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As a Colorado Native and a West End-er for the last 28 years I guess you could say I was predestined to have a love for all that Colorado has to offer. But the deep consuming love I have for the Unaweeep/Tabeguache Scenic and Historic Byway has been polished and perfected over the last year. Growing up in Norwood, Colorado, I have traveled both directions of the UT Byway more times than I can count and every trip is breathtaking in its own unique way. After a 10 year career in industry, I noticed that I was missing too much at home. I left my career in industry to focus on becoming the wife and mother I always wanted to be. In that process, an opportunity arose to not only be that woman, but to be a champion for my community. I jumped at the chance April of 2017. In the last year I can honestly say I have fallen in love with my byway, my community and the people and culture it represents. The UT byway has proven itself in peaceful beauty and historic glory. I jumped at the opportunity to direct the Unaweeep/Tabeguache Interpretive Visitor Center, support local business through the NNACC and take lead on the efforts to revive the Unaweeep/Tabeguache Scenic and Historic Byway Council. I set out to give back to the community in a big way. My mission is to promote the UT Byway with all the strength, excitement and vigor it instills in me. That is exactly what I strive to do, everyday.