20 YEARS AGO today

BY Alyssa Moore

Town council okays third year of disco skating and big air (abridged)

Alley Loop celebrates 20th anniversary

BY Aleesha Towns

Big air will be back on Elk Avenue for the third year in a row this February. During its meeting the Crested Butte town council approved the special events permits to close Elk Avenue for two days for both the Winter Carnival and the Crested Butte Nordic Council Alley Loop ski race.

This is the second year that the Crested Butte Avalanche Center-sponsored Winter Carnival, which features a massive snow jump at the intersection of Elk Avenue and Third Street, has teamed up with the classic Alley Loop ski race, which sends skiers racing through Crested Butte's back alleys.

The events include the Alley Loop Nordic race, which is celebrating its 20th year, along with mini-golf, big air competition, a dog chute race, ice bowling and disco ice skating. The events will necessitate the closure of Elk Avenue for two days.

The Crested Butte town council, led by mayor pro tem Margot Levy, had questions for Winter Carnival coordinators Alan Bernholtz and Billy Rankin. Both Bernholtz and Rankin serve on the council as mayor and town council member; they therefore stepped down while their permit was being considered.

Levy asked if the organizers had addressed the Marshals' concerns after last year's events, like over-consumption of alcohol and crowd safety. Bernholtz responded that the organizers had agreed to move the crowd of spectators back from the event's big air jump, to pad the light poles in the area and carefully limit the path of the snowmobiles that the skiers use to access the jump. He also noted that they had opted to eliminate alcohol from the disco ice skating event at the Big Mine Park, for insurance purposes.

The town council approved special event permits for both the Alley Loop and the Winter Carnival, pending the carnival's organizers providing proof of insurance.

Locals broke out the party pajamas to ring in the New Year Hef style at the Lobar. By Chris Mortimer

Ski area joins 1% for Open Space voluntary tax program (abridged)

BY Molly Murfee - Development director, 1% for Open Space

Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) has started the year off by being the newest member of the 1% for Open Space program. As of January 1, 2006, CBMR will collect a voluntary 1% donation on every purchase made in their restaurant and retail locations throughout the resort. These include the Paradise Warming House, Gothic Cafeteria, Butte 66, Rustica and the Ice Bar as well as the new Crested Butte General Store and various small sundry shops throughout the mountain area.

"One of the big things of the new era is to be a strong community player and one of the ways to achieve that is through the preservation of open space," says Randy Barrett, general manager of CBMR.

The 1% for Open Space program is a voluntary 1% donation added to the gross price of purchased products and services when customers visit the more than 60 participating local businesses in Gunnison and Crested Butte. Once collected, 1% for Open Space Inc. grants this money to requesting organizations such as the Crested Butte Land Trust, the Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy and the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, for the preservation of land in Gunnison County.

Citing alliances with the Crested Butte Land Trust and the Office for Resource Efficiency, Ethan Mueller, director of operations at CBMR, asserts that part of CBMR's vision and goals for the future is environmental. "We want to preserve and maintain and also go about growth as smart as possible," explains Mueller. "Open space is a huge part of this valley and the drive for people to come here. There are not a lot of other ski resorts that have the open space, views and serenity that we have. The I-70 resorts either never had it, or lost it and will never regain it. It's important to preserve the reasons locals came to live and guests came to visit."

A rare sight to see at Crested Butte Mountain Resort, lift lines were in effect throughout the busy holiday week. By Chris Mortimer

Community school cleared for modular classroom addition (abridged)

Gunnison School District seeks to hire long-range planner

BY Kristy Ratliff

The Crested Butte Board of Zoning and Architectural Review (BOZAR) approved a modular building to sit behind the elementary wing on the northeast side of the Crested Butte Community School. The 60-foot by 28-foot modular building will house two elementary classrooms for the school beginning in the fall 2006 school year.

The Crested Butte Community School will outgrow its current building in the upcoming 2006 school year and needs the two additional classrooms to accommodate an increase in elementary enrollment. "We're already using three non-classroom spaces for classes this year," said school board vice president M.J. Vosburg.

The board voted to approve the money to buy a modular. The modular will cost an estimated $85,000 to $100,000, according to school district business manager Jon Nelson. The cost includes preparing the ground for the building and equipping the modular with electrical connections. The modular will be a standard trailer with a slightly pitched roof and will be carpeted, but will not have plumbing.

Although not designed to be a permanent structure, the modular will likely be in place for two to four years, according to Nelson. The 2006 incoming kindergarten class is projected to be more than 50 students, an increase from the fewer than 40 kindergarten students this year, according to Vosburg.

"When the community school was built, there was no extra room in the building for expansion," said superintendent Bill Chambliss, "We're going to have a need for the next several years for the classroom space in this modular," he said.

Board members discussed the need to hire a planning team to help assess the current facilities in the district and mesh the available capacity with projected enrollment. "As a board, we need to spend some resources and start this process so that we can plan for our building needs before the eleventh hour," said Chambliss. A long-range planning team would assess the current state of buildings in the district, look at projected enrollment and plan for a way to mesh the two, according to Chambliss.

"This will be done district-wide," said Chambliss. "We have a lot of big-ticket repairs coming up in our current facilities, including parking, exterior needs and Americans with Disability Act upgrades. In addition, we need to know what we need in terms of curricular program delivery. We need to know where we are now and where we want to be in the future."

Vosburg cautioned against hiring an outside consultant without narrowing down precisely what is needed. "To ask someone from outside to come in and tell us what we need, we're going to end up with a stack of ideas and a $10 million capital improvement plan," said Vosburg. "Before we get too far in this process, we need to narrow our parameters so we know exactly what is going to work for us."

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Case No. 25CW25 (Ref No. 19CW38, 13CW13,05CW83) Applicant Sperry Land Co LLC c/o Joe Sperry 20215 F Rd Delta CO 81416 Application for Findings of Diligence. Sperry Pond 1 – SW1/4SW1/4 Section 1 T11S R90W 6th. Source: East Muddy of the North Fork of the Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: 2005. Amount claimed: 1.65 af for augmentation, fire protection, fish culture, recreation. Sperry Pond 2 – SE1/4NE1/4 Section 1 T11S R90W 6th. Source: East Muddy of the North Fork of the Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: 2005. Amount claimed: 1.35 af for augmentation, fire protection, fish culture, recreation. Sperry Pond 3 – SE1/4NW1/4 Section 1 T11S R90W 6th. Source: East Muddy of the North Fork of the Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: 2005. Amount claimed: 1.40 af for augmentation, fire protection, fish culture, recreation. The application on file with the Water Court contains an outline of the work performed during the diligence period. **GUNNISON COUNTY**
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Case No. 25CW3066 Colorado Water Conservation Board, 1313 Sherman Street, Suite 718, Denver, Colorado 80203. Please direct communications regarding this case to Christopher J. Davis, Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources & Environment Section, Office of the Colorado Attorney General, 1300 Broadway, 10th Floor, Denver, Colorado 80203. Telephone: (720) 508-6280. Email: christopher.davis@coag.gov. APPLICATION FOR WATER RIGHTS TO PRESERVE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT TO A REASONABLE DEGREE. **Name & Address of Applicant:** Colorado Water Conservation Board, 1313 Sherman Street, Suite 718 Denver, CO 80203, (303) 866-3441. **Name of water right:** West Muddy Creek Instream Flow Water Right. **Legal Description:** The West Muddy Creek Instream Flow Water Right is located in the natural stream channel of West Muddy Creek from the confluence with Sheep Creek to the confluence with Muddy Creek, a distance of approximately 8.78 miles. A map depicting the approximate location of the West Muddy Creek Instream Flow Water Right reach is attached to the water court application as **Exhibit 1.** Upstream Terminus: confluence with Sheep Creek at: (1) UTM: Northing: 4325599.99; Easting: 286097.65 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North); (2) Lat/Long: Latitude 39° 3' 11.89" N; Longitude 107° 28' 18.97" W. Downstream Terminus: confluence with Muddy Creek at: (1) UTM: Northing: 4319399.06; Easting: 295770.58 (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North); (2) Lat/Long: Latitude 38° 59' 59.24" N; Longitude 107° 21' 30.19" W C. The UTM and Lat/Long locations for the upstream and downstream termini were derived from CWCB GIS using the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD). **Source**: West Muddy Creek, tributary to Muddy Creek, tributary to the North Fork Gunnison River, tributary to the Gunnison River, tributary to the Colorado River. **Date of initiation of appropriation:** December 3 , 2025. **How appropriation was initiated:** Appropriation and beneficial use occurred on December 3, 2025, in accordance with the action of the CWCB pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) and (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) and (10), C.R.S. **Date applied to beneficial use**: December 3, 2025. **Amount of water claimed:** Instream flow of 5.5 cfs (10/01 - 03/31), 12.9 cfs (04/01 - 06/30), 5.5 cfs (07/01 - 07/15), 2.0 cfs (07/16 - 09/30), absolute. **Proposed Uses**: Instream flow to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. **Names and addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion structure will be located:** The notice required by section 37-92-302(2)(b), C.R.S., to the owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed is not applicable in this case. This Application is for instream flow water rights, exclusive to the CWCB under the provisions of section 37-92-102(3), C.R.S. As an instream flow water right, the CWCB's appropriation does not require diversion structures or storage. See Colo. River Water Conservation Dist. v. Colo. Water Conservation Bd., 594 P.2d 570, 574 (Colo. 1979); § 37-92-103(4)(c), C.R.S. As a surface water right, the CWCB's appropriation of instream flow water rights does not involve construction of a well. **Remarks**: This appropriation by the CWCB, on behalf of the people of the State of Colorado, is made pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) & (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) & (10), C.R.S. The purpose of the CWCB's appropriation is to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. At its regular meeting on July 17, 2025, the CWCB determined, pursuant to section 37-92-102(3)(c), C.R.S., that the natural environment of West Muddy Creek will be preserved to a reasonable degree by the water available for the appropriations to be made; that there is a natural environment that can be preserved to a reasonable degree with the CWCB's water rights herein, if granted; and that such environment can exist without material injury to water rights.
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—AGENDA—
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)
CRESTED BUTTE SOUTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026
CB SOUTH POA, 61 TEOCALLI ROAD

Join virtually: Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88466811453
Or email staff@cbsouth.net for a Zoom invitation
Questions about this Agenda/Meeting can be directed to 970- 349-1162 or info@cbsouth.net or viewed at: www.cbsouth.net
5:30 PM Call to Order
5:35 PM Approve Minutes from December 9, 2025
Declaration of Notices
Public Comment
Business:
5:40 PM Design Review for Martin, Single-Family Residence, Lot 4, Block 9, Filing #2 AKA 79 Blackstock.
Other Business
ADA Accommodations: Anyone needing special accommodations as determined by the *American Disabilities Act* may contact the Association Manager prior to the day of the hearing.
Agenda Items: All times are estimates. Please allow for earlier discussion. Please show up at least 20 minutes prior to the listed times. A complete set of plans can be viewed at the Crested Butte South POA office, 61 Teocalli Road, by appointment.

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—UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT—
WAE MEETING NOTICE

WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE MEETING
Monday, January 26, 2026 at 8:00 PM
The Board of Directors of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (UGRWCD) will conduct a regular semi-annual meeting of the Water Activity Enterprise on Monday, January 26, 2026 at approximately 8:00 PM at the UGRWCD Offices, 210 W. Spencer Ave., Suite A, Gunnison, CO 81230 and via Zoom video/teleconferencing. This meeting will immediately follow the UGRWCD Board Meeting scheduled at 5:30 PM on Monday, January 26, 2026. For questions or for the Zoom login information, please call the District at (970)641-6065. A meeting agenda will be posted at the District Office and on the UGRWCD website at www.ugrwcd.org prior to the meeting.

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—GUNNISON WATERSHED SCHOOL DISTRICT—
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2026 • 5:30PM
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This meeting will be conducted in person and by distance using the video conferencing platform ZOOM Webinar. Please check the GWSD website for further instructions.

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of agenda (**ACTION**, *All*)
5. Commendations and celebrations (Information, *Successful Students, Strong Employees*)
6. Public comment (Information, *Engaged Community*)
   - Please use the public participation form, or use the Q&A feature in Zoom, and indicate your name, address, and topic for comment.
7. Consent agenda (**ACTION**, *All*) *Items in the consent agenda are considered routine and will be enacted under one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items prior to the time the board votes unless a Board Member requests an item be removed from the grouping for separate consideration.*
   a. Board of Education Minutes
      - December 15, 2025 Regular meeting/Mill Levy Approval
   b. Finance: Approve for payment, as presented by the Director of Finance, warrants from December 2025
   c. Personnel
      - Rosaura Turizo Mendoza - Food Service, CBCS
8. Items for information, discussion, and action
   a. Facilities Improvement Program Update (Information/Discussion, *Functional Facilities*)
      - Artaic Group: Chris Guarino, John Usery, Matt Prinster, and Austin Rosenthal
   b. Review proposed 2026-27 School Year Calendar to consider approval at the February 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting (Successful Students, *All*)
      - Dr. Leslie Nichols, Superintendent
   c. Strategic Plan Update (Information, *All*)
      - Dr. Leslie Nichols, Superintendent
   d. Policy Updates First Reading (Discussion, *All*)
      - JKD/JKE - Suspension/ Expulsion of Students
      - JKD/JKE-R - Suspension/ Expulsion of Students
      - JKD/JKE-2 - Suspension/ Expulsion of Students with Disabilities
   e. Other Administrative Report Items (Information, *All*)
      - Dr. Leslie Nichols, Superintendent
9. Items introduced by Board Members (Discussion, *All*)
10. Board committee reports (Information, *All*)
    a. Board/Student Engagement - Dr. Coleman and Mrs. Schloesser
    b. School Board Policy - Mrs. Brookhart and Dr. Coleman
    c. Executive Committee for Bond Project - Dr. Reithel
    d. Superintendent Evaluation - Dr. Coleman and Dr. Reithel
    e. District Accountability Committee (DAC) - Mrs. Schloesser
    f. School Accountability Committees (SAC)
       GHS - Dr. Coleman
       GCS - Mrs. Brookhart
       CBCS - Dr. Reithel
    g. Gunnison County Education Association Negotiations - Mr. VanderVeer
    h. Gunnison County Education Association 3x3 - Mrs. Schloesser
    i. Fund 26 - Dr. Coleman
    j. Gunnison Memorial Scholarship - Mrs. Brookhart
    k. Health Insurance Committee - Mr. VanderVeer
    l. Housing Advisory Committee - Mr. VanderVeer
    m. Gunnison Valley Education Foundation - Dr. Coleman
    n. CASB Delegate - Mrs. Schloesser and Dr. Coleman
11. Upcoming agenda items and meeting schedule (Information, *Engaged Community*)
    a. January 19, 2026 Special Meeting with Executive Session, 5:30pm, GUN
    b. January 26, 2026 Regular Meeting/Amended Budget, 5:30pm, GUN
    c. February 9, 2026 Superintendent Search: Community Meet & Greet
    d. February 10, 2206 Superintendent Search: Interviews
    e. February 10 &11, 2026 Special Meeting with Executive Session, TBD
    f. February 23, 2025 Regular Meeting, 5:30pm, GUN 12. Adjournment

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Case No. 25CW3077 (Ref No 19CW3062, 13CW22) Name, Address, Telephone Number of Applicant: Eagle Ridge Ranch Homeowners Association, 1622 Eagle Hill Road, Gunnison, CO 81230, Type of Application: Application to Make Water Rights Absolute and to Abandon Conditional water rights. Name of Structure: STEEP SPRING Legal Description: In the N1/4SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 28, Township 51North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., approximately 1629 feet east of the west line and 1069 feet north of the south line of said Section 28. Gunnison County, Colorado. UTM coordinates NAD83 13S 327555 E 4279677 N. Source: Alluvium of Ohio Creek, tributary of the Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: February 20, 2013. Amount Claimed: 0.011 c.f.s. (5 g.p.m.). Use: Stock watering, wildlife and irrigation of up to one acre. Name of Structure: ERRHOA SOUTH SPRING. Legal Description: In the SE1/4SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 28, Township 51 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., approximately 1,347 feet west of the east line and 504 feet north of the south line of said Section 28. UTM coordinates NAD83 13S 328239 E 4279496 N. Source: Alluvium of Ohio Creek, tributary of the Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: February 20, 2013. Amount Claimed: 0.011 c.f.s. (5 g.p.m.). Use: Irrigation, stock watering, wildlife, and irrigation of up to 1 acre. Name of Structure: LONE PINE DITCH SPRING. Legal Description: In the NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 28, Township 51 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., approximately 108 feet west of the east line and 1,177 feet north of the south line of said Section 28. UTM coordinates NAD83 13S 328620 E 4279696 N. Source: Alluvium of Ohio Creek, tributary of the Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: February 20, 2013. Amount Claimed: 0.011 c.f.s. (5 g.p.m.). Use: Stock watering, wildlife and irrigation of up to one acre. The application contains a detailed list of those activities undertaken by Applicant during the diligence period to complete the appropriation of the subject right in a reasonably expedient and efficient manner, and requests the Steep Spring and ERRHOA South Spring be made absolute for stock watering and wildlife, and abandons the conditional water right for irrigation. The conditional water rights for the Lone Pine Ditch Spring are abandoned as the water source has dried up. The application on file with the Water Court contains an outline of the work performed during the diligence period. **GUNNISON COUNTY.**
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Date applied to beneficial use: December 10, 2025. **Amount of water claimed in cubic feet per second**: Instream flow of 11.2 cfs (11/01 - 02/29), 20 cfs (03/01 - 03/31), 23 cfs (04/01 - 06/30), 14.5 cfs (07/01 - 10/31), absolute. **Proposed Uses**: Instream flow to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree.**Terms and Conditions to be included in water court decree issued in this case**: a) Any conditional water rights that were decreed prior to the filing of a water court application for the East Muddy Creek ISF water right(s) will be administered as senior to the East Muddy Creek ISF water right(s) if such conditional water rights are decreed absolute. b) Should any changes to the natural streambed channel of East Muddy Creek occur due to naturally occurring circumstances outside the control of water rights owners located within the ISF reach, such that it becomes necessary for water rights owner(s) to relocate the decreed point of diversion and related infrastructure to another point of diversion on East Muddy Creek to receive the proper inflow of water to which the water rights holder(s) may be entitled from East Muddy Creek, and such relocation is otherwise consistent with section 37-86-111, C.R.S., then the CWCB shall not rely on the instream flow appropriation decreed herein to prohibit or condition any such relocation of the decreed point of diversion and related diversion infrastructure or to require a change of water right associated with any such relocation of the point of diversion and related diversion infrastructure. c) Paonia Reservoir is experiencing sedimentation and water users may in the future decide to use temporary detention ponds to decrease the amount of sedimentation that flows into the reservoir. The CWCB recognizes that the Colorado Division of Water Resources' General Administration Guidelines for Reservoirs (October 2011, amended February 2016) is a basic guide for reservoir administration. d) Pursuant to section 37-92-102(3)(b), C.R.S., the East Muddy Creek ISF water rights shall be subject to the present uses or exchanges of water being made by other water users pursuant to appropriation or practices in existence on the date of this appropriation whether or not previously confirmed by court order or decree. e) All currently decreed absolute water rights will be administered as senior to the East Muddy Creek ISF water right. f) Acknowledge the existence of the 2,000 AF exchange decree w/correction (05CW0236) and its senior position. g) The CWCB recognizes the Bureau of Reclamation Policy Manual, PEC P05, Page 7, Item G., states the following: Irrigation Use. The use of contract water to irrigate land primarily for the production of commercial agricultural crops or livestock, and domestic and other uses that are incidental thereto. h) The CWCB will not use the East Muddy Creek ISF water rights as a basis to oppose any future storage applications with an appropriation date junior to December 1, 2025. i) Before filing a statement of opposition or motion to intervene in Water Court to oppose any future application to change the water rights, or a portion thereof, identified in Case No. 05CW0236, the CWCB will discuss their concerns with the application with the applicants and potential alternative ways to resolve the CWCB's concerns without filing a statement of opposition or motion to intervene in Water Court. **Names and addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion structure will be located**: The notice required by section 37-92-302(2)(b), C.R.S., to the owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new or existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed is not applicable in this case. This Application is for instream flow water rights, exclusive to the CWCB under the provisions of section 37-92-102(3), C.R.S. As an instream flow water right, the CWCB's appropriation does not require diversion structures or storage. See Colo. River Water Conservation Dist. v. Colo. Water Conservation Bd., 594 P.2d 570, 574 (Colo. 1979); § 37-92-103(4)(c), C.R.S. As a surface water right, the CWCB's appropriation of instream flow water rights does not involve construction of a well.**Remarks**: This appropriation by the CWCB, on behalf of the people of the State of Colorado, is made pursuant to sections 37-92-102(3) & (4) and 37-92-103(3), (4) & (10), C.R.S. The purpose of the CWCB's appropriation is to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. At its regular meeting on November 18, 2025 , the CWCB determined, pursuant to section 37-92-102(3)(c), C.R.S., that the natural environment of East Muddy Creek will be preserved to a reasonable degree by the water available for the appropriations to be made; that there is a natural environment that can be preserved to a reasonable degree with the CWCB's water rights herein, if granted; and that such environment can exist without material injury to water rights.
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Case No. 25CW3073 (Ref. No. 19CW3007) Applicant: Brian Cella and Theresa Cella, Trustees of the First Amended Cella Family Trust dated July 8, 2024, 64 Basque Coast St., Las Vegas, NV, 89138-4669, brianmtsinc@aol.com. Please direct all correspondence to Attorneys for Applicant: LAW OF THE ROCKIES Kendall K. Burgemeister, Atty. Reg. #41593 525 North Main Street Gunnison, CO 81230 (970) 641-1903, kburgemeister@lawoftherockies.com. APPLICATION TO MAKE ABSOLUTE IN PART AND FOR FINDING OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE Description of Conditional Water Rights. In 19CW3007 (Dist. Ct., Water Div. 4, December 16, 2019), conditional storage rights were decreed for the Reese Pond, Jameson Pond, and Lucas Pond, and a conditional appropriative right of exchange was decreed for the Powderhorn Blue Mesa Exchange. The appropriation date for all three ponds is February 5, 2019. The ponds are filled in series by the W.S. Thompson Ditch, which has a decreed capacity of 3.5 c.f.s., and which diverts from Cebolla Creek, tributary to the Gunnison River, at a point in the SW¼NW¼ of Sec. 12, Township 45 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M., approximately 1965 feet from the north section line and 925 feet from the west section line (UTM Zone 13 320297.5 m Easting, 4226258.6 m Northing). The cumulative rate of diversion for initial filling of all three ponds is 3.5 c.f.s. (conditional), and the cumulative rate of diversion for refilling, for refreshing flows, and replacing evaporative losses is 0.58 c.f.s. (conditional). The beneficial uses of all three ponds are piscatorial, recreation, augmentation, and fire protection. Augmentation use is limited to augmentation of the three structures pursuant to the plan for augmentation approved in 19CW3007. Additional details for each of the ponds are provided in the following three subparagraphs. Reese Pond. Legal description of location of dam centerline: Located in the NW1/4NW1/4 of Sec. 12, Township 45 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M., approximately 1278 feet from the north section line and 722 feet from the west section line. UTM Zone 13 320239.77 m Easting, 4226469.12 m Northing. Amount claimed for initial fill: 4 acre-feet, conditional. Jameson Pond. Legal description of location of dam centerline: Located in the NW¼ NW¼ of Sec. 12, Township 45 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M., approximately 989 feet from the north section line and 789 feet from the west section line. UTM Zone 13 320261.78 m Easting, 4226556.78 m Northing. Amount claimed for initial fill: 1.04 acre-feet, conditional. Lucas Pond. Legal description of location of dam centerline: Located in the NW¼ NW¼ of Sec. 12, Township 45 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M., approximately 668 feet from the north section line and 856 feet from the west section line. UTM Zone 13 320290 m Easting, 4226706 m Northing. Amount claimed for initial fill: 0.67 acre-feet, conditional. Conditional Appropriative Rights of Exchange. Powderhorn Blue Mesa Exchange. Lower Terminus: Blue Mesa Reservoir. The initial point of survey of Blue Mesa Dam is located at a point on the right abutment being the intersection of the center line of the axis of the dam and of the center line of the outlet works tunnel, being a point whence the Southwest corner of Sec. 31, Township 49 North, Range 4 West, N.M.P.M. bears North 78°36'44" West a distance of 3,207.07 feet. Upper Terminus: The point of diversion for the W.S. Thompson Ditch, as described above. Source of Substitute Supply: Water stored in Blue Mesa Reservoir and leased from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation. Date of Appropriation: February 5, 2019. Maximum rate: 3.5 c.f.s., conditional. Uses: Piscatorial, recreation, augmentation, and fire protection uses through filling and refilling of the Reese, Jameson, and Lucas Ponds and pursuant to the plan for augmentation decreed in 19CW3007. Application to Make Absolute. All 3 ponds intercept groundwater. In addition, the ponds have been filled to their maximum capacities via the W.S. Thompson Ditch at the maximum rate of 3.5 cfs. The as-built data for the ponds are as follows: Reese Pond Surface Area: 44,286 square-feet Volume: 3.497 acre-feet Maximum Depth: 6.4 feet. Maximum Rate of Groundwater Depletion (evaporation): 3.72 gpm. Jameson Pond Surface Area: 12,639 square-feet Volume: 1.041 acre-feet Maximum Depth: 7.7 feet. Maximum Rate of Groundwater Depletion (evaporation): 1.05 gpm. Lucas Pond Surface Area: 12,245 square-feet Volume: 0.677 acre-feet Maximum Depth: 5.4 feet. Maximum Rate of Groundwater Depletion (evaporation): 1.02 gpm. Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence. The Applicant seeks a finding of reasonable diligence with respect to any portion of the conditional rights that are not made absolute in this case. A detailed list of activities completed during the diligence period is included in the Application. Reese Pond, Jameson Pond, and Lucas Pond are on land owned by Applicant. The application on file with the Water Court contains an outline of the work performed during the diligence period. **GUNNISON COUNTY.**
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Case No. 25CW27 (Ref No. 19CW31, 13CW40, 05CW200) Applicant Jacobs Family LLLP c/o Dixie Jacobs Luke Box 309 Hotchkiss CO 81419 Application for Findings of Diligence. Jacobs Sagebrush Pond – NW1/4SW1/4NW1/4 Section 20 T11S R89W 6th. Source: Drift Creek tributary to Muddy Creek and the North Fork of the Gunnison River, Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: 03/24/2005. Amount claimed: 5 af for stock, piscatorial, wildlife and recreation. Jacobs Spring No 1 – NE1/4NE1/4NW1/4 Section 20 T11S R89W 6th. Source: Lee Creek tributary to Muddy Creek and the North Fork of the Gunnison River, Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: 08/18/2005. Amount claimed: .030 cfs for domestic use in one single family dwelling, commercial and stockwater. Jacobs Lee Creek Reservoir No 1 – NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4 Section 20 T11S R89W 6th. Source: Lee Creek tributary to Muddy Creek and the North Fork of the Gunnison River, Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: 03/24/2005. Amount claimed: 1000 af for stock, piscatorial, wildlife, recreation, and augmentation. Jacobs Lee Creek Reservoir No 2 – NE1/4SW1/4SE1/4 Section 17 T11S R89W 6th. Source: Lee Creek tributary to Muddy Creek and the North Fork of the Gunnison River, Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: 03/24/2005. Amount claimed: 750 af for stock, piscatorial, wildlife, recreation and augmentation. Jacobs Drift Creek Reservoir – SW1/4NE1/4NW1/4 Section 19 T11S R89W 6th. Source: Drift Creek tributary to Muddy Creek and the North Fork of the Gunnison River, Gunnison River. Appropriation Date: 03/24/2005. Amount claimed: 500 af for stock, piscatorial, wildlife, recreation and augmentation. The application on file with the Water Court contains an outline of the work performed during the diligence period. **GUNNISON COUNTY**
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—LEGAL—

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing of the Crested Butte Town Council will be on the 20th day of January 2026 at 7PM on Ordinance No. 01, Series 2026 in the Town Council Chambers, located at 507 Maroon Avenue, Crested Butte, CO and on Zoom.
Ordinance No. 01, Series 2026 - An Ordinance of the Town of Crested Butte Town Council Authorizing the Sale of 828 Gothic Avenue, #1A, Crested Butte.
The public may connect to the meeting via Zoom with the following address:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88944292865
Join via audio: +1 719 359 4580 US +1 253 205 0468 US +1 669 444 9171 US +1 305 224 1968 US +1 309 205 3325 US +1 360 209 5623 US +1 386 347 5053 US +1 507 473 4847 US +1 564 217 2000 US +1 646 931 3860 US +1 689 278 1000 US
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TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
/s/ Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

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—NOTICE TO CREDITORS—

Estate of **James Merid Strickland, Jr. a/k/a James M. Strickland, Jr.**, Deceased Case Number 2025 PR 30025
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to
• District Court of Gunnison, County, Colorado
on or before May 10, 2026 (date)*, or the claims may be forever barred.
Jenna L. Mazzucca, Esq. PC
Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice
1604 H Street
Address
Salida, CO 81201
City, State, Zip Code

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Case No. 25CW3080 Gunnison County. Application for Water Storage Rights. Applicant: MDM Holdings LLC, 2524 W. Pinyon Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81505. Attorney for Applicant: John T. Howe, Hoskin, Farina & Kampf, Professional Corporation, Post Office Box 40, Grand Junction, Colorado 81502; (970) 986-3400. Summary of Application: Applicant seeks conditional water storage rights for MDM Pond No. 1 and MDM Pond No. 2. Name of Reservoir: MDM Pond No. 1. Location: UTM Coordinates: Northing 4237464, Easting 281676, Zone 13, NAD 83; PLSS: NE¼ NW¼ of Section 11, T 46 N, R 6 W, N.M.P.M. Source of Water: Unnamed Tributary to Van Boxel Creek, tributary to Little Cimarron River, tributary to Big Cimarron River, tributary to Gunnison River. Source of Supply: Closser Ditch, in the amount of .20 c.f.s. Location of Closser Ditch Point of Diversion: UTM Coordinates: Northing 4237464, Easting 281542.8, Zone 13, NAD 83; PLSS: NE¼ NW¼ of Section 11, T 46 N, R 6 W, N.M.P.M. Appropriation Date: August 12, 2022. Quantity: 1.0 acre feet conditional, together with the right to repeatedly refill when and if in priority. Use: stock watering, wildlife purposes consistent with a pond and fire protection. Name of Reservoir: MDM Pond No. 2. Location: UTM Coordinates: Northing 4237445, Easting 281654, Zone 13, NAD 83; PLSS: NE¼ NW¼ of Section 11, T 46 N, R 6 W, N.M.P.M. Source of Water: Unnamed Tributary to Van Boxel Creek, tributary to Little Cimarron River, tributary to Big Cimarron River, tributary to Gunnison River. Source of Supply: Closser Ditch, in the amount of .20 c.f.s. Location of Closser Ditch Point of Diversion: UTM Coordinates: Northing 4237464, Easting 281542.8, Zone 13, NAD 83; PLSS: NE¼ NW¼ of Section 11, T 46 N, R 6 W, N.M.P.M. Appropriation Date: August 12, 2022. Quantity: .75 acre feet conditional, together with the right to repeatedly refill when and if in priority. Use: stock watering, wildlife purposes consistent with a pond and fire protection. Landowner: Applicant. Additional Information: Applicant will fill and repeatedly refill the MDM Pond using the Closser Ditch when water is available in priority. Applicant will install an Agri Drain outlet or similar structure in both ponds to bypass water when not in priority. **GUNNISON COUNTY.**
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Estate of **Donald Eugene Cook.**, Deceased Case Number 2025 PR 30028
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to
• District Court of Gunnison, County, Colorado
on or before May 15, 2026 (date)*, or the claims may be forever barred.
Elizabeth P Appleton
Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice
Elizabeth P Appleton PC PO BOX 234
Address
Crested Butte, CO 81224
City, State, Zip Code

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—CANCELLED—
APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED THE HEARING BE CANCELLED SO THAT THEY MAY REVISE THE APPLICATION.
NOTICE OF A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING A LAND USE CHANGE APPLICATION FOR LACY AND DOW, LLC FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF 311 RESIDENTIAL LOTS KNOWN AS THE LOWER VERZUH SUBDIVISION

HEARING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION: The Gunnison County Board of Commissioners and the Planning Commission on **January 22, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.,** in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 200 E Virginia Ave., Gunnison, Colorado, will hear public comment concerning a land use change permit sketch plan application for a residential subdivision named Lower Verzuh Subdivision.
APPLICANT: The applicant is Lacy & Dow, LLC.
PARCEL LOCATION: The subject parcel is located on Hwy 135 and is not currently addressed. It is south of Highway 135 and Buckley Drive intersection. The parcel is legally described as: 450.32 acres in Sections 7, 8, 17 & 18, Township 14 South, Range 85 West, 6th pm.
PROPOSAL: The applicant has revised the Sketch Plan application and proposes the subdivision of 344 units on 309 residential lots which includes 292 single family lots and 17 multi-family lots. Of the total 344 units, 90 of those units are proposed to be restricted to workforce housing (38 single-family units and 52 multi-family units). The applicant proposes that 61% of the parcel be reserved as open space, a dedicated bus stop and parking, dedication of land for the Crested Butte to Crested Butte South trail at Final Plat, and a multipurpose field open to the general public.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The public is invited to submit verbal or written comments at the hearing, or to submit written comments by email: planning@gunnisoncounty.org; or letter (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 online at: https://permitdb.gunnisoncounty.org/citizenaccess/
Select "Projects" Select "Application Number" and type "LUC-25-00004" or select "Project Name" and type "Lower Verzuh"
/s/ Cathie Pagano
Assistant County Manager for Community & Economic Development

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Case No. 25CW3078 GPS LAND, LLC, GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO. Applicant: GPS Land, LLC c/o Anthony Ho, Manager, 5142 Hollister Avenue # 506, Santa Barbara, CA 93111, Telephone: (970) 921-3454. Please direct all correspondence concerning this Application to: David L. Kueter, Esq., and Kent Holsinger, Esq., Holsinger Law, LLC, 1800 Glenarm Place, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202, (303)722-2828, dkueter@holsingerlaw.com, kholsinger@holsingerlaw.com. **APPLICATION FOR ABSOLUTE WATER RIGHTS (SURFACE) OF GPS LAND, LLC IN THE GUNNISON RIVER, GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO.** Name of structure: Sand Mountain Spring North; Sand Mountain Spring South. Location of Structure: Sand Mountain Spring North. Legal Description: Gunnison County SW1/4 of the SW1/4 Section 19 Township 15 S, Range 90 W, 6th Principal Meridian. Point of diversion: UTM coordinates Easting 282982.68; Northing 4289366.64, Zone 13. Source of UTMs: Hand-held GPS. See **Exhibit A** attached hereto. Location of Structure: Sand Mountain Spring South. Legal Description: Gunnison County NW1/4 of the NW1/4 Section 30 Township 15 S, Range 90 W, 6th Principal Meridian. Point of diversion: UTM coordinates Easting 282925.93; Northing 4289263.79 Zone 13. Source of UTMs: Hand-held GPS. See **Exhibit A** attached hereto. Source: Spring water tributary to the Smith Fork. Date of appropriation: December 29, 2025. How appropriation was initiated: By the filing of the application. Date water applied to beneficial use: n/a. Amount claimed: Spring North: 20 g.p.m., conditional. Spring South: 15 g.p.m., conditional. List All Uses or Proposed Uses: Irrigation, domestic. If irrigation, complete the following: Number of acres to be irrigated: 10 acres of lawns and gardens. Legal description of irrigated acreage: NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 30 Township 15 South, Range 90 West of the 6th P.M. If non-irrigation, describe purpose fully. Domestic use on Applicant's ranch in the NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 30 Township 15 South, Range 90 West of the 6th P.M. Name and address of owner or reputed owner of the land upon which any new or existing diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage pool: Spring North: United States Forest Service, 2250 South Main Street, Delta, CO 81416. Spring South: Applicant. 4 pages and 1 page of exhibits. **GUNNISON COUNTY.**
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Case No. 25CW3076 Applicants: C. Gregory Ruffennach and Rebecca M. Ruffennach, 5963 State Highway 149 Powderhorn, CO 81243, greg.ruffennach@gmail.com, 443-521-3027. Please direct all correspondence to LAW OF THE ROCKIES, Kendall K. Burgemeister, Atty. Reg. #41593, 525 North Main Street, Gunnison, CO 81230, (970) 641-1903, kburgemeister@lawoftherockies.com. APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL WATER RIGHTS. Applicants request a conditional water storage right for a structure to be known as Moose Pond. Location: In the N1/2SW1/4 of Section 18, T46N, R3W, NMPM, at approximately 302144E, 4234348N, UTM Zone 13, NAD 83. See Exhibit A. Structures Used to Fill Pond: Moose Pond Inlet. Capacity: 1 cfs. Point of Diversion: In the S1/2SW1/4 of Section 18, T46N, R3W, NMPM, at approximately 302152 E, 4233987 N, UTM Zone 13, NAD 83. See Exhibit A The pond will also be filled with tailwater after irrigation use of the Johnson Ditch on upgradient irrigated meadows and other diffuse surface waters tributary to the Lake Fork Gunnison River. Source: Trout Creek, tributary to the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River, tributary to the Gunnison River. Amount: 2.5 acre-feet, with the right to fill and re-fill at a rate of up to 0.252 cfs (CONDITIONAL). Surface Area: ½ acre. Height and Length of Dam: Less than 10 feet high, and less than 80 feet in length. Capacity: 2.5 acre-feet. Use: Livestock watering, wildlife watering, fire protection, recreation, and irrigation. Appropriation Date: December 31, 2025. Manner of Appropriation: Site reconnaissance, engaging legal counsel, consultation with other retained professionals regarding pond design and regulatory requirements, and the drafting and filing of this Application. In the alternative, Applicants request a conditional groundwater right for Moose Pond and a conditional surface right for Moose Pond Inlet, with all of the same attributes set forth above. In addition, groundwater would be appropriated at a rate of up to 1.89 gallons per minute (0.5 feet of evaporation in June x 0.5 acres / 30 days / 1.983 AFD/cfs * 449 gpm/cfs). If groundwater is intercepted by the construction of Moose Pond, Applicants may choose to not line the pond and to obtain a well permit and augment Moose Ponds' out-of-priority depletions through participation in Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District's Lake San Cristobal or Aspinall Unit augmentation plans. In such event, if perfection of a storage right is not allowed by the Water Court, Applicants would seek to perfect Moose Pond as an underground water right and Moose Pond Inlet as a surface right, and would allow the conditional storage right to be cancelled. Moose Pond and the Moose Pond Inlet are on land owned by Applicants. **GUNNISON COUNTY.**
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Case No. 25CW3027 – SAGUACHE AND GUNNISON COUNTIES – AMENDED APPLICATION FOR STORAGE RIGHT, APPROPRIATIVE RIGHT OF EXCHANGE, AND APPROVAL OF PLAN FOR AUGMENTATION WITH EXCHANGE PROJECT RIGHT. 1. Name, Address, Phone Number, and E-Mail Address of Applicant. Halo Ranch, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, c/o Jason Cook, Manager, 6611 N. 3rd Drive Phoenix, Arizona 85013; Phone: (602) 501-4017; E-mail: jcook@jcookventures.com. Copies of all pleadings to David F. Bower and Cameron C. Frazier, Johnson & Repucci LLP, 850 W. South Boulder Road, Suite 100, Louisville, Colorado 80027; Phone: (303) 442-1900; E-mail: dfbower@j-rlaw.com and ccfrazier@j-rlaw.com. **2. Overview**. Applicant is the owner of the Halo Ranch located west of Sargents, Colorado. Applicant is planning to build a ~2.25 acre pond on the property for fish and wildlife habitat and fire protection. By this application, Applicant claims (i) a conditional storage right for the Halo Ranch Pond, (ii) a conditional appropriative right of exchange to exchange water from Blue Mesa Reservoir to the Cole Ditch No. 3 as the point of diversion for the Halo Ranch Pond, and (iii) approval of a plan for augmentation to replace the out-of-priority depletions from the Halo Ranch Pond, with a conditional exchange project right for operation of the plan for augmentation. A map of the Halo Ranch Pond is attached hereto as Exhibit A and a map of the replacement supply and exchange reach is attached hereto as Exhibit B. **3. Claim for Conditional Storage Right.** (a) Name of Storage Structure. Halo Ranch Pond. (b) Location. SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 24 and NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 25, Township 48 North, Range 4.5 East of the N.M.P.M., the centroid of which is expected to be at a point described as Zone 13, NAD83, Easting 372197, Northing 4250415. (c) Source. Tomichi Creek, tributary to the Gunnison River. (d) Description of Filler Ditch. (i) *Name of Structure*. Cole Ditch No. 3 [WDID 2800535]. (ii) *Location*. NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 25, Township 48 North, Range 4.5 East of the N.M.P.M., the headgate of which is located at a point described as Zone 13, NAD83, Easting 372368, Northing 4250369. (iii) *Rate of Fill*. 2.6 cfs, with the right to run freshening flows at up to 1.0 cfs. (e) Appropriation Date. Date of application. (f) Uses. Fish and wildlife habitat and fire protection. (g) Amount. 10 acre-feet, conditional, with the right to fill and refill. (h) Surface Area of High Water Line. ~2.25 acres. (i) Height and Length of Dam. The Halo Ranch Pond will be an excavated reservoir that is lined. If a dam is also constructed, it will be less than 10 feet in height. (j) Remarks. The amount claimed is based on Applicant's estimate of the surface area and volume for the Halo Ranch Pond when constructed; however, the final dimensions of the Halo Ranch Pond are still being determined. **4. Claim for Conditional Appropriative Right of Exchange**. (a) Name of Exchange. Blue Mesa – Halo Ranch Pond Exchange. (b) Downstream Terminus. The outlet of Blue Mesa Reservoir, located in the NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 4, Township 48 North, Range 6 West of the N.M.P.M., at a point described as Zone 13, NAD83, Easting 296350, Northing 4258843. (c) Upstream Terminus. The headgate of the Cole Ditch No. 3, as described above. (d) Exchange Rate and Volume. 2.6 cfs, conditional, not to exceed 10 acre-feet/year. (e) Date of Appropriation. Date of application. (f) Uses. Water will be exchanged from Blue Mesa Reservoir, up the Gunnison River, up Tomichi Creek, to fill and refill the Halo Ranch Pond. **5. Request for Approval of Plan for Augmentation with Exchange Project Right.** (a) Name of Structures to be Augmented. Halo Ranch Pond, as described above. (b) Water Rights to be Used for Augmentation. (i) *Blue Mesa Reservoir* [WDID 6203532]. Applicant's use of Blue Mesa Reservoir will be pursuant to a contract with the Upper Gunnison Water Conservancy District, through its agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation. The Blue Mesa Reservoir was decreed as part of the Wayne N. Aspinall Unit of the Colorado River Storage Project in Case Nos. 5590 and 6981, Gunnison County District Court, for 939,204 acre-feet, with an appropriation date November 11, 1957. An additional 124,253 acre-feet, with the same appropriation date, was transferred to Blue Mesa Reservoir in Case No. 10045, Gunnison County District Court, making the total amount decreed to Blue Mesa Reservoir 1,063,457 acre-feet, all of which is decreed for domestic, municipal, irrigation, stockwatering, industrial, hydropower, piscatorial, wildlife, recreation, and other purposes. (ii) *Other Supplies.* Additional or alternative sources of replacement water on a temporary or permanent basis, subject to approval by the Water Court and/or the State Engineer's Office pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-305(8). (c) Detailed Description of Plan for Augmentation. Applicant will replace all out-of-priority depletions from the Halo Ranch Pond using the augmentation supplies set forth above. The total annual depletion is calculated to be ~5.1 acre-feet/year. Evaporation was distributed monthly based on Senate Bill 120 Guidelines for elevations above 6,500 ft. The gross evaporation rate of 2.9 acre-feet/acre, based on NOAA Technical Report NWS-33, was distributed monthly. Ice cover was assumed from November through March based on the average monthly temperature at the Sargents, CO National Weather Service Cooperative Station (USC00057460-GHCN). The monthly evaporation rate was multiplied by the surface area of 2.25 acres based on the current design drawings for the Halo Ranch Pond and its feeder ditch and overflow structure. The amounts and rates set forth above are calculated based on the current design configuration for the Halo Ranch Pond and the hydrological and other technical assumptions determined by Applicant's water resources consultant. A copy of the technical report from BBA Water Consultants supporting this application is attached as Exhibit C. (d) Exchange Project Right. Because Blue Mesa Reservoir is downstream of the Halo Ranch Pond, the proposed plan for augmentation will operate by exchange at times. Therefore, Applicant claims an exchange project right from the furthest downstream point where replacement water may be released into the Gunnison River, up to the point where flow through water is delivered back to Tomichi Creek from the Halo Ranch Pond. The components of the exchange right are as follows: (i) *Downstream Terminus*. The outlet of Blue Mesa Reservoir, as described above. (ii) *Upstream Terminus*. The outlet of the Halo Ranch Pond outflow ditch, located in the SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 24, Township 48 North, Range 4.5 East of the N.M.P.M., at a point described as Zone 13, NAD83, Easting 371842, Northing 4250450. (iii) *Exchange Rate*. 1 cfs, not to exceed 10 acre-feet/year. (iv) *Date of Appropriation*. Date of application. (v) *Uses*. Water will be exchanged to augment and replace out-of-priority depletions from the Halo Ranch Pond. (vi) *Remarks*. Applicant will only operate the requested exchange at such times when deliveries of the replacement water at the downstream exchange terminus will satisfy the downstream calling water right. **6. Name and Address of Landowner Upon which any New or Modified Diversion or Storage Structure is Located.** The Halo Ranch Pond is located on land owned by Applicant. No other new or modified diversion structures are contemplated by this application. WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Court (1) grant the claim for water rights for the Halo Ranch Pond and the Blue Mesa – Halo Ranch Pond Exchange set forth in paragraphs 3 and 4 above; (2) find that there will be no injury to any owner of or person entitled to use water under a vested water right or conditionally decreed water right as a result of Applicant's requested plan for augmentation described in paragraph 5 above; and (3) approve the plan for augmentation, including exchange project right, described in paragraph 5 above. (6 pages plus Exhibits) **SAGUACHE AND GUNNISON COUNTIES**
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Case No. 25CW3068 (Ref No. 19CW3051, 03CW288) IN GUNNISON COUNTY APPLICATION FOR FINDINGS OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE 1. Name and address of Applicant: Cockrell Investment Partners, L.P. c/o John Mahoney 770 Riverside Road Almont, CO 81210 c/o David S. Hayes, Thomas W. Korver, Hayes Poznanovic Korver LLC, 700 17th Street, Suite 1800, Denver, CO 80202, Phone: (303) 825-1980 2. Conditional Water Rights: A. Preserve Lodge Augmentation Reservoir. B. Imobersteg Ditch Preserve Lodge Enlargement. C. Blue Mesa to Slide Ditch Exchange. D. Blue Mesa to East River No. 1 Ditch Exchange. E. Blue Mesa to Imobersteg Ditch Exchange. F. Blue Mesa to Imobersteg Willow Creek Ditch Exchange. G. Blue Mesa to Lodge Pond Diversion Exchange. 3. Description of the Conditional Water Rights: A. Preserve Lodge Augmentation Reservoir. i. Date of original decree: January 5, 2007, Case No. 03CW288, District Court, Water Division No. 4. ii. Date of subsequent diligence decrees: February 13, 2014, nunc pro tunc August 19, 2013, Case No. 13CW6, Water Division No. 4.; December 23, 2019, Case No. 19CW3051, Water Division No. 4. iii Legal description: Located in the NW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4, Section 3, T. 15 S., R. 85 W., 6th P.M., 2,614 feet from the North section line, and 1005 feet from the East section line. (UTM NAD83, Zone 13, Easting 0337291m, Northing 4293975m). iv. Source: East River. This off-channel reservoir may be filled by any one or combination of the Imobersteg Ditch (as changed and decreed in Case No. W-2134, Water Division No. 4), Imobersteg Willow Creek Ditch (as changed and decreed in Case No. W-2134), Imobersteg Ditch Preserve Lodge Enlargement (as decreed in Case No. 03CW288), or by pumping, the Lodge Pond Diversion (as decreed in Case No. 03CW288). v. Appropriation date: September 30, 2003. vi. Amount: 16.5 acre-feet, conditional. 3.5 acre-feet was decreed absolute in Case No. 13CW6, Water Division No. 4. vii. Use: Piscatorial, augmentation, exchange, recreation, evaporation, stock water, wildlife watering, and fire protection. B. Imobersteg Ditch Preserve Lodge Enlargement. i. Date of original decree: January 5, 2007, Case No. 03CW288, District Court, Water Division No. 4. ii. Date of subsequent diligence decree: February 13, 2014, nunc pro tunc August 19, 2013, Case No. 13CW6, Water Division No. 4; December 23, 2019, Case No. 19CW3051, Water Division No. 4. iii Legal description: The Imobersteg Ditch diverts from the west bank of the East River in the NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 28, T. 14 S., R. 85W., 6th P.M., at a point 630 feet from the North section line, and 2,470 feet from the West section line. (UTM NAD1927 E:335262, N:4297556). iv. Source: East River. v. Appropriation date: September 30, 2003. vi. Amount: 2.0 c.f.s., conditional. vii. Use: To fill and refill continuously the Preserve Lodge Augmentation Reservoir to maintain full reservoir levels and for the uses described above in paragraph 3.A.vii above. C. Conditional Rights of Exchange: i. Date of original decree: January 5, 2007, Case No. 03CW288, District Court, Water Division No. 4. ii. Date of subsequent diligence decree: February 13, 2014, nunc pro tunc August 19, 2013, Case No. 13CW6, Water Division No. 4; December 23, 2019, Case No. 19CW3051, Water Division No. 4. iii. Exchange from Blue Mesa Reservoir to headgates of Slide Ditch and East River No. 1 Ditch: Said exchange is in the amount of 0.5 c.f.s., with an appropriation date of December 31, 2003. The decreed locations of the structures used by exchange are provided in paragraph 3.C.vi. below. iv. Exchange from Blue Mesa Reservoir to headgates of Imobersteg Ditch, Imobersteg Willow Creek Ditch, and Lodge Pond Diversion: Said exchange is in the amount of 0.5 c.f.s., with an appropriation date of December 31, 2003. The decreed locations of the structures used by exchange are provided in paragraph 3.C.vi. below. v. Exchange from Slide Ditch to headgates of Imobersteg Ditch and Imobersteg Willow Creek Ditch: Said exchange is in the amount of 0.04 c.f.s., with an appropriation date of December 31, 2003. The decreed locations of the structures used by exchange are provided in paragraph 3.C.vi. below. vi. Decreed locations of structures used by exchange: (1) Blue Mesa Reservoir: Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 12, Township 48 North, Range 4 West, N.M.P.M.; Sections 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36, Township 49 North, Range 4 West, N.M.P.M.; Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36, Township 49 North, Range 3 West, N.M.P.M.; Sections 2, 3, 7, 11, 18, 19, 29 and 30, Township 48 West, Range 3 West, N.M.P.M.; Sections 13, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 31, 32 and 34, Township 49 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M. and SW1/4 SW1/4, Section 32, Township 49 North, Range 4 West, N.M.P.M. and in the NE1/4 NW1/4, Section 4, Township 48 North, Range 4 West, N.M.P.M. (2) Slide Ditch: As decreed in prior cases, the headgate is located on the left bank of the East River, at a point whence the North Quarter Corner of Section 2, T.15 S., R. 85 W., 6th P.M., bears South 4 degrees 5 Minutes East 2,972 feet. (3) East River No. 1 Ditch: As decreed in prior cases, the headgate is located on the east (left) bank of the East River, at a point whence the East Quarter Corner of Section 3, T. 15 S., R. 85 W., 6th P.M., bears South 11 degrees East 680 feet. (4) Imobersteg Ditch: See paragraph 3.B.iii above. (5) Imobersteg Willow Creek Ditch: Located on the North bank of Willow and Grouse Creeks at a point from which the Southwest corner of Section 34, Township 14 South, Range 85 West, N.M.P.M., bears North 17°30' East 1,385 feet. (6) Lodge Pond Diversion: Located in the SE1/4 NE1/4, Section 3, T. 15 S., R. 85 W., 6th P.M., 1,580 feet from the North section line, and 1,180 feet from the East section line. (UTM NAD1927 E:337432, N:4293881). vii. The maximum combined rate of exchange under paragraphs 3.C.iii and 3.C.iv shall not exceed 0.5 c.f.s. The structures used by exchange and the Blue Mesa Reservoir and Slide Ditch water rights used by exchange are more fully described in the decree entered by the Water Court in Case No. 03CW288. 4. Evidence of Reasonable Diligence: The Conditional Water Rights are part of an integrated water supply project or system. Thus, any work on any one feature of the project or system shall be considered in finding that reasonable diligence has been shown in the development of all water rights for all features of the entire project or system. See C.R.S. §37-92-301(4)(b). The application contains a summary of specific projects and work undertaken during the diligence period (December 2019 to present) and is available for inspection at the office of the Division 4 Water Clerk or via CCE. The list is not intended to be all inclusive and may be supplemented by additional evidence at any hearing in this matter. 5. Can and will. The Conditional Water Rights can and will be diverted, stored, or otherwise captured, possessed, and controlled, and will be beneficially used, with diligence in a reasonable time. C.R.S. § 37-92-305(9)(b). 6. Names, and addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage pool: The land on which the Preserve Lodge Augmentation Reservoir water is stored is owned by the Reserve on the East River Association, 770 Riverview Rd., Almont, CO 81210. There are no other new diversion or storage structures or modifications to any existing diversion or storage structures associated with the conditional water rights described in paragraph 3 above. Maps depicting the location of the structures and the property on which the subject water rights are used are attached as Exhibits A and B, and are available for inspection at the office of the Division 4 Water Clerk or via CCE. WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this Court enter Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and a Judgment and Decree: (1) finding that Applicant has been reasonably diligent in the development of the Conditional Water Rights as described in the preceding paragraphs; (2) continuing the Conditional Water Rights in full force and effect; and (3) granting such other relief as may be appropriate. The application on file with the Water Court contains an outline of the work performed during the diligence period. **GUNNISON COUNTY.**
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Case No. 25CW3067 Gunnison County - Gunnison River; Simmons Mountain Ranch, LLC; c/o John R. Pierce, DUFFORD WALDECK, 744 Horizon Court, Suite 300, Grand Junction, CO 81506, (970) 248-5865; APPLICATION FOR SURFACE WATER RIGHT; Name, address, and telephone number of Applicant: Simmons Mountain Ranch, LLC; c/o Chad J. Simmons; 2 Bar S Ranch, LLC; 33A Office Park Road; PMB 189; Hilton Head Island, SC 29928; (913) 568-7747; Request for approval of surface water right: Name of structure: Simmons Spring No. 11; Location: NE/4 NW/4 of Section 36, Township 48 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, at a point located at the following UTM coordinates: Easting 284092, Northing 4250999, Zone 13 NAD83; Source: Surface flows from spring, tributary to the Little Cimmaron River; Appropriation date: December 4, 2025; How appropriation was initiated: By filing this application; Amount: 0.25 c.f.s. conditional; Uses: Stock watering, wildlife, irrigation; Location of irrigated acreage: 10 acres located in the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 36, Township 48 North, Range 6 West, NMPM. (3 pages)
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—UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT—
MEETING NOTICE

Board of Directors Meeting, Monday, January 26, 2026 at 5:30 PM
The Board of Directors of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (UGRWCD) will conduct a regular board meeting on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the UGRWCD Offices, 210 W. Spencer Ave., Suite A, Gunnison, CO 81230 and via Zoom video/teleconferencing. For questions or for the Zoom login information, please call the District at (970)641-6065. A meeting agenda will be posted at the District Office and on the UGRWCD website at www.urgwcd.org prior to the meeting.

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Case No. 25CW3074 Applicant: Kubler LLC, 1003 Brocade Dr., Highlands Ranch, CO, 80126, 970-218-0321. Please direct all correspondence to counsel for Applicant: LAW OF THE ROCKIES, Kendall K. Burgemeister, Atty. Reg. #41593, Tess R. Peterson, Atty. Reg. #62416, 525 North Main Street, Gunnison, CO, 81230, (970) 641-1903, kburgemeister@lawoftherockies.com, tpeterson@lawoftherockies.com. **APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL SURFACE WATER RIGHT**. Name of Structure: Name of Structure: Kubler Ranch Spring 5. Location: In the NWNE Section 9, T15S, R86W, 6th PM; 325818E, 4292989N UTM Zone 13S (NAD 83). See Exhibit A. Source: Tributary to Carbon Creek, tributary to Ohio Creek, tributary to the Gunnison River. Amount: 15 gallons per minute (conditional). Use: Livestock watering and wildlife watering. Appropriation Date: December 31, 2025, by performing site reconnaissance, developing a plan to develop the springs to control the water emanating therefrom and to put the same to beneficial use, contacting a contractor to construct spring improvements, and by filing this application. Kubler Ranch Spring 5 is on land owned by Applicant. **GUNNISON COUNTY.**
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Location: CB South POA office, 61 Teocalli Road, Crested Butte, CO 81224
Join virtually: Email staff@cbsouth.net for a Zoom invitation
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a CB South Property Owners Association Design Review Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering the following:
Design Review for the application for a **Single Family Residence for Martin, Lot 4, Block 9, Filing 2. AKA 79 Blackstock Drive.** A complete set of plans can be viewed at the Crested Butte South P.O.A. Office, 61 Teocalli Road by appointment.
There is a 14-day public comment period in which comments regarding the above-referenced project may be submitted in writing to the Design Review Committee. The 14-day public comment period shall be from January 7 through January 21, 2026. Comments may be submitted to the CB South Design Review Manager by email at drcmanager@cbsouth.net, by mail or in person to the address listed above. Comments must be professional.

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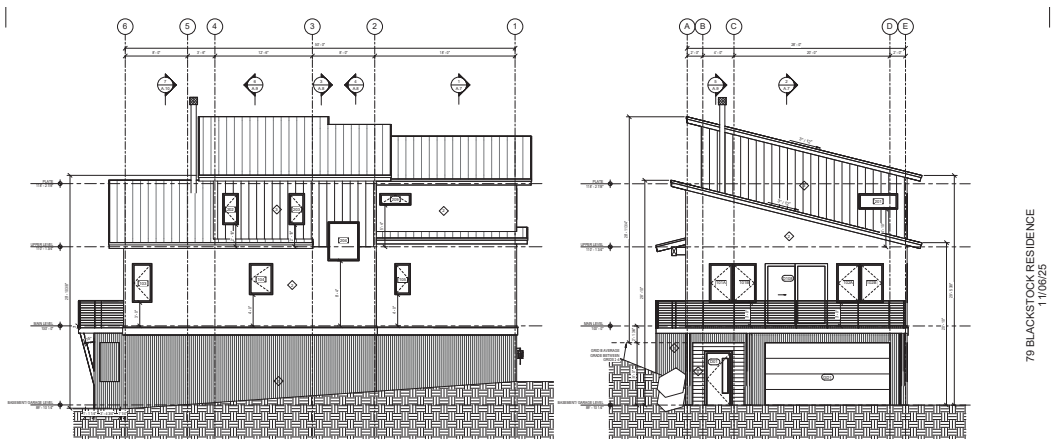

Classifieds

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For Rent

WINTER RENTAL AVAILABLE: January through April, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, fully furnished single family home in Pitchfork, 1 block to bus, 5 minutes to slopes, $4200/month all utilities included, call 512-294-7473. (1/9/32).

CB SOUTH DUPLEX APARTMENT, 2B/1B 900 sqft, DW/WD, 2 parking spots, NP/NS, $1800/mos., 1 yr. Lease, 1st, Last, Deposit, required, call: 970-349-5927. (1/9/26).

2 ROOMS IN DOWNTOWN HOUSE $1,000 and $1,200 for larger with owner. Includes all utilities and wifi. Shared bath and use of living room and kitchen. One block to free bus. No pets, tobacco or couples. Text 970-209-9999. (1/9/38).

BEAUTIFUL CONDO with stunning views! 2BR/1BA with heated garage and storage in Stallion Park/Buckhorn Ranch. Balcony with views. Pet friendly, full size stack washer/dryer. $2800 Includes water, sewer and trash. 12 month lease. Jake 303-330-2828. (1/9/38)

LARGE STUDIO EN-SUITE Private entry, Utilities, cable TV, wi-fi included, off-street parking. In town. NS/NP. Mature male only. $1,250/mo. 970-349-0244.

ROOM FOR RENT Taylor Canyon: 3 bed/3bath house. Professional/Student, Respectful, Mature desired. Dogs. October 1st. $900, all included. Text info: 802-595-9576. (1/16/23).

3 BED 2 BATH beautifully furnished single home in downtown CB. Hot tub, full kitchen, W/D. $4500/mo includes utilities and snow removal. Available Jan 1 - June . Pet is OK . https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/9032039 . 303.748.8283 Doug. (1/23/37).

FOR RENT: 3BR/2BA fully furnished home downtown CB. 1750sqft. End-of-road location with Elk Ave access via Totem Pole. Includes W/D, bonus room, 1 off-street parking spot. $3,900/mo, all utilities + snow removal included. Available 11/1/25 – 5/1/26. One dog considered. Apply at CrestedButteLodging.com/long-term-rentals. (1/9/45).

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY 3 Bedroom 1.5 bath house in downtown Crested Butte. Monthly rental to a small family through May. Fully furnished, walk to everything $3200 plus utilities, email for inquiries cbprincess12@gmail.com. (1/16/32).

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. (1/9/37).

SKI SEASON RENTAL - CLUB OF CRESTED BUTTE: nicely furnished 2 bedroom/2.5 bath townhome with garage, W/D, snow plowing. $3,500 plus electric. Cable/internet included. No smoking/no pets. Text 303.520.7660. (1/9/32).

CB SOUTH 3BD/2.5BR 1700SF 2 Floors, master downstairs, furnished. Seasonal rental available now to May 15, 2025. Will consider 30 day rentals. Half a mile to the free ski bus stop. Garage for storage only, 1 well behaved dog OK, large deck with views. No smokers. $3,000/month plus utilities that are around $400/month. Call Randy 970-201-4516. See Zillow ad for 3D tour/34 Huckeby Way. (1/9/68).

3BD/3BA/2 LIVING ROOMS PITCHFORK single family home. Edge of Pitchfork '22 new build with incredible views and finishes. Radiant in-floor heat. One car garage. Unfurnished. No pets (no exceptions possible). Available now long-term annual lease. $5000/mo+gas/electric. Wifi/trash/water landlord paid. Text 619.955.2788 for more information. (1/9/51).

FOR RENT LONG TERM RENTAL 1 year plus. 2 bd/1 ba, w/d, n/p, n/s, heated garage, incredible views, Brush Creek, Buckhorn Ranch. Condo unfurnished. $2,500 a month. First, last, security deposit. Available December. 970-901-8323. (1/9/38).

DOWNTOWN 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH plus office in 4th bedroom. $3,000 plus $500 for ALL utilities including heat and wifi. Prefer furnished. Dog probably. Text Rob 970-209-9999. (1/9/27).

BEAUTIFUL VIEWS, COOL RENTAL overlooking the East River. Two bdrms/one bath. NS. Available 11/1. Text 970.209.7058 for more info. (1/9/20).

WEST END 3 CONDOS IN GREAT PART OF TOWN for rent. One block to the bus stop. 2 of them are short term. Available now until May 1. One is $1500 a month, one is $1900 a month, the third one is larger and rents for $2200 a month. 1st, last, and $500 security deposit and is short term and possible long term. No pets/NS/WD available. Ready now for one person or couple only. Quiet building. Party animals need not apply. Call Scott 970-275-0346 for application or email to pfistershandworks@yahoo.com. (1/9/93).

FOR RENT: Newly built in fourplex 1BD/1BR unfurnished, W/D, 1 off street parking spot, across from Rainbow Park in CB. $1950 +utilities. Available beginning of January. No pets. View photos and apply at www.crestedbuttelodging.com/long-term-rentals. (1/9/37).

ROOM in two bedroom house in Riverland. No pets or couples. $900/mo., includes utilities. 970-251-5115. (1/9/16).

HOUSE FOR RENT MARCH/APRIL 2026 3 bedroom/ 2 1/2 bath plus tv room and basement on bus line in town close to everything! Hot tub and fenced yard. Dog okay 4200$/month. Call 970-964-8823. (1/9/35).

2 BR/2 BA Mt. CB condo available for 60 days or longer. Fully furnished, ski-in/out. $2600/mo. including electric, WiFi and DirecTV. First month's rent plus $1,000 security deposit. 970-349-5150 for more info. (1/9/35).

SUNNY 1 BR with covered private deck, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, large closet, nice kitchen w/ lots of storage and lovely views, W/D. No pets, sorry. ADU in Buckhorn Ranch includes all utilities & WiFi, 2 parking spaces, $2100 per month, 1st, last, security deposit, available January 1. 970-275-1176 text for more info. (1/9/pd/53).

FOR RENT: 3 BED/2 BATH Fully furnished condo in Mt. CB with W/D on the shuttle loop. $2,550 + electric. Available now until April 30, 2026. Sorry no pets. Apply at CrestedButteLodging.com/long-term-rentals. (1/9/34).

GROUP & EVENT LODGING IN DOWNTOWN CRESTED BUTTE: Sleep 12 - 89 in our fully furnished, 3 Bed/3.5 Bath cottages & 3 Bed/2.5 Bath townhomes at Academy Place. Seasonal specials available. Contact our team for details: 970-349-5780 // info@cbprop.com. (4/3/38).

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