

**KSJD, KZET, and KICO**  
**Quarterly Issues–Programs Report**  
**1st Quarter (January – March)**  
**2024**

**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 1/14/2024 (4 minutes) – Michigan hopes to be the second state to give farmers the 'right to repair'
- News Feature on 1/30/2024 (4 minutes) – Farmers surround Paris in what they're calling a siege of the French capital
- News Feature on 2/3/2024 (6 minutes) – A big idea for small farms: How to link agriculture, nutrition and public health
- News Feature on 2/7/2024 (3 minutes) – A genetically modified purple tomato is now available to home gardeners
- News Feature on 2/12/2024 (2 minutes) – The recent avian flu surge is affecting poultry farmers across the U.S.
- News Feature on 2/29/2024 (3 minutes) – Farms fuel global warming. Billions in tax dollars likely aren't helping – report
- News Feature on 3/9/2024 (5 minutes) – Texas wildfires are devastating the cattle ranching industry
- News Feature on 3/23/2024 (5 minutes) – Marijuana farms are increasingly Chinese-run. Why?
- News Feature on 3/30/2024 (3 minutes) – Farmers encircle EU headquarters in tractors to protest agricultural policies

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 1/1/2024 (5 minutes) – Educators rethink how to teach reading after flaws are revealed in prior methods
- News Feature on 1/7/2024 (6 minutes) – MIT, Yale, and other elite colleges are finally reaching out to rural students
- News Feature on 1/23/2024 (7 minutes) – The Education Department says it will fix its \$1.8 billion FAFSA mistake
- News Feature on 2/4/2024 (4 minutes) – The 4–6 week FAFSA delay comes at a crucial time for high school seniors
- News Feature on 2/9/2024 (4 minutes) – K–12 students learned a lot last year, but they're still missing too much school
- News Feature on 2/21/2024 (6 minutes) – Student loan balances wiped for the first batch of borrowers in Biden's SAVE plan
- News Feature on 2/24/2024 (4 minutes) – How one middle school in New Mexico is teaching kids about the world through opera
- News Feature on 3/7/2024 (7 minutes) – 'Planet Money' examines the secret world behind school fundraisers
- News Feature on 3/11/2024 (7 minutes) – One reason school cyberattacks are on the rise? Schools are easy targets for hackers
- News Feature on 3/31/2024 (4 minutes) – Students are still waiting for aid offers from colleges after a delayed FAFSA rollout

C. 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 content about local schools.

**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 1/4/2024 (5 minutes) – Navajo musician leads 4.5-year-long performance in the style of John Cage, and in memory of the Long Walk of the Navajo
- KSJD Feature on 1/10/2024 (6 minutes) – Flagstaff, AZ activist who championed Indigenous causes dies at 48
- KSJD Feature on 2/7/2024 (3 minutes) – Tribe Members Speak at Southern Ute Storytelling Event
- KSJD Feature on 2/14/2024 (2 minutes) – Ute Mountain Ute tribe will construct one of the largest solar farms in the United States
- KSJD Feature on 2/18/2024 (3 minutes) – A Navajo jazz musician began performing his new song in November. It'll last four more years
- KSJD Feature on 2/22/2024 (3 minutes) – History Colorado exhibit and film explores the history of Buffalo Soldiers in the West
- KSJD Feature on 2/27/2024 (3 minutes) – “In the Dirt” documentary empowers mountain bikers on the Navajo Nation
- KSJD Feature on 3/19/2024 (2 minutes) – Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes address the state; issues mirror last year’s address

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

- KSJD Feature on 2/22/2024 (1 minute) – Colorado could get 15 more gray wolves next winter. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe has concerns.

- News Feature on 1/22/2024 (7 minutes) – The effort behind getting the Blackfeet language taught on the tribe's reservation
- News Feature on 1/27/2024 (4 minutes) – Museums close Native American displays after new regulations take effect
- News Feature on 1/31/2024 (3 minutes) – Why the American Museum of Natural History is closing some Native American exhibits
- News Feature on 2/1/2024 (7 minutes) – In Arizona, these young Native American voters seize their political power
- News Feature on 2/3/2024 (3 minutes) – Sara Hill becomes first Indigenous woman to serve on federal bench in Oklahoma
- News Feature on 2/9/2024 (3 minutes) – Energy is a top issue for Native Americans in Nevada deciding how they'll vote
- News Feature on 2/12/2024 (4 minutes) – Quinault Indian Nation hits milestone in effort to move village uphill to safety
- News Feature on 2/20/2024 (7 minutes) – Tribal courts can't prosecute non-Native drug suspects. Tribes say it's a problem
- News Feature on 3/4/2024 (3 minutes) – In South Dakota, tribal flags in the state capitol are at the center of controversy
- News Feature on 3/23/2024 (4 minutes) – US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame inducts its first Native American member
- News Feature on 3/30/2024 (4 minutes) – The Yurok tribe regains Redwood park land to create their own historical park

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 1/1/2024 (4 minutes) – How companies are using artificial intelligence to tackle global warming
- News Feature on 1/12/2024 (4 minutes) – Klamath River begins to flow again with dam removal project
- News Feature on 1/14/2024 (4 minutes) – Ski resorts are welcoming winter storms
- News Feature on 1/29/2024 (4 minutes) – Winter storms in the west have lacked enough snow for communities that depend on it
- News Feature on 2/12/2024 (5 minutes) – It's been raining a lot in California. Can the influx of water be put to good use?
- News Feature on 3/3/2024 (3 minutes) – With winter on its way out, one Rocky Mountain town says goodbye to its ice castles
- News Feature on 3/5/2024 (4 minutes) – Colorado River states to submit competing proposals ahead of deadline for draft of new rules
- News Feature on 3/7/2024 (4 minutes) – Colorado River states have two different plans for managing water. Here's why they disagree
- News Feature on 3/8/2024 (4 minutes) – As a deadline approaches, Colorado River states are still far apart on water sharing
- News Feature on 3/11/2024 (7 minutes) – Farmers accused of drying up the imperiled Great Salt Lake say they can help save it
- News Feature on 3/14/2024 (4 minutes) – Gila River Indian Community says it doesn't support latest Colorado River sharing proposals

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.

D. Outdoor Report “Water Wednesdays” (Every Wednesday at 7:49am)

A weekly two-minute report on water issues, tips for conservation, and local rivers and waterways incorporated into the weekday Outdoor Report that provides listeners with a variety of information and outdoor recreation, wildlife, and the natural world.