

Highlights from the Field

Commissioner Adams'
July 2022 Update

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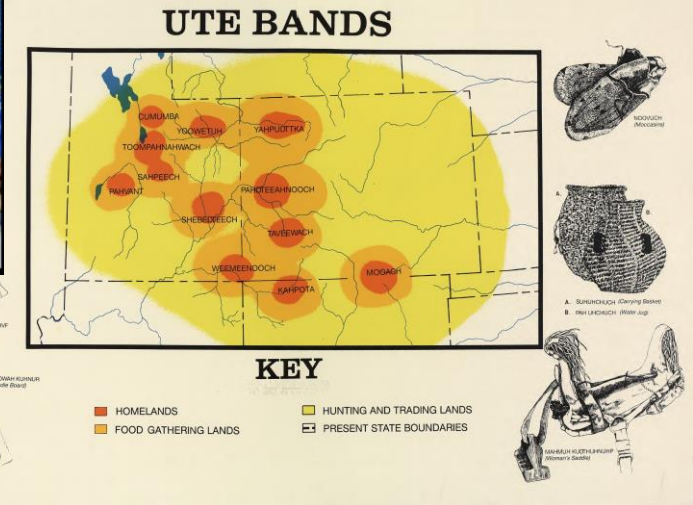
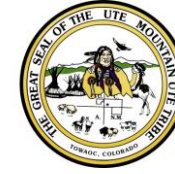


133rd Bear Dance at Ute Mountain Ute Reservation

Weeminuche Band of Ute Nation

Thank you to the Ernest House and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe for the opportunity to join the Bear Dance, Community Pow Wow, Hand Game Competition, and Parade. Learning, unlearning, and relearning about the past and the present through community members and visits to the Community Center, [the Kwiyyagat \(Ute word for Bear\) Community Academy](#), and Ute Mountain Casino Hotel.

- ▶ The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe lies within the southwest corner of the State of Colorado. The majority of the reservation consist of lands about 553,008 acres in Montezuma and La Plata Counties, Colorado and San Juan County, New Mexico.
- ▶ The Tribe has 2,000+ enrolled members who reside both on and off the reservation. The Tribal administration is located in the community of Towaoc, Colorado and the White Mesa community is located in Blanding, Utah.
- ▶ The Bear Dance performed every spring by the Ute Indians of Colorado is the oldest dance that the tribe performs, dating back even further than the fifteenth century, when it was first witnessed by Spanish explorers.



155th Colorado Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention - June 13-15, 2022

Thank you for another great year full of policy discussions, educational opportunities, award presentations, sponsor giveaways, and, most importantly, catching up with new and old friends from across the state.

Topics of Interest:

- Unpacking the relationship between grazing and outdoor recreation on public land
- Continued drought & wildfires mitigation/adaptation
- Innovations in virtual fencing to support wildlife corridors
- National Western Center - Construction of the dynamic, 250-acre National Western Center in Denver is underway now. Will include the Western Stock Show Assn Legacy Building, Stockyards Event Center, CSU Spur Terra building with urban ag spaces and greenhouses.



CPW Officer Swearing In & Badge Pinning Ceremony

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 Wildlife Officers and Park Rangers



CPW Career Day

- ▶ Thank you to Shalana Gray and the Workforce Development team for an exceptional CPW Career Day!
- ▶ The primary audience will be the [Environmental Learning for Kids \(ELK\) Urban Rangers](#) and CPW interns. We will also be inviting participants from other community partner organizations. 33 CPW staff participated in the Career Day!
- ▶ There are five 25 minute sessions, during which you can expect roughly 2-5 participants in each. The informational interview portion of the event was highly and was participants' favorite part of the day!
- ▶ Topics included: Aquatic Biology, Budgeting and Financial Services, Business & Technology Operations, Capital Development, Branding and Communications, Customer Service and Administrative Support, District Wildlife Manager (DWM), Energy and Land Use, Education and Outreach - Hunting & Angling, Education and Outreach - School and Interpretive Programs, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, (Organizational Development), Fish Hatcheries, intersectional environmentalist, Natural Areas and Species Conservation, Park Ranger, Partnerships and Volunteer Programs, Policy and Planning, Property Technicians and Park Resource Technicians, Real Estate, Terrestrial Wildlife Biology, Water Resources, and Workforce Development.



Colorado Natural Areas Program

July 2022 Updates

2022 Field Season

- [CNAP](#) staff busy monitoring over 30 state natural areas this season, volunteers help monitor an additional 40
- CNAP staff have been monitoring federally listed plant species, with the help of CNHP, USFWS, and volunteers
- CNAP staff & volunteers observe & document [SWAP](#) species of greatest conservaton need (including wildlife, plants, & insects)



Colorado Natural Areas Program

July 2022 Updates

- CNAP celebrating 45 year anniversary! Colorado Natural Act was signed in 1977.
- Colorado Natural Areas Council (CNAC):
 - Appreciation for outgoing Chair, Ken Strom, Wildlife ecologist, appointed in 2014
 - New Governor appointee- Courtney Krause
 - CNAC helping to prioritize strategic plan goals/objectives
- **Volunteer steward program:**
 - Staff hosting volunteer appreciation event this fall at Castlewood Canyon State Park/Natural Area. Commissioners welcome!



Ken Strom,
Outgoing
CNAP
Chair,
Wildlife
Ecologist



Lynn Riedel,
Incoming CNAP
Chair,
Plant Ecologist,
City of Boulder
Open Space &
Mountain Parks





Congratulations on the 35th Anniversary of The Nature Conservancy Phantom Canyon Ranch Preserve

The next event will be hosted on August 27. This event is sponsored by TNC's Young Professionals group, the 13ers Advisory Council. This event is geared toward engaging the next generation of conservation leaders in the mission of The Nature Conservancy. Spread the word to anyone in your network that is in the 21-40ish age range

