

KSJD, KZET, and KICO
Quarterly Issues-Programs Report
2nd Quarter (April - June)
2023

Issue: Native American Issues

Discussion of Issue: The KSJD listening area is home to the Ute Mountain Ute and Navajo reservations, and the challenges faced by indigenous people from these tribes are many times distinct from those of the general public. KSJD has continued covering more stories related to Native American health, land use, and sovereignty during this quarter

Programming: KSJD broadcast news stories about Native American issues throughout this quarter from a variety of sources.

A. KSJD, in partnership with KSUT, secured funding from a grant source to bring more stories about under-served and under-represented Native American people through the Voices From The Edge of the Plateau project and in particular from Clark Admits, a reporter focused on this endeavor.

- KSJD Feature on 4/12/2023 (5 minutes) – Fort Lewis College takes another step in reckoning with its boarding school history
- KSJD Feature on 4/20/2023 (4 minutes) – Indigenous Wellbriety blends Native healing with addiction recovery
- KSJD Feature on 6/6/2023 (2 minutes) – Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren is against Biden Administration’s Buffer Zone around Chaco Canyon
- KSJD Feature on 6/30/2023 (4 minutes) – Navajo people divided over oil and gas moratorium near Chaco Canyon

B. News Programming (Regularly during news programming on weekdays from 5:00 to 9:00am and 4:00 to 6:00pm)

- KSJD Feature on 4/14/2023 (7 minutes) – Retired Navajo coal miners say they have black lung disease from mine work
- KSJD Feature on 5/24/2023 (6 minutes) – In the Kayenta Mine, coal miner Alex Osif recalls community of Navajo miners impacted by black lung
- KSJD Feature on 6/27/2023 (6 minutes) – EPA proposes including abandoned uranium mines on the Navajo Nation in its Superfund Priorities List

- News Feature on 5/24/2023 (3 minutes) – Tribes doing vital conservation work can't access federal funds to support it
- News Feature on 5/11/2023 (4 minutes) – Some white Portland homeowners are selling at a loss to Black and Indigenous buyers
- News Feature on 6/22/2023 (4 minutes) – An Indigenous lacrosse team is reclaiming its native identity
- News Feature on 6/12/2023 (8 minutes) – Federal Indian boarding schools still exist, but what's inside may be surprising
- News Feature on 6/13/2023 (4 minutes) – A look at the water agreements the government is making with Native American tribes
- News Feature on 6/13/2023 (4 minutes) – Young people belonging to the Yakama Nation learn about Hanford's legacy
- News Feature on 6/16/2023 (4 minutes) – Supreme Court's ICWA ruling is a major victory for Native American rights
- News Feature on 6/15/2023 (3 minutes) – Supreme Court upholds Indian Child Welfare Act, handing tribes a major victory
- News Feature on 6/27/2023 (4 minutes) – Appeals court to hear challenges to lithium mine from environmentalists, tribes

C. National Native News – a four-minute news module from Native Voice One that reports on tribal issues from across the United States airs on KSJD every weekday afternoon at 4:30pm during All Things Considered.

Issue: Climate and Water In The West

Discussion of Issue: Water has become the nexus through which many social and economic issues in the west are viewed, including agriculture, climate change, and growth. KSJD has used our programming to take a deep look at water issues locally, and across the country so that our listeners can be better educated on the challenges the future may hold around water issues.

Programming: KSJD addressed this issue through a variety of programs, including local and national news interviews and coverage, as well as public service announcements.

A. News Programming (Regularly during news programming on weekdays from 5:00 to 9:00am and 4:00 to 6:00pm)

KSJD's local, regional, and national news programming provided a variety of content related to climate change and water issues across the West, including the following stories:

- News Feature on 4/25/2023 (9 minutes) – Lake Powell is in crisis: A conversation with Colorado River reporter Alex Hager
- News Feature on 4/20/2023 (3 minutes) – Lasers can measure mountain snowpack – important data for drought-stricken areas
- News Feature on 4/25/2023 (4 minutes) – Huge Rocky Mountain snowfall provides drought relief but causes flood worries
- News Feature on 5/23/2023 (4 minutes) – A breakthrough water sharing deal is announced by Colorado River states
- News Feature on 5/18/2023 (6 minutes) – Arizona's farms are running out of water, forcing farmers to confront climate change
- News Feature on 5/24/2023 (4 minutes) – After years of drought, whitewater rafting is roaring back to life in California
- News Feature on 5/22/2023 (4 minutes) – Lake Powell provides a harrowing visual reminder of a stressed watering system
- News Feature on 5/30/2023 (6 minutes) – Colorado River deal means lower basin states will cut water use
- News Feature on 6/9/2023 (3 minutes) – Colorado River states are ready to work on a longer term deal to share water
- News Feature on 6/22/2023 (4 minutes) – Supreme Court rules against the Navajo Nation in water dispute
- News Feature on 6/25/2023 (13 minutes) – In 'Parched' podcast, reporter explores the decades-long drought in southwestern U.S.
- News Feature on 6/26/2023 (4 minutes) – Colorado River District official discusses efforts to conserve the river's water
- News Feature on 6/29/2023 (3 minutes) – Months of wet weather erase drought across the Southwest

B. KSJD Local News (90-second spots airing Monday through Saturday at 5:04am, 6:04am, 7:04am, and 8:04am as well as weekdays at 5:35pm)

Daily newscasts that cover local and regional news headlines, including stories about climate change and water issues related to municipal systems, local rivers, and agriculture.

C. Farm News and Views (Weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45am)

Locally produced four-minute feature offers information and analysis about agriculture, and occasionally included information about water policy and environmental news that impacts local farmers and ranchers.

Issue: Agriculture

Discussion of Issue: Southwest Colorado and the Four Corners Area are home to farmers and ranchers who need to balance economic and environmental concerns to be successful. Water issues, climate change, and social changes present changes that agricultural producers need to be aware of and respond to. Discussion of these challenges helps to educate and present solutions to farmers, ranchers, and consumers.

Programming: KSJD addressed this issue through a variety of programs, including local and national news interviews and coverage, and a weekly locally produced feature.

A. Farm News and Views (Weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45am and Wednesdays at 5:45pm)

Locally produced four-minute feature offers information and analysis about agriculture policy and practices and the food economy that is relevant to farmers and ranchers in the KSJD listening area as well as the general public.

B. Capitol Coverage Project (Occasionally on weekdays between 7:00–9:00am)

The Capitol Coverage Project is an effort of Rocky Mountain Community Radio, a group of non-commercial public and community radio stations mainly in Colorado, with stations in Utah and New Mexico. The project provides daily news reports from sessions of the Colorado State Legislature and examines decisions made by elected state representatives and senators, including issues centered on agriculture in Colorado and across the region.

C. News Programming (Regularly during news programming on weekdays from 5:00 to 9:00am and 4:00 to 6:00pm)

KSJD's local, regional, and national news programming provided a variety of content related to agriculture, including the specific examples provided below:

- News Feature on 4/7/2023 (5 minutes) – Farmers on the California–Arizona border may face their first–ever cuts to water
- News Feature on 4/10/2023 (4 minutes) – More Midwest farmers are planting 'cover crops' in the off–season to help the climate
- News Feature on 4/24/2023 (8 minutes) – The conflict between protecting crops and preserving wildlife
- News Feature on 4/27/2023 (4 minutes) – Farmers are hoping to make high tech agriculture more accessible with new bill
- News Feature on 4/30/2023 (5 minutes) – A former teen farm worker on new bills that threaten to weaken child–labor laws
- News Feature on 5/6/2023 (4 minutes) – Colorado is the first to pass a law allowing farmers to repair their own equipment
- News Feature on 5/18/2023 (6 minutes) – Arizona's farms are running out of water, forcing farmers to confront climate change
- News Feature on 5/30/2023 (2 minutes) – Weather is to blame for roughly 90% of Georgia's peach crop being destroyed
- News Feature on 6/7/2023 (4 minutes) – Drought conditions in Kansas, the nation's largest wheat producer, take a toll
- News Feature on 6/21/2023 (4 minutes) – 'No kill' meat, grown from animal cells, is now approved for sale in the U.S.

D. KSJD Local News (90–second spots airing Monday through Saturday at 5:04am, 6:04am, 7:04am, and 8:04am as well as weekdays at 5:35pm)

Daily newscasts that cover local and regional news headlines, including a variety of topics related to agriculture.

Issue: Education

Discussion of Issue: Understanding the issues facing schools and other education institutions helps families and the general public, and directly impacts the local economy and standard of living. Issues around how schools function and school safety have been particularly important to the KSJD listening community.

Programming: KSJD addressed this issue through a variety of programs, including local and national news interviews and coverage, as well as public service announcements.

A. Capitol Coverage Project (Occasionally on weekdays between 7:00–9:00am)

The Capitol Coverage Project's daily news reports from sessions of the Colorado State Legislature also covered decisions made by elected state representatives and senators on issues related to schools and education.

B. News Programming (Regularly during news programming on weekdays from 5:00 to 9:00am and 4:00 to 6:00pm)

KSJD's local, regional, and national news programming provided a variety of content related to education, including the specific examples provided below:

- News Feature on 4/7/2023 (4 minutes) – How 'Abbott Elementary' helps teachers process the absurd realities of their job
- News Feature on 4/11/2023 (4 minutes) – An Idaho community college faces closure due to criticism from conservative trustees
- News Feature on 4/20/2023 (5 minutes) – Philly schools aim to lower shootings involving kids with conflict resolution skills
- KSJD News Feature on 4/21/2023 (4 minutes) – Students at Montezuma-Cortez High School walk out in protest of recent changes in school administrators
- News Feature on 4/26/2023 (8 minutes) – As teacher shortages loom, one district grows future educators in high school
- News Feature on 5/4/2023 (7 minutes) – Unlikely connection: college students in Ukraine and the U.S. form a bond
- News Feature on 5/18/2023 (7 minutes) – Mentors in Alaska work with new teachers in the hope that they'll stay on the job
- News Feature on 5/22/2023 (6 minutes) – What has and hasn't changed for teachers in the 5 years since 'Red for Ed' walkouts
- News Feature on 5/23/2023 (7 minutes) – Schools feel pressure to reassess disciplinary policies including a role for police

- News Feature on 6/2/2023 (4 minutes) – 93% of teachers say they're asked to do too much for their pay, poll finds
- News Feature on 6/7/2023 (5 minutes) – Kids can't all be star athletes. Here's how schools can welcome more students to play
- News Feature on 6/21/2023 (6 minutes) – Student podcasters share the dark realities of middle school in America
- News Feature on 6/22/2023 (4 minutes) – U.S. reading and math scores drop to their lowest levels in decades
- News Feature on 6/29/2023 (7 minutes) – Supreme Court finds Harvard, UNC affirmative action programs violate 14th Amendment

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Daily newscasts that cover local and regional news headlines, including content about local schools.