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## *Chimney Rock Press Release*

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### **CRIA Lecture Series with Andy Gulliford: *Bears Ears: Landscape of Refuge and Resistance***

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) invites the public to a free lecture given by Andy Gulliford on Tuesday, April 15th. The lecture will take place at 6:00 PM at the Methodist Fellowship Hall located at 434 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Join us as Andy Gulliford discusses ***Bears Ears: Landscape of Refuge and Resistance***.

The Lecture is scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM with a Q & A period following the lecture.

Historian Dr. Andrew Gulliford will discuss the human history of Bears Ears National Monument and the 1.35-million-acre Bears Ears cultural landscape in southeast Utah. For the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association he will focus on the area's pre-history and will discuss a rare Pleistocene petroglyph as well as Basketmaker peoples, Ancestral Puebloans, and Chacoan refugees as they relate to Chimney Rock's sites. Bears Ears peoples and village sites served as the northwest frontier of the Ancestral Puebloan world with different ethnic groups and architectural styles. Gulliford will show photos from the area and describe current archaeological and botanical research.

Andrew Gulliford is professor of history at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. He is an award-winning author whose books include *Boomtown Blues: Colorado Oil Shale*; *Sacred Objects and Sacred Places: Preserving Tribal Traditions*; and *The Woolly West: Colorado's Hidden History of Sheepscapes*.

*The lecture is free to attend; however, donations are welcome. Additionally, canned goods for the church's food pantry are greatly appreciated.*

CRIA's free Lecture Series offers the opportunity each year for the public and CRIA volunteers to enjoy a speaker whose topic typically relates to southwest archaeology, archaeoastronomy and/or Chacoan culture.

CRIA is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers interpretive programs at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest. For more information see the CRIA website at [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (970) 731-7133.

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