

KNFO Quarterly Issues Report
3rd Quarter of the Calendar Year 2022
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The following are the issues that KNFO, licensed to Basalt, Colorado, has identified as serving the public trust, within our service area. A brief Synopsis of issues and programs addressing them has been filed in the stations next license renewal.

Garfield County News:

- 1.)3rd Congressional District Representative Lauren Boebert closes her Rifle Restaurant.
- 2.)A standing protest is scheduled for Glenwood Springs in Sayre Park in response to the overturning of Roe v. Wade.
- 3.)I-70 eastbound from Glenwood Springs will be closed Wednesday to remove a semi-truck from the median.
- 4.)The US forest Service last week threw out objections raised by environmentalists regarding a plan to transport more than 300,000 barrels of crude oi per day along the Colorado River through Glenwood Springs.
- 5.)A 37-year-old Glenwood Springs woman accused of killing her two children in December pleads not guilty by insanity.
- 6.)The Seventh Street farmers market in Glenwood Springs is coming back.
- 7.)I-70 remains closed today after a semi-truck left the rad and tipped over in the median.
- 8.)The highest looping roller coaster in the United States opens in Glenwood Springs this weekend.
- 9.)COVID19 continues to move through the United States at a much faster pace than last year at this time.
- 10.)It has been a rainy Jun in Colorado where rain totals are higher gya average.

Eagle County News:

- 1.) A quickly growing wildfire likely caused by a lightning strike just south and east of Dotsero has grown to about 25 acres in size.
- 2.) Authorities in Eagle County are responding to multiple wildland fires in the areas of Gypsum and Eagle.
- 3.) Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be talking wolves Friday will hear a presentation from 14 conservation and wildlife organizations.
- 4.) Vail Mountain Rescue Saturday was dispatched to Gore Creek in East Vail for a body found in the water.
- 5.) Avon police are sending evidence collected from an Eagle Bend apartment regarding the home invasion last month that remains unsolved.
- 6.) Swift water rescue teams have recovered the body of a 41-year-old Gypsum male reported missing July 4th.
- 7.) Sweetwater Lake is a beautiful area of the county near Gypsum and it belongs to the public thanks to a strong community fundraising effort to purchase the property.
- 8.) Vail Pass will be closed this evening in both directions for rockfall mitigation.
- 9.) Eagle County Sheriff's deputies will be on the lookout for KUI and will be listening for illegal fireworks use over the holiday weekend.
- 10.) Residents of the Dotsero Mobile Home Park tried to come up with the money to buy the park, the problems persist.

Pitkin County News:

- 1.) Electric charging stations are popping up everywhere for people to charge their electric vehicles.
- 2.) A small brush fire broke out last week on the ridge of Bell on Aspen Mountain and it was quickly extinguished.
- 3.) It is a trend growing nationally and apparently locally. You park your car and when you return, there is a dent and no note.
- 4.) Anna Lynn Cunningham was only 16 years old when she died of a deadly form of cancer in 2019. A fundraiser, the second annual summer benefit is this weekend.
- 5.) A new shuttle service between Denver international Airport and the Roaring Fork Valley will start up this winter.
- 6.) Building affordable housing units in Aspen is really, really expensive costing approximately \$1 million dollars per unit.
- 7.) When it comes to affordable housing in Aspen, who should pay for it? Should the city pay or the downvalley counties where they live?
- 8.) The dog sledding operation in Snowmass Village is out of compliance and has 30 days to work it out.
- 9.) Aspen City Council passed two ordinances yesterday designed to slow development in town.
- 10.) High School football is underway and already there have been three Thursday night games. High school athletics is plagued by not enough referees and as a result, Thursday night games will become more common.

Electric charging stations are popping up everywhere for people to charge the electric vehicles.... One problem, however, many of the charging stations are out of order.... Between Aspen and Glenwood Springs, more than half of the public charging stations are out of order... The Aspen Daily News reports that only 40% percent of the charging stations are working in the Willits area..... Willits is a newish area between Aspen and Carbondale and features 9 stations.... Only 4 are working... Most people believe Electric Vehicles are the future and we are only at the beginning of the transition.... Kinks in the system are to be expected and charging stations will become more widespread....

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A small brush fire broke out last week on the ridge of Bell on Aspen Mountain and it was quickly extinguished according to Aspen Skiing Company.... Aspen Patrol Summer Rangers responded to reports of smoke and were able to put the small fire out.... Officials believe the source of the fire was potentially from a cigarette but thrown from a gondola car.... The company says nothing should ever be thrown out of the gondola windows and wildrye remain a real and present threat

It is a trend growing nationally and apparently locally.... You park your car, and when you return, someone hit it and didn't leave a note... The Aspen Police department sent out a press release warning drivers that in just two days this month, there were eight hit and runs reported..... Nearly every case involved an unoccupied parked vehicle between July 13-14th.... Since then, there have been three more hit and runs... Colorado law states that motorists who hit an unattended vehicle are to locate or contact the damaged vehicle's owner about the accident..... A hit and run offense causing damage is a misdemeanor offense....

Anna Lynn Cunningham was only 16 years old when she died of a deadly form of cancer in 2019..... On Saturday, the second annual summer benefit concert invites Big Head Todd and the Monsters to River Valley Ranch to raise funds for children battling cancer... All of the proceeds will go to Colorado based charities, like Hospital Foundation, Brent's Place, a Front Range home to give children who have low immune systems a safe and fun place to stay and Camp Wapiyapi, a camp that gives children with cancer a chance to be children safely. ... Tickets are still available, go to ALCfoundation.net for tickets....

After a few years with few options for shuttle service to Denver international Airport from the Roaring Fork Valley, a new service is getting ready to move in to the region.... Roaring Fork Express will be ready for the 2022-2023 ski season to fill the void left when Colorado Mountain Express stopped serving the valley in October..... Pricing this summer for shared-ride, door-to-door service is \$130 for adults and children between Aspen and DIA and \$80 between Aspen and Eagle County Airport..... Go to roaringforkexpress.com for more information....

Building affordable housing units in Aspen is expensive, really expensive... It costs approximately \$1 million dollars per unit to build affordable housing in town.... As a result, the city of Aspen's plan to build nearly 50 units near the water treatment plant on Doolittle Drive above the hospital has been shelved indefinitely according to the Aspen Times.... The 505 fund, which is earmarked specifically for city employee housing... It is funded in part by each department in the municipal government paying into it annually, is forecasted to have \$3.45 million in it by the end of the year and \$14 million in 2027 but that is far short of the \$50 million needed now for Water Place Housing Phase 2....

When it comes to affordable housing in Aspen, who should pay for it? Should the city pay for the housing its economy requires? Or should the counties, where the workers live, pay for it instead? That is at the heart of the conflict between Aspen and Pitkin County.... Aspen needs workers and wants the county to collect tax revenue to go towards worker housing in town.... Pitkin County Commissioners balked Tuesday at a request to reserve space on the November ballot for a tax question earmarked for Aspen's affordable housing shortage... They say the city of Aspen should pay for its workers homes and raising money with no plan on how to spend it is unwise.... Aspen City council and Pitkin County commissioners will meet July 19th.....

The dog sledding operation in Snowmass Village is out of compliance and has 30 days to work it out.... The Best Practices Review Committee which monitors Krabloonik Dog Sledding says the business is out of compliance in at least half of 14 different criteria listed on the Best Practices Plan attached to its lease.... In a report from the committee, it finds Krabloonik is out of compliance with their working pet policy to offer high quality medical care to the pets.... The retirement program, the neuter program, the dog records retention program, the breeding program, and tethering program are also out of compliance.... Krabloonik and owners Danny and Gina Phillips have a lease with Town of Snowmass Village and have 30 days to present a plan to come into compliance with terms of the lease...

Aspen City Council passed two ordinances yesterday that are designed to slow development in town and raise money for affordable housing.... Ordinance 13 will limit demolition permits in town to a total of six per year... Ordinance 14 updates the annual fee-in-lieu for affordable housing mitigation to 8.5%... Some argue that the new policy hurts owners of aging homes in town destroying the property value.... Tear down properties will be harder to sell if the owners need to compete for limited permits....

The high school football season is underway in its second week and already, there have been three Thursday night games.... Thursday night games will become even more common as the Colorado High school Activities Association deals with a crisis level shortage of referees, in all high school sports.... CHSAA requires five man crews in all high school football games and is warning school districts that games will need to be either rescheduled or cancelled depending on referee availability.... Thursday night games, rather than Friday night games, is a possible solution as referees with weekend plans can still work Thursdays.... CHSAA says flexibility is needed this season to schedule referees... The referee shortage is due to low pay and an unwelcome environment created by unruly parents, players and coaches...

A quickly-growing wildfire likely caused by a lightning strike just south and east of Dotsero, has grown to about 25 acres in size..... It is called the Red Hill Fire, formerly known as the South 133 Fire and is being fought from the ground and the air.... The fire is burning in in sagebrush, juniper and pinyon south of Interstate 70 at mile marker 133 between Gypsum and Dotsero..... The fire was first reported at 1:51 PM on Tuesday.... Officials say there is no threat at this time to private property and hope to have it contained by tonight.....

Other small fires in Eagle County including a tree in Gypsum and a small fire north of Interstate 70 in Eagle have been contained....

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Authorities in Eagle County are responding to multiple wildland fires in the areas of Gypsum and Eagle.... There is a small fire off of Wapiti Road, north of I-70 near Eagle. 1-2 junipers are on fire, and the fire is approximately one-tenth of an acre..... There is also a single tree on fire in the Buckhorn Valley area... Crews are also investigating smoke near Sylvan Lake that is believed to be drifting from Red Hill, returning to town. Another fire is being reported between Gypsum and Dotsero, south of I-70 and west of the duck ponds.... Officials are asking to please do not call 911 for these fires at this time as the dispatch center is aware and monitoring.....

Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be talking wolves Friday and will hear a presentation from 14 conservation and wildlife organizations recommending more wolves to be reintroduced to Colorado, a lot more..... Currently the plan is to introduce 250 wolves some time in the next year and a half... Wolf advocates say that number is way to low and at the very least, 750 wolves should be introduced in Colorado... Colorado Parks and Wildlife has formed a technical working group and a stakeholder advisory group to advise the agency on the best way to restore and manage gray wolves in Colorado.....

Keystone Policy Center, a third-party facilitator, will offer up a report Friday at 8:30 a.m.... A CPW Update on Wolf Planning, Wolf Comments, are up next and later in the day, public comments.... The meeting will be held at the Edwards CMC campus....

Vail Mountain Rescue Saturday was dispatched to Gore Creek in East Vail for a body in the water... The 40-year-old woman was deceased in the creek, she has not been identified.... Authorities say the woman was visiting.... Anybody with any information about the woman going into Gore Creek Saturday morning, is urged to contact Vail police....

Avon police are sending evidence collected from an EagleBend apartment regarding the home invasion last month that remains unsolved.... A man described only as medium build and 5'11" tall allegedly broke into a woman's apartment around 8AM.... The woman woke up and was struck by the man... She was able to fight him off and escaped the apartment.... Authorities hope the CBI will offer additional clues using high tech forensic tools to locate the suspect who remains at large....

Swift water rescue teams have recovered the body of a 41-year-old Gypsum male, who was reported missing Monday night July 4..... The man was last seen struggling in the water around 5:30PM, witnesses say he was attempting to cross the Colorado River and struggled to stay afloat..... The Eagle County Sheriff's Office, in a news release, urged the community and river enthusiasts to stay safe and wear proper flotation devices when playing in and near the river at all times.....

Sweetwater Lake is a beautiful area of the county near Gypsum and it belongs to the public thanks to a strong community fundraising effort to purchase the property... What to do next is causing a great deal of controversy... Structures on the land are unsafe for human occupation and the Forest Service would like to demolish them.... Members of Gypsum Town Council would like them preserved, no matter what the cost, to improve the park for the masses... White River National Forest Supervisor Scott Fitzwilliams told Gypsum Town Council that Sweetwater Lake will become a very popular destination... There is easy access to the lake and the transition to a state park must be planned out carefully.... A design team will be holding collaborative planning sessions over the next three months and will present their findings to the Gypsum Town Council and other local government entities....

Vail Pass will be closed this evening in both directions from 6-8PM for rockfall mitigation.... Anyone planning travel west of Copper or east of Vail early this evening should make plans accordingly as the interstate will be closed.... Always check COTRIP.org...

Eagle county sheriff's deputies will be on the lookout for DUI and will be listening for illegal fireworks use over the Fourth of July weekend.... Patrols will be beefed up in neighborhoods looking for any fireworks that explode or leave the ground... Most high-country fireworks displays have been eliminated for laser light shows.... Vail, Avon, and the Eagle-Gypsum communities will feature either drone or laser light shows....

The residents of the Dotsero Mobile Home Park tried to come up with the money to buy the park..... The group came up with \$5.8 million dollars made up largely of loans and contingencies..... Park owner Jim Condit rejected the offer as an outside buyer is offering \$5.8 million dollars in an all-cash deal.... The residents were taking advantage of the Opportunity to Purchase law passed in 2020 which guarantees 90 days for mobile home residents to make a competitive offer before the landowner can sell to an outside buyer....

3rd Congressional District Representative Lauren Boebert restaurant is closed.... Shooters was a downtown Rifle eatery that made national headlines for featuring waiters and waitresses carrying firearms.... New landlord Milken Enterprises decided not to renew the lease for Shooters restaurant... Asked if she was being evicted, Boebert said no, her lease was not renewed and that is very different... Boebert says she doesn't know what is next, maybe a scaled down Shooters selling t shirts and small easy food items...

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A standing protest for women's rights in Glenwood Springs will take place later today in Sayre Park.... Originally the protest was going to be held in numerous locations, but organizers decided that it would be better to have many protestors in a single location... The protest comes in response to the U.S. Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade on June 24 which had found that abortion was constitutionally protected... The legality of abortion now falls on the states, thanks to the 10th amendment.... In Colorado, state legislators have legalized abortion into the third trimester...

Anyone planning travel eastbound on I-70 from Glenwood Springs should consider that Wednesday, the interstate will be closed from 10AM to 4PM to remove a semi-truck from the median. Only the eastbound lanes in the canyon will be closed and Department of Transportation officials say the northern Detour will add more than 2 and a half hours to the trip.... Passenger cars and pickup trucks can detour over Independence Pass although semi-trucks are prohibited and subject to major fines.... Semi-trucks are unable to navigate the curvy and narrow road above Aspen.....

The US Forest Service last week threw out objections raised by environmentalists regarding a plan to transport up to 350,000 barrels of crude oil per day along the Colorado River through Glenwood Springs... Houston-based Drexel Hamilton Infrastructure Partners and railroad operator Rio Grande Pacific Corp. want to build the \$1.5 billion railroad to transport waxy crude oil from Uinta Basin to refineries on the Gulf Coast.... The crude is too thick to push through a pipeline and it must remain heated to keep the crude from solidifying.... The crude, up to 5 billion barrels a year, would travel along the Colorado River from Grand Junction through Glenwood Springs and Gore Canyon to Granby.... It would travel through the Fraser River Valley through Moffat Tunnel into Boulder County and Denver.... Environmentalists will likely file additional lawsuits and plan to pressure investors to avoid investing in the fossil fuel industry....

A 37-year-old Glenwood Springs woman accused of killing her two children in December has pleaded not guilty by insanity.... Claudia Camacho-Duenas appeared before 9th Judicial District Court Judge Denise Lynch Thursday and made the plea through an interpreter... Camacho Duenas' primary language is Spanish..... She is accused of stabbing her children ages 11 and 18 on December 30th at the 100 block of Soccer Field Road in Glenwood Springs.... The plea means Camacho-Duenas waives the right to medical confidentiality and that psychiatric reports and testimonies can be used in cross-examination..... She will face a jury trial to determine her mental state on December 30th.....

The Seventh Street farmers market in Glenwood Springs will be back next week after the city reviewed and amended their safety requirements..... The city of Glenwood Springs revoked the market's permit after a man was burned in a leaking propane tank incident in late June..... The city has added some safety measures and the market will be back on Tuesday July 12th....

I-70 Eastbound remains closed today after a semi truck left the road and tipped over in the median.... There is one westbound lane open, but eastbound traffic must detour through Routt County.... Nobody was injured and the incident is not a hazmat threat.... The interstate is expected to open sometime between 4-8PM today... Monitor COTRIP.org for the real time updates....

A new attraction at Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park in Glenwood Springs is opening on Saturday and will become the highest looping roller coaster in the US..... The Defiance Coaster features a 102.3-degree 110-foot freefall drop, the steepest in the US.... Defiance reaches speeds of 56 miles per hour and has a 98-foot twisted top hat and switch, a 111-foot high-speed bank banana roll, and a 41-foot zero-g heartline-roll... The coaster has three cars that each sits eight people.... The grand opening celebration is Saturday at Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park....

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Nationally, deaths are higher as well... Last year 197 people died each day nationally at this time... Today 312 people die each day based on a seven-day moving average... There is free testing in Carbondale behind the Rec Center and locations in Garfield County... In Garfield County go to your internet search engine and type Garfield County Covid testing for free testing sites...

It has been raining in Colorado.... June is typically the driest month of the year, but this year totals across Colorado were higher than average.... The rain has continued in July and is expected to fall over the next few days.... As far as the drought in Garfield County, National Weather Service meteorologist Lucas Boyer tells the Post Independent that despite the rain, Garfield County is still in a moderate drought.... Expect a dry and hot weekend, but Boyer says we are in a rainy La Nina pattern and Monsoonal rains are expected to return next week....

Last week when a propane tank caused a fire at the Glenwood Springs Farmers Market, the city decided to revoke the Market's permit.... Glenwood's Downtown Market occurred every Tuesday from June through September.... The city pulled the permit as it reviews how the market can be made safer... A press release states there were multiple violations following the June 28 incident, which led to the revocation..... The city will address issues like inspections of all temporary structures by the Fire Marshal, compliance with weighting down popup tents, adequate space for the emergency access lane, and more...

Still no word on what turned out the lights in Glenwood Springs this morning... Power outages were reported in many places this morning around 10:20AM..... Power Xcel Energy has been working to restore power as soon as possible to areas on the north substation and have most of it restored...