

### Prehistoric Elephant Excavated from Elephant Butte



The fully excavated Stegomastodon skull and tusks as paleontologists prepare to begin casting to secure the fossil for transport.

ELEPHANT BUTTE, N.M. – The skull and tusks of a stegomastodon estimated to be 3 million years old have been discovered at Elephant Butte Reservoir.

The fossil was found by campers and reported to New Mexico State Parks, who manage the land for recreation under an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. Resource Specialist Brent Tanzy was the first Reclamation employee on the scene and quickly confirmed the visible teeth and tusk appeared to be that of a prehistoric elephant. He used a tarp and sand to quickly cover what was exposed until the area could be secured.

The fossil was excavated on June 12 and carefully covered with a special cast mixture to preserve its integrity during transport to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque. It will remain there in the coming months to undergo extensive analysis. Gary Morgan, curator of vertebrate



paleontology at the museum, led the excavation process and described the find as more complete and better than another partial stegomastodon found in the area in 2004.

“It was almost perfect,” Morgan said of the condition of this skull and tusks. He estimated from the molars that the stegomastodon was about 50 years old when it died. He also estimated it had stood about 9 feet tall and weighed about 5 tons. The skull and tusks alone likely weigh more than 500 pounds.

Bureau of Reclamation Archaeologist Mark Hungerford described the discovery of this stegomastodon as a “rare and extremely important find.”

The area where the fossil was discovered was under water until a couple of weeks ago when irrigation began for the Rio Grande Project and lake levels began to drop.

To date, the Bureau of Reclamation has documented close to 180 paleontological sites on its land throughout the 17 Western States. Under the requirements of the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act of 2009, Reclamation must protect paleontological resources on our land using scientific principles and expertise.

Crews have completed the excavation of the area. They dug a large perimeter around the skull in an effort to locate other body parts, but did not find any. Morgan explained that this is common along the Rio Grande. He said the water could have carried the skull away from the rest of the body and deposited it there.

New Mexico State Parks had increased patrols of the area to ensure that the fossil was protected until it was exhumed. Although this find has generated much interest from the public, it is important to remember that it is a violation of federal and state law to remove archaeological and paleontological specimens from federal or state lands.



Gary Morgan, Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, begins to uncover the Stegomastodon at Elephant Butte.

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## Crystal and Morrow Point Spill



On May 23, 2014, Reclamation began increasing releases from the Aspinall Unit, consisting of Blue Mesa, Morrow Point, and Crystal reservoirs on the Gunnison River as required by the Record of Decision for the Aspinall Unit Operations Final Environmental Impact Statement. The increased releases will attempt to meet flow targets on the Gunnison River, designed to benefit endangered fish species downstream, while continuing to meet the congressionally authorized purposes of the Aspinall Unit.

In order to meet the required releases Blue Mesa, Morrow Point and Crystal Dams had to spill. Crystal Dam began spilling on May 29, 2014 and steadily increased until reaching a peak release of over 9,000 cubic-feet-per-second on June 5, 2014. The last time Crystal Dam spilled was 2011. Blue Mesa and Morrow Point Dam began spilling 1,000 cfs on June 4, 2014 and increased to 2,000 cfs on June 5, 2014. This is the first time Blue Mesa has used the spillway under normal operations. The last time Morrow Point spilled using two gates was in 1995 and the last time all four-spillway gates were opened at Morrow Point was in 1984.

[Watch the video of the gates spilling](#)

**Photos below**



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## Water Managers Cooperate to Create Beneficial River Flows



The Rio Grande flowing bank to bank at Alameda Bridge in northern Albuquerque

A flow of 2000 cubic-feet-per-second may not seem like much to water managers in other states, but it was reason for celebration in the Middle Rio Grande this spring.

By April it had become clear that we were headed into a fourth consecutive spring without a significant spring runoff. Water managers from Reclamation, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Middle Rio Grande Pueblos had prepared for the possibility and were ready to create an artificial runoff. Reclamation coordinated closely with the agencies to keep two pools of water, that otherwise would have been moved downstream to Elephant Butte in the fall and winter, upstream until this spring in hopes of creating a spike to get the endangered Rio Grande silvery minnow to spawn.



Left: Rio Grande at Central Bridge day before flows doubled. Right: Rio Grande at Central during High Flow.



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The high flow began on May 5 with a release out of Abiquiu Reservoir, moving water toward the Middle Rio Grande. The flow out of Cochiti Reservoir then doubled to close to 2,000 cfs on May 7. The higher flow was initially planned for one week, but good natural flows allowed for a short extension of the high flow and a slower recession.

“This release was the result of focused planning and coordination among water management agencies and the Fish and Wildlife Service,” said Albuquerque Area Manager Mike Hamman. “It was a tremendous effort by all involved to use what limited water that is available to help create an artificial pulse flow that we hope will trigger a substantial spawn.”

The approximately 18,000 acre-feet of water used for the initial peak flow came from two sources. About 12,000 acre-feet came from an exchange whereby water held in storage last year on behalf of the six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos that went unused and would have been released last fall was exchanged for San Juan-Chama water held in Elephant Butte by the Water Authority for. Updated sediment studies at Abiquiu Reservoir led to the discovery of an additional 6,000 acre-feet of native water that had to be released, as Abiquiu cannot store native water.

“Creating a successful spawn of silvery minnow while still meeting the needs of our farmers and cities is a remarkable accomplishment,” said Estevan Lopez, Director of the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission and nominee for Commissioner of Reclamation. “We are proud of this innovative effort and the hard work of all the people involved. This success was only possible through collaboration in the Middle Rio Grande Valley and demonstrates New Mexico’s ability to work through another summer of drought.”

Water managers and biologists have been preparing for this since last year. A similar effort was underway in 2013, but could not be attempted due to extremely low natural river flows. Conditions this spring were more favorable.

The Fish and Wildlife Service led efforts for egg collection in the river during the high flow. Preliminary numbers show approximately 25,000 eggs were collected to stock the Albuquerque BioPark and Dexter facilities where the silvery minnow is raised. Other eggs hopefully hatched in the river to help maintain the wild population.

In presenting those egg collection results to the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program on June 5, Albuquerque BioPark Refugium Director Kathy Lang said there’s a possibility the collection crews just didn’t hit the right spots. “You don’t know until they’re on your screen that you’re in a good place for egg collection,” she explained.



Crews collect Rio Grande Silvery Minnow eggs. Photo Courtesy Albuquerque BioPark



What started out as a complication during the initial high flow actually later turned into a benefit. After several days of the higher flows, temperatures plummeted. It snowed in northern New Mexico and cold winds blew through much of the state. The water temperature dropped below the desired 17 degrees Celsius. However, this late spring storm added precipitation up north, possibly increasing the natural spring runoff that began entering New Mexico from Colorado June 1. Colorado increased its Compact delivery to New Mexico on the mainstem of the Rio Grande and Reclamation also bypassed Rio Chama flow at El Vado, allowing for about five days of higher flows, near 1,800 cfs in the Middle Rio Grande. The Cochiti release returned to base flow of about 1,200 cfs on June 11. Egg collection crews again hit the river, gathering more eggs for the augmentation facilities, although fewer were collected this time around.



Reclamation staff collect data in the Middle Rio Grande. The minnow seems to prefer braided side channels such as these for habitat.

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## Rainwater Harvesting System Provo Area Office



Rainwater Harvesting System Tanks.

Scott Blake  
Provo Area Office

The State of Utah allows a person or entity to collect and store rainwater on their property in covered storage containers for beneficial use. Up to two storage containers under 100 gallons each are allowed without having to register with the state. The total allowed storage capacity with registration is 2,500 gallons.

The Provo Area Office is in the process of installing such a system. The rainwater will be captured off of approximately 12,000 square feet of available rooftop and will be used to water the plants around the entry way of the Provo Area Office.

Once the rainwater has left the rooftop, it will go through an underground collection sump where a pump will push it at about 440 gallons per minute from the sump into storage tanks. A second pump located in the storage tanks will pressurize the irrigation system.

We will have water level sensors in our tanks that will communicate to our computer when to shut the sump pump off. We also have float switches that will interrupt the power supply when the sump pump runs out of water to pump or when the tanks are full. The tank level sensor or pressure sensor will also be used to tell the computer when the tanks are empty and culinary water supply is needed. The computer will then switch the culinary valve open and the rainwater supply valve closed until sufficient rainwater is again available.



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To put things into perspective, a one-inch rain storm can produce about 620 gallons of water per 1,000 square feet of rooftop. This means that in a one-inch rain storm on our 12,000 sq. ft. of available roof top, about 7,476 gallons of water will be produced. This is enough water to fill our tanks to capacity just over 3 times. The average precipitation total for Provo, Utah is approximately 19.75 inches. Our system will be completely solar powered and will utilize a small battery bank to allow us to operate the pumps at the most efficient times, sun or no sun.

With the tanks and underground piping in place we still need to wire in all of the components to operate the system as a whole. We will be wiring up the solar panels, batteries, inverter and pumps in the next couple of weeks. When the system is complete it will have a computer interface that will allow us to monitor our tank levels, water savings, and power savings.

Photos below



Aerial of the Provo Area Office. Black arrows depict area of location of the Rainwater Harvesting System

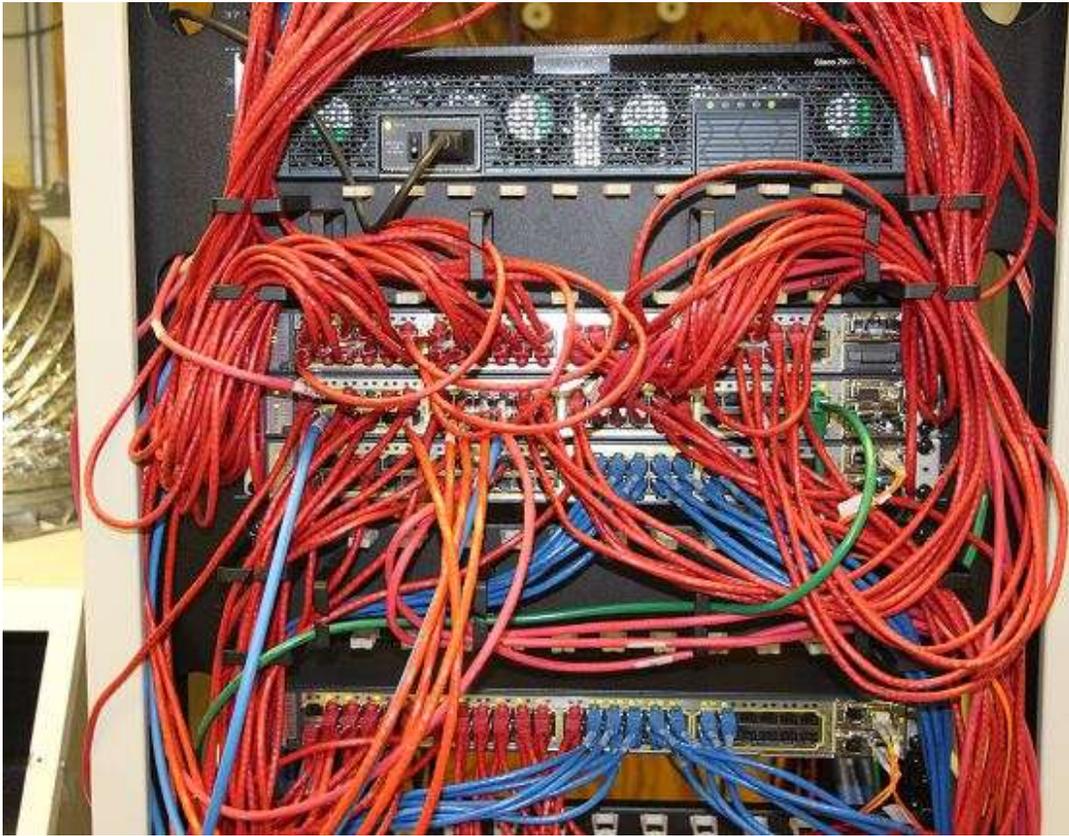


Installation of Rainwater Harvesting System

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## WAN Improvements at Glen Canyon



By Marie Memmer  
Glen Canyon Field Division

Wide area network service to and from Glen Canyon Field Division was upgraded August 23, 2013. Using Western Area Power Administration microwave capability from Glen Canyon to Montrose, there is now triple the capacity for traffic than previously available.

Working on this project were:

**Montrose** Justin Norton

**Western Area Power** Ryan Shaw

Kevin Hogg

David Todd

Craig Keating

**Regional Office** Greg West

**Glen Canyon** Scott Torrey



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Tito Sepulveda

Marie Memmer

Due to the number of agencies involved and the complexity of the change, this project required considerable coordination. Western Area Power individuals were from two separate regions, and this project required interconnection between the Western microwave facilities and the local area network switches at both Glen Canyon and Montrose. This change also required a new router at Glen Canyon, which Greg West coordinated with Verizon to have readied to work with the new configuration.

Everybody worked diligently and very well with each other. Each person did their job, and all should be commended for a JOB WELL DONE!

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### Loan Nguyen – Women in Business



From Left to Right: Tresia Lindsay, Peggy Pasin, Loan Nguyen, Annie Wairepo

By Amy Dinh  
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A few weeks before, my mom was invited to speak at a class titled “Women in Business” at Utah Valley University (UVU). On April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014, it came time for her to present in the class. She was nervous, but she came out on top thanks to the instructor’s help in leading her through the PowerPoint.



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In her PowerPoint, she was required to talk about: the journey that she had taken to get to her current point; what important choice she had made; if there were any mistakes along the way; what would she do differently if she could; what influences shaped her path regarding to her professional experience(s); mentors who made a difference; did she encounter difficulties such as prejudice/discrimination; and what advice she would give to younger women who are preparing to enter the professional world. Some things were hard for her to address, such as the important choices that she had made and influences that shaped her path.

She is currently the owner of A.N.T. Nails down in Orem, Utah and has been at that particular location for almost 4 years. She was invited to speak because the instructor was one of her regular customers, and seeing that my mother's business has thrived in a few years, Annie Wariepo, the instructor, asked her to talk about her business success.

During the first part of the presentation, I was getting fidgety because I knew that she was nervous, but she ended up getting into the presentation and we both relaxed. One of the many amazing things about the presentation was the vocabulary that my mom had utilized. She said words such as "encouragement" and "professionalism." It wasn't shocking, but I was proud of my mom for getting so far in the English language when it isn't her first language. Another part that had me really shocked was that during my mom's working career, she never went through prejudice or discrimination. She said that everyone who saw her work knew that she would not mess around and would get the job done, insuring that the product would end with 100% quality.

Towards the end of the presentation, she started to emphasize about the professionalism and customer service that is needed on a day-to-day basis to have a functionally successful business. Her advice to younger women preparing to enter the professional world is that they had to make sure they are wearing a positive attitude every day when going to work, giving their customer the kind of service that makes them want to come back, but remaining professional throughout the process.

At the end of the presentation, I helped to pass business cards to students who weren't familiar with my mom's shop. To my surprise, some of the students and other guests were customers of my mom who came to cheer her on and support her. A foreign exchange student from Venezuela handed out pastries she had made for the occasion.

The whole experience was very surreal, and I was happy and proud of my mom for being able to present calmly, knowing that she was nervous. My boyfriend helped to photograph and film the presentation while I helped with making sure the PowerPoint would run smoothly.

If you would like to see the slideshow, [click here](#).

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## Glen Canyon Employees Association 2014 Chili Cookoff



Pictured with the trophy: Debbie Jones, Paul Lyons, and Gus Levy

We had another successful Chili Cookoff at Glen Canyon. This was our 15th cookoff challenge, and the competition gets stiffer all the time. The cookoff is formally named the “Lloyd Gifford Memorial Chili Cookoff” in honor of the 1st winner and staunch supporter who passed away.

There were 9 entries this year, but of course only one can be judged the best by how much money people contribute to the pot.

This year’s winners were:

3rd Place – Debbie Jones, wife of our Deputy Manager, Stan

2nd Place – Gus Levy, representing the Mechanic crew

And finally, **1st Place – Paul Lyons**, representing the Electrician/EEM crew

The big winner is the Employees Association who made \$295—a new record!!

Thanks to everyone who participated.

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## About LGBT Pride Month



Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan. The Stonewall riots were a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the United States the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as “Gay Pride Day,” but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the nation the “day” soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBT Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

In 1994, a coalition of education-based organizations in the United States designated October as LGBT History Month. In 1995, a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the National Education Association included LGBT History Month within a list of commemorative months. LGBT History Month is also celebrated with annual month-long observances of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, along with the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. National Coming Out Day (October 11), as well as the first “March on Washington” in 1979, are commemorated in the LGBT community during LGBT History Month.

Executive and Legislative Documents



The Law Library of Congress has compiled guides to commemorative observations, including a comprehensive inventory of the Public Laws, [Presidential Proclamations and congressional resolutions](#) related to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month Pride

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## Retirement Planning - One Big Advantage of Retiring



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I've met some very good federal retirement specialists over the years. One of them, Denise, recently wrote to let me know she won't be there the next time I lecture at her agency. She's not retiring from her job; she's just retiring from her long commute by transferring to another federal position closer to home and at a lower grade.

Commuting issues are among the top reasons many federal employees look forward to retirement. Here's what Denise told me about her daily travails:

I was commuting 4 1/2 hours each day (no telework available unless expecting inclement weather), five days a week. In commuting 22 1/2 half hours every week (providing there were no Metro delays, no traffic issues, or weather to impact the traffic), I found that not only was I missing out on life, I was not living a quality life. I was exhausted, cranky and basically spent more time commuting than I did with my family Monday through Friday. I also found out that I developed mild high blood pressure for which I now take medication.

Many thought I was crazy for taking a downgrade. I did the math; my downgrade actually gave me an increase in my pay, as I had to be placed at a higher step in the lower grade. I also now receive a raise as I am



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no longer paying for parking, supplementing my Metro fare due to the shortfall of the Metro subsidy and toll road fees. I was spending \$5,000 annually out of pocket to go to work -- and this does not factor in my gas, car maintenance or upcoming Metro increases.

The most important outcome of my decision is the priceless time that I have gained back in my life to spend with my family, and time to do things that I enjoy and want to do in my life. My job no longer is my life; I have taken control and now have my life back. I meet friends for dinner, joined a gym, cook family dinners, watch movies and do things with my family instead of falling asleep on the couch from exhaustion.

Denise provided a link to an informative article from *Time* called "[10 Things Your Commute Does to Your Body](#)." It notes that the average American's commute to work is 25.5 minutes each way. That adds up to 204 hours per year, or more than five 40-hour work weeks. This just happens to be almost equal to the 208 hours of annual leave accrued each year by most federal employees.

Commuting, as Denise notes, can be expensive, too. You can use this [online calculator to determine the cost of your commute](#) in dollars and cents. Keep in mind that the [2014 mileage allowance](#) computed by the General Services Administration for federal employees who use privately owned transportation for traveling on official business is 56 cents per mile. Based on this allowance, a 30-mile daily commute would cost \$16.80 per day, or more than \$4,000 a year for a person on a normal full-time work schedule.

Ending your daily commute is just one reason to consider retirement. If you would like even more, read the [Top 25 Reasons to Retire Early](#), compiled by Ernie Zelinski, one of my favorite authors on the subject of the mental preparation for retirement.

By the way, thanks to all of you who registered for the upcoming webinar series I'm presenting with certified financial advisor Micah Shilanski. The June sessions have filled up. We decided to limit the audience size so we could pay more attention to the questions asked by attendees. But you can [sign up to be on the priority list for the next session](#).

By Tammy Flanagan

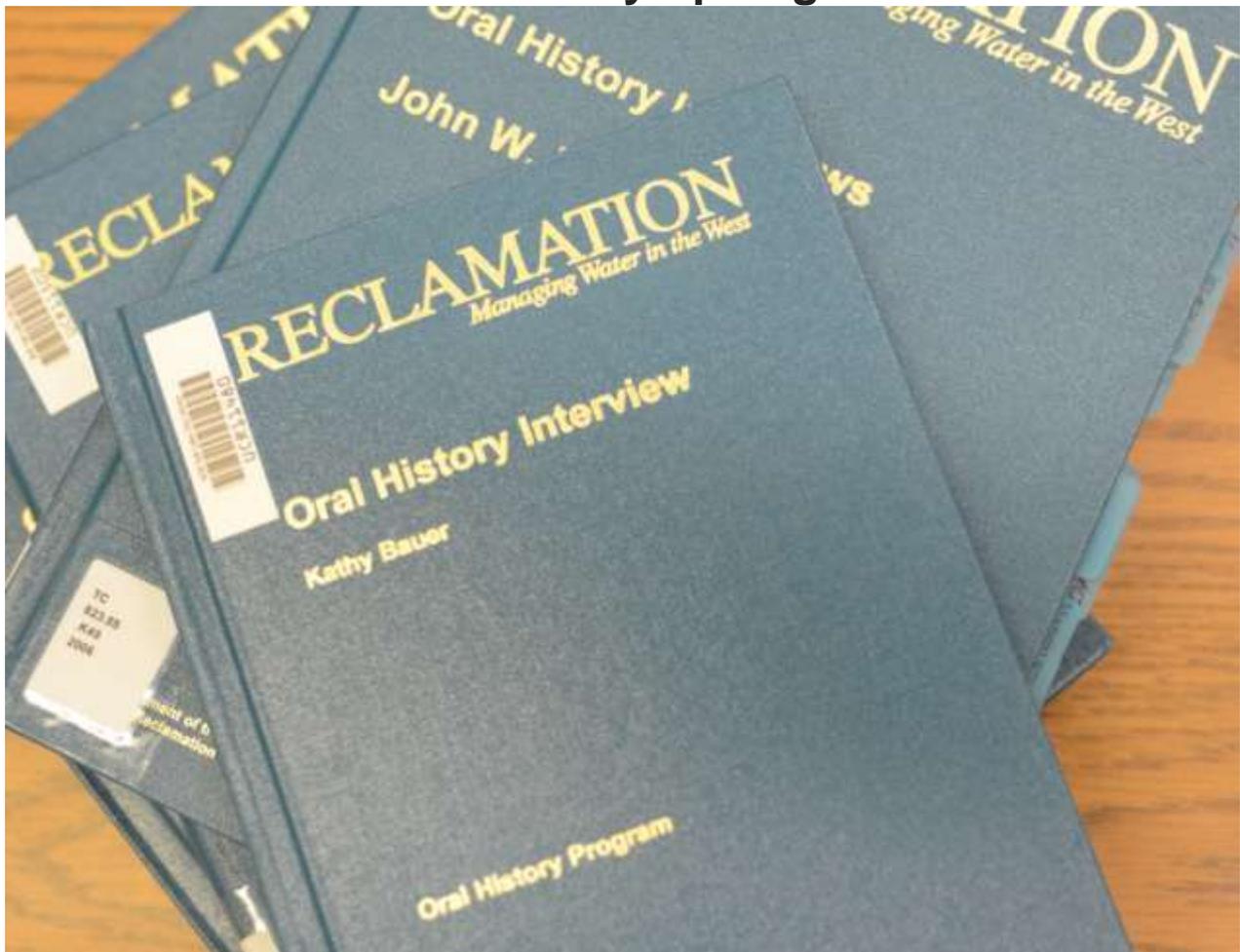
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## Oral History Spotlight



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 Larry Boll**

Mr. Boll joined the Bureau of Reclamation in 1962 and would complete his career with an assignment in Washington, D. C. as the Regional Liaison Officer for the Mid-Pacific Region. Mr. Boll retired from the Bureau of Reclamation in 1993, about a year prior to this interview. What follows are excerpts from Mr. Boll’s oral history book:

### **Expectations for Reclamation’s Future**

It’s much more difficult in this environment of water development today than probably when I first came to work for the Bureau. And so new people coming in . . .



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. It's still, I think, a good place to work. There's still a real role for Reclamation. It's a different role than I saw during my career. What I went through won't be repeated for the new people coming in. It's going to be a different ball game, still challenging, still exciting, still a good place. Frustrations are going to be somewhat more, I think. We write reports instead of build projects now. (Chuckles) It's fun to see the fruition of something you've worked on and designed and constructed, and we're not going to see that kind of thing too much anymore, but it's still going to have its own challenges and rewards. But hard work always carries its own reward with it, and those that labor at it will see the fruit of it.

### **Dams Are Preferable to Levees for Flood Protection**

You can probably increase the levees to carry a higher flow down the river, to increase it, but levees are a poor flood control structure compared to a dam. Levees fail. Dams do not fail. And levees are a big maintenance chore. They also do a lot of environmental damage to *build* the levee, to build them higher. You've got to control vegetation. You've got to dredge out a very scenic American River Parkway and do some additional work in there that will be very environmentally destructive and cause a lot of concerns.

### **Folsom Is in a Major Metropolitan Area and Therefore Has Special Issues**

Here's a major water development within a metropolitan area. Most of our major projects in the Bureau are somewhat remote: Shasta Dam is quite a ways outside of Redding, and Redding at that point was a much smaller little town than it is today, too. I know Trinity Dam is far removed. And Folsom is right within a major metropolitan area. And so, as such, you're really in a fish bowl. I mean, you're a *major* part of the community in the decisions you're making, and what's going on, and the operation of that facility. Everybody is helping you run that place. And so the interface with the public is very important in that job. You need to be a spokesman for that facility there and people want to have good information flow, and you're dealing with many other public agencies that are influenced, that are very interested in what's going on. So dealing with the public, twenty, thirty years ago, you didn't worry much about Project Superintendents being good PR people, they were there to run a project, and they were engineers that came up through the ranks and ran it. Now you need a manager that is also skilled in public relations and interfacing with the media.

### **Find a Job You Enjoy Doing**

Well, it's the same I'd give to anybody: When you find an area that you like to work in, whether it's engineering or accounting or environmental or whatever it is, find a job that you enjoy doing. Life's too short not to work someplace that you enjoy. And when you are enjoying it, you're also a much more productive person, because your motivations and your energies flow readily to what you're doing. And you need to find that. Fortunately, I had one that I could do that with. And finding a job that's drudgery now would just be, (Laughs) having seen the other side of it, is just . . . Sometimes people are forced into that, I'm sure, George. Fortunately, I had one that was not. And I hope that young people today ought to find something



and do something that they really enjoy doing. And when you do, pour yourself into it, invest yourself into it. It's not just a job, it's part of your life—treat it as such.

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

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## In Transition

### Welcome Baby Rhys Vincent Benoit to the Reclamation Family

The Albuquerque Area Office is proud to announce the birth of baby Rhys Vincent Benoit. Rhys was born on April 2, 2014 to AAO Technical Service Division employees Vince and Shawndra Benoit. Rhys was also welcomed by his big brother Gavin. Rhys was 7lbs 3 oz and 18.5" long at birth. But as you can see in the picture below, they don't stay tiny very long. Please join us in welcoming Rhys to the Reclamation family and extending our congratulations to Vince, Shawndra and Gavin.

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# What Is the Media Saying About Reclamation This Week?

The Day We Set the Colorado River Free

<http://www.outsideonline.com/outdoor-adventure/nature/Open-the-Floodgates-The-Day-We-Set-the-Colorado-River-Free.html>

Farmers cope with drought as Texas-New Mexico fight over Rio Grande water

<http://news.vocus.com/?a=17997957832&p=19f&v=1&x=Bj5y2TEqHGc9x8HzvUcMfg>

Fossil gives special meaning to Elephant Butte

[http://www.abqjournal.com/413656/news/fossil-find-gives-special-meaning-to-elephant-butte.html?utm\\_source=upprev](http://www.abqjournal.com/413656/news/fossil-find-gives-special-meaning-to-elephant-butte.html?utm_source=upprev)

Environmental review on for NGS and Kayenta Mine

<http://news.vocus.com/?a=17998435881&p=19f&v=1&x=FPpiahmcDaeExqIK2WovYA>

Interior Secretary Jewell announces \$17.8 million for water projects

[http://www.fierceenergy.com/story/interior-secretary-jewell-announces-178-million-water-projects/2014-06-11?utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_campaign=rss](http://www.fierceenergy.com/story/interior-secretary-jewell-announces-178-million-water-projects/2014-06-11?utm_medium=rss&utm_source=rss&utm_campaign=rss)

Possible stegomastodon skull found at Elephant Butte Lake

[http://www.lcsun-news.com/las\\_cruces-news/ci\\_25936732/possible-stegomastodon-skull-found-at-elephant-butte-lake?source=most\\_viewed](http://www.lcsun-news.com/las_cruces-news/ci_25936732/possible-stegomastodon-skull-found-at-elephant-butte-lake?source=most_viewed)

Water issues draw debate at Vegas lawyers' event

<http://www.thespectrum.com/story/news/local/mesquite/2014/06/09/water-issues-draw-debate-vegas-lawyers-event/10265049/>

Tri-County Water commissions 8-MW Ridgway Dam small hydropower plant

<http://news.vocus.com/?a=17962074026&p=19f&v=1&x=iX8XGJQ2L4j2xknxjOmCO>

Good News For Boaters: Lake Powell Rising Due To Melting Snowpack Upstream

<http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2014/06/good-news-boaters-lake-powell-rising-due-melting-snowpack-upstream25189>

Guest columnist Lake Powell hydro powers the Dolores Project

<http://news.vocus.com/?a=17994515914&p=19f&v=1&x=Cr-OTF65zbxj-2jloXZ-Aw>

Lake Powell water levels rise a foot a day

<http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/arizona/2014/06/09/12news-lake-powell-water-level/10260937/>

On the rise: Lake Powell on pace to peak at 3,616'

<http://www.azcentral.com/media/cinematic/video/10261561/on-the-rise-lake-powell-on-pace-to-peak-at-3616/>

Half of NW Energy will be renewable power if dam deal is approved

<http://www.kpax.com/news/half-of-nw-energy-will-be-renewable-power-if-dam-deal-is-approved/>

Bennet, Udall ask for extension of comment period for EPA water rule

[http://www.greeleytribune.com/news/11759812-113/rule-epa-bennet-comment?utm\\_source=swift\\_rss&utm\\_section=News](http://www.greeleytribune.com/news/11759812-113/rule-epa-bennet-comment?utm_source=swift_rss&utm_section=News)

Lawyers debate control of water

<http://www.abqjournal.com/411496/news/lawyers-debate-control-of-water.html>

Snowpack in Southwest Colorado all but gone

<http://news.vocus.com/?a=17949520982&p=19f&v=1&x=3d5zNQMVt7BMycwCpYiApw>

New law set to open door to more hydroelectric power from irrigation

[http://www.gisentinel.com/special\\_sections/articles/new-law-set-to-open-door-to-more-hydroelectric-pow](http://www.gisentinel.com/special_sections/articles/new-law-set-to-open-door-to-more-hydroelectric-pow)

New Mexico Supreme Court denies hearing for lawsuit challenging Navajo Nation water rights settlement

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Tom Luebke Named to Lead Bureau of Reclamation's Technical Service Center

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Drought Could Hault Power Generation At Lake Powell

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# Reclamation Trivia

## Here's this week's set of questions:

1. Blue Mesa and \_\_\_\_\_ began spilling \_\_\_\_\_ on June 4, 2014 and increased to 2,000 cfs on June 5, 2014.
2. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan. True or False
3. The State of Utah allows a person or entity to collect and store rainwater on their property in covered storage containers for beneficial use. Up to \_\_\_\_\_ storage containers under gallons each are allowed without having to register with the state.

## Last week, We asked,

1. In recent months, the [Albuquerque Area Office](#) has begun a new employee wellness program. The idea for this was originally instigated by [Mark Hungerford](#), an archaeologist at the AAO for the last 11 years.
2. The [Aspiring Leaders](#) module of the program aims at developing future leaders by providing a 6-day, 2-session, course for selected employees to develop and/or sharpen their leadership skills through formal and informal training, details/shadowing assignments, and other continuous learning activities.
3. [East Canyon Dam](#) is a concrete thin-arch structure, 10 miles southeast of Morgan on [East Canyon Creek](#).

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.



## Who's New



### **Tawnya Coulter, Regional Director's Office**

Comes to us from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers where she held positions of Records Management Specialist and Program Management Assistant. Her skills in these positions included serving as the subject matter expert on records issues, developing local guidelines/policies/procedures for the management of records throughout their life cycle. She served as the liaison between agencies; provided records training; handled FOIA requests; and coordinated with team members responsible for the management of correspondence, forms, and directives.

Tawnya brings with her years of administrative experience with additional skills including leadership and communication while maintaining integrity.



### **Janet Belcher, Information Resources & Financial Management Divisions**

She has many years of administrative experience in the Government most recently being employed with Veteran Affairs. She has experience in tracking suspense items, pin-pointing delay patterns, and has initiated the electronic conversion of Controlled Correspondence. Janet brings a wealth of experience in being a leader, working with teams, and representing agencies she has worked for.



### **Joan Martinez, Human Resources Division**

Is transferring to our office from the U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command where she has worked for the past 6 years. She was responsible for handling pre-enlistment activities and the preparation of travel orders for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard. She has held positions of responsibility including: a verification specialist handling OWCP claims, Assistant Manager of an apartment complex, as well as working with Easter Seals of Utah and Special Olympics.

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