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## Next Meeting – March 14<sup>th</sup>

The next SJBAS meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. After a brief business meeting, Mona Charles, Grant Project Director at the Animas Museum, will present: "*West to East and Kidder to Morris: A Historical Perspective on the Basketmakers of the American Southwest.*" A social will be held before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the CSWS foyer.

Mona Charles is a long-time resident of La Plata County with over 40 years of archaeological experience. She is perhaps best known locally for her work at the Darkmold Site with the Fort Lewis College archaeological field school and her more recent work as a researcher and collaborator on the reanalysis of the Falls Creek Shelter artifacts and human remains. Ms. Charles is one of several authors working on a book about their research at the Falls Creek Shelters. After a teaching career at Fort Lewis College Ms. Charles took a position as Collections Manager and Grant Project Director at the Animas Museum. She held this position until September of 2016 when the Animas Museum received a prestigious grant from national NAGPRA. She took the position of Grant Project Director for the NAGPRA grant. Her work with the Durango Basketmakers provides her with a unique knowledge base to work on the Animas Museum's archaeological collections. Ms. Charles is the owner of Powderhorn Research, an independent archaeological consulting firm located here in Durango.

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## **Special Presentation – March 9<sup>th</sup>** - Chacoan Astronomy, Cosmography, Roads, and Ritual Power: New Insights into Chaco's Powerful Expanse using New Technologies

On Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Room 130 at Noble Hall, Fort Lewis College, [Solstice Project](#) researchers Anna Sofaer, Richard Friedman, and Robert Weiner will share their latest research findings that reveal the vast extent of the Chaco culture across an area the size of Ohio and the compelling cosmology that supported its regional power. This presentation will review Chaco's complex solar and lunar astronomy, as commemorated at the Sun Dagger site and in the alignments of buildings, and the striking ritual objects found at Pueblo Bonito, such as macaws, cacao, copper bells, and gambling pieces. The hundreds of outlying Great Houses throughout the Chaco world are brought to life through 3-D models. This presentation is sponsored by SJBAS and San Juan Citizen's Alliance.

The researchers will also share the results of the Solstice Project's recent use of LiDAR technology to document enigmatic Chaco "roads," many of which establish connections with striking features of the natural landscape and astronomical directions. The group's latest findings reveal that the topographic trajectory of Chaco Canyon itself aligns to the major lunar standstill as viewed from a Great House, just as Chimney Rock's landform frames the standstill moon's rising from ritual architecture. With this use of the sculpted land forms of the Four Corners, the Chacoans created a powerful union of land and sky, a convergence that may have inspired their intense investment in astronomical commemoration and ceremonial extravagance.

### **About the Speakers:**

At the summer solstice in 1977, **Anna Sofaer** rediscovered the Sun Dagger site in Chaco Canyon, New Mexico. Following this finding, Sofaer founded the non-profit Solstice Project and has conducted three decades of research at Chaco. She has produced, directed, and co-written two award-winning PBS documentaries *The Sun Dagger* and *The Mystery of Chaco Canyon*, both narrated by Robert Redford. Her work has been published in dozens of scientific papers, republished in the book *Chaco Astronomy: An Ancient American Cosmology*. Currently, Sofaer is producing and co-directing a third documentary film, writing a book, and pursuing efforts to protect Chaco from energy development.

**Richard Friedman** is a remote sensing expert who has studied Chaco Canyon for over 30 years. He combines diverse skillsets in geology, remote sensing, archaeology, and new digital technologies to study the Chaco world. Friedman worked with the Navajo Nation Chaco Sites Protection Program to document countless Great Houses and roads throughout the Four Corners region. Friedman has published numerous articles on Chacoan architecture, roads, and agriculture. He currently teaches in the GIS program at San Juan College in Farmington, NM and works closely with the Solstice Project.

**Robert Weiner** is a Research Associate with the Solstice Project and Research Affiliate with the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology at Brown University. He will start a PhD in archaeology at Harvard in the fall. Weiner studies gambling, roads, ritual, Mesoamerican connections and astronomy at Chaco. His research has been published in *American Antiquity*, *Kiva*, *Advances in Archaeological Practice*, and various edited volumes. He has conducted archaeological fieldwork in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Turkey.

## **2018 SJBAS and CAS Membership Dues**

For this year, SJBAS is collecting dues as we have in the past through our Treasurer, Mark Gebhardt; follow this link to the [Membership Form](#) and Liability Release and SJBAS Site Etiquette forms. CAS is initiating an online dues payment system and may email SJBAS members about paying their dues. Please pay your SJBAS and CAS dues through Mark, and he will remit the CAS portion of our dues to CAS later this spring. Sorry for the confusion.

## **Know Your SJBAS Neighbor**

Each month we plan to feature a different SJBAS member in this article. Please contact Janice Sheftel, [janicesheftel@gmail.com](mailto:janicesheftel@gmail.com), if you would like to share your profile.

## **Rusty Chamberlain**

I was born in Monmouth County New Jersey into an Air Force family. My parents both came from Scottish immigrant families, although there are 100 to 250 years between their arrivals and mine. My father's side of the family were builders and my mother's side were and still are distillers. We moved around quite a bit for my first

14 years, places like New Mexico, Alaska, California and Ohio, but we often managed to spend part of our summers back at the Jersey shore. In the summer of 1960, Dad was stationed at the Pentagon and we moved to Arlington, Virginia where I entered high school. Dad's last 10 years in the Air Force were assignments in the DC area so my two brothers and I finished high school and college from one home base like "normal" kids. We did however miss the adventure of seeing new places. Especially overseas tours.

My interest in archaeology started the summer of 1957 at my grandfather's beach house. I read Thor Heyerdahl's book about his expedition to Easter Island, *Aku-Aku*. The next year I read his book, *Kon-Tiki*, about sailing a balsa wood raft from Peru to Polynesia. We were living in Dayton, Ohio at the time and learned about the Mound Builder culture and some of their sites in Ohio. Of course, in Virginia we visited Jamestown, Williamsburg and the plantation houses around DC such as Mount Vernon.

After high school, I got a degree in Economics from The Virginia Military Institute and served in the army for a few years. After the army I used the GI Bill to get training as a computer programmer and have been doing that ever since.

While in college I fell in love with skiing and the mountains. My younger brother, Laird, lived in Steamboat Springs and after visiting one winter, I moved to Denver. That is where I met and fell in love with Kathy. Both of us loved skiing and the mountains. In 1987 we visited Mesa Verde with our toddler son, Everett. This visit sparked our interest in lives and culture of early and modern pueblo peoples. Seven years later we toured Walnut Canyon and Wupatki while on vacation in Flagstaff. That was an eye opener. A map at Wupatki showed how widespread and numerous the early American "city building" was. The information at Mesa Verde tends not to show it as a part of a much larger civilization.

Everett, graduated from Fort Lewis. Of course, we visited often and decided we had put off moving to the mountains long enough. Fortunately, I found work at Mercury Payment Systems that allowed us to afford food, fuel and shelter in the beautiful part of Colorado. So, here we are.

Shortly after moving here Kathy read a notice in the Herald of a meeting of the SJBAS. We started attending meetings and after a year so, we joined. Before joining we visited Chaco. Oh my gosh! I had no idea how many Great Houses are in and around Chaco Wash. Since joining we have enjoyed day trips and several weekend trips along with our own explorations. They have all been educational and so much fun.

During that year or so I joined the local bagpipe band, Westward Pipes and Drums, as a Tenor drummer and a bagpipe student. You may have seen us in the Fourth of July or Veteran's Day parades and local Celtic happenings. Playing the pipes is something I always wanted to do. My father and my brother are pipers and now I am too.

-- Rusty

### **Alice Hamilton Scholarship**

If you know a student studying archaeology, please encourage them to apply for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship offered by the Colorado Archaeological Society. Multiple awards are granted each year, ranging from \$200 to \$750; these are based on the merits of the application, rather than financial need. A common award for undergraduates covers the expense of field school. For more information and the application form, follow this link: [CAS scholarship](#). Deadline for submission is March 23, 2018.

## Field Trip Report - Galloping Goose #5 – February 24<sup>th</sup>

Nine SJBAS members met at the D&SNG Railroad station at 9:30 on a cold, but sunny Saturday morning to ride the restored Galloping Goose #5 to the Cascade Wye. A pot-bellied wood stove provided heat in the freight car and heat from the engine warmed the front bus body. Everyone could change seats and got to ride in the front and in back. Riding the Goose was a unique experience, we learned all about the Geese, and everyone had a good time.



The Rio Grande Southern Railroad (RGS) was built in the early 1890's to serve the silver mining towns of Telluride and Rico. The Silver Panic of 1893 created an economic depression and the railroad struggled to survive. During its bankruptcy in the 1930's, the railroad created the automotive-based rails cars, called motors, to transport passengers and U.S. mail. The RGS eventually built seven of these cars which would later become known as Galloping Geese. The Geese replaced the costly steam-powered trains and operated from 1933 to 1950.

In 1953, five members of the Dolores Colorado Rotary Club bought Goose #5 from the RGS and moved it to Flanders Park in Dolores where it sat unprotected from weather; the Goose slowly deteriorated. In 1987, the Galloping Goose Historical Society of Dolores was created to restore Goose #5, and by 1998 it was restored and moved to the Dolores Museum, a replica of the RGS Dolores train station. The Weminuche Construction Authority in Towaoc transported Goose #5 to Durango on a flatbed truck for the February Snow Goose trips to Cascade Canyon.

Participants – Bob Powell, Janice Sheftel, Scott Henning, Bob Hutson, Paula Lutz, Rosalie Phillips, Kristin Bowen, Barb and Lyle Hancock

<p><b>Dates</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Upcoming Field Trip and Activity Schedule - 2018</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Updates are in red.</b></p> <p align="center">To update this schedule, email <a href="mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net">lylehancock@bresnan.net</a>.</p> <p align="center">Please contact trip leaders by phone or email for more information or to sign up.</p> <p align="center">Follow this link for a <a href="#">printer friendly 2018 Trip Schedule</a>.</p>
<p><b>March 1 - 5</b></p>	<p><b>Exploring Cochise County, Arizona</b> - This is Gail and Marlo's popular multi-day hotel trip to Southeast Arizona. Destinations may include: Cochise College artifact collections, Camp Rucker and Fort Bowie, and the ghost town of Fairbank. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leaders Gail and Marlo Schulz at <a href="mailto:mschulz@frontier.net">mschulz@frontier.net</a>.</p>

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<b>April 11</b>	<b>SJBAS meeting</b> - Charles DeFerdinando will speak about the 1917-18 flu epidemic and how the Durango-Silverton train helped it spread.
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Backcountry Sites</b> –day trip – Hike several miles to remote Ancestral Puebloan sites. Trip Participation Limit is 12. For more information or to signup, contact Lyle Hancock at <a href="mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net">lylehancock@bresnan.net</a> .
<b>May 9</b>	<b>SJBAS meeting</b> - Ken Wright, of Wright Paleohydrological Institute, will present: " <i>The Inca Road System, a World Heritage Site.</i> "
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Yellow Jacket Pueblo Archaeological Conservancy</b> – day trip - Jerry Fetterman will lead a trip to Yellow Jacket Pueblo near Cortez – For more information or to signup, contact Janice Sheftel at <a href="mailto:janicesheftel@gmail.com">janicesheftel@gmail.com</a> .
<b>June 8 - 9</b>	<b>Ouray Perimeter Trail Historical Hike</b> – 2-day camping or hotel trip - Don Paulson, curator of history for the Ouray Museum, may lead the Perimeter Trail hike; trip will include Ute Indian Museum in Montrose and docent-led tour to Shavano Valley Rock Art Site. For more information or to sign up, contact Joan Kellogg at <a href="mailto:joankellogg@charter.net">joankellogg@charter.net</a> .
<b>June 13</b>	<b>SJBAS semi-annual meeting and picnic</b> - at Elk's picnic ground on Florida Road
<b>June 18 - 22</b>	<b>Southern New Mexico (Mimbres Country)</b> – 5-day camping trip - Three Rivers Petroglyph Site; Hueco Tanks State Park with guided tour; Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument; Dragonfly Trail petroglyphs. Trip Participation Limit is 10. Leaders are Paula Lutz and Candace Alburn. For more information or to sign up, contact Paula at <a href="mailto:paula@durango.net">paula@durango.net</a> .
<b>June 21</b>	<b>FLC Field School in Canyons of the Ancients National Monument</b> – day trip – Dr. Chuck Riggs will lead the excavation tour and explain FLC research efforts. After the field school visit we may stop at Sand Canyon Pueblo or visit the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center. Participants must be prepared to carpool, and the Trip Participation Limit is 12. For more information or to sign up, contact Rusty Chamberlain at <a href="mailto:chambrke@aol.com">chambrke@aol.com</a> .
<b>June ~23 – 25</b>	<b>SMU-in-Taos Field School at Picuris Pueblo</b> – 2-day motel or camping trip - Dr. Michael Adler (SMU) will be collaborating with Sev Fowles (Columbia U) and Lindsay Montgomery (U of A) on a field school studying indigenous archaeology at Picuris Pueblo. SJBAS members will tour the site and learn about remote sensing, site survey, and limited excavations in the Pueblo Revolt-era church. For more information or to sign up, contact Foxie Mason at <a href="mailto:fmason@frontier.net">fmason@frontier.net</a> .

<p><b>June 22 - 24</b></p>	<p><b>San Miguel Mission, Pecos National Historic Park, and Feast Day at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo</b> – 3-day motel or camping trip – We are tentatively planning to visit the San Miguel Mission in Santa Fe on Friday afternoon, overnight in Santa Fe, visit the Pecos Pueblo and Civil War battlefields in Pecos National Historical Park on Saturday, and visit Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, to experience the Buffalo and Comanche dances on St. John the Baptist’s Feast Day. For more information or to sign up, contact Rhonda Raffo and Jim Mueller at <a href="mailto:rhondaandjim@msn.com">rhondaandjim@msn.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>July 11</b></p>	<p><b>SJBAS meeting</b> - Susan Ryan from Crow Canyon will present: the "<i>Northern Chaco Outliers Project</i>" and discuss current excavations at the Haynie Site near Cortez.</p>
<p><b>July 12</b></p>	<p><b>Chimney Rock National Monument</b> – day trip – Special tour led by Michael Stillman of Chimney Rock Interpretive Association. Tour cost is \$25 per person, and the Trip Participation Limit is 18. For more information or to signup, contact Lyle at <a href="mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net">lylehancock@bresnan.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>August 8</b></p>	<p><b>SJBAS meeting</b> - Dr. Heather Smith – "<i>The contribution of Southwest archaeology to our understanding of how North America was occupied by humans.</i>"</p>
<p><b>August ?</b></p>	<p><b>El Rancho de las Golondrinas</b> (20 minutes south of Santa Fe) – 2 or 3-day hotel or camping trip - This living history museum is dedicated to the history and Hispano heritage and culture of 18th and 19th century New Mexico. Possibly combine with a visit to Galisteo Basin, Taos Pueblo, or another site with a focus on Hispano culture and history. For more information or to sign up, contact Foxie Mason at <a href="mailto:fmason@frontier.net">fmason@frontier.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>September 12</b></p>	<p><b>SJBAS meeting</b> – Larry Ruiz, together with Laurie Webster, will present his new film: "<i>The Language of Landscapes: Places in Time,</i>" with a focus on the Cedar Mesa Perishables Project.</p>
<p><b>September 14</b></p>	<p><b>Haynie Site</b> – Day trip - Site tour led by Susan Ryan to visit Crow Canyon research dig. Sign-ups accepted only after July 11th SJBAS meeting. For more information or to signup, contact Jim Mueller at <a href="mailto:rhondaandjim@msn.com">rhondaandjim@msn.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>September 14 - 16</b></p>	<p><b>Natural Bridges National Monument</b> - 3-day camping trip - Visit Edge of the Cedars Museum; visit Cave Towers site; hike to backcountry sites at Natural Bridges. Trip Participation Limit is 12. For more information or to signup, contact Andy Gulliford at <a href="mailto:andy@agulliford.com">andy@agulliford.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>September 15</b></p>	<p><b>John W. Sanders Lecture Series</b> - Dr. Aaron Deter-Wolf, a prehistoric archaeologist with the Tennessee Division of Archaeology, and an adjunct professor at Middle Tennessee University, will discuss “Otzi, the Iceman: a 5,000-year- old mummy found melting out of a glacier in the Italian Alps” at Fort Lewis College Ballroom.</p>
<p><b>September 22 - 25</b></p>	<p><b>Northern Arizona Exploration</b> - 4-day camping trip - Navajo National Monument - guided hike to Betatakin; Wupatki and Sunset Crater National Monuments; Walnut Canyon National Monument; Flagstaff - tour Riordan Mansion State Historic Park and explore Museum of Northern Arizona; Grand Canyon – experience Desert View Watchtower, and tour Tusayan Ruin and Museum. Trip Participation Limit is 12. For more information or to signup, contact Lyle at <a href="mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net">lylehancock@bresnan.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>September 22</b></p>	<p><b>CAS annual meeting in Cortez</b></p>



<b>September 29</b>	<b>Local Hispano Cemeteries Tour</b> – day trip led by Ruth Lambert – Trip Participation Limit is 20. For more information or to sign up, contact Joan Kellogg at <a href="mailto:joanellogg@charter.net">joanellogg@charter.net</a> .
<b>October 10</b>	<b>SJBAS meeting</b> - Geri Hockfield Malandra will present: “ <i>The Ancient Sites of Ellora: A Microcosm of South Asia's Archaeological Past</i> ”
<b>October 26 - 29</b>	<b>Rock Art near Vernal, Utah</b> – 4-day motel or camping trip – Tim Sweeney of Vernal will guide us to various rock art sites. Trip Participation Limit is 12. For more information or to signup, contact Tish Varney at <a href="mailto:tishvarney@att.net">tishvarney@att.net</a> .
<b>November 14</b>	<b>SJBAS meeting</b> – Kristin Bowen, Lead archaeologist with Bureau of Reclamation, Western Colorado Office, will present: “ <i>A Federal Archaeologist's work experiences in the Western USA.</i> ”
<b>December ?</b>	<b>SJBAS annual meeting and holiday party</b>

## Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) News

CAS Surveyor <http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/PUBLICATIONS/Newsletters/Newsletters.htm>

CAS Bulletin Board <http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/BULLETINBOARD/bulletinboard.htm>

CAS Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1425711501080053/>

## CAS Chapter News

Hisatsinom Chapter – [March Newsletter](#)

### Lecture Opportunity (Cortez, CO)

The Hisatsinom chapter March meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 7** - still at 7:00 p.m. Sean Dolan will present, “**From Paleoindian to the Pueblo Revolt: The Role of Obsidian in the American Southwest and Mexican Northwest.**”

Obsidian was the sharpest available material for cutting and piercing flesh before the arrival of the Spanish in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. Archaeologists can ask more dynamic questions using obsidian artifacts because this volcanic glass can be geochemically sourced to better understand trade routes, social networks, and mobility patterns. Consequently, sourcing obsidian artifacts is a critical component of 21<sup>st</sup> century archaeological research in the American Southwest and Mexican Northwest. For this talk, Dolan will synthesize recent sourcing research and discuss which sources people used starting in the Paleoindian period until the Pueblo Revolt, including at Mimbres, Casas Grandes, Rio Grande, Chaco Canyon, and Mesa Verde.

Sean Dolan (PhD, University of Oklahoma, 2016) is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Sean has conducted archaeological fieldwork throughout the United States, specifically in New Mexico and other parts of the American Southwest. He is the author of several journal articles on obsidian and is currently interested in the intersection of architecture and agriculture in northern New Mexico.

## Regional Archaeological News

### **New Mexico Senators Introduce New Antiquities Act – Santa Fe New Mexican**

U.S. Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich, both New Mexico Democrats, are among a group of co-sponsors of the America's Natural Treasures of Immeasurable Quality Unite, Inspire, and Together Improve the Economies of States Act, or the Antiquities Act of 2018. This bill would codify into law the boundaries for more than 50 national monuments established through the Antiquities Act since 1996. The legislation also would make it so that only Congress has the authority to reduce or diminish national monuments designated by presidents through the Antiquities Act of 1906. ([Read article](#))

### **Moving the BLM away from the Capital, What Could Possibly Go Wrong? – Earthlink News**

From its headquarters in Washington, D.C., the U.S. Bureau of Land Management oversees some of the nation's most prized natural resources: vast expanses of public lands rich in oil, gas, coal, grazing for livestock, habitat for wildlife, hunting ranges, fishing streams and hiking trails. But more than 99 percent of that land is in 12 Western states, hundreds of miles from the nation's capital. Some Western politicians — both Republicans and Democrats — are asking why the bureau's headquarters isn't in the West as well. "You're dealing with an agency that basically has no business in Washington, D.C.," said Colorado Republican Sen. Cory Gardner, who introduced a bill to move the headquarters to any of those dozen states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington or Wyoming. The Bureau of Land Management manages a combined 385,000 square miles (997,000 square kilometers) in those states. Colorado Republican Rep. Scott Tipton introduced a similar measure in the House, and three Democrats signed up as co-sponsors: Reps. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, Jared Polis of Colorado and Ed Perlmutter of Colorado. ([Read article](#))

### **Archaeologists Pushing Back against Study Claiming Humans in the Americas before 100,000 Years Ago – Nature**

Archaeologists are taking aim at a controversial study that claimed to rewrite theories about when humans first reached the Americas, one of the biggest questions in palaeoanthropology. When researchers made the astonishing suggestion last year that early humans settled the Americas 100,000 years earlier than thought, they asked doubters to keep an open mind and consider the evidence backing their claim. But their study, which proposed that mastodon bones from California were broken by an as-yet-unidentified group of early humans 130,000 years ago, was instantly questioned by archaeologists. Most researchers agree that humans settled the Americas around 15,000 years ago. ([Read article](#))

### **Bears Ears Is Open for Drilling, but Demand Appears Low – MSN News**

The window opened Friday for oil, gas, uranium and coal companies to make requests or stake claims to lands that were cut from two sprawling Utah national monuments by President Trump in December —but there doesn't appear to be a rush to seize the opportunities. ([Read article](#))

### **Archaeology Southwest's Bill Doelle Comments on the Shash Jáa National Monument and Indian Creek National Monument Act (H.R. 4532) – Archaeology Southwest**

It is profoundly insulting to Native American tribes—sovereign Nations—that this bill is being positioned as creating “the first tribally managed national monument.” In fact, this bill falls far short of that mark. The five tribes of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition celebrated the proclamation by President Obama on December 28, 2016 (Presidential Proclamation 9558) of Bears Ears National Monument, even though it fell short of their goal to establish a 1.9-million-acre national monument by some 350,000 acres. ([Read article](#))

## BLM Discards Master Leasing Plans That Sought to Promote a Compromise between Energy Development and Cultural Preservation – Archaeology Southwest

Two things of importance happened this week with implications for protection of the Greater Chaco Landscape. First, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Farmington Field Office and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Gallup Office released their alternatives for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and amendment to the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Mancos-Gallup Shale development. Second, BLM (Washington D.C. office) announced the end of the Master Leasing Plan (MLP) policy, along with other policies in place since 2010. ([Read article](#))

## Ute Mountain Utes Decry Tribal Member’s Testimony on Bears Ears – Durango Herald

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council has rejected congressional testimony made by a tribal member supporting a bill to replace Bears Ears National Monument with two smaller monuments. Suzette Morris spoke in favor of House Resolution 4532 in front of the House Committee on Natural Resources on Jan. 9. She is a Ute Mountain tribal member from the White Mesa reservation community in southeastern Utah. <http://bit.ly/2GLrqnj>

## SJBAS Officers and Other Positions - 2018

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## San Juan Basin Archaeological Society – Membership Renewal

**Membership renewals are due by January 31<sup>st</sup> each year.** Please complete the [SJBAS Annual Membership Form](#), make your check payable to ‘SJBAS’ and mail with the Annual Membership Form to our chapter treasurer: **Mark Gebhardt, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301.**