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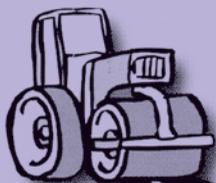
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Celebration Of Life

This Fourth of July is a special milestone for me, besides being a glorious holiday for our country and a celebration to commemorate our freedoms - it is the anniversary of a personal near death experience. Just over thirty years ago I was working in Boulder driving a horse and buggy on the Pearl Street Mall when I was so badly injured I was hospitalized for nearly a week.

In many ways it was the best job in the world; being around horses, sharing the experience of a buggy ride with tourists, college students and residents, informing the public of Boulder's historic places and providing a romantic ride around downtown Boulder. We called it the 'environmental way to see the Pearl Street area' and it included Mork & Mindy's old house from the TV show.

The business had started that spring and the owner's allowed for training time off the streets at a ranch north of town to get us familiar with the buggies and the teams of horses that would be pulling the 'surrey with the fringe on top' type carriages. All of us drivers worked long hours pretending barrels were BMW's starting with buckboards and then the actual carriages.

We had two teams of horses; one big draft brown pair, and the other a Norwegian Dunn team (*cover photo is the day of the accident just prior to my shift*). Both teams were willing and well behaved, as they had worked rodeos and parades. After a couple of weeks on the ranch we took them downtown and got them used to buses, trucks, air brakes - all the noises and inconveniences of the busy city streets. The response from the public was phenomenal and folks lined up just to take a ride in the carriages, day and night.

It was fun and often lucrative for us drivers (in the way of tips), seven of us sharing shifts and days guiding our teams through busy bustling traffic or going to and from the tack shack north of the downtown area through the residential streets - especially in the quiet of the late evenings when the horses were a bit tired and ready for their dinner and a night of rest. The trouble began when the public started wanting to pick the horses for their carriage ride and the line for the Norwegian Dunn team was long

when the other horses could take them.

This pressure from public sentiment pushed the owner's to insist that another team of Norwegian Dunn's was needed instead of the draft horse pair. Well, long story short another team of Dunn's was brought in but we drivers were not given the same time to train with them and they were put directly to work on the streets downtown. This happened only a few days before the Fourth of July holiday and was the recipe for disaster.

I came in to work the late shift that night at 6pm and the driver before me had been having trouble with one of the Dunn's all day long. The horse was scared of everything and to make matters worse the owner had decided to split up the teams to see if the seasoned team could settle the new horses. Well, that's not how equines work and so then we had two teams that were nervous.

I took over my team and decided to run the route without any public passengers to see how the horses were doing. Just after beginning the route a wind started blowing down Boulder Canyon and scattering debris all over the streets. Before I could avoid it a big yellow poster blew out from between two parked cars in front of my carriage and the new Dunn horse reared up and turned away from the other horse and broke the tongue of (Continued on next page.)

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the carriage with her hind end. The team bolted, jackknifing the carriage - turning it sideways and dragging it the wrong way down the street. The sound of the wheels scared the horses more so there was no chance to get them stopped or settled before the carriage hit a median triangle which broke the horses away from the buggy and pulled me out to hit the pavement with my face.

I did have a second to think I might just be able to jump out and run behind the horses once we hit and broke away, but that was unrealistic. It just so happened that a good friend had stopped by before my shift started and he was riding in the seat behind the driver's seat. He rode out the carriage falling over and came to where I lay on the pavement. A car had pulled over near me and opened its passenger door, the driver having watched my accident. He offered to take me to the hospital and once my friend determined I had regained consciousness he picked me up and put me in the front seat of that car.

Instead of going directly to the hospital though, I had to go find the horses. I could only remember them running away and wanted them and any vehicles to be safe. We found the horses a few blocks away being held by a man who had seen them from his car: pulled his emergency brake and jumped out to grab them. The new horse had some blood on her rear leg but both seemed otherwise okay. I pulled their bridles off, handed their halter ropes to my friend and he started to lead them back towards the overturned buggy downtown.

About this time, as I watched them walk away - another car had stopped to take in the scene and the woman

passenger had gotten out and had seen me look down at my white shirt that was soaked in the blood from my facial lacerations. She probably noticed me go as pale as that white shirt and before I knew what was happening she had me sitting in the front seat of her car with my head between my knees directing the driver to go quickly to the hospital.



Emergency room personnel brought a gurney out to the car I was in and they put me up on it to wheel me into Boulder Community Hospital Emergency. I have a complete recollection of the following 24 hours because they could not give me any painkillers due to a basal skull fracture. I also had broken my lower jaw in three places, broken ribs, bruised hipbone, and multiple areas of road rash with three places of facial lacerations. I hoped to go unconscious as Hollywood leads us to believe, but I didn't.

I am still very grateful to have lived through it and thankful to the emergency room nurse who stood up to the resident and insisted he call a plastic surgeon to put in the 72 stitches on my face. That was Sunday, July 4, 1982 and an oral surgeon wired my jaw shut that Wednesday. I had to wear a pair of pliers on a ribbon around my neck for the entire time it took for my jaw to heal in case my stomach needed to empty itself - which thankfully it didn't. I did get back up and drive the buggy a few weeks later, only not on the streets as the business had been shut down.

I learned a lot about myself that day and the many days afterwards. Luckily that near death experience did not put me off horses, as that would have been a tragedy for me.

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Colorado Governor Bill Ritter signed the state's "3-foot" bill into law, making it the 15th state to require motorists to give cyclists at least a yard of clearance when they pass. The Colorado law also makes it illegal to throw objects at riders. Louisiana adopted a similar law; violators can be charged with a fine of as much as \$50 for passing too close. "The true value of the law is not in its enforcement value, but in its educational value," says Florida cyclist Joe Mizereck, founder of the 3 Feet Please campaign.

After one too many close calls with motorists, Mizereck, 55, designed a bright-yellow jersey printed with **3 Feet Please** on the back. The slogan was a hit with local cyclists, so Mizereck ordered more jerseys, launched a website (**3feetplease.com**) and began spreading his message across the country.

"A change in motorist behavior will help make cycling safer," he says. This creates a virtuous cycle: As cycling becomes safer, more people will ride, and when there are more bikes on the road the sport becomes safer still.

Florida, in particular, has much to gain; 125 cyclists were killed there in 2008, more than in any other state. In

addition to ramped-up traffic enforcement, police now use electronic road signs to remind motorists of the 3-foot law, and officers give safety summits for drivers and cyclists.

Courtesy Golden Newsletter.

Editor's Note: With summer upon us we have seen more bicycles on canyon roads, regional highways and even in nearby towns. While it may be a bother to wait for traffic to allow passing safely, it is life threatening for them when you don't.

Cyclists have the legal right to use our roadways, as it is the law. When drivers ignore these laws it puts those not in metal shrouded vehicles at grave risk. Ignorance of the law is no excuse.

This also includes watching out for pedestrians and equestrians. Take the time to keep everyone safe by following the three feet law and speed limits, especially in residential neighborhoods where speeds are often much lower than highways.

In summertime children are often out playing on residential roads so slow down and watch out for them!



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Tiny Foxes Rescued From Extinction

By Sarah Keller

The story of Channel Island foxes could have been one about extinction. Some time in the last decade we might have written about how several unique populations of four-pound, foot-tall carnivores ceased to exist in their only known home, southern California's Channel Islands National Park. We'd wonder what went wrong, and how we allowed the Channel Island Fox to go the way of the dodo, or the Caribbean monk seal.

"We're talking a matter of months or weeks maybe before these populations disappear," University of California-Los Angeles biologist Robert K. Wayne told the L.A. Times in 1999. "The situation is really in a crisis mode. We don't know if we are going to save them or not." At that time there were only six known foxes remaining on San Miguel Island, where there were 450 five years before. The other two islands in the park, Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa had only a few dozen. But less than a decade later we're writing a success story, instead of another woeful tale of how we failed yet another species.

After an intense ecosystem restoration effort, the superintendent of Channel Islands National Park recently called the fox restoration, "one of the quickest recoveries of an endangered species in the history of the Endangered

Species Act." And biologists are on the verge of declaring Channel Island foxes recovered. There are now around 1,300 foxes on Santa Cruz Island, 500 on San Miguel Island, and 600 on Santa Rosa Island, and the populations appear to be stable. But getting there took unwinding over a century of human meddling with the island's ecosystem, and dramatic interventions to undo past wrongs that were killing off the foxes.

It started in the 19th century, with settlers introducing outside species to the confines of the Channel Islands. Not rats or cats in this case, but pigs-pigs gone wild. The pigs were well established by the 1950's when the insecticide DDT was working its way into the nation's raptor populations, including bald eagles on the island chain. DDT killed off the islands' bald eagles and left room for golden eagles to move in. Bald eagles hunt prey over water, but golden eagles go for land-based meals-like pigs, and four-pound foxes that are naïve to predators.

Recovery efforts began in 1999, after an endangered species A-Team came together and swept all but one of the remaining foxes on San Miguel, and Santa Rosa Islands into captivity, and set up a breeding program on Santa Cruz Island. In spite of its rarity, budgetary paralysis kept the fox on the endangered species list until 2004, when four of the

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six subspecies were listed.

With the foxes breeding in captivity, researchers began a massive effort to restore the island to something more similar to pre-settlement conditions. When Kim Todd covered the fox's story for High Country News over 5,000 feral pigs had been removed from the islands, but not without controversy. Then, the park service was also just coming out of a debate about how to deal with the golden eagles.

The question was whether to take the more straightforward, at least from a logistical perspective, path of killing golden eagles, or go to heroic lengths to relocate them. Since offing eagles would have been very controversial, it didn't take long to rule out that possibility, and 44 of the birds were relocated to the Sierra Nevada. Then, from 2002 to 2006, bald eagles were re-introduced to the islands, where 40 birds are now residents. The Nature Conservancy, a partner in the restoration, calls it "one of the fastest and most effective endangered species recovery programs in U.S. history."

The Channel Islands restoration and fox recovery is remarkable because the conditions that imperiled the foxes read like a laundry list of modern ecosystem woes: invasive and introduced species, overgrazing, and pollution. The ecosystem seemed ready to spiral into

collapse, but over a decade of diligence has brought the islands back into balance.

While it's a heartening story, it gets at the scale of what it takes to rescue special places, and species, once we've wronged them. Santa Cruz Island is only 22 miles long and 2 to 6 miles wide, it's isolated, and pigs aren't likely to



return. If that island took over a decade of hard work to make room for foxes again, then what should we expect for other ecosystem restoration projects? That makes it sobering to think of the many other places that we'd like to conserve or restore, where animals are harder to track than foxes on islands, where there are more interactions between species, and where there's no ocean to keep the invasive species you just eradicated from wandering, blowing or

being carried back in.

Most people will never visit the Channel Islands, but their story can serve to inspire us about getting back what's almost lost, and also serve as a cautionary tale about how difficult, and uncertain, it is to restore even a self-contained ecosystem after we've run roughshod over it.

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Update - Buffalo Field Campaign

After spending week after week harassing hundreds of wild bison from their chosen ground repeatedly, abusive actions that have continued to take place every day recently, the Montana Department of Livestock (DOL) yesterday deemed two bull buffalo unhazeable and shot them both. Unhazeable means the bulls didn't respond with enough fear as the livestock agents thought they should. They stood up for themselves and the ground they wanted to be on. They didn't have families with young to defend, and with only themselves to protect, bulls typically don't accept being pushed around so easily. That is the nature of bull buffalo; it is within their social makeup to be "unhazeable," or at least put up more of a fight to defend themselves. The DOL flippantly uses this term "unhazeable" as an excuse to kill the big burly boys every year. They have no reason, no justification for hazing or killing them. Bull buffalo pose zero brucellosis risk, and with any buffalo the risk is only theoretical. Unlike wild bison, elk have been blamed for transmitting brucellosis to cattle, yet they are free to roam the same landscape.

Over the past few weeks, up to sixteen riders were here for days on end, carrying out the DOL's wild buffalo harassment operations in Montana and Yellowstone National Park. Last week, patrols reported a single agent

attempting to haze these same two bulls, and without really making any effort, he gave up right away. The point is, they didn't even try. They intended to come back and shoot these bulls. It's easy for them to just say they are unhazeable and then kill them. The agents viewed these bulls as an end-of-season trophy, a solid kill to reward themselves for weeks of hazing.

The DOL stated in their press release that the bulls were in a "no tolerance zone," even though one of them was shot on Gallatin National forest - our public land. The Interagency Bison Management Plan (IBMP) arranges the landscape in ecologically meaningless "zones." Zone 1 is Yellowstone National Park, Zone 2 is minimal Montana land where bison are hunted, Zone 3 is the rest of Planet Earth where these agencies forbid wild buffalo to migrate. Wild bison advocates have a better idea: scrap the zones and let wild buffalo stretch their migratory muscles. If a rancher wants to "cowboy up" on his ranch where there are actually cattle, and take responsibility for what's his, then let him fence his land. But the rest of the country - the buffalo's country - is not going to be off-limits to native wild buffalo!

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Highlander Wildlife

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Blend in a blender: 4 ounce can of jalapenos, 4 oz can of green chilies, 1 or 2 eggs, one can of garbanzo beans, or package of Tempe OR one tub of firm tofu. Then add one Tablespoon Braggs Amino Acids, Tamari or soy sauce.

Stir this liquid into the dry ingredients only until mixed, don't stir too much. Add a half cup whole Flax seeds or



shelled sunflower seeds and stir only until distributed.

Spray or wipe 9 inch cast iron skillet with canola oil, turn mixture into skillet and spread to flatten slightly, then bake in pre-heated oven at 425 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until sides pull away from skillet and it turns slightly brown on top. Remove from skillet after cooling a bit, if you let it bake too long remove immediately.

Best served warm from oven sliced in pie-like pieces with butter or plain. Leftovers may be kept in plastic in refrigerator or frozen and re-warmed in microwave in a paper towel or left to room temperature and sliced as bread with salads or soups.

The beauty of this recipe is that you can personalize it to meet your individual tastes and add spices or herbs: dill, cilantro, rosemary - fresh or dried however you wish. Depending on what you might want to serve it with or just your preferred desires it lends itself well to diced green onions and other fresh veggies in season should you not want the hot spice of the listed peppers you can even substitute green peppers, tomatoes or other vegetables in season out of your garden or the local farmer's market.

Should the substituted ingredient be more liquid then cut back on the eggs or use less than 8 ounces and bake a bit longer and your end result will still be the same, a nice crumbly corn bread.



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Whereabouts Of Western Women

Article and Photographs by Diane Bergstrom

The longer I live in the west, the more I learn of my midwestern family's historical connections to the west. I recently was given photos of my grandfather, dated from the early 1900's, of him mountain climbing, camping, and attending Black-foot celebrations around Glacier Park, Montana. I never got to meet him. My Great Aunt Evelyne's exploits are better known. The first licensed female pilot of Idaho also had a penchant for racing surreys. When I have a question about my dad's side of the family, my go-to gal is cousin Laura, who facilitated Evelyne's later-in-life adventures with elephant rides and hot air balloon trips. As I recently told Laura about the Cowgirls Museum of the West in Cheyenne, she commented that Evelyne, while riding bareback, jumped through flaming hoops. Now to find a relative with photos! Our history is a part of us, like the dirt



we stand on, providing inspiration and foundation to move forward.

Historic photographs of western pioneer women line the walls of the little museum on 17th Street in Cheyenne, dedicated to preserving the history and artifacts of western women, in addition to the history of cowgirls. Wyoming has an impressive record of honoring women, being the first state to give women the right to vote in 1869, 50

years before the 19th Amendment passed requiring every state to give women the right to vote in state and federal elections. Colorado was the second state. Merely 150 feet from the museum's entrance is an inconspicuous plaque at the place where, in 1869, the first women's suffrage law



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was passed. Not by a state but by a territory. When some members of congress suggested Wyoming repeal its suffrage law in order to gain statehood in 1890, Wyoming's statehood delegation responded with, "We will remain out of the union for another hundred years...rather than come into it without our women." Wyoming went on to elect the first female governor, the first female justice and proposed laws for a woman to own her own property.

This is just a smidgeon of education housed at the museum. For a small building, it packs volumes of information in its easy-to-view displays. And its people. The non-profit is a grass roots operation run by committed volunteers and supported by private donations, limited grants, and profits from the gift emporium next door to the free museum. Memberships are offered and donations are accepted, especially of western themed items, for resale in the shop. As Stacey Gierisch, President, stated, "For being so small, it's got great history on women and you don't find that anywhere." Antiques and artifacts displayed in the front windows invite visitors in, and then engaging historian Ben Hilsen ensures visitors leave more informed on cowgirl and pioneer women history. His appearance adds to the ambience—from his cowboy hat atop long silver hair, to his drooping handlebar moustache, or as his wife describes it, Yosemite Sam. From his work history for Wyoming



Travel and Tourism, and pure interest in keeping western women's history preserved, he can answer questions on historical legislature, significant contributions of frontier women, construction of side saddles, the golden age of rodeo when women competed equally with men, and the price of Wrangler jeans in 1948.



While I studied the saddles and clothing, Bill explained the side saddles relegated to female equestrians starting in the 1300's spanning to the early 1900's. Helpful posted information, found throughout the museum, included this statement posted

over the saddles, "...when the side saddle ruled...if a woman appeared in town wearing a pair of trousers, or even a split skirt because she was riding her horse in the astride style, she could have been arrested and jailed for indecent exposure! This

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Victorian attitude was still prevalent in 1905, Los Angeles, when a newspaper editorial lamented... 'The woman does not live who can throw her leg over the back of a horse without profaning the grace of femininity: or grasp with her separated knees the shoulders of her mount without violating the laws of good taste: or appear in the astride saddle with any semblance of dignity, elegance or poise.' (I am sure Aunt Evelyne disregarded this information.) A leaping horn, on top of the American Western saddle, held the rider in place if her horse spooked. Bill also explained the original purpose of fringe on leather jackets. Before Gortex and moisture-wicking polyester became part of garment construction, the fringe on jackets wicked rain away from the coat and gave the water an avenue away from the body. A piece of fringe could also be cut off when a tie down was needed.

A new addition to the museum can be found in the back room, converted to a small theater, thanks to grants from



the Union Pacific Foundation and a lot of volunteer hours. Mismatched chairs create a cozy space for viewing an hour-long film, *Oh You Cowgirl!*, depicting rarely seen footage of the golden age of the rodeo cowgirl, in the early 20th century, including rough stock events of steer roping, bronco riding and relay racing. Ben explained, "Up until the 19th century, women competed equally with men. A man came out of the

chute, then a woman. These gals were considered the first professional female athletes in America. Prior to WW II, women were participants in rodeo rough stock events. (Including steer wrestlers called bull-dodgers.) Trick riding used to be a competitive event." When pressed for the reasons why women do not currently compete at this level, Ben reflected, "A lot started off in competitive events and many really hurt themselves. Enough of a Victorian age remained, it was ok for a guy to get killed in the arena but the press wrote about the women. They threatened to withhold sponsorship. Two deaths (from bronco riding) were the beginning of the end of the Golden Age: Marie Gibson, 1933, and Bonnie McCarroll, 1928. Alice Greenough, a Montana cowgirl, was the last to ride at the World Championships in Madison Square Gardens in 1940. I call it *The Last Ride*. Pride, wounded pride, also entered the decision. "When a

woman came within three to four points of the top rated cowboy," he added, "this is where egos get into the picture. The thought that a woman could take the All Around Title - they didn't like that. When you don't like something, what do you do? You change the rules."

Diversity in the women displayed is sparse but offers visitors framed photos with histories of Lemhi Shoshone Sacagawea, who guided explorers Lewis and Clark, and lesser known women like Paiute Princess Sarah Winnemucca who, with her perfect English, was her tribe's voice against the shunting of her people between reservations and the mistreatment they received by the government. She even authored a book, *Life Among the Paiutes*. Bridget Mason's story is also

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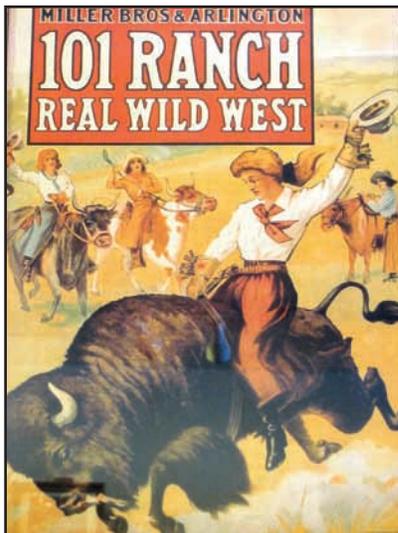
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presented; she was born a slave and given to Robert Smith and his bride as a wedding present. He moved from state to state, evading the laws, in order to keep his slaves as property. Bridget eventually petitioned a California court for her freedom and won. She went on to become a nurse, midwife, businesswoman and real estate developer. She started schools for black children, donated much money to charities, and a century after her death, was inducted into the California Hall of Distinction.

Famous women, infamous women, and women simply making their lives on the land when the phrase “equal opportunity” didn’t exist, are depicted through photographs and write-ups, which are interesting, informative and not overwhelmingly long. Visitors can learn more historical facts about well-known women like Laura Elizabeth Ingalls who wrote the series about her life, *Little House on the Prairie*. Behind the scene information is given on the tremendous losses she endured before she ever thought of writing about her upbringing in Minnesota. Mary O’Hara also went through her own series of life’s hardships before, at the age of 56, she wrote her first book about a spirited Wyoming horse, *My Friend Flicka*. Ben’s great-grandmother, Anna Gustava, is also on a wall. As a widow, she ran her own dairy farm in Minnesota, recalling, “Milking a dozen Holstein cows twice a day on 40 acres was about all I could handle as a single woman.” Six years later she married a widower with four children and helped him run a 160-acre homestead. The hopeful vision and goal of this museum dedicated to women’s history was simply summed up by Ben, “To not let this history die.”

To visit the museum, their address is: 205 West 17th Street in Cheyenne. Phone number: 307-638-4994. www.cowgirlsofthewestmuseum.com

Their annual big fundraiser



“The emancipation of women may not have begun with the vote, nor in the cities where women marched and carried signs and protested but rather when they mounted a good cowhorse and realized how different and fine the view From the back of a horse, the world looked wider.”
- Joyce Gibson Roach

bruncheon and fashion show will be held on Monday, July 22, at the Little America Resort in Cheyenne. The event begins at 9 am, ends shortly after 12 pm, and



includes a silent auction, fashion show by Little America Boutique, and opportunities to buy from Trader Barb of New Mexico, whose unique jewelry designs are a big draw, according to Nancy Prosser, reservation coordinator. **Tickets CANNOT be bought at the door. Call Nancy soon at 307-632-6068 to make your reservations.**

Tickets are \$40 and a portion is tax-deductible. They are expecting 600 guests and half of the tickets were sold by mid June. Stacey stated, “It’s become the thing to do on Monday of Frontier Days (July

19-28),” and Nancy added, “It is the only event truly geared toward women during Frontier Days. We started it 16 years ago.” As a point of interest, she mentioned that Amelia Earhart had attended Frontier Days. I think if Aunt Evelyne were still around, she would plan on attending. Perhaps she already did!

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Meetings For Land Use ~ Justin Roth Concert

Letter to Editor,

Meetings on Draft North Mountains Land Use Plan - Citizens are Invited to Attend North Mountains Plan Meetings in July (JEFFERSON COUNTY) - Residents of Unincorporated Jefferson County's North Mountains area, which includes Golden Gate Canyon and Coal Creek Canyon, will have the opportunity to shape the future of their neighborhoods as the county's Planning & Zoning Division continues the update to the North Mountains Community Plan.

Planning & Zoning staff will hold two meetings in July

regarding the draft of the North Mountains Area Plan. The meetings will be open house style, which means there will be no formal presentation. Interested parties can stop by any time during the meeting to review Plan maps and policies and give comments to staff. The same information will be presented at both meetings. Light refreshments will be served.

Meetings are scheduled for: Thursday, July 25, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Golden Gate Grange, 25201 Golden Gate Canyon Road, Golden -

Wednesday, July 31 5:30p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Coal Creek Canyon Improvement Association (CCCIA) Community Center, 31528 State Highway 72, Golden

The draft Plan will also be available on-line for review starting the week of July 22. Please go to <http://planning.jeffco.us> and then under "Community Plan Updates", click on "North Mountains." **Comments can be submitted through August 19, 2013.** If you have questions please contact Heather Gutherless, 303-271-8716 or hgutherl@jeffco.us.

Letter to the Editor,

On **Saturday, July 13th**, nationally touring singer/songwriter & acoustic guitarist **Justin Roth** (justinroth.com) will perform at the CCCIA Hall (Coal

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singer/songwriters on the acoustic music scene, including:

Shawn Colvin, Martin Sexton, Lucy Kaplansky, Darrell Scott, Susan Werner and David Wilcox. Equally, his guitar playing has earned him shared stages with some of the greatest fingerstyle players of today, such as: Tommy Emmanuel, Andy McKee, Billy McLaughlin, California Guitar Trio and Pat Donohue. A dynamic live performer, Justin has won fans over with his intricate solo guitar



instrumentals, heartfelt songs and spontaneous delivery. Chris Garre

Creek Canyon Community Center at 31528 Highway 72, Golden, CO). Admission is \$15 and tickets will be available at the door. Doors will open at 6:30pm with the show beginning at 7:00pm.

Justin Roth is a nationally touring singer/songwriter & acoustic guitarist who combines an artful blend of hooks laid on a bed of brilliantly inventive guitar technique for a unique mix of acoustic indie folk. He has sold over 11,000 copies of his five independent CDs as well as being a core contributor to an instrumental solo guitar album produced for Target

Stores, entitled Lifescapes - Solo Guitar, which has sold over 70,000 copies nationwide. His path to acoustic music was solidified at 17, when he saw innovative guitarist Michael Hedges open for Crosby, Stills & Nash. Seeing that the acoustic guitar was capable of so much more than he had been exposed to before, from that moment on he knew it would be the root of his musical world. His use of alternate tunings, partial capos and his two-hand tapping technique leaves audiences mesmerized and displays his impressive guitar style that has been described as, 'more than just an instrument, but an extension of himself.'

Justin has toured with Red House recording artist John Gorka and has opened for some of the finest

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West Magnolia - (Haul Road) Update

ACCESS: The three seasonal gates along County Road 132W in the Boulder Ranger District's West Magnolia area, immediately south of Nederland, are open for the first time since June 2012. The area is open to vehicle access and camping. Forest Service Road 355D, a loop accessing four

campsites, is closed for repair.

SAFETY: Visitors should exercise caution around existing trees, stay on designated roads and trails, and keep camp within 50 feet of campsite markers. Trees of all sizes surrounding cleared areas are susceptible to blow-down for up to three years after treatment. Remember, your safety is your responsibility.

STILL OPERATING: Fuel treatment operations such as skidding and hauling will continue with large trucks moving in the West Magnolia area and on County Road 132W. Contract crews plan to complete work before their July 2013 deadline and return to plant trees in treated areas to diversify the stand and increase resilience against future mountain pine beetle (MPB) infestations.

WHY THIS SCALE OF TREATMENT: Hazard trees, beetle infestation, and decadent fuels on National Forest System lands in the West Magnolia area needed to be addressed. With this area's fuel condition, popularity and proximity to Nederland, fire mitigation work and beetle infestation took priority over recreation. Nearby areas are scheduled for fuels mitigation work as well, supporting Boulder County and Nederland local Wildfire Community Protection Plans.

HOW IT LOOKS NOW: Large parcels of even aged lodgepole pine larger than 5 inches in diameter at chest height were removed. Aspen and smaller diameter lodgepole was retained. Forest Service specialists anticipate treated areas will soon look similar to meadows with the ribbons of uncut trees between treatment parcels breaking up the open areas for wildlife passage and aesthetics. Over the years, retained trees and natural regeneration will provide a diversity of trees mixed with aspen.

Even though conditions may not currently meet expectations for some people, over time natural regeneration, tree diversity planting, trails planning and management will be the key in building a healthier, more resilient landscape for now and in the future.

FUTURE TRAILS: Boulder District Ranger is planning to initiate scoping for an Environmental Analysis on the Magnolia trails system following NEPA regulations, which will provide opportunities for visitors and locals to give input and feedback on proposed actions. STAY TUNED for when the scoping letter goes out!

CURRENT TRAILS: Non-system trails, such as social trails, will not be restored. USFS is working with outside volunteer agencies to plan for trail

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PILES: Slash piles and log decks must not be tampered with, added to, or removed from for legal and safety reasons. The contractor hauled out more than 90% of the cut material, drastically reducing what was left behind. These piles consist of branches, tops, and limbs generally less than 3 inches in diameter. This slash must be left to cure for at least one season (dependent on humidity and moisture patterns) before the material can be chipped, masticated or burned.

TREE PLANTING: Planting unauthorized vegetation is prohibited. Contracted crews are scheduled to start planting a specific mix of trees in 30 acres within the next two weeks (weather and conditions dependent) to increase future stand diversity. Visitors are advised to stay on designated or marked roads and trails to avoid trampling saplings.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE TREE TRUNKS: Even though the wood in this area is of low value, larger tree sections have been purchased by the contractor as a way of subsidizing costs. With surprisingly few markets that can use the wood, WRR was able to locate places in Colorado and other states that can market the material.

STANDING DEAD TREES: Special instructions were given to West Range Reclamation (WRR) to minimize and repair treatment impacts and provide for diversity across the landscape. These include leaving approximately five snags (dead trees that are down or standing) per acre for wildlife habitat. Slash such as tree tops, limbs and trunks were scattered within the unit to reduce soil erosion from wind-scouring and provide nutrients to the ecosystem.

WHY THE BIG "HEALTHY" TREES: The majority of treatment parcels in the West Magnolia area were made up of same-aged and same-sized lodgepole trees. These lodgepole and other conifers above 5 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH), which are most susceptible to MPB, were removed.

WHY SO MANY TREES AT ONCE: Lodgepole trees grow together, they rely on the "stand" for protection from the wind. Creating spaces between individuals (thinning) weakens them and causes all single trees to blow down. Trees were removed in large parcels (instead of thinned) to prevent mass blow down.

WHAT WAS LEFT: Trees less than 5 inches DBH and islands of aspen and smaller conifers were retained to diversify the new generation of seedlings. The resulting increase in variety of tree ages and species create a more diverse stand resistant MPB and other diseases.



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By Andrew Gulliford

My dog is the best dog in the world. Now, he hasn't always been that way. He's a springer spaniel-Labrador or a "springador," and he was the puppy from hell. He chewed up three pairs of reading glasses and nibbled the top off of one of my cowboy boots. He didn't do too well in puppy kindergarten, either. In fact, he flunked.

But then, my expectations were different from the instructor's. She wanted to teach dogs to sit, roll over, heel and be continually obedient. I didn't care about that. I just wanted a good hiker dog, and that's what I got. I wanted a canine companion to walk with me all over the West's public lands, from Forest Service mountain peaks to BLM canyons, from national park vistas to Colorado Parks and Wildlife game preserves. I sought a dog to camp with, hike with, backpack with, a dog that wouldn't wander or chase game, though he could flush grouse if he wanted. And that's what Finn became - the best public-land pup I've ever had.

We can go for hours, and I never need to call his name. No leash is needed. There he is out front, running, sniffing,

barreling on ahead, but he always comes back to check on me. Sometimes he gets too exuberant. He bent a brand-new hiking pole when he charged past me to the top of a trail in Colorado's South San Juan Wilderness. He's beaten me to 14,000-foot-high Handies Peak near Lake City, and he's climbed at least half of the 12,000-foot La Plata Mountains.

There's nothing better than to be out on public lands with your dog leading the way. Whenever I want him back, I get down on one knee. He sees me, and comes running because he knows I've got treats in my pocket. We've been everywhere. One of the benefits of being outdoors with canines is the chance to explore with animals that are 1,000 times more sensitive to odors than humans are. I've told my wife I'll never go anywhere, whether it involves climbing a scree-clad peak or descending a canyon on a dangerous trail, unless the springador can get there, too.

But my wife doesn't realize that Finn has four-paw drive. He'll go anywhere, and he has done exactly that, though he's made me a safer climber in the process. On one steep canyon wall, I tried to inch up to the next higher ledge using a wooden log as a ladder, but it was clear I'd have 10-to-12 feet of exposure. Finn did not like the odds. He



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ran off to the side and tiptoed towards me on a knife-edge ledge. He dared me to go up. As I ascended the log, he came closer, and I suddenly knew he was going to fall.

That was his way of calling my bluff. Finn backed me down, and we found another route. That's why I hike with my dog. On national forest lands, including wilderness, we can go most anywhere, but on national park lands I am required to keep him on a leash or in my car or tent. He used to be able to run free on Bureau of Land Management lands, but that's changed, too.

The BLM in Utah now excludes dogs from archaeological sites in selected areas. Amazing! The BLM — the famously "multiple-use" folks with their openness to oil and gas impacts, ATVs running amok, mining pollution, and invasive plants everywhere you go — the BLM wants to control canines like Finn. Doggone it!

There are rational reasons behind the rules, of course, but I ask you: Which species (other than humans) has done the most damage to archaeological sites? Cows. They've knocked down 800-year-old walls, demolished middens,

piSSed on petroglyphs and left their calling cards over most of the archaeological sites in Utah. According to archaeologists, who have the photographs to prove it, on Comb Ridge in San Juan County, cows have recently toppled historic wooden Navajo sweat lodges that will never be re-built.

I believe in protecting archaeological sites. Cultural resources on the Colorado Plateau are irreplaceable, but I also believe in equal treatment for animals: If dogs have to be excluded from archaeological sites, cows should be banned as well. After all, the Anasazi and Fremont Indians raised dogs, not Herefords. In sensitive areas, I'm perfectly willing to use Finn's leash more often, and there are some sites I acknowledge that we'll never again visit as a team. Yet Mark Twain said it best

when he wrote, *If dogs can't go to heaven, I don't want to go, either.*

Andrew Gulliford is a contributor to Writers on the Range, a service of High Country News.

(File photo of Chanel roaming local public land off leash.)



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Roots

By Melissa E. Johnson

*When solving problems,
dig at the roots instead of just hacking at the leaves.*

~Anthony J. D'Angelo

I've learned a lot about life by working in my yard. Here in our mountain community we like to keep things in their natural state. Aside from the main roads, very few surfaces are paved; many are formed with packed sand and gravel.

Likewise, my back patio was designed to be gentle to the land, created from large slabs of flagstone that fit together like puzzle pieces with tiny pebbles in between, rather than grout or cement. The downside to this design reveals itself in the warmer months when I am faced with a mass of unruly weeds, awkwardly sprouting between the stones.

At first I went on a weed-pulling frenzy, bent over for hours as I pulled and tugged at the stalks of things I couldn't define. After a while, my back hurt and my hands were tired, so I settled for the appearance of no weeds; I wanted to have my friends over for a fabulous party on the patio. I started grabbing handfuls of weeds, pulling wildly as I went for a quick fix to the problem. A quick-fix it was not, for within two weeks those pesky weeds were back, thicker and stronger than ever and, once again, I found myself slumped over for hours pulling them from the ground.

The next spring, a wee bit older and wiser, I decided to take a different approach. Armed with a variety of earth-digging apparatus, I settled in for an afternoon of weed pulling, moving methodically between the stones, taking my time, digging deep into the earth to get to the root. It took most of the day, but that season I pulled weeds just twice.

I thought it was a done deal. But there they were-new weeds sprouting the next spring. My effort to get to the root wasn't deep enough, and failed to take into account the many branching veins and structures supporting their



The best thing we can do for ourselves and the people we love and interact with everyday is to connect with our roots-discover what keeps us grounded, for good or ill-for they will determine much about the direction of our growth.

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unruly growth. This time, armed with an animal-friendly weed killer, I made a cocktail strong enough to take them all down, gently pouring the mixture between the stones in an effort to eradicate them forever. That year, I pulled weeds once. Now it's all about maintenance.

As difficult and frustrating as it was, my experience with weeds grew my insight into the depth of human nature and the truth of effective problem solving. All of life, every creation, every problem, everything we think, say or do can be traced to a fundamental core from which it grew. When we ignore the root, we miss an opportunity for greater understanding, and without understanding we cannot possibly hope to solve the problem in a meaningful way.

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Most Endangered River...The Colorado River!

Dear EarthTalk: Why was the Colorado River named the most endangered river of 2013? — Missy Perkins, Jenkintown, PA

American Rivers, a leading non-profit dedicated to the conservation of rivers and riparian corridors across the U.S., recently unveiled its annual list of the nation's most endangered rivers. The mighty Colorado earned the #1 spot, thanks mostly to outdated water management practices in the face of growing demand and persistent drought. "This year's America's Most Endangered Rivers report underscores the problems that arise for communities and the environment when we drain too much water out of rivers," says American Rivers' president Bob Irvin. "The Colorado River...is so over-tapped that it dries up to a trickle before reaching the sea."



Indeed, 36 million of us drink water from the Colorado. The river responsible for cutting the Grand Canyon irrigates nearly four million acres of farmland

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have placed significant stress on water supplies and river health-and another summer drought is on the way. A 2013 study by the federal Bureau of Reclamation finds that there isn't enough water in the Colorado to meet current demands and that the flow will be as much as 30% less by 2050 due to climate change. That reduced flow threatens not only endangered fish and wildlife but also the river system's \$26 billion recreation economy.

"We simply cannot continue with status quo water management," says Irvin. "It is time for stakeholders across the Colorado Basin to come together around solutions to ensure reliable water supplies and a healthy river for future generations." American Rivers has gathered dozens of community groups and other partners together to urge Congress to allot significant funds for river clean-up, state-of-the-art water conservation techniques in cities and on farms, and water sharing mechanisms that allow communities to adapt to warmer temperatures and more erratic precipitation as global warming takes effect.

Individuals can do their part by conserving water and spreading the word among friends and neighbors. Another way to help is to send a letter to Congress via American Rivers' website outlining why instituting better water management practices up and down the Colorado is important to all Americans. Meanwhile, National Geographic's Change the Course campaign challenges everyday Americans to pledge to shrink their "water footprint." For every pledge received, corporate sponsors donate funds that partnering organizations then use for ecological restoration and other projects that return water to the river.

The Colorado is far from the only U.S. river in trouble. The runner-up on American Rivers' 2013 list is Georgia's Flint River, where excessive agricultural and municipal demands are taking too much water out. The story is similar for several other rivers on the list: Texas' San Saba, Wisconsin's Little Plover, and the Catawba in North and South Carolina. "The annual America's Most Endangered Rivers report is a list of rivers at a crossroads, where key decisions in the coming months will determine the rivers' fates," reports the group. "Over the years, the report has helped spur many successes including the removal of outdated dams, the protection of rivers with Wild and Scenic designations, and the prevention of harmful development and pollution." The group hopes that all the attention it is showering on the Colorado this year will help turn it into another American conservation success

story.

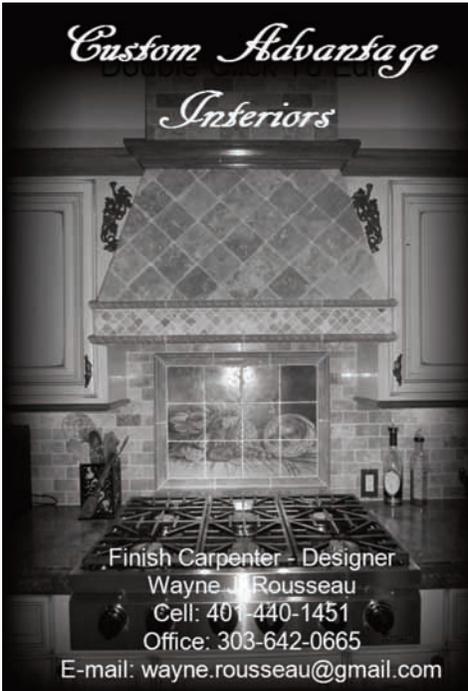
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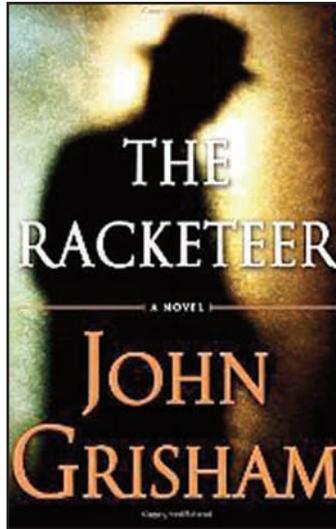
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Mixed Up With The Wrong People

By Tracy Reseigh

John Grisham's newest legal thriller *The Racketeer* is a story about disgraced and disbarred lawyer Malcolm Bannister. Bannister is convicted of racketeering, which Webster's describes as "one who obtains money by an illegal enterprise usually involving intimidation." Bannister gets caught up in assisting other people in doing just that and is sentenced to ten years in a Federal prison. In *The Racketeer*, Grisham breaks from his typical writing style. He does not write about a huge injustice or the flaws of the legal system. Instead he tells a story of how a decent attorney who gets mixed up with the wrong group of powerful people gets caught and punished. While in prison, Bannister hones his legal skills and become a legal wizard with a monster hole card.

Bannister finds a niche as a jailhouse lawyer. For five years people tell Bannister their biggest secrets in the hopes that some piece of information may overturn or reduce a prison sentence. In this capacity, Bannister discovers who murders Federal Judge Raymond Fawcett



and his secretary in a remote lake cabin. The FBI's investigation has stalled and Bannister sets his plan into motion.

Bannister meets with the FBI and says he can offer them the information they need to solve their case. In exchange Bannister asks for a new life, and everything that would entail. Bannister's deal breaker is that if the FBI screws up and does not get a conviction with the information he provides, they cannot come back and revoke his freedom. The FBI agrees to all of his conditions and they have a deal. Bannister professes to himself, "I have a plan...but so much of it is beyond my control." He then divulges his information to the FBI.

The FBI lives up to their end of the bargain and provides Bannister with everything that he requests to begin his new life. They are however tracking him and keeping tabs on his living arrangements, his bank accounts and his acquaintances. The rest of Grisham's story is the cat and mouse game between the FBI chasing Bannister's leads, and Bannister simultaneously carrying out his plan.

In defense of this review, I have to say that I am a big fan of John Grisham books; therefore I would recommend this book to readers who enjoy legal thrillers. However, I do recognize that after twenty some books, Grisham's writing style and pontification of our flawed legal system can get boring. *The Racketeer* is not bogged down with pages of excessive legal jargon and mundane legal procedures. This is a story about a wrongly accused man who serves his time, provides the FBI with information they need to close their high profile murder case, and then sets out to seek revenge on those that took away his life as well. *The Racketeer* is a story in the vein of - both sides have all the information and may the best man win. Published by Doubleday, *The Racketeer* is available at Barnes & Noble in hardback for \$22.90. It will be available in paperback as well, August 27, 2013.

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Big Brother's Big Data

By Sarah Keller

Last year, with a great deal of prescience, Wired magazine published James Bamford's long form story describing Bluffdale, Utah where "Big Love and Big Brother have become uneasy neighbors," and where, off of Beef Hollow Road, construction was underway on a building five times the size of the U.S. Capitol.

The building, which Bamford describes as "the final piece of a complex puzzle assembled over the last decade..." is the National Security Agency's Utah Data Center. Located at Camp Williams on Utah National Guard Land about 25 miles south of Salt Lake City, the building will be the country's largest spy center when it opens in October 2013.

Marshall Swearingen recently put the cyber security hub on the map for High Country News, as one of the West's big data colonies. According to NPR, the center is so massive that it has its own power substation, and will use as much energy as 65,000 homes. It's going to take 1.5 million gallons of water a day to keep its computers from sizzling. By some estimates those computers will be able to handle five zettabytes of data. William Binney, a long-time NSA technical director turned whistleblower interpreted that obscure unit of measure for NPR, and it means there will be enough storage in Bluffdale to contain "on the order of 100 years worth of the worldwide communications, phones and emails..."

But Wired's reporting on Bluffdale didn't blow up the media like the Guardian's and Washington Post's reports recently, which were based on a former NSA contractor's leaked documents, and revealed a classified

court order by the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISA) authorizing government collection of data related to American's telephone calls, information such as numbers dialed and the length of calls, and the time of calls. It also disclosed part of a classified presentation about a web data collection program, called PRISM, the particulars of which are still emerging.

The current (and hopefully ongoing) debate about the extent to which the Obama administration's NSA, with authorization from the 2001 Patriot Act, is gathering domestic data is putting some focus back on the Utah data center. It made me wonder, how did a \$1.2 billion federal spy center end up in Utah anyway? After all, this is the same state whose governor just signed a state's rights bill asking the federal government to return 20 million acres of federal land to Utah, and also approved a law prohibiting federal officers, at risk of arrest, from enforcing state or local laws in Utah (the feds sued *(Continued on next page.)*)



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and received an injunction on the law). Now, the Utah Attorney General is asserting that federal officers and rangers can't enforce Utah regulations on federal public lands.

If Utahans are really worried about government power? Why aren't they looking more closely at their backyards, not just at national monuments? How much do attempts to limit federal power by grabbing up public land and ammunition matter if the feds are quietly farming our personal data? Partisan politics are dangerous for our democracy when they distract us from debating how much privacy we're willing to compromise for national security, and how much power we're willing to give the government to protect us.

And when it comes to surveillance, it looks like our tolerance for it is quite partisan. While recent outcry from congressional representatives has not necessarily fallen on party lines, it's disheartening to see how fickle the public is when it comes to government scandals. A recent Washington Post-Pew Research poll seems to indicate that we're more likely to give federal snooping a pass if we voted for the party doing it. The poll found that "in early 2006, 37 percent of Democrats found the [NSA's] activities acceptable; now nearly twice that number - 64 percent - say

the use of telephone records is okay. By contrast, Republicans slumped from 75 percent acceptable to 52 percent recently." Wow, come on sheeple. This kind of partisan groupthink can't be good for holding the government accountable, no matter the party.

The fact that the data center found a home in Utah and not one of the other 37 - some sites examined - the NSA examined can be traced back to power, both the amount of power the Wasatch Front's transmission lines can handle (and its affordability), and the power of Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, the longest serving member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, who worked to bring the center to the state.

Now, there's a wrinkle in that cheap energy for the NSA, as the Salt Lake Tribune reports. The Utah Legislature passed an energy tax bill in March that could cost the NSA an additional \$2.4 million per year on top of its \$40 million power bill. But after the NSA protested, it looks like Gov. Gary Herbert will be working with the NSA and the state to keep the spy agency from being charged under the new law-powerful indeed.

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360 Creekwood Trail
Thoughtfully Remodeled Escape
3 BD/ 3 BA 3.5 Ac. **\$299,000**



30945 Burland Road
Fantastic Horse Property 2.3 Ac!
3 BD/ 2 BA 800SF Barn **\$249,900**



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1965 Centennial Drive
Immaculate/Spacious Condo
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GORGEOUS Gourmet Kitchen
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Mesmerizing Views!
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4 BD/ 4 BA **\$329,000**



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25 Crescent Lake Road
Perfect Horse Property!
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All living on one level - Sweet Set-Up!
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Historic Wondervu Cabin An
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