

20 YEARS AGO today

BY NEL BURKETT

The following stories appeared in this publication 20 years ago this week.

Gondola route becomes an issue in Saddle Ridge talks

Reserving the right to an easement
By Melissa Ruch

The future location of a "could be" gondola has the Gunnison County Commissioners questioning a development proposal in the East River Valley. As the proposed Saddle Ridge development moves through the Gunnison County planning process, new questions are being raised. One question that was raised on Tuesday, September 3 at the county commissioners' meeting was the effect of the proposed gondola route on the development.

Developer Doug DePuzzo proposed the Saddle Ridge subdivision which is designed to be a 125-acre, 18-unit development in the corridor between Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte, below the Glacier Lily Estates subdivision east of Gothic Road.

The proposed gondola route, created by the Upper Gunnison River Valley Transportation Plan, is formulated to run from the Town of Crested Butte up through the Gothic Road Corridor to Mt. Crested Butte. This route includes running over the proposed Saddle Ridge development.

On September 3, the attorney for Saddle Ridge, Michael Dawson, appeared before the Gunnison County Commissioners to request a continuation of preliminary plan approval until the final water decree for the subdivision was delivered.

However, before the commissioners made a decision on Dawson's request, they asked what the remaining issues were for the development. The application for Saddle Ridge's final plan is currently in front of the county planning commission. Dawson told the board that remaining issues on the table included the water decree and the affordable housing element of the development.

Commissioner Jim Starr brought up a major question in his mind. "Did the planning commission take up the issue of the gondola corridor?" he asked county planning director Joanne Williams.

Williams responded that the planning commission was confused with what exactly they were supposed to review in regard to the gondola corridor and Saddle Ridge.

Dawson commented, "The recommended gondola alignment cuts right through the subdivision." He said that the potential route for the aerial travel would affect six lots in the subdivision.

Starr offered the suggestion

for the county to reserve the right for an easement through the property for the potential gondola. "I think we need to look at the fact we're developing an area a gondola could go through... and by not dealing with it now, may foreclose the possibility of ever having a gondola."

Commissioner Fred Field responded, "How do you reserve an easement over something you're not that sure you need an easement for?"

Williams answered, "You can reserve the opportunity to have it."

Dawson pointed out that the developer has set aside 20-foot easements along the road to the county.

Commissioner Perry Anderson voiced his opinion at the Tuesday meeting, "Unless we're willing to start buying lots...it makes sense to ask for an easement along the road."

The board of commissioners agreed to extend Saddle Ridge's preliminary plan approval for another 45 days. This keeps the final plan application in motion.

In addition, the commissioners directed the planning commission to work with the developer of Saddle Ridge to determine the possibility of reserving an easement over open space for future use as mass transit.



The new community school track continues to grow.

PHOTO BY JOEL VOSBURG

Tax to increase local marketing will be on ballot

Petition process is complete
By Melissa Ruch

It's official, the voters of Gunnison County will be asked this November 5 if they want to increase the lodging tax in order to create a new marketing district. All the signatures needed to place the marketing district initiative on this November's ballot have been garnered. Now those behind the new approach to increase marketing dollars for the valley are hitting the streets to pitch the idea to the voters in Gunnison County.

The marketing district concept is one borrowed from Vail. The concept is the creation of a separate taxing marketing district that collects a tax on lodging. Currently, in Gunnison County, a 1.9 percent tax is collected on all overnight stays.

This generates over \$400,000 annually which goes to the Gunnison County Tourism Panel to be used for promotion and marketing the valley.

The ballot initiative for a new marketing district here, if passed, would increase the 1.9 percent tax to 4 percent, with the collected money going to the proposed Tourism Association, a committee designed to encompass the Gunnison Tourism Panel and its marketing responsibilities.

Before the marketing initiative could be approved to go on November's ballot, over 50 percent of the assessed value commercial property owners in the county had to sign the petition. *Story edited for space.*

Nel Burkett is a fan of history and enjoys when the present is put in the context of the past

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—NOTICE OF EXCHANGE PROPOSAL AND SCOPING— MT. EMMONS LAND EXCHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, is considering an exchange of land with Mt. Emmons Mining Company (MEMC) under the authority of the General Exchange Act of March 20, 1922 (42 Stat. 465, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 485, 486), Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716, 1717), and the Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act of August 20, 1988 (102 Stat. 1086; 43 U.S.C. 1716). The lands under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service that are being considered for exchange are described as:

- Gunnison National Forest
Sixth Principal Meridian, Gunnison County, CO
Federal Lands
Parcel 1, totaling approx. 465.84 acres: T. 13 S., R. 86 W., portions of sec. 31 & 32; and T. 14 S., R. 86 W., portions of sec. 5 & 6. This parcel lies within the Red Lady Basin east of the patented mining claims owned by MEMC and extends south to include the Kebler Pass Road (CR12) and Kebler Pass Winter Trailhead.
- Parcel 2, totaling approx. 81.49 acres: T. 13 S., R. 86 W., portion of sec. 31; and T. 13 S., R. 87 W., portion of sec. 36. This parcel lies within the Evans Basin west of the patented mining claims owned by MEMC.

Parcel 3, totaling approx. 3.15 acres: T. 13 S., R. 86 W., portions of sec. 30 & 31. This is a mineral survey fraction that lies north of Mt. Emmons' summit between patented claims owned by MEMC to the south and patented claims associated with the Daisy Mine to the north.
All Federal lands totaling in aggregate: approx. 550.48 acres, more or less

- Non-Federal Lands**
Parcel A-Three Peaks Ranch, totaling approx. 160.00 acres: T. 14 S., R. 86 W., sec. 28, SW1/4NW1/4 & NW1/4SW1/4, and sec. 29, SE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4.
Gunnison National Forest
New Mexico Principal Meridian, Saguache County, CO
- Parcel B-Monchego Creek, totaling approx. 159.69 acres: T. 45 N., R. 3 E., sec. 19, lots 3 & 4, SE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4.
Rio Grande National Forest
New Mexico Principal Meridian, Saguache County, CO
- Parcel C-Sheep Creek, totaling approx. 147.50 acres: T. 46 N., R. 4 E., sec. 12, S1/2SE1/4SE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4SE1/4SW1/4; sec. 13, W1/2NW1/4NE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4,

E1/2NE1/4NW1/4, E1/2NW1/4NE1/4NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4SE1/4, E1/2NW1/4SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4SE1/4SE1/4.
Parcel D-Spanish Creek, totaling approx. 157.99 acres: T. 46 N., R. 4 E., Homestead Entry Survey No. 63, embracing a portion of sec. 23, 24, 25, and 26.
All non-Federal lands totaling in aggregate: approx. 625.18 acres, more or less
Any or all of the above-described lands may be exchanged if the values are equal. If the values are unequal, either party may equalize the values by making a cash payment, not to exceed 25 percent of the value of the Federal lands conveyed.
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been requested to segregate the Federal lands from appropriation under the public land laws and mineral laws for a period not to exceed 5 years from the date of BLM's segregation action.
The Forest Service is interested in acquiring the non-Federal parcels and the exchange proposal is currently being analyzed to determine whether or not it is in the public interest.
The Forest Service proposes to acquire lands with floodplains and wetlands associated with Carbon Creek in Gunnison County and Monchego, Sheep and Spanish Creeks in Saguache County. The

Forest Service proposes to exchange lands with floodplains and wetlands associated with two intermittent creeks within Red Lady Basin, Gunnison County.
The Forest Service is inviting the public to submit comments for both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping process and to advise the agency as to any liens, encumbrances, or other claims relating to the lands being considered for exchange. Persons claiming such properties or having valid objections to this proposed exchange must file their claims or objections in writing with the Forest Supervisor, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, 2250 South Main Street, Delta, Colorado 81416, within 45 days after the initial date of publication of this notice. The names and mailing address of the person submitting hardcopy comments must be included. Electronic comments, claims, or objections may also be submitted using the electronic comment form available on the following project link. For additional information on the proposed exchange visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61798>

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—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING— CONCERNING A LAND USE CHANGE PERMIT FOR THE OPERATION OF A BED AND BREAKFAST IN A PRIMARY RESIDENCE.

THE SITE IS LOCATED ON 238.59 ACRES IN TR 102 (E2NE4 & E2SE4) SECTION 12, 13 & TR 103 (W2NE4) SECTION 12 48N5W N.M.P.M. 9380 STATE HIGHWAY 50 WEST, PINE CREEK MESA/BLUE MESA AREA.

HEARING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION: The Gunnison County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on **October 6, 2022 at 10:00 am** in the Meeting Room Upstairs in the Blackstock Government Center, 221 N. Wisconsin St. in Gunnison and/or by online virtual meeting. If attending by virtual meeting link please go to the online meetings tab at <https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/144/Community-and-Economic-Development> for the meeting link to hear public comments concerning this land use

change permit application.
APPLICANT: Blue Mesa Lodge, Danny Watson/ Watclarnone, represented by Kendall Burgemeister.

PARCEL LOCATION: The site is located on 238.59 ACRES IN TR 102 (E2NE4 & E2SE4) SECTION 12, 13 & TR 103 (W2NE4) SECTION 12 48N5W N.M.P.M. 9380 State Highway 50 West, Pine Creek Mesa/Blue Mesa Area.

PROPOSAL: The applicant is proposing a bed and breakfast with a maximum of eight persons using the lodge per day. The lodge will have no more than five sleeping rooms. Persons will be shuttled in or escorted by hiking or skiing in from intersection of 50B and 50. Arrival or departure

will be once a week. Water supply will be by a permitted well and an On-Site Waste Water Treatment will support the lodge. Land use approval would be contingent upon all other matters of settlement agreement being fulfilled as well as court case for legal access being approved.
LUC-21-00023.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The public is invited to submit oral or written comments at the hearing, or to submit written comments by email: planning@gunnisoncounty.org; or letter to (Community Development, 221 N. Wisconsin, Suite D, Gunnison, CO 81230), so long as they are received by 5 p.m. the afternoon before the date of the meeting so that they may be submitted for the public record during the hearing. A copy of the application is available in the Community

Development Department, 221 N. Wisconsin, Suite D, Gunnison, CO; additional information may be obtained by calling the Planning Office (970) 641-0360.

ADA ACCOMMODATIONS: Anyone needing special accommodations as determined by the *American Disabilities Act* may contact the Community Development Department prior to the day of the hearing.

/s/ Rachel Sabbato
Senior Planner
Gunnison County Community Development Department

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**—NOTICE OF VARIANCE REQUEST—
SKYLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
350 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, SUITE 112A
CRESTED BUTTE, CO 81224
PHONE (970) 349-7411**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Directors of the Skyland Community Association will take input on the following variance request. All objections should be submitted in writing to the association by October 7th, 2022. Allow the proposed deck extension to match the existing deck which encroaches five feet, six inches within the water and sewer easement. The proposal extends the deck an additional length of twenty-eight feet, six inches. There will be no additional encroachment beyond the existing five feet, six inches. Plans for the project may be viewed in the Skyland Community Association business office located at the address noted above. Business hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00pm. The project is located at 553 Eagle Lane, Skyland Lot S-6. All questions should be addressed to Mike Billingsley at the above phone number.

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**LEGAL
NOTICE OF LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE RENEWALS**

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the following liquor and beer license renewals are pending. Complaints concerning the conduct of said licensee or employees of the same should be directed, in writing, to Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford, by mailing to Box 39; Crested Butte, CO 81224, or by delivery to the same at Town Offices, 507 Maroon Ave, Crested Butte, Colorado. Complaints should be received on or before the date noted next to the establishment.

Kochevar's Saloon LLC DBA Kochevars located at 127 Elk Ave: October 3, 2022
CB Mountain Theatre DBA Crested Butte Mountain Theatre located at 132 Elk Ave: October 3, 2022
Center for the Arts located at 606 6th St: October 3, 2022

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**—WORK SESSION AGENDA—
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 • 5:30 PM • LAKE CONFERENCE ROOM**

This meeting will be conducted in person and by distance using the video conferencing platform ZOOM. Please check the GWSD website for further instructions.

Work Session discussion item:

1. Healthy Kids Colorado Survey 2021 Presentation - John Powell and Kari Commerford, Gunnison County Juvenile Services
2. School Safety Presentation - District Emergency Manager Hannah Hanson

3. Wednesday Early Release Professional Development - Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Director Shari Sullivan-Marshall
4. 4th Quarter Financial Update - Business Manager Tia Mills
5. FAMLI report - Business Manager Tia Mills
6. District Unified Improvement Plan Presentation - Superintendent Dr. Leslie Nichols

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**—AGENDA—
MOUNTAIN EXPRESS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 • 9:00 A.M.**

IN PERSON OR REMOTE ACCESS • CRESTED BUTTE TOWN HALL – TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Roll Call

II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the August 18th, 2022 Meeting

III. Staff Report

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

- A. Draft of FY23 Budget
- B. Approval of quote for purchase of 26-foot bus
Motion Needed: The Mountain Express Board of directors authorizes its Chairman and Managing Director to execute a contract to purchase a new vehicle, as per the quote provided by Colorado/West Equipment. It also authorizes the attached letters of support

related to the purchase.

- i. Board Vote on Resolution 002.2022

- C. Approval of CIRSA quote
Motion Needed: The Mountain Express Board of directors authorizes its Chairman and Managing Director to execute a contract to purchase an insurance policy, as per the quote provided by CIRSA
i. Board Vote on Resolution 003.2022

VI. Unscheduled Business

VII. Schedule Next Board Meeting

VIII. Adjournment

ZOOM Remote Access
September 29, 2022, MX Board Meeting, 9:00AM
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82092849832?pwd=YzRNSW1JZDZ6Y056ZUIETEtbW5NUT09>
Meeting ID: 820 9284 9832
Passcode: 439100
Find your local number: <https://us-06web.zoom.us/j/82092849832>

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—LEGAL—

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing of the Crested Butte Town Council will be on the 3rd day of October 2022 at 7PM on Ordinance No. 18, Series 2022:
Ordinance No. 18, Series 2022 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Approving the Lease of a Portion of the Property at 308 Third Street to the Crested Butte Land Trust.

The public may connect to the meeting via Zoom with the following address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89197313697>
Or Telephone: Dial: US: +1 719 359 4580 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 444 9171 or +1 646 931 3860 or +1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 309 205 3325 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 386 347

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TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
/s/ Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

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deadline tuesday at noon

—LEGAL—

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing of the Crested Butte Town Council will be on the 3rd day of October 2022 at 7PM on Ordinance No. 19, Series 2022:
Ordinance No. 19, Series 2022 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Approving the Lease of a Portion of the Property at 308 Third Street to the Corporation of the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory at Gothic.

The public may connect to the meeting via Zoom with the following address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89197313697>
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FOR RENT

2 BEDROOM/1.5 BATH custom home in CB South. High end finishes, mature landscaping in an aspen grove, chef's kitchen, hardwood flooring, off street parking for 2 vehicles, storage shed, vaulted ceilings with exposed beams, morning sun, flagstone patio and second story deck. \$3600/mo. plus utilities. Unfurnished. No Smoking. Small pets negotiable. 970-596-0821. (9/23/54).

FOR RENT: 3BD/3BA furnished home in Meridian Lake Park. Nov. 1-May 1. No pets. 3 person max. \$3200/month. 970-596-6999. (9/23/21).

PAUL REDDEN WORKFORCE RENTALS: Offered by Valley Housing Fund and available Nov. 15 for 1-year lease. Brand new 3 bed/2 bath single family homes (two available), 10 x 10' storage shed, W/D, 2 private parking spaces with plowing, pets considered. Located on Butte Ave in CB, \$2400/month. Details, tenant qualifications, and application at gvrha.org. Application due 9/27, lottery on 10/4.

RENTAL NEEDED BY OCTOBER 1ST: Mature, dependable male, 14 year resident! Gene 970-366-2431. (9/23/13).

2 ROOMS to mature dependable adults in central downtown CB house. All utilities and run of house. No pets, owner has dog. Send particulars to whatsnextfromcb@me.com. (9/23/27).

CB SOUTH: 2 large bedrooms, 1.5 bath duplex, large deck with a washer and dryer and enclosed back yard for pets, which are allowed. Beautiful views on Huckleby. \$2450, first, last and security, plus utilities. 847-769-7800 or liskorinternational@gmail.com. (9/23/39).

LONG TERM RENTAL AVAILABLE in Irwin Townsite. Three bed, two bath. Great solar system. Easy to get to. 970-209-0408. (9/23/19).

FOR RENT

HOUSE FOR RENT: Long term, month to month, 6 month lease or vacation rental. Available Nov 1-April 30. Rent will be OVER \$5000/month, so serious inquiries only. No pets and No smoking. 3BD/2BA in town two blocks from Elk Ave. Hot tub. Two parking spaces. Includes plowing and all bills. Fully furnished. E-mail: cbrental2022@gmail.com. In the email please put how many in rental, size, start end, work situation, story, etc. (9/30/73).

PAUL REDDEN WORKFORCE RENTALS: Offered by Valley Housing Fund and available Nov. 15 for 1-year lease. Brand new 2 bed/2 bath single family home, 10 x 10' storage shed, W/D, 2 private parking spaces with plowing, pets considered. Located on Butte Ave in CB, \$1900/month. Details, tenant qualifications, and application at gvrha.org. Application due 9/27, lottery on 10/4.

FOR RENT

3BD/2BA IN TOWN Spacious townhome near Rainbow Park available now. Newly constructed functional floorplan, radiant heat, wood floors, stainless, granite, large upper deck, attached heated garage with workbench. \$3,450/month including all utilities. Sorry, no pets. 970-682-3699, coloradodono@gmail.com. (9/23/40).

ROOM FOR RENT: Private bath, walk in closet, for one person, CB South, three houses from bus stop. \$1,000/month, 1st and security. Beginning September 15. No pets, owner has two cats. 970-209-8408. (9/23/33).

LET US HELP YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY: Crested Butte Lodging offers hassle free, full services for long term and short term rentals. Inquire with our office for more information. Call 970-349-2449 or email reservations@crestedbuttelodging.com. (9/23/37).

FOR RENT

PITCHFORK TOWNHOME FOR RENT: 2BD/2BA, 2 bunk beds, pet friendly, on bus route, all updated stainless appliances, granite, updated lighting, sauna, fully furnished, lux bedding, covered garage (2), \$6000/month plus utilities, pet friendly/dog bed. Month to month lease. Email: Amhagerty@gmail.com. (9/23/44).

VACATION RENTALS

PEAK PROPERTY MANAGEMENT is offering a two bedroom, two bath (sleeps 6) monthly rental and month to month until 12/15 and then again after 1/31/23. The unit is located in the Emmons Building, steps away from the ski lifts, and is the perfect place to enjoy all of the winter activities in Crested Butte! The monthly rental rate is \$2,200. For serious inquiries, please call (970) 349-6339."

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

SLAPBURGER/KAROLINA'S KITCHEN SPACE available for rent starting September 15, 2022. 970-209-1971. (9/23/12).

NEW OFFICE SPACES IN TOWN: All included: Triple net charges, utilities, internet, common area janitorial, common area bathrooms, shared 2nd story deck, common area kitchen with refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, and Keurig coffee maker, shared parking and all in a brand new building. Office spaces 200 sq.ft. \$850/month. Call 970-596-2848 or email gary@cb-mountaingoat.com. (9/23/54).

ELK AVENUE IMMEDIATE MOVE-IN: Beautiful office space - 600 SF overlooking Elk, bright and sunny! 970-349-2773. (9/23/15).

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

SHOP AND OFFICE SPACE 80 Buckley Drive- loading dock height faces hwy 135. 12' ceilings. Not good for parking heavy vehicles or equipment. Heated storage, office, wood working, etc. general shop use not to exceed 125 lbs per sq. ft floor load. 970-209-3564. (9/30/43).

FOR SALE

MOTORHOME FOR SALE: 2012 Monaco Knight Model 36PFT class A motorhome. Private sale, no sales tax or consignment fees. Diesel pusher, 350HP MaxForce 10 engine, 6-speed Allison transmission, just over 72,000 miles. Beautiful inside & out with three slide-outs. View "MON_Knight_WEB2012.pdf" for information & specifications; interior pictures are same, exterior is Mocha Splendor. Extras: washer/dryer, tire monitoring system, ladder, dual control mattress heater, 4" king memory foam mattress cover, one set of king sheets, extra TV/remote control for outside viewing, extra large fire extinguisher, Wineguard MiniMax Satellite Dome. Extras also available: 2-year-old Blue Ox tow bar & bike rack/dual tow hitch. 2015 Subaru Impreza Hatchback can be included for additional \$20,900; manual transmission, \$3,000 tow package, 60K miles, clean. \$149,000 OBO. Call Jim 970-275-9294 for location, showing, and details. (9/23/pd/132).

2019 HUSQVARNA FX 350 for sale: Senior owned. \$8000. Call 970-901-8323. (9/23/11).

ORTHOPEDIC FOLDING WEDGE PILLOW from Bed, Bath & Beyond. 10" tall x 12" wide, 16" folded, 31" extended; like new, very clean, \$35. Call 275-8910. (9/23/pd/24).

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