

## 2024 Guided Tours of the Red Mountain Mining District

The Ouray County Historical Society is offering two guided trips on Red Mountain this summer. One a guided hike and one a guided jeep tour with jeeps supplied by Switzerland of American. Both tours are guided by Don Paulson and Scott Hughes. You can sign up for either tour by calling the museum (970-325-4576) or stopping by at 420 6<sup>th</sup> Ave during our open hours of 10 am to 4:30 pm Mon thru Sat and Sun 12:00 Noon to 4:30 pm.

- 1) The hiking tour is this **Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is \$20 per person. We leave the Ouray Museum at **9:00 am** and carpool to the ghost town of Guston where you'll learn about the town of Guston, the Guston and Robinson Mines and the Guston Congregational Church site. The hike follows the right of way of the Silverton Railroad built in 1889 from Silverton over the top of Red Mountain Pass down into the town of Ironton. We will visit the Guston Depot, learn about railroad history on Red Mountain, and visit the American Girl Mine. Along the way you will learn about how gold and silver ore was mined and concentrated. We stop at the Corkscrew Turntable for lunch and learn why the turntable was built and how it operated. The hike ends at the Joker Tunnel Mine in the town of Ironton. We will return to Ouray around 3:00 pm.
- 2) The Jeep tour leaves the Ouray Museum at **9:00 am on August 26<sup>th</sup>**. Transportation is provided by Switzerland of America Jeep Company. The cost is \$50 for OCHS members and \$100 each for non-members. There 10 stops on the tour including Bear Creek Falls, the Larson Brothers Mine, the Yankee Girl Mine, the Ironton Houses, the Guston Depot, the Congregational Church site and the Idarado Mine Houses. You will learn about the mining techniques of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and the history of the Silverton Railroad. We will have lunch at the Yankee Mine. The tour returns to Ouray around 3:00 pm.

If you have questions, please call Don Paulson at 626-622-8160.