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MISSION + VISION

The sole purpose of the Crested Butte Avalanche Center (CBAC) is to prevent the loss of life, limb, and property to natural and triggered occurrence of avalanches in the backcountry surrounding Crested Butte. The CBAC provides valuable and needed information and education to residents, visitors, and recreationalists in the Gunnison Valley, disseminating content through website, email, radio, social media, newspaper, and outreach events. The CBAC issues daily avalanche advisories, including mountain weather forecasts, avalanche danger ratings, expected avalanche problems, travel advice, and forecast discussion, through the winter season, with fall and spring updates as conditions warrant. The CBAC provides additional resources, such as public and professional snowpack, weather, and avalanche observations, weather stations, and educational events and material.

The CBAC is a 501c3 non-profit avalanche center.



Development Director, Karen Williams, and Zach Kinler hand out Big B's organic juices and helpful information to any passersby at a CBAC Trailhead Day.

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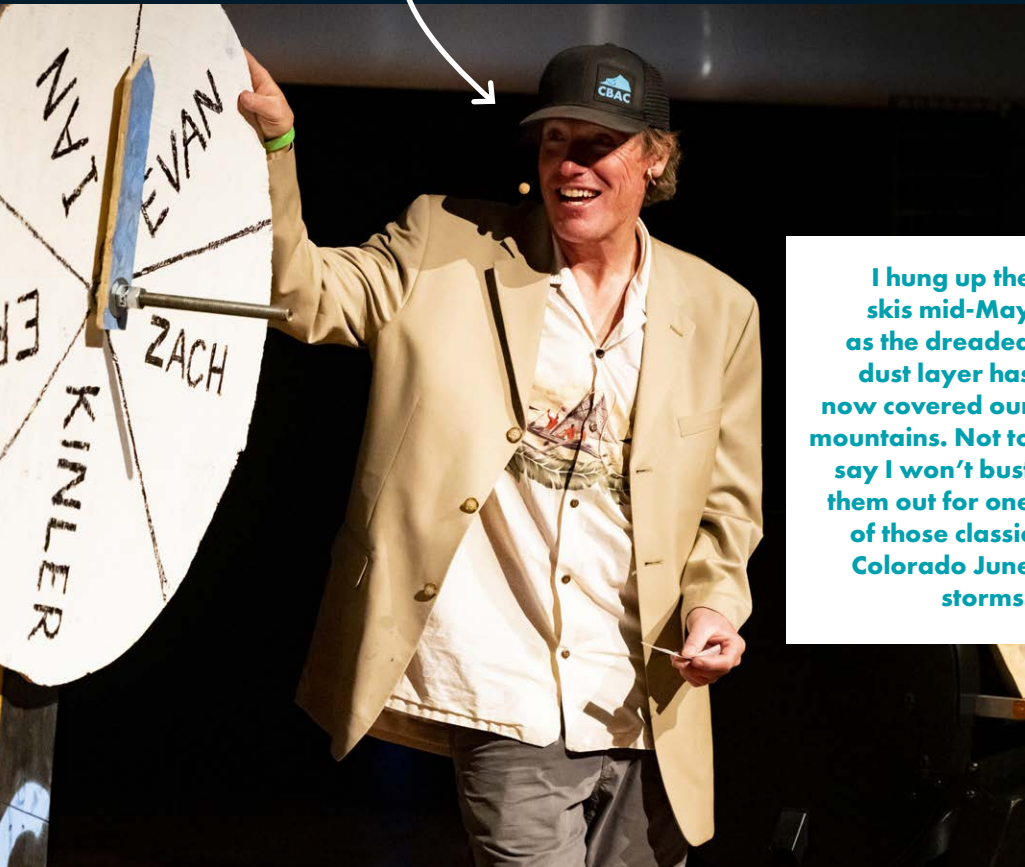
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A MESSAGE FROM CBAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I hung up the skis mid-May as the dreaded dust layer has now covered our mountains. Not to say I won't bust them out for one of those classic Colorado June storms.

The infamous 'Wheel of Forecaster' makes an appearance at the Annual Avalanche Awareness Night 2021. Photo: Nolan Blunck

Nevertheless, it was another great season that will always be remembered for the "Santa Slammer," that monumental Christmas storm cycle that had our forecasters working overtime to document storm totals and the impressive avalanche cycle. All of this to keep our locals and visitors informed and safe. I shudder to think how the year would have panned out without that storm.

I am happy to say that thanks to the efforts of our knowledgeable and talented forecast staff, we had zero accidents and zero fatalities this forecast season. It wasn't from a lack of users, either. The excitement and interest in backcountry travel continues to be as robust as ever, as evidenced by overflowing trailheads on weekends and a noticeable uptick in people getting out further and into new terrain.

The forecast team knew that was coming and was out and about every day of the winter expanding their efforts to remain ahead of the wave. So much so, that when I asked a friend why I wasn't seeing many observations from him he responded, "your forecast team is everywhere already."

This season also marked the second year of our Outreach Program with Ian Havlick and Zach Kinler at the helm. Thanks to their efforts and the continued support of the Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District, the Outreach Program continues to gain momentum. Furthermore, funding from the Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation committee allowed us to install the Jeff Schneider Memorial Beacon Park in town. This training ground is free and open to the public, and garnered a lot of use throughout the winter by WCU students, individuals and avalanche educators.

After 21 years, it remains obvious that none of this would be possible without the immense support of our local business community, the local municipalities, and our ever-growing list of individual supporters. We can't thank you enough.

Enjoy summer and see you all next winter!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Than Acuff'.

Than Acuff, Executive Director

5 EASY WAYS TO STAY INFORMED...



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A WINTER OF FEAST AND FAMINE

We'll remember the winter of 2021-22 for its bipolar behavior.

The season brought historic storms, unprecedented droughts, mega avalanche cycles, bizarre weak layers, heatwaves, and intolerable wind events.

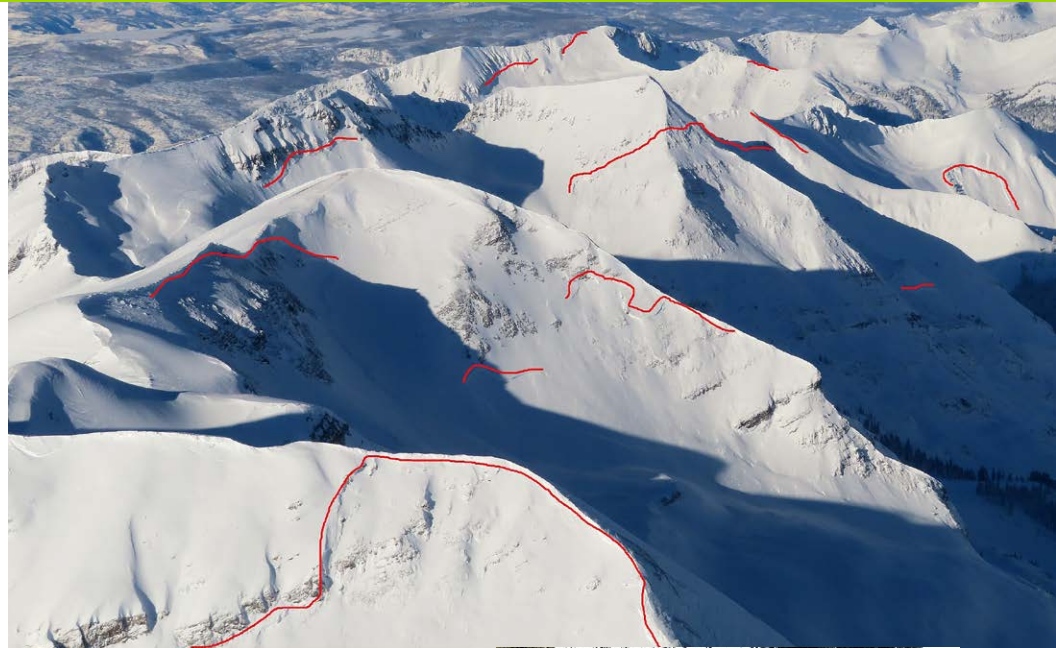
Our center's slogan for the past 20 years: "We do it everyday" could have also used a disclaimer: "...but we haven't seen that before." As far as water content goes, our snowpack peaked near median, but the winter story is far from average. Most of the snowpack came from only a few storm cycles, with prolonged dry spells fostering significant weak layer development between. This certainly made for an exciting avalanche season!

FAMINE #1: A grim start.

A month-long dry spell ending in early December reduced our snowpack to record or near-record lows. The small doses of snowfall in late October and early November provided just enough snow coverage for faceting to run rampant. The drought culminated with a week of record high temperatures. This heatwave was a saving grace for the sunny half of our terrain, which melted down to dirt on most slopes. In stark contrast, large grained facets and depth hoar blanketed the shady half of the compass and the stage was set for a scary avalanche season. The foundation to our snowpack was looking an awfully lot like the previous winter's tragic and deadly snowpack.

FEAST #1: The danger spikes but the season is saved.

December brought an abrupt and dramatic reversal to the season, from zero to hero. A hard-hitting system dropped up to 3.5" of SWE from December 8th to December 10th. This spurred two days at HIGH danger and a large widespread natural cycle on slopes with existing faceted snow coverage. The danger diminished during a 2-week lull that followed, prompting further faceting, especially on bed surfaces and in shallower areas. Then, over the holiday week, Santa delivered a miracle storm system which



single handedly produced almost half of our entire winter's snowfall in just 9 days. From December 23rd until December 31st, Schofield Pass recorded 14" of SWE - nearly matching our largest prolonged loading event since its installation in 1986 (14.8" in January, 2017), and accomplishing such in 5 fewer days. The "Santa Slammer" brought six days at HIGH danger and culminated with one day at EXTREME danger associated with the final and most destructive pulse on New Year's Eve.

Despite limited visibility for most of the month, we documented almost 500 avalanches. Our avalanche tally for the month includes 14 D4s (could destroy a railway car or several buildings), 86 D3s (could destroy a car or wood frame house), and 248 D2s (could bury or kill someone). The New Year's Eve cycle expanded historic runouts and wiped out swaths of mature timber from Mt. Axtell to the Beckwith Range to Yule Pass to Schuylkill Ridge. A couple of cabins and a bridge were either damaged or destroyed. The longest running slide off of East Beckwith produced an alpha angle of 17°, and numerous slides produced sub-20 alpha angles.

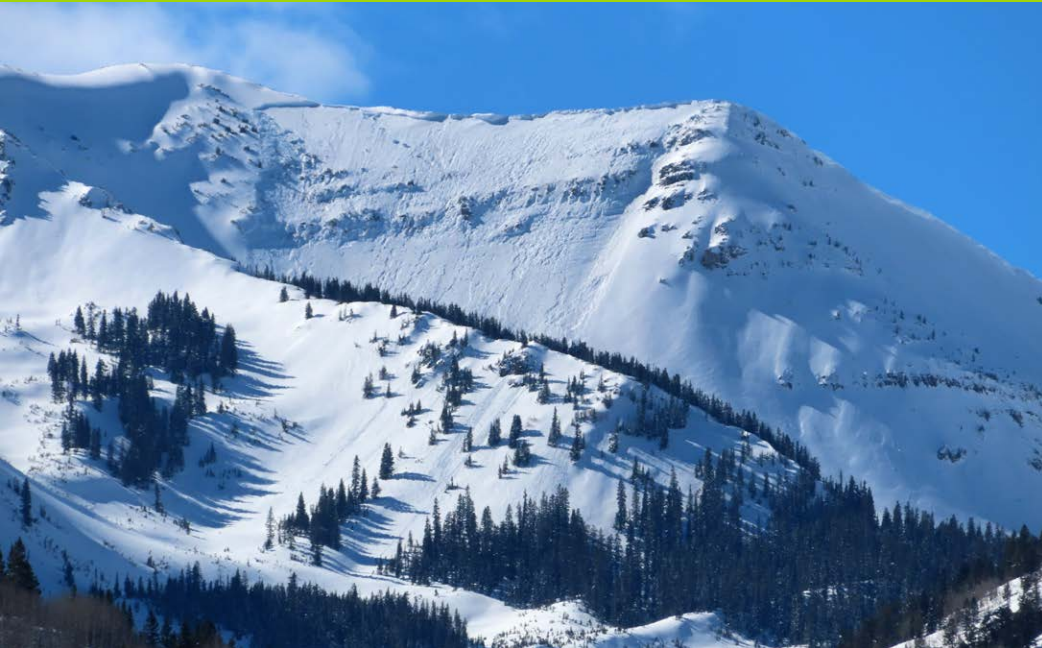
Over the course of the month, our snowpack changed from one of the shallowest on record to one of the deepest on record. While this made for an exceptionally dangerous month, it



also set us up for a deeper and stronger snowpack going into the rest of the year. Despite dozens of near misses or accidents around the state in December, there were zero near misses, accidents, or fatalities involving the public reported in the Crested Butte backcountry. Our team deployed several additional strategies during the holiday storm to spread warnings, including CDOT highway signage, radio PSA's, a podcast, and special video messaging.

FAMINE #2: Exceptional drought and the green light.

The snow guns turned off just as abruptly in January as they turned on in December. Light snowfall at the start of the month fizzled into a drought that lasted until mid-February. This was the most significant mid-winter flatline we have on SNOTEL records. From January 8th until February



16th, Gothic saw only 4" of snow.

Deep persistent slab concerns quickly waned. While there were a few large explosive triggered slabs failing on old layers early in January, avalanche activity shifted to small and shallow surface instabilities for the remainder of the drought. We saw 19 almost-consecutive days at LOW danger, something that is almost unheard of for our region. Even more extraordinary, we completely removed persistent and deep persistent slabs as a problem, something I have never seen mid-winter in my career here. Skiers and riders regularly ticked off big lines that are normally reserved for spring until the dry spell ended in mid-February.

Unfortunately, the dryspell wreaked havoc on our snow surfaces. Six weeks of diurnal faceting produced a widespread and exceptionally large-grained layer of near surface facets. This weak layer grew to 2-3mm in size at lower elevations where inversions were most dramatic. In some terrain, it resembled depth hoar; a characteristic that I haven't seen from a mid-season weak layer. We unaffectionately called it the "sandbox layer," given its complete lack of cohesion. Even before snowfall returned to the region, we raised the danger to MODERATE in early February to account for facet sluffs growing up to D2 in size.

FEAST #2: Persistent slab woes return.

Snowfall finally returned in earnest on February 21st, and over the next three days, storm totals reached up 3.8" SWE (exceeding 40"). This brought the walls crashing down on the sandbox layer and 3 days at HIGH danger. In one of the most extensive cycles near and below treeline that I can recall, we documented over 365 slab avalanches, mostly D1 to D2 in size. After this pervasive flush, we were left with a poor but spotty persistent slab structure. Incremental snowfall through mid-March continued to build on slab sizes while activity became more sporadic. On March 12th, a wind event culminating this gradual loading period spurred several D2.5 to D3 persistent slabs breaking on the sandbox layer. That concluded the second, much smaller feast of the season, at which point the snowpack curve plateaued until its spring melt out. Quieter weather through the remainder of the spring brought a sharp downturn in significant avalanche activity with a few exceptions late in the month. A record-breaking and prolonged warmup during the last week of March caused a D1 to D2 wet loose and wet slab cycle. A quick storm and wind event that followed spurred a localized D1 to D2 soft slab cycle in the Ruby Range, along with one more

large persistent slab. The snowpack declined quickly and unremarkably through May due to dry and warm weather exacerbated by a dust layer at the surface that amplified melt.

An accident free winter.

The past two seasons have brought periods of exceptionally challenging conditions, both locally and statewide. December 18th, 2020 was our last fatality in the Crested Butte forecast area. Since then, there have been 36 documented accidents (injuries and/or burials) and 18 fatalities across Colorado. We are fortunate to report zero burials, injuries, or fatalities during that time, including no accidents this season. We owe this to some combination of luck, effective outreach and forecasting, and an engaged backcountry community. However, the season was not without near misses. Five people were caught in avalanches in the Crested Butte backcountry, all relatively small in size. Three of these occurred while people were ascending avalanche terrain. Perhaps the closest call was a dog walker near Crested Butte South who narrowly avoided getting hit by a large natural avalanche during our February cycle. This serves as a good reminder that the urban and suburban interface overlaps with avalanche terrain in our valley, and that effective outreach includes more than just backcountry users.

OPERATIONS

The CBAC has been operating as a non-profit 501 c3 avalanche center since 2002. The forecast team of Zach Guy, Evan Ross, and Eric Murrow collectively have 21 seasons of forecasting for the CBAC. Additionally, they each bring years of guiding, instructing, snow safety, and/or forecasting experience from other organizations, both locally and from outside of the region. Ian Havlick and Zach Kinler each returned to their roles in the Outreach Program, now finishing its second year.





The CBAC produces daily avalanche forecasts and makes daily field visits during its operational season from mid-November through mid-April. The center forecasts for two regions surrounding the valley: the Northwest Mountains and Southeast Mountains. This separation gives forecasters the ability to highlight spatial differences in avalanche danger or avalanche problems into more accurate products. The CBAC strives for a strong field presence to improve forecast accuracy and further supplement the forecast products with publicly accessible observations. Field observations frequently include photos of avalanche activity, signs of instability, or annotated snow profiles to help the public visualize written descriptions. The CBAC also produced 26 field videos to help demonstrate current and anticipated conditions. On two occasions, our forecasters joined in on helicopter flights over the region to document extensive avalanche cycles.

The CBAC's website is the primary source for delivering avalanche information. We implemented a new mobile-friendly forecast platform last winter which is consistent with most other avalanche centers around the country. The website also hosts an observation platform, a

weather station platform, and educational resources. New this season, the CBAC designed an avalanche database with several data visualization tools that allow both public and forecasters to explore trends in avalanche activity. In addition to the website, the CBAC disseminates information on a daily basis using emails, radio broadcasts, social media posts, local TV messaging, and a danger rating sign at the entrance of town to reach a broader audience.

OUTREACH

For the second year in a row, the Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District (MetRec) provided funding so we could continue and expand our Outreach Program efforts to get avalanche information into the hands of all user groups.

The Outreach Program was implemented in 2020 in response to a spike in backcountry usage and accidents during the pandemic.

Highlights from the season include:

WEBSITE

www.cbavalanchecenter.org

is our primary tool for disseminating avalanche information to the public. Our website usage has trended upwards over the past five years, with annual fluctuations driven by external factors such as how big the winter is, newsworthy accidents, and Covid 19-related booms. This winter, the website saw 19,936 unique visitors (a decrease from last year), while page views reached an all-time high, up to 204,735. About 60% of the traffic comes from the Gunnison Valley; the rest originates mostly from Colorado Front Range cities such as Denver, Fort Collins, Colorado Springs, etc.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube presence continues to reach more users and drive a larger audience to our website. We post creative content on a daily basis to draw attention to conditions, share timely updates or observations, and steer users to read our forecasts. We have 16,755 social media followers (a 20% increase from last season). 28% of our website traffic is sourced from social media links, which is more than double compared to last year.

NEWS MEDIA

The CBAC's forecasting and outreach efforts were recognized by several media outlets this year. Backcountry Magazine highlighted the CBAC's work in a feature article titled "Stay Tuned for your Local Forecast". Blister Gear Review aired a podcast interview discussing best practices during the holiday storm with lead forecaster Zach Guy. Locally, CBAC authored regular "Backcountry Notes" for the Crested Butte News and published daily condition blurbs for CBTV.



BEACON BRUSH-UP

Our staff and local guides hosted a free rescue clinic focused on transceiver searches, strategic shoveling, evacuation techniques, rescue scenarios, and more. This community event drew over a hundred participants with all levels of experience, and we utilized our new beacon park at the event.

RADIO OUTREACH

The Gunnison Valley's community radio station, KBUT, aired CBAC's avalanche forecasts every morning all winter. CBAC staff also participated in KBUT's Community Matters, a bi-monthly newscast in which we discussed avalanche conditions, current news and events in the avalanche world, and answered questions from the community and the show's hosts. During the exceptionally dangerous holiday week, we ran a special avalanche PSA that aired numerous times throughout the day.

NEW! BEACON PARK

Thanks to funding provided by the Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (STOR) committee, we successfully launched a community beacon park, a goal that we have been striving towards for several years. The park, named the Jeff Schneider Memorial Beacon Park, is located in town, providing an accessible practice venue for all users. The new beacon park was not only frequented by the public, but it was also used for training by Crested Butte Search and Rescue, Western Colorado University, and CBAC staff.

VIDEOS

CBAC forecasters produced 26 field-based videos highlighting current or anticipated hazards or describing terrain management strategies. The videos were shared on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and on our website. We also produced a "How to read the forecast" video, which shows users the specific elements of our forecast products and how to apply them for decision making.

FIRESIDE CHATS

Our popular fireside chat series returned to live formats along with virtual options and video recordings at most of the events. Fireside chats highlight a featured speaker along with a snowpack update from CBAC staff. Speaker topics included a live panel discussion with local avalanche professionals at Western Colorado University, Forecasting for Red Mountain Pass (Anne Mellick), Water in the West (Dr. Jeff Deems and Heather Hansman), the Old Irwin Days (Jeffro), Remote Sensing and Snow Measurement (Graham Sextone), and Community Near Misses. These free events provide a venue for community members to interact with other backcountry users and forecast staff.



AWARENESS NIGHT

CBAC's iconic kick-off event returned to a sold-out house at the Center for the Arts while live-streaming across the internet to hundreds of additional viewers. The event featured awareness talks by several forecasters, gear raffles, "ask a forecaster," and fun times connecting our backcountry users together.



EDUCATION DAYS

With the goal of expanding avalanche education to all ages and user groups, our outreach staff taught numerous field based classes to non-traditional age groups. Programs included classes for the Gunnison Senior Center, the Crested Butte Community School, and the Crested Butte Nordic Explorers (ages 8 to 14). Topics included recognizing avalanche terrain, rescue strategies, and snow science.

TRAILHEAD DAYS

CBAC staff set up information booths and interacted with the public at popular trailheads throughout the winter. This was a fun and effective way of engaging with all types of users and demographics, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. We logged 10 weekend trailhead days and interacted with hundreds of nordic skiers, snowshoers, backcountry skiers and

boarders, snowmobilers, timberbikers, fat bikers, and dog walkers. With the goal of targeting more motorized users this winter, we expanded to more down-valley locations and we teamed up with local snowmobile club Sno-trackers. One of our most successful days was at Ohio Pass Trailhead, where a predominantly motorized user base from Gunnison was excited to see our presence outside of the Crested Butte area.

AVALANCHE DANGER SIGN

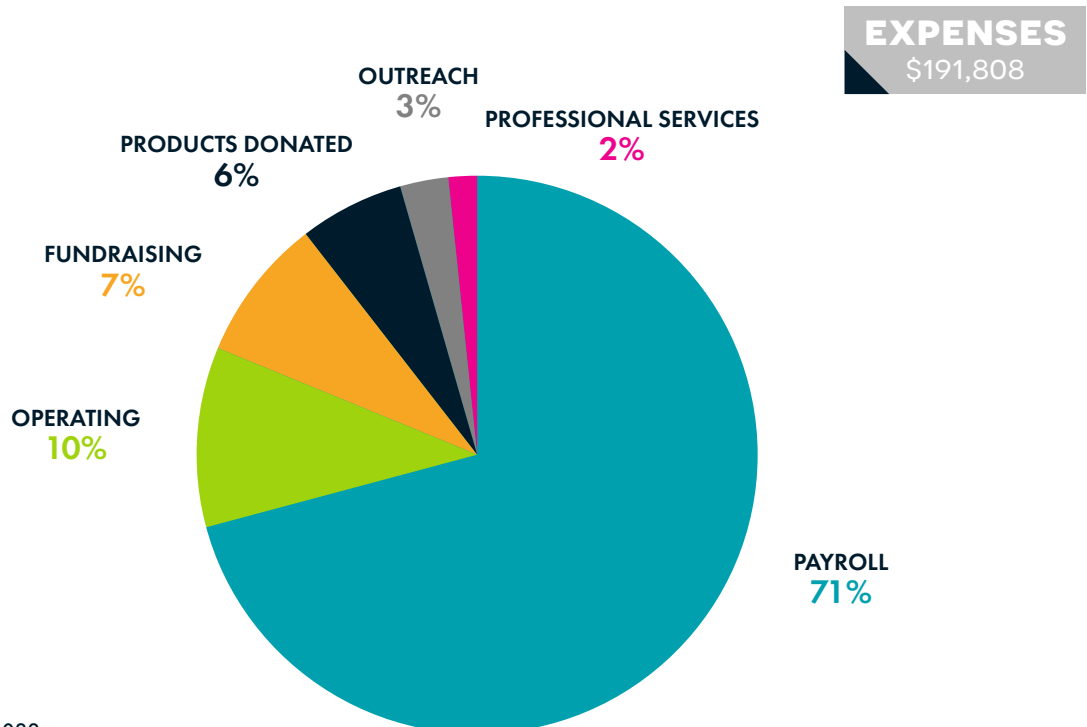
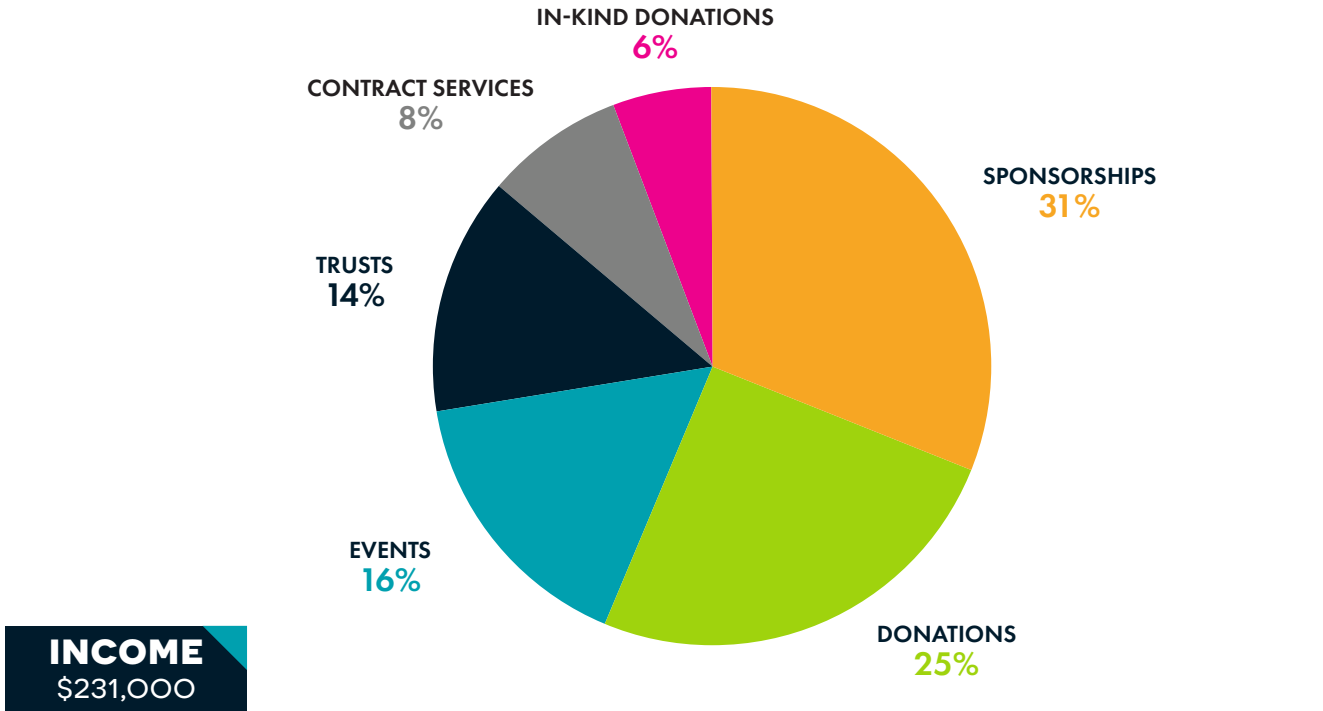
Now in its second year, CBAC's large roadside sign at the entrance to town advertises the current avalanche danger and our website for more information. The sign helps inform and increase awareness for visitors and locals alike.

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BUDGET

The CBAC continues to operate a well-staffed, Type 1 avalanche center while maintaining a relatively modest budget in comparison to other centers around the country. The majority of expenses (68%) go directly to forecaster staff salaries, followed by operating expenses (10%) such as vehicles, website, and administrative costs. Under this model, the center maintains a highly experienced and well-qualified staff with a much stronger field presence in the Gunnison Valley compared to most regional centers.

The CBAC continues to draw a sustainable income that exceeds expenses. Funds are raised from a variety of sources including business sponsorships, local municipalities, donations, trusts/grants, events, and contract services. Contract services include regular avalanche mitigation work on avalanche paths that impact the Town of Crested Butte, along with snow safety work at local events such as the Gothic Mountain Tour.



June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022

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WHO'S OUT THERE?

Overall traffic is concentrated in Colorado, including destinations the Gunnison Valley is marketing to.

58% Gunnison Valley

42% Denver, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Ft. Collins & beyond

WEBSITE PAGE VIEWS

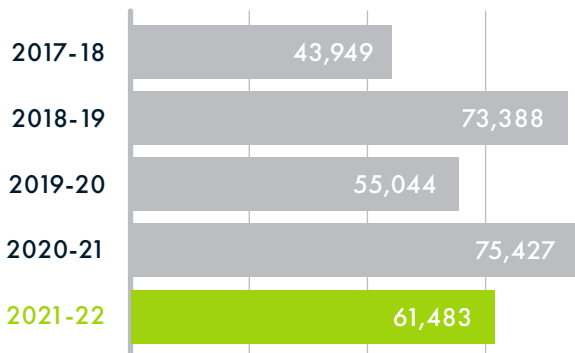
204,735
Up from 184,683 last season.

While we saw a decrease in website visitors, we reached an **all-time high of page views**.



PAGES VIEWED PER SESSION WAS 3.33 PAGES VS 2.45 PAGES LAST SEASON.

USER SESSIONS



TOTAL WEBSITE VISITORS

19,936*
Down 29% from 2020/21

*When Covid hit, we saw a huge jump in backcountry use and the need for avalanche information due to physical distancing and reservation requirements at CBMR. This season our numbers stabilized as this was our first "normal" year after the past two years. Our website usage has trended upwards over the past five years, with annual fluctuations driven by external factors such as how big the winter is, newsworthy accidents, and Covid 19-related booms and busts.

THE AVERAGE PERSON SPENT 3.06 MINUTES ON OUR WEBSITE
(up from 2.45 minutes last season)



HOW YOU FOUND US:

24% ORGANIC SEARCH

48% DIRECT SEARCH

28% SOCIAL up from 13% last season

While FB link was down, Instagram is up significantly, and continues to show us that social media linking is critical to connecting with our user groups.



54% OF CBAC'S USERS ARE CONNECTING ON A MOBILE DEVICE.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We continue to post daily content each winter to help educate more users and draw a larger audience to the website. Community feedback has been overwhelmingly positive that our social media platforms are informative, creative, funny, relevant, and interesting.

16,755

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

2,805

NEW FOLLOWERS

WEBSITE TRAFFIC FROM SOCIAL MEDIA INCREASED BY

115%



PARTNERSHIPS + SPONSORSHIPS

The CBAC collaborates with local, state, and national snow safety organizations to share resources, observations, and guidance.



The work of the CBAC would not be possible without the many local business sponsors and donor support. Thank you to everyone who donates to make our operation successful!

The CBAC is a member of the National Avalanche Center (NAC) which provides guidance, support, and cost-sharing opportunities for website development, warning platform development, and weather station products. The CBAC works closely with the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) through resource and observation sharing, along with daily forecaster consultations. The CBAC also exchanges observations and benefits from weather stations operated by Irwin Guides, Crested Butte Mountain Resort, and Billy Barr/Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory. The CBAC is contracted by the Town

of Crested Butte to perform avalanche mitigation and forecasting for several avalanche zones within town limits. The town implemented terrain closures for 6 days during the peak of the holiday storm cycle. There were no incidents, public involvements, or structural damages at any municipal avalanche zone this winter.

The CBAC also has an email alert system for notifying other local agencies of exceptionally dangerous conditions. We deployed this system on a number of occasions through the winter to warn organizations that could be impacted by large-magnitude avalanches. Several destructive natural avalanches impacted the groomed nordic trail system this winter. However, public involvements were averted due to well-timed closures applied by the CB Nordic Center in response to our alert system. The CBAC partnered with Western

Colorado University on an app development project this spring. We also started collecting preliminary data for a machine-learning research project that will be conducted by the university.

The CBAC will always strive for more effective outreach and more accurate forecast products with the ultimate goal of eliminating avalanche fatalities in our valley. With that in mind, we have outlined a handful of goals that we accomplished this season along with objectives for the coming year.

■ We will strive to continue a heavily field-based approach to avalanche forecasting to better understand and forecast for local avalanche patterns. This includes upgrading one of our two snowmobiles to a more powder-worthy machine (so that our staff can spend more time digging pits and less time digging out stuck snowmobiles)

■ Through the support of the Dan K Memorial Fund, we are looking at relocating the Elkton weather station to a site that provides more reliable snow data during windy storms.

■ This season, we successfully engineered an avalanche database and designed several avalanche visualization tools, including an avalanche rose and table with filters. We plan to further improve and refine these tools next season.

■ With the goal of reversing a declining trend in public observations, this season we:

- | Created a text hotline for simple and easy observation sharing.
- | Hosted a Weston Skis giveaway to the user who submitted the most quality observations this season. (Congrats Travis Colbert for the many great observations!)
- | Worked with a pair of Western State University students to develop a smartphone app that has offline capabilities for forecast products and observation submission. We plan to beta test and further develop the app for a potential future launch.

■ CBAC successfully deployed two remote game cams that significantly improved storm total monitoring in data-sparse areas. We plan to continue to look for other ways to use evolving technology to support our forecasting operations.

■ We successfully launched the Jeff Schneider Memorial Beacon Park in December. We will continue to maintain the park at its current location and offer improved scenarios by routinely rotating beacon placement throughout next winter. We plan to establish more clinics next season taking advantage of the park.

■ This season, we expanded our education offerings to a number of age groups. Moving forward with our youth outreach programs, we plan to explore developing a progression-based curriculum which could be incorporated into existing natural science courses. Concepts could be introduced in the classroom with hands-on field time offered by outreach staff.

■ With the continued objective of expanding outreach down-valley and to more motorized users, we are looking to further collaboration with youth from Gunnison Schools and the Gunnison Nordic team. We will continue to expand trailhead days to down-valley locations like Cement Creek and Ohio Pass to reach more users, and we plan to team up with Sno-trackers at multiple events.

■ This season, we connected with a potential funding partner for developing a local Avalanche Terrain Exposure Scale (ATES) map. The map will serve as an additional planning resource to help users recognize avalanche terrain and where to travel to avoid it. We plan to continue to pursue this as a potential project.

■ To accommodate our growing outreach needs, we plan to expand our part-time outreach director role to a full-time position.

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