



Town Council Packet
June 22, 2021 @ 7:00pm



1 – Agenda



GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Public Input is a vital and important portion of every meeting and will be permitted throughout the meeting, but according to the following guidelines:

- a. Public input is allowed during the Agenda identified **Public Input** and **Public Hearing** portion of the meeting.
 - i. If you would like to address the meeting during the appropriate times, please raise your hand and when called upon you will be asked to come to the podium. ***Announce your name*** so that your statements can be adequately captured in the meeting minutes.
 - ii. ***Please keep your comments to 3-5 minutes*** as others may want to participate throughout the meeting and to insure that the subject does not drift.
- b. Throughout the meeting agenda calls for public input will be made, generally pertaining to specific action items. Please follow the same format as above.
- c. At the conclusion of the meeting, if the meeting chair believes additional public comment is necessary, the floor will be open.

We hope that this guideline will improve the effectiveness and order of the Town's Public Meetings. It is the intent of your publicly elected officials to stay open to your feelings on a variety of issues.

Thank you, Rangely Mayor



Town of Rangely

June 22, 2021 - 7:00pm

Agenda

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)

ANDY SHAFFER, MAYOR

TREY ROBIE, MAYOR PROTEM

VACANT

LUKE GEER, TRUSTEE

TIM WEBBER, TRUSTEE

ALISA GRANGER, TRUSTEE

KEELY ELLIS, TRUSTEE

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Minutes of Meeting
 - a. *Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of June 8, 2021.*
6. Petitions and Public Input
7. Changes to the Agenda
8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm
9. Committee/Board Meetings
10. RBC Commissioner Reports
11. Council Reports
12. Supervisor Reports – See Attached
 - a. *Kelli Neiberger*
13. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update
14. Old Business
15. New Business
 - a. *Discussion and action to approve the 2020 Audited Financial Statements as presented by Colorado CPA Services, PC*
 - b. *Discussion and action to approve the May 2021 Financial Summary*

- c. *Discussion and action to approve a Main Street Grant for Rangely District Hospital for improvements to North Park in the amounts of \$142,687 with RDA/RDC acting as fiscal agent.*
- d. *Discussion and action to approve continued representation by WRLG Coalition by Garfield County on behalf of the Town of Rangely's Oil & Gas Interests.*

16. Informational Items

- a. *RBC Fire Restrictions Effective June 18th, 2021*
- b. *RBC Covid Update*
- c. *Freedom Walk June 24, 6pm Veterans Park*
- d. *WEROCKLIVE Rock Crawling Competition June 26th-27th 10am*

17. Board Vacancies

- a. *Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy*
- b. *Community Garden Board Vacancy's*

18. Scheduled Announcements

- a. *Community Outreach meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2021 was cancelled.*
- b. *Giant Step Preschool Board meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm*
- c. *Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm*
- d. *Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm*
- e. *Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for the June 15th, 2021 at 9:30 am*
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- k. *Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm*
- l. *Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm*
- m. *Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm*

19. Adjournment

5 – Minutes



Public Safety Committee Meeting 6:20 pm June 8 – Conference Room

Town of Rangely

June 8, 2021 - 7:00pm

Minutes

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)

ANDY SHAFFER, MAYOR

TREY ROBIE, MAYOR PROTEM

VACANT

LUKE GEER, TRUSTEE

TIM WEBBER, TRUSTEE

ALISA GRANGER, TRUSTEE

KEELY ELLIS, TRUSTEE

1. **Call to Order** – 7:04pm
2. **Roll Call** – Andy Shaffer, Trey Robie, Tim Webber, and Keely Ellis present. Alisa Granger and Luke Geer via phone.
3. **Invocation** – Led by Tim Webber
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Lisa Piering
5. **Minutes of Meeting**
 - a. *Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of May 25, 2021.* – **Motion made by Trey Robie to approve the minutes of May 25, 2021, second by Tim Webber. Motion passed**
6. **Petitions and Public Input** - None
7. **Changes to the Agenda** – Add Items ‘d’ and ‘e’ under New Business. Addition of amount to item ‘b’ under New Business. Planning and Zoning meeting date change.
8. **Public Hearings - 7:10pm**
 - a. *First reading of Ordinance 695, an ordinance enacting new sections, withing section 9.04 of the Rangely Municipal Code and providing for the regulation of tobacco products.* – **Crandall Mergelman, Rangely Jr/Sr High School principal was present and discussed how they would handle this at the school and what policy they would like to put into place.**
9. **Committee/Board Meetings** – Community Outreach Meeting was cancelled
10. **RBC Commissioner Reports** – Ty Gates reported on behave of the Rio Blanco Commissioners and stated that at their last meeting they approved a letter of support to the Town of Rangely for the American Rescue Plan. Ty also reported that they are looking for a part-time 4-H coordinator for Rangely. Applications from the Rec. Center for funds for Septemberfest have been tabled due to another idea for funding. Ty also spoke about the need for a treatment center for opioid addiction on the western slope. Trying to figure out how to get a center in Rio Blanco County, looking for funding opportunities. Housing would be an issue. There is a growing need for mental health.
11. **Council Reports** - None

12. Supervisor Reports – See Attached

- a. *Ti Hamblin* – Ti reported that the summer months are busier. 1400 calls for service in the last month. There has been changes in personnel. Lt. Phil Stubblefield was hired back, and Sargent Rich Garner was hired. Cheyenne has become the interim dispatcher supervisor. The other dispatchers and officers will be filled when the psychological testing is finished. Officer Hughes has been out due to COVID. The K-9 will be going to Officer Hilton. Eiko will retire in July. There will be one last ATV course on June 12th.

13. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update – Lisa updated the Council about funding for Cogency thru grants and private funding. All departments are working on projects. Working on mosquito abatement. Aerial spraying will hopefully happen for the Fourth of July, Laney is still waiting on approval and waiting on the product. The Town will continue to fog with the new fogger purchased. All cementing has been completed in front of Town Hall. Public Works will start heading up to Kennedy Drive. Janet Miller has put out the flowers for the year. Keeping busy with code enforcement. Main Street is looking at façade grants to help out our businesses. When the Town receives ARP Funds, Lisa indicated that she would use the funds to spend in our community. Marlo will be here to report on the Audit at the next council meeting. Rally Colorado was a success and the Community Gardens are still looking for volunteers.

14. Old Business

- a. *Cogency Power Update* – **The visit was successful, and the council indicated they wanted to move forward.**

15. New Business

- a. *Discussion and action to approve the May 2021 Check Register* – **Motion made by Trey Robie to approve the May 2021 Check Register, second by Keely Ellis. Motion passed**
- b. *Discussion and action to approve purchase order agreement with the State of Colorado for the Town of Rangely to continue operating as the fiscal agent for the Dinosaur Welcome Center in the amount of \$70,860* – Lisa indicated that the Dinosaur Welcome Center received a grant from the Town of Dinosaur in the amount of \$5000 and have not used all the funding. She also stated that they are looking for volunteers. **Motion made by Tim Webber to approve the purchase order agreement with the State of Colorado for the Town of Rangely to continue operating as the fiscal agent for the Dinosaur Welcome Center in the amount of \$70,860, second by Kelly Ellis. Motion passed**
- c. *Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2021-04 a resolution opposing 2022 Ballot Initiative 16, entitled “Protect Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation” (PAUSE)* – **Motion made Tim Webber to approve Resolution 2021-04 a resolution opposing 2022 Ballot Initiative 16, entitled “Protect Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation” (PAUSE), second by Trey Robie. Motion passed**
- d. *Discussion and action to approve a request for Congressionally Directed Spending for 2022 in the amount of 5.8 million for the Cogency Energy Project* – **Motion made by Tim Webber to approve a request for Congressionally Directed Spending for 2022 in the amount of 5.8 million for the Cogency Energy Project, second by Trey Robie. Motion passed**
- e. *Discussion and action to approve the request to DOLA for the Total Allocations for each NEU (Non-Entitlement Unit) of the ARP (American Rescue Plan) Recovery Funds totaling \$568,804.50.* – **Motion made by Luke Geer to approve the request to DOLA for the Total Allocation for each NEU (Non-Entitlement Unit) of the ARP (American Rescue Plan) Recovery Funds totaling \$568,804.50 second by Trey Robie. Motion passed**

16. Informational Items

- a. *RBC Covid Update*
- b. *Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership Act of 2021*
- c. *AGNC Legislative Update*
- d. *Club 20 Legislative Watch List*

- e. *ARPA Fund Guidance Non-Entitlement Governments Units*
- f. *CNCC Online Offerings*
- g. *Rangely Freedom Walk June 24, Veterans Park 6pm*
- h. *CML Webinars June*
- i. *Alive after Five July 2021*

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19. Adjournment – 8:28pm

ATTEST:

RANGELY TOWN COUNCIL

Marybel Cox, Clerk

Andy Shaffer, Mayor

- 8 – Public Hearings
- 9 - Committee Meeting
- 10 - Report from RBC Commissioners
- 11 - Report from Council
- 12 - Reports from Supervisors

13 – Reports from Officers

14 – Old Business

15 – New Business

Income Statement

Town of Rangely

Month Ending May 2021

| GENERAL FUND Revenue | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
|--|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|
| | YTD Amount | % of Revenue | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Taxes | \$486,080 | 50% | \$1,397,400 | 34.78% |
| Licenses and Permits | \$8,781 | 1% | \$20,000 | 43.90% |
| Intergovernmental Revenue | \$201,624 | 21% | \$699,500 | 28.82% |
| Charges for Services | \$204,170 | 21% | \$490,000 | 41.67% |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | \$76,111 | 8% | \$149,475 | 50.92% |
| Total General Revenue | \$976,766 | 100% | \$2,756,375 | 35.44% |
| GENERAL FUND Operating Expenses | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Expenses | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Town Council | \$13,809 | 1% | \$37,872 | 36.46% |
| Court | \$8,359 | 1% | \$23,756 | 35.19% |
| Administration | \$87,795 | 8% | \$227,153 | 38.65% |
| Finance | \$77,110 | 7% | \$201,156 | 38.33% |
| Building & Grounds | \$88,263 | 9% | \$267,763 | 32.96% |
| Economic Development | \$90,697 | 9% | \$260,155 | 34.86% |
| Police Department | \$389,153 | 38% | \$960,215 | 40.53% |
| Animal Shelter | \$16,820 | 2% | \$41,916 | 40.13% |
| Public Works | \$140,370 | 14% | \$377,640 | 37.17% |
| Foundation Trans. & Non Depart. Transfer | \$66,050 | 6% | \$170,000 | 38.85% |
| Total Capital Improvements | \$54,975 | 5% | \$285,000 | 19.29% |
| Total General expenses | \$1,033,402 | 100% | \$2,852,626 | 36.23% |
| Net Revenue over Expenditures | (\$56,635) | 100% | (\$96,251) | 58.84% |
| WATER FUND Revenue | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Revenue | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Water Revenue | \$281,562 | 100% | \$1,130,400 | 24.91% |
| WATER FUND Operating Expenses | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Expense | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Water Supply | \$165,344 | 47% | \$425,649 | 38.85% |
| Water Supply Capital Expense | \$22,021 | 6% | \$11,000 | 200.19% |
| Water Fund Dept. Transfers and Conting. | \$108,978 | 31% | \$282,956 | 38.51% |
| PW - Transportation & Distribution | \$40,212 | 12% | \$146,422 | 27.46% |
| PW - Transportation & Distrib. Capital Exp | \$2,312 | 1% | \$375,000 | 0.00% |
| Raw Water | \$9,732 | 3% | \$48,243 | 20.17% |
| Raw Water Capital Expense | \$0 | 0% | \$0 | #DIV/0! |
| Total Water expenses | \$348,599 | 100% | \$1,289,270 | 27.04% |
| Net Revenue over Expenditures | (\$67,037) | 100% | (\$158,870) | 42.20% |
| GAS FUND Revenue | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Revenue | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Gas Revenue | \$847,106 | 100% | \$1,178,531 | 71.88% |
| GAS FUND Operating Expenses | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Expense | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Gas Expenses | \$574,257 | 88% | \$852,384 | 67.37% |
| Gas Capital Expense | \$555 | 0% | \$31,000 | 1.79% |
| Total Transfers | \$75,000 | 12% | \$180,000 | 41.67% |
| Total Selling Expenses | \$649,812 | 100% | \$1,063,384 | 61.11% |
| Net Revenue over Expenditures | \$197,294 | 100% | \$115,147 | 171.34% |
| Wastewater FUND Revenue | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Revenue | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Wastewater Revenue | \$160,412 | 100% | \$1,253,150 | 12.80% |
| Wastewater FUND Oper Expenses | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Expense | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Wastewater Expenses | \$93,410 | 48% | \$282,968 | 33.01% |
| Wastewater Capital Expense | \$37,606 | 19% | \$1,660,000 | 2.27% |
| Total Transfers | \$62,500 | 32% | \$150,000 | 41.67% |
| General Fund Loan | \$0 | 0% | \$0 | #DIV/0! |
| Total Selling Expenses | \$193,516 | 100% | \$2,092,968 | 9.25% |
| Net Revenue over Expenditures | (\$33,104) | 100% | (\$839,818) | 3.94% |

Town of Rangely

Month Ending May 2021

| Rangely Housing Auth Revenue | | | 2021 BUDGET | |
|---|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| | YTD Amount | % of Revenue | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Rangely Housing Auth Revenue | \$74,364 | 100% | \$260,000 | 28.60% |
| Rangely Housing Auth Oper Expenses | + | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Expense | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Rangely Housing Auth Expenses | \$69,172 | 94% | \$183,784 | 37.64% |
| Housing Authority Capital Expense | \$0 | 0% | \$15,000 | 0.00% |
| Debt Service and Transfers | \$4,170 | 6% | \$60,000 | 6.95% |
| Total Expense | \$73,342 | 100% | \$258,784 | 28.34% |
| Net Revenue over Expenditures | \$1,022 | 100% | \$1,216 | 84.07% |
| Fund for Public Giving Revenue | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Revenue | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Fund for Public Giving Revenue | \$171 | 100% | \$2,000 | 8.56% |
| Fund for Public Giving Oper Expenses | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Expense | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Fund for Public Giving Expenses | \$10 | 100% | \$2,000 | 0.50% |
| Net Revenue over Expenditures | \$161 | 100% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Economic Development Revenue | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Revenue | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| RDA Revenues | \$25,886 | 100% | \$125,200 | 20.68% |
| Economic Development Oper Expenses | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Expense | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| RDA Expenses | \$19,621 | 100% | \$77,600 | 25.28% |
| RDA Capitol Expense | \$589 | 100% | \$62,500 | 0.00% |
| Total Expense | \$20,210 | 100% | \$140,100 | 14.43% |
| Net Revenue over Expenditures | \$5,675 | 100% | (\$14,900) | -38.09% |
| Conservation Trust Revenue | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Revenue | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Conservation Trust Revenue (Grant \$136K) | \$3,186 | 100% | \$12,225 | 26.06% |
| Conservation Trust Oper Expenses | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Expense | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Conservation Trust Expenses | \$0 | 100% | \$11,000 | 0.00% |
| Net Revenue over Expenditures | \$3,186 | 100% | \$1,225 | 260.08% |
| Housing Assistance Revenue | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Revenue | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Housing Assistance Revenue | \$103 | 100% | \$21,000 | 0.49% |
| Housing Assistance Oper Expenses | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Expense | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Housing Assistance Expenses | \$0 | 100% | \$2,000 | 0.00% |
| Net Revenue over Expenditures | \$103 | 100% | \$19,000 | 0.54% |
| Rangely Develop Corp Revenue | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Revenue | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Rangely Develop Corp Revenue | \$45 | 100% | \$500 | 9.00% |
| Rangely Develop Corp Expenses | YTD ACTUAL | | 2021 BUDGET | |
| | YTD Amount | % of Expense | Budget 2021 | % of Budget Expended |
| Rangely Develop Corp Expenses | \$67 | 100% | \$18,500 | 0.36% |
| RDC Capitol Expense | \$0 | 100% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Total Expense | \$67 | 100% | \$18,500 | 0.36% |
| Net Revenue over Expenditures | (\$22) | 100% | (\$18,000) | 0.00% |

| INCOME STATEMENT ROLL-UP | Actual YTD | Budget YTD | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Total Revenues | \$2,369,601 | \$6,739,381 | 35.16% |
| Total Expenses | \$2,318,958 | \$7,730,632 | 30.00% |
| Net Revenue over Expense | \$50,643 | -\$991,251 | -5.11% |

Revitalizing Main Streets

FY 2021 Projects

Opportunity 2: Small Multimodal and Economic Resiliency Grant

Application Form

OVERVIEW

The original Revitalizing Main Streets Program opened on June 18, 2020, with this revised Multimodal and Economic Resiliency Application published on March 19, 2021. **Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis, until funds are exhausted or otherwise suspended by CDOT.** Please submit your application to cdotmainstreets@state.co.us at CDOT.

- The application must be affirmed by either the applicant's City or County Manager or Chief Elected Official (Mayor or County Commission Chair) for local governments, or agency director or equivalent for other applicants.
- If you are submitting more than one project for consideration, please submit a separate application for each.
- With technical questions, please email cdotmainstreets@state.co.us.

APPLICATION OUTLINE

Part 1 | Project Information

Applicants will enter basic information for their *project/plan* (hereafter referred to as *project*) in Part 1, including a Problem Statement, project description, and concurrence documentation from CDOT and/or local agency, if applicable. Part 1 will not be scored.

Part 2 | Financial Information, Evaluation Criteria, Questions and Scoring

This part includes sections for the applicant to provide qualitative and quantitative responses to use for scoring projects. To learn more about how projects will be scored, please see above.



Part 1 Project Information

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| 1. Project Title | | |
| 2. Project Type | | |
| 3. Project <i>Start/End</i> points or Geographic Area <i>Provide a map with submittal that includes the project location.</i> | | |
| 4. Project Applicant |  | |
| 5. Project Contact Person, Title, Phone Number, and Email | | |
| 6. Does this project touch CDOT Right-of-Way, involve a CDOT roadway, access transit agency property or request transit agency involvement to operate service? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, please ensure that you have submitted a Special Use Permit</i> | |
| <p>7. Project Overview (concise abstract limited to 500 characters) Include photographs of the project area for better evaluation by the committee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> | | |
| <p>8. Project Description. Describe your project and what it is going to do. Do not include background information or justification language. Please only include details specific to the work that will occur as part of this project. (limited to 1,500 characters)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> | | |

9. Define the scope and specific elements of the project. Each task should start with a title and follow with a description.

Task 1:

Task 2:

Task 3:

Task 4:



Task 5:



10. Is the project scalable, and/or do project components have independent utility? Accordingly, would a smaller amount than requested be acceptable, while maintaining the original intent of the project?

Yes No

If yes, define smaller meaningful limits, size, or scopes, along with the cost for each, if the project is scalable.

Part 2 Financial Information, Evaluation Criteria, and Scoring

Financial Information

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| 1. Total amount of grant funding request (<i>maximum \$150,000 per project</i>) | \$ | |
| 2. Local Match: 10% of the grant funds listed above <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expenses prior to the PO execution are not eligible for a match. - Match contributions can be cash and/or in-kind. | <i>Amount:</i> <i>(10% of Line #1)</i> \$ | <i>Briefly describe match expenses:</i> |
| 3. Does this project leverage additional funds beyond the 10% match listed above? Please explain. <div style="text-align: center;"></div> | | |
| 4. By checking this box, the applicant's President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Elected Official (Mayor or County Commission Chair) or City/County Manager for local governments or Agency Director or equivalent for others, has certified it allows this project request to be submitted for funding and will follow all CDOT policies and state and federal regulations when completing this project, if funded. | | |

| Please provide a breakdown of how you plan to spend the grant funds based on the tasks you identified in Part One. | Cost |
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| TOTAL: |  |

Evaluation Criteria, Questions, and Scoring

A. Public Health, Active Transportation Safety, and Equity/Access

Provide **qualitative and quantitative** responses to the following questions on the significance of the proposed project.

1. What has the applicant already done to promote public health in the wake of the COVID-19 emergency, and how does this project help to improve and/or continue those efforts? Please reference how this project supports local public health measures.

2. How specifically does the project improve mobility and safety?



3. Does this project promote active transportation, including an increase to biking, walking, and/or transit? Please describe.



4. Describe how this project would be implemented and what communities it would serve. If the project benefits a certain business or group of businesses, provide/describe the process used to select those businesses.



5. How will the project support low-income and vulnerable communities impacted by COVID-19? Include details about how low-income and vulnerable communities will be able to access/use, benefit from, and enjoy the spaces created by the project.

6. Describe how the project will expand access to economic opportunity for residents of all ages, incomes and abilities.



B. Readiness, Public Support, Innovation, Scalability, and Cost Benefit

Provide *qualitative and quantitative* responses to the following questions on the level of support, readiness and matching funds for the project.

1. Provide a project schedule including all important milestones. When is the anticipated completion date for this project?



2. Describe any environmental clearance work that will be required as part of this project. Those using state right-of way will be able to utilize the statewide environmental clearance already in place (Form 128), so no additional environmental clearance work will be necessary.

3. Who will lead construction and traffic operations for this project, if applicable?



4. Does the proposed project cross and/or benefit multiple municipalities? If yes, which ones and how? Please provide displays of public support including public survey results and/or letters indicating support.

5. Please describe how the community has been engaged to inform the location, design or intent of the project (i.e. surveys, past or current planning processes)?

6. Describe any proposed changes to maintenance or ownership of any assets or facilities after construction, if applicable.



7. Identify any aspects of the project that would involve new technologies or innovative methods.



8. Does this project promote economic development? Please describe.

9. How will the project collect input on **long-term** public health, transportation or economic development goals?



Hi Lisa,

I hope you are doing well.

The COGCC Financial Assurance Rulemaking is ramping up, beginning with party status requests due June 23, and the actual rulemaking in October. Garfield County has submitted the party status request already on behalf and will represent the coalition at a June 25th Prehearing Conference of our WRLG Coalition so there is nothing for your local government to do at this time. I have attached the Notice of Hearing for reference. **However, I am writing today, knowing your local government may have recent newly elected officials, to confirm y'all are still good with being represented as part of the WRLG Coalition by Garfield County. Happy to discuss on the phone and within the next couple weeks, please respond with your local government's approval or not for continued participation as part of the WRLG.**

As it has been a while since we discussed it, here is a refresher about the WRLG Coalition (WRLG): The WRLG is composed of 15 county governments and eight municipalities on the Western Slope and Eastern Plains representing 31 percent of the total land area and 45 percent of active oil and gas wells in Colorado. **Our Western and Rural Local Governments Coalition (WRLG)** for rulemakings includes 23 members: Garfield County, Delta County, Jackson County, Mesa County, Moffat County, Montezuma County, Rio Blanco County, Sedgwick County, Phillips County, Logan County, Washington County, Morgan County, Yuma County, Kit Carson County and Cheyenne County, City of Craig, Town of Collbran, Town of Meeker, Town of New Castle, Town of Parachute, Town of Rangely, Town of Silt and City of Rifle. For more information about WRLG please call me or visit: www.westernruralcoalition.com

There should be no costs associated with Garfield County's continued representation of your local government as part of the coalition. I intend to do the issues research, testimony preparation, filings, etc. on behalf of WRLG and communicate with Coalition members along the way as we have in the past so you know what we are advocating for and against and so that your local government might weigh in. Different from the 2019 and 2020 rulemakings, and to keep costs low, Garfield County has no current plan to hire outside counsel or consultants. If that changes your local government may be asked to share some of the cost but could instead opt out of membership in the WRLG if that is preferable to a cost sharing arrangement.

There will likely be issues of concern to local governments during the COGCC Financial Assurance Rulemaking. For example lower producing wells are proposed to be hit with much higher financial assurance compliance costs which could heavily impact local government tax revenue if operators plug wells to avoid untenable new compliance costs (on top of the heavy cost burden of the myriad rulemakings the last few years). Actual hearing will be across many days in September/October with

Regards and please let me know what additional info I may need to provide. I am on vacation from June 18th through 27th so would respond after I return.

--Kirby

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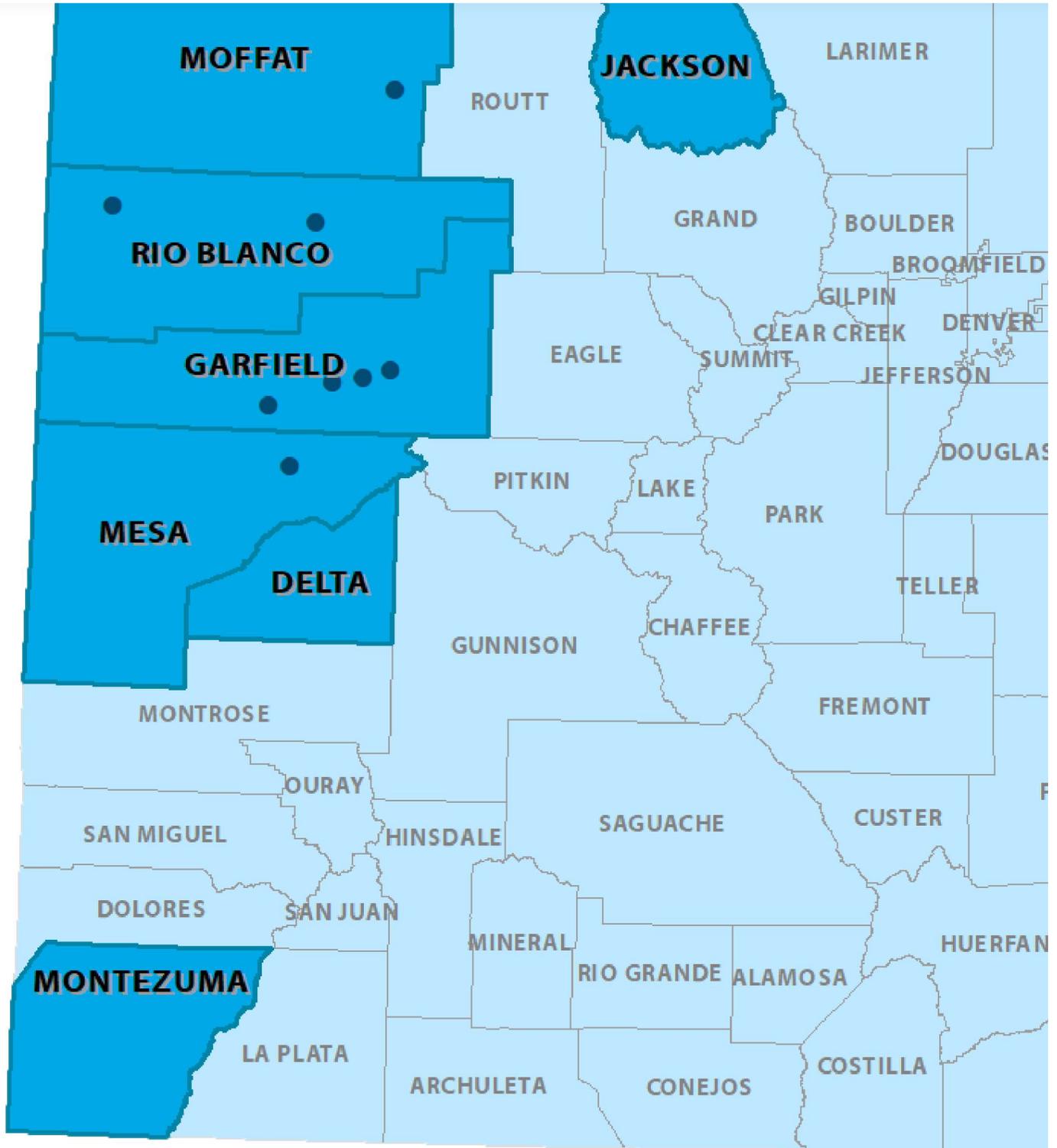
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In 2020, WRLG participated as a party in the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's (COG Senate Bill 181 Mission Change rulemaking processes. WRLG collaborated with stakeholders, filed rule language, and testified at each of the rulemaking hearings. Our coalition worked to bring attention to specific rule provisions that are needed to account for the very different geology, technology, topography, and gas basins.

Ultimately, this coalition has come together to provide an ongoing rural voice for the public welfare of our communities.



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Western and Rural Local Government Coalition (WRLG)

By representing nearly a third of Colorado's land area, and living in communities that value clean air and a viable and united voice for Colorado's less populous areas outside of the Front Range.

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Through WRLG's efforts, our 23 counties and municipalities had a strong, unified voice for our western parties participated in the Mission Change rulemaking process, and WRLG was a formidable voice in

- WRLG collaborated with stakeholders and our elected officials to file written materials, backed by
- Similarly, our coalition members presented oral testimony at each of the COGCC and AQCC public balance out testimony from activists and special interests, including urban Front Range governments
- In several cases (outlined below) our efforts to have western and rural Colorado community voices while others resulted in modifications to language that better serves all parts of the state.

WESTERN AND RURAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
White River Field Office
200 East Market Street
Meeker, CO 81641



**FIRE PREVENTION ORDER
ORDER NUMBER CON05-21-01
STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

Firefighter and public safety are the top priorities in wildfire management. To aid in public safety we are entering fire restrictions, under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Title 43, United States Code, Section 1701, et. seq.) pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 9212.2(a), the following acts are prohibited on all Bureau of Land Management public lands administered by the White River Field Office within the Colorado counties of Garfield, Moffat, and Rio Blanco until further notice:

Stage I Restriction:

Under Title 43 CFR Section 9212.1, Prohibited Acts: Unless permitted in writing by the Authorized Officer, the following acts are prohibited on the above-described public lands:

Under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions the following acts are prohibited:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire except within agency-provided fire grates at developed recreation sites. Devices using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are permitted.
- Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- Operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed and working, a chemical fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight, and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches.
- Using a welder, either arc or gas, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame, except in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in diameter with a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity.
- Using exploding targets.

These fire restrictions are in addition to the year-round wildfire prevention restrictions on BLM-administered public lands in Colorado. These are:

- Leaving a fire unattended or unextinguished.
- Possession, discharge or use of any fireworks.
- Discharge of a firearm using incendiary or tracer ammunition.
- Burn, ignite or cause to burn any tire, wire, magnesium, or any other hazardous or explosive material.

- Operate any off-road vehicle on public lands unless the vehicle is equipped with a properly installed spark arrester pursuant to 43 CFR 8343.1 (c).

The following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit or letter of authorization specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Title 43 CFR § 9212.4 Penalties

Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the regulations of Title 43 CFR § 9212.1 shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both. Restitution for total suppression or damage costs incurred will be borne by the trespasser.

This order will be in effect Wenesday, June 16th, 2020 at 0001 hours, and will remain in effect until rescinded.

Prepared in Meeker, Colorado, this 15th day of June, 2021.

Kent E. Walter
Field Manager
White River Field Office
USDI Bureau of Land Management

News Release

BLM Colorado, Northwest District Fire and Aviation

Media Contact: Chris Maestas, (970) 826-5101

June 16, 2021

Stage 1 fire restrictions go into effect across northwest Colorado

CRAIG, Colo. – Stage 1 fire restrictions begin Wednesday, June 16 for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered lands in Grand, Jackson, Eagle, Summit, Larimer, Moffat, and Rio Blanco counties along with the lands in Kremmling, White River, and Little Snake Field Offices.

Recent hot and windy conditions across northwest Colorado have dried out fuels, while thunderstorms have delivered lightning with little or no moisture.

Based on these recent conditions, officials decided to implement stage 1 fire restrictions beginning June 16.

“High temperatures and dry conditions have resulted in high fire danger throughout our area,” said BLM Fire Management Officer Jim Michaels.

The BLM will enforce the following temporary restrictions on all BLM public lands under stage 1 fire restrictions until further notice:

- No fires of any type, including charcoal. Stoves fueled by liquid petroleum or gas are allowed.
- No smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building or in a barren area free of vegetation.
- No operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed, a working chemical fire extinguisher, and a round point shovel.
- No use of explosive materials, including explosive targets.
- No welding or operation of an acetylene or other similar torch with open flame.
- No operation of any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed and in working order.

These new stage 1 fire restrictions will be in conjunction with restrictions that begin this week in northwest Colorado’s National Forests including Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest and portions of the Arapaho National Forest.

Stage 1 fire restrictions only allow campfires in developed recreation sites, such as formal campgrounds or picnic areas where permanent fire grates are installed. In these areas, people must monitor their fire at all times, and have a shovel and plenty of water available to put it out – the fire is out when coals are cold to the touch. Additionally, people should avoid parking in tall, dry grass; equipment should have working spark arresters, and trailers should be inspected to ensure chains are not dragging.

Maps and fire restriction orders are available at [Northwest District Fire Restrictions | Bureau of Land Management \(blm.gov\)](#) or [Craig Interagency Dispatch Center \(CRC\) - Incident Business Management \(nifc.gov\)](#). General information about fire restrictions in Colorado is available at <http://www.coemergency.com/p/fire-bans-danger.html>.

-NW DFA-

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$111 billion in economic output across the country in fiscal year 2019—more than any other agency in the Department of the Interior. These activities supported more than 498,000 jobs.

Lisa Piering

Subject: FW: RBC Covid Update 6.14.21
Attachments: Weekly Report Card 6.14.21.pdf

From: Carly Thomson <publicinfo@rbc.us>

Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 9:22 AM

COVID-19 Weekly Update, Monday 6/14/21:

Total Cases to Date: 628
Meeker Active: 9
Rangely Active: 4
Current Hospitalized RBC: 0
Total Hospitalized: 43
School District Meeker: 0
School District Rangely: 0
Deaths: 4

Vaccination:

VACCINE IS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC 12 and up in Rio Blanco County by appointment. Please call to schedule first dose or booster in Meeker or Rangely:

Meeker: (970) 878-9520
Rangely: (970) 878-9525

Pfizer will be used for those under the age of 18. Please use the following form to sign up:

[RBC Pfizer Vaccine Interest Form 12-17](#)

*Pioneers Medical Center is offering the Johnson and Johnson vaccine for a limited time. Please call (970) 878-4014 to schedule an appointment.

Testing:

Please be advised that testing for COVID-19 is recommended for all symptomatic individuals (please see cdc website for list of symptoms), and all individuals who are exposed to a known case. If you have no symptoms, but have been exposed, it is advised to test 5-7 days after your last known exposure, or as soon as possible after you begin to develop symptoms.

In Rio Blanco County, free antigen and/or molecular testing is available by *appointment* for all citizens at both Meeker and Rangely Public Health. We also perform travel and pre-surgical testing.

Meeker: (970) 878-9520
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Alice C. Harvey, MSN BSN RN
Rio Blanco County Director of Public Health and Environment

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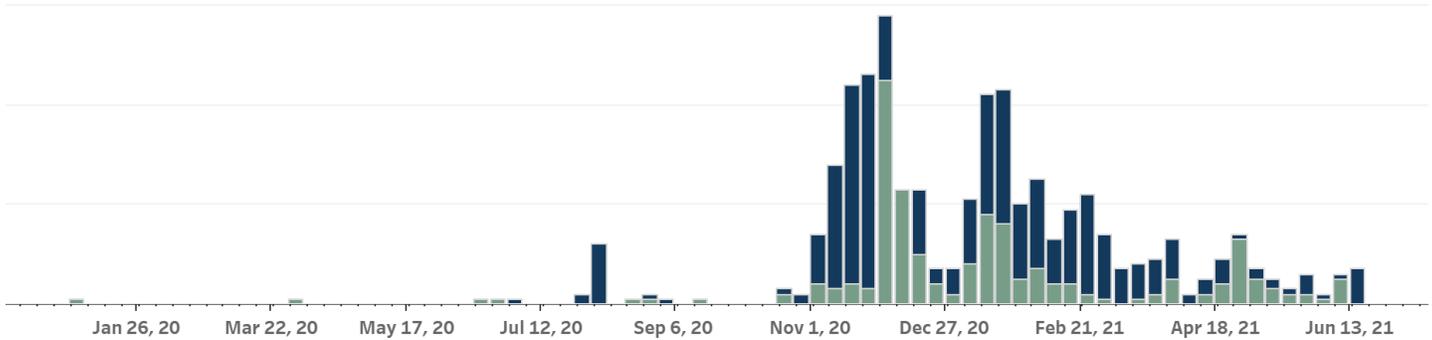
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Rio Blanco County COVID-19 Metrics, 6/7-6/13:

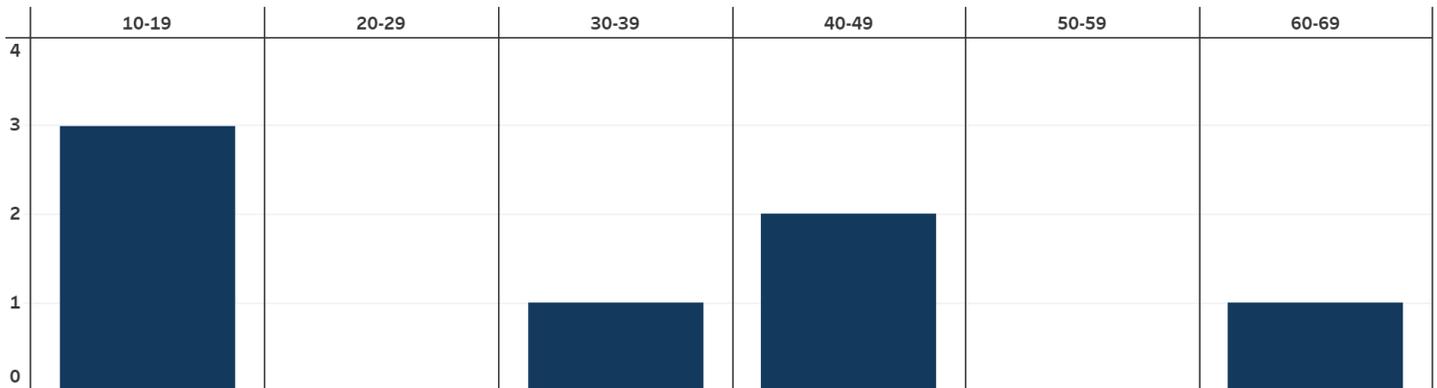
New Reported Cases: 5
New Hospitalizations: 2

Weekly Snapshot as of June 14th, 2021:

Weekly Cases Over Time by Town



Cases by Age and Town



***Age breakdown of newly reported cases**

EPI summary: Several suspect cases of delta variant B.1.617.2 in Rio Blanco County with lab sequencing pending. First vaccine breakthrough case in RBC reported 6.15.21, variant testing in progress. Symptomatic cases increasing in younger adults (see above graphic). Percent vaccinated population remains suboptimal.

Immunizations

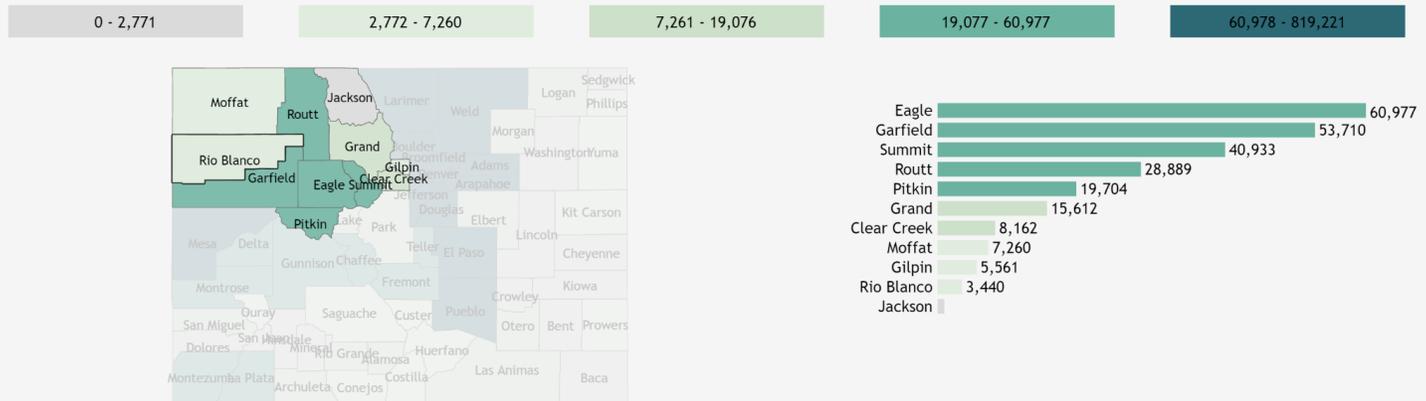
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We are working with local hospitals and the state immunization database to collect the most accurate, real time vaccine statistics for our county. Some numbers are estimates based on reporting delays. Current stats:

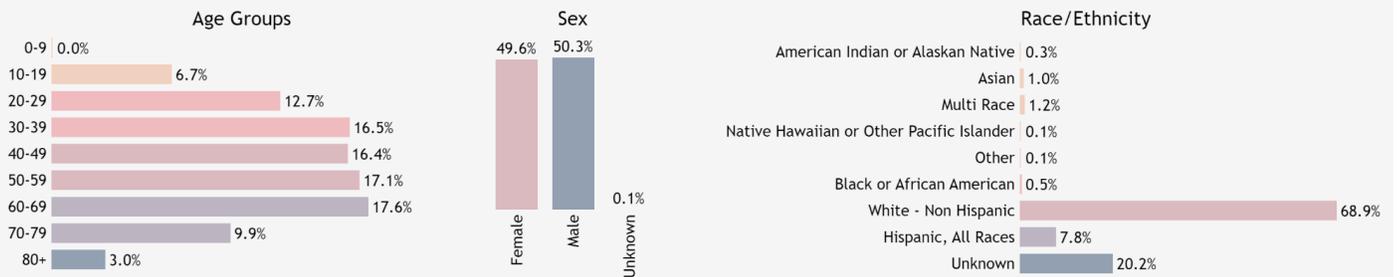
- Total vaccinations through RBC public health: 3,068 (~1672 first dose, ~1396 booster)
- Total vaccinations reported by healthcare facilities: 577 (309 first dose, 268 booster)
- Total patients vaccinated with at least one dose in RBC (reported as of 6.14.21): 1981
- Approximate percent of eligible population vaccinated with at least one dose (now 12 and up): 35.1%

Total Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine Administered to County Residents

Click a county to view available demographic information. Counties with small populations have been grouped into regions with over 100K people.



North West Region COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Demographics





June 24, 2021
Rangely's Second Annual
FREEDOM MARCH

6:00 pm at Veteran's Park

March followed by FREE BBQ DINNER
at Elks Park

Held to show appreciation for all Military, past
and present, all First Responders, all Law
Enforcement and all Patrol.

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WEROCKLIVE.COM



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Event starts at 10 a.m.



\$25 2-day \$15 1-day \$5 Youth 1-day (8-15) under 8 is free