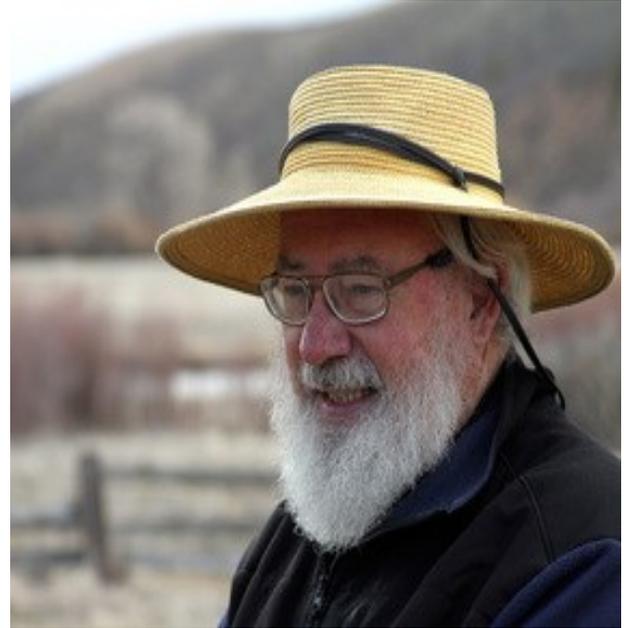


***Butch's Contributions:*** As many of you may know, off of Hwy 50 is a 333 acre piece of property that has been generously donated to Western State Colorado University for future educational purposes through Coldharbour Institute. Who many of you may not know is the man behind it all, Ralph "Butch" Clark. He hopes that one day the land can be seen as an inspiration in conservation to all and be put into use through sustainable practices. He had attended the University of London to acquire his PhD in Environmental Planning and in the 1970's came here to Colorado. He spends his free time, when he is not working, to help make housing more affordable through the Gunnison Valley Housing Association, as well as hiking around the Coldharbour property. At the senior center here in Gunnison, Butch frequently visits and reads to his wife who has developed Alzheimer's. As an inspiration himself, this is a man with a big heart and also big dreams for the students here at Western. His objective is to try and protect the things that we all love and to one day make some renovations to the historical house on the property as well as in the additions he had made to it. He would like to see further additions such as yurt homes and the potential use in biochar, which can be utilized as an approach to carbon sequestration to produce negative carbon dioxide emissions. If you see him around town, don't hesitate to say Hello.



Here's the links to the [Master in Environmental Management Calendar](#), the new [MEM Facebook Page](#), as well as the [Center for Environment & Sustainability Facebook Page](#)

### ***Items of Interest:***

**WANTED: Facilitators for Coldharbour Design Charrette:** In search of a handful of facilitators for the Coldharbour Design Kick-off Party taking place **Friday, February 26th, 2016**. Facilitators will assist small groups in design activities and aid in light administrative tasks. Time commitment is **3 - 7:30pm** on day of event and a one-hour "training" during an appropriate time within the week leading up to event. Any questions or volunteers please contact Stephanie Aubert at [stephanie.aubert@western.edu](mailto:stephanie.aubert@western.edu).

**CSU Protected Area and Tourism Short Courses 2016:** Colorado State University's Center for protected Area Management is pleased to announce its 2016 program of conservation short courses in English and Spanish dealing with protected area management and sustainable tourism. There are two courses in English being offered this year, International ranger Training Course **May 12th-21st**, and a IV Mobile Seminar on Planning and Managing Tourism in Protected Areas **September 9th-24th**. There are also two Spanish courses being offered as well. If you wish to seek more information about these courses, go to this [Short Course Guide](#). More information in the attachments.

**Trout Unlimited Trade Show:** Trout Unlimited's Gunnison and WSCU Chapters invite the Western Community and friends to a **Jan 20th, next Wednesday, BIG event in the South Ballroom (6:30 to 9:00 pm)**. It's their mid-winter mini-trade show with a well-known guest speaker Pat Dorsey, door prizes, and free pizza. They are really trying to get more youth involvement plus give a big thank you to local business for supporting them. Remember, it's never too early to think about fishing! More information in the attachments.

**Gunnison River Festival In Need of Help:** This year they are looking for motivated and inspired individuals to help with the organization of the festival. Some goals they would like to accomplish as well as some of the roles they hope folks would be interested in being involved with are to create a Celebration of the Rivers and Streams of the Upper Gunnison Basin, Create events and more, and needing help with organizational structure such as Chairperson(s), the Technical Committee, the Marketing/PR Committee, the Sponsorship Committee, and the Volunteer Committee. Meetings are being held once a month until May when they hold a meeting every 2 weeks until the event, which is slated for **June 24th and June 25th**. If you are interested in being involved, please plan on attending their next meeting on **January 20th at 5:30** at the Upper Gunnison Water Conservancy District Office at 210 W Spencer Street, ste B. More information in the attachments.

**Environmental Possibilities Series:** Presented by High Country Conservation Advocates, Gunnison Valley Environmental Possibility Series is a free event on **Sunday, January 24th from 5-6pm** at The Guild on 21 Elk Ave in Crested Butte by Brian Bernhardt, Assistant Professor of Politics and Government at WSCU : Keeping It In The Ground: Lessons from Contemporary Indigenous Resistance—highlighting the voices and actions of indigenous people, this talk will survey contemporary resistance to fossil fuel infrastructure. More information in the attachments.

**Contemporary Writer Series:** Please join us for the first event in this semester's Contemporary Writer Series. Nonfiction Author, Essayist and Poet, Matthew Gavin Frank, will join us in the second week of February. Events are free and open to all on **Monday, February 8th at 7pm** in the studio theatre for a reading and Q&A and **Tuesday, February 9th at 12:30pm** in the Savage Library for Nonfiction Craft-talk. Here's the [link](#) to the biography of Matthew Gavin Frank and about his recent publications.

**SGA Sustainability Fund:** Opportunities to fund student-led sustainability projects at Western are given through the SGA sustainability fund. As an example of what this fund does, last fall it paid for the upgrades and winterization of the campus bike library, among a wide range of many other smaller projects. Students contribute into this fund and it is a great opportunity for them to develop grant writing skills, develop an idea into a project and implement it, and contribute to making Western a greener institution. Proposals seeking funding <\$500 are accepted any time; requests for >\$500 **due February 19**. Guidelines in attachment. For further information, please direct attention to their [web page](#).

**Charles Redd Center Awards Available:** The Charles Redd Center for Western Studies is pleased to announce multiple awards for 2016 that are available for scholars conducting research related to Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming such as awards for independent study, faculty research awards, summer awards, woman's history awards, and more. Follow this [link](#) to for further information and application instructions. Applications for 2016 are due by **11:59 p.m. MST on March 15, 2016** and awardees will be notified by **May 1st, 2016**. If you have any questions about the application process or about submitting your application, please contact Amy Carlin at [801-422-4048](tel:801-422-4048).

**Student Funding Opportunity For Researchers in the Rocky Mountain Region:** The Colorado Mountain Club Foundation announces the 2016 grant opportunity for students whose research is focused on the Rocky Mountain region. The Foundation solicits applications from students enrolled in Colorado colleges and universities conducting research in the Rocky Mountains or this region or students outside Colorado whose research is focused on the Rocky Mountain region. The Foundation awards grants ranging from approximately \$500 to \$2,000, in disciplines such as biology, chemistry, environmental studies, forestry, geography, geology, history, and law. Although fellowships are normally awarded to graduate students, undergraduates are also eligible. The deadline for these applications is **April 15th, 2016**. Go to this [link](#) or see attachment for more information.

### ***Jobs:***

**Park Ranger Position (Interpretation):** Experience your America by building a fulfilling career by joining the National Park Service. The National Park Service preserves unimpaired, the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. Apply by **January 20th, 2016**. There are two vacancies in Gunnison, CO. More info at this [link](#).

**American Conservation Experience Internships:** If you are interested in working for the federal government, please consider applying to these internships through American Conservation Experience's National Emerging Professionals Internship Program located in Salt Lake City, Utah! In addition to providing paid training and experience, individuals who complete one of the three internships are "fast tracked" into permanent positions in the federal government. MEM student Tyler Morrison received one last year, so if you are interested, you may want to connect with him about his experience and the doors it has opened up for him! For information on the Outreach and Recruitment Specialist position, go [here](#). For information on the National Federal Grants and Financial Manager position, go [here](#). For information on the Diversity and Inclusion Specialist Programs Manager position, go [here](#). More information in the attachments.

**Unpaid Internship with the Denver Mayor's Office of Sustainability: Closing date is January 24th.** Looking for part-time or full-time Intern for the winter/spring of 2016. Interns will experience a fast-paced, professional environment and will be given the opportunity to witness first-hand, the internal operations of the mayor's office of a major city, while assisting the Office of Sustainability with achieving the City's 2020 Sustainability Goals. For more information visit their website [here](#).

**Rocky Mountain Research Fellowship with the Rocky Mountain Conservancy: Deadline is Feb 1st, 2016.** This fellowship opportunity invites a broad range of research proposals to be reviewed and conducted in Rocky Mountain National Park, including wildlife management, vegetation and riparian studies, fire ecology, cultural sciences, archeology and historic structures preservation, as well as other topics in botany, zoology, geology, history, ecology and ornithology. The graduate student awarded the Research Fellowship will work with Rocky Mountain National Park staff for a period of three to four months. Applicants must submit a preliminary research proposal and the chosen fellow will be expected to convey research finding to the general public as well as to professional audiences. More information in the attachments or go [here](#).

**Private Lands Wildlife Biologist: (Wetlands Specialist)** with the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies in Greeley or Sterling, CO. **Deadline is January 29th, 2016.** This position will have an emphasis on wetland wildlife conservation, by leading the effort to restore, enhance and protect key wetland and riparian habitats. More information in the attachments.

**Field Technician (Botany/Wildlife Biology):** You will be working under the direction and supervision of Carol English (Field biologist/botanist) who does contract work for the Colorado State Land Board in Northwest Colorado, primarily in Moffat County north and south of Maybell, Colorado. Application deadline is **March 15th, 2016**. See more information on attachment.

**Seasonal Timber Sale Prep Jobs:** The Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison National Forest, Gunnison Ranger District will be hiring several timber sale preparation seasonal jobs here in Gunnison, and several timber stand improvement jobs at a date TBD. Please refer to Kelly Nywening at p: [970-641-4457](tel:970-641-4457) if you are interested. Applications are due by **February 8th, 2016**. More information on attachment.

**Private Lands Wildlife Biologist with the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies:** In Sturgis, South Dakota. Application deadline is **January 29th, 2016**. The position will deliver wildlife habitat conservation programs, emphasizing grassland birds, on private lands through Farm Bill funding. Will also provide technical assistance to landowners and other land managers to more fully incorporate wildlife habitat management in to their ranching operations and individual conservation efforts. More information in the attachments.

**Senior Sustainability Project Coordinator at Arizona State University:** Application deadline is **this Monday, January 18th 2016**. Join the award winning team at Arizona State University. The office of Sustainability Practices houses a team that oversees the design and implementation of projects and programs that address ASU's sustainability goals, which include: carbon neutrality, zero water waste, active engagement and principled practice. Click [here](#) for the full job posting.

**Biological Technician/Hydrology Assistant Internship: Starting May 23rd, 2016** and ending August 11th, 2016. This internship provides opportunities to work with natural resource professionals from the Greater Yellowstone Network (GRYN) on a number of long-term monitoring programs in Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, and more. Locate information about this internship [here](#) and on the Mosaics in Science [website](#).

**Four Corners Federal Lands Internship Program:** FC-FLIP through Mountain Studies Institute San Juan Mountains, CO connects regional college students and recent graduates with resource managers to gain the knowledge and skills – hands-on – of what it means to work with or for a federal agency. Whether interns, also known as Flip-pers, participate in natural, recreation, or cultural resource management, a major goal of the program is to better prepare the next generation of agency personnel. Find available positions through this program [here](#).

**Second Nature Internship Opportunities:** Second Nature, a Boston-based non-profit organization working to proactively build a sustainable and positive global future, is currently seeking exceptional candidates for two paid internship positions: Operations Internship: focusing on tasks including support in membership dues outreach and processing, CRM database management and data entry, daily operations and coordination tasks, and more. Read more and apply [here](#), and the Design and Communications Internship: focusing on tasks including design for documents and websites, website maintenance, newsletter, blog and social media support, and more. Read more and apply [here](#). For more information about the qualifications and details of each position, and to apply, visit Second Nature's Employment [Page](#).

To apply for the following AmeriCorps DOI/VISTA positions, go to this link for a step by step [application guide](#).

**DOI/VISTA Environmental Learning for Kids Member:** Accepting applications from **October 15th through January 23rd, 2016**. The DOI/VISTA will develop opportunities for underserved populations, particularly at -risk youth, to engage in experiential outdoor learning through ELK (Enviro Learning for Kids) programming on public lands and more in Denver, CO. Additional information can be found [here](#).

**DOI/VISTA War in the Pacific Member:** Accepting applications from **December 10th to January 23rd**. The DOI/VISTA member will work with high school administrators, teachers, park staff and education partners to create a series of curriculum based service-learning community programs that focus on environmental and historical preservation education issues that pertain to Guam and more in Hagnata, Guam. More info [here](#).

To search for others related to these positions that were just mentioned, go to the Bridge Network [website](#).

## *Housing*

1-bedroom attic apartment in Gunnison available March or April. 460/month + Electric/Gas/Trash (~30-60 per month). 1-year lease, no pets. Friendly neighbors, locked outdoor storage shed, off-street parking. Contact Elizabeth.moore@western.edu for photos or questions.

Day 6 of the Costa Rica Class. Photo courtesy of Jessica Young.

