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Flickers

From The Cornell Lab – All About Birds

Northern Flickers are large, brown woodpeckers with a gentle expression and handsome black-scalloped plumage. On walks, don't be surprised if you scare one up from the ground. It's not where you'd expect to find a woodpecker, but flickers eat mainly ants and beetles, digging for them with their unusual, slightly curved bill. When they fly you'll see a flash of color in the wings – yellow if you're in the East, red if you're in the West – and a bright white flash on the rump.

Northern Flickers don't habitually visit bird feeders, but you can find them in backyards and at bird baths. If your backyard has a mixture of trees and open ground, or if it's near woods, you may find Northern Flickers simply by walking around the wooded edges.

The red-shafted and yellow-shafted forms of the Northern Flicker formerly were considered different species. The two forms hybridize extensively in a wide zone from Alaska to the panhandle of Texas. A hybrid often has some traits from each of the two forms and some traits that are intermediate between them. The Red-shafted Flicker also hybridizes with the Gilded Flicker, but less frequently.

Northern Flickers generally nest in holes in trees like other woodpeckers. Occasionally, they've been found nesting in old, earthen burrows vacated by Belted Kingfishers or Bank Swallows.

Like most woodpeckers, Northern Flickers drum on objects as a form of communication and territory defense. In such cases, the object is to make as loud a noise as possible, and that's why woodpeckers sometimes drum on metal objects. One Northern Flicker in Wyoming could be heard drumming on an abandoned tractor from a half-mile away.

The oldest known yellow-shafted form of the Northern Flicker was a male and was at least 9 years, 2 months old when he was found in Florida. The oldest red-shafted form of Northern Flicker lived to be at least 8 years, 9 months old.

Northern Flickers eat mainly insects, especially ants and beetles that they gather from the ground. They also eat fruits and seeds, especially in winter. Flickers often go after ants underground (where the nutritious larvae live), hammering at the soil the way other woodpeckers drill into wood. They've



Photo credit Steve Adams

been seen breaking into cow patties to eat insects living within. Their tongues can dart out 2 inches beyond the end of the bill to snare prey. Other invertebrates eaten include flies, butterflies, moths, and snails. Flickers also eat berries and seeds, especially in winter, including poison oak and ivy, dogwood, sumac, wild cherry and grape, bayberries, hackberries, and elderberries, and sunflower and thistle seeds.

Northern Flickers usually excavate nest holes in dead or diseased tree trunks or large branches. In northern North America look for nests in trembling aspens, which are susceptible to a heartrot that makes for easy excavation. Unlike many woodpeckers, flickers often reuse cavities that they or another species excavated in a previous year. Nests are generally placed 6-15 feet off the ground, but on rare occasions can be over 100 feet high. Northern Flickers have been known to nest in old burrows of Belted Kingfishers or Bank Swallows.

NEST DESCRIPTION Both sexes help with nest excavation. The entrance hole is about 3 inches in diameter, and the cavity is 13-16 inches deep. The cavity widens at bottom to make room for eggs and the incubating adult. Inside, the cavity is bare except for a bed of wood chips for the eggs and chicks to rest on. Once nestlings are about 17 days old, they begin clinging to the cavity wall rather than lying on the floor. Clutch Size: 5-8 eggs Number of Broods: One brood Egg Length: 0.8-1.4 in Egg Width: 0.6-1.3 inch Incubation Period: 11-13 days Nestling Period: 24-27 days Egg Description: All white. Condition at Hatching: Naked, pink skin, a sharp egg tooth at the tip of bill; eyes closed, movements clumsy.

Highlander Horse

Update: New Schedule, New Legal Briefs Filed

By Laura Leigh on January 6, 2022

The new BLM schedule that BLM Director Tracy Stone-Manning announced recently is out. As promised to the livestock industry during the meeting last month on the Greater Sage Grouse planning review, the schedule will accelerate (the already accelerated) “2020 Plan.” (When you see GrSG in the column, BLM is claiming a removal is to save sage grouse habitat; habitat the grouse have primarily already left due to livestock and mining expansion.)

FY2022 Proposed Wild Horse and Burro Gather and Fertility Control Schedule. On the schedule are a few of the last large herds we have left in the US not hit yet by the 2020 Plan: Twin Peaks, Calico and Pancake. These 3 herds all could sustain a larger than indicated population level and have no actual management plan. All of these herds are not only going to be decimated and extremely important genetic lines lost, “fertility control” includes sterilization, IUDs and multiple substances stacked

on top of each other.

First up will be Pancake and Desatoya in Nevada; Little Colorado and White Mountain in Wyoming. Update out of Wyoming (from BLM): (1/6/22) BLM gathered 119 horses (44 stallions, 50 mares, 25 foals). 4 horses had to be euthanized that day: A 20-year old mare slipped coming into the trap and suffered a broken back. An 8-year old stallion was euthanized due to a club foot, a 3-year old mare was euthanized due to a pre-existing broken hind leg, and a 11-year old mare was euthanized with a pre-existing sway back.

In January alone, the agency will have removed over 3,000 wild horses from public lands. Our teams have been very busy trying to track down BLM planning. Several of the herds on the roundup schedule have active litigation, appeals and protests against them. The agency gave no notice prior to putting any of them on the schedule. This is all moving very fast. If you have litigation (or other action) you found out exactly the same way we did; by finding it yourself online.

WHE (rapidly) filed documents asking for the court to halt the Pancake roundup so that underlying issues could be argued prior to any action being taken that causes irreparable harm to the herd and those that love the herd. (note: BLM sets AML at 361-638 for the 1.1 million acre complex and adjoined territories. There is no actual management plan for any HMA in the complex.)

Two hours after our filing, BLM sent out a press release announcing the roundup. BLM announced the roundup about 108 hours before the beginning of a massive removal to Pancake using a planning

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action item.

We are not doing a petition or billboard (a billboard in those areas would not be seen by many travelers and probably be used for target practice). We are scrambling to file, and update filings, as the paperwork landscape changes as if it were hit by a tidal wave in the schedule just approved by Stone-Manning.

Pancake (Ely district) and Desatoya (Carson district) are in NV. You can find NV leadership here at the Nevada offices:

<https://www.blm.gov/nevada>

The Little Colorado and White Mountain in Wyoming are managed by this office: <https://www.blm.gov/office/high-desert-district-office>

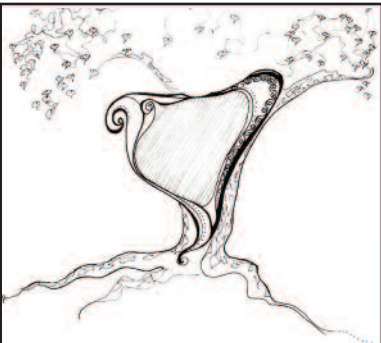
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document that is actively disputed in the legal system. The agency plans to permanently remove 2,030 wild horses and send many of them to off-limits-to-public-view facilities.

We will update you as we continue to scramble to file documents as BLM continues to claim that decimating herds causes no harm to the stakeholders that love them and that denying us the right to participate in planning does no harm to the public interest.

More soon. We will update you as fast as we can in this rapid fire environment spurred by the "Path Forward" and the continued increases in funding provided by Congress for this plan. People ask who they can contact. The public is accustomed to a petition or sign-on letter or similar



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Colorado River Conference

By Theo Whitcomb Dec. 22, 2021 High Country News

At Caesars Palace, a luxurious hotel on the Las Vegas Strip, nearly a thousand water managers, scientists, and government officials convened at the annual Colorado River Water Users Association conference to discuss the future of the imperiled watershed.

The tone was one of urgency: The Colorado River, which spans seven states, 30 tribal nations and two countries, is carrying much less water than it used to. At the same time, a lot more people are vying for what's left. The crisis has been exacerbated by climate change, which continues to shrink the snowpack and reduce rainfall. In August, the river's largest reservoir, Lake Mead, dropped to levels unseen since it was first filled in the 1930s. In response, the federal government officially declared the first-ever Colorado River water shortage. At the conference, which capped yet another year of drought, water managers signed landmark agreements on conservation measures to try to steer the water users toward sustainability. But the intense aridification happening in the region — and growing uncertainty about the future — loomed large, leaving experts uneasy about the Southwest's water supply.

"The sense of the crisis was striking," said John

Fleck, director of the University of New Mexico Water Resources Program. "We've shifted from having discussions about what we might have to do at some point in the distant future to discussions of what we might have to do next year. It's really no longer a drill."

Four important takeaways from this year's conference: There's a new plan to keep water in Lake Mead. Colorado River officials in the Lower Basin states of Nevada, Arizona and California made perhaps the most significant announcement. Working with the Bureau of Reclamation, they formally announced what they're calling the "500+ Plan," a proposal aimed at keeping an additional 500,000 acre-feet of water each year in Lake Mead starting in 2022. "This is really important," said Fleck. "It's not chump change, rummaging around in your couch cushions for some small conservation measures. It's a lot of water that won't get used."

The plan would work by incentivizing water users to conserve. State and regional agencies, along with the federal government, have already pledged \$200 million to pay for programs expected to range from taking agricultural land out of production to changing crop irrigation strategies. Aside from nearly doubling the amount of water reductions in the Lower Basin, what really made the plan

remarkable was the financing, said Jennifer Pitt, director of the Colorado River Program at the National Audubon Society. Usually, water users with junior water rights have to take the shortage head-on, receiving no water and no compensation. However, by putting money on the table, the 500+ Plan makes the necessary cutbacks much easier for landowners by offering incentives to stop using water.

Tribes are leading in water conservation efforts. The Gila River Indian Community, the Colorado River Indian tribes and the federal government also



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put forward a voluntary plan to conserve 179,000 acre-feet, as part of the 500+ Plan. The proposal shows the vital role that tribes are playing in planning for the future, Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, “By bringing the parties together, fostering productive cooperative dialogue and providing much-needed critical resources, tribes can and will help shape the future of the Colorado River.”

Historically, the 30 sovereign tribal nations along the Colorado River have been marginalized, generally excluded from decision-making and legally sidelined, said Pitt.

U.S. and Mexico hammer out details on habitat restoration efforts. In another notable agreement, the International Boundary and Water Commission, which is responsible for upholding the U.S. and Mexico’s border and water treaties, formalized a habitat restoration plan. For years, nongovernmental organizations like the National Audubon Society have worked with the two governments to restore ecosystems in the desiccated Colorado River Delta in Baja, Mexico, despite limited funding, constrained water flows and the increasingly dry conditions. “Managing water at the border is not simple,” says Pitt. “How are two countries with two different systems going to work together, down to the detail, to get water from the Colorado River to the Delta to support habitat?”

At the conference these finer details were worked out in the agreement, essentially creating a technical roadmap to get water to ecosystems in the delta, said Pitt. The effort has so far been successful, in spite of all the challenges it faces. In the face of adversity, close collaboration remains key. But the joy of gathering in person did not obscure the gravity of the moment. “Climate change is barreling down on us so fast that I wonder if we have enough time for these tools to work,” Fleck said.

Fleck said he was encouraged by the ongoing collaboration. “These are people who know and love each other from all across the Southwest, people who have invested time in building a set of relationships around collective actions.”

Sinjin Eberle, the Intermountain West communications director with the environmental nonprofit American Rivers, agreed. “We are in a very challenging time,” he said over the phone. “All the hydrology and forecasts don’t look good, and it looks like the next couple years are going to be pretty rough.”

Hammering out collective agreements is the only option, Eberle said. “It’s hard, but it’s what we have to do. There are no more silver bullets left.”

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Spirits Of Our Ancestors ~ Mesa Verde

By Valerie Wedel - Photo Courtesy NPS

Standing on Mesa Verde, one feels like one can see forever. One feels like a bird – as if you could open your arms to the sky and fly. This mesa top is where some of our distant ancestors began living, 2,000 years ago. We can visit today. Go - what do you feel? Hear? See? Breath deep... what do you taste on the wind?

If you are in or near Denver, hop in your vehicle - approximately 400 miles and 7 hours later, you meet land and architecture of Mesa Verde, Colorado. This mesa lies in Southwestern Colorado. Like other areas of the Colorado plateau, it is beautiful, and rugged. Temperature swings wildly, 30 degrees F or more, between day and night. Any time of year one may experience freezing temperatures after sunset.

At Mesa Verde, average rainfall is only about 20 inches per year. About half of this falls in summer thunderstorms. The rest is winter snowstorms. In some years, summer rains don't come, or the winter snows go missing (4). Rugged, indeed! And yet, 2,000 years ago, and for over a thousand years after that, people called Mesa Verde home.

People lived on Mesa Verde from about 1 CE onwards, to roughly the end of the 13th century CE. For over 1,300 years, people found shelter and sustainable, community lives, here in this rugged and beautiful place. They have gifted us today, and our future generations, with beautiful, ancient baskets, architecture, and petroglyphs.

The first peoples, that most Euro-descent folk know of at Mesa Verde, built pit houses. These are homes partially earth bermed, and earth sheltered. The People also made really lovely baskets, and are remembered as the Basket Makers. They are ancestors of Puebloan People, today scattered among Southwestern Pueblos including Laguna, Zuni and Acoma. According to Lamb (4), 24 different indigenous nations trace their ancestry to the People of Mesa Verde.

Indigenous wisdom teaches that Mesa Verde was first settled by The People during a long migration. This migration began when humans climbed up from a dark and cold nether world into our green one. The People migrated, learning more and more about how to live here, from each place they stayed (4).

At Mesa Verde, one must live within the balance of nature, to live well. Plants and animals grow in their seasons. The People learned how to live with these other beings, using just enough to live, and not too much. From plants came medicine, food, clothing. From animals, food and clothing as well.

Thousands of ancient garden beds have been found, built of earthen bricks. The earthen walls hold moisture and soil, and in these protected garden beds, plants the People needed could flourish. Perhaps by 500 CE, the People had developed a settled civilization, cultivating corn, beans and squash. Today, holders of indigenous wisdom teach that one cares for plants and speaks with them, visiting them each day. In return, the plants help us stay alive. According to Indigenous wisdom, these early People knew this and have passed this knowledge down to today's Puebloans (4).

Eventually, perhaps around 800 CE, Mesa Verde Peoples began also to build amazing cliff-dwellings. These are sandstone and adobe above-ground buildings, famous today for their beauty and engineering. The sandstone and adobe structures are



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incredible, sophisticated architecture. Many are multiple stories tall.

These cliff houses are nestled into overhead rock shelters. They are oriented for passive heating and cooling, summer and winter. There is a gentle slope to the land on top of Mesa Verde, which means that despite high altitude and extreme climate, the growing season is as warm and long-lived as elevations thousands of feet lower. The low winter sun is also captured by sandstone walls, and radiated back into the cliffhouses to help warm them at night.

The ancient People knew sophisticated astronomy, also. The pueblos of Mesa Verde are connected to other ancient sites around the Southwest by solstices. They each have various features that point towards each other at special times of the year.

Amazingly, several ancient sites – of which Mesa Verde and Chaco Canyon are perhaps best known – are keyed to the constellation of Orion. (3,4). One can project a map of Orion onto the Southwest landscape, and see that the pueblos recreate this constellation here on earth (3). This is far too accurate, across hundreds of miles, to be a coincidence! For example, at Balcony House of Mesa Verde, a very long beam extends outwards through a wall below one of the upper rooms. This beam points towards La Plata Mountains – just at the moment of dawn, on the summer solstice (3,4).

Mesa Verde was also an ancient crossroads of trade. Indigenous peoples traded as far West as the Pacific Ocean, and as far South as Chihuahua, Mexico. Shells from the Pacific Ocean and scarlet macaws from Mexico all flowed through Mesa Verde, over a thousand years ago (4).

“Even though we physically moved away, the spirits of my (our) ancestors are still here. If you stop for a minute and listen, you can hear the children laughing and the women talking. You can hear the dogs barking and the turkeys gobbling. You can hear and feel the beat of the drums and the singing. You can smell the cooking fires. You can feel their presence, their warmth, their sense of community” - T J Atsyne, Laguna Pueblo (1)



This is a tale of peace, and of hope. At Mesa Verde, ancestors lived in harmony with the land, and traded over vast distances with each other, thousands of years ago. What can we do today?

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Don't Look Up ~ Hyperobject

By Ben Goldfarb Dec. 31, 2021 High Country News

You are, at this point, well aware of the crisis. Scientists have warned us, but we've doubted their data or dismissed them as alarmists. Politicians, preoccupied with transient election cycles, have neglected the issue, or else weaponized it in the culture wars. Large segments of the media have ignored it in favor of celebrity scandals, while corporations are profiting by obfuscating its dangers and thwarting possible solutions. And our puny brains, so ill-equipped to calculate future risks, have locked up like ungreased gears in the face of inevitable catastrophe.

The crisis in question is, more properly, two crises — one metaphorical, one all too real. In Adam McKay's new film *Don't Look Up*, the fictitious doomsday device is a huge comet, a "planet killer" that will obliterate the Earth in six months. The horrified astronomers who discovered it (played by Jennifer Lawrence and Leonardo DiCaprio) leak the

news to the press, demand action on talk shows, and beg for help from a crass president who commands legions of red-hatted denialists, only to be brushed off at every turn. This is, of course, an allegory for climate change, the real world's very genuine, very immediate and very undealt-with cataclysm. As parables go, it's a blunt one — but then, that's what it takes to make art about a hyperobject.

Don't Look Up, as the opening credits tell us, was made by Hyperobject Industries, McKay's production company. The company takes its name from a term coined by the philosopher Timothy Morton, who, in 2015, explained the concept in an essay for High Country News. Hyperobjects, Morton wrote, are those massive, overwhelmingly complex things "that you can study and think about and compute, but that are not so easy to see directly." A Styrofoam cup isn't a hyperobject, but all the Styrofoam in the world is; a speck of plutonium isn't, but all the plutonium ever produced is. You can't touch hyperobjects, yet they shape human lives in tangible, often deleterious ways that leave us morally obligated to deal with them. The Dust Bowl was a hyperobject. Chronic drought is a hyperobject. And global warming is the ultimate hyperobject — "something that is so big and so powerful," observed Morton, "that until now we had no real word for it."

Over the years, Morton has acquired a substantial following; they've been described as "the most popular guide" to the Anthropocene and have published their dialogues with Bjork at the Museum of Modern Art. McKay first encountered hyperobjects in *The Uninhabitable Earth*, the journalist David Wallace-Wells' grim account of how thoroughly screwed our planet is. Morton's ideas resonated with McKay, whose recent films have gravitated toward big, elusive concepts, like predatory financial instruments (*The Big Short*) and the ruinous consequences of neoconservative foreign policy (*Vice*). The notion of hyperobjects, to McKay's mind, encapsulated the ethos of his new production company — encapsulated it so perfectly, in fact, that Morton's neologism would supply its name.

"The whole idea of the company was, 'Wow, the world is insane and shifting and teetering,'" McKay

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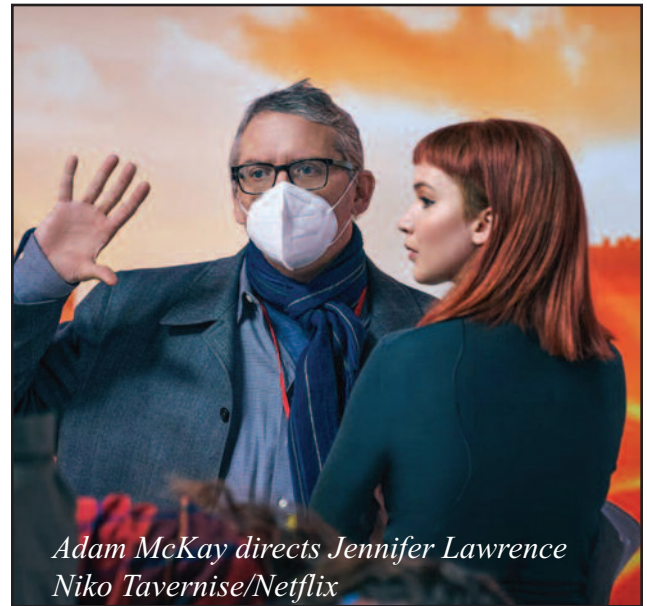
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told me over the phone, about a week after his movie's Netflix release. "What does that mean for the kinds of stories we should be telling?" He struck up a correspondence with Morton and later invited them to speak at a retreat with Naomi Klein, Ron Suskind and other thinkers. "We all got together and talked about where stories are headed," McKay said. "We're trying to describe the indescribable. What a great, futile mission."

McKay wanted to make a movie about the most colossal hyperobject of all — global warming. But climate change's hyperobjectivity made it a slippery subject. Stories thrive on specificity: The best ones tend to involve recognizable characters acting in discrete locations in a relatively linear chronology. Hyperobjects, by contrast, scoff at narrative. Global warming is operating everywhere, affecting everyone, all the time. Its incorporeal vastness inherently stymies art.

McKay addressed that dilemma in a couple of ways. First, at Morton's suggestion, he decided to write a comedy. "When it's absurd, when it's playful, it allows us to take in harder, more challenging truths," McKay said. "One thing we can all agree on is that the world is frustrating and crazy, and that's obviously what the astronomers in the movie encounter." Few of us are climatologists, but we've all struggled to make sense of a civilization run by venal politicians and their corporate masters. "For a crowd to be laughing, there

has to be some common ground," McKay said — no matter how thematically bleak. Second, of course, was analogy. If hyperobjects defy storytelling, the workaround was to create, well, an object. The metaphor McKay settled on — an intergalactic ball of rock and ice — most likely had multiple origins: In one interview, McKay credited the producer David Sirota, while Morton and their artistic collaborators have been deploying the phrase "We Are the Asteroid" since 2018. Regardless, McKay said, the comet served as a "sleight of



Adam McKay directs Jennifer Lawrence
Niko Tavernise/Netflix

hand," a clean, incontrovertible disaster that brushed away the messiness of climate science — "a very simple truth that's coming on a very predictable schedule." Having dispensed with global warming's ambiguous timeline, McKay could foreground the absurdity of society's response. When planetary death is days away and Big Tech is still trying to strip the comet for parts, you know we've descended into kleptocratic hell.

The film, in my view, succeeds — it's consistently funny, and if its metaphor hits us over the head, well, we deserve the whack. But I also wondered if, in analogizing a

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hyperobject, *Don't Look Up* sacrificed something essential about what made its actual subject so damn tricky. Unlike McKay's comet, climate change won't instantly annihilate all life. Instead, hyperobjects are what Morton describes as nonlocal, meaning they're distributed across vast swaths of space and time, the future included. Sure, we're experiencing climate chaos today, but our descendants will have it much worse — yet they can't advocate for themselves in the present. Global warming is intractable because, unlike the comet, it's a problem of intergenerational justice: The humans who will bear its brunt don't yet exist.

There are other vital differences. The comet's outcomes are binary: Either it'll destroy us, or it won't. But climate change is a gradient; a planet that warms two degrees is nothing like one that heats up by three or four. Hyperobjects, Morton has written, are phased, meaning we only encounter pieces of them at once. Likewise, global warming flummoxes us because it's a choose-your-own-misadventure with infinite prospective paths, each contingent upon our own response to it.

When I attempted to raise this conundrum to McKay — that, in objectifying a hyperobject, you potentially strip it of the attributes that make it so vexatiously hyperobjective in the first place — I tied myself in an inarticulate knot. Still, McKay gamely tried to follow my tortuous train of thought. Then he said something that surprised me: I'd identified the

wrong hyperobject in *Don't Look Up*. Global warming wasn't the hyperobject of concern, he said. Instead, it was “modern civilization's reaction to global warming” that was the problem.

The film was made by Hyperobject Industries, McKay's production company. The company takes its name from a term coined by the philosopher Timothy Morton. “I think the hyperobject is what (the astronomers) confront, which is a massive, shifting system of careerism, profitization, politics and leveraged power,” McKay told me. “That's what's confusing and traumatizing.” Global warming is vast, yes, but its fundamental physics aren't much more complex than a comet's. The hyperobjects that animate the film, to McKay, aren't geophysical entities — they're capitalism, electoral politics and human psychology. “There are like 15 hyperobjects that all gather around the hyperobject of climate change,” McKay said.

When I talked to McKay, he was recovering from COVID-19, yet another society-melting hyperobject. It occurred to me that we'd engineered a world perfectly conducive to hyperobjects: one that was more globalized, more online, more ephemeral, more polluted and more dependent on bewildering technology. (Can you explain the blockchain that underpins your bitcoin holdings?) With trepidation, I asked him what hyperobject he planned to turn into a movie next.

“I'd love to get into the real rot at the center of the system, which is dirty money,” he replied. “The climate crisis, income inequality, homelessness, the lack of health care, the opioid epidemic, guns — all of that stuff is driven by dirty money freezing up our system. So I think that's a pretty good hyperobject to go at.” He paused. “Would you say that systemic corruption qualifies as a hyperobject? I think it does.”

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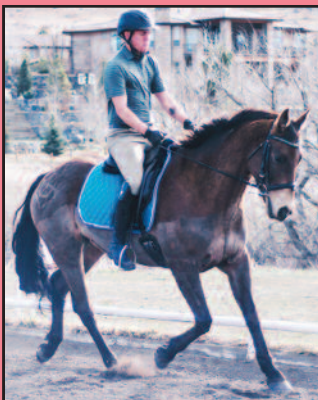
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Winter Driving

From Jim Plane – State Farm Insurance

What are the best tires for winter driving? All tires are not created equal — they’re designed for different road and weather conditions. Know what’s on your car before you head out this winter.

Types of tires

All season tires offer moderate traction in a variety of conditions, from rain to light snow, but are not as effective in extreme weather. All season tires are a good choice for climates where temperatures generally remain above freezing; but they start to harden and provide less traction at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or colder. Because they are made of harder compounds, these tires typically have a long life.

All weather tires are available in two primary models: one for rain or light snow and another for more challenging conditions, such as mud and moderate snow. The tread of all weather tires expels

water, making their traction better than all season tires. They stay relatively supple in cold temperatures but don’t provide as much traction as true snow tires.

Snow tires provide the most effective traction, braking and handling control for winter driving on snow and ice. Snow tires are made of compounds that remain pliable in cold temperatures, allowing them to grip the road better. Drivers in extremely snowy areas may choose studded snow tires, which are tires with surface openings where metal studs can be anchored. Unlike other tires, snow tires must be put on at the beginning of the snow season and removed when warmer weather returns.

Winter tire safety tips

Look for tires with a mountain and snowflake icon. They will provide traction and function well at low temperatures.

Always install four snow tires instead of two. Cars with only two snow tires have less traction and tend to spin out of control.

Keep tires properly inflated. Winter’s cold temperatures can cause the air in your tires to contract, leading to lower tire pressure. Your vehicle’s tire pressure should be checked at least once a month using an accurate pressure gauge.

Remember that vehicle safety systems, like antilock braking systems (ABS), traction control and other advanced stability control systems, cannot compensate for poor tire traction. The best way to maximize your safety is to make sure your tires are suitable for the conditions you must drive in.



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What is black ice?

Watch for this winter road hazard. Many drivers are unaware of this slippery winter road culprit. Here's how to prepare. How can you protect yourself from this hidden winter hazard? Thousands of injuries and fatalities occur every year from accidents on snowy or icy roads, according to the Federal Highway Administration. Many drivers are unaware of a common culprit in many of these crashes - black ice. So what is black ice? It is a transparent glaze that forms without bubbles, allowing it to easily blend into the surface of the roads.

Black ice is most likely to form when there is a sudden temperature drop, such as in the early morning and evening hours. Common problem areas are bridges, overpasses, and shaded areas of the road. These areas have much colder surfaces that rapidly freeze when air moisture makes contact - especially if they're near lakes or rivers.

How to prepare for winter driving - **Winter Tires.** Switch out your standard tires to winter tires once the temperatures start to drop. If your vehicle is regularly exposed to driving in snowy and icy conditions, the grip and handling provided by these weather-specific tires will be better than all-season tires.

Slow Down. When conditions exist for an increased possibility of black ice, exhibit caution by driving

slower than the posted speed limit and extending your braking distance. This could give you more time to react calmly if you're caught on black ice.

Learn possible warning signs of black ice - When favorable conditions are present, be on high alert.

Black ice looks a lot like wet blacktop. Other indicators include: Absence of water spray on a seemingly wet road - Cars suddenly swerving or skidding - Brake lights ahead - Cars or tire tracks in the ditch - Shiny surfaces next to a dull black.

Ways to react when you encounter black ice. If you're caught driving on black ice, use these tips to maneuver past the problem area: Do nothing.

Avoid making sudden moves or turning the wheel. Smoothly lift your foot off the accelerator and glide across the ice in a straight line until you find traction. Shift. If possible, slowly shift to a lower gear for added control. Brake wisely. If you begin to skid, firmly press on your brakes to activate the anti-lock brake system (ABS). Or, if you don't have ABS, pump the brakes gently.

Avoid spinout. If your front end is sliding, steer in the opposite direction of the skid; if the back end is sliding, steer in the same direction.

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Building Equity Into Renewables Transition

By Carl Segerstrom Jan. 12, 2022 High Country News

This year, the coal-fired San Juan Generating Station just outside of Shiprock, New Mexico, is scheduled to shut down. When it does, it will leave behind a legacy of air and water pollution and land degradation in northwest New Mexico. It will also leave hundreds out of work in the Navajo Nation's largest community.

"Our region has borne the brunt of the fossil fuel industry," said Joseph F. Hernandez, the Diné energy organizer for the NAVA Education Project and Navajo Nation member who lives in Shiprock. "We have sacrificed a lot just to supply that American energy," he said. "What is needed is for our community to heal."

In the Four Corners region, the energy transition is already underway. Smokestacks are falling as solar farms sprout in the desert. For community and labor organizers, the challenge moving forward isn't simply replacing fossil-fueled power plants with solar panels and wind turbines, it's ensuring that workers and communities are prepared for the transition and have a say in it.

New Mexico is one of six Western states with laws on the books aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Energy Transition Act, which New Mexico passed in 2019, focuses on eliminating emissions from energy production, with the goal of producing 100% carbon-free energy by 2050.

As states set clean energy benchmarks, environmental organizations and think tanks are crunching the numbers and designing plans to achieve the required emissions reductions. A series

of studies released last year, covering New Mexico, Nevada and Colorado, charts a path for each state to zero out carbon emissions by 2050.

Their analysis has some good news: In each state, the transition to renewable energy will be a source of job growth. Fossil fuel jobs will be lost, but the studies found that the investments to decarbonize would create large numbers of jobs relative to business as usual. In New Mexico, the study projects that by 2030 the state will see 9,000 more jobs across the economy, as the state switches from fossil fuels to renewables. By 2050, the economic analysis projects that if the state economy transitioned to 100% renewables across all sectors, not just utilities, nearly 100,000 more jobs would be created.

The policy advocates who produced the decarbonization studies made wide-ranging policy recommendations to ensure that the new jobs pay well and are accessible to people of all educational backgrounds, ethnicities and identities. Key among the recommendations is the importance of creating career-track jobs through contracts that require projects hire apprentices, and mandate diverse hiring practices. A 2017 study of renewable projects in Kern County, California showed solar power plant construction can bring career track jobs to traditionally disadvantaged workers. The study, by the University of California Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education, found that large-scale solar projects, which were completed with union labor agreements, created high-quality career-track jobs for workers from disadvantaged and underrepresented communities. Entry-level electrical workers would start at just above \$16 an

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Community organizers and policy advocates also want clean energy jobs to reflect the needs of the communities most affected by the transition. “This new industry is coming,” Hernandez said. “We want to make sure the workforce is a strong Navajo workforce.” Training for — and creating — jobs in the construction trades is essential as jobs leave the fossil fuel industry and switch to renewable energy. That’s because most of the opportunities created by economy-wide changes will be in traditional construction work, involving electricians, carpenters, mechanics and operators.

“Traditional occupations, that’s where most of the work is; very little of it is in specialized ‘green jobs,’” said Betony Jones, the co-author of the employment analysis portion of the decarbonization reports and founder of Inclusive Economics, a research organization focused on labor and equity in the energy transition. The expansion of general trades rather than niche work is likely to be good news for laborers and trades workers. “The data shows green jobs that are more isolated, single-skill occupations, pay substantially less than the traditional occupation they’re replacing,” Jones said. “A solar installer earns less than a roofer.” “One of our greatest resources is our ability to turn apprentices into craft professionals.”

With the bulk of job creation coming in construction trades, unions in New Mexico are preparing for the transition — “working hard to stay up to date with changing opportunities,” according to Brian Condit, the executive director of the New Mexico Building and Construction Trades Council. Condit said that decarbonization’s impact on unions and the New Mexico workforce depends on ensuring that the transition is implemented in a way that focuses on safety and on-the-job training, which he sees labor unions playing a major role in.

On the Navajo Nation, Hernandez is busy working with communities to take advantage of the changes

underway while maintaining their autonomy. “We want to ensure community consultation,” he said. “Some communities don’t want large utility-scale solar.”

Once communities are educated and empowered to decide what works for them, Hernandez hopes that young people will move back to the Navajo Nation. He said he’s optimistic that future generations can expand agriculture and diversify the local economy, rather than be forced to rely on industries that destroy the health of the land and people. “We’re looking towards an economy that doesn’t sacrifice anybody.”

Carl Segerstrom, a former editor at High Country News, writes from Spokane, Washington.



Workers secure rooftop solar panels in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A study estimates that 100,000 jobs will be created by 2050 if the state switches from fossil fuels to 100% renewable energy. Sergio Flores/Bloomberg via Getty Images



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Cultural Resources Are Not Renewable

By Sarah Sax Jan. 1, 2022 High Country News

Jeremy Takala, a Yakama citizen, was fishing for sockeye and summer chinook a few years ago, just downstream from the John Day Dam on the Columbia River. He was accompanied by a Yakama elder, who pointed to a high ridge towering above them covered in juniper bushes, shrubs and grasses that plunged dramatically into the river over 2,000 feet below. The site is called Pushpum, or Juniper Point, and it is remembered in Yakama legend as a place of refuge for the members of Kah-milt-pa, or the Rock Creek Band. The Yakama, who consider the area sacred, use it for ceremonies and for collecting almost three dozen different kinds of roots, flowers and shrubs.

Takala listened as the elder recounted the area's history and explained the importance of the plants. "I remember him telling me that I have to keep fighting to protect that mountain for the future

generations, so that they can continue to gather the first foods and medicines," Takala said.

Now the site, located 20 miles south of Goldendale, Washington, is imperiled. Boston-based Rye Development is eyeing it for the West's largest pumped hydropower storage project, a kind of giant battery that would help the Northwest decarbonize its power grid. And that raises a fundamental question: Will the renewable energy revolution break with the fossil fuel industry's long history of ignoring treaty rights for the sake of development — or will it become yet another venue for environmental injustice?

Northwestern states have made ambitious pledges to reduce their fossil fuel dependence. That means that thousands of megawatts of coal and gas power will have to be replaced across the region, requiring a huge amount of new energy construction — and land. Washington's State Energy Strategy estimates that by the middle of the century, the state will need at least 12 gigawatts of new solar additions, 4 gigawatts of offshore wind, and 2 gigawatts of onshore wind. (The average size of a coal plant in the U.S. is about 0.6 gigawatts; the biggest offshore wind farm in the world, Hornsea One, can generate up to 1.2 gigawatts.)

The Columbia River Basin is key to this development; it's already a renewable energy corridor, with 274 dams on the Columbia and its tributaries, which currently produce over half of the Northwest's electricity, and hundreds of wind turbines that line the area's steep river banks and gorges. Counties like Klickitat, where the Goldendale project would be located, have sought to attract and expedite renewable energy development by, for example, conducting feasibility studies for projects such as pumped energy storage.

In 2017, Rye Development approached Klickitat County and the local public utility district to see if it could secure the necessary water rights and land leases. Situated on over 680 acres of land, most of which is owned by a company in charge of a defunct aluminum smelter by the river, the \$2 billion project would consist of two 60-acre reservoirs, separated by 2,100 feet of elevation and a tunnel fitted with turbines. During times of excess energy, water would be pumped up to the higher reservoir. And

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during times of high demand when solar or wind energy aren't available, water would be released to the lower reservoir, generating power as it flows through the turbines. According to Rye, it could store 1.2 gigawatts of energy — a significant chunk of Washington's clean power needs.

THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES and Bands of the Yakama Nation strongly oppose the project. Constructing the storage system would essentially destroy Pushpum: The place would have to be blasted to create the two reservoirs and to carve a tunnel through the hillside. This would irreversibly damage or impact at least nine culturally significant sites found in the Pushpum area, including important archaeological and ceremonial areas, burial petroglyphs, and fishing and food-gathering locations, according to a cultural resources study the Yakama conducted in 2019 as well as several other previous assessments.

"We do want to see green energy projects because we're salmon people, and we know that climate change is real," said Phil Rigdon, superintendent of the Yakama Nation's Natural Resources Department. "But we don't want them on the backs of the resources we depend upon."

It's not the first time the nation has been asked to sacrifice important cultural sites for the greater good of the state, said Takala, an elected Yakama Nation councilmember who serves on the tribe's legislative and fish and wildlife committees. The landscape around the Yakama Reservation is studded with what he calls "sacrifice zones": Between 1933 and 1971, the U.S. built four major dams on the Lower Columbia River, including the John Day Dam, destroying fishing sites and, in some cases, settlements. The abandoned aluminum smelter is still leaking toxins at the site where the Goldendale project's lower reservoir would be constructed. Wind turbines from the nearby Goodnoe Hills wind farm have restricted access to hunting and gathering sites. Proposed large-scale solar farms would further limit tribal members' ability to gather roots, berries and medicine. Meanwhile, for decades, the Yakama Nation has been fighting for cleanup at the Hanford Site, a decommissioned nuclear production facility just a few dozen miles from the reservation.

The Goldendale project is also an example of what tribal members like Takala, as well as other tribes,

scholars and the Government Accountability Office, consider a long history of inadequate and inconsistent tribal consultation. Around a third of Washington state falls under the Treaty of 1855, signed by the 14 tribes and bands that were confederated into the Yakama Nation. They ceded almost 11 million acres to the U.S. government, but retained the right to fish, hunt and gather food on those lands. Federal law requires that the Yakama Nation be consulted on projects that would impact its cultural and environmental resources.

But that consultation is often reduced to a single meeting or an email rather than any meaningful engagement with tribes, said Elaine Harvey, a biologist with Yakama Nation Fisheries and a member of the Kah-milt-pa Band. The Yakama Nation has declared that the siting of the project is inappropriate since it first formally found out about it in October 2017, after Rye Development applied for a preliminary federal permit. The Yakama Council sent letters to Rye Development and the Federal Energy *(Continued on next page.)*

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Regulatory Commission (FERC) in 2018 and 2019, noting the detrimental impacts the project would have on an irreplaceable cultural site and arguing that Rye's application omitted crucial information, including the results of a 2013 survey that clearly identified the site as being culturally important.

The Yakama Tribal Council raised this concern when Rye Development first consulted with them in September 2018, but its concerns went unaddressed. Instead, the company agreed to hire tribal botanists and archaeologists to study mitigation options, even though the tribe has stated that mitigation of such a sacred site isn't an option, and that having tribal scientists included in the project does not resolve their concerns.

Erik Steimle, vice president of project development for Rye Development, said that the company has gone "above and beyond" the federally mandated consultation process. But the baseline isn't exactly high. According to the draft license application submitted to FERC in 2019, the agency wrote to the leaders of the Umatilla, Warm Springs and Yakama tribes in March 2019, requesting consultation on the project. Upon receiving no reply, they filed an internal telephone memo noting their attempts, and the permitting process went on.

THE YAKAMA NATION'S position is clear: Tribes should be included early in a project's development and have significant input on the location before it's finalized. "Only the Yakama Nation can determine what is culturally significant to us," Takala said. "How do you define consultation. Is it just a checkbox?" If the tribe says no, Takala added, then the project shouldn't go forward.

This would be a step toward a consent-based system. Today, even though the federal government must consult tribes on developments that affect them, the project can proceed regardless of whether tribes agree. Consent, however, would mean that tribes could stop developments that harm their cultural, archaeological or sacred sites in unacceptable ways. That's the standard enshrined in the 2007 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Sarah Sax is the climate justice fellow at High Country News currently living in rural Washington.

Update: BuffaloFieldCampaign.org

From the Desk of BFC's Executive Director

The Winter Solstice is a time for me to be grateful, to show appreciation for everything that blesses my path and that of Buffalo Field Campaign. 2021 was a difficult yet productive year for the organization. With the leadership of our Board of Directors and the expertise of our dedicated staff, not only did we weather the storms of adversity, but we advanced our mission. Like the Yellowstone bison, we require resilience, wisdom, and experience to guide us forward. Ours is a legacy of grassroots empathy and courage. I celebrate this path that brings us together to stand with our National Mammal. You, our wonderful supporters, donors, and funders, are the backbone by which we stride boldly forward.

This past year we stood together as the State of Montana enacted horrible legislation against wild bison. Further, you helped elevate our stance to federal legislators and elected officials, calling for sanity in the management of wild Yellowstone bison. We unified our voices to federal agencies as we demanded transparent, appropriate management of our public trust wildlife and wild places. The ecosystem outside the Yellowstone National Park boundary is empty of wild, migratory bison, and we continue to stand together.

It takes generosity by others for us to finance our operations. Our generous donors and funders have stood by our side as we have overcome the hardships associated with the coronavirus outbreak. Many services, events, and programs were slowed or cut across the country. Through it all donors and funders supported our mission and programming. Wonderful organizations such as The Cottonwood Foundation, LUSH, Patagonia, and the Chacruna Institute, have stepped up during these times of uncertainty. Institutions such as these and people all over the world who see the importance of wild bison have stood by us with grace and honor. I thank you all from my heart.

As the Campaign continues to review and advance our programming, we do so with decades of monitoring and advocacy expertise. In this, our 25th season, we pause for a moment to reflect and appreciate the journey. We continue to ensure our mission is honored and the voices of our supporters

are heard. We believe in the power of the people, and of our right to engage in civic discourse with elected officials. We are grassroots. The people power us forward. Your strength, courage, empathy, and support, propel us to new heights as we speak for wild Yellowstone bison. Until wild bison roam freely throughout the land, our work is not done. Our Field Season is full swing and volunteers are out on patrol. Yellowstone bison remain in quarantine. Their right to roam free has been taken by federal agents. The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is still absent of wild, migratory bison. The Campaign continues to call on federal agencies to fix this failure of bison policy. As I reflect on 2021, I can't



help but keep grounded in what is happening today. We have work to do, and I am honored to share these crucial efforts with you. I wish only peace and prosperity for you and your loved ones, as we continue on the buffalo trail. *James Holt Sr.*

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Over the past several years, camping trends such as “vanlife” and “glamping,” as well as the increased availability of wifi and better cell phone service at campgrounds, have helped attract new campers and offered seasoned campers new ways to enjoy the outdoors without completely foregoing modern-day comforts. In fact, data from Recreation.gov—a trip planning and reservation portal for U.S. public lands—showed that camping reservations numbered nearly 3.3 million in 2020, up by about one-third from 2019 and by more than two-thirds from five years prior. Using data from Recreation.gov, researchers ranked states according to each location’s percentage change in camping reservations from 2015 to 2020.

From 2015 to 2020, Recreation.gov reported a 110.8% increase in camping reservations made in the state of Colorado. Out of all states, Colorado experienced the 9th largest increase in camping reservations.

A summary of the analysis with data for Colorado link to the original report, which includes a table with data on all states that had at least 1,000 camping reservations in 2020:

<https://www.outdoorsy.com/blog/most-popular-states-camping>

Colorado Sees 110.8% Climb in Camping Reservations, 9th Largest in U.S.

Camping was steadily growing in popularity prior to 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic accelerated its growth as Americans sought safe, outdoor vacations away from crowds. In fact, according to a research report by the Kampgrounds of America (KOA), over 10 million households camped for the first time in 2020, accounting for one-fifth of all camping households.

The increased popularity of camping has been fueled by a combination of long-term trends and more immediate factors related to the pandemic. In particular, Gen Zers and Millennials are camping in greater numbers and account for an increasing share of all campers. In 2015, members of these generations accounted for 34% of all campers according to KOA. By 2020, this number climbed to 48%.

In addition to these longer-term factors, changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic—such as safety concerns, travel restrictions, and business closures—encouraged a flood of first-time campers.



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In 2020, California led the country in camping reservations according to Recreation.gov. California camping reservations totaled 634,000 for the year, accounting for 19% of the nearly 3.3 million total camping reservations on U.S. public lands. Some of the most popular destinations in California were Yosemite National Park, Joshua Tree National Park, and several national forests in and around the Sierras. Colorado, Oregon, Utah, and Texas rounded out the top five states with the most camping reservations on public lands in 2020.

To find the states where camping has grown in popularity the most over the past five years,

researchers at Outdoorsy analyzed data from Recreation.gov. The researchers ranked states according to each location's percentage change in camping reservations from 2015 to 2020. Researchers also calculated the total increase in camping reservations from 2015 to 2020, total camping reservations in 2020, and the public land (national park, national forest, lake, etc.) with the most camping reservations in 2020.

Editor's Note: While being a proponent of folks deciding to get outdoors I am also a die hard 'no trace camping' leader. Believing in the practice of "if you bring it, take it back out with you and leave only footprints please. **Nature and locals thank you!**

Too many newbies to camping are haphazard about toilet habits: (bring a shovel if there are no toilets provided) and put your toilet paper in your trash (that you safeguard from wildlife) and take with you when you leave or even leave your campsite to go hiking. Never leave unsupervised coolers in tents or any food that could attract bears (they have ultra sensitive noses). Be responsible!

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Annual Director Election

Three Board Seats Up for Election

Three positions on United Power's eleven-member board are up for election at the **2022 Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2022**. The cooperative plans to host a hybrid event, available for members to attend either in-person or virtually. One seat in the East, West and South districts will be up for a three-year term.

To be eligible to become or remain a director, a person must be a United Power member and receive electric service from the cooperative at the member's primary residence in the district he or she represents. United Power's bylaws (available at www.unitedpower.com, any of our office locations or through mail) provide in-depth information on director districts, qualifications, terms, elections, meeting and officers.

Each member's district is printed on their United Power statement. Nominations by written petition must state nominee's name and district, be signed by 15 or more United Power members



and be filed with the Board no less than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

The deadline for nominations by petition is 4 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2022. Petitions are available at United Power's headquarters office in Brighton at 500 Cooperative Way. Additional information can be obtained by calling United Power's executive department at 303-659-0551 or by visiting our website at www.unitedpower.com.



2022 Annual Meeting & Director Election

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

The 2022 Annual Meeting will be held as a hybrid event. Members may participate online or attend in person.

VIRTUAL MEETING:

www.unitedpower.com/annual-meeting

IN-PERSON MEETING:

Riverdale Regional Park & Fairgrounds
9755 Henderson Road, Brighton, CO 80601

4:30 p.m. In-person Registration, Balloting
6:30 p.m. Online & In-person Meetings Begin

United Power is monitoring COVID-19 restrictions, and in the event conditions do not permit an in-person event, the virtual format will still be available.

Balloting in the 2022 Director Election will be conducted by BOTH electronic & paper balloting.

Paper ballots must arrive at the P.O. Box by 12 p.m. on April 12, 2022. Electronic balloting closes at 12 p.m. on April 12, 2022.

More information is available at www.unitedpower.com/annual-meeting.

Candidate Forums



United Power will host the following Meet the Candidate Forums where members can learn more about each of the candidates vying to serve on the Board of Directors. The following events are free to members. Light refreshments will be served. RSVPs are not required.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022 | 7:30 a.m.

Coal Creek Canyon Community Center
3158 Highway 72
Golden, CO 80403

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022 | 7:30 a.m.

Fort Lupton Recreation Center, Multipurpose 3
203 S. Harrison Avenue
Fort Lupton, CO 80621

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022 | 6:30 p.m.

Riverdale Regional Park, Waymire Dome
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Hybrid Event: Livestream at www.unitedpower.com

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022 | 6:30 p.m.

United Power Carbon Valley Service Center
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**Dates and locations may be subject to change or cancellation.*

In the event in-person events are unable to be held, members will be able to attend scheduled virtual events. Visit www.unitedpower.com for more information.



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