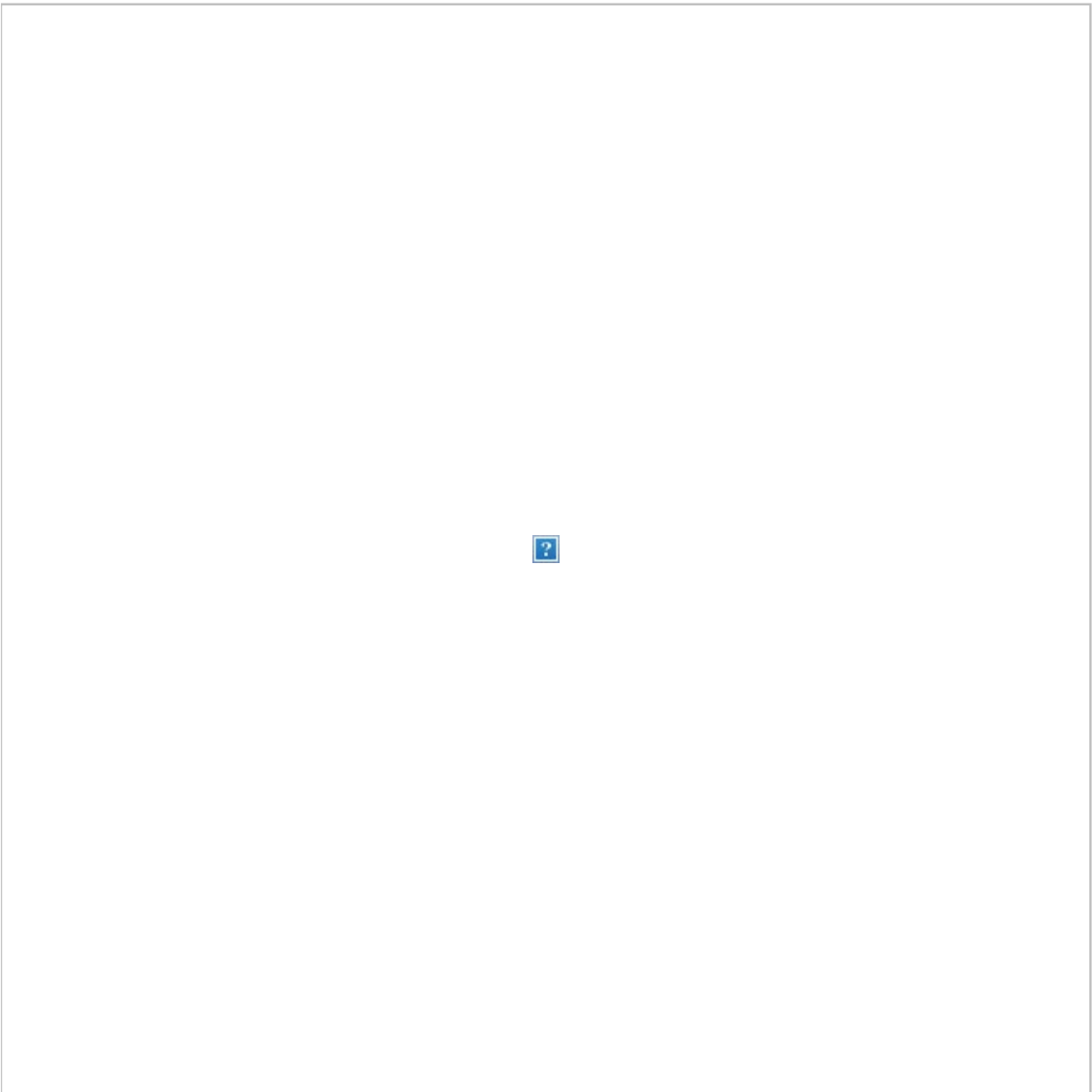
It is with great sadness that we honor the memory of Chuck Fleischman, who passed away on November 12 after a courageous seven-year battle with cancer. As both a Trustee and TEAMS mentor, Chuck gave generously of his time, insight, and support to Silicon Couloir and its entrepreneurs. Says former Silicon Couloir ED Gary Trauner, who knew Chuck well, "Recently, we lost one of the truly good people in the world. Chuck became a Trustee of Silicon Couloir for one

simple reason: to provide others with the opportunity to succeed in reaching their dreams. He was always available to give advice and lend an ear. Chuck was outgoing, gregarious, always smiling and, most of all, a doer, whether it was being active in his beloved Jackson Hole outdoors or engaging in helping create and build entrepreneurial opportunities for our community. He will be sorely missed."

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**WARNING: grab a tissue or sedative before
you read this!**

**St John's Hospital, the one that lost \$20 million
last year, agreed to pay BlueLine Development
\$2 million to CONSULT on the Hitching Post
housing project.**

Guess what else? THERE WAS NO RFP!!!!

Some folks just seem to always be in the right place
at the right time in Jackson.



BlueLine has already bagged a million from the contract!

[Click here to read the entire nauseating contract.](#)

Also, April Norton wanted to clear up some space on her phone, so she deleted ALL her text messages with BlueLine Development's people regarding the Snow King Apartments .0001 housing scam at 550 Rodeo Drive, according to Teton County Attorney, Keith Gingrey.



YES! My attorneys are on it!
YES! What April did was ILLEGAL!

[Click here for the Snow King Apartments SCAM Email](#)

Please continue saving the date for January 20th's Town Hall on the Mercill Condos and Snow King Apartments, although I have had a few hiccups and hope I do not have to reschedule.

The Town of Jackson has withheld documents on the Mercill Condos project, but they will not tell us what there are. This is illegal. At

minimum, they should provide a privilege log. **They've even farmed out the case now to a separate legal firm.**

The Town keeps stonewalling on the \$4 million "soft costs" on the Flat Creek Apartments scam. This was the pot of money where Tyler Davis and BlueLine paid themselves a \$1 million in taxpayer funds in "development fees".

The Town continues dodging in other ways, but I will be in touch on that.

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A lawsuit was filed against Mr. Chad Hudson, in his capacity as Forest Supervisor, USDA Forest Service, and the Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust Friday afternoon by concerned citizens on Nelson Drive.

[Click here for the article.](#)

I apologize for sending two emails in one evening, but I didn't want to associate this topic IN ANY WAY with the scams from the other email.

[Click here for the other email about the latest scams](#)

PS - thank you to my secret paper mail buddy who never signs a name! I appreciate the kind words! I am looking into everything you sent, and **I AM NOT SCARED OF THESE PEOPLE!**

For the rest of you, PO Box 8601, Jackson, WY 83002
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To: [Town Council](#); [Lea Colasuonno](#)
Subject: Fwd: Nelson Drive Housing
Date: Sunday, January 4, 2026 9:47:48 AM



Hello,

I am forwarding you an email that I sent to the County Commissioners.
I know unfortunately, the Council has already voted on this item, but I thought you might be interested.

Thank you,
Perri Stern

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From: **Perri Stern** <perristern1@gmail.com>
Subject: Nelson Drive Housing
To: Board Of County Commissioners <commissioners@tetoncountywy.gov>

Hello,

I noticed that you will be discussing the Housing Trust's Nelson Drive project at your Voucher Meeting next week. I've been following this project and while I am, overall, very supportive of the Housing Trust and their work to date, I do have some questions/concerns and I hope you are able to address them during your meeting.

At \$667K per unit (\$4M total), and according to a Housing Supply Board member, this purchase price for the right of first rental is nearly 2.5 times what has been paid in the past. While I do appreciate the Housing Trust not sugar-coating their construction costs, it seems like the County could purchase 5-6 condo/townhouse units in town outright, for a comparable cost, and have a long-term asset.

If you purchase the rights of first rental, you will be able to rent the apartments to County employees. The Housing Trust will still own the units.

But if the County employee decides at some point (sooner or later) that they want to switch jobs and no longer work for the County, my understanding is that according to Housing Trust rules, the person would NOT need to move out of the apartment. This means that it is pretty likely that sooner or later, the 6 apartments would be occupied by private sector/business community employees, NOT County employees. The apartment might not ever be occupied by a County employee after its first rental.

The County would be paying approximately \$2000/month whether or not there was a County employee in the unit. The County would have no recourse, and after 30 years, the rights of first rental expire.

Teton County would be subsidizing private/business sector employee housing with Public money on Federal land.

This sets up a very dangerous precedent.

I do support housing *Forest Service employees* on this land. However, I believe the Town of Jackson made a grave misstep in voting yes on this particular proposal. Housing at any price and at all cost is a mistake and does not benefit our community.

We need creative, innovative approaches to housing. But it seems like this particular deal has too many red flags.

Thank you,
Perri Stern

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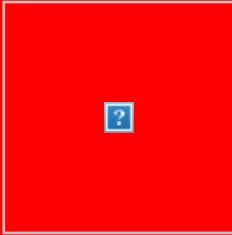


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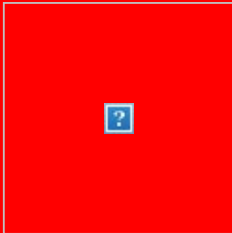
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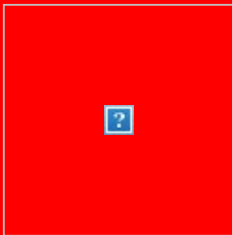
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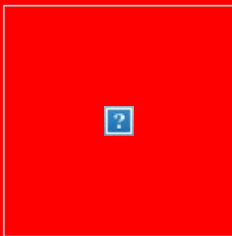
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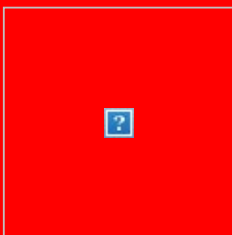
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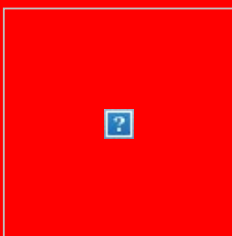
JACKSON, Wyo. — Effective Jan. 5, 2026, Gros Ventre OB/GYN and St. John's Health OB/GYN will begin operating out of separate clinic spaces. [...]



[Record number of anglers achieve Wyo Cutt-Slam challenge](#)

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WYOMING — A record number of anglers completed the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) Cutt-Slam challenge this year. WGFD said in a [...]



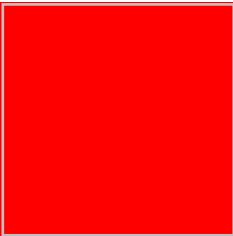
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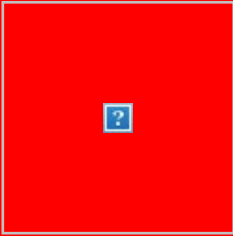
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[Chuck Gray announces bid for Wyoming congressional seat](#)

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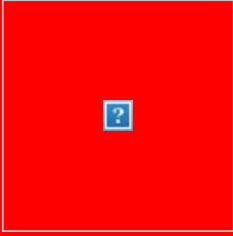
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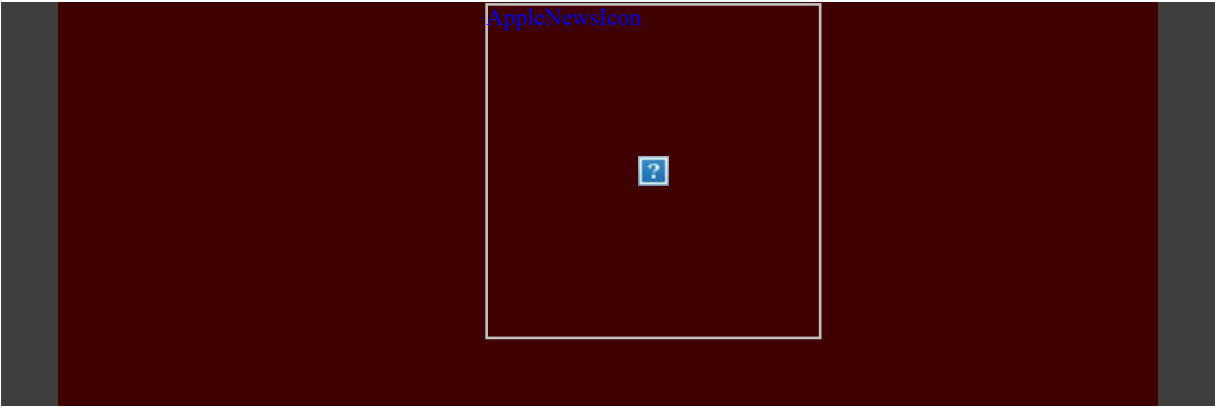


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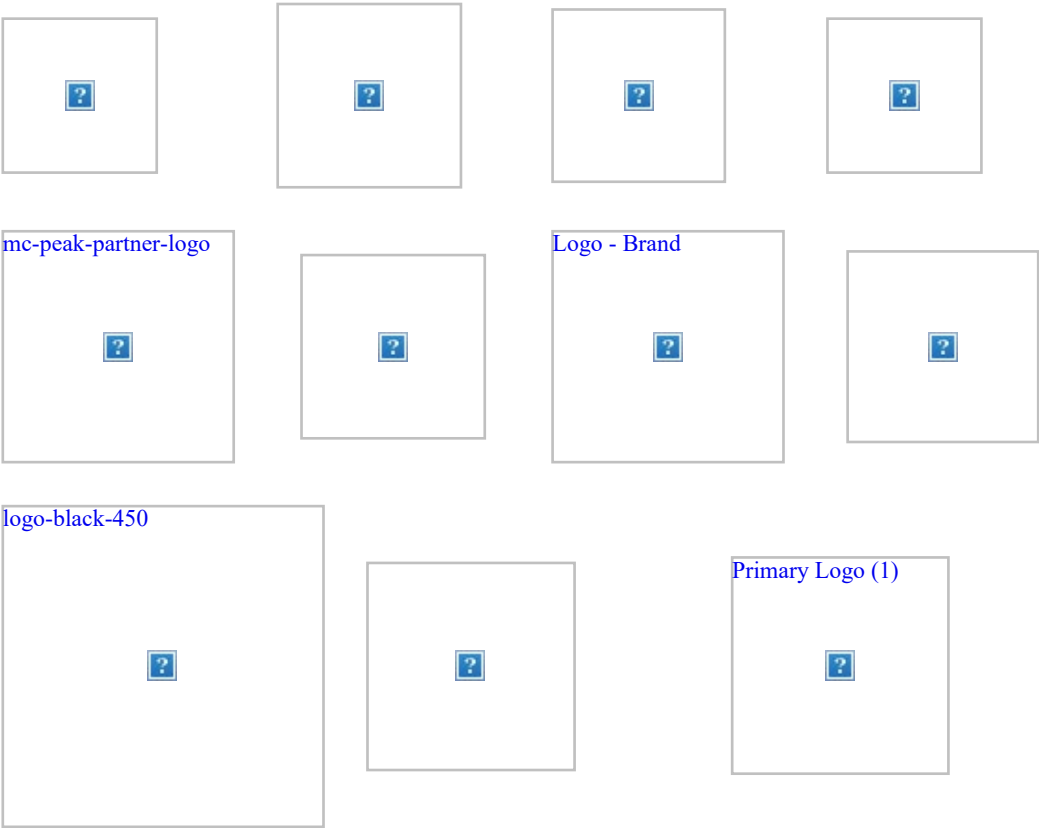
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Resources & Events

Data Centers are Coming: Are You Prepared?

From powering our everyday reliance on 24/7 connectivity to fueling the rise of artificial intelligence, the demand for secure, reliable data infrastructure continues to grow. [Learn more »](#)

Regenerative Design Building To Renew Ecosystems & Communities

What if city leaders, architects, engineers and developers focused instead on creating buildings that actively and positively contribute to both their local community and enhance the natural environment? [Learn more »](#)

Teamwork Delivers Affordable Homes Near Transit

Redmond, Washington uses a variety of tools to support housing at all income levels. This includes mandatory inclusionary zoning, a voluntary multifamily property tax exemption program, pooled funds from neighboring cities, increased zoning capacity, faster permit review and expanded land use options. [Learn More »](#)

What I Learned at COP30: Perspectives from Three Local Leaders at the Climate Convenings

Local leaders made their voices heard at the global COP30. Read testimonies from mayors and city councilmembers here, plus learn about how your community can tap into clean energy incentives and youth climate funding. [Learn more »](#)

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Heading into 2026, several priorities on the federal horizon can support local water infrastructure projects aimed at improving drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater management systems. [Learn more »](#)

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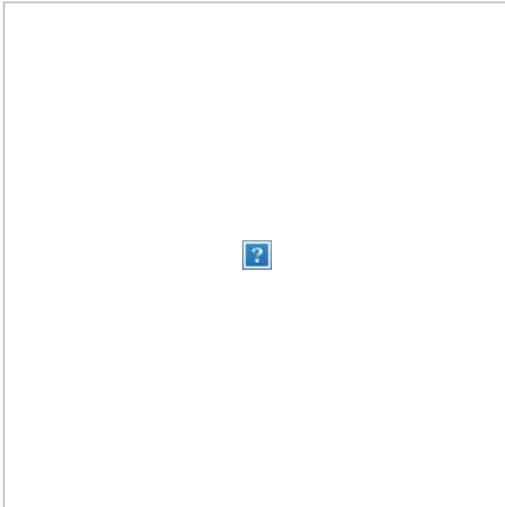


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“This month’s supermoon coincides with the January 2 to 3 peak of the Quadrantid meteor shower, an event known for its exceptionally bright meteors, known as fireballs.”

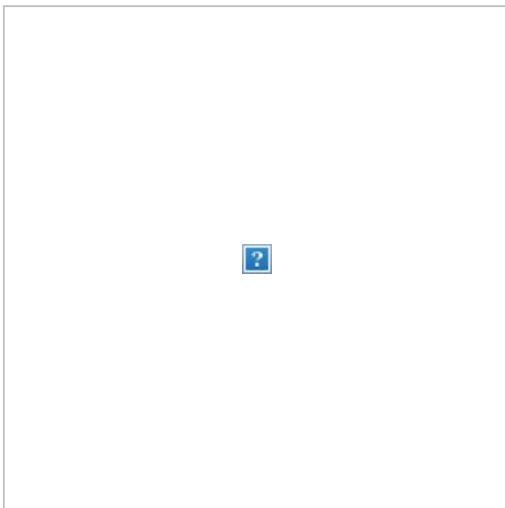
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[‘Wolf’ supermoon to rise over Jackson in wee hours](#)

JACKSON, Wyo. — The first full moon of 2026 is waxing over Jackson Hole, expected to reach peak illumination at 3:03 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3, according to the Old Farmer’s Almanac. And [...]

[Wildlife dresses up in white for the winter](#)

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK — Every winter, three animals that make their homes in Grand Teton National Park trade their summer fur for a white coat: snowshoe hares, long-tailed weasels and short-tailed [...]

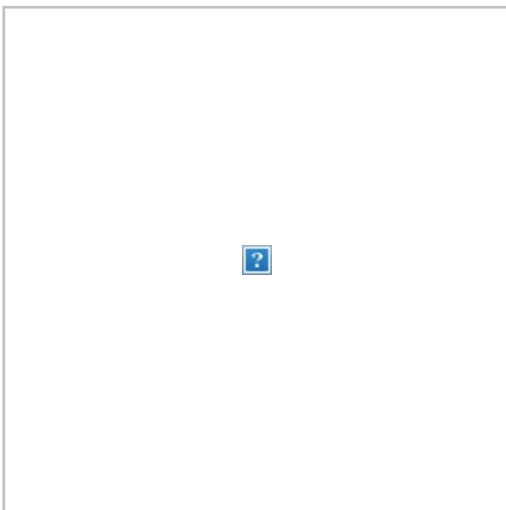


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Snow showers likely today; challenging road conditions expected

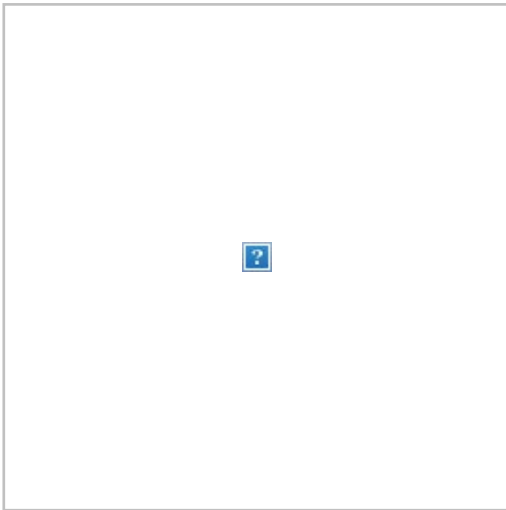
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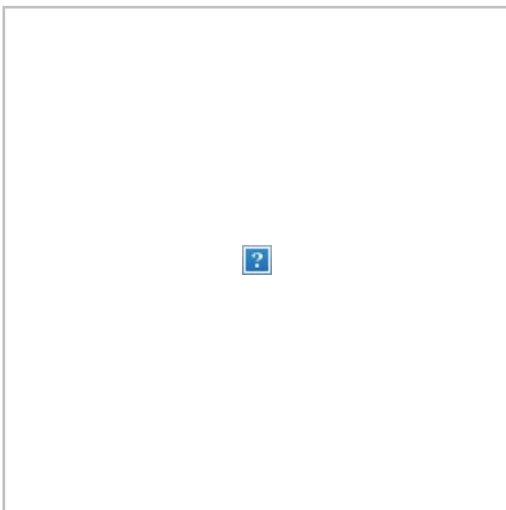
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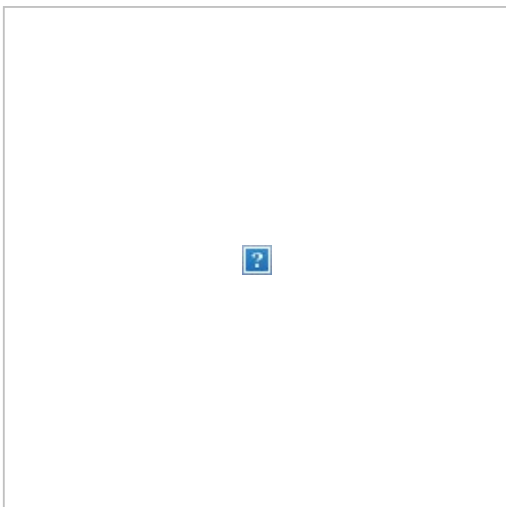


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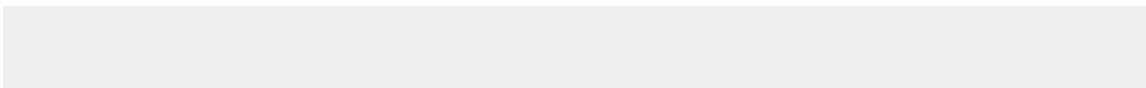
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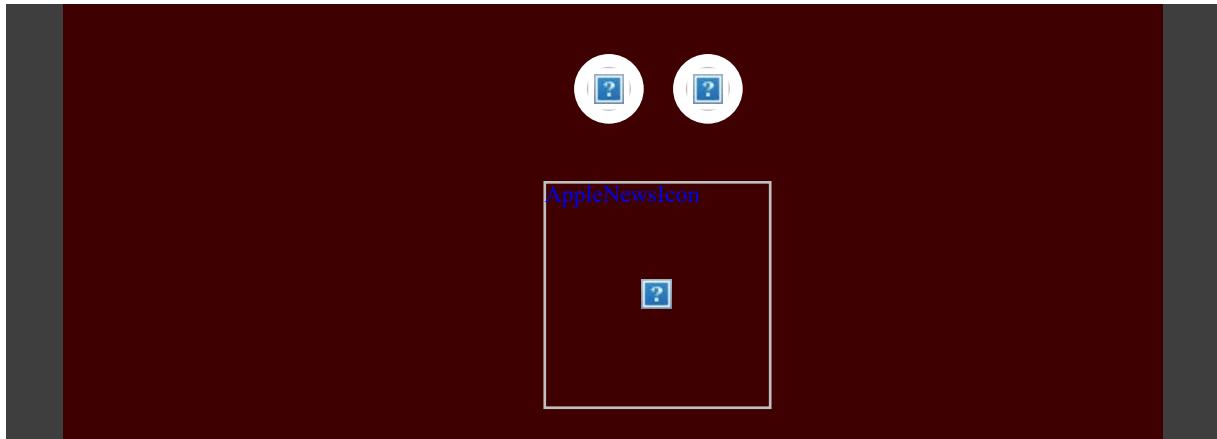
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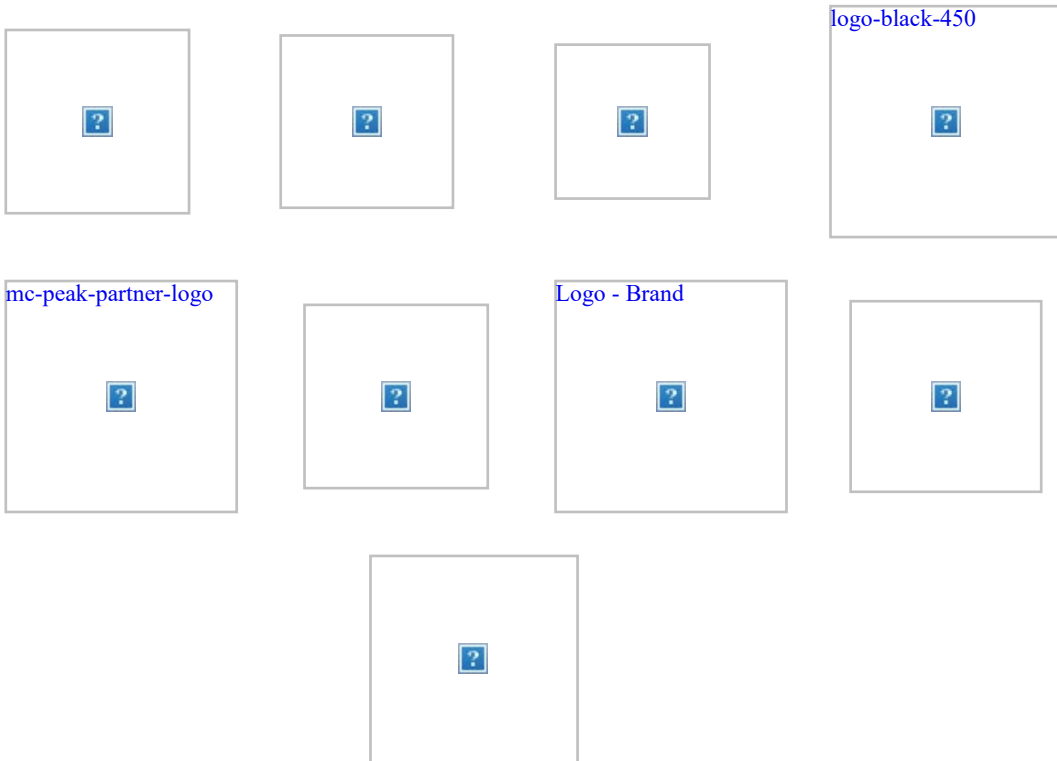
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Cc: [Hudson, Chad - FS, WY](#); [Arne Jorgensen](#); info@housingtrustjth.org
Subject: Bridger-Teton National Forest - Nelson Drive Housing
Date: Friday, January 2, 2026 1:50:30 PM
Attachments: 20260102_GYC_TCBCC_Nelson Drive BTNF housing.pdf



Good Afternoon Chairman Newcomb, Commissioner Carlman, Commissioner Gardner, Commissioner Macker, and Commissioner Propst:

Please accept the attached letter from the Greater Yellowstone Coalition with regards to the Bridger-Teton National Forest and Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust Nelson Drive housing project. We are grateful to all who are seeking housing solutions for our public land management stewards.

Best Wishes in the New Year,
Jared

Jared Baecker

Wyoming Conservation Manager • Greater Yellowstone Coalition

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Jamie Hansen Email Jonathan Schechter
Date: Friday, January 2, 2026 12:12:55 PM



Email Jonathan Schechter

Email Content:

Good afternoon Councilman Schechter,

My name is Jamie Hansen - I work for the Wyoming Office of Outdoor Recreation (WYOREC) and help facilitate Outdoor Recreation Collaboratives across the state. These Collaboratives are community-driven, grassroots initiatives working to improve outdoor recreation opportunities at the local level.

I wanted to reach out, as we are looking to launch an Outdoor Recreation Collaborative in Teton County. My job is to bring together all stakeholders and ensure the right folks are brought to the table. Our Collaboratives have seen a multitude of success, from new trailheads being established to boat ramps being installed, from improved maintenance of existing assets to education and awareness campaigns being organized. The main benefit is bringing together all stakeholders of outdoor recreation in the area together to discuss opportunities and challenges.

Our goal is to have all counties in the state represented by a WYOREC Outdoor Recreation Collaborative by mid 2026 before the first round of the Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trust Fund (ORTTF) hits the ground. We are looking to have the first meeting for the Teton County Collaborative in March. I wanted to make sure the Council was aware of these efforts and invited to the table.

If you are interested in learning more, please let me know. I would be more than happy to hop on a call to discuss how these Collaboratives are structured and what all is involved.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Jamie Hansen
Outdoor Recreation Specialist
307-460-8794
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Email Content:

To the Teton County Board of County Commissioners and Jackson Town Council Members,

Greetings and Happy New Year! I write to express concern regarding the ongoing vacancy on the Jackson Hole Travel and Tourism Board (JHTTB). It has now been over five months since the resignation of Ms. Isanaka from the community-at-large seat, and no replacement has been appointed, nor has the vacancy been announced or advertised.

Elected officials initially cited efficiency as the rationale for delaying the appointment, planning to conduct all board appointment interviews concurrently. But that moment has passed. Public calls for applicants to other joint boards—such as Parks & Recreation, START, Affordable Housing Supply, and Energy Conservation Works—have been posted, with interviews proceeding. The absence is notable.

This continued inaction has consequences. The JHTTB is making binding, long-term decisions right now, including:

- Hiring a full-time executive director and staff to operate as a Destination Marketing and Management Organization (DMMO)
- Initiating a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for a new advertising agency-of-record (AOR), currently Cole&McVoy.
- And initiating an RFP process for a public relations firm.

To allow these decisions to proceed without the full complement of board members—particularly when the vacancy is one of only three seats not designated for the tourism industry—undermines an already skeptical public trust.

According to the 2025 Resident Sentiment Survey, only 36% of Teton County residents believe the benefits of tourism outweigh the drawbacks. More critically, qualitative feedback from the survey reveals a community that feels excluded from decision-making and skeptical of the motives behind tourism policy. This delay reinforces that sentiment.

This delay also echoes a larger pattern, where community representation in tourism governance is consistently deprioritized. At the inception of the Destination Stewardship

Council (DSC), industry voices resisted seating the two community-at-large members mandated to be included for months, citing efficiency and effectiveness.

But friction is the point. Civic boards are meant to reflect diverse interests, foster dialogue, and navigate disagreement in service of the broader public good. That's especially critical now.

While the motives behind the delay may seem honorable, the reality is that every industry develops self-congratulatory narratives that obscure hard truths. Travel and tourism is particularly prone to this, with its romantic notions of life-changing experiences and cultural exchange.

This is precisely why community representation matters. A fully seated and balanced board is a safeguard against groupthink and a necessary step toward honest, inclusive decision-making.

As the JHTTB oversees new contracts, staffing models, and communications priorities, I ask you to take corrective action:

- Appoint a qualified community representative to the vacant seat without further delay
- Pause all binding or long-term board decisions until a full and balanced board is in place

Residents understand that tourism is important to the local economy. But they are equally clear: without meaningful community representation in how tourism is managed, trust will continue to erode—and that is a cost none of us can afford.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: consideration

Date: January 1, 2026 at 12:52:40 PM MST

To: Tyler Sinclair <tsinclair@jacksonwy.gov>,
"ajorgensen@hawtinjorgensen.com" <ajorgensen@hawtinjorgensen.com>

Tyler,

Happy, happy new year to you and yours. I hope you had a super special holiday with your kids and managed to take some time off.

I have a random question I could use your help with –hopefully it is an easy one. I added Mayor Steel Trap to this thread also because it wouldn't surprise me if he would have this info off the top of his head.

I am trying to assemble a comprehensive list of all intangible real estate assets sold in Teton County over the years to help the county wrap their arms around the “market value” of an Option. I have almost everything at my finger tips (since CHT has sold 31 over the years)....the only thing I can't find is if the Town received any consideration for contributions at Kelly Place condos or the Fair grounds....

Thanks for any help you can provide!

Anne

From: [Joe Saunders](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Cc: [Dave Velasquez](#)
Subject: Re: PROJECT UPDATE: S4 Flats
Date: Friday, January 2, 2026 11:07:19 AM



Hi Arne-

Happy New Year!

Sorry we missed you on our last trip to Jackson!

We would still like to connect at your convenience and could do a zoom/teams call next week.

Is there a time that works best for you?

Part of what we wanted to run through on the call is around some updates to the project. Ultimately, through the final design process we were able to add another unit to the project and had to adjust the parking a little based on some design constraints and construction costs. These changes make the project stronger, but are different than what we had in the original ground lease/development agreement with the Town of Jackson Hole.

At this point, the next big step to move this project forward is getting those updates made to the ground lease/development agreement to reflect these design changes.

We have been working with April and Tyler to get things ready to put the lease amendment on the town council agenda for approval. We're shooting to be on the 1/20/26 meeting agenda with an amendment that would allow us to break ground this coming build season.

Anyway, looking forward to connecting with you soon.

Appreciate it!

Thanks,

Joe Saunders
Figure 9
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On Wed, Nov 19, 2025 at 7:55 AM Dave Velasquez <dave@figure9er.com> wrote:
Arne

Thank you for the reply, again apologies for the short notice on our part. We will be out of town next week but would still like to connect. Are you available for a zoom call next week? Tuesday at 3:00 PM?

On Nov 19, 2025, at 8:49 AM, Dave Velasquez <dave@figure9er.com>
wrote:

Hello Arne,

We just met with Jonathan Schechter this morning, he mentioned you all were heading to the same conference today but would be valuable to fill you in on this one as well.

We're in town till Saturday morning if you have any time between now then.

We may have missed the window but hoping to catch you before you head out of town. We're available any time that might work for you.

We'd like to walk you through the current status and hear your perspective as we hopefully move toward project start in the spring.

Talk soon,
Dave

Dave Velasquez // Figure 9
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From: [Teton County CTA](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#); [Jonathan Schechter](#)
Subject: Tennis On your Agenda
Date: Wednesday, December 31, 2025 2:30:47 PM



Dear Arne and Jonathan,
I hope you are enjoying the holidays!

I will keep my eye on agendas, but can you please let us know when you will be discussing our covered courts initiative at the Fairgrounds?

Many thanks and Happy New Year!
Best,
Diane

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Best,

Teton County Community Tennis Association

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Subject: Happy New Year from Buckrail!
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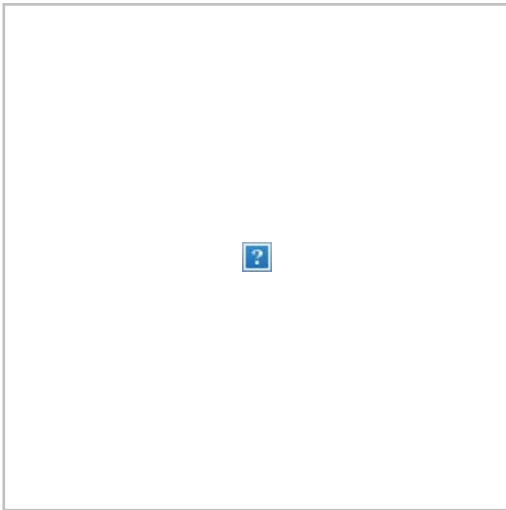


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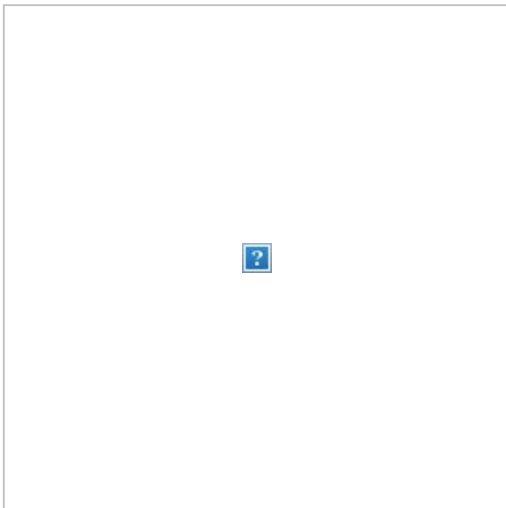
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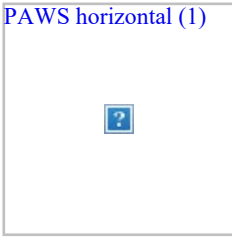


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Date: Wednesday, December 31, 2025 8:09:59 AM



That's a wrap (almost) on 2025!

It's been quite the year here at Upslope. We welcomed a couple of new team members, completed another year of Readers' Choice

awards, launched a [newspaper](#), and, of course, continued to work with the best people (that's you) in Wyoming and beyond.

Speaking of highlights from this year... We've been busy making sure all of the 2025 Readers' Choice Awards winners receive their awards, and we're gearing up to begin accepting **2026 nominations** in the coming weeks. Keep your eyes peeled

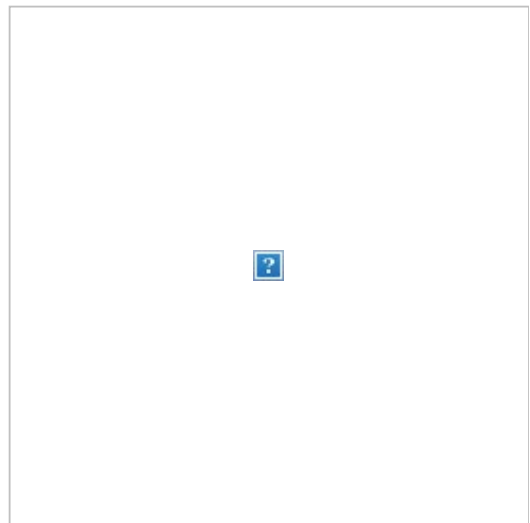
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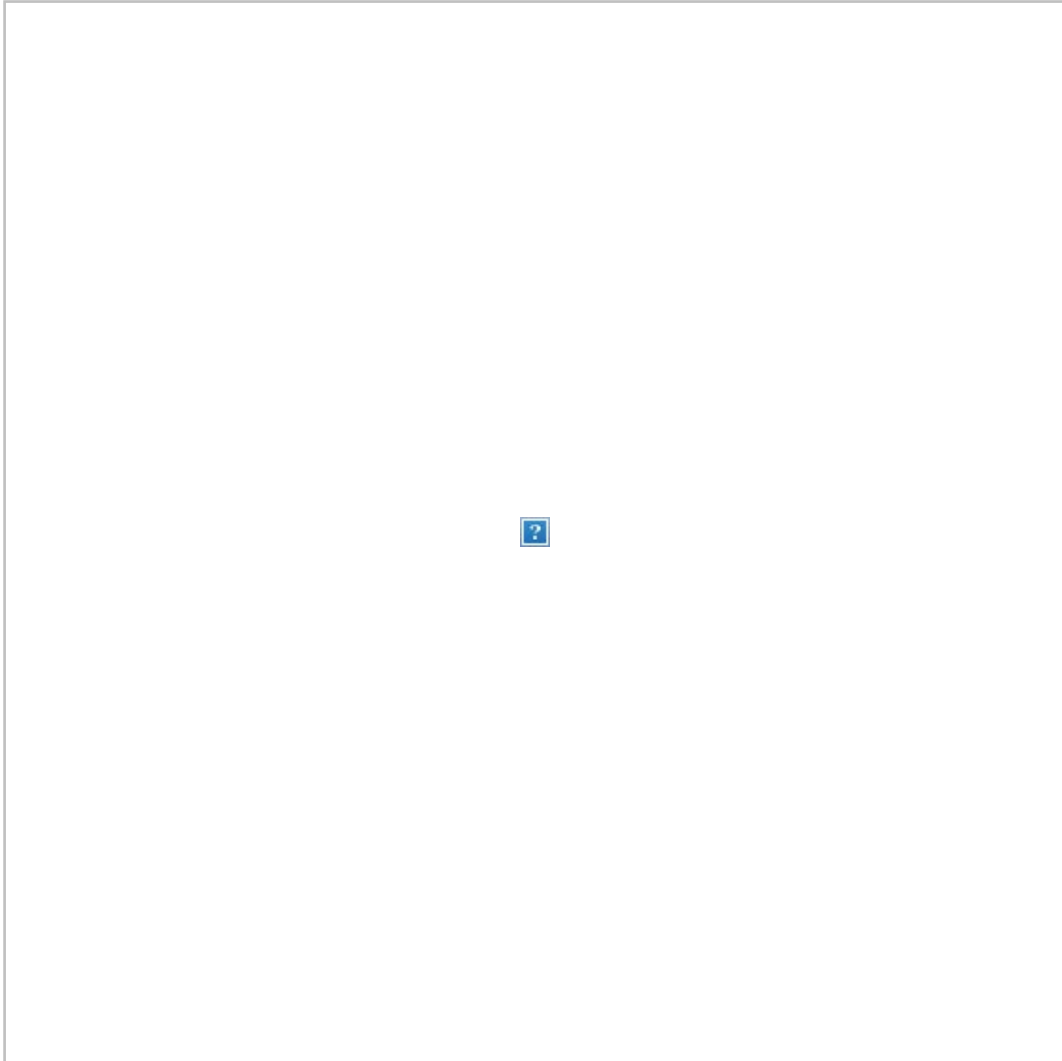
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Hi Jonathan
Wendy Jaquet Ketchum here. My friend Molly page and I are coming to an event feb5-7. We would love to take u to coffee sat am before we head home. The hotel rates for the group are too high- cleverly I think a Marriott. We are looking at the Rockwell and or 49er. Do u recommend or have an alternative to suggest?
Wendyjaquet@gmail.com
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December 30, 2025

Dear Mayor Jorgensen and Town Council,

It has come to my attention that there is a new ambient light proposal, stating that all "Christmas Lights" shall be taken down by mid January. I disagree with this in several ways. On my side of the Town Square (SE corner) it is quite dark without ambient lighting through the winter. No lights, could mean "closed" to many people. Ambient lighting is very welcoming to our locals and visitors. It gives it the feel of winter and a ski town. There is also a safety issue. Unlit spaces could mean unsafe areas to many people. The Jackson Hole Chamber has worked really hard over the years to get businesses to stay open later to cater to the skiers and other visitors. Having no ambient lighting equals not open for business and not as welcoming. I also believe Jackson and Teton County have been certified already as a dark sky community. So let's make this a welcoming community and keep the lights on. We are "home" and open for business.

Thank you,

Sincerely

Kris Shean

Owner, Haagen-Dazs of Jackson Hole

Your Name: Kris Shean

Your Company Name: Haagen-Dazs of Jackson Hole

Your Phone Number: 3076906043

Your Email Address: shean.krisb@gmail.com

Your City: Jackson

Your State: WY

Your Zip Code: 83001

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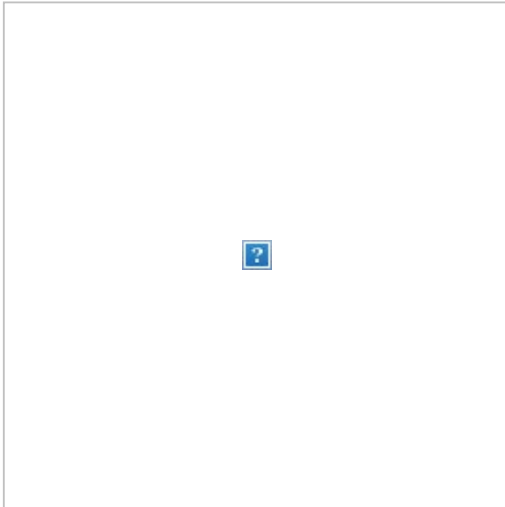


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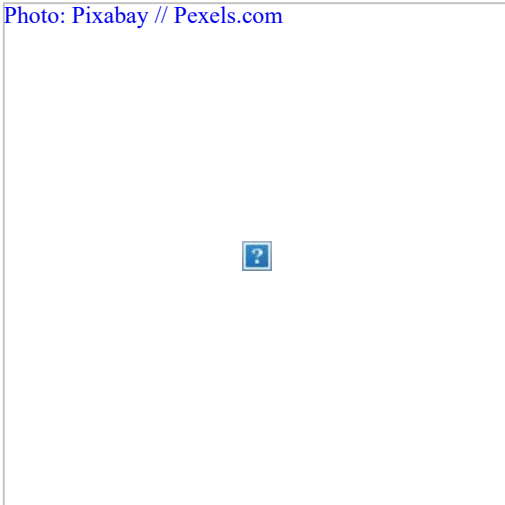
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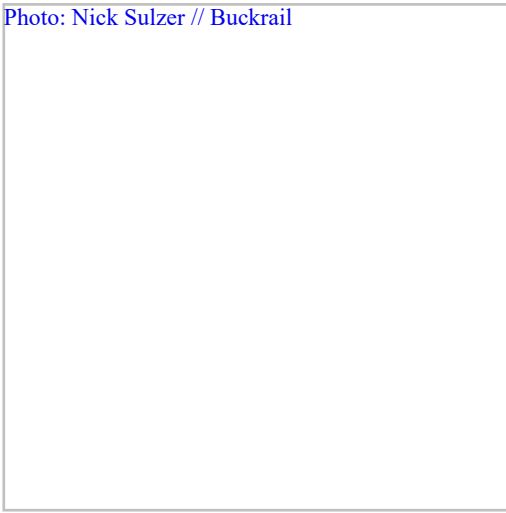
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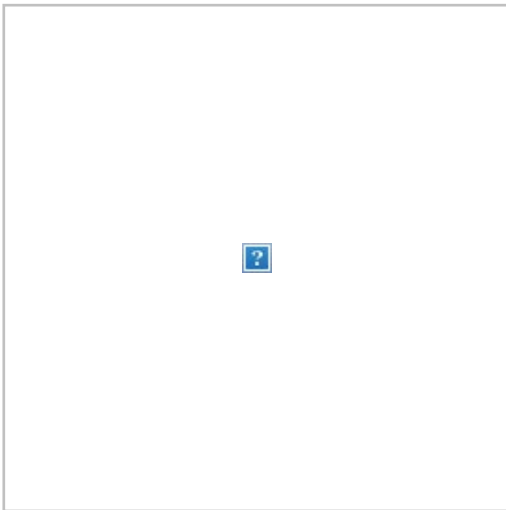
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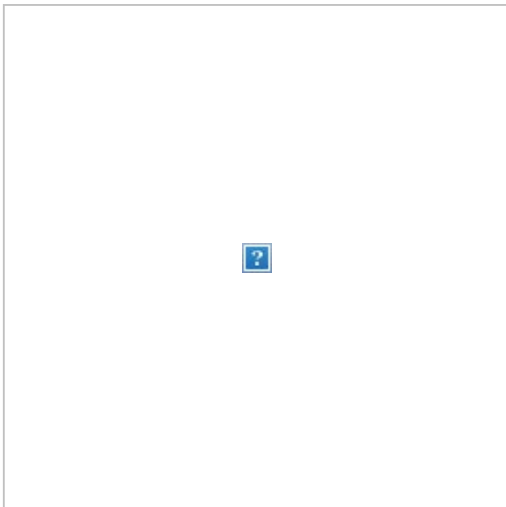


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Record number of anglers achieve Wyo Cutt-Slam challenge

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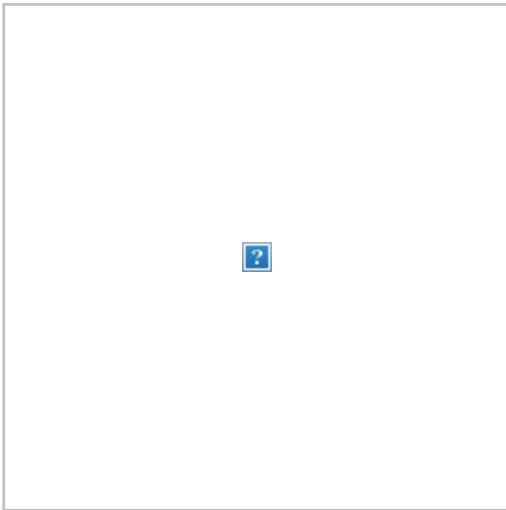


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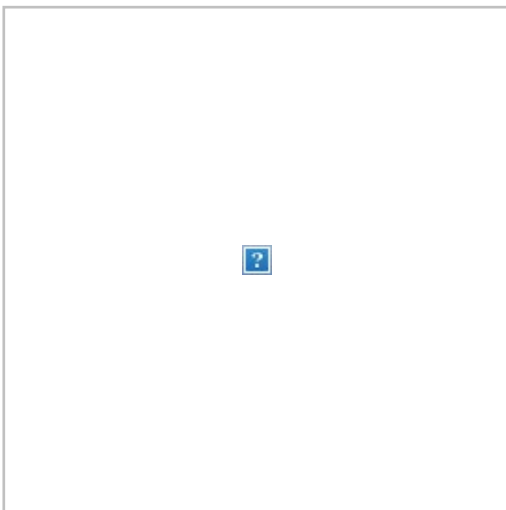
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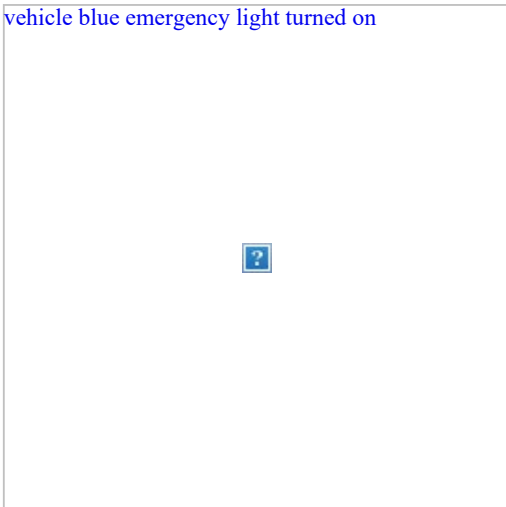
once again offer limited service options for commuters over the New Year's holidays. In a Monday update, the Town of Jackson stated that morning departures [...]



Snow King torchlight parade limited to season passholders on New Year's Eve

JACKSON, Wyo. — The annual New Year's Eve torchlight parade at Snow King Mountain Resort, which is usually open to the public, will be limited to season passholders only due to snow [...]

vehicle blue emergency light turned on



Heads up: Head-on collision, vehicle fire reported on Village Road

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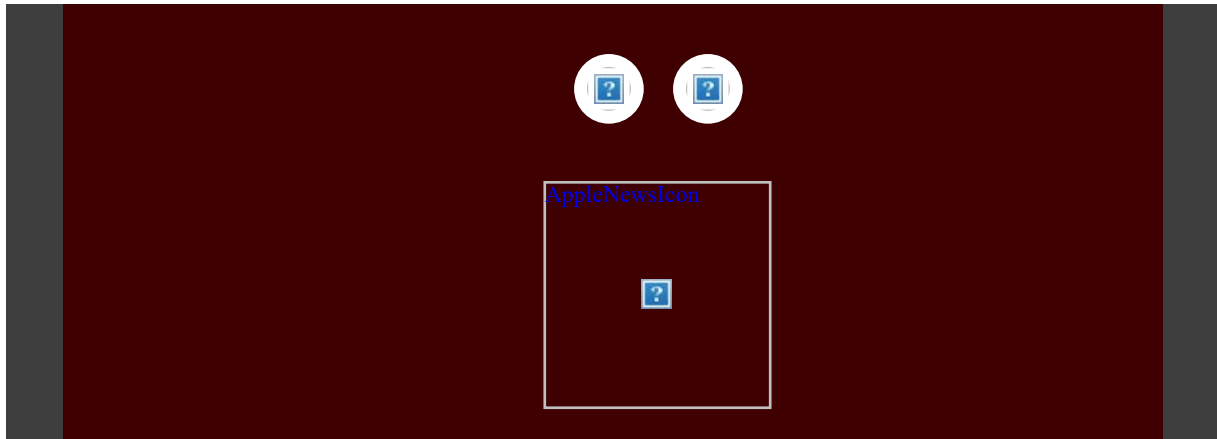
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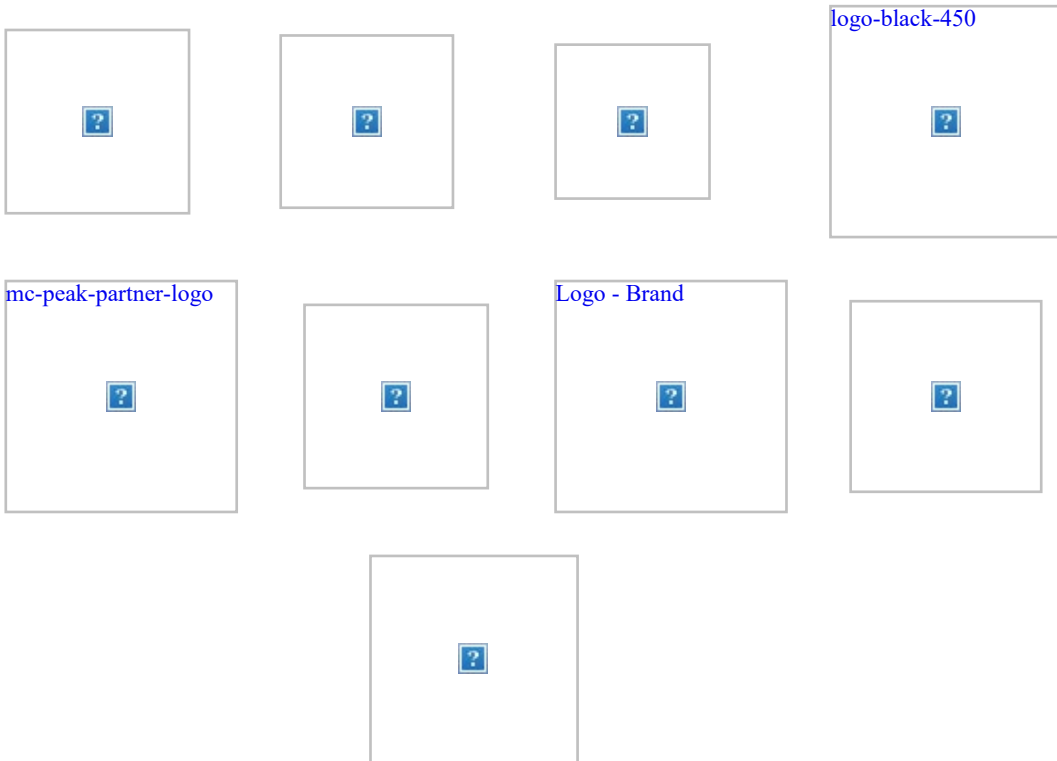
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To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Hageman Applauds \$205 Million in OBBBA Funding to Strengthen Wyoming's Rural Health Care
Date: Tuesday, December 30, 2025 12:32:22 PM



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December 30, 2025

Congresswoman Hageman Applauds \$205 Million in OBBBA Funding to Strengthen Wyoming's Rural Health Care

Washington, D.C. — Today, Congresswoman Harriet Hageman (R-WY) applauded the announcement that Wyoming would receive more than \$205 million for fiscal year 2026 through the Rural Health Transformation Program, which Rep. Hageman and Congressional Republicans created this summer in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), also known as the Working Families Tax Cut. Additional funding will follow in the subsequent years.

“This summer, Republicans in Washington delivered an unprecedented \$50 billion investment in rural health care through the Rural Health Transformation Program enacted as part of the Working Families Tax Cuts legislation,” **said Rep. Hageman.** “Wyoming’s rural communities deserve reliable, high-quality health care without having to travel hundreds of

miles. This initial \$205 million investment strengthens our hospitals and clinics, supports the health care professionals who serve our communities, and expands access to care for families across Wyoming. It reflects a clear commitment to rural America and shows that Republicans and the Trump administration are delivering real, measurable results by prioritizing long-term sustainability of rural health care.”

Background:

Wyoming will be able to use this funding to address long-standing challenges unique to rural health care. The investment supports efforts to expand primary, preventive, maternal, emergency, and behavioral health services, recruit and retain a strong rural health workforce, and modernize aging facilities and technology. The program also encourages innovation, including telehealth, remote monitoring, and new models that help keep care local and sustainable.

This program represents the largest federal investment in rural health care in American history. Congress created the initiative to ensure access to care does not depend on zip code and to give states flexibility to design solutions that reflect local needs.

Funding will roll out over multiple years, providing Wyoming with a stable foundation to strengthen health care delivery and improve the well-being of rural families statewide.

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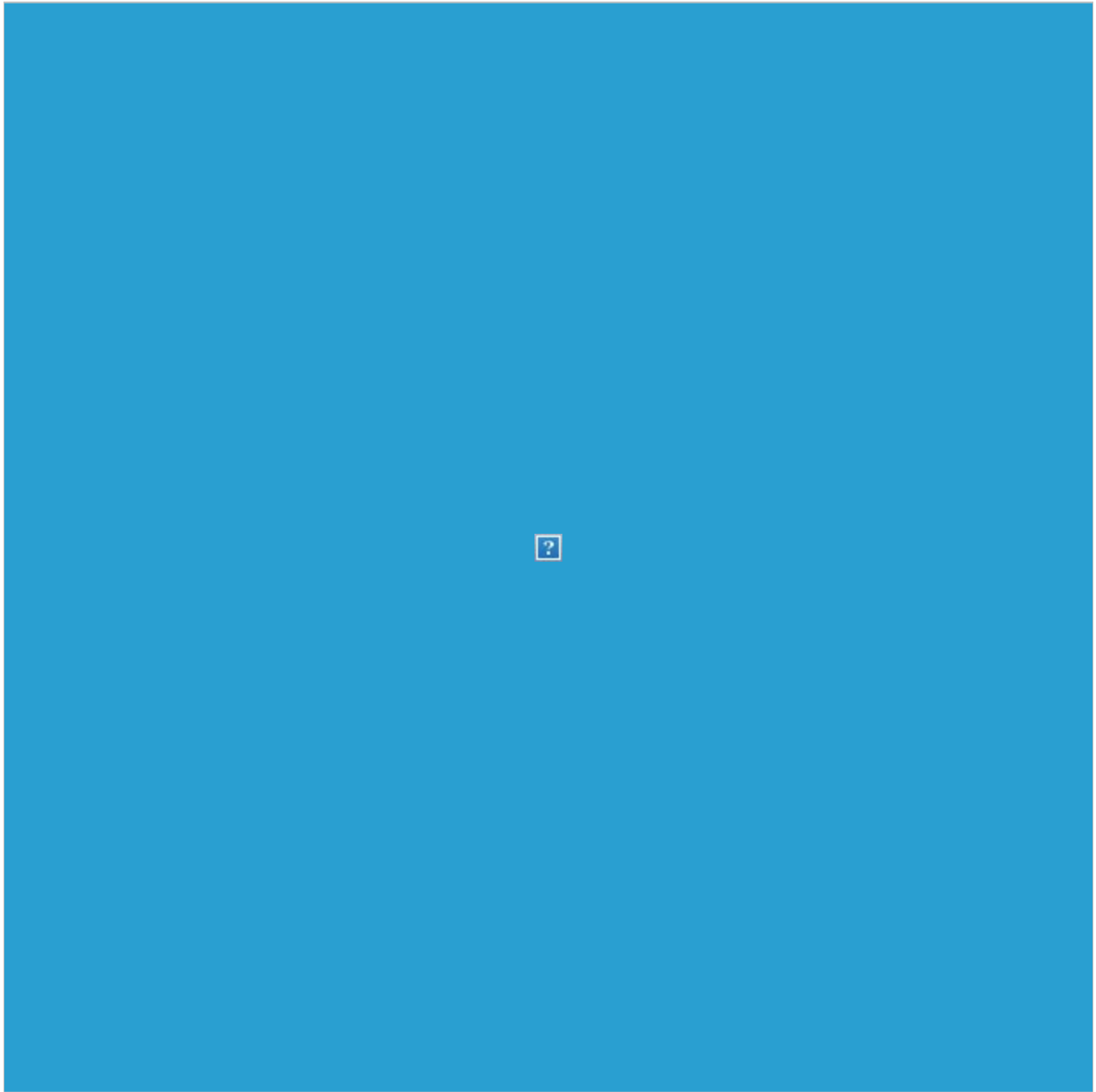
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Dear Arne,

We are in the final days of our biggest fundraiser of the year, and your support right now will determine how strong we enter 2026. We're currently \$121,000 away from reaching our \$1.25 million year-end goal, with only 2 days left to give.

We also just got word that a bill we've helped advance throughout 2025 — the Fix Our Forests Act — **could come up for a Senate vote as early as January 2026**. This means the window to influence what happens next is already opening.

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These final days of our fundraiser will determine how prepared we are in the opening weeks of the new year. Citizen advocacy could be the difference in whether this bill and other critical climate solutions move forward.

With your support, we can provide the training and tools our volunteers need to:

- Generate targeted, persuasive local media hits across the country
- Mobilize thousands of calls and emails at critical moments
- Activate trusted messengers who can shift a Senator's perspective toward support

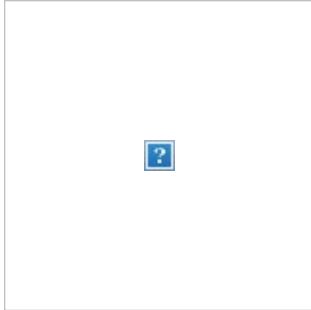
We've built strong momentum this year, but to match the influence of well-resourced corporate lobbyists, we need to close this final gap now. If you have been thinking about making a year-end gift, this is the moment when it will matter most.



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Your contribution now will help turn today's advocacy work into tomorrow's climate wins.

With gratitude,

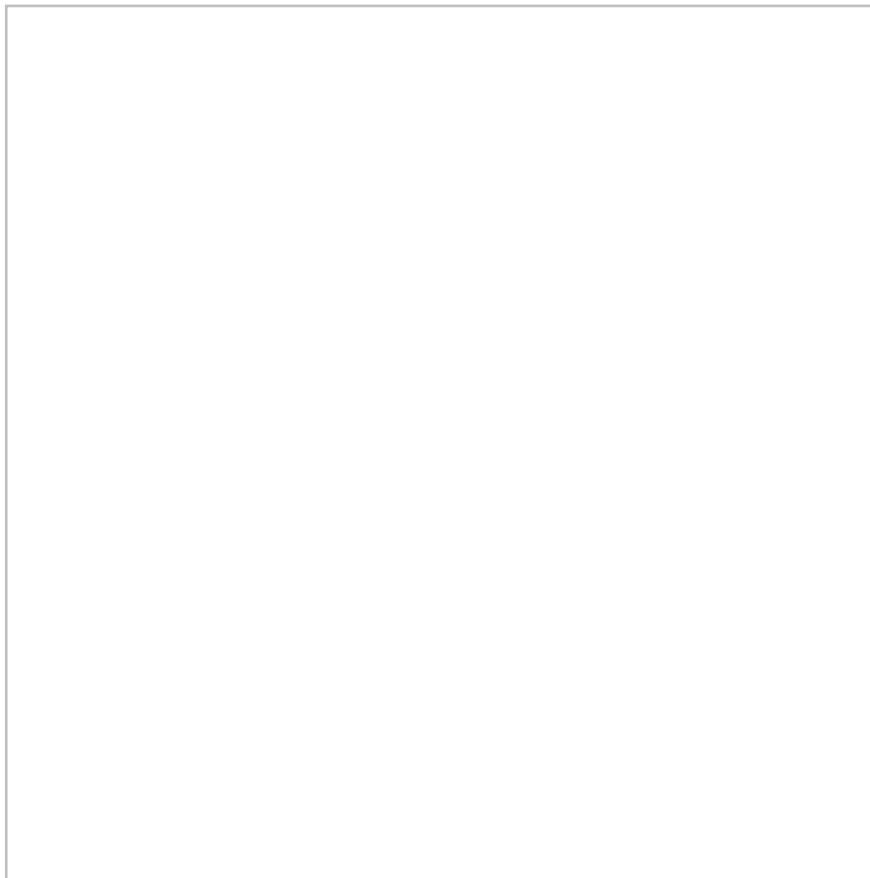


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Subject: Housing Perspectives: Our Top 10 Blogs of 2025
Date: Tuesday, December 30, 2025 9:06:12 AM



Housing Perspectives

Our Top 10 Blogs of 2025



Tuesday, December 30, 2025 | Alicia Doyon

Soaring home prices, rising costs for homeowners and renters, and a new social housing movement: In case you missed them, our top blogs of this year examined persistent housing challenges in the US and opportunities for reforms. In [Home Prices Surge to Five Times Median Income, Nearing Historic Highs](#), Peyton Whitney explored rising home price-to-income ratios and how this measure of homebuyer affordability varied across markets in 2024.

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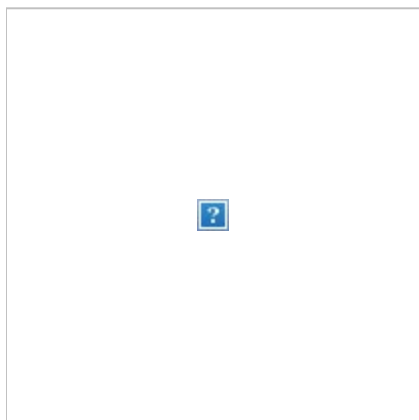
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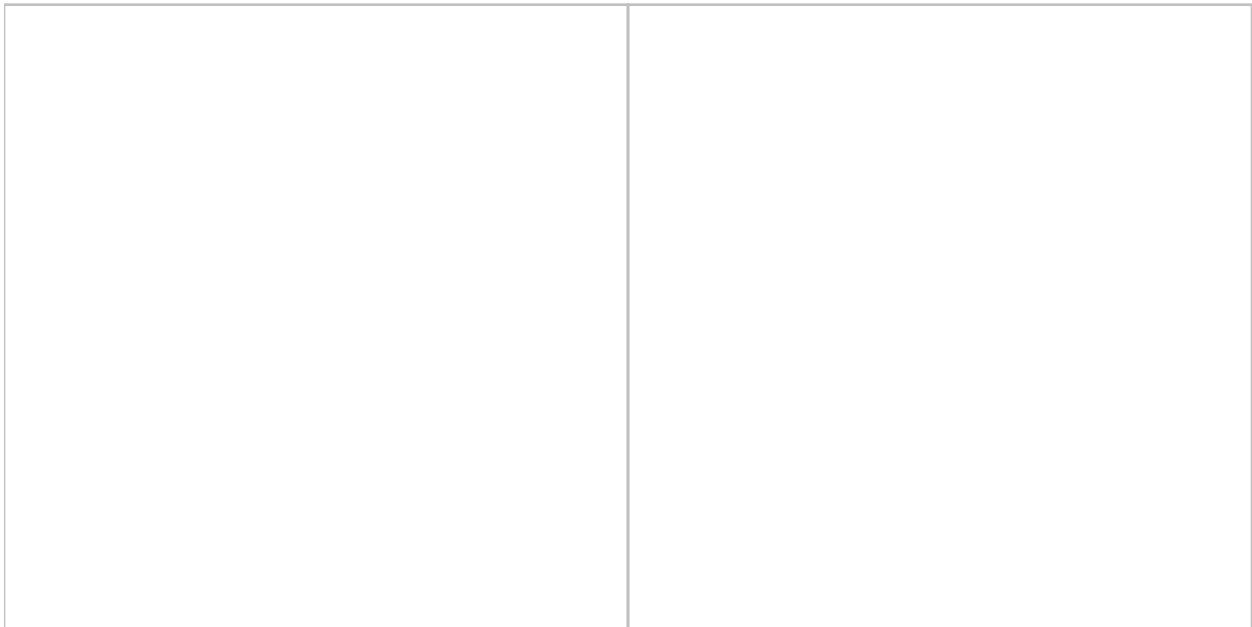
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To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: Celebrating a Year of Progress, Powered by You
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Celebrating a Year of Progress, Powered by You



Hello Mrk ,

As the year comes to a close, we want to thank you for standing with us. For more than 15 years, your support has helped turn vision into reality. Together, we've invested over \$2 million in trails, built partnerships in 15 communities, and completed more than 35 miles of new and improved trails across the state.

This year reminded us just how essential that support truly is.

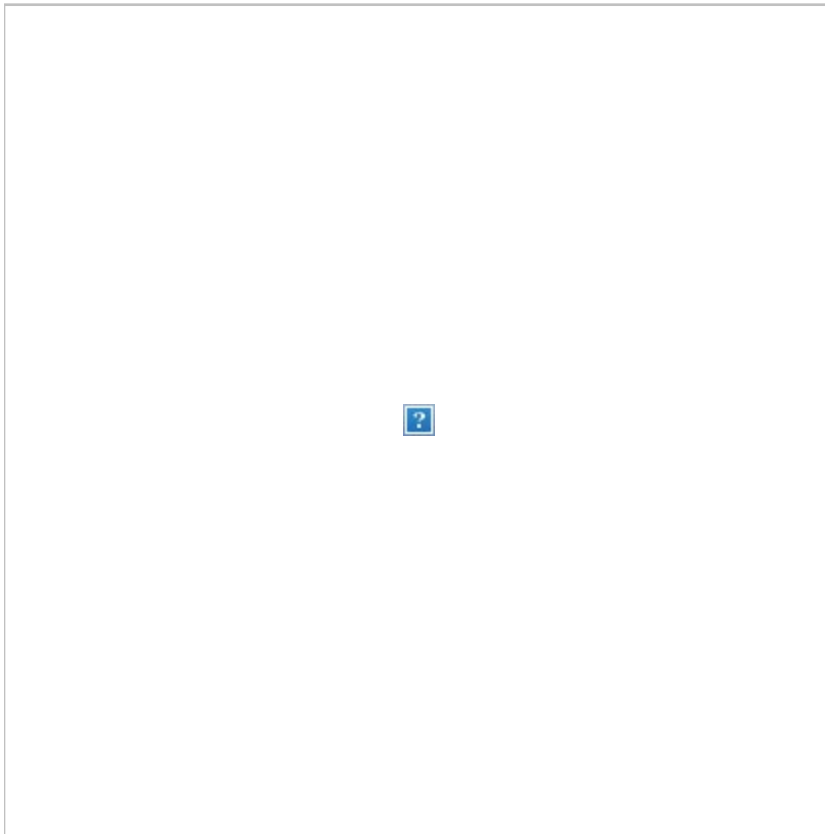
As we celebrate all we've accomplished together, we're also looking ahead. To carry this momentum into next year, we're asking for your help. ***If you value safe, accessible, and thoughtfully built trails and pathways across Wyoming, please consider making a year-end gift today.***

Unexpected federal funding cuts created a \$60,000 gap in our operating budget, a gap that directly threatens the staffing needed to keep projects moving. These are the people who manage grants, work with land managers, oversee construction, and ensure every trail, pathway, and safe streets effort moves from idea to completion. We can't afford to lose that expertise. And with your gift today, we won't.

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Your year-end gift has a direct and immediate impact:

- It keeps projects on



schedule and shovel-ready.

- It ensures grant deadlines and opportunities aren't missed.

- It protects the partnerships that make statewide trail and safe streets work possible.

- It keeps our team, the people who know Wyoming's trails best, in place and ready for the year ahead.

This work is only possible because supporters like you believe in the life changing power of trails, pathways, and safe streets.

The impact we made together this year:

- Rebuilt and restored damaged trails

- Added new bridges and boardwalks

- Improved pedestrian and cyclist safety through workshops and analysis

- Strengthened long-term partnerships with towns, counties, and land

agencies

Together, we can close the gap, protect what we've built, and step confidently into 2025 ready to do even more for the communities we serve.

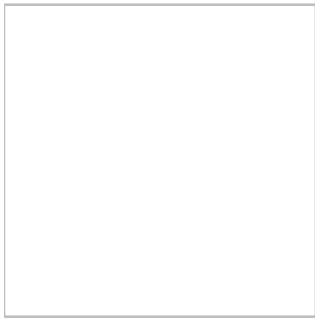
Happy New Year! We can't wait to see what the year ahead holds. ***Thank you for supporting this work when it matters most.***

Make Your Year-End Gift!

Thank you,

Michael Kusiek
Executive Director
Wyoming Pathways

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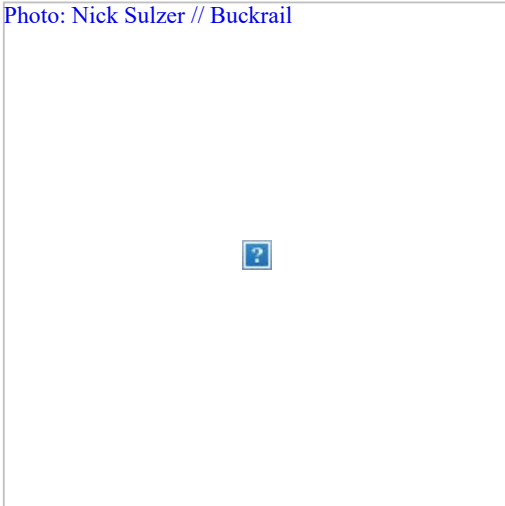
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The Wyoming Department of Family Services and Gov. Mark Gordon have renewed their call for [battling food insecurity](#).

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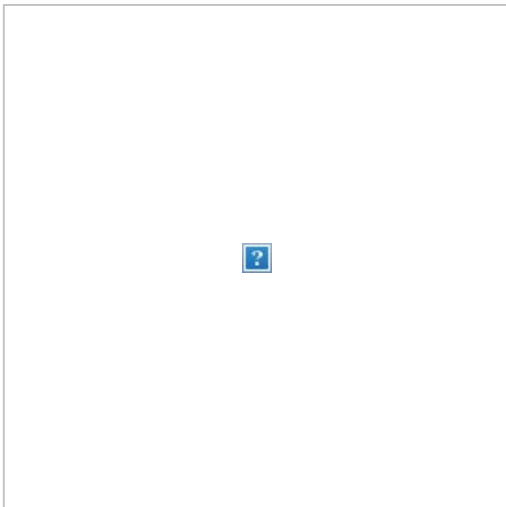
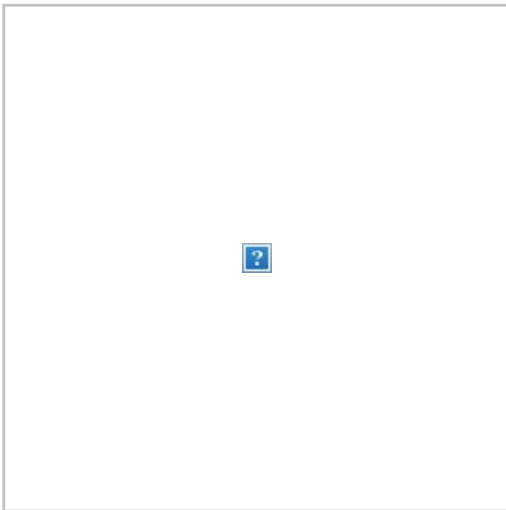
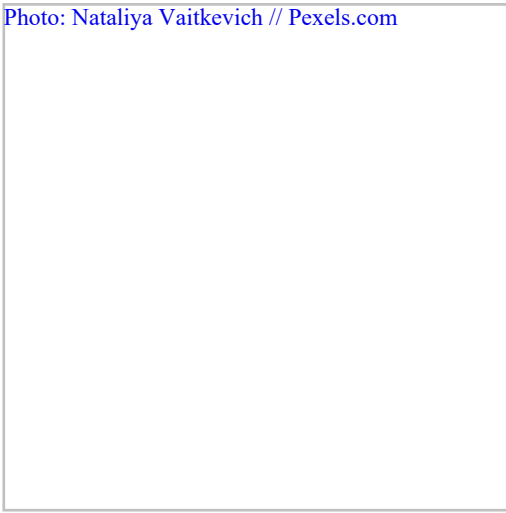
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WYOMING — Chuck Gray, Wyoming's current Secretary of State, announced his bid to run for congress on Monday in a press release and accompanying video. The announcement comes days after Rep. Harriet [...]

[Gordon renews call for hunger relief after executive order report published](#)

WYOMING — The Wyoming Department of Family Services (DFS) released its final report regarding Gov. Mark Gordon's October public welfare emergency executive order, and the governor has made a renewed call for [...]

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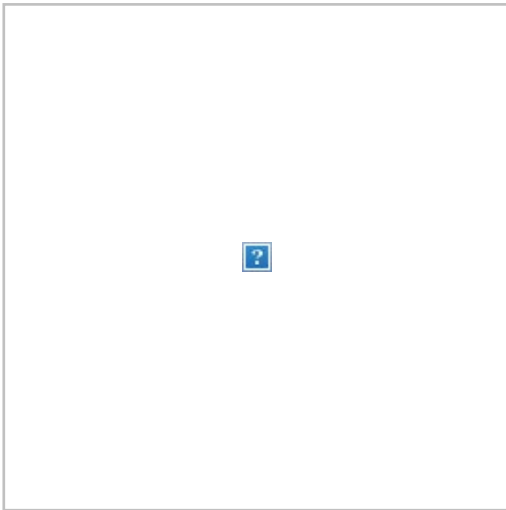
JACKSON, Wyo. — Cold weather has returned and it finally looks like winter outside, folks, but perhaps not for long. Last night, temperatures reached the negatives after a rainy Christmas and record [...]

U.S., state flags to remain at half-staff until Jan. 5 honoring Judy Catchpole

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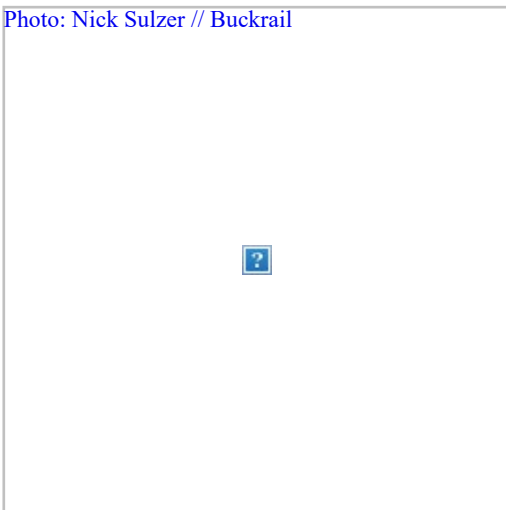
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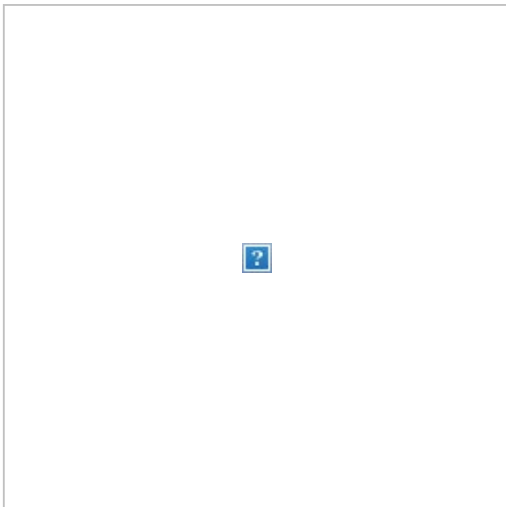
for the scientists that keep tabs on Yellowstone National Park. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has five volcano observatories around the country, [...]

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Park Service shares gingerbread bison cookie idea with jokey twist

UNITED STATES — Don't put away the baking supplies just yet. The National Park Service (NPS) recently shared a video to its social media channels demonstrating the fun of baking bison-shaped gingerbread [...]



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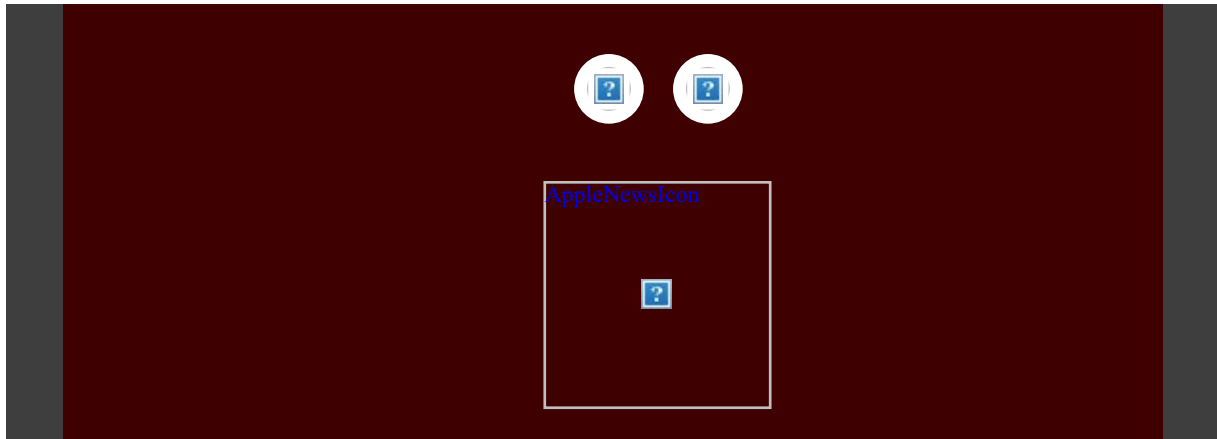
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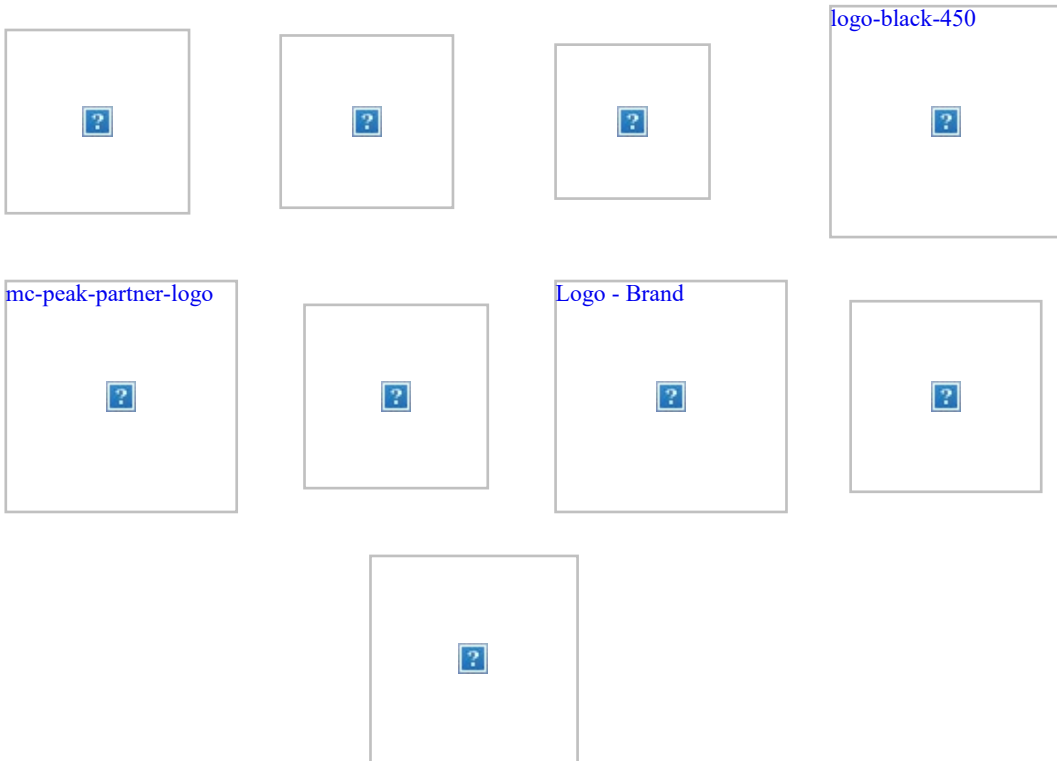
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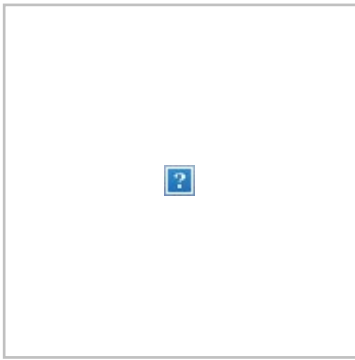
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transportation opportunities in Idaho, Montana and**



Wyoming. Our newsletter aims to connect you to resources, funding and events in our region.

Dear Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities Community,

As we close out 2025, we again want to thank-you for being a part of this community. As you all know, we cover three states (ID, MT and WY), and provide support to a wide variety of audiences, including individuals as well as local, state and federal governments, businesses, non-profits, schools, legislators, fuel providers, vehicle manufacturers, and more, so our community is large and varied and we appreciate you all! You may even fall into multiple categories!

It is the sum of everyone's efforts that truly makes a difference in our region. As I noted in a previous newsletter the 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!

Let's keep this incredible momentum going into 2026. We have some fun new programs starting in the new year we're looking forward to rolling out.

Your year-end contributions truly keep the wheels spinning for our small non-profit. We greatly appreciate your support and commitment to protecting this place we live and love! Happy New Year!

Thank you for being an integral, supportive part of YTCC's community.



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Warm regards,
Alicia Cox
Executive Director



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To: [Caroline Haines](#)
Cc: [Anne Hayden](#); [Hudson, Chad - FS, WY](#); [Town Council](#)
Subject: Re: Nelson Trailhead
Date: Monday, December 29, 2025 11:41:34 AM



Dear Caroline,

Thank you for taking the time to write and for sharing your personal history at Nelson Drive. It's evident how deeply you love your neighborhood. That kind of care for your home is something many residents feel. Change is understandably hard, especially when it feels like it has arrived quickly. I also want to thank you for your early support of ShelterJH. Our work is grounded in the belief you clearly share: that stable housing is essential to a healthy, thriving community.

Our advocacy is focused on addressing housing insecurity in the Tetons. When we are evaluating new developments, we consider if the opportunity at hand will move us closer to the goal of housing more locals locally and meaningfully contribute to our community. To determine our stance, we ask questions including: who will have access to the homes in question? How much will they cost? Where will the funding come from? How do they fit into the context of our community's needs? Are they located in an area that is well-connected to resources? Our board, staff, and Policy Team (made up of active ShelterJH members) answer these questions together.

We do support the vision for this new neighborhood. While we have raised concerns about the [level of public investment](#) tied to a relatively small number of homes, we know the project will serve local people at below-market prices and will contribute to long-term housing stability.

We also know the concern about traffic and cars is shared among neighbors of many proposals, including, for example, the Virginian and Legacy Lodge. That's precisely why we hosted a transportation-focused event in September to explore the intersection between housing instability and transit, particularly regarding opportunities for more transit options and less reliance on individual vehicles. While there will be more people living in the Nelson Drive area, we know that the Housing Trust and the Town Council have thoughtfully considered parking and access, not only for neighbors but also for the residents of these future homes.

Many of the specific questions you raise about density calculations, engineering analyses, federal land use, and project partners are best answered by the entities directly responsible for the project, and I see that you've included them on this email. It is never in a developer's interest, nor in the interest of the people they serve, to cut corners on safety. In addition, this project was reviewed by the Housing Supply Board, which includes a civil engineer, and just like any new construction, it must comply with extensive building and safety codes.

Change can feel unsettling, especially when it touches places we love. Our hope is that, as a community, we can find ways to make room for new neighbors, particularly those who contribute to the fabric of Jackson every day—like the people who will live at Nelson Drive.

I'm always open to continuing the conversation and appreciate you engaging thoughtfully even when the questions are difficult.

Sincerely,
Clare

On Tue, Dec 23, 2025 at 9:55 PM Caroline Haines <carolinehainespatten@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Clare,

When I see 'Nelson Drive' in a headline my heart sinks. We bought our home on Nelson Drive in 2002. It was a quiet street with modest single family homes. Our kids learned to ride their bikes down the middle of the street (there are no sidewalks), and we had a perfect location on the edge of town next to public land. About 25 years ago the town identified Nelson Drive as a Rural Street so there would be no sidewalks, the residents applauded this decision since it fit with the character of our street. For many years, my password was I Love Nelson Drive.

When I recently read that an environmental impact study had been conducted in 2009 and 2012, I thought back to that quiet time. Today, Nelson Drive is a busy thoroughfare. It has changed considerably in recent years. Trailhead users and residents constantly sail down the street, dodging pedestrians, bicycles, dogs, etc. During the winter months, the icy surface makes the peril even worse.

The plan for 36 new residences on Nelson Dr lacks a critical urban analysis. I understand that while the Forest Service FONSI, as it relates to the forest / trailhead, could be accurate in 2026, **Nelson Drive** has changed considerably and 36 new apartments and 77 additional cars will have a **Significant Impact**.

The Nelson Trailhead project is too dense for its location, in my opinion. For the past several months, I have been asking for the opinion of a civil engineer, a professional who will analyze the current neighborhood conditions, and establish the appropriate added density, if any.

I know new housing is urgent, however these decisions require thoughtful consideration with time to explore various avenues and the associated impacts. The recent public discussion around the Nelson Trailhead project has happened at a frenzied pace.

I read that Shelter JH asks hard questions, here are some of my question (and they are not hard):

Why hasn't a civil engineer been engaged to review the impact of 36 new apartments and 77 additional cars, on a daily basis, into perpetuity, on a rural street at the edge of town?

What is the designated ideal density for this neighborhood?

How many square feet of housing has been built within a few hundred yards of the

Nelson Trailhead in the past 10 years?

Who is the unnamed non-profit partner in the project, and why are they unnamed?

The significant, daily changes at the Federal level are mind-numbing and difficult to digest or comprehend, how do these changes affect the Forest Service housing needs? Why

can't the Forest Service build the 13 units they need? Why does it have to be 36 units?

Where are there other instances of private sector citizens living on Public Land?

Why is the Housing Trust FAQ on Nelson Drive full of typos?

When Shelter JH was founded I might have been one of the first people to donate in support of the mission. I know stable housing is essential to a healthy community. I know difficult choices and hard questions are a critical element in community conversations that aim to thrive, and not just survive.

What do you think of a civil engineering analysis for the project as it relates to the neighborhood?

Sincerely,
Caroline Haines

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While local leaders are ready to act, deploying the systemic solutions needed requires staff, technical expertise, funding, and coordination that many small mountain and rural communities simply do not have.

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Happy New Year,

Tori Sowul
Director, Development

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Good Morning,

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program is available at the Teton County Health Department. WIC is the special supplemental nutrition program that serves to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants, & children up to age 5 by providing supplemental food packages, health screening, nutrition counseling and education, breastfeeding support, and social services referrals.

Appointments for the Teton County WIC program are available by appointment only. You can schedule a phone appointment on Mondays or an in-person appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:15 am and 4:30 pm. Please refer to the attached press release to learn more about program eligibility.

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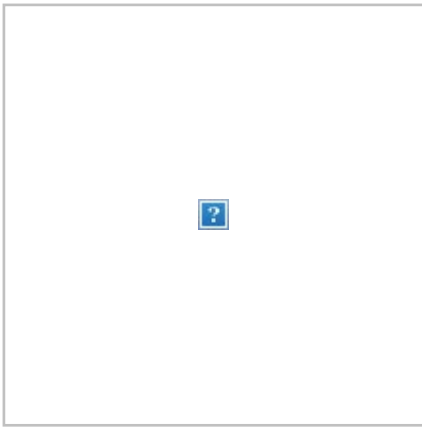
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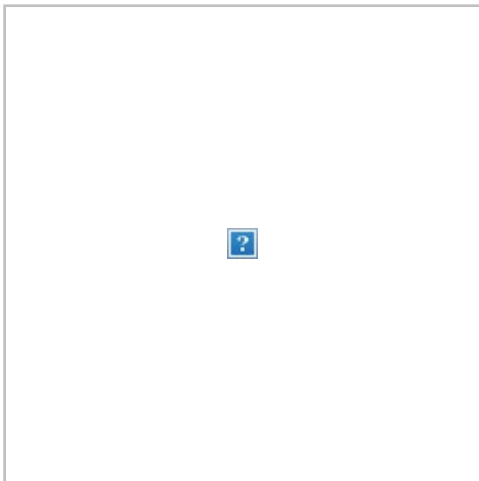
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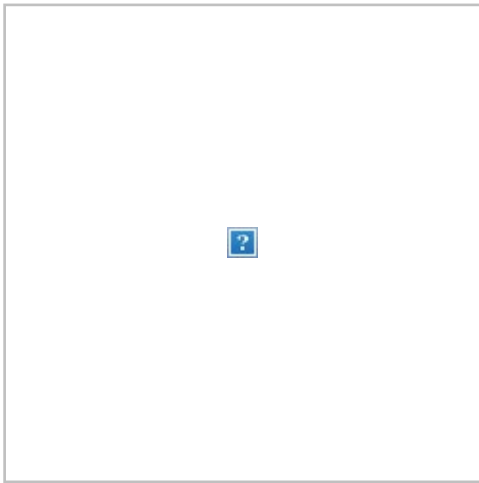


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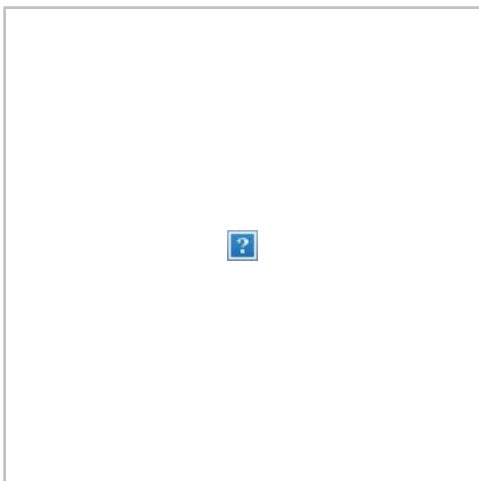
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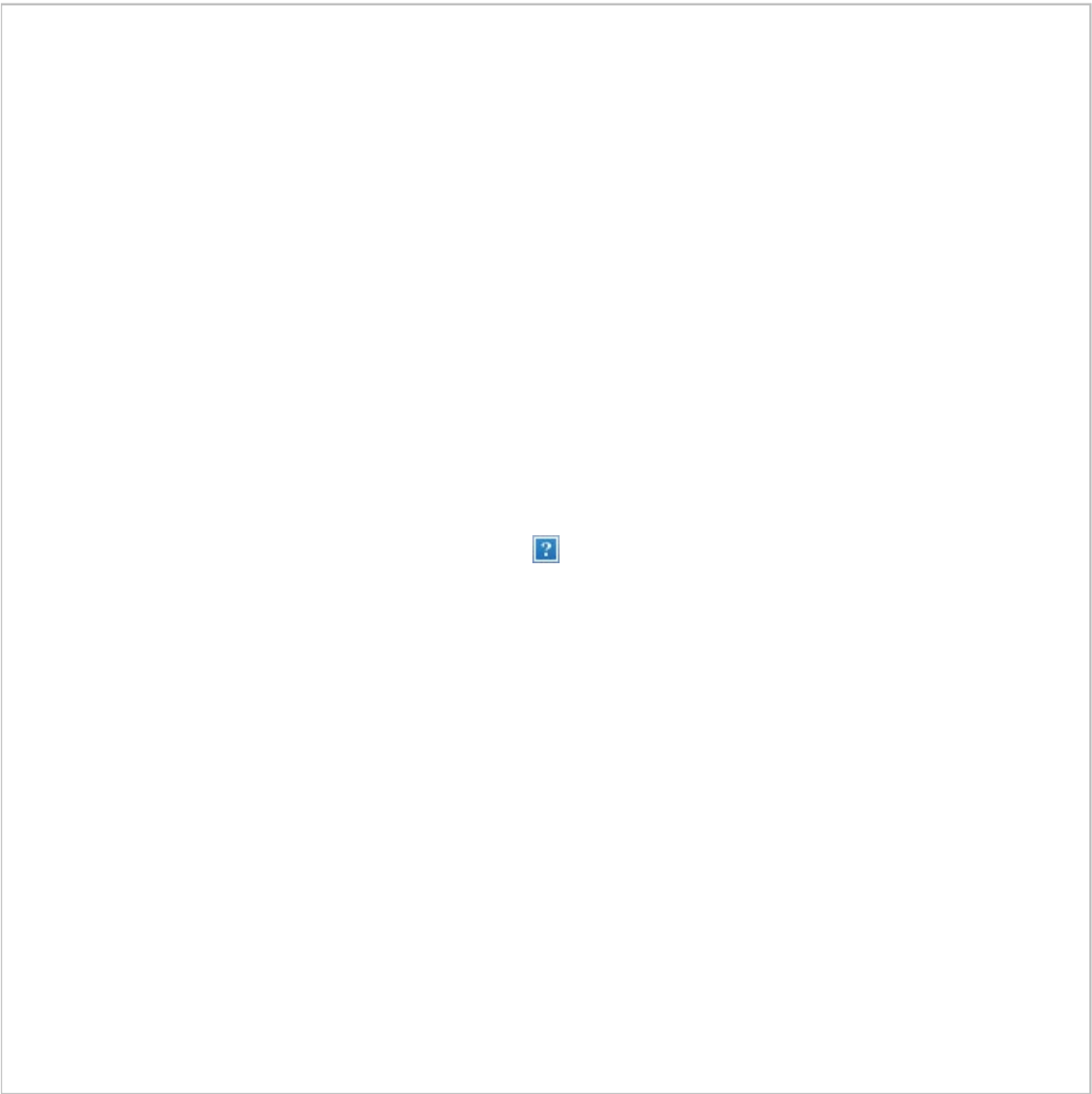
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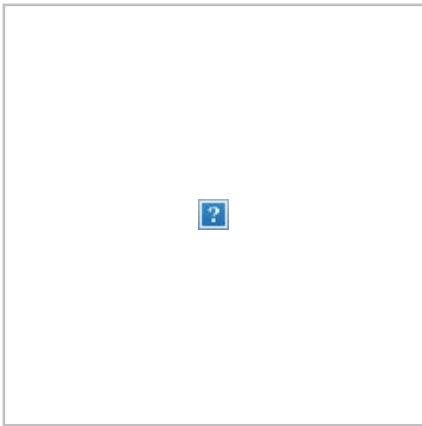
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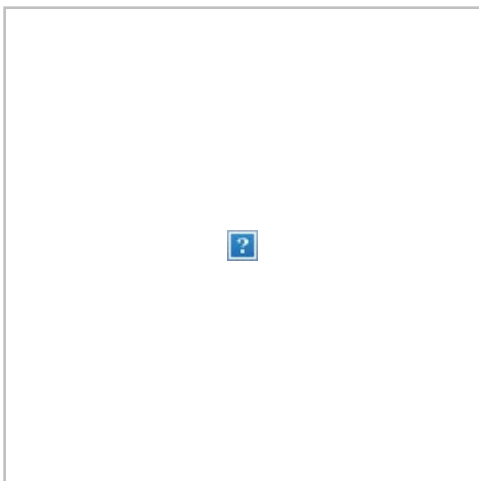
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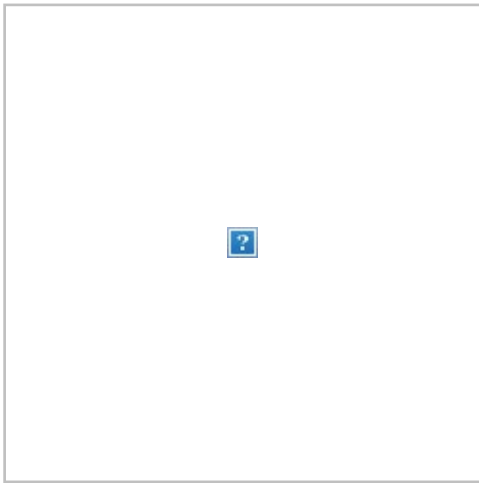


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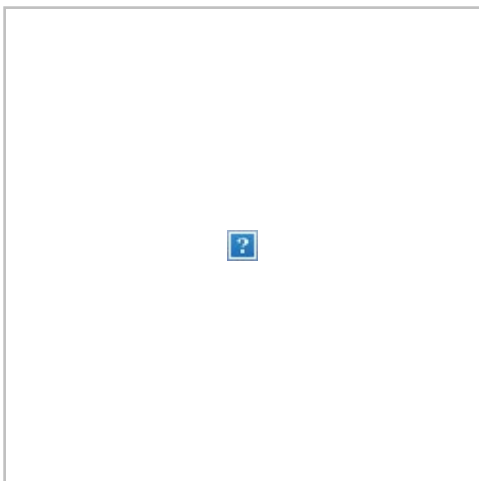
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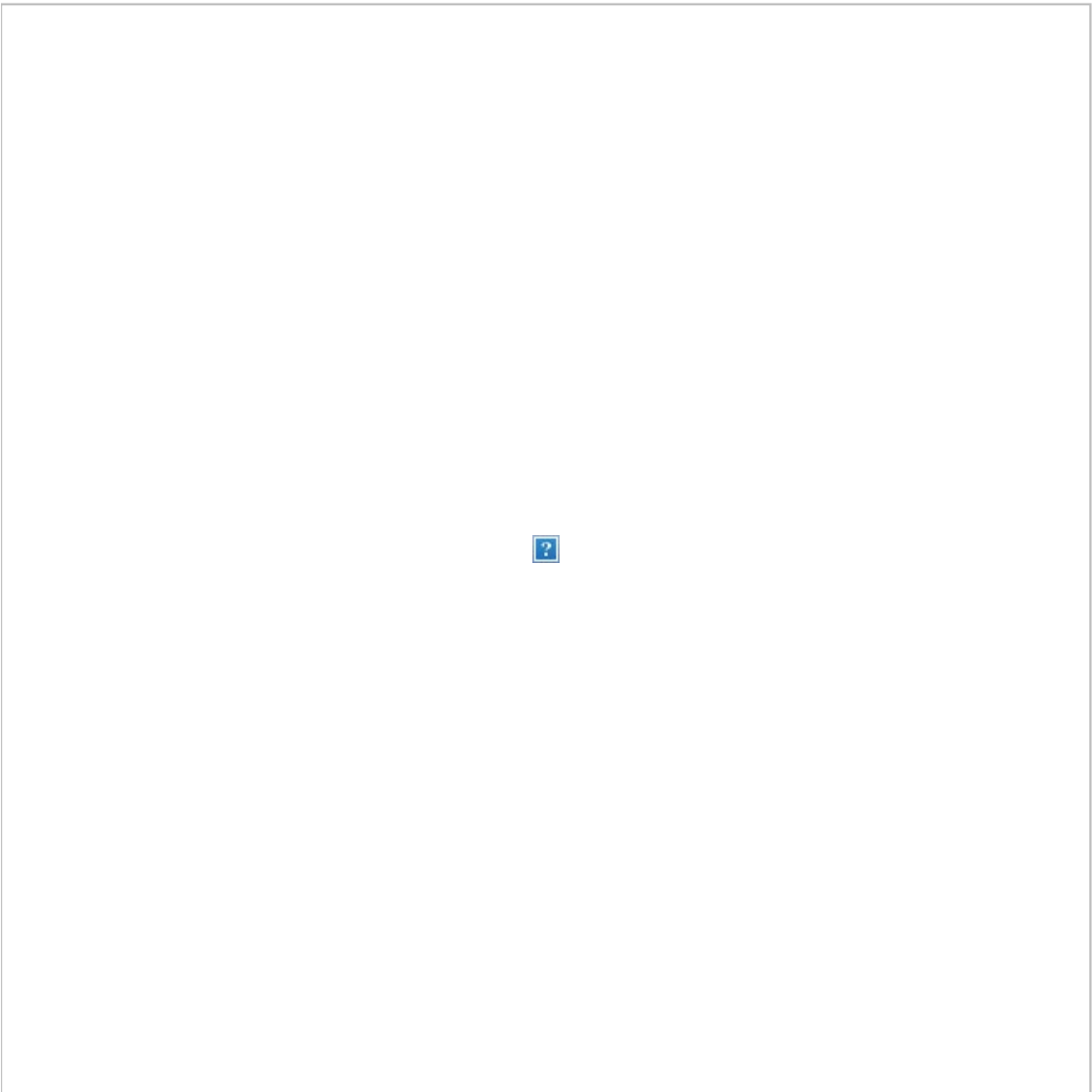
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Dear Friends,

As this year closes, I keep coming back to one question: What stands fast when everything shifts? What can we count on when so much feels uncertain.

I've found the answer, and it's you. Each of you is giving more of yourself to our community.

One of our nonprofit leaders redesigned an entire program over a weekend because families needed access. I have neighbors who quietly showed up at a local food pantry, or delivered meals to seniors. I know donors who have stepped into complex situations willing to try something, even if success wasn't guaranteed. Each time, I learn how far our network will stretch.

This year asked a lot of us. It asked us to find our footing when rules shifted, when the ground felt unsteady, and to keep showing up when the work got

harder. This community has believed in each other when belief has felt like an act of courage.

This isn't just resilience – it is something better. It's the communal choice to keep building. Instead of distrust, we have been investing in possibility. Alongside you, we have organized, created, and connected, because our future depends on it.

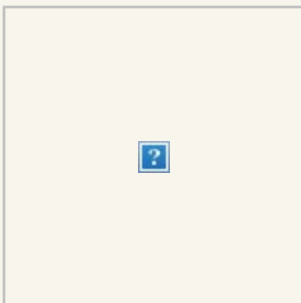
The work ahead is not going to be simple. Nurturing what matters - opportunity, dignity, the basic promise that everyone deserves education, housing, and services - rarely is. But lasting change doesn't come from waiting for the perfect moment. It comes from people organizing and doing the essential work together.

So as we move into a new year, I want you to know that we see you. We see the ingenuity and audacity it takes to do this work. We understand the stakes. And we'll keep showing up as your partner - with resources and the willingness to wade into the hard, to innovate, and to hold our community steady.

Thank you for everything you've given this year. I see you choose each other, again and again.

That's what carries us forward. Here's to the new year.

Warm Regards,



Laurie Andrews

President, Community Foundation of Jackson Hole



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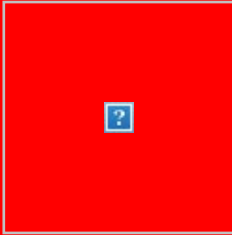


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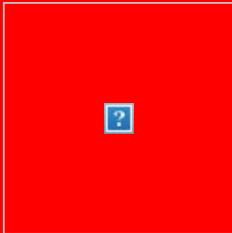
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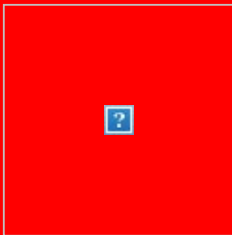
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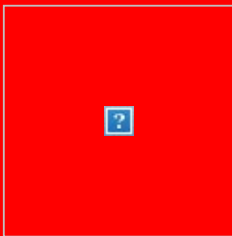
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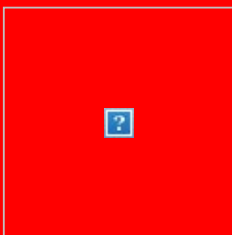
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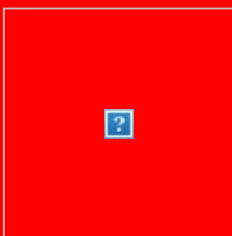
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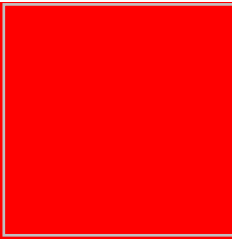
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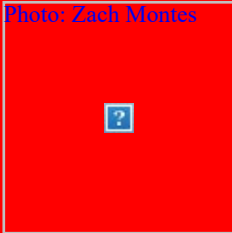
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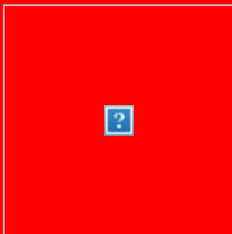
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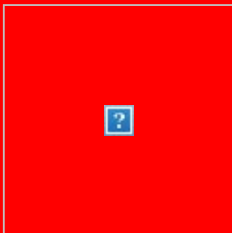
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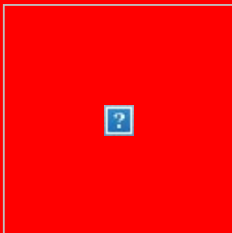
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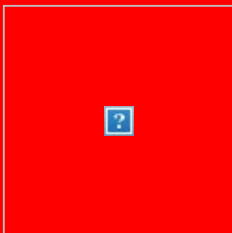
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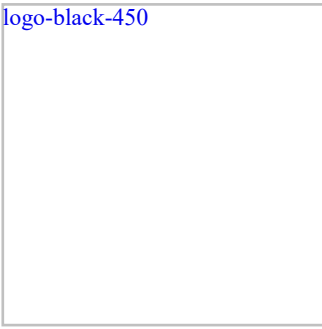
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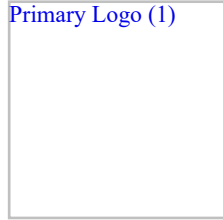
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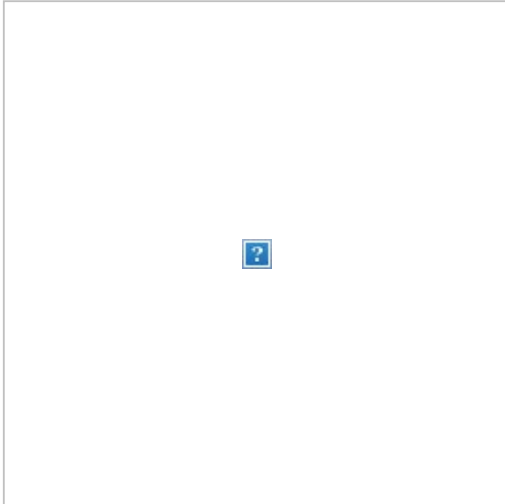
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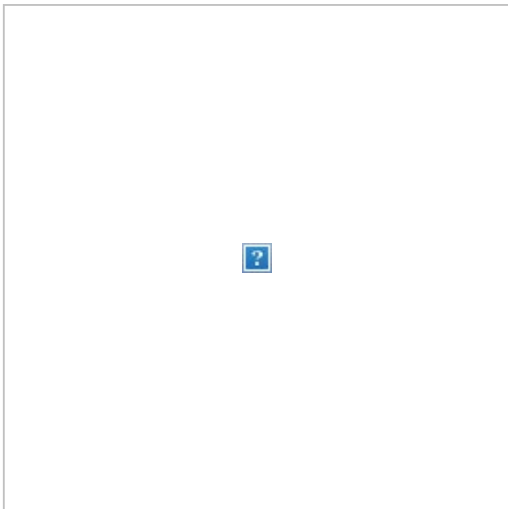
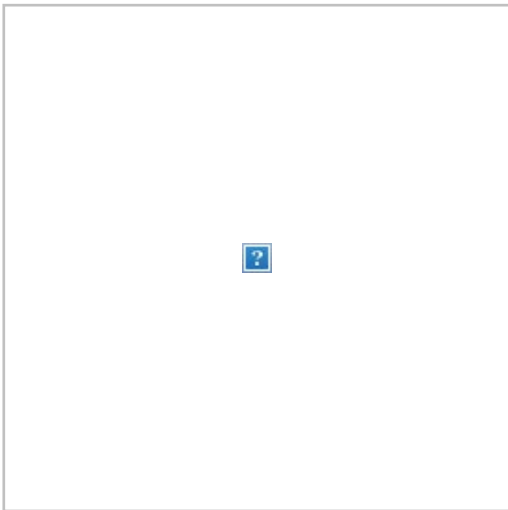
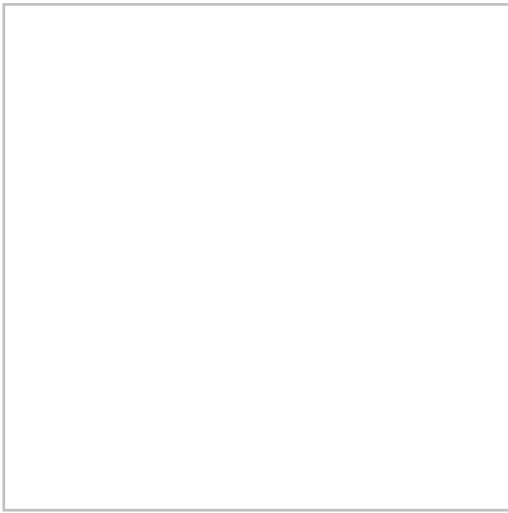


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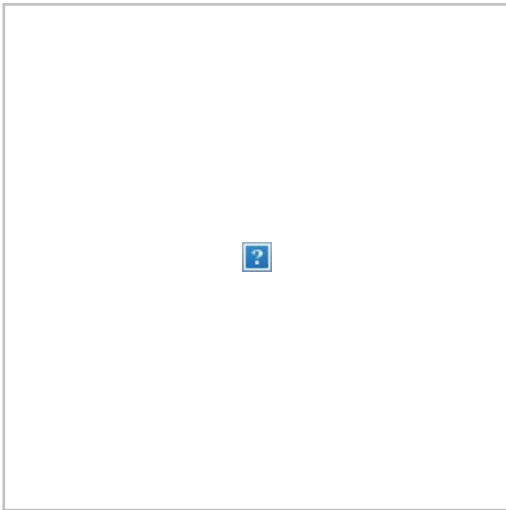
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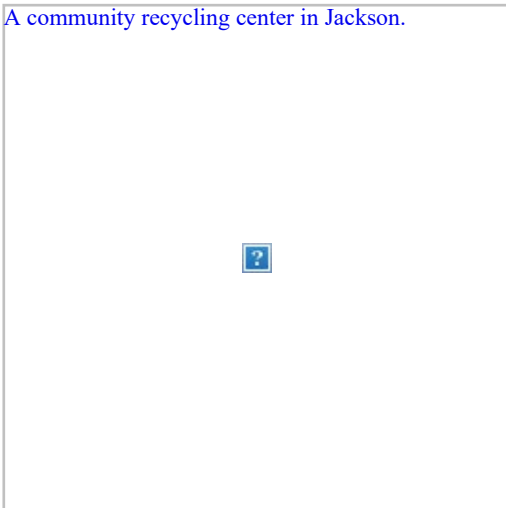
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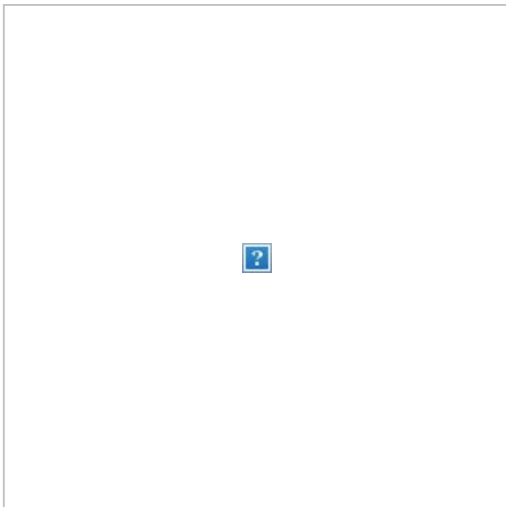
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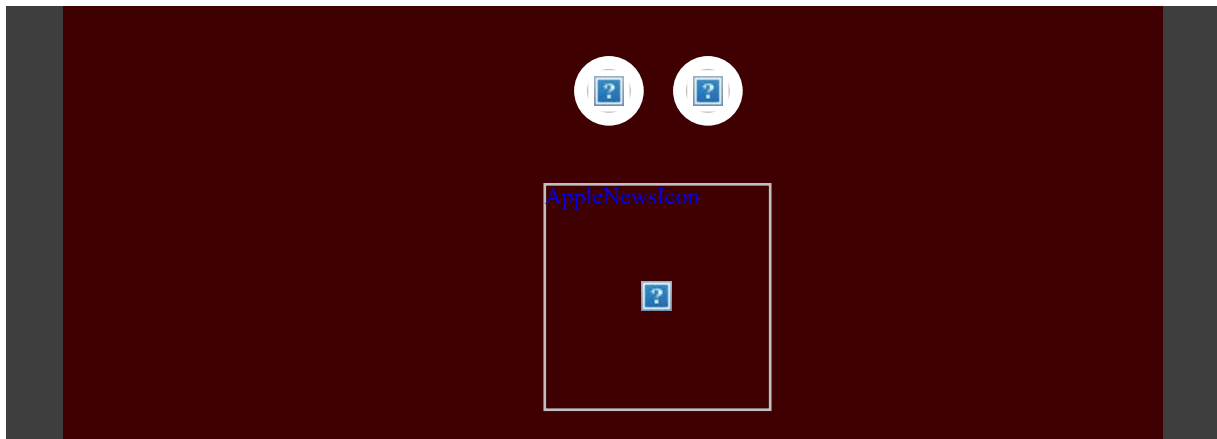
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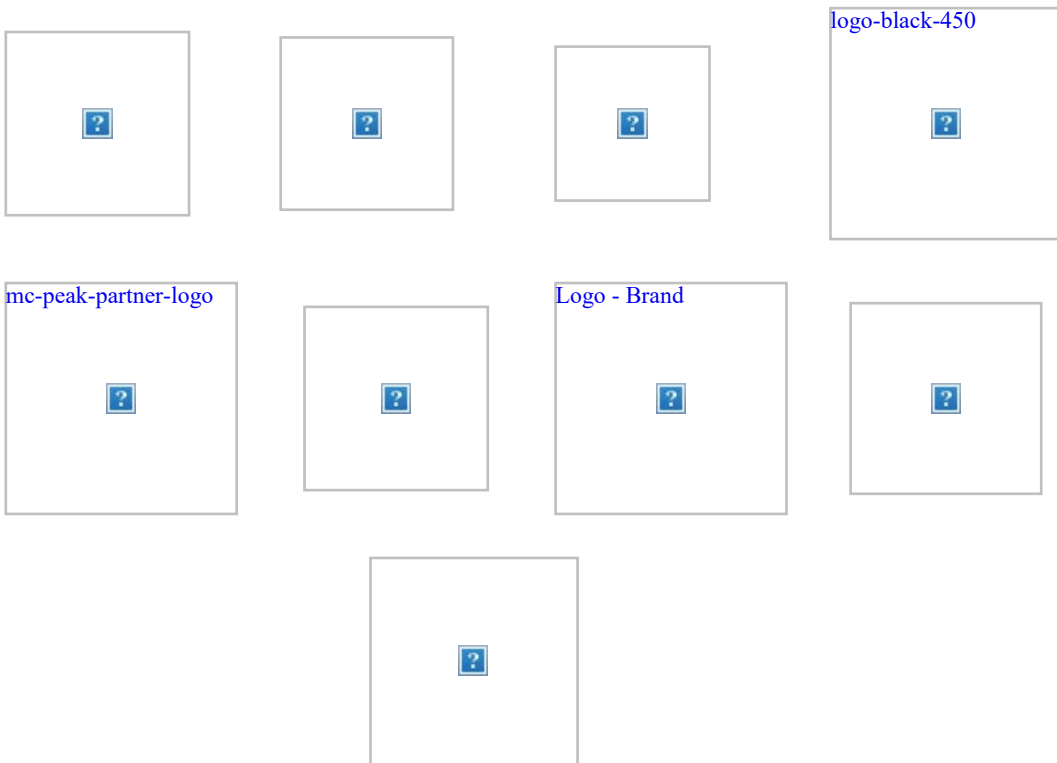
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The Wyoming Women's Legislative Caucus invites you to the 19th annual **Leap Into Leadership Conference** on February 25–26, 2026.

Held in the heart of Cheyenne, this non-partisan event is designed to give women the tools they need to lead in their communities and state government. From workshops on tribal governance to "Coffee with Legislators" and a keynote dinner with PEN Open Book Award winner Nina McConigley, this year's lineup is not to be missed.

Dates: Feb 25–26, 2026

Location: Wyoming State Capitol & Various Sites

Tickets: \$115 for the full program / \$85 for the Legislative Reception and Dinner

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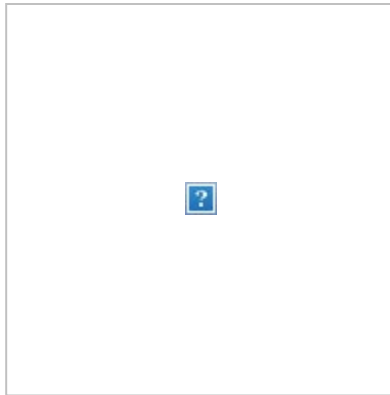
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Based on the feedback from that last email, it sounds like some of you are starting to wake up to what's going on with the Teton County Housing Authority.

Many of you have asked why April Norton would agree to give a FULL property tax exemption to a private developer just to help him buy a building. I am sorry, I still do not know the answer to that question.

(you can always click on any image to expand it so you can read it more clearly)

If you read to the end, you will learn why the Wyoming Sec of State had to report Joe Rice. That's how dicey these things get.

When I referred to the Housing Supply Board, I meant the three person Housing Authority Board. That was my mistake, but I did title each person correctly.

To confirm, here is the Housing Authority Board from my last email:

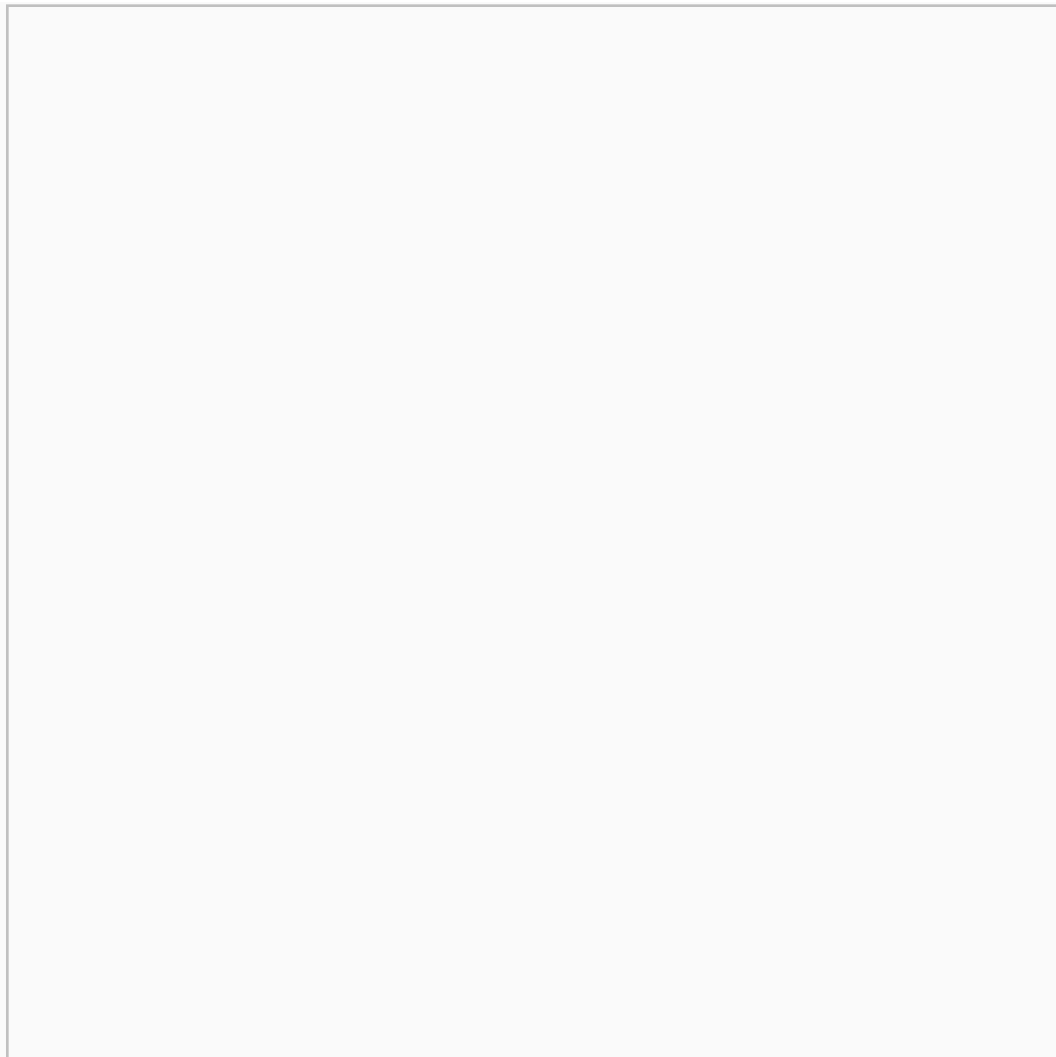
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NOT ONE OF THESE PEOPLE STOOD UP FOR THE PUBLIC!

They sat by and watched as April Norton gave away the farm again, this time in the form of FREE property tax for the wealthy, out-of-state developers. Literally, Board Member Justin Henry said one actual word throughout the entire meeting: "cool".

HOW IS THIS OVERSIGHT?!

Based on your questions, I felt I owed it to you to explain a few more things ahead of the January 20th Town Hall:



I have been given around 16 emails between April, the unelected bureaucrats and BlueLine regarding this latest .0001 scam, but there are texts that are referenced between April and Christian. I have asked, but have yet to receive, these texts, so I am not sure exactly how Christian talked April into agreeing to get them out of paying property tax.



Another alarming revelation is that once Christian tells April that BlueLine is going to give the Teton County Housing Authority a first right of refusal in exchange for the free property tax, it seems it like it is a done deal. No price is discussed, we do not even know what they paid for the complex. So how in the hell are we getting into an agreement to have an option to buy something when no one seems to even know what it just sold for? By the way, I have requested all of this.

This is a scam perpetrated on the people. It seems clear there is no public benefit or good. April is just doing BlueLine a favor, at the expense of the Teton County residents. The Housing Authority Board goes along with it.

In the emails, April will ask how she can help Christian, like call a special meeting or get documents over to Keith.

At no point does she ever say something like, "let me talk to my boss

or the Town Council".

She agrees, and at that point everything is just a formality.



THIS LAST REVELATION IS PRETTY ALARMING!

Here is the Teton County Housing Authority's website on the Snow King Apartments.

You will notice it says,

*"In 2003, Teton County Housing Authority sold the Karns Hillside Parcel to Jackson Karns Hillside Associates **with the condition that it be utilized for an affordable housing development.**"*

It also says,

*"The partnership between Teton County Housing Authority and Jackson Karns Hillside Associates **ensures that this project will be permanently deed restricted.** The residential units are both **rent-restricted** and **occupied by individuals or families whose income is 60-100% of the area median income for Teton County.**"*

"Affordable", "rent restricted", "permanently deed restricted"...

All the same old stuff we hear all the time, right?



In this email where a different developer is inquiring about purchasing the Snow King Apartments and wondering if the Town of Jackson would forgive a loan for \$270,000 that they have had on the property since 2003, read how the Teton County Housing Authority responds:

"It would take a request to the Housing Authority Board and would

likely need to come with a guarantee that the units would remain affordable for a very long time if not in perpetuity.

WHAT????????????????

ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT THIS IS NOT EVEN PERMANENTLY PROTECTED? WE HAVE BEEN HEARING SINCE 2003 THAT IS WAS "AFFORDABLE" HOUSING, "DEED-RESTRICTED"?!

It looks like BlueLine just found their next great investment! No wonder they told April they could increase profitability! And she gave them an EXEMPTION on their property tax anyway!

That's it for now on the Snow King Apartments. See you Jan 20th to break all this down!

Points to ponder in the New Year:

1. Have any of you started wondering why people like Joe Rice are so committed to building affordable housing for the community, that they are even willing to develop it for us?

Why not just pay your employees a living wage?

Many have figured out how to get THE PUBLIC to pay to house THEIR employees.

When Tyler Davis became the local "concerned citizen" who deeply cared about "low-income" housing opportunities for the community, he felt so strongly he was willing to give up some of the Teton County Fairgrounds land, even though he personally loves the rodeo. He told this to the State Land and Investment Board, when advocating for them to bailout the Town of Jackson for \$1.25 million. I never once heard Tyler tell us or them that he and the developers were going to pay themselves a million dollars to "help us" get more housing. Other than April Norton, did any of you know what those guys earned before I showed you?

Now Joe has really cheap rent at the Flat Creek Apartments for at least three of his businesses, and it did not cost him a penny! Now they don't even need to earn a living wage!

When Secretary of State Chuck Gray asked for an investigation into the Flat Creek Apartments, Joe cussed

him out so bad that it is the first time Secretary Gray ever thought he needed to file something with the SLIB security team. I only learned of this because Joe repeatedly yelled my name, and they wanted to give me a head's up for safety reasons.

Joe also cussed out an independent journalist for covering the story, and told him he would "destroy" him with his "deep pockets".

If there is nothing to hide, what is the harm in looking at all these different "partnerships"?

2. We are turning Teton County into a Mill Town. When the hospital builds housing for their employees, it is not free. If they pay a nurse \$75,000, then we spend \$10 million building housing so the nurses can live here, that might end up costing as an extra \$100,000 per nurse.

Maybe the nurses would rather get paid \$175,000 per year, if that is what it costs to live here, and then they are not over a barrel on their housing and job.

Someone tell me: what is the difference in this set up and a Mill Town?

Mill Town: a community that grew around around a large factory or textile mill where the company often built and owned housing, stores, schools, and other services for its workers, creating a self-sufficient, company-controlled environment.

Well, I guess the Town doesn't own the grocery stores.

3. It seems no project is ever what the public was told it was going to be or thought it was.

That is what I hope you will take away from all of this. There seems to be no oversight at the Teton County Housing Authority. These stupid reports they generate where they tell us a unit of housing cost the taxpayers \$74,500 IS A SCAM. I have included one below.

4. "Workforce housing" is a misleading term to make these projects sound better for all the developers. Housing complex owners can charge whatever they want, add tons of fees, increase the rent at any time, etc. ALL "WORKFORCE" MEANS IS SOMEONE HAS TO WORK IN TETON COUNTY.

Quit falling for it!



Check out this recent rent bill for the Sagebrush Apartments. You will recall the Town allowed a 4th floor to help the developer make more money, I mean to provide more workforce housing.

I am loving the \$110 per month for a "Lifestyle Service Fee"!

This poor fellow's rent has gone up 8% every year he has lived there, but the Town Could would say they did this developer, I mean tenant, a favor.





This is the stupidest report I have ever seen. NOT ONE Town Council, County Commissioner, Housing Authority Board, Housing Supply Board, etc, person has ever questioned the numbers.

THE PUBLIC IS SMARTER THAN THIS! WE DESERVE BETTER!

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Housing Perspectives

Our Favorite Books, Shows, and Podcasts of 2025



Friday, December 26, 2025 | Kerry Donahue

As we do every year, we invited our staff to share the books, shows, podcasts, and other content they loved this year—and they came back with a terrific mix of recommendations. Whitney Airgood-Obrycki, Senior Research Associate

A late-year favorite was [The Gales of November](#), about the 1975 sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald, packed with fascinating details about the Great Lakes, lake freighters, and the crew that went down with the ship. One of the most impactful housing books I've read in recent years is...

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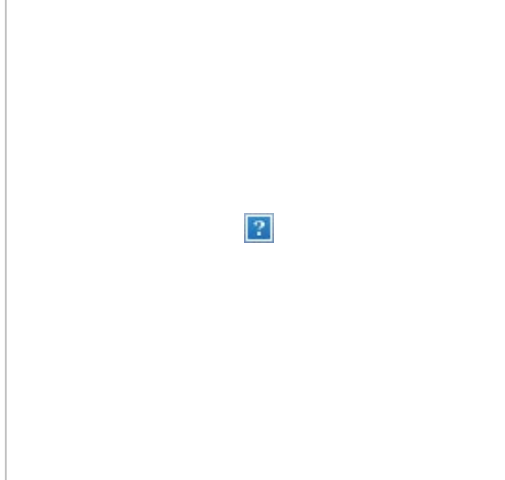
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"Keeping speed down on a slippery road will reduce the risk of skidding. If the vehicle begins to skid, gently turn into the skid and ease off the accelerator until regaining control."

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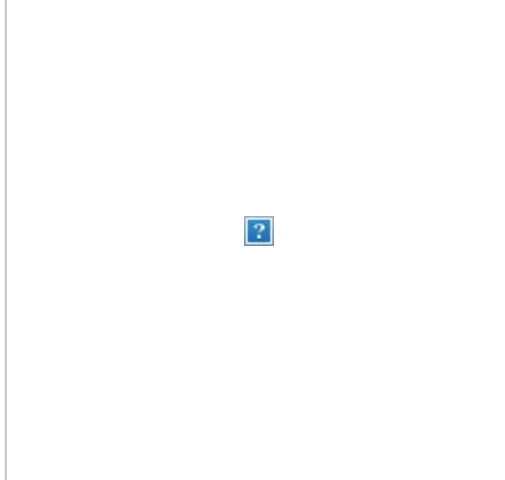
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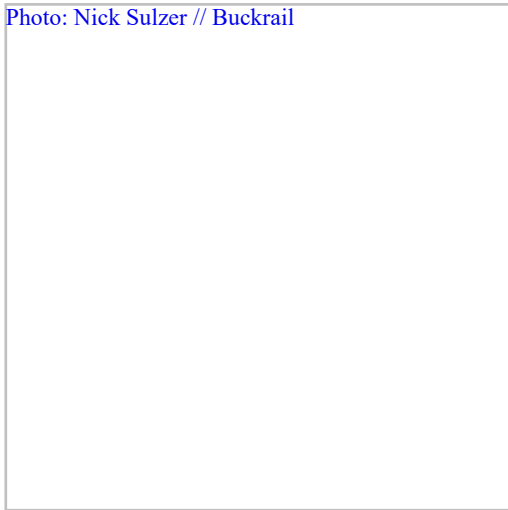
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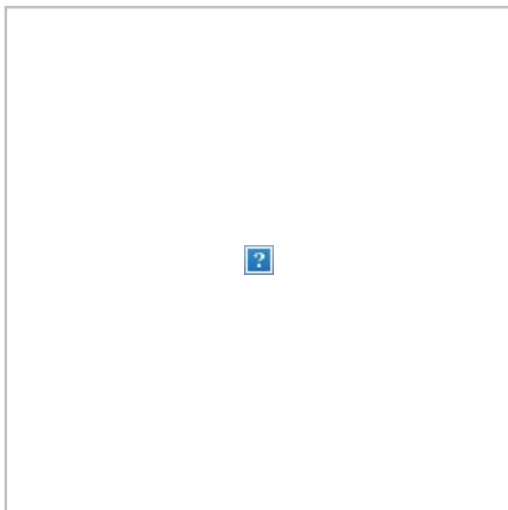
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JACKSON, Wyo. — Happy holidays, Jackson! It's the holiday season and with it comes different hours for the Teton Country Recycling Center and Trash Transfer

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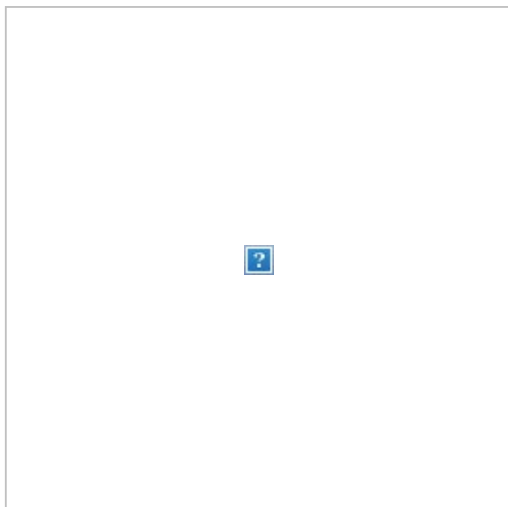
stations as well as recommendations to manage [...]



Don't miss the bus: START limits commuter routes on Dec. 24, 25

JACKSON, Wyo. — The START Bus will run limited commuter routes on Dec. 24 and 25, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

According to a news release from the Town of Jackson, bus [...]

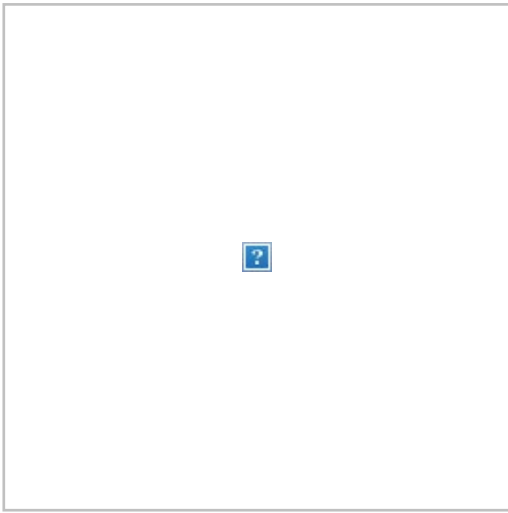


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JACKSON, Wyo. — A small but dedicated



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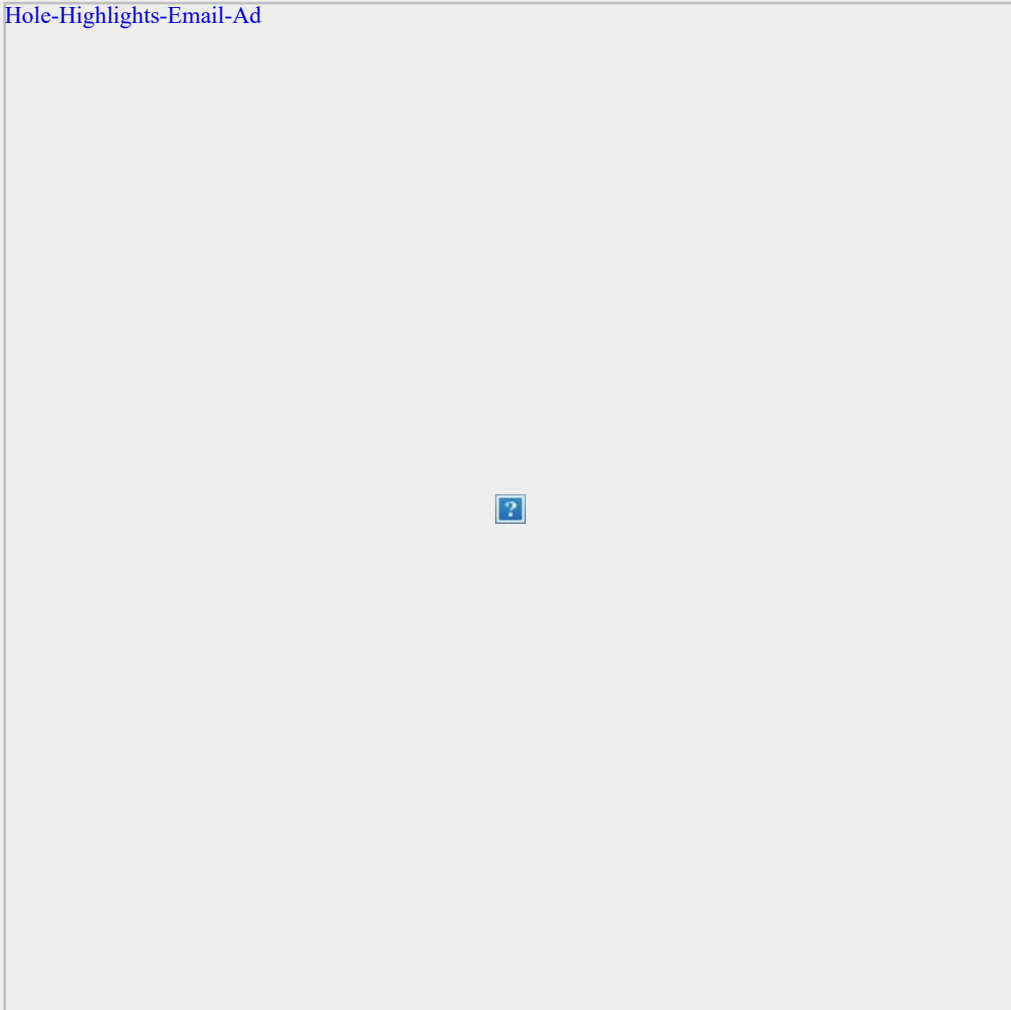


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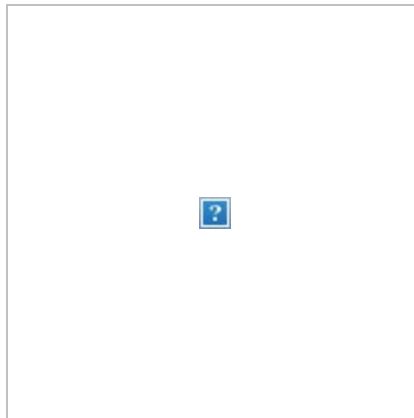
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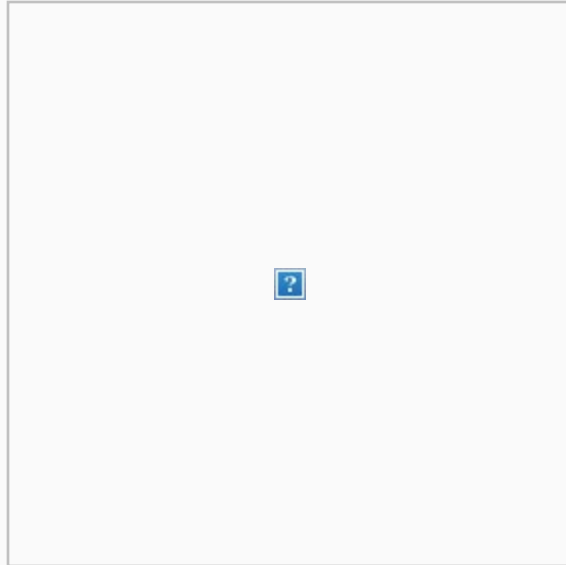


**Christmas came early for BlueLine
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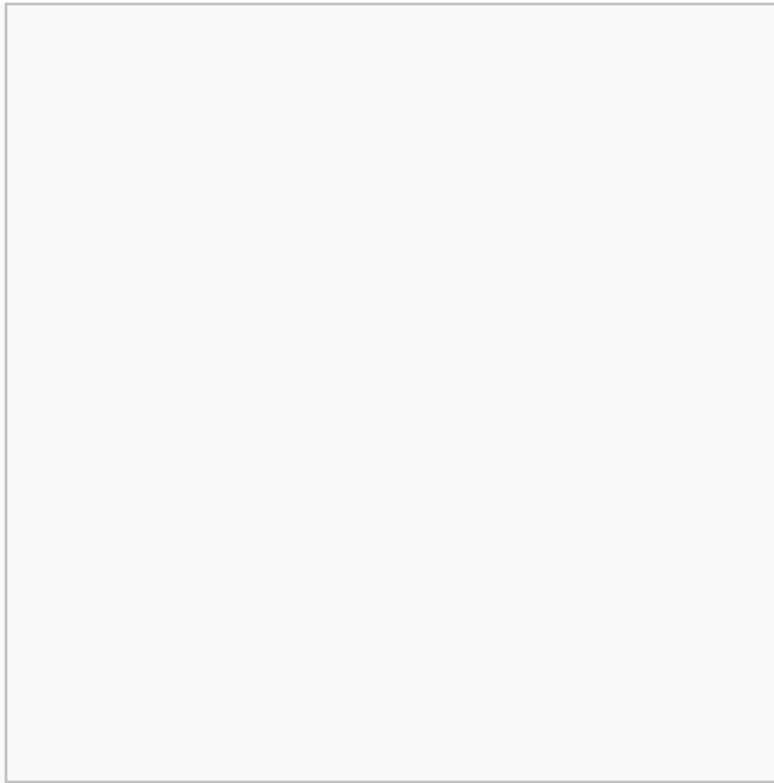
**All I've received is a lump of coal from the
Wyoming Community Development
Authority, even though it has been more
than 6 months since my initial public record
request.**

And I had my roof all ready for Santa's sleigh and everything!

Maybe next year will be better in Whoville.



In this email, I have included more details on the Snow King Apartments scam, as well as the latest on my upcoming Town Hall regarding the Mercill Condos.



To recap, I discovered in a public record request where Christian Pritchett of BlueLine Development asked April Norton if she would get the Teton County Housing Authority to agree to take a .0001 percent interest in the Snow King Apartments so they do not have to pay any property tax.

You read that correctly.

No new housing was being created, no new deed restrictions were being added.

As a matter of fact, Christian said he thought they would do a better job at maximizing profits!

Nothing takes away the holiday spirit like a potential rent increase!

Christian specifically explained to April that he needed her to do this,

"for purposes of achieving a property tax exemption"

AND APRIL SAID YES!

IT'S A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE FOR THE DEVELOPERS!

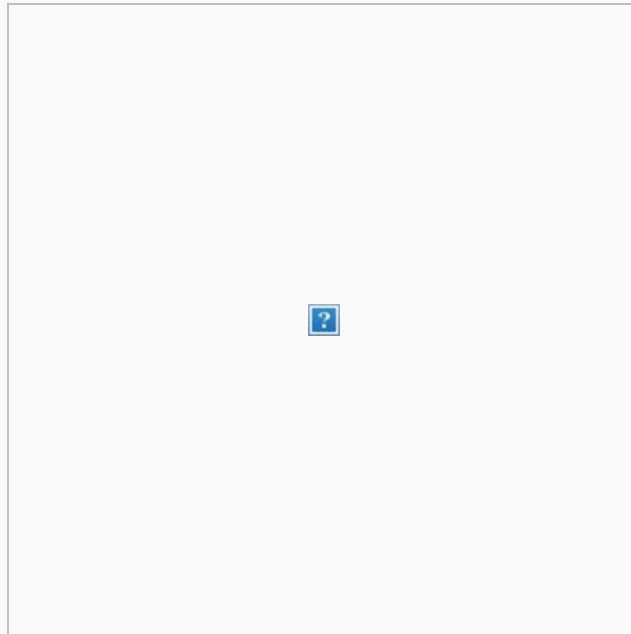
NORMALLY NO ONE COULD IMAGE A SCENARIO WHERE SOMEONE WORKING FOR THE PUBLIC WOULD AGREE TO

SCREW THE PUBLIC OVER LIKE THIS!

Let me introduce **Santa's Elves** that helped pull off this Christmas in July for the developers, and then we can get to the meeting where NOT A SINGLE ELF advocated for the public!

The Housing Supply Board!

Annie Kent Droppert, Housing Authority Board Chair
Justin Henry, Housing Authority Board Vice Chair
Sheryl Newton, Housing Authority Board Clerk



Here is how it went down:

April and Christian exchanged a few emails and texts, just like old friends do.

Then this .0001 scam came before the Elves:

At the beginning of the Housing Supply Board meeting, we hear April explain how a certain TCHA program works, since no one seems to know.

Then we listen to a ground breaking revelation from Board Member Newton, who tells us that "more parking is better", and she has been asked if she got an extra parking spot at one of her properties because she is white.

After the laughing and good times end, April introduces BlueLine Developer, Christian Pritchitt, who asks if anyone has any questions.

Alarminglly, **Board Chair Annie Kent Droppert said she doesn't have any questions, BECAUSE THIS IS SIMILAR TO WHAT THEY HAVE DONE BEFORE.**

Board member Newton adds that this must be a good partnership since we have done this before.

Christian goes on to explain how this project can be more profitable if they do not have to pay property tax, among other things.

After arriving late to the meeting, the only comment Board Member Justin Henry makes in the entire meeting is "cool," and he also adds a couple of "hmm hmms".

There seems to be zero oversight or legitimate questions asked by anyone. Chairman Annie Kent Droppert tinkers with a little language in the document written by the developer's attorneys, but depressingly, the scam moves forward.

NOT A SINGLE PERSON SEEMED TO CONSIDER THE PUBLIC GOOD.

In closing, Christian Pritchett asks for one last favor. He hopes the board can go ahead and approve everything, subject to revisions, because he is in a hurry to get this done. It leaves me wondering if they are trying to get ahead of the public on this one.

The Jackson Hole News & Guide ends up doing a feature story on the details of the project to inform the public and engage in real journalism.

I'm kidding!!! Haha! It's a holiday joke!

What I find so remarkable is how EASY it was for Christian to get April and the Elves to go along with this!

Ps- I have put Assessor Shinkle and Teton County Attorney Keith Gingery on notice that if either the Flat Creek or Snow King Apartments receives an exemption on their property tax in 2026, I will file suit. This could take until March or April, so us honest taxpayers will have to wait a while for our own Christmas miracle.

IF YOU HAVE TO PAY, SO SHOULD THEY!

Listen to the meeting for yourself if you can stomach it!

[Click here to listen to the Housing Authority Board](#)

For the second part of this email, I want to update you on a couple of things.

Even after hiring attorneys and working with the state ombudsman, the Town of Jackson has been withholding a lot of information pertaining to my public record requests, including

Major things:

- Who cashed in on the \$4 million "soft costs" at the Flat Creek Apartments, in addition to Tyler Davis and BlueLine paying themselves a million dollar development fee
- Who made the request, and why did they ask, for the TCHA to amend the operating agreement for the Flat Creek Apartments years after it was initially signed

Minor things that make me suspicious:

- the Town of Jackson will not disclose what we pay BlueLine each year to plow 45 parking spots
- the Town is withholding the monthly, quarterly and annual reports that BlueLine is supposed to give the TCHA each year

Email me your thoughts on the Christmas Miracle for BlueLine!

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They got to pick who the buyers of the units were.

They got to set the sale price.

The town received no payment for the land, and seems to even buy the commercial space back at market price from Joe and Tyler for \$800 per sq ft.

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I did hear from Joe again that he is going to sue me to "discover my donors", etc, but that is looking like a 2026 expense at this point. I will keep you posted.

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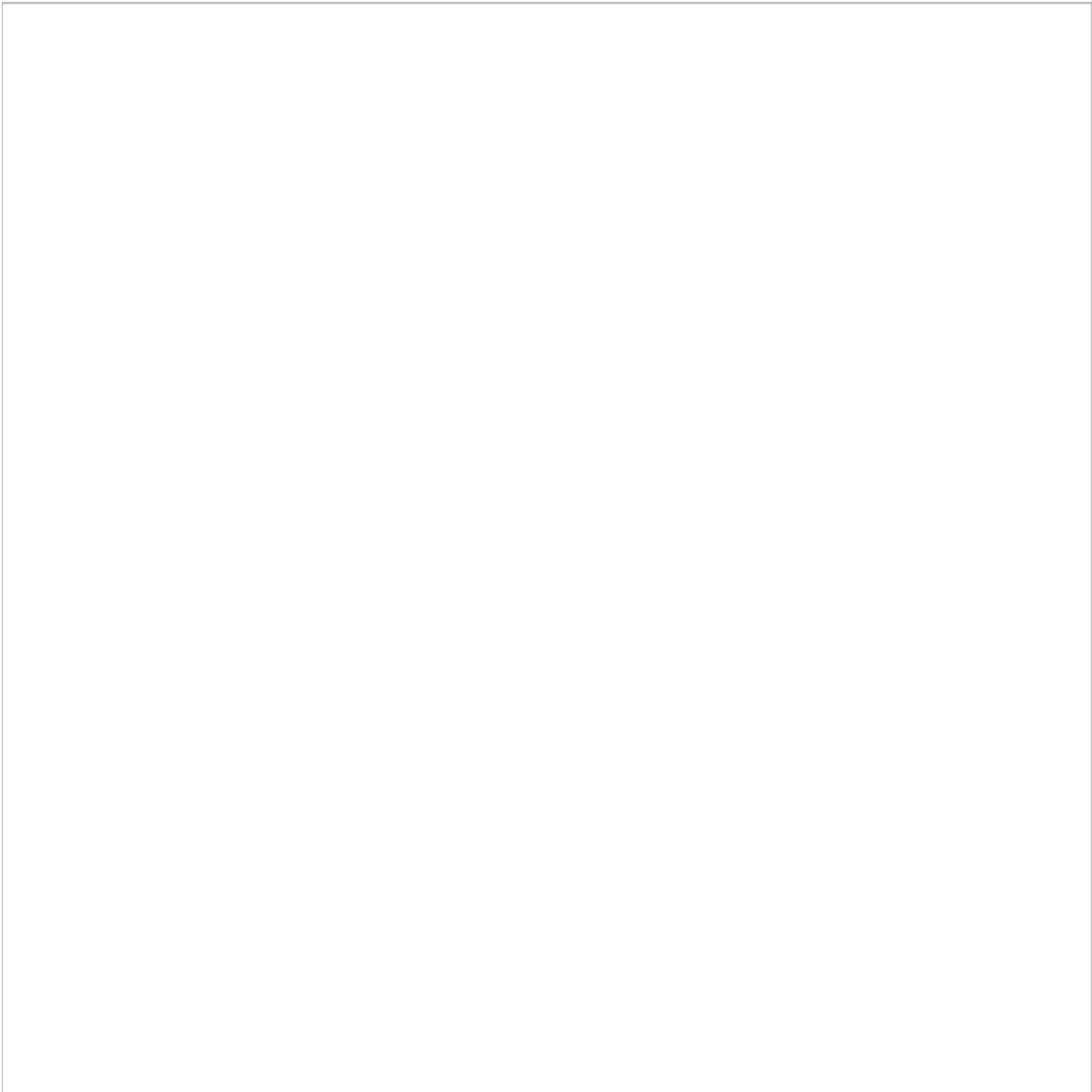
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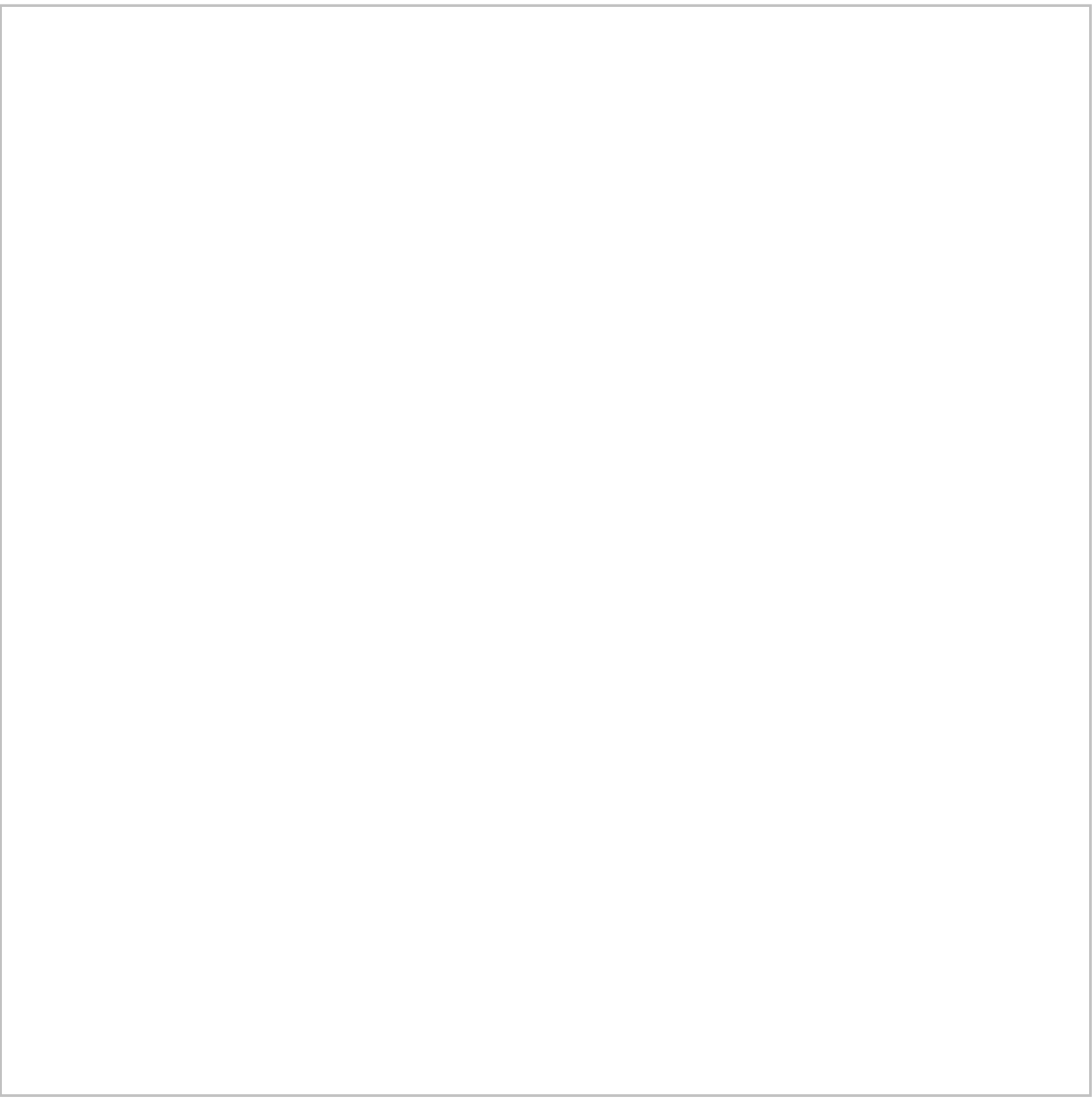
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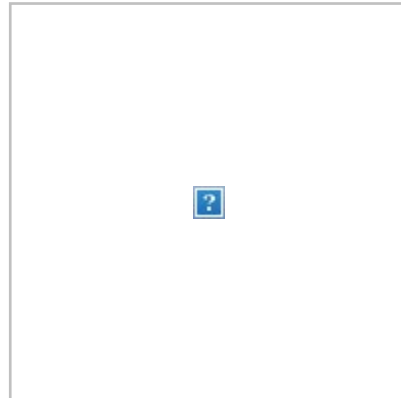
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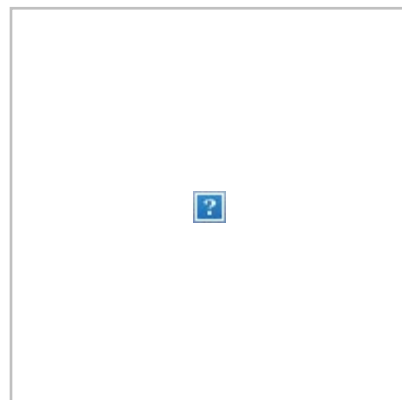
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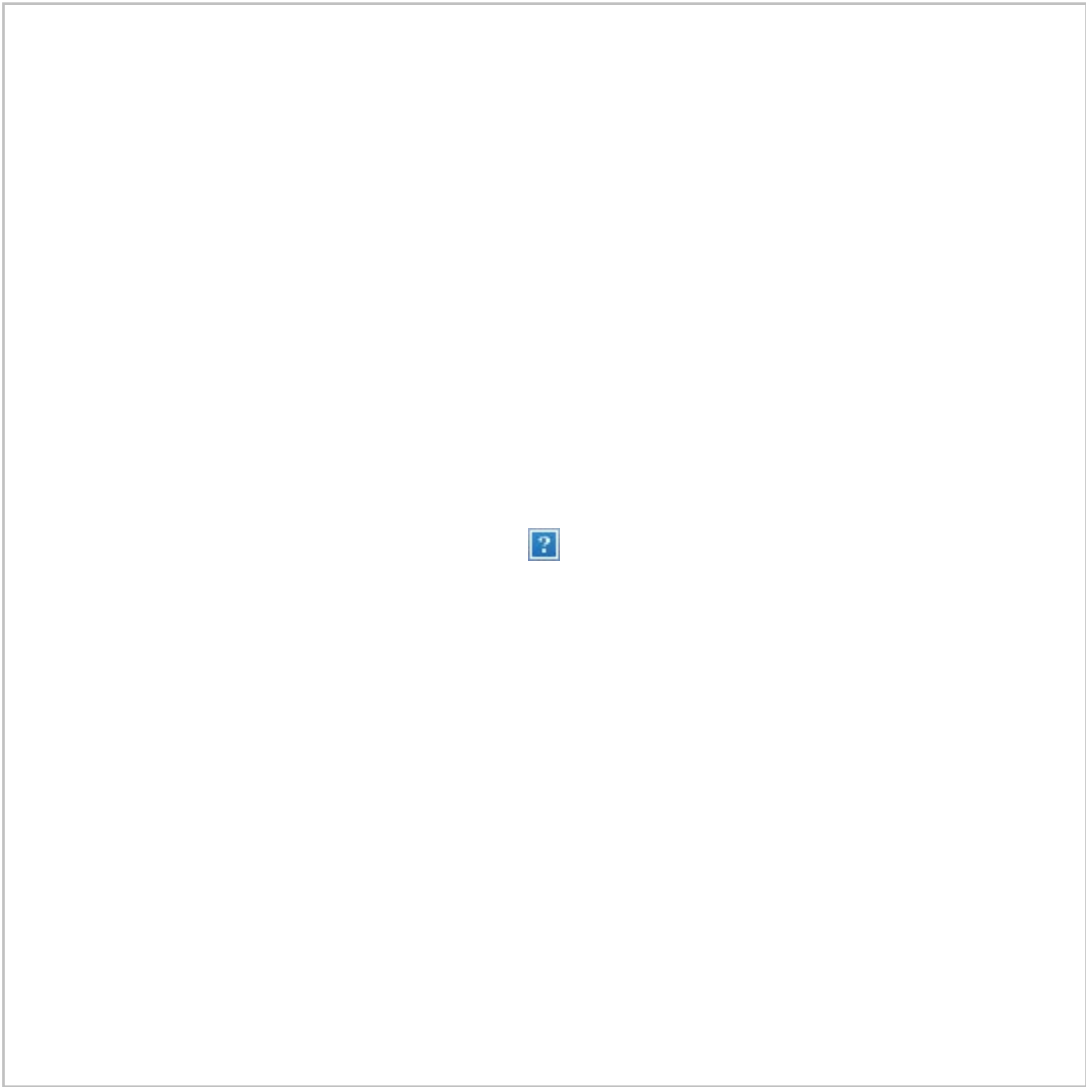
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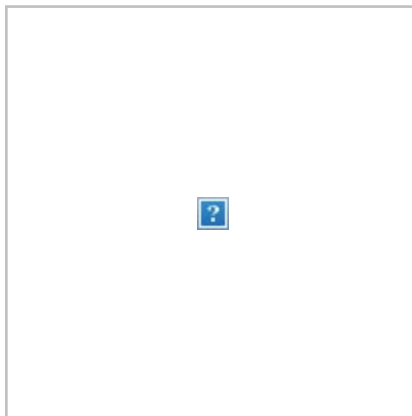


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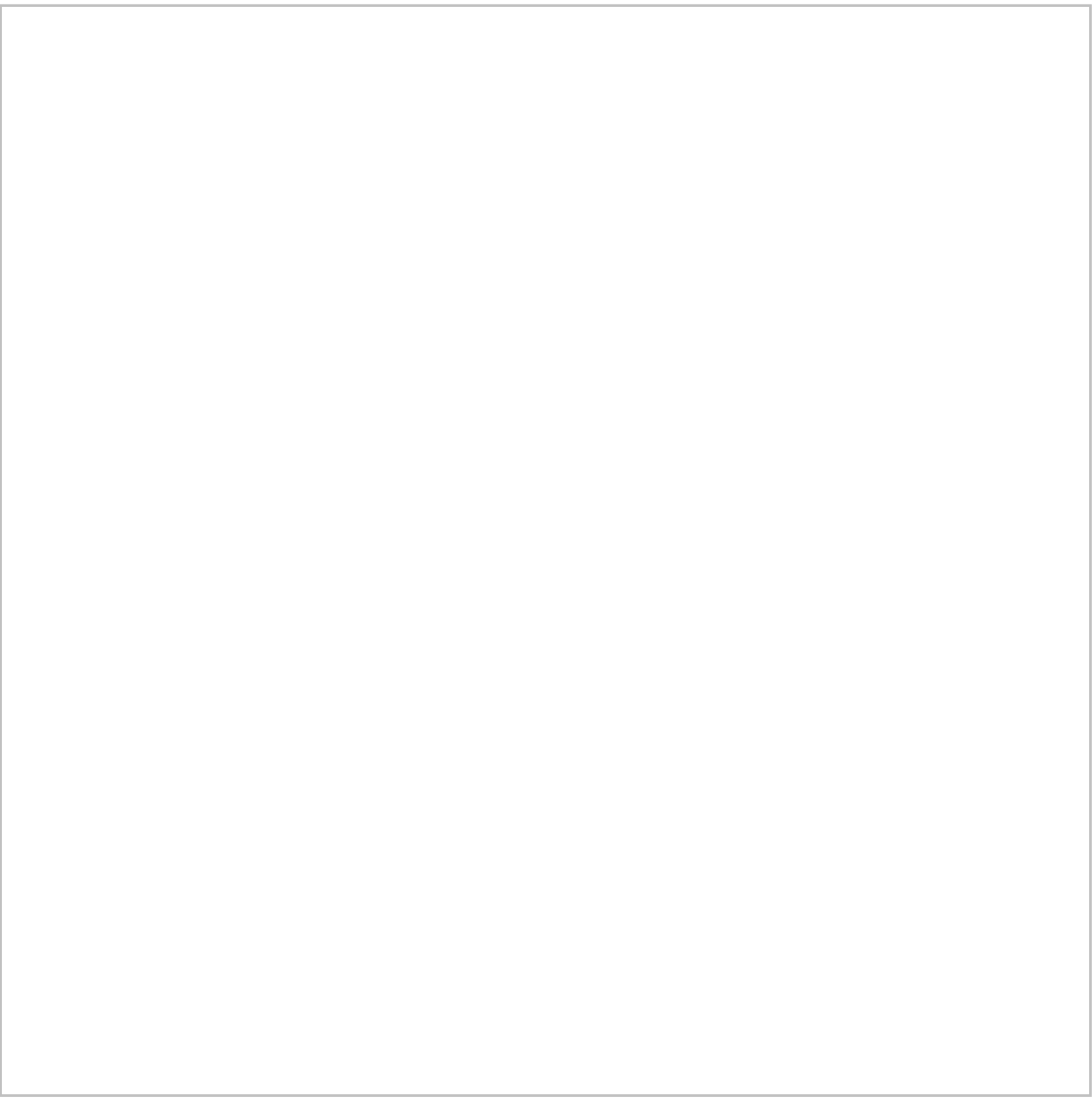
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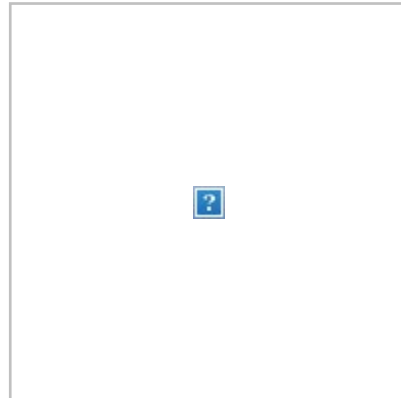
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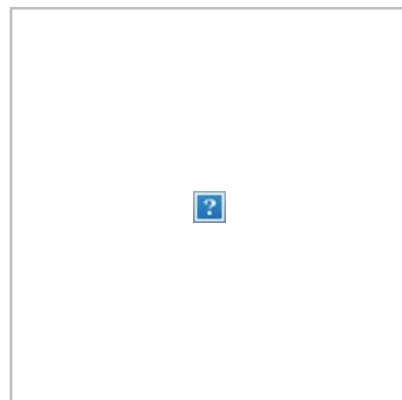
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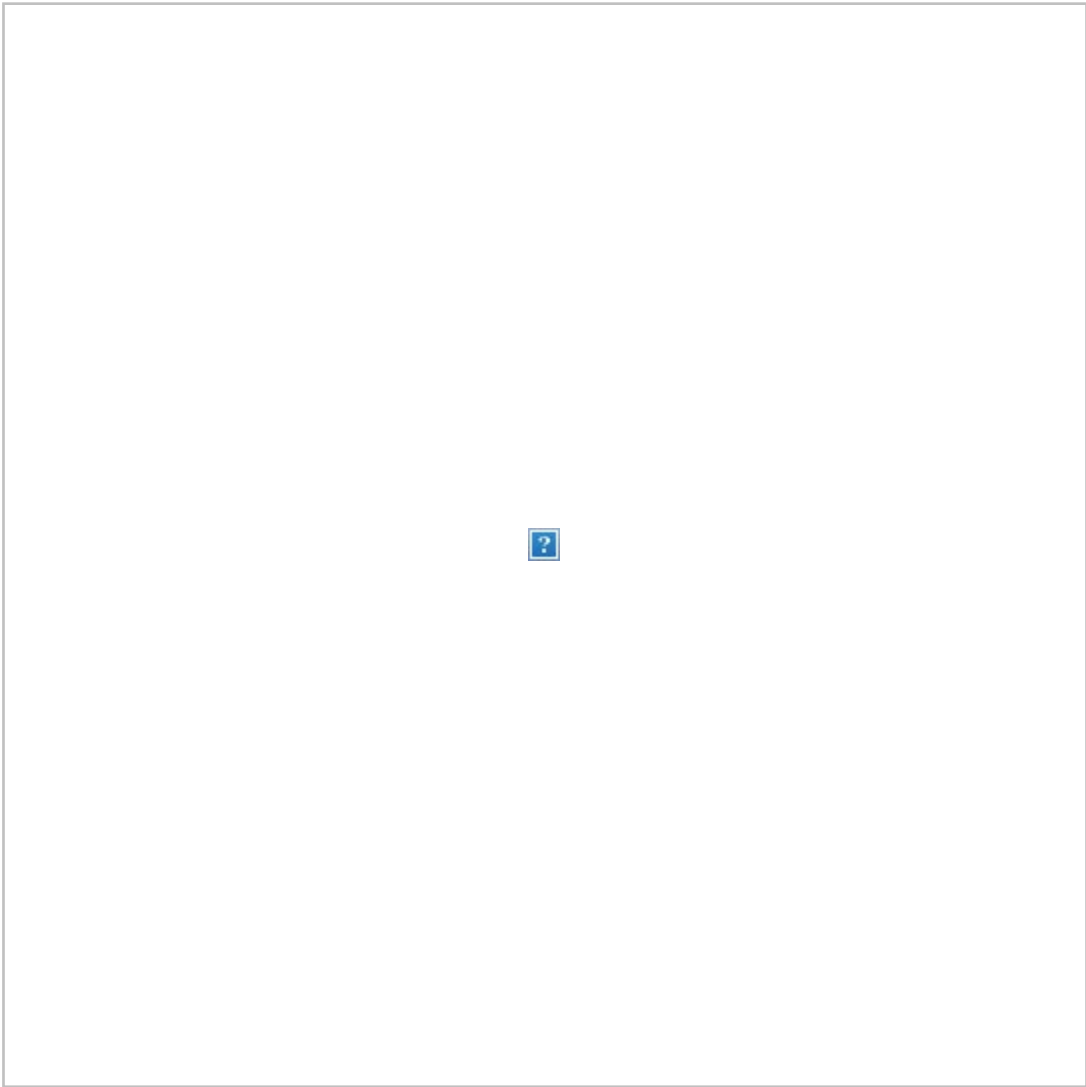
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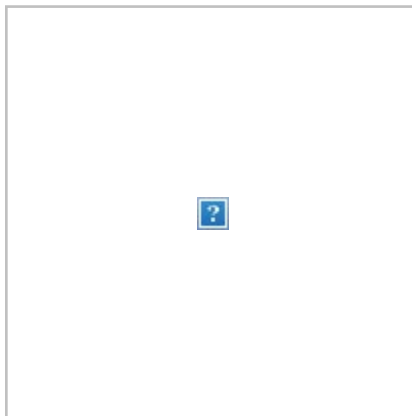


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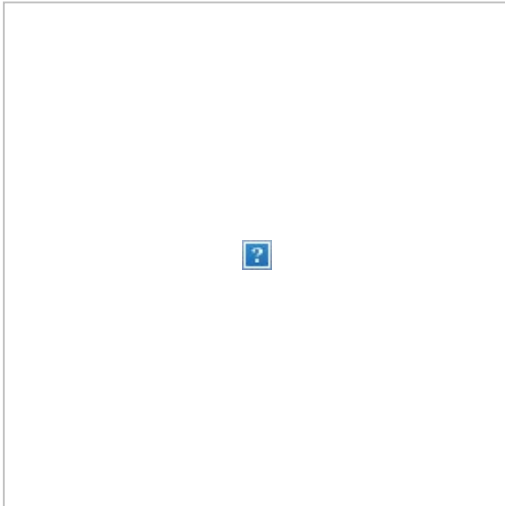


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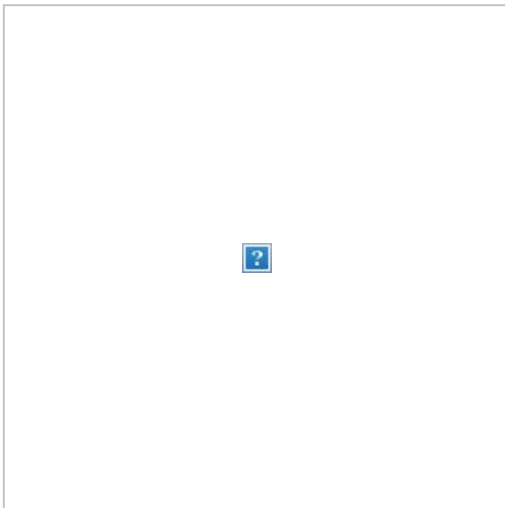
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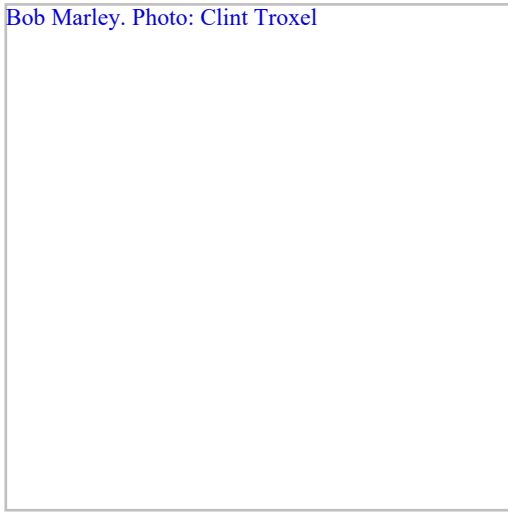
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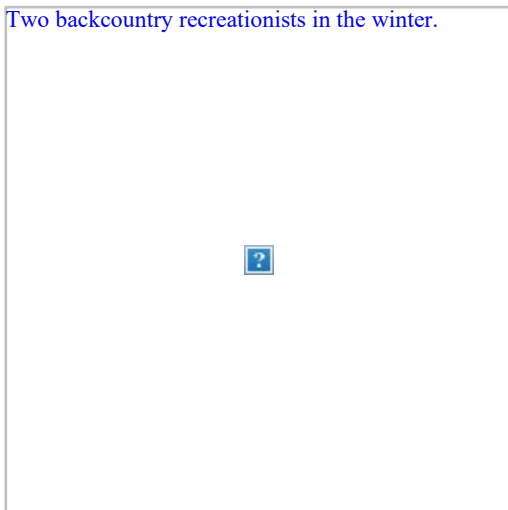
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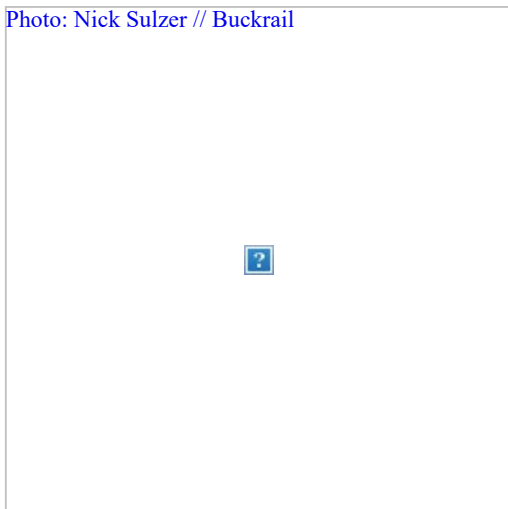
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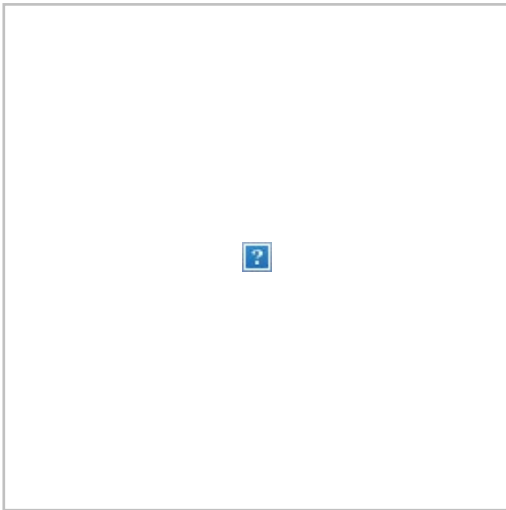


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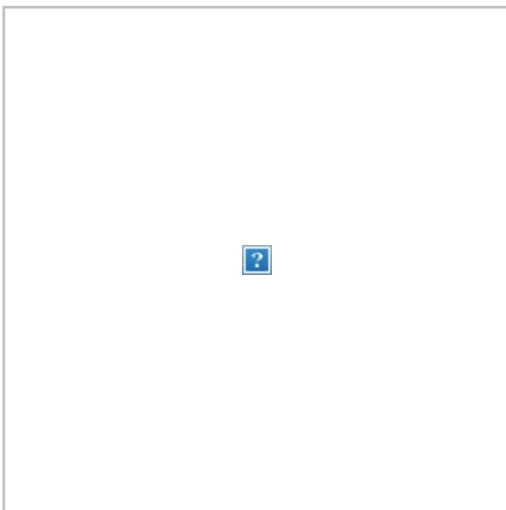
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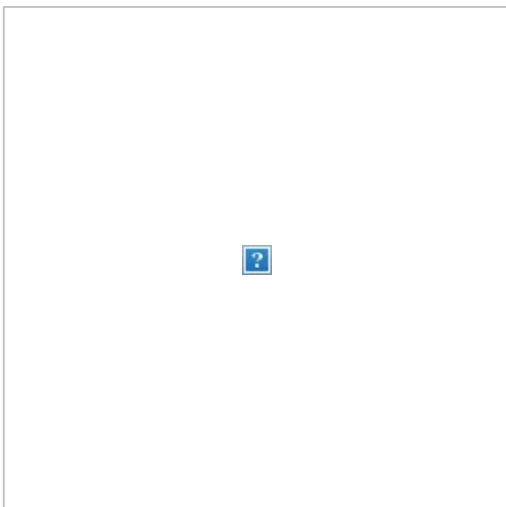


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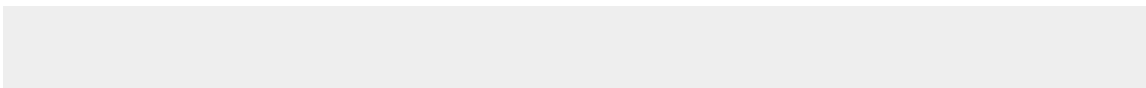
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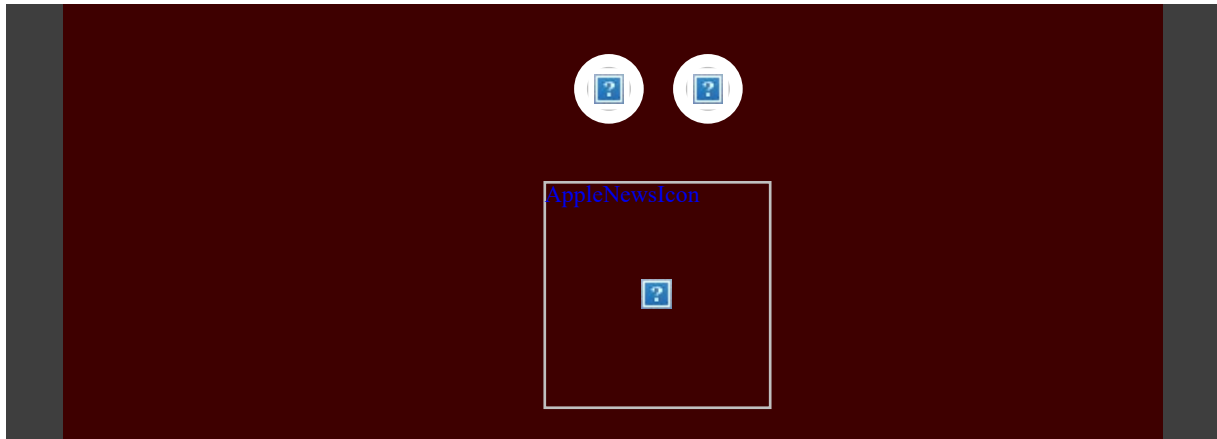
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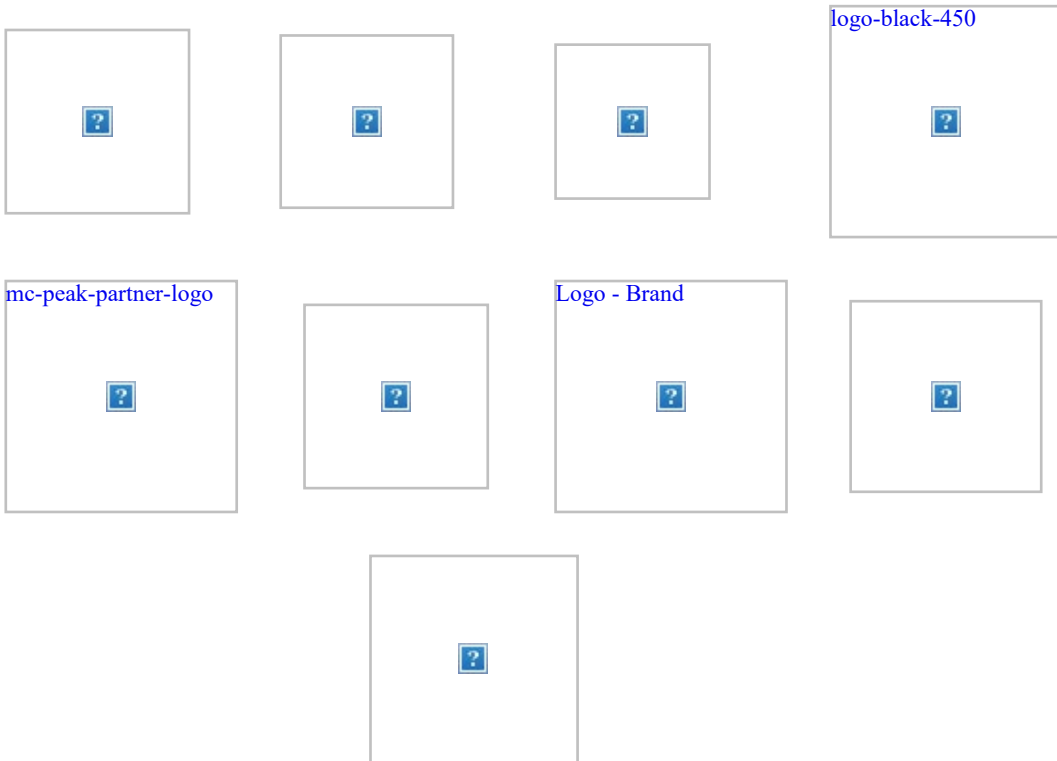
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Happy holidays from [The Mountain Pact!](#)

We hope this season brings you joy, comfort, and the incredible peace that comes from time spent outdoors and with loved ones. As the year winds down, The Mountain Pact is reflecting on

a year of ups-and-downs for the conservation movement and the communities and individuals that power it. While we are seeing far too many threats to the public lands we cherish, we are heartened by the energy and passion that leaders and community members across the West are showing in pushing back against these reckless attacks on our public lands. Thank you for standing up to protect these irreplaceable spaces. Together, we will keep fighting to make sure our shared public lands remain right where they belong: in public hands.

THE MOUNTAIN PACT NEWS

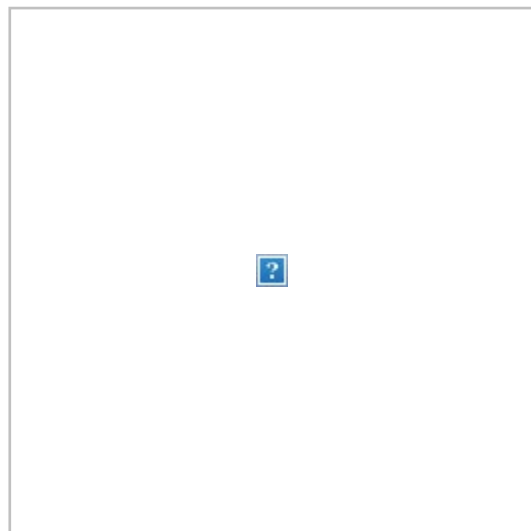
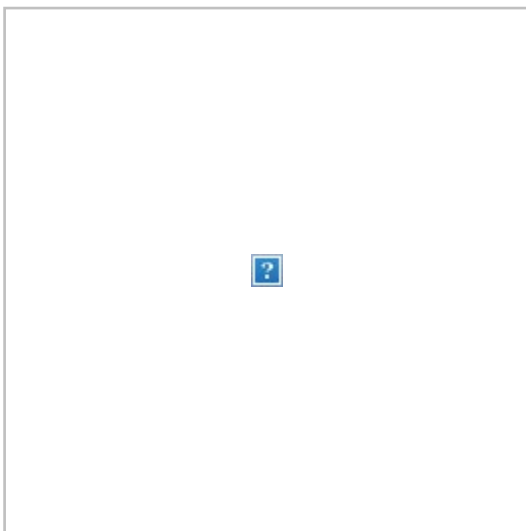
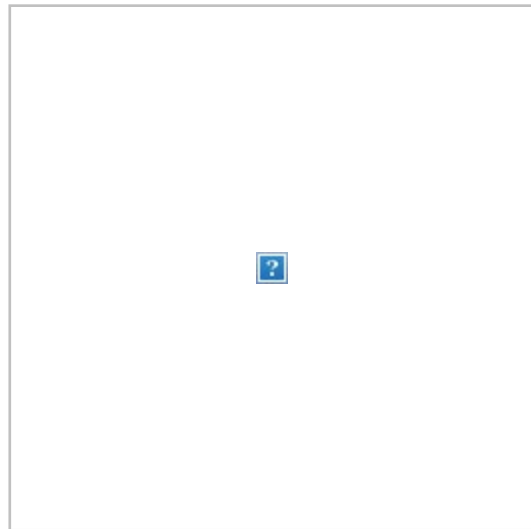
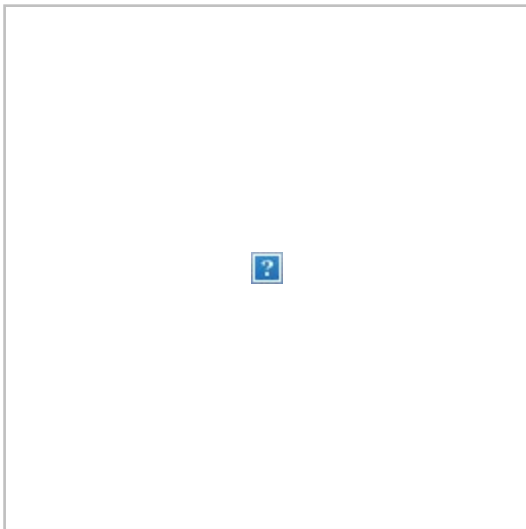
This month, The Mountain Pact led more than 160 elected officials from across the Western United States in calling on their state attorneys general to hold the federal government accountable for its reckless gutting of our nation's wildfire preparedness.

[In a letter](#), the leaders asked the AGs to help defend their communities from potentially catastrophic wildfires by reviewing the legality of government actions that have eroded federal wildfire preparedness, and to ensure the federal government fulfills its responsibilities for protecting life and property in the face of increasingly severe wildfires.

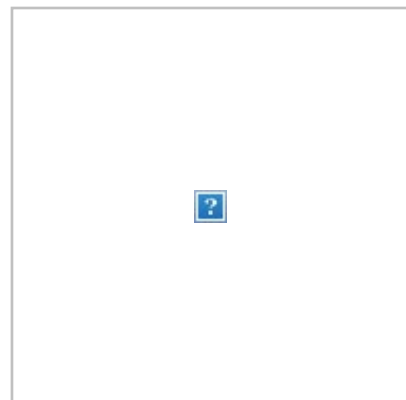
"Wildfire preparedness is a matter of life and death in rural Western communities, and we depend on federal agencies being able to keep our homes, families, and property safe when wildfires strike," said Mountain Pact Executive Director Anna Peterson. "But the federal government's reckless and illegal firings of thousands of public land agency employees, as well as budget cuts and other shortsighted management practices, have left our communities vulnerable. We need the federal government to manage and mitigate the real risks wildfires pose to our communities, instead of focusing on vindictive culture wars that waste time and resources and leave our communities less safe."



The letter was covered by [E&E/Politico](#), [KNAU](#), [Aspen Times](#), [Post Independent](#), and the [Grand Junction Sentinel](#).



Las Cruces Council Member Becky Corran and New Mexico Representative Angelica Rubio pushed back against the nomination of former New Mexico lawmaker Stevan Pearce to run the Bureau of Land Management in an [op-ed](#) this month. They wrote that Pearce has spent his entire career opposing public lands, and called on the US Senate to reject his nomination.





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FILL OUT PUBLIC LANDS IN CRISIS SURVEY

We want to hear from you! We're conducting a [brief survey](#) regarding how staffing cut and actions have impacted 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.

MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY NEWS

CLIMATE

- [Report: Climate change is stealing rain and snow from the Colorado River.](#)
- [Climate change makes snowmaking a necessity, not a backup, for the West's ski resorts.](#)

WILDFIRE

- [How Indigenous cultural burns can help heal climate-ravaged forests—and people.](#)
- [The U.S. Forest Service is falling further behind on wildfire prevention.](#)
- [California fire chief takes job as inaugural director of U.S. Wildland Fire Service.](#)

DROUGHT AND FLOODING

- [In burned forests, the West's snowpack is melting earlier.](#)
- [More than half the water use in the Rio Grande River Basin is unsustainable.](#)
- [A drying Great Salt Lake is spewing toxic dust. It could cost Utah billions.](#)
- [Colorado's 2025 'water year' was abnormally hot and dry.](#)
- [Colorado considers first-of-a-kind rules to protect streams, wetlands as federal regulations are rolled back.](#)
- [Ex-Nevada water chief on Colorado River deadlock: 'Nobody is the enemy'.](#)
- [Colorado River water negotiators appear no closer to long-term agreement.](#)

TOURISM and OUTDOOR RECREATION

- [New national park fees for international visitors draw scrutiny.](#)
- [Repercussions of DEI-related grant cuts are surfacing in national parks.](#)
- [Arches National Park struggles after losing substantial revenue.](#)
- [Why is an economic powerhouse treated like an afterthought on national public lands?](#)
- [Nearly 1,000 acres near Yosemite National Park returned to California Tribe.](#)
- [National Park Service drops free admission on MLK Day and Juneteenth, adds Trump's birthday and Lawsuit challenges Trump's face on national parks pass.](#)
- [Inside Utah's secret meeting to decide the fate of its national parks.](#)
- [Ski film 'Inaccessible' looks at public land access from a skier's perspective.](#)
- [National park gift shops ordered to purge merchandise that Trump doesn't like.](#)
- [Utah's national parks wish list: More visitors, fewer protections.](#)
- [National Park Service changes performance ratings, a move experts say is illegal.](#)
- [Outdoor recreation fuels the Nevada economy. A new state report says there's a \\$24 billion impact.](#)
- [Mike Lee amendment would allow Trump to get rid of national parks.](#)
- [Internal report finds Forest Service trails deteriorating under Trump.](#)

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

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- [Trump admin snaps up stakes in private firms involved in mining and nuclear energy.](#)
 - [Trump admin aims to rescind regulations governing ATV access in national forests.](#)
 - [White House adviser Stephen Miller sold stock in Nevada mining company after Trump administration deal.](#)
 - [Software mogul/Secretary the Interior says AI will cure cancer.](#)
 - [Trump promises to shutter the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder.](#)
 - [The year Trump broke the federal government.](#)
 - [Agriculture Department sheds a fifth of its workers.](#)

PUBLIC LANDS

- [Hunters fear bill would turn wilderness into militarized surveillance zone.](#)
- [Durango couple completes latest adventure to document America's public lands](#)
- [Opinion: Keeping public lands in public hands is a Wyoming value.](#)
- [Lawsuit tries to stop Wyoming man from hunting on public land on the way to his cabin.](#)
- [How federal grazing permits benefit the wealthiest ranchers.](#)
- [Forest Service looks to public land, local tax dollars to build workforce housing.](#)
- [Idaho congressman: Public land disposal is "imminent".](#)
- [Rural Montana communities reject DOGE cuts to public lands.](#)
- [Repeal of resource management plans will affect millions of acres of public lands.](#)
- [A tiny land deal with giant implications.](#)
- [Worries of public land selloff return.](#)
- [Sen. Daines revives effort to roll back Montana Wilderness Study Areas.](#)

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

- ['Energy dominance' tactic could derail federal permitting.](#)
- [BLM's Rock Springs plan took 12 years to finish. Now the feds have to redo it in one.](#)
- [Report: Rescinding oil and gas rule could cost taxpayers billions.](#)
- [Colorado BLM escalates the size of oil, gas lease sales.](#)
- [BLM sets special oil, gas lease sale for unsold northwest Colorado leases.](#)

Nomination of Stevan Pearce to be Director of BLM

- [Conservation groups decry Trump's BLM pick and Westerners denounce Trump's pick to lead Bureau of Land Management.](#)
- [Opinion: Western senators cannot support this Trump nominee who wants to liquidate public lands.](#)
- [Opinion: Idaho deserves a BLM director who won't sell our public lands.](#)
- [Conservation groups sound alarm on BLM nominee with long land sell-off record.](#)
- [Editorial: Sen. Hickenlooper is right to oppose Steve Pearce for BLM nominee early.](#)
- [Bennet joins Hickenlooper in opposing Steve Pearce for BLM director.](#)
- [Opinion: Steve Pearce's nomination threatens our public lands.](#)

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 for January. Please reach out to [Anna](#) if you are interested.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS

- [Clean drinking water for millions of people at risk as Trump admin targets national monuments.](#)
- [Five tribes to incorporate native values in monument.](#)
- [Sáttítla Highlands National Monument is a land of history and wonder.](#)

WILDLIFE

- [Interior proposals prioritize energy over endangered species.](#)
- [Wildlife crossings could see permanent federal funding through bipartisan bill.](#)
- [National parks aren't just for tourists. They're an essential home for wildlife.](#)
- [Have Colorado's moose restoration efforts been too successful?](#)
- [Grizzly bear deaths near Yellowstone could fuel ESA fight.](#)
- [Colorado completes North America's largest wildlife overpass.](#)

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

RENEWABLE ENERGY

- [Trump admin drops 'renewable' and 'energy' from name of National Renewable Energy Lab.](#)
- [Wind and solar frozen out of Trump's permitting push.](#)
- [Tribal nations regroup after loss of federal funding for clean energy.](#)

FOSSIL FUELS and EXTRACTION on PUBLIC LANDS

- [Fast-tracked mining exploration project near Bitterroot River headwaters draws opposition.](#)
- [Utility asks New Mexico for 'zero emission' status for gas-fired power plant.](#)
- [Federal judge strikes down logging project near Yellowstone National Park.](#)

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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To: [Town Council](#)
Subject: From Jackson to the Whitney
Date: Tuesday, December 23, 2025 7:44:54 AM



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From Jackson to the Whitney



Damma Newadaygwapgay Nasoowazeet (Never Forget Our Language) by Nani Chacon

Jackson Hole has long been known for its landscapes. Increasingly, it is being recognized for something else: a willingness to engage public space as a place for contemporary, cultural dialogue.

That commitment is receiving national recognition.

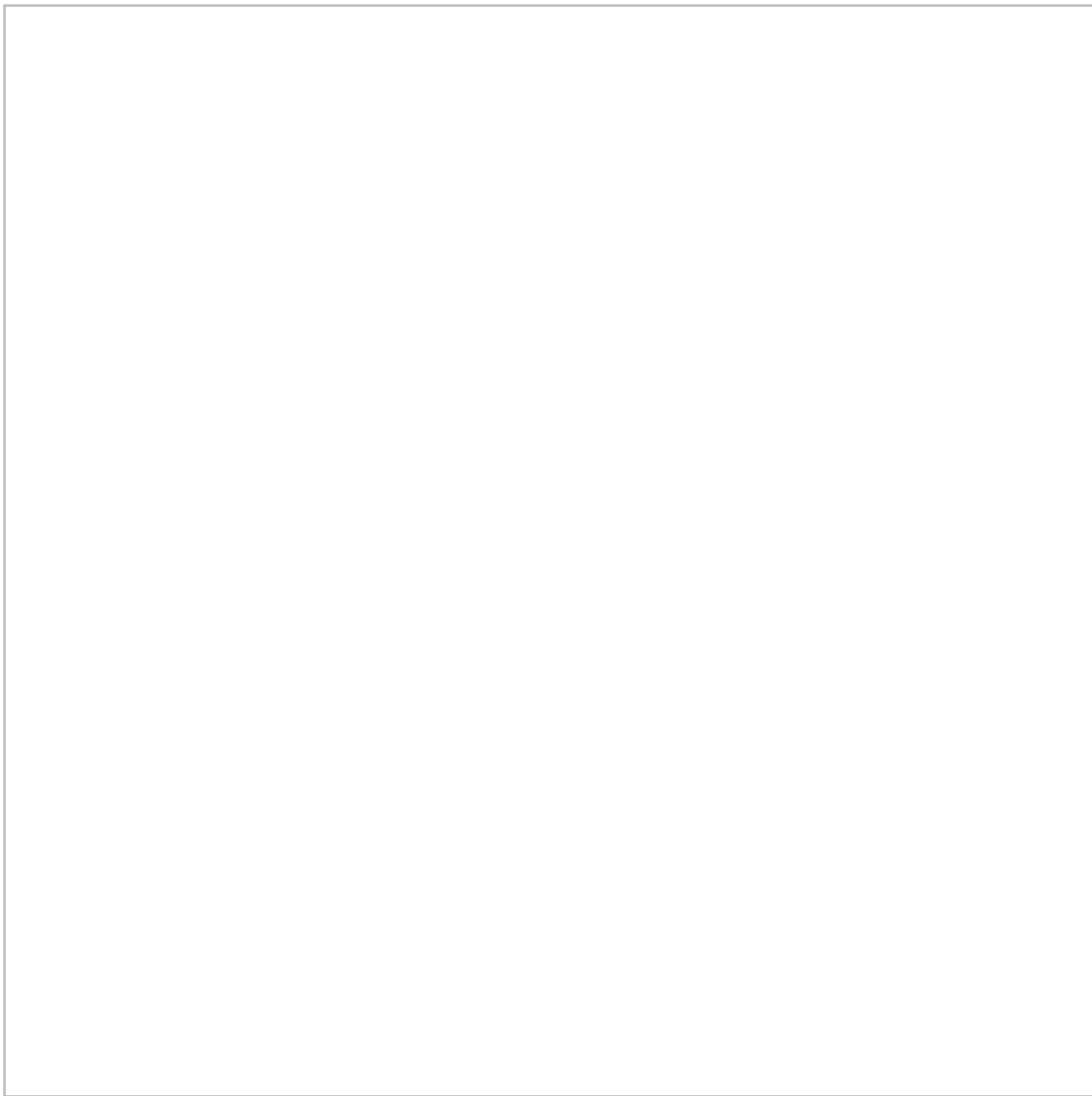
Nani Chacon, the Diné (Navajo) artist whose mural *Damma Newadaygwapgay Nasoowazeet (Never Forget Our Language)* anchors the east wall of the Jackson Hole History Museum, has been invited to participate in the 2026 Whitney Biennial, the longest-running survey of contemporary art in the United States.

The Whitney Biennial is widely regarded as a bellwether for where American art is headed. The 2026 exhibition will feature 56 artists, duos, and collectives whose work reflects the current moment and explores forms of relationality including cultural lineage, land, language, identity, and shared histories.

Chacon's Jackson mural exemplifies that trajectory.

Commissioned through a collaboration between Jackson Hole Public Art and History Jackson Hole, the mural functions as a conceptual billboard reclaiming public space for the Eastern Shoshone people, whose ancestors have called this region home for generations. By foregrounding Shoshone language, the work reconnects land, culture, and memory, asserting presence where it has too often been erased.

Read the full release [HERE](#).



Dear Friends,

Year after year, Jackson Hole Public Art delivers thoughtful and ambitious programs because **this community believes that art belongs in public, and that quality matters.**

This year we made that unmistakably clear.

The Garden of Lanterns, curated by Bronwyn Minton, transformed a familiar landscape into something luminous and shared; an experience that drew thousands of people together across ages, backgrounds, and seasons, in October.

Nani Chacon, who created a mural on the Jackson Hole History Museum wall, has been invited to the **Whitney Biennial**.

Glow Nights brings the Soloveiko Songbirds by Amigo & Amigo to Jackson Hole — an installation that had been featured on the Eurovision stage.

Taken together, these projects tell a larger story.

With a modest budget and an **extraordinary community support**, Jackson Hole Public Art's impact far exceeds our size because our standards are high, our public, private, and nonprofit partnerships are deep, and our ambition is clear.

As we look ahead, the opportunity is to continue commissioning work that matters. To keep art accessible to everyone. To ensure that Jackson Hole remains not only a place of natural beauty, but a place of cultural leadership.

This is where you come in.

Your support makes it possible for a small town to do truly exceptional things. A generous year-end gift to Jackson Hole Public Art is not just philanthropy—it is **stewardship**. An investment in the cultural life of this place, and a statement that Jackson Hole should continue to set the bar, not follow it.

We hope you'll join us in carrying this work forward.

With gratitude,
Carrie Geraci

Challenge Match

We are getting closer!



Mushroom by Lisa Walker for [The Garden of Lanterns](#)

Please help us meet our year-end goal of raising \$50,000.
\$20,000 left to raise!

Your support is vital to helping us produce
unique public art experiences that bring us together!

2026 PROGRAMS

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**Don't miss the GlowNights Celebration
at the Center for the Arts**



DECEMBER 27

5:00PM | CENTER FOR THE ARTS PARK

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

[VIEW EVENT →](#)

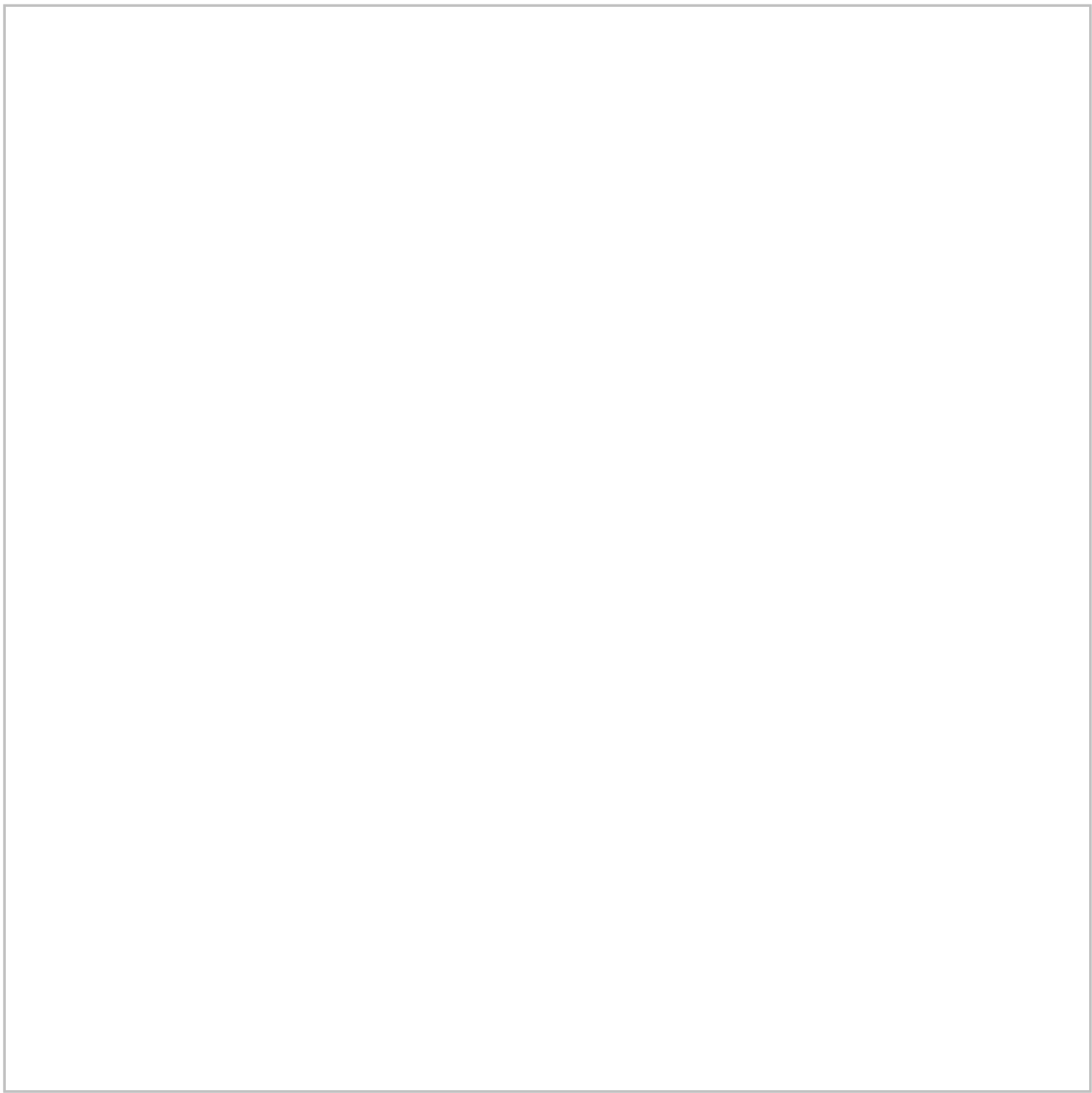
**Screening of ELF, the movie at 6:30PM, book
through the Center for the Arts.**



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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.

On display through January 2026



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To: [Brooke Avery](#); [Brandy Hayes](#); [Arne Jorgensen](#); [Alyson Sperry](#); betsy.anderson@wyo.gov; drew.perkins@wyo.gov; [Devon Viehman](#); governor@wyo.gov; [Jonathan Schechter](#); [Kevin Regan](#); [Lea Colasuonno](#); [Pauline Scholes](#); [Riley Hovorka](#)
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To whom it may concern, Jackson, WY:

Hours after the creekside event occurred and, long after that, I encountered the same individual only farther up into Town at the 10 Commandments sculpture at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church screaming and, in between his blood curdling hollars, sucking at and down into his lungs keyboard-cleaner Aerosol cans, I returned to the original creekside location, and quite traumatized and to psst and hurt was I. Strangely, though, when I returned to original scene at the Preserve the immediate area in and by the creek was littered with clothing and other articles, and a red emergency blanket was glaringly hanging from the trees (or on the ground beneath a grove of trees. A crumpled beer or alcohol drink can was by the same trees, but what stood out to me the most was that a pair of white socks was resting on some low branches by the creek's edge. How concerning was the stage-set I frighteningly and chillingly thought, given that a 911 call had just happened for someone (Aerosol Man) in danger by someone who thought their very self could be in imminent danger (the fisherman)! At the same time the police officer who stopped me (possible illegal detainment as a part of another fake police production) refused my aid or assistance, and he also began speaking to me by his telling to me: "My name is." And, bro?! A human killer could be down on the creekside as we speak attacking the fisherman or harming himself, I pointlessly to thought to myself.

By any chance could anyone have ordered that the mess the man originally made which one can only hope and expect the responding authorities witnessed, be kept exactly in its place or, who knows, also "spruced up" even "better", in order to fit or establish a deeper and clandestine narrative that it was I, Virgil Harris IV, who had been the Mad Man and/or who'd made the whole mess, including with trash being strewn all in the creek because Virgil was ineptly and worthlessly, because he's gravely disabled and can't take care of himself, living and dwelling at that same area?

If the answer to any extent, yes, then the next question is: How and why was the narrative and word of the referenced disaster-scene related to my elderly Dad in Dallas, who is in a retirement ursing home?

----- Original Message -----

On Thursday, 05/29/25 at 07:33 Jackson Donations <jacdonations@proton.me> wrote:

At approximately 11:30 am on Sunday, May 3, 2025, a 911 call must have been urgently placed, and I believe was, and due also to personal witness do I make this

statement, regarding an out of control yelling and screaming human being. How was I or the retreating fisherman, who I believe made a 911 call, not to know such a person in such a state couldn't charge another person with an axe or hatchet, or a knife also for example, or rush toward and violently attack and, well, try to start eating at them or something? But if the 911 call was placed at 11:30am, why is the same man witnessed appx. 4 hours later, at 3:34pm but .5 mile away at the Catholic Church, sucking down aerosol can fumes and continuing his - but far worse I easily noticed - blood-curdling like screaming and yelling? Inhaling can-by-can, or more than one can of keyboard-cleaning fumes and chemicals won't alter - and dangerously degrade - the human mind instantly, and noticably and gravely at some point or over several hours of consumption?

How in the world did multiple police respond to the fisherman's call, and receive and process but also decline my offer to help, too, and then four hours later the same man is deeper into Town, and in plain sight, sucking down areosol cans, and plural at that?

On Thursday, May 29th, 2025 at 7:49 AM, Jackson Donations
<jacdonations@proton.me> wrote:

Dear all,

Good morning. The Equality State, wonderfully a great and beautiful member of the USA, and rightfully, is, is in part and summary, also named as such for Wyoming for womens' rights- hence, the Equality (of 2 genders) State.

I am concerned, and with basis, that ultimately the last thing the Town is working and seeking to do in these record request exchanges is to treat me - and thus the public and the State - lawfully, transparently, respectfully and even based on the very laws that were, and are quoted in the original charade of a letter.

For example, has outside counsel, in any way, influenced or directed the Town's reply or responsiveness to this Request?

Next, the Town, and so obviously and frighteningly clearly, has no authority or grounds to tell anyone, or to delusionally pretend that they do in terms of pipe-dream authority that does not exist in this case and for records overall, that the Request and as was done in the Subject line, is "complete."

Additionally, you can't use email subject lines - just to let you all know - to also lay or embed groundwork for establishing consent of any kind, or to secretly entice lay people, or anyone, to surrender to a snare of consent of some kind AND in order to gain access to, unbelievable, public records! So, not only did I not read or definitely download the "responsive letter", I immediately reported the response and letter.

Next, it does appear the Town - through some kind of undisclosed and proud and pompous influence - is taking lots and lots of unsupported,

and tax-wasting, liberties with State law, and person's too, myself included, and also without too much thought and consideration for what in the world it's doing with requests, and all relevant, state and federal, laws, too; but on a moral and ethical sense also: how the games and alleged bullying just might personally affect others, yes like myself, who just want to live a normal life, and also go to work and go home.

But, no, the request and even if it were still open, is absolutely not complete, and ultimately a Judge would have to make such a ruling, simple as that, but this email unfortunately and with urgency was made to be in order since the Town - possibly due to outside counsel? - attempted to cement my consent TO the records status BY inserting, and frankly and possibly quite useably, terms into the subject line.

Maybe new state laws need to, so sadly, now be written to regulate and limit records email request email subject line content!

Best regards, Virgil Harris IV

On Wednesday, May 28th, 2025 at 10:21 PM, Jackson Donations <jacdonations@proton.me> wrote:

To whom all it may concern,

Over the last several days, I reviewed the State statutes as referenced not once but twice in the original, "responsive" letter, which addressed me by first name, and then now I - strictly a member of the public - am addressed by last name, and also concerning a non-existent public records request...

Can you believe it, and how self-validating and state-disrespecting it is even now to recontact me over a canceled, and rightly at that, non-existent records request?!

But, so now, and despite even all who I SOS-included on the alert email, and given that the Town just force-replied not only to a non-existent records request (wow), but also after a Member of the Public, also the Requestor, politely and for his own safety and security called the experience off and with the Town being "fired" of the situation, the exchange only continues, and on public records?

Before the request can logically ever conclude and notwithstanding since the Town, itself, 2x quoted state law, we need to know who is the Custodian and who is the Designated Person...(See State statutes).

Next, it would be awfully wrong and quite disrespectful for Ms Brooke Avery to, in any way, be being non-transparently "used" by anyone with the Town in this situation and in any way that is not-fully transparent to all

parties.

From: [Stephanie Harsha](#)
Subject: WYDOT Release: Glory Bowl avalanche largest in recent years
Date: Monday, December 22, 2025 5:16:59 PM
Attachments: 20251222 Teton pass avalanche.pdf



PHOTO: Crews finally punch through the avalanche on Teton Pass.

JACKSON, Wyo. – Ahead of one of the busiest travel weeks for the holiday season, the Wyoming Department of Transportation District 3 avalanche mitigation team scheduled an avalanche control mission in the early hours of Dec. 22 in response to recent weather activity on Wyoming State Highway 22, Teton Pass.

“We’ve had some snow and a lot of wind and warming temperatures. It rained on the snowpack last night as well and that changed the whole equation. We knew we needed to get up there and do some mitigation work,” said WYDOT avalanche program supervisor Don Lawless.

Crews remotely detonated the Gazex avalanche infrastructure in the area known as Glory Bowl and brought down the largest controlled avalanche seen by crews in recent years. A snow slide over 30 feet high and 250 feet wide buried both lanes of travel at milepost 10 on the closed road.

“I was expecting snow to come out of Twin slides, but nothing really hit the road. We were not expecting the amount of snow we saw come down Glory Bowl, it was the largest avalanche I’ve seen here,” Lawless said.

Crews immediately went to work clearing snow and debris off the road. A dozer from Yellow Iron, a local excavation company, was contracted to assist WYDOT with the clean-up from the east side of the avalanche, while the Idaho Transportation Department assisted with a loader on the west side.

“We are very lucky to have such exceptional neighbors to the west in the Idaho Transportation Department. We have an excellent working relationship with their crews, which is a benefit to drivers on both sides of the pass. Without them, we would have not been able to open this road as quickly as we did,” District 3 Maintenance foreman Troy Jerup said.

Clean up operations lasted about 14 hours and the road was reopened just after 5 p.m. today. WYDOT asks that drivers drive cautiously and stay alert, as contract crews will continue to work under traffic as roadside operations continue tomorrow. Drivers should remain vigilant when driving in winter conditions and obey all road closure and advisories this winter season.

For more information on road conditions and closures across Wyoming, visit our web site at www.wyoroad.info. Drivers can receive text alerts on road conditions and closures by signing up for 511 Notify at <https://www.wyoroad.info/511/511NotifyAnnouncement.html>.

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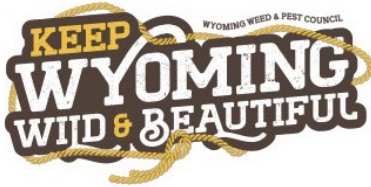
E-Mail to and from me, in connection with the transaction of public business, is subject to the Wyoming Public Records Act and may be disclosed to third parties.

From: [Erika Edmiston](#)
To: [Devon Viehman](#)
Subject: Re: Online Form Submittal: Email the Town Council
Date: Monday, December 22, 2025 1:51:39 PM



Of course, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or if you or any members of the Council would like to tour our lab!

Erika Wells Edmiston, Supervisor
Teton County Weed & Pest District



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On Dec 22, 2025, at 12:17 PM, noreply@civicplus.com wrote:

Email the Town Council

Email Content:	Happy Holidays! It was a great year at Teton County Weed and Pest District and it's my pleasure to share our 2025 End of Season Report. From integrated invasive species management and West Nile virus prevention, to coordinating Working Dogs for Conservation in support of our longest-running program—the Snake River Project (est. 2001)—to launching our newest initiative, Tick Blitz, this report highlights the many ways TCWP is working for you.
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TCWP End of Season Report 2025 -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tFKheSloQ6BUywtPNg5NOuJ3hM2vR1Ry/view>

Wishing you all the best this holiday season and in the new year!

Your Name: Erika Edmiston

Your Company Name: Teton County Weed & Pest District

Your Phone Number: 307-733-8419

Your Email Address: erika@tcweed.org

Your City: Jackson

Your State: WY

Your Zip Code: 83001

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From: [National League of Cities](#)
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CCC



We were so glad you could join us at City Summit, and wanted to remind you to take advantage of your special discount for Congressional City Conference (CCC).

CCC is where local leaders engage on policy, learn from experts, make connections, and advocate for local priorities at the federal level.

City Summit 2025 attendees can **save up to \$335** by securing their special registration rate until **January 1, 2026**. We hope to see you there!

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Date: Monday, December 22, 2025 11:24:52 AM



To whom it may concern:

Unfortunately, and I regret it to be the case, I imagine this email will now cost the Town of Jackson and County of Teton, WY, and the Office of the Governor more than \$10,000+ in total. But, it is not I who am elected and/or employed to carry out and abide by Wyoming State Law as a paid or voted occupation.

This morning, Dec 22, 2025, at 10:38am, I received the below email message from the Town of Jackson, WY Legal Department, Ms. Lea Colasuonno. Copied on the responsive email is Lieutenant Russ Ruschill. Respectfully, Lt Ruschill is not included on this message back to the Town and to the Office of the Governor.

Now included is Mr Dick Stout - He is the Teton County, WY Prosecuting Attorney.

I, hereby, submit not to the police department but to the Town of Jackson, WY, and beyond, the below, brand new new message I just received from the Town legal department, and similarly like before and as I have recently commented, for which the entire constituency of Jackson was required to pay, and in good-faith did they, AND that the Town Council was put in the position of, before them as a voted entity, it being sent, and so quickly. Whether each person on this email string, as a Council member and beyond, approves, or rather certifies and for lack of a better term "votes" in favor of the status of these recent communications by the Town in terms of what I have disclosed, stated and even requested from the tax-funded Town of Jackson and, subsequently, what has been sent back to me in response, is not why I email you all, at this time. Further, on record with the Town, and surely the current Council has been made aware of this which no one would disagree that such a notion is completely and appropriately relevant, there are many other prior records requests, that it is widely known are outstanding, that I have submitted to the Town but that, for some reason, have been ignored and continue to be treated as a game by the Town of Jackson, respectfully the Police Department included. In other words, this is not nor has it been a one-time event, its a non-sanctioned governmental pattern and a practice which not only amounts to, somehow or to whatever extent, a secondary force of counter-government within the State but that feeds on other government employees - and certain citizens too? - for participation, including without any rightful or due disclosure being first or ever given to them. Thank you for understanding the gravity of concern for human decency and transparent government I share.

#1

Does the Town of Jackson Council approve of, and consent to, based on Town Rules, Ordinances, Office oaths taken, any/all applicable ethical codes and any/all pertinent Wyoming State Laws the current state of affairs by the Town or certain staff members therein, of what all I have communicated and requested by email, both recently and entirely to-date? As it is known, I did not email the Jackson Police Department, yet.

#2

To the Teton County, WY District Attorney and Jackson, WY Legal Department -
Is the Town of Jackson, at any or all levels of its government, actively in receipt, possession and

use of, or has it ever been, a Records Request from a Third Party, being outside of and not including of myself, that requests, based on Wyoming State Law, any/all records of communication that the Town sends or provides, whether by US Mail or email, to me? Included in my inquiry (#2) to the Jackson, WY Town Council is whether or not the Requesting Party(ies) are a Person(s), Private Entity(ies) or governmental entity in Wyoming, or assuming such a request exists and is in place - is/are they outside of Wyoming?

On Saturday, December 20th, 2025 at 2:59 PM, 5150 <5150WY@proton.me> wrote:

Dear Town of Jackson, WY (and Jackson Hole Chamber) -

Please be aware and notified that I initially included a point of contact in this email string that is with the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is not directly a part of the Town of Jackson or Teton County government but, 2-3 years ago, I contacted the Chamber by email because I wanted to list and advertise a business, under a paid membership, and to obtain a membership and payment history with JHCC. I contacted the Chamber, then, several times and ultimately

received (continually to those requests) partial to no responses, which would be entirely uncharacteristic of any Chamber and, also, for the otherwise respected and appreciated many prior conversations and experiences I attest to and know I have had with the wonderful and helpful, great and positive and outgoing organization and group of individuals with the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce. Thus, there is valid concern that the Chamber responded exactly how they did, then, and did not respond how or with what I believe requested due only to outside, obstructive influence that was not internal or inherent to the Chamber, from wherever that could have happened or originated; and I make and do not infer any allegations.

In the next email will be two recent email messages I received from Moo's Ice Cream, for your review and consideration, however I will remove the Jackson Hole Chamber from the emails.

On Saturday, December 20th, 2025 at 2:12 PM, VH4 <veh14@proton.me> wrote:

Correction:

"My dad and mom, Virgil Everette Harris III and Mary Elizabeth Tompkins, both of Dallas, TX and who each seldom travel and who have also been manipulated, deceived, exploited and human trafficked (according to law) including beyond description and imaginability, have both been to Jackson, WY in the recent years and, as I have reason for concern that it is the case, have met with someone(s) in authority in the Town or with the County and that fake and heavily manipulated medical records were, and are involved.

On Saturday, December 20th, 2025 at 2:09 PM, VH4 <veh14@proton.me> wrote:

Dear Town of Jackson, WY:

My dad and mom, Virgil Everette Harris III and Mary Elizabeth Tompkins, both of Dallas, TX and who each seldom travel and who have also been manipulated, deceived, exploited and human trafficked (according to law) including beyond description and imaginability, have both been to Jackson, WY in the recent years and met with someone(s) in authority in the Town or with the County and that fake and heavily manipulated medical records were, and are involved.

If this is the case and true, everyone should ask or wonder what lengths and protocols a Town Department goes to or has in place in order to not only decide for or against even entertaining such a unique and unusual undertaking, but to also vet or verify the truth, accuracy or veracity of any such documentation before and then after they are made in possession of it. Sadly and so terribly, one to many members of our hero American Police and First Responders are taken advantage of and disrespected by

people above them without all parties, first or ever, being given full disclosure. This is very unfortunate what all has gone on, how long this has gone on, and that the Town Council - and the same elderly parents in question, as the main example - have been allowed to be put in such terrible positions all this time and not been given full disclosure and, worse, fed highly-fabricated information and material. The Town replied to all that it does not know by responding yesterday with only one comment (in summary): We got your message.

Now, and though I make no allegations I do have reason to believe that each of my elderly parents were sent to provide false information about me, and that they did so only to their own pain, harm and detriment and, equally, under many false pretenses. It is clear, that one too many authorities with Jackson and Teton County, and in Pinedale and Cheyenne, WY are so sure, and arrogantly so, of exactly what they do not know that I have not reported but that I do believe would only help and be appreciated by them, that they are so proudly and staunchly certain of their own dismal and wrong guesswork including while representing nothing but constituents, that based on the/their certainty, which they simply do not have, of the unknown (paradox), they have decided - based on nothing but internal and/or reliant delusion - that its good and its best to not only not reply, but to have sent - in its place! - a conclusive email that says (much like) we know you contacted us. In my opinion, the Town of Jackson needs to fire, sue or fire and sue (which would probably be the best route to take, if appropriate) whoever all has led the Town (and one too many of its employees) to being so involved with a resident, that some authorities are hell bent in discrediting as a resident and also the same person's own family who live in another state across the country; but it is exactly only I who has tried to help the Town but to no avail and also such, for the Town and this is beyond wrong, embarrassing lengths. Do you not understand, that I represent you - as people, yes which is true, and a governing body because you represent all that I have legal rights to? The Town has been terribly wronged by outside influence that has gotten way too carried away and too sure of itself including at the horrible and terrible injustice to one too many individuals who have allowed it to have been put in the position of funding and, in good faith, trusting that it exactly be not deceived and leveraged like it has. Separately, how much money have any/all lawyers who have not provided any/all due full disclosure to the Town allowed if not encouraged the Town to just waste and continue spending. Again, the Town has been provided (very bad) legal advise (clearly from beyond Town employees, as that is obvious), and to the point that the authorities in command have leveraged the town and the

state by continuing to not let me speak to them, and as if that - come on - ever works or is helpful or, in any long run, productive or, all things being equal, a good idea.

I contact the Town, this glorious Christmas and Holiday season, because I request that the Town begin assembling a master report - for a public records request according to Wyoming state laws - that contains every single document, phone call, recorded phone call, email, text message, medical record or report and employment record or report that involves, whether directly or indirectly, either or both: Virgil Everette Harris III or Mary Elizabeth Tompkins. Included in the report will be how many tax-funded law enforcement and/or local lawyer quarter-seconds on a clock were (ever) spent - and exactly all dates and times it was when they occurred - talking to, meeting with, or thinking, writing or talking about, and otherwise entertaining the Persons, the identities and even any references of or to: my mother and father. I would like to know what chair(s) my mom and dad sat in and the color and material of the tax-funded chairs. I would also like a copy of any/all body-camera footage that the Town has, if at all, from talking or meet with, or communicating about, My Mom and Dad- who are Texas residents. I'd like to know the brand and type of batteries in the camera, and the brand of the camera, too. I also request, as a public records request, to know the make and model of the vacuum cleaner that is used on any carpet on which my mom or dad ever walked in any Town or County building, and whether any/all body camera footage was filmed in 720dpi or 1080 dpi. I will also want to know if any/all local authorities who have ever communicated with my dad and mom know that, in July 2018, my dad suffered a heart attack while driving his car by himself on a freeway in Dallas, TX. I am most concerned about what caused, contributed to or could have caused the heart attack because not only had he just left a private golf club in Addison, TX (called Preston Trail) before he embarked on the freeway that fateful day, but we also have next-to-no history of heart disease in the family. I will want to know if any authorities in Jackson, WY knew or did not know about his elderly heart attack. I am not sure if the same authorities in Jackson (or Teton County) knew that, in 2013-2015, my dad went to the Mayo Clinic, in Minnesota I believe, due to his being on sleeping pills and stimulants and "benzos" and that the Mayo Clinic, as I was told, couldn't even treat or diagnose him because of how many highly-potent prescription drugs he was on and for too long had been on, and possibly due to the fact that he was on so many, but the same authorities might know - surely they do - that for a long period of time when he was on all the drugs he had numerous car wrecks and even could not control taking wee-morning-hour drives that he'd never

remember.

Parental Visits to Jackson, WY:

My Dad: Feb, 2017. March, 2018. Sep, 2018. July, 2019 +
at least one more time 2022-2023

My Mom: 2022-2024.

On Saturday, December 20th, 2025 at 12:43 PM, VH4
<veh14@proton.me> wrote:

Dear Town of Jackson, WY -

Please note a correction to the below
sentence:

"Please note, I am - we all are - on record with
the Town and, surely as everyone on the
Council and, in this case, Ms Hovorka must
have all been made aware by now, and
certainly and hopefully was this made to be
the case prior to Ms Hovorka's being
instructed to send the email yesterday that
she did that I received, with my having
requested to communicate with, obtain public
records from, and to report what I believe is
criminal activity and my being a victim, with
the Jackson Police Department but that there
has been no response."

On Saturday, December 20th, 2025 at 12:33
PM, VH4 <veh14@proton.me> wrote:

Dear Town of Jackson, WY -

I contacted you all on Thursday, Dec
18, 2025 at 9:05pm...

Yesterday, Dec 20, 2025, at 1:41 pm,
I received the below message from
the Town of Jackson, Wyoming.

Respectfully, not only does the email
and note serve zero purpose, but I
am, and the Town is, aware that the
Town received the message because
it was not returned to sender, but
nonetheless the local taxpayers paid,
through the Town, to discuss and
have sent an email message back to
me that, with all due respect,
accomplishes nothing and serves
and served no purpose. What does,

however, serve a purpose is the State's laws, and probably nowhere in said statutes is it required or mentioned that a Town is mandated to reply to someone about nothing pertinent but only to let them know that the email, or message sent to the Town was "received." But, the Town of Jackson took what I sent including all it contained and did or could have implied and what and who all it could have implicated and formally and responsively concluded every single thing about it and my doing so - for both our interests and beyond - and, then, the Town replied, formally and conclusively, with the below pointless, with all due respect, note. This practice by the Town is longstanding, and not new, and nowhere in Wyoming state law is such an emailed reply required by law. Please note, I am - we all are - on record with the Town and surely as everyone on the Council and, in this case, Ms Hovorka must have been made aware by now, and certainly was this hopefully made to be the case prior to Ms Hovorka's being instructed to send the email yesterday that I received, with my requesting to communicate with, obtain public records from, and to report what I believe is criminal activity and my being a victim, with the Jackson Police Department. So, why and how can a member of the public receive a closed responsive messages from one member of the same body but from not the other, meaning the police department. The note sent to me confirms communicated receipt by the Town of an email that I knew was already received, because if

any/all of the email addresses were invalid then notice of the failed email, as the Town knows, would have emailed back to me right away. I am on record from long ago contacting and requesting to speak with the police department, and there was no adequate reply and to-date there has been no reply. Is each member of the Town Council aware of this event - maybe not - and are they that, while the response from the Town's police department still remains on a shelf and idly by, but due and in order, that it was made more important and published that no one with the police department will reply and that the silence will continue, yet while simultaneously only one the staff member's with the town would send to me yesterday's email which confirms, on behalf of the entire Town Council and all staff members, and the local taxpayers too, only that the email I sent was received?

On Thursday, December 18th,
2025 at 9:05 PM, 5150
<5150WY@proton.me> wrote:

Note: Correction -

"I have attempted
to report 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."

----- Original
Message -----
On Thursday,
12/18/25 at 16:59
5150
<5150WY@proton.me>
wrote:

Dear
Town
of
Jackson,
WY -

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

I

moved
to your
world-
class,
iconic,
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and of
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of
Jackson
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Teton
County

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Town -
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above.
Next,
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Town
of
Jackson
and
Teton
County
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to me
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highest
law
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I am
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Town
Council
of
Jackson
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Wyoming's
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local
town or
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enforcement
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or
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Governor
of
Wyoming
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General
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and not
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compromised,
and yet
with all
the
Police
Productions
that
have
happened;
nothing.

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is the
FBI -
the
Federal
Bureau
of
Investigation
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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

From: [Jim Stanford](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Cc: [Jonathan Schechter](#)
Subject: Fwd: Flock Exposed Its AI-Powered Cameras to the Internet. We Tracked Ourselves.
Date: Monday, December 22, 2025 10:50:14 AM



It's really a good idea for you to continue feeding this surveillance infrastructure.
JS

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Jason from 404 Media** <404-media@ghost.io>

Date: Mon, Dec 22, 2025 at 11:07 AM

Subject: Flock Exposed Its AI-Powered Cameras to the Internet. We Tracked Ourselves.

To: <jamesestanford@gmail.com>



Flock Exposed Its AI-Powered Cameras to the Internet. We Tracked Ourselves.

By Jason Koebler • 22 Dec 2025

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Hey there,

A very wild one here, and something that shows the power of Flock's ever-expanding surveillance network. This one was quite difficult and involved

to report. As always, if you know more about Flock and this network get in touch.

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-Jason

I am standing on the corner of Harris Road and Young Street outside of the Crossroads Business Park in Bakersfield, California, looking up at a Flock surveillance camera bolted high above a traffic signal. On my phone, I am watching myself in real time as the camera records and livestreams me—without any password or login—to the open internet. I wander into the intersection, stare at the camera and wave. On the livestream, I can see myself clearly. Hundreds of miles away, my colleagues are remotely watching me too through the exposed feed.

Flock left livestreams and administrator control panels for at least 60 of its AI-enabled Condor cameras around the country exposed to the open internet, where anyone could watch them, download 30 days worth of video archive, and change settings, see log files, and run diagnostics.



Unlike many of Flock's cameras, which are designed to capture license plates as people drive by, Flock's Condor cameras are pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) cameras designed to record and track people, not vehicles. Condor cameras can be set to automatically zoom in on people's faces as they walk through a parking lot, down a public street, or play on a playground, or they can be controlled manually, according to marketing material on Flock's website. We watched Condor cameras zoom in on a woman walking her dog on a bike path in suburban Atlanta; a camera followed a man walking through a Macy's parking lot in Bakersfield; surveil children

swinging on a swingset at a playground; and film high-res video of people sitting at a stoplight in traffic. In one case, we were able to watch a man rollerblade down Brookhaven, Georgia's Peachtree Creek Greenway bike path. The Flock camera zoomed in on him and tracked him as he rolled past. Minutes later, he showed up on another exposed camera livestream further down the bike path. The camera's resolution was good enough that we were able to see that, when he stopped beneath one of the cameras, he was watching rollerblading videos on his phone.

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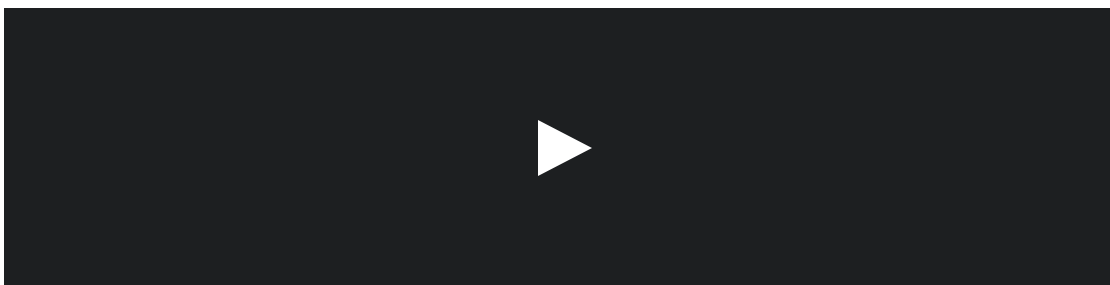
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The exposure was initially discovered by YouTuber and technologist Benn Jordan and was shared with security researcher Jon "GainSec" Gaines, who [recently found numerous vulnerabilities](#) in several other models of Flock's automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras. They shared the

details of what they found with me, and I verified many of the details seen in the exposed portals by driving to Bakersfield to walk in front of two cameras there while I watched myself on the livestream. I also pulled Flock's contracts with cities for Condor cameras, pulled details from company presentations about the technology, and geolocated a handful of the cameras to cities and towns across the United States. Jordan also filmed himself in front of several of the cameras on the Peachtree Creek Greenway bike path. Jordan said he and Gaines discovered many of the exposed cameras with Shodan, an internet of things search engine that researchers regularly use to identify improperly secured devices.



After finding links to the feed, “immediately, we were just without any username, without any password, we were just seeing everything from playgrounds to parking lots with people, Christmas shopping and unloading their stuff into cars,” Jordan told me in an interview. “I think it was like the first time that I actually got like immediately scared ... I think the one that affected me most was as playground. You could see unattended kids, and that’s something I want people to know about so they can understand how dangerous this is.” In a YouTube video about his research, Jordan said he was able to use footage pulled from the exposed feed to identify specific people using open source investigation tools in order to show how trivially an exposure like this could be abused.



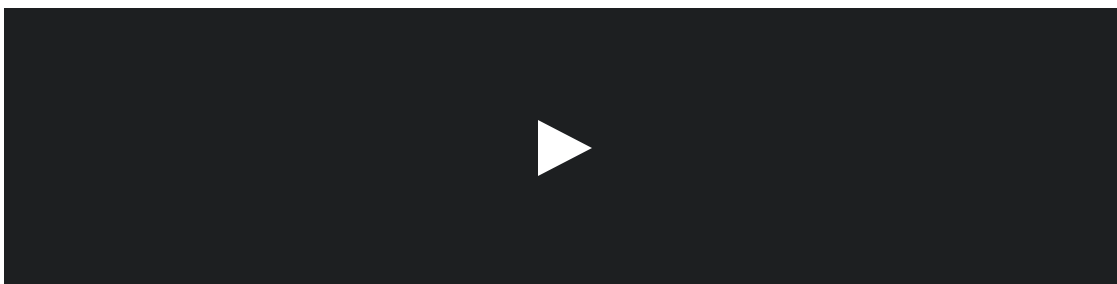
Benn Jordan

Last year, Flock [introduced AI features to Condor cameras](#) that

automatically zoom in on people as they walk by. In Flock's announcement of this feature, it explained that this technology "zooms in on a suspect exiting one car, stealing an item from another, and returning to his vehicle. Every detail is captured, providing invaluable evidence for investigators." On several of the exposed feeds, we saw Flock cameras repeatedly zooming in on and tracking random people as they walked by. The cameras can be controlled by AI or manually.

The exposure highlights the fact that Flock is not just surveilling cars—it is surveilling people, and in some cases it is doing so in an insecure way, and highlight the types of places that its Condor cameras are being deployed. Condor cameras are part of Flock's ever-expanding quest to "prevent crime," and are sometimes integrated with its license plate cameras, its gunshot detection microphones, and its automated camera drones.

Cooper Quintin, senior staff technologist at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, told me the behavior he saw in videos we shared with him "shows that Flock's ambitions go far beyond license-plate surveillance. They want to be a nation-wide panopticon, watching everyone all the time. Flock's goal isn't to catch stolen cars, their goal is to have total surveillance of everyone all the time."



The cameras were left not just livestreaming to the internet for anyone who could find the link, but in many cases their administrative portals were left open with no login credentials required whatsoever. On this

portal, some camera settings could be changed, diagnostics could be run, and text logs of what the camera was doing were being streamed, too. Thirty days of the camera's archive was left available for anyone to watch or download from any of the cameras that we found. We were not able to geolocate every camera that was left unprotected, but we found cameras at a New York City Department of Transportation parking lot, on a street corner in suburban New Orleans, in random cul-de-sacs, in a Lowes parking lot, in the parking lot of a skatepark, at a pool, outside a parking garage, at an apartment complex, outside a church, on a bike path, and at various street intersections around the country.

Quintin told me the situation reminds him of ALPR cameras from another company [that were left unprotected a decade ago](#).

"This is not the first time we have seen ALPRs exposed on the public internet, and it won't be the last. Law enforcement agencies around the country have been all too eager to adopt mass surveillance technologies, but sometimes they have put little effort into ensuring the systems are secure and the sensitive data they collect on everyday people is protected," Quintin said. "Law enforcement should not collect information they can't protect. Surveillance technology without adequate security measures puts everyone's safety at risk."

It was not always clear which business or agency owned specific cameras that were left exposed, or what type of misconfiguration led to the exposure, though I was able to find a \$348,000 Flock contract for Brookhaven, Georgia, which manages the Peachtree Creek Greenway, and includes 64 Condor cameras.

"This was a limited misconfiguration on a very small number of devices, and it has since been remedied," a Flock spokesperson told 404 Media. It did not answer questions about what caused the misconfiguration or how many devices ultimately were affected.

Do you know anything else about surveillance? I would love to hear from you. Using a non-work device, you can message me securely on Signal at jason.404. Otherwise, send me an email at jason@404media.co.

In response to Jordan and Gaines' earlier research on vulnerabilities in other Flock cameras, Flock CEO Garrett Langley [said in a LinkedIn post that](#) "The Flock system has not been hacked. We secure customer data to the highest standard of industry requirements, including strict industry standard encryption. Flock's cloud storage has never been compromised." The exposure of these video feeds is not a hack of Flock's system, but demonstrates a major misconfiguration of at least some cameras. It also highlights a major misconfiguration in its security that persisted for at least days.

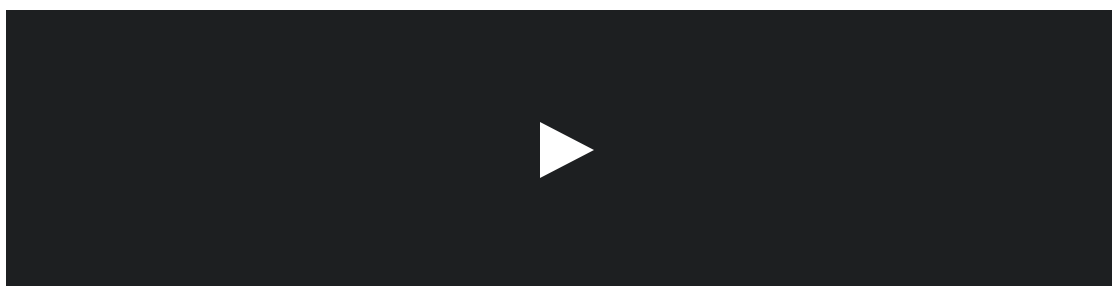
"When I was making my last video [about Flock ALPR vulnerabilities], it was almost like a catchphrase where I'd say like, 'I don't see how it could get any worse.' And then something would happen where you'd be like, wow, they pulled it off. They made it worse," Jordan said. "And then this is like the ultimate one. Because this is completely unrelated [to my earlier research] and I don't really know how it could be any worse to be honest."



In a [2023 video webinar](#) introducing the Condor platform to police, Flock executives said the cameras are meant to be paired with their ALPR cameras and are designed to feed video to FlockOS, a police panel that allows cops to hop from camera to camera in real time across a mapped-out view of their city. In Bakersfield, [which has 382 Flock cameras](#) according to a transparency report, one of the Condor cameras we saw was located next to a mall that had at least two Flock ALPR cameras stationed at the entrances to the mall parking lot.

Kevin Cox, a Flock consultant who used to work for the Grand Prairie, Texas Police Department, said in the webinar that he built an “intel center” with a high “density” of Flock cameras in that city. “I am passionate about this because I’ve lived it. The background behind video [Condor] with LPR is rich with arrests,” he said. “That rich experience of seeing what happened kind of brings it alive to [judges]. So video combined with the LPR evidence of placing a vehicle at the scene or nearby is an incredibly game changing experience into the prosecutorial chain of events.”

“You can look down a tremendous distance with our cameras, to the next intersection and the next intersection,” he said. “The camera will identify people, what they’re wearing, and cars up to a half a mile away. It’s that good.”



Condor cameras in a Flock demo showing off its AI tracking features

In the webinar Cox pulled up a multiview panel of a series of cameras and took control of them, dragging, panning, and zooming on cameras and hopping between multiple cameras in real time. Cox suggested that police officers could either use Flock’s cameras to pinpoint a person at a place and time and then use it to request “cell tower dumps” from wireless companies, or could use cell GPS data to then go into the Flock system to track a person as they moved throughout a city. “If you can place that person’s cell phone and then the Condor video and Falcon LPR evidence, it would be next to impossible to beat that in court,” he said, adding that some towns may just want to have always-on, always recording video of certain intersections or town squares. “There’s endless endless uses to

what we can do with these things.”

On the webinar, Seth Cimino, who was a police officer at the Citrus Heights, California police department at the time but now works directly for Flock, told participants that officers in his city enjoyed using the cameras to zoom in on crimes.

“There is an eagerness amongst our staff that are logged in that have their own Flock accounts to be able to monitor our ALPR and pan tilt zoom Condor cameras throughout the community, to a point where sometimes our officers are beating dispatch with the information,” he said. “If there’s an incident that occurs at a specific intersection or a short distance away where our Condor cameras can zoom in on that area, it allows for real time overwatch [...] as I sit here right now with you—how cool is this? We just had a Flock alert here in the city. I mean, it just popped up on my screen!”

Samantha Cole contributed reporting.



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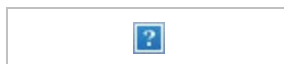
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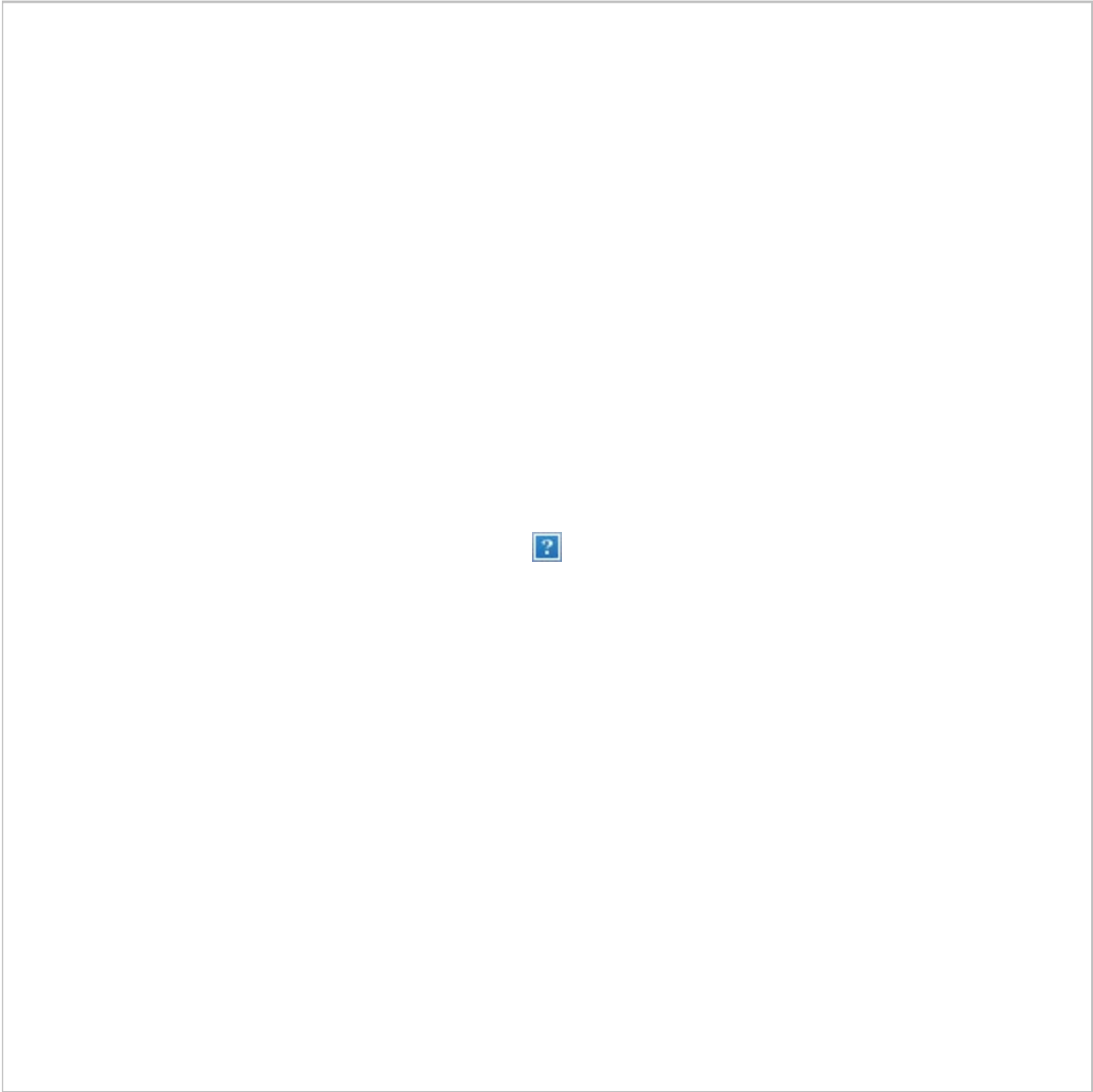
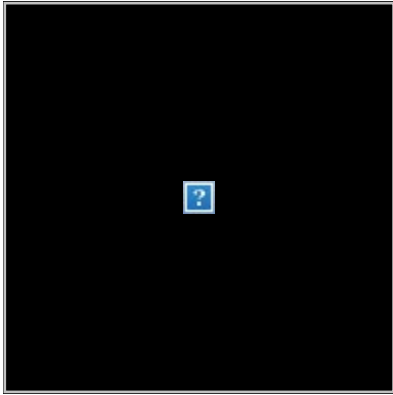




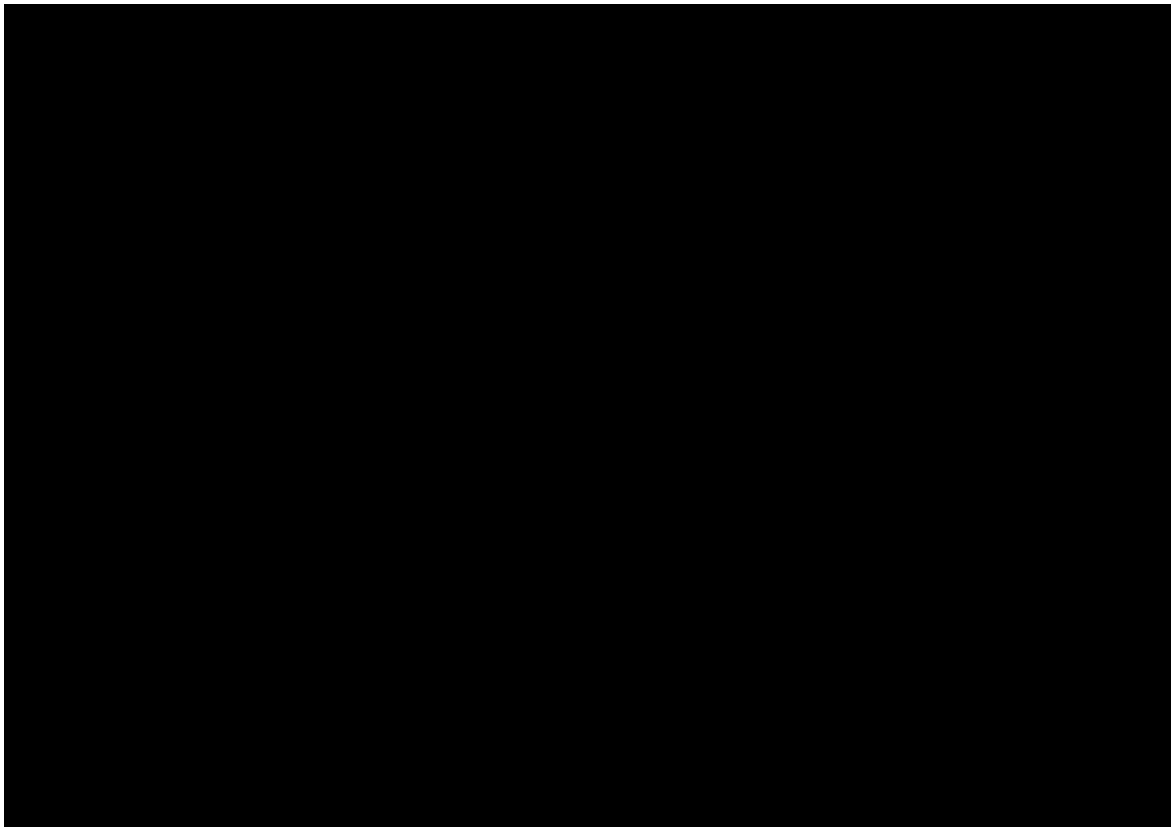
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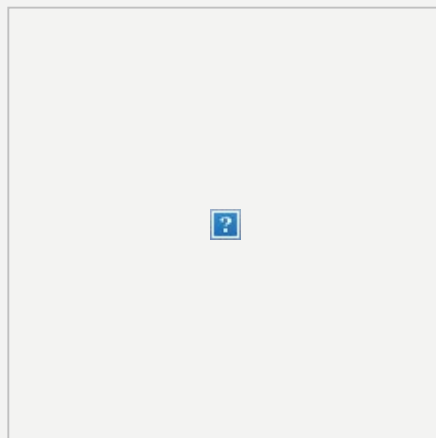


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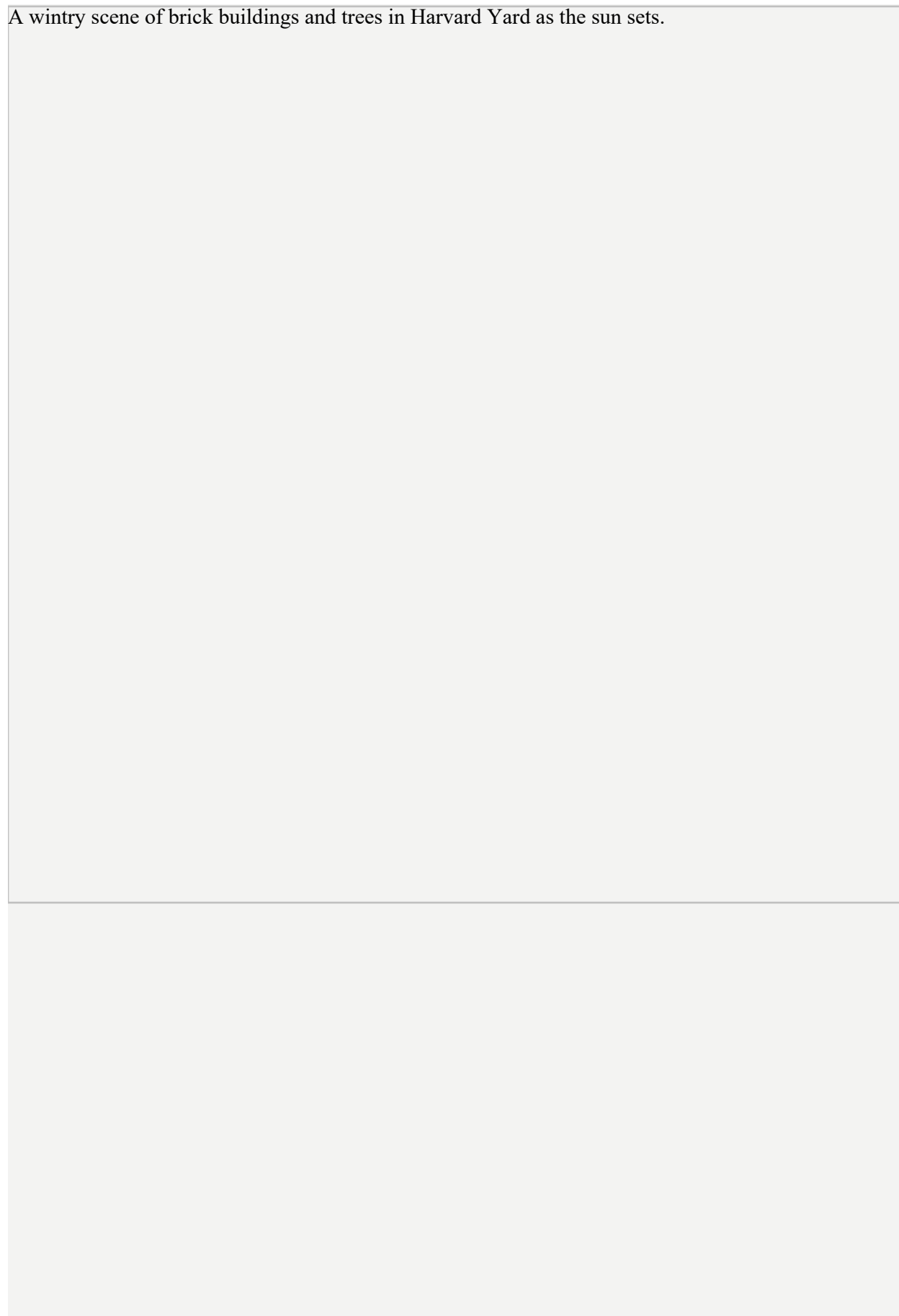
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From: [Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#)
Subject: Warm Wishes for the New Year
Date: Monday, December 22, 2025 9:05:53 AM



A wintry scene of brick buildings and trees in Harvard Yard as the sun sets.



Happy Holidays

As the sun sets on another year, we express good wishes and our gratitude for your support, which helps us fulfill our mission of raising awareness of the country's housing challenges. May your holidays and new year be filled with joy.

Happy holidays from everyone at the
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Subject: Reminder to Register: January 8, 2026 Climate Mayors Leadership Press Call
Date: Monday, December 22, 2025 6:14:37 AM



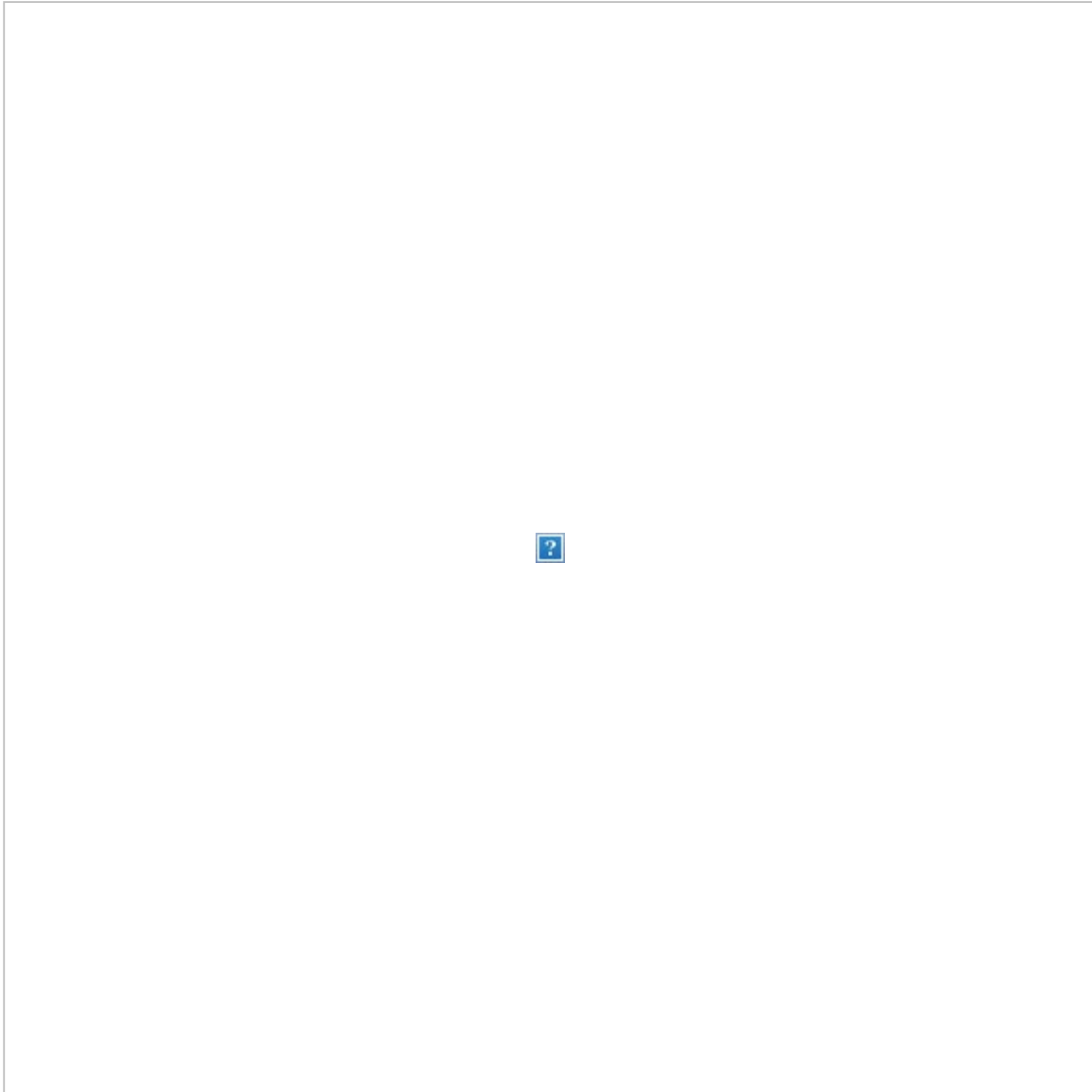
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Please join us for a virtual press and member event [Thursday, January 8th at 12:30 PM ET/9:30 AM PT](#).

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Subject: Fw: Re: Acrylic Magnets -PLACING ORDER
Date: Saturday, December 20, 2025 4:17:56 PM



Below is the email I received from Moo's Ice Cream On Thurs, Dec 18th.

For a brief, contextual understanding of the relationship, below is a summary:

Like many tens-of-millions of other travelers and tourists, I stopped by Moo's Ice Cream once during a trip to Jackson. During summer 2018 and periodically beyond, I met and spoke with Rick about any opportunities to distribute, myself as a licensed third party, Moo's Ice Cream. I started shopping around for freezer-vans, but Rick always had time to spare to tell me about the limitations to and requirements of safe and profitable delivery, BUT he was completely opened to my doing so. As a fact absent any opinion, Moo's Ice Cream is, plain and simple as a product, the highest and truest quality commercially available "ice cream" brand in the Nation. Last summer or fall, I stopped by and met with Rick and though he liked the magnets and concepts, he told me that Vicki, Rick's wife, makes the retail decisions. I printed and took them some samples, and as a wholesale distributor (non retail transaction) I then eventually sold them a batch. Soon thereafter, I was told that Vicki's sister, Terri, was going to be the point of contact. Though that is not what I agreed to, I put a website together that featured on the main page four design categories and each design had multiple variations but, to view the variations, any site viewer would need to first click on the feature image. I phoned Moo's several times about a new order after the site was put together and, each time I called, by Terri, I was told that I had only put four (4) designs for them to consider. Four images were initially shown/sold to Moo's: Antler Arches, two Teton Range, and a Moo's custom-branded design. A couple months after the site was made, I returned to the store and Terri verbally, but not ever by email did they place an order, requested a few be delivered; however, to be noted is that I fulfilled a second order before that particular store visit. Of concern to me was that Terri asked for ONE antler arch magnet though that image had been the first style to sell above the others, and she said she wanted it because she liked it. Well, I passed. Just one of the most popular image was requested, though; no more. Prior to my going into the store that particular day, I had fulfilled an order which involved a second Moo's design which I pulled from Moo's Facebook page. That design proved to be very popular; however the antler arch image was, in its own right, the most popular photographic design. I have not talked to nor met with Moo's, as of Thursday Dec 18, 2025, for many months. Yet out of the proverbial blue this past Thursday, I received an email from, who knows, Terri maybe it was with Moo's. I found both the timing of the email and certain parts of what it stated to be concerning, in particular the concluding sentence: **"When can we expect them?"** No further comment.

In reply, I wrote what I did and then (whammo) in response I received the scathing and disjointed email message from the email address used by Moo's. First, the materials and products are not theirs and, for the record, a box comes in 50 not what I was wrongly told it does. 1/2 box would have been 25, not 20. Next, the only issue of concern to the store was, apparently, my personally and physically delivering the products- not, candidly as it appears to me, their even getting any products. In fact, if I did not "deliver" any products then they wanted me to tell them and if I did not do so, then they would get them somewhere else; that might have been immensely more difficult and prohibitively time consuming for Moo's than they fathomed prior to emailing me, but Moo's also makes and sells Ice Cream and they are not a souvenir or novelty store. Nonetheless, suddenly Moo's was energetically set on an order of only 20 magnets, which they quoted in the second email not the first, right away AND my delivering the order to them, in person. Additionally,

it is ultimately the wholesale distributor who would determine whether the Customer would be granted a requested order and not, unfortunately, them also as the potential customer. Yet, both roles, in my presence and how it was projected onto and stated to me, were assumed by them.

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From: Jackson Hole Magnets <tetonmagnets@proton.me>
Date: On Thursday, December 18th, 2025 at 8:40 PM
Subject: Fw: Re: Acrylic Magnets -PLACING ORDER
To: 5150wy@proton.me <5150wy@proton.me>

From Moo's Ice Cream.

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From: moos@onewest.net <moos@onewest.net>
Date: On Thursday, December 18th, 2025 at 5:19 PM
Subject: Re: Acrylic Magnets -PLACING ORDER
To: Teton Magnets <info@tetonmagnets.com>
CC: tetonmagnets@proton.me <tetonmagnets@proton.me>

All of the below is quite confusing to us, **this is Rick**, last time you brought us a box - so when she said ½ a box of each (I believe there was 20, in entire box, so 10 of each). If you are not going to deliver any further magnets, please just say so, and we will order them somewhere else.

RB

From: Teton Magnets <info@tetonmagnets.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2025 3:48 PM
To: moos@onewest.net <moos@onewest.net>
Cc: tetonmagnets@proton.me <tetonmagnets@proton.me>
Subject: Re: Acrylic Magnets -PLACING ORDER

Dear Team Moo's Ice Cream:

I am a 52-year-old American Individual who has as a local business creating, making, assembling and then delivering custom souvenir and, commonly which is very popular, branded, drum roll: magnets. Each one, at wholesale, costs the customer \$5. A middle aged male does all this and even comes up with the idea, too aside from anything else, and one product is: \$5. Why is that person not only, at all, not employed (to speak of) or doing something different, or anything else on a broader, lucrative, promising or grander scale? Why might \$5 to the individual be worth anything, and why might the same person still be messing with

such petty nonsense now for over one year?

Unfortunately, in good faith I cannot, and will not, continue to take or fulfill any more orders until the Jackson Police Department explains why my magnets and any other petty business activities in town are such an obsession to them.

Refrigerator magnets.

Please do not respond.

Other businesses that have been wrongly influenced by someone going around town - over magnets - and messing with them about me and my - refrigerator magnets:

Anvil Motel
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On Thursday, 18 December 2025 at 15:04, Teton Magnets
<info@tetonmagnets.com> wrote:

Hi, Rick, Vicki and Terri. Good afternoon.

I did not ever deliver the latest order you verbally placed when I was in the store and have not been contacted about said order, since; and, I began the wholesale relationship with Rick and Vicki and did not ever know that, with all due respect, you would take over representing the business, my business-to-business relationship with them, and placing orders, too. Additionally, I do not know how many individual magnets constitutes "1/2 a box." 4, 20, 50?

Merry Christmas, and thank you for understanding.

Virgil

On Thursday, 18 December 2025 at 13:28,
moos@onewest.net <moos@onewest.net> wrote:

Hi Virgil,
We need more magnets here at Moo's
Gourmet Ice Cream. Half a box of the
white Moo's logo and half box of the color
Moo's neon sign. When can we expect
them?

Thanks!

Terri

MOO'S GOURMET ICE CREAM

From: Jackson Hole Magnets

<tetonmagnets@proton.me>

Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 8:19 AM

To: moos@onewest.net <moos@onewest.net>

Subject: Re: Acrylic Magnets - new website
(JHMagnets.shop)

<http://jhmagnets.shop>

On Thursday, February 27th, 2025 at 8:16 AM, Jackson Hole Magnets
<tetonmagnets@proton.me> wrote:

Jhmagnets.shop

On Wednesday, February 26th,
2025 at 7:12 PM,

moos@onewest.net

<moos@onewest.net> wrote:

What is your
website address?

From: Teton

Magnets

<tetonmagnets@proton.me>

Sent: Wednesday,

February 26, 2025

2:59 PM

To: moos@onewest.net

<moos@onewest.net>

Subject: Acrylic

Magnets - new

website

(JHMagnets.shop)

Hello, Moo's Ice
Cream,

I just called, hope
you are well and
thank you for the
great news of
magnet sales AND
which ones have

moved! My understanding is that neither of the Mountain Images have (yet) sold, but- the Moo's Ice Cream AND antler arches magnets have been more popular. I am introducing additional antler arches image, but also wanted to share the updated website with you -

Also, I've changed the business name to "Jackson Hole Magnets"

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Plus, if you would like stickers I can work on that too, easily.

Virgil

From: [5150](#)
To: [Arne Jorgensen](#); [Alyson Sperry](#); betsy.anderson@wyo.gov; [Brandy Hayes](#); [Brooke Avery](#); drew.perkins@wyo.gov; [Devon Viehman](#); governor@wyo.gov; [Jonathan Schechter](#); [Kevin Regan](#); [Lea Colasuonno](#); [Pauline Scholes](#); [Riley Hovorka](#)
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Subject: Fw: JH Magnets - MOO's IMAGES
To: tetonmagnets@proton.me <tetonmagnets@proton.me>, 5150wy@proton.me <5150wy@proton.me>

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Date: On Saturday, May 10th, 2025 at 9:07 PM
Subject: JH Magnets - MOO's IMAGES
To: moos@onewest.net <moos@onewest.net>

Dear Moo's,

Your most recent order, currently for 24 standard white Moo's magnets, should be fulfilled and delivered Tuesday. Thank you again. Please first check an additional Moo's image that I just saw that is on your Facebook site, which is attached to this email in magnet form, that is of the neon image. It would look amazing in an acrylic magnet!

Also, please let me know if you like the black border concept around the standard white magnet design, or if you prefer to just stay with the all-white background. Best, Virgil

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To: [Alyson Sperry](#)
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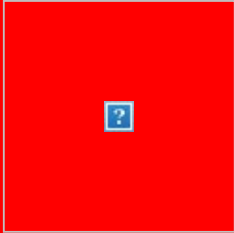
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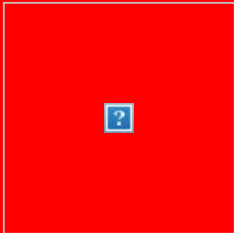
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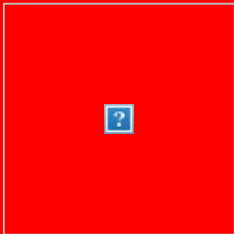
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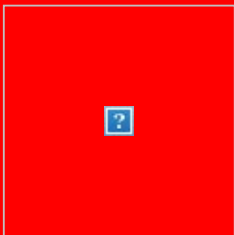
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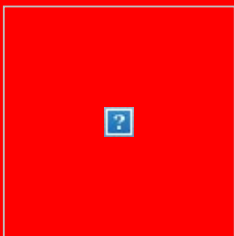
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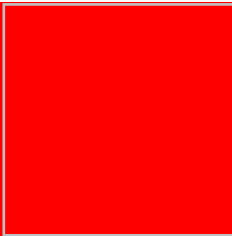
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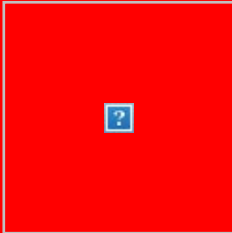
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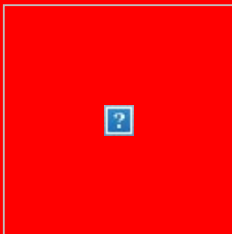
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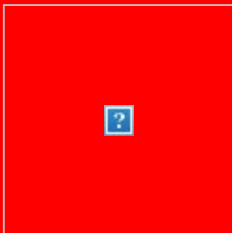
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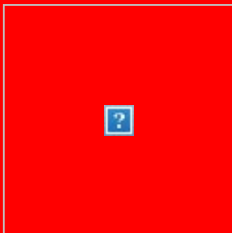
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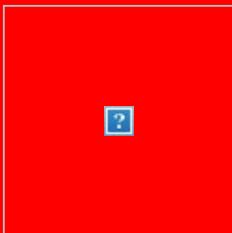
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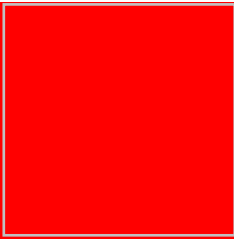
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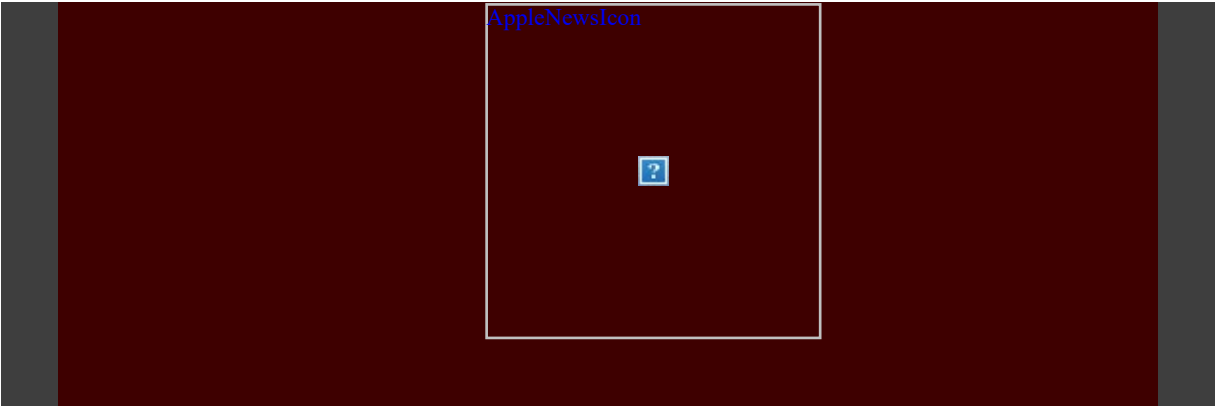


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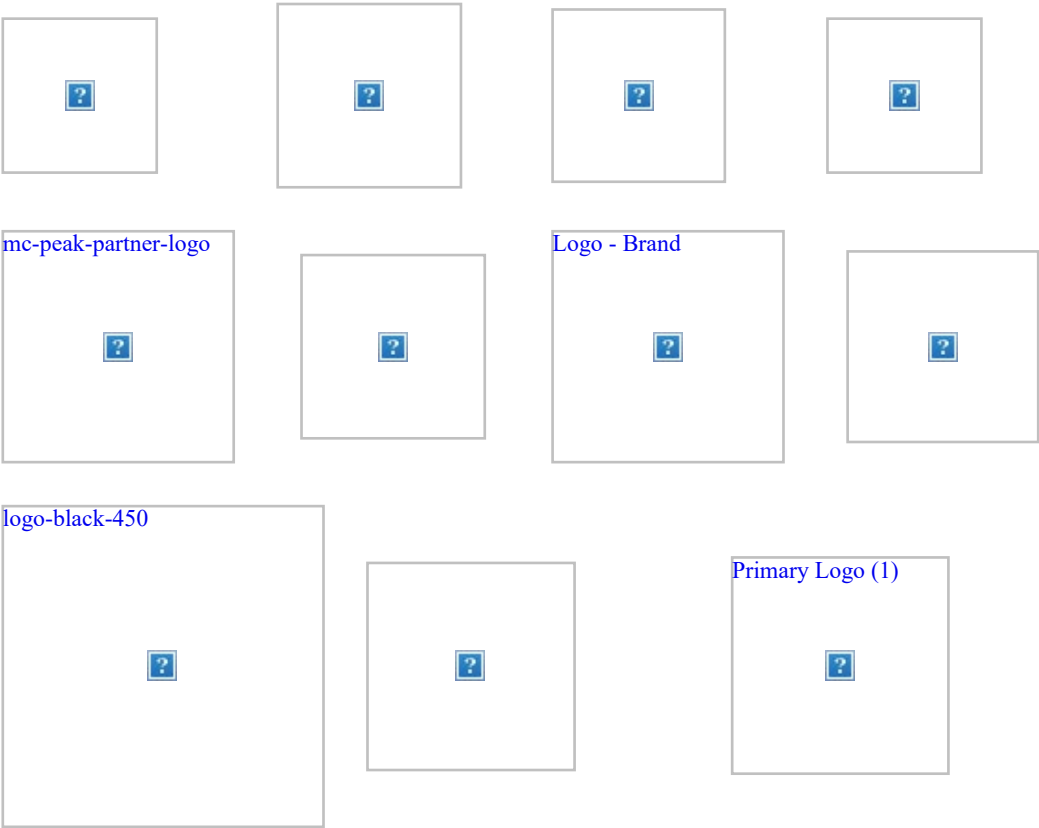
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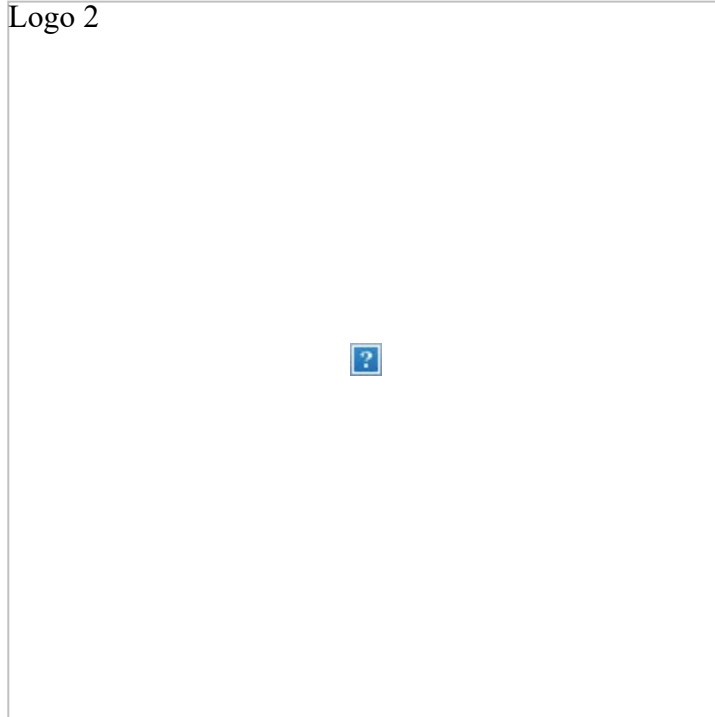
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JACKSON, Wyo. — Teton County School District No. 1 (TCSD) has announced that Dr. Scott Crisp will be superintendent following his stint as interim superintendent. TCSD made the announcement on Friday, the [...]

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Jewish Center to host community menorah lighting

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County, Library refresh their websites

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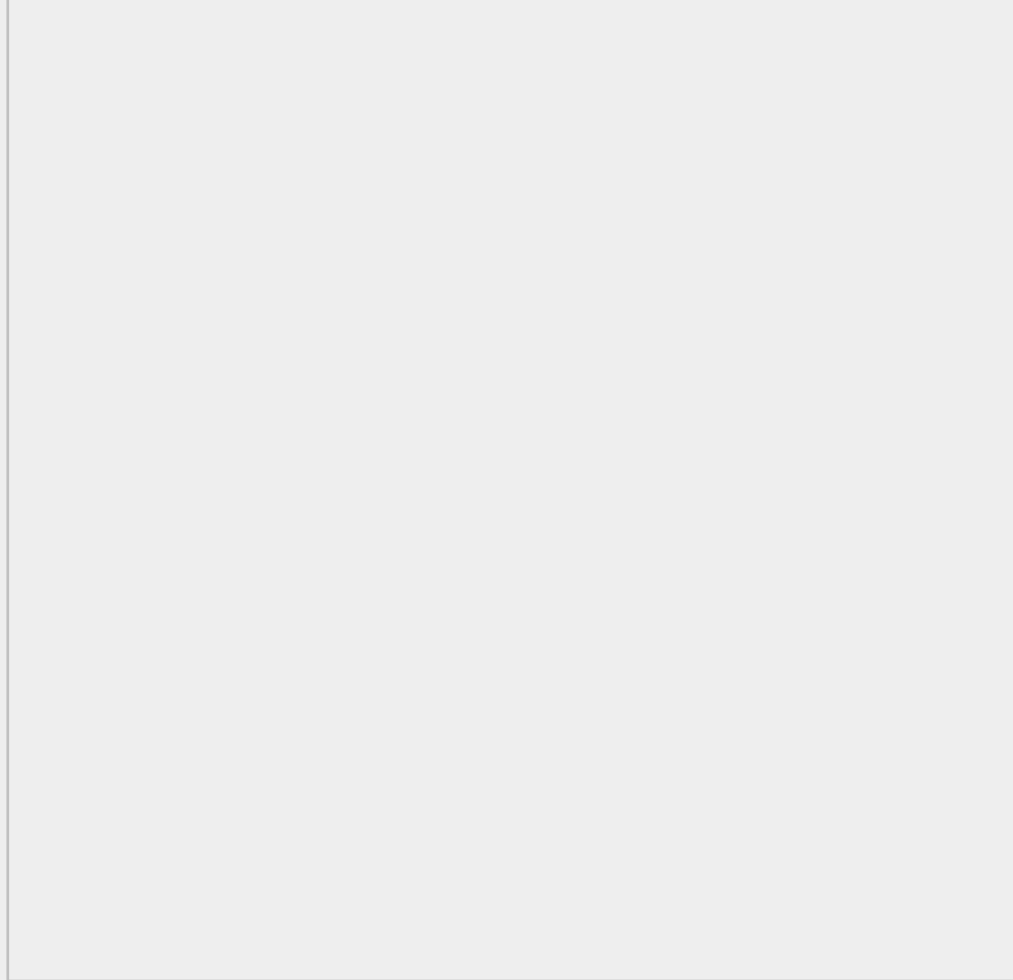
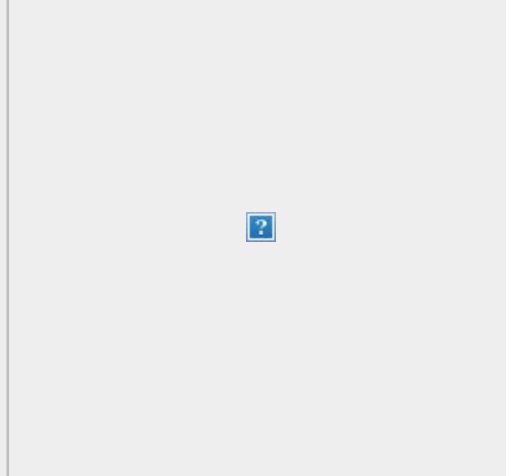


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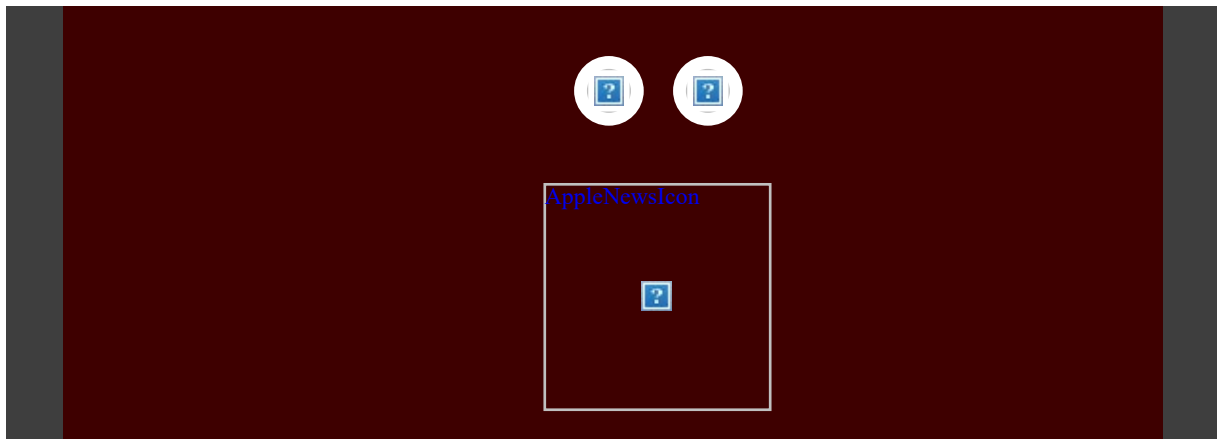
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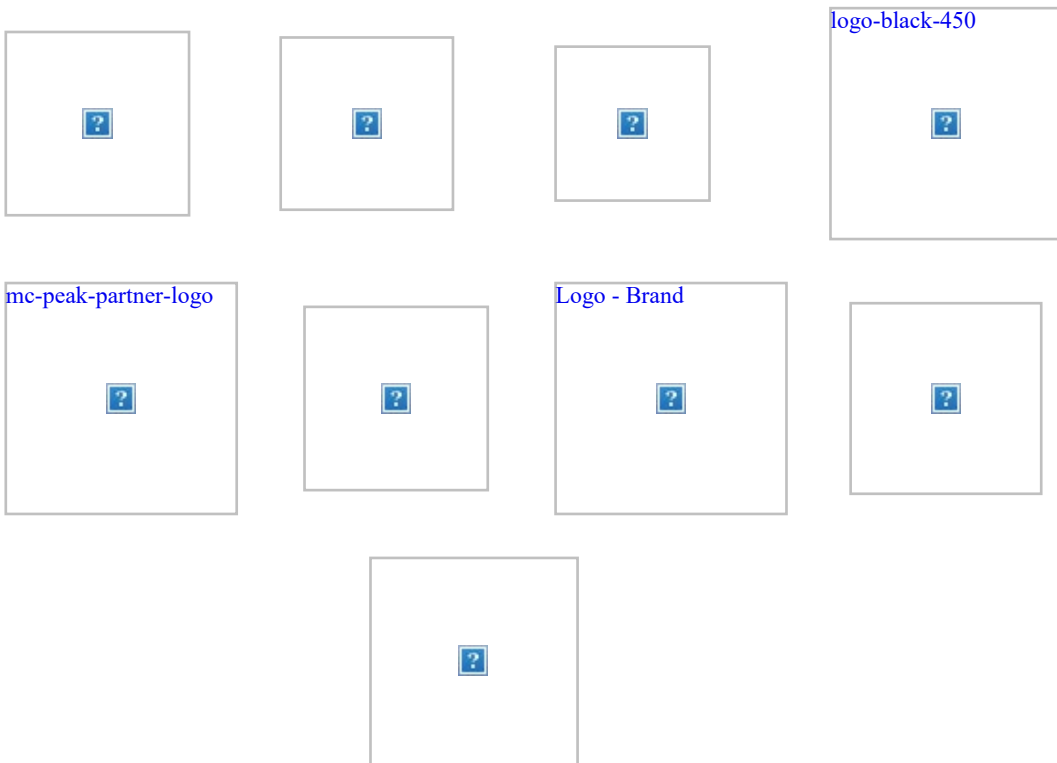
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**Congresswoman Hageman Honors Senator
Cynthia Lummis on her Retirement from
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Washington, D.C.— Today, Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-WY) honored Wyoming Senator Cynthia Lummis upon the senator's announcement that she will retire from public life after nearly a half-century, effective at the end of her current term in January 2027. Lummis blazed a wide trail in her native state, serving in the U.S. Senate since 2021, and also holding the state's only U.S. House of Representatives seat, currently occupied by Hageman, from 2009 to 2017. Lummis spent two stints in the Wyoming House (1979-1983 and 1985-1993) and one in the state Senate (1993-1995), and also served as Treasurer of Wyoming from 1999 to 2007.

There are few figures in the history of Wyoming public service who have had an impact as large and substantial as Sen. Lummis.

“For forty-six years in jobs with the public trust, Cynthia Lummis has embodied the clear-eyed common sense that Wyoming is known for. Her retirement marks the close of an extraordinary era in our state’s political history—one defined by integrity, independence, and an unwavering devotion to the people she served,” **Rep.**

Hageman said. “Cynthia built one of the most distinguished and consequential careers in the history of Wyoming public life. She will leave having made Wyoming and America stronger, and I will always consider her a lifelong friend.”

Growing up on a family ranch near Cheyenne, Lummis learned the lessons that would guide her life, shape her view of the world, and form her leadership style. She has always subscribed to faith, fidelity to principle, and hard work. Whether she was talking about cattle, studying law, or debating policy in the halls of power, she carried herself with trademark honesty and strength that reflect the very best of the people of Wyoming.

Her two degrees from the University of Wyoming—one in animal science and the other in law—formed an apt foundation for a life dedicated to serving a western state in elected office. But she felt the calling when she was just 24 years old, and she won her first election to the Wyoming House of Representatives. Cynthia Lummis hasn’t stopped serving since.

In the Wyoming Legislature, she earned a reputation as a principled conservative, with a love for the Constitution and the tenets of individual liberties. There she worked with Representative Hageman’s father, James. She worked to make sure that state government controlled its spending, while protecting Wyoming’s natural resources so that they remain an economic engine for today’s citizens, as well as for future generations.

When she was State Treasurer, Sen. Lummis approached her responsibilities with the same dedication to stewardship that guided her on the family ranch: protect what you’ve been given, invest wisely, and leave things better than you

found them. As treasurer, Lummis safeguarded public funds, modernized practices, and strengthened Wyoming's fiscal position. Her ethics and integrity were her calling card.

In 2008, Lummis was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, beginning a four-term tenure as Wyoming's lone member. Over her eight years in the House, she became nationally known as a Constitutionalist, a believer in the Tenth Amendment, and a leading advocate for energy producers and ranchers in western states.

When she was elected Wyoming's first female United States Senator in 2020, Lummis returned to Washington with the clarity of purpose that had always defined her. She brought the practicality and toughness of a rancher and the precision of a lawyer to every debate, and she quickly emerged as a leading voice in the Senate on fiscal responsibility, regulatory reform, and innovation in the American economy.

Senator Lummis earned national recognition for her pioneering work in cryptocurrency policy, pressing for innovation while demanding transparency and accountability. Her forward-looking approach reflects her belief that financial and technological progress can coexist and allow for individual freedom and fiscal safety.

Yet even while pursuing groundbreaking policies in modern finance, Lummis never lost sight of her Wyoming roots. She remained an advocate for farmers, energy producers, and landowners. She defended the rights of ranchers, miners, and small business owners who built Wyoming over the centuries and kept the state's economy strong. And she brought Western common sense to the debates that too often get lost in the noise of Washington.

Lummis' leadership in the Western Caucus, a growing group of Republicans in both the House and Senate, has been vital to the state's interests. With Lummis' influence, the caucus consistently champions private land rights,

encourages energy production on federal lands, and pushes for commonsense federal regulations that protect the environment while allowing access to natural resources so the Western economy can thrive.

“Senator Lummis has been a trailblazer for Wyoming and has been key in educating other members of Congress, including other Republicans, about what life is like in our Western states,” **Rep. Hageman said.** “She knew that to do what’s right for our people, she had to first make sure folks in D.C. knew how their actions would affect us out west. There can be no question that the people of Wyoming are better off for having had Cynthia Lummis on their side.”

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