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## AFTER THE BLOWOUT: SILVERTON FACES WATERSHED MOMENT IN WAKE OF GOLD KING SPILL

VIEW POST

**Dispatch from the Front Lines of the European Refugee Crisis**  
By Samantha Wright | 12/1/2015  
Maciek Nabralski, internationally acclaimed photographer with VII Photo Agency, is traveling from Poland to Telluride this week for the next installment of the San Juan Independent's Visiting Journalist Program, bringing images and stories from the front lines of the European refugee crisis.

**Is Recycling Dead in Telluride?**  
By Alec Jacobson | 11/24/15  
Studies show that the energy consumed by a recycling plant versus one that produces the same materials from virgin materials is typically lower and the green house gas emissions are generally less, but the full recycling process - from your home to a sorting facility to a processing plant to a market - can reduce and even reverse that benefit.

**After the Blowout: Silverton Faces Watershed Moment in Wake of Gold King Spill**  
By Samantha Wright | 8/18/15  
The blowout caused a spectacular, if transient, spike in concentration of total and dissolved metals in the Animas River - from arsenic to zinc - in a profile pretty typical of concentrated mine drainage oozing from aging adits across the San Juans.

**Telluride Agrees to Revisit IGA on Regional Transit Authority**  
By Gus Jarvis | 8/12/15  
Conversations on the details of a new RTA's leading authority and its designated sphere of oversight and control - including intra-town bus services and operation/ownership of the Mountain Village Gondola after 2027 - remains elusive.

**Fortune Minerals Defaults on Revenue Silver Mine Debt**  
By Samantha Wright | 7/30/15  
The fate of the Revenue silver mine near Ouray remains unclear this week, following last Friday's announcement that the mine's Canadian parent, Fortune Minerals Limited has defaulted on a \$35 million metal royalty agreement with its major financing partner.

**Ouray's Beetle Scourge (and Its Silver Lining)**  
By Samantha Wright | 7/8/15  
Recent aerial detection surveys conducted by the U.S. Forest Service show vast tracts of white fir beetle-kill all around Ouray. Those blots have grown significantly over the past two years since the last time such surveys were conducted.

**PHOTO | What's Bugging our Forests?**  
Monday night, June 29th, citizens packed the Ouray Community Center to learn about the effects of bark beetles and efforts to manage their effect on our forest. Fire concerns dominated the conversation as Colorado State Forest Service and U.S. Forest Service officials, and other local experts described a plan to cull beetle kill.

**Was Winter 2015 Really Such A Bummer?**  
By Allison Perry | 6/10/15  
What Telluride's 2014-2015 season really means for skiers, the economy and the future...

**PHOTO | Sniffles Rescue**  
A Colorado Army National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk lowered Ouray Mountain Rescue Team member Cory Jackson to rescue two skiers on the north face of Mount Sneffels on Tuesday, June 2 at 12,600 feet at the bottom of the Snake Couloir. (Courtesy photo)

**A Conversation with Photojournalist Amanda Rivkin**  
By Allison Perry | 6/3/15  
"I do what I do because I believe in the need for physical documentation of historical events because memory betrays us all too often."

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