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Andrew Gulliford is a professor of history and Environmental Studies at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado where he has been awarded the Roger Peters Distinguished Faculty Award for teaching, research, and service. Gulliford teaches popular courses on wilderness, national parks, Western history, and environmental history. He is the author of *America's Country Schools*, *Sacred Objects and Sacred Places: Preserving Tribal Traditions*, and *Boomtown Blues: Colorado Oil Shale*, which won the Colorado Book Award. He edited *Preserving Western History*, which was voted one of the best books on the Southwest by the Tucson-Pima County Library. His book *Outdoors in the Southwest: An Adventure Anthology* won the Arizona/New Mexico Book Award in the category of nature/ environment and Best Book on Arizona, as well as the Colorado Book Award for best anthology. Gulliford edited *The Last Stand of the Pack: A Critical Edition*, about wolves in Colorado, which was published by the University Press of Colorado.

His book *The Woolly West: Colorado's Hidden History of Sheepscapes*, published by Texas A&M University Press, was chosen the Outstanding Nonfiction winner for the Wrangler Western Heritage Awards sponsored by the National Cowboy & Western

Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. It also won the Colorado Book Award for history. His latest book, *Bears Ears: Landscape of Refuge and Resistance* from the University of Utah Press, received the Best Book in Utah History Award from the Board of State History at the Utah Historical Society. Gulliford has had led tours across the West by canoe, raft, horseback, van, cruise ship, bus/coach, private train, and private jet for the Smithsonian Institution, National Geographic Society, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), Great Old Broads for Wilderness, History Colorado, Canyon Country Discovery Center, Treasure Box Tours, and the San Juan Mountains Association.

Dr. Gulliford has received the National Individual Volunteer Award from the U.S. Forest Service for wilderness education, and a certificate of recognition from the Secretary of Agriculture for “outstanding contributions to America’s natural and cultural resources.” For a decade he held a federal appointment to the Southwest Colorado Resources Advisory Council of the Bureau of Land Management.

Gulliford writes columns about the Southwest for the Durango Herald and the Cortez Journal. With the Durango Herald column “Gulliford’s Travels” he took 1st place for a news column in the 2023 Top of the Rockies Journalism Contest sponsored by the Colorado Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. Dr. Gulliford also appears in history programs for “The Colorado Experience” television series produced by Rocky Mountain PBS.