

### Bureau of Reclamation and Partners Sponsor Native American Youth Camp



Eileen Quintana engages youth during the morning session

Reclamation's UC Regional Office participated in a one-day "Earth Connections Camp" on June 18 at Red Butte Gardens in Salt Lake City. This event helped reconnect urban American Indian youth to the natural world and their rich cultural heritage. Approximately 30 campers learned about Native traditions, history, art, music, and nutrition. They also received science-based instruction meeting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program initiatives, and toured the Natural History Museum of Utah.

The full-day camp began with a prayer, song, and breakfast. Campers, who ranged from elementary school to high school age children, were then divided into groups and led to various



learning stations through the morning and early afternoon. Learning stations included the following:

- Eileen Quintana displayed traditional hand-made items such as a cradleboard, drums, and arrows. She taught about ways their Native ancestors used natural resources to enhance their life.
- Steve Todachiny spoke of the significance of the medicine wheel as a symbol of universal knowledge and balance. Campers made their own medicine wheel necklaces that remind them of their spiritual and physical connections to each other and the world.
- Virgil Johnson taught about embracing and preserving cultural identity while competing to succeed in modern American society. He spoke about professional careers and the importance of higher education. He wore a beaded breastplate, medicine bag, and an eagle feather headdress that was passed down from his grandfather.
- Stacey Smith and Robert Henrie from Reclamation taught two STEM-based courses. The first was directed to a younger group of students and was about solar energy and its uses. The campers had fun assembling and testing solar-powered toys. The other course taught an older group of campers about geology, hydrology, and engineering related to dam construction and maintenance. Students had fun getting their hands dirty while constructing model dams using clay, gravel, sand, and other materials. They then tested their dams to see how well they retained water.



Robert Henrie and Stacey Smith help youth with solar-powered kits

During lunch time, Lillie Yazzie displayed and described plants used by Native Americans for food and medicine. Mario Platero presented authentic food samples representing Utah's seven



tribes and emphasized the importance of good nutrition. Native foods were served for lunch including buffalo stew, corn, melon, pine nuts, and tea. Juan Palma, Utah State Director of the Bureau of Land Management gave the keynote address and spoke of his experiences growing up in a family of migrant workers on an Indian reservation in Washington and the great opportunities that gaining an education has brought to his life.

Later in the afternoon, the group spent time exploring the Natural History Museum. Several members of the group pointed out photos of themselves or family members on display in the Native Voices exhibit. The camp ended with “circle time”, when the group gathered around a large circular concrete bench behind the museum and at the base of the Wasatch Mountains. All participants were given the opportunity to share thoughts about their experience at camp. Some of the older boys drummed and sang in Native fashion and everyone said goodbye.

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*Earth Connections Camp integrates national initiatives promoting diversity, citizen stewardship, youth and community engagement, partnerships, EEO/Native Outreach and healthy lifestyles that align with the Department of Interior’s America’s Great Outdoors (AGO), STEM, and Diversity and Inclusion programs; the First Lady’s Let’s Move program; the Bureau of Land Management’s Tread Lightly program; and the newly released Education, Interpretation and Youth Strategy. It is also a “Service First” opportunity to leverage resources and partner with Federal agencies and tribes that are equally committed to the success of the national youth initiatives.*

*Earth Connections Camp is sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office of Education Title VII Program, Bureau of Reclamation, Forest Service, Red Butte Garden, Natural History Museum of Utah, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Urban Indian Center, Nebo School District, American Conservation Experience, American Indian Teacher Education Collaboration, and members of the American Indian community.*

### Photos below



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## Ridgway Hydropower Celebration



On Friday, June 6, 2014, the Tri-County Water Conservancy District held a celebration in honor of the completion of the Ridgway Dam Hydropower Project located near Ridgway, Colorado. The project will use existing water releases from Ridgway Dam, part of the Dallas Creek Project, which is a federal Reclamation project designed to provide irrigation and drinking water to local communities.

The hydropower project is a private project that will provide a clean, renewable energy source that is locally controlled. The electricity generated by the Project will provide Tri-County with a source of revenue that can be used to defray annually operating expenses and may assist in the repayment of the Dallas Creek Project. Regional Director Larry Walkoviak and Deputy Regional Director Ann Gold attended the event.

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## Janet Hunt Receives UC Regional Director's Honor Award



Deputy Regional Director Ann Gold, Janet Hunt, Deputy Regional Director Brent Rhees

### Award Citation

In recognition of her outstanding contributions as a Copier/Duplicating Equipment Operator for the Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado (UC) Region

Ms. Hunt consistency demonstrates exemplary knowledge, skill, and professionalism in performing her duties and responsibilities as a Copier/Duplicating Equipment Operator. She began her career as a temporary hire Office Machine Operator for the UC Region in 1979, and she was converted to full-time status in 1981. Ms. Hunt's responsibilities include providing copier, binding, and shredding service as requested by UC Regional Office employees. She is also responsible for maintaining a stock of supplies for the copiers and troubleshooting any problems that develop with them. Ms. Hunt also provides mail and package delivery service to the regional office. In addition to her normal duties, she recently undertook an additional task in assisting with the Records Management Transition Team effort by transporting boxes for the administrative staff to process. Ms. Hunt also assisted with the cleanup of the library in preparation for the move to the 8th floor. She continually seeks ways to assist others and always has a cheerful demeanor. For her continued commitment to the mission of the Bureau of Reclamation, Janet Hunt is granted the UC Regional Director's Honor Award.

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## We need your help. Become a Citizen Scientist!



Insect emergence is a fundamental process in streams and rivers, because it represents a key life stage for aquatic insects and provides an important prey resource for terrestrial (e.g., birds, bats, and lizards) and aquatic consumers (e.g., fish). Studying insect emergence can lead to fundamental insights about the life history of insects, for example by identifying the specific times of year when emergence occurs. The number of insects emerging from a river is a function of larval population abundance in a river, so quantifying insect emergence might also be a useful proxy for standard benthic monitoring of insects; benthic monitoring in Grand Canyon is extremely challenging because of swift currents, deep water, and daily hydropeaking.

In 2012 we started collaborating with commercial river guides (<http://www.gcrq.org/>) and Grand Canyon Youth (<http://www.gcyouth.org/>) to quantify insect emergence throughout the 240 mile long segment of the Colorado River in Marble and Grand Canyon. Each night in camp, guides put out a simple light trap to collect flying insects. After one hour, the light was turned off, the sample poured into a collection bottle, and some notes were recorded in a field book. After the conclusion of the river trip, guides dropped off samples and field notes at our office and we processed the samples in the laboratory. This project is ongoing and will be conducted annually. *If you are running a commercial OR private river trip in 2014 and are interested in participating, please send us an email that includes your Grand Canyon launch dates and the number of days you will be on the river in 2014 ([citizen\\_science@usgs.gov](mailto:citizen_science@usgs.gov)) We are particularly interested in hearing from private boaters that will be rafting in Grand Canyon in February, March, October and November 2014.*

[Citizen Science in Grand Canyon](#) video

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## Safety Warning – Eye Protection



By Corine Morales  
Regional Office

I would like to share with you an experience about the importance of wearing protective glasses. Last week I was out trimming my weeds with my Weed-Wacker. Normally, I wear steel toe boots, long pants and protective glasses when I use my Weed-Wacker, but that day I was too lazy to look for my glasses, so I started without them. About 20 minutes into trimming I felt something in my right eye and instinctively started to rub it. Thinking it was not a big deal, I continued trimming for another half hour until the irritation got so unbearable that I went into the house to see what it could be. There, in my eye, was a large blood clot occupying half of my eye. I was worried, but hoping for the best I thought it would subside by the next day, but it didn't. I woke up to find that the clot had ruptured, spreading throughout my whole eye. I went to the emergency room to see if I had caused major trauma to my eye, and fortunately, I hadn't. The eye doctor explained that the debris that flew into my eye had scratched the surface of it, causing a blood clot to form. With prescription in hand, I left with a bruised eye, although my eye was so black it looked like I had walked out of a horror movie set.

After this experience, I realized I had taken a few minutes to look for my safety glasses I would have saved myself a week of pain. This was a warning that I will carry with me no matter how big or small the project. I will take the time to protect myself no matter how lazy I am. Just remember that objects in the eye can be prevented by using protective eyewear. [Wear safety glasses, goggles, or face shields](#) when working with power tools or chemicals or doing any activity that might cause an object or substance to get into your eyes

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## Regional Office Employee Chantel Bouchard Wins 2014 Multi-Cultural Day Poster Contest



### Artist Poster Statement

*My poster is a photo mosaic with integrating particles coming together to make the iconic Department of Interior buffalo. I choose to represent the Multi-Cultural Day and the Civil Rights Act through a mosaic because it best represents how far we have come. Each person is a real employee with differences that make them who they are, and it's that difference whether it is race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, that makes up the Department of our Interior. I've also included an abstract historical timeline, showing our first four Secretary Thomas Ewing, Thomas McKean, Alexander Stuart and Robert McClelland on the bottom right side of the buffalo's face going up to the very top where we have our first woman Secretary Gale Norton and our current Secretary Sally Jewell. To represent my own department I've also included our current Regional Directors which also continues shows diversity and equality. The integrating particles is our future which will be ever growing and adding more and more to make the buffalo whole. Which if we continue to learn from each other differences we will make a stronger country.*



## My Multi-Cultural Day Experience



A plate of the diverse food available at the event

Chantel Bouchard  
Regional Office

I had the honor and privilege to attend the 2014 Multi-Cultural Day event held July 16, 2014 at the Denver Federal Center after winning the DOI Diversity Coalition West poster contest. My poster was one of nine entries submitted by DOI employees, and after going through the Denver managers voting process; mine was selected to represent the event. I was excited, especially when they told me that they would send me and my husband to Denver to attend the event.

After catching up with all my friends in the Federal Center we headed towards the Rio Grande Conference room. The room was filled with more than 100 seats and in the front was the VIP section which is where I felt special because two of those were for me and my husband. I had more support through my boss De Ann Brown, my EEO Manager Deb Polak and my Deputy Regional Director Ann Gold. The event started with the Master of Ceremonies Mr. L.C. Williams, Associate Director, Human Resource Directorate for the Interior Business Center; whom I later spoke to about how much he enjoyed my poster.

The Keynote speaker was Robert G. Stanton former Director of the National Park Services. Mr. Stanton gave a powerful speech about hope and how far we have progressed as a country towards equality. Next was a panel of four professional people with diverse backgrounds answering five questions ranging from what needs to change in our government to how the Act of 64 impacted them personally?



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After the program ended I was looking forward to the diverse selection of food they provided for our lunch, however they called up Ann Gold to the podium. She was presenting an award to the winner of the poster...that was me...it took me by surprise. But first she wanted me to come up and explain the meaning behind the poster...I. Was. Nervous! No one told me I would need to talk but I did, with a shaky voice I try to recall my artist statement. After I was done, Ann honored me with the award a US sliver dollar mint commemorating the 2014 Civil Rights Act of 1964 and a congratulatory handshake. I felt very honored and special! After it was over we got to enjoy the ethnic food sampling where we tasted foods from different parts of the world...it was delicious! The day ended with my proud husband by my side our bellies full and new friends and co-workers to share this great event with us.



Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior in Washington D.C. Mr. Stanton

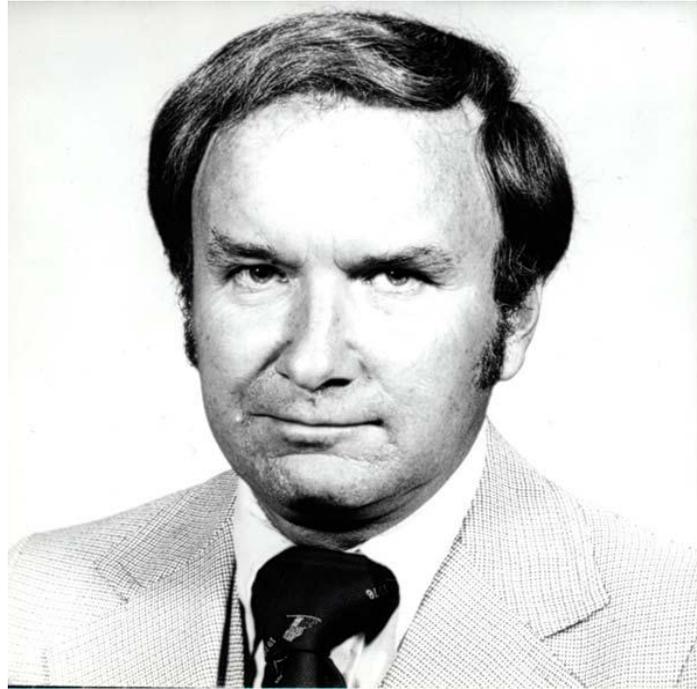
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# Oral History Spotlight

The UC Regional Library has a collection of 110 oral history interviews conducted by Historians, with various Reclamation employees throughout the years. The oral histories capture candid “in their own voice” memories of employees and their experiences working for Reclamation. The oral histories preserve information about Reclamation that would not normally appear in Reclamation’s official records. Contents of the oral histories range from the humorous to reflective of the situation at the time, and all are informative!



**Oral History Interview  
Clifford (Cliff) I. Barrett**

Mr. Barrett attended the University of Denver where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1954. Barrett's first job in Reclamation was as an engineer in the Office of Design and Construction in Denver in 1956. Reclamation appointed Barrett Director of the Upper Colorado Region, Salt Lake City in 1981. After four years of overseeing the operations of Upper Colorado, Barrett moved to Washington, D.C. to serve as Acting Commissioner. Barrett returned to Salt Lake City as Regional Director after the confirmation of Dale Duvall. What follows are excerpts from Mr. Barrett's oral history book:

## **Went to Work at Reclamation Designing Concrete**

Went to work in the design office, which was, in those days, the chief engineer's office for the Bureau, and started out there and worked a whole career for the Bureau. So it kind of came natural for me. I don't think I ever *planned* on going to work for the Bureau until I was at the end of my Army career, and I was just looking for a job, and I liked Denver and that looked like a good place. They offered me a job, so I took it. It looked like they had a good program.



## Reclamation's Orchestra

One of the things I remember is we gave concerts. Because I was a budding young musician, it was kind of a family thing. People who worked and their families all got together and they formed this big orchestra, and it was like a regular symphony. It was called the Reclamation Orchestra. In fact, I've got at home a picture of it. I think I may even have one of the programs from the concert they gave. I was raised up in that crowd.

## Working for Merlin Copen

The fellow I worked for, his name was Merlin Copen, and he was probably one of the *top* dam designers in the whole world, it turns out. I didn't know that then, but I do now. He was recognized worldwide. We had visitors from Portugal and all these places come to talk to him about designing dams. He was one of the world's experts on concrete arch dams, which is what Glen Canyon is a form of. Of course, the Bureau wrote the book on how to do analysis on concrete dams. The big set of blue books on Hoover Dam, which was the standard work for concrete dam design for years, for arch dam designs. In those days, all the analysis was cranked out on Merchant calculators, and they had four or five of us in there, and we'd just sit there and grind numbers all day long—tch, tch, tch.

**“One of the regional directors had told me a long time ago, he said, ‘Cliff, you don't even really want to be assistant commissioner. What you really want to be is a regional director...’”**

Well, it was. One of the regional directors had told me a long time ago, he said, “Cliff, you don't even really want to be assistant commissioner. What you really want to be is a regional director, because a regional director is just like being a little commissioner. You've got everything the commissioner's got on a smaller scale.” And I found that to be true. The personnel problems become much more immediate. You're meeting water users eyeball to eyeball a lot more. It is, it's kind of like a microcosm of the whole Bureau. Each region has its own little culture and way of doing things, and has the *whole set* of problems that a commissioner has, except on a little bit smaller scale, probably more manageable scale. So I really enjoyed being regional director. Great job.

To read the full interview Clifford I. Barrett [click here](#), or if you prefer a hard copy contact [Chantel Bouchard](#), Regional Office Library Coordinator.

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# Water supply key to outcome of conflicts in Iraq and Syria, experts warn

Security analysts in London and Baghdad say control of rivers and dams has become a major tactical weapon for Isis



Bottled water is prepared for distribution at a camp for those caught up in fighting around Mosul, Iraq. Photograph: Spencer Platt/Getty Images

The outcome of the Iraq and Syrian conflicts may rest on who controls the region’s dwindling water supplies, say security analysts in London and Baghdad.

Rivers, canals, dams, sewage and desalination plants are now all military targets in the semi-arid region that regularly experiences extreme water shortages, says Michael Stephen, deputy director of the Royal United Services Institute thinktank in Qatar, speaking from Baghdad.

“Control of water supplies gives strategic control over both cities and countryside. We are seeing a battle for control of water. Water is now the major strategic objective of all groups in Iraq. It’s life or death. If you control water in Iraq you have a grip on Baghdad, and you can cause major problems. Water is essential in this conflict,” he said.

Isis Islamic rebels now control most of the key upper reaches of the Tigris and Euphrates, the two great rivers that flow from Turkey in the north to the Gulf in the south and on which all Iraq and much of Syria depends for food, water and industry.



“Rebel forces are targeting water installations to cut off supplies to the largely Shia south of Iraq,” says Matthew Machowski, a Middle East security researcher at the UK houses of parliament and Queen Mary University of London.

“It is already being used as an instrument of war by all sides. One could claim that controlling water resources in Iraq is even more important than controlling the oil refineries, especially in summer. Control of the water supply is fundamentally important. Cut it off and you create great sanitation and health crises,” he said

Isis now controls the Samarra barrage west of Baghdad on the River Tigris and areas around the giant Mosul Dam, higher up on the same river. Because much of Kurdistan depends on the dam, it is strongly defended by Kurdish peshmerga forces and is unlikely to fall without a fierce fight, says Machowski.

Last week Iraqi troops were rushed to defend the massive 8km-long Haditha Dam and its hydroelectrical works on the Euphrates to stop it falling into the hands of Isis forces. Were the dam to fall, say analysts, Isis would control much of Iraq’s electricity and the rebels might fatally tighten their grip on Baghdad.

Securing the Haditha Dam was one of the first objectives of the American Special Forces invading Iraq in 2003. The fear was that Saddam Hussein’s forces could turn the structure that supplies 30% of all Iraq’s electricity into a weapon of mass destruction by opening the lock gates that control the flow of the river. Billions of gallons of water could have been released, power to Baghdad would have been cut off, towns and villages over hundreds of square miles flooded and the country would have been paralysed.



Iraqi men move a boat that was stuck on the banks of the Euphrates River after supplies were blocked by anti-government fighters who control a dam further upstream.

In April, Isis fighters in Fallujah captured the smaller Nuaimiyah Dam on the Euphrates and deliberately diverted its water to “drown” government forces in the surrounding area. Millions of people in the cities of Karbala, Najaf, Babylon and Nasiriyah had their water cut off but the town of Abu Ghraib was catastrophically flooded along with farms and villages over 200 square miles. According to the UN, around 12,000 families lost their homes.



Earlier this year Kurdish forces reportedly diverted water supplies from the Mosul Dam. Equally, Turkey has been accused of reducing flows to the giant Lake Assad, Syria's largest body of fresh water, to cut off supplies to Aleppo, and Isis forces have reportedly targeted water supplies in the refugee camps set up for internally displaced people.

Iraqis fled from Mosul after Isis cut off power and water and only returned when they were restored, says Machowski. "When they restored water supplies to Mosul, the Sunnis saw it as liberation. Control of water resources in the Mosul area is one reason why people returned," said Machowski.

Increasing temperatures, one of the longest and most severe droughts in 50 years and the steady drying up of farmland as rainfall diminishes have been identified as factors in the political destabilisation of Syria.

Both Isis forces and President Assad's army are said to have used water tactics to control the city of Aleppo. The Tishrin Dam on the Euphrates, 60 miles east of the city, was captured by Isis in November 2012.

The use of water as a tactical weapon has been used widely by both Isis and the Syrian government, says Nouar Shamout, a researcher with Chatham House. "Syria's essential services are on the brink of collapse under the burden of continuous assault on critical water infrastructure. The stranglehold of Isis, neglect by the regime, and an eighth summer of drought may combine to create a water and food crisis which would escalate fatalities and migration rates in the country's ongoing three-year conflict," he said.

"The deliberate targeting of water supply networks ... is now a daily occurrence in the conflict. The water pumping station in Al-Khafsa, Aleppo, stopped working on 10 May, cutting off water supply to half of the city. It is unclear who was responsible; both the regime and opposition forces blame each other, but unsurprisingly in a city home to almost three million people the incident caused panic and chaos. Some people even resorted to drinking from puddles in the streets," he said.

Water will now be the key to who controls Iraq in future, said former US intelligence officer Jennifer Dyer on US television last week. "If Isis has any hope of establishing itself on territory, it has to control some water. In arid Iraq, water and lines of strategic approach are the same thing".

The Euphrates River, the Middle East's second longest river, and the Tigris, have historically been at the centre of conflict. In the 1980s, Saddam Hussein drained 90% of the vast Mesopotamian marshes that were fed by the two rivers to punish the Shias who rose up against his regime. Since 1975, Turkey's dam and hydropower constructions on the two rivers have cut water flow to Iraq by 80% and to Syria by 40%. Both Syria and Iraq have accused Turkey of hoarding water and threatening their water supply.

"There has never been an outright war over water but water has played extremely important role in many Middle East conflicts. Control of water supply is crucial", said Stephen.

It could also be an insurmountable problem should the country split into three, he said. "Water is one of the most dangerous problems in Iraq. If the country was split there would definitely be a war over water. Nobody wants to talk about that," he said.

Some academics have suggested that Tigris and Euphrates will not reach the sea by 2040 if rainfall continues to decrease at its present rate.

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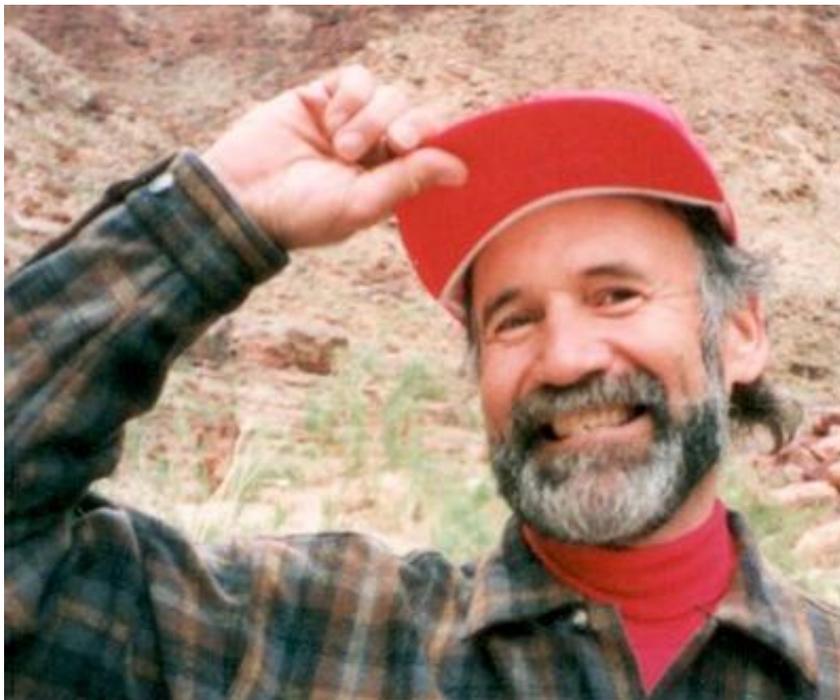
## In Transition

### **Christopher Cutler Selected as New Resource Management Division Manager**

We are pleased to announce the selection of our new division manager for the Resource Management Division, Christopher Cutler. Chris is returning to the UC Region from his current position in the Lower Colorado (LC) Region as Deputy Chief, in the Boulder Canyon Operations Office. He brings a wide range of experience in western issues from his experiences in UC, Washington, DC as our region's liaison, and LC. His knowledge of the Upper and Lower Basins of the Colorado River brings a unique perspective that will be beneficial to our ongoing collaboration with the basin states and other stakeholders. Chris is a leader that will work with all of his staff and provide opportunities for growth in meeting the mission of the Bureau of Reclamation and the goals and objectives of the region. Chris is looking forward to returning to UC and the opportunities that this new responsibility brings. Please join with me in welcoming and congratulating Chris on this new assignment.

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### **Former UC Region Employee Cletus (Tom) Thomas Walsh**



Cletus (Tom) Thomas Walsh went on the ultimate hike on June 30th, 2014, a hike that led him off into the sunset and over the horizon. He was born in Billings, Montana on October 17th, 1942, the second son of Cletus J. and Helen Walsh. He attended parochial school in Billings, earned his Eagle Scout as a young man, and graduated from Billings Central Catholic High School in 1960. In 1965, he graduated from the University of Montana with a bachelor of Political Science. He joined the Air Force in 1966, and shortly thereafter, married Jacqueline



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Marie Jam. In service to the Country during the Vietnam era, he was lucky enough to be assigned to Ramstein Air Base in Germany for his tour of duty. Tom was proud that he saved the country tens of thousands of dollars by his usual efficient and careful paperwork and record keeping. During this time, he and Jackie had the opportunity to travel much of Europe together. Having earned an honorable discharge, Tom began a career with the Bureau of Reclamation in SLC.

He was an active father and enjoyed participating in his sons' activities. Tom was instrumental in establishing youth soccer in West Valley City during the late 1970s and 1980s and was a coach, referee, and league President. Tom was also an active participant in anything that involved hiking, biking, skiing, and any other outdoor activity. He was highly involved in the administration of the Wasatch Mountain Club, was an active participant in their activities, and eventually after 25 years, earned a lifelong membership- the friendships formed there have been enduring and endearing. He enjoyed mountaineering and adventuring across the globe, including places like Nepal, Patagonia, and Iceland. Tom rode his bike in the RAGBRAI bicycle tour (Iowa) over a dozen times and conquered the grueling 206 mile LOTAJA bicycle race multiple times. He also enjoyed his book club, yoga and bird watching. Tom had a quirky sense of humor and he was known for his creative and unusual inventions, gadgets, and contraptions that he used for fixing things around the house. He is extremely proud of his two sons and daughters-in law, Jeff (Jaime) and Justin (Claire) Walsh. His two granddaughters, Keely Shea and Ailie Rose, are the apples of his eye. Tom is also survived by sister Kathleen (Bill) LaMeres, brother Tony (Edna) Walsh, and by his many cousins, nieces and nephews. The family sends warm thanks to Mary Beck, who cared deeply for Tom and was there for him continuously. Waiting for him are his parents, older brother Larry, and special friend Kar Burns. In memory to Tom, please take time to hug your loved ones, or at least, hug a tree...life is too short. A memorial will be held, contact the family for more information.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.jenkins-soffe.com](http://www.jenkins-soffe.com) - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/saltlakatribune/obituary.aspx?n=cletus-thomas-walsh&pid=171597933#sthash.bMUXYMCA.dpuf>

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### **Former PN Region Employee Robert Timmons**

Robert Allen Timmons, age 92, of Paul, passed away Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at his home.

He was born June 6, 1922, in Cedar Hill, Idaho, the son of Jacob William and Marie Elizabeth Fritz Timmons. He graduated from Heyburn High School and completed his schooling at the College of Southern Idaho. Bob married the love of his life, Shirley May Bedke, on Feb. 26, 1952, in Preston, Idaho. Together, they raised four sons, Tim, Bill, Dave and Tom.

Bob worked for the Bureau of Reclamation for 33 years. He enjoyed gardening, working and especially horseback riding. He was a member of the Rupert First Christian Church, was a Mason and served many years in the 4-H program.



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He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Shirley Timmons of Paul; his sons, Tim (Ruth) Timmons of Heyburn, Bill (Donna) Timmons of Rupert, Dave (Laurie) Timmons of Phoenix, Ariz., and Tom (Cecilia) Timmons of Rupert; one sister, Neva Grisenti of Rupert; a brother, Howard (Alice) Timmons of Rupert; 17 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Jim, Ira, Ray and George Timmons; two sisters, Edith Timmons and Ethyl Ballance; two brothers-in-law, George Grisenti and Jack Ballance; a great-granddaughter, Shaelinn Goffinet; and numerous nephews.

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## What Is the Media Saying About Reclamation This Week?

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## Reclamation Trivia

Here's this week's set of questions:

1. Studying \_\_\_\_\_ can lead to fundamental insights about the life history of insects, for example by identifying the specific times of year when emergence occurs.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ received the Upper Colorado Regional Director's Honor Award.
3. Clifford (Cliff) Barrett's first job in Reclamation was as an engineer in the \_\_\_\_\_ in Denver in \_\_\_\_\_.

Last week, We asked,

1. In what year did July 4 become a paid legal federal holiday? It became an unpaid federal holiday in 1870. And a lot of trivia sites say that it became a paid holiday in 1941 but it was actually passed by congress in 1938.
2. The skull and tusks of a Stegomastodon estimated to be 3 million years old have been discovered at Elephant Butte Reservoir.
3. Juneteenth, or Freedom Day, is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

Last winner was – N/A

Please use this [link to send your answers](#). To be fair we will draw names from the winners and one person will receive a prize. We will reach into the prize bin for something suitable for the winner...as long as supplies last.

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