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Corrected Announcement

NOVEMBER ANNUAL MEETING

Joint meeting with Colorado Mesa U Geology Students

Wednesday November 14, 2012

7:30 P.M.—Saccomanno Lecture Hall

in the Wubben Science Building

The evening will start with a brief annual business meeting, where officers' reports to the Society will be presented and election of officers for the ensuing year will be held.

Following the short business discussion will be our featured program.

Zebulon Miracle, Curator of Anthropology, Museum of Western Colorado

will speak, display artifacts from the traveling exhibit, and present the new documentary “Stories from the Land: Northern Dolores Area”

ABSTRACT

The Museum of Western Colorado and the Colorado Canyons Association received a grant in the fall of 2011 to produce a documentary about the community of Gateway and the stunning northern Dolores River area which would highlight the area's rich ranching, mining, and cultural heritage. Award-winning videographer Mara Ferris of Gen9 Productions was hired to film, edit, and direct the piece. The Museum conducted many of the oral histories, pulled some never-before-published photographs from its archives, and conducted historic research. Colorado Canyons Association administered the grant and also conducted oral histories. In addition, a new traveling exhibit of artifacts reflecting life in the Gateway area was constructed to take to public showings of the documentary. As a result, the story of Gateway's colorful history – from geologic mysteries and paleontological resources to important archaeological sites to ranching and uranium mining – was chronicled in the thirty-minute film, and many hours of oral history are recorded and stored at the Museum.

The project was designed to add a new voice to the conversation of management on BLM and National Forest Service lands that have seen increased numbers of hikers, mountain bikers, hunters, horseback riders, and off-highway vehicle users. It is the belief of the Museum and Colorado Canyons that proper land management decisions can only be achieved when the area's historic and scientific resources are considered.

Open to the Public – Guests Are Always Welcome