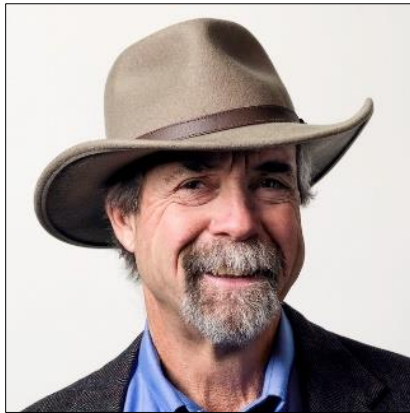


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**“BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT: UTAH’S
LANDSCAPE OF REFUGE AND RESISTANCE”***



Andrew Gulliford is a professor of history at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. He is an award-winning author and editor 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*. He has won the Colorado Book Award three times, the New Mexico-Arizona Book Award twice, and the Wrangler Western History Award for Outstanding Non-Fiction from the National Cowboy Museum & Heritage Center in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Gulliford will discuss the human and environmental history of Bears Ears National Monument and the 1.35-million-acre Bears Ears cultural landscape in southeast Utah. Bears Ears is a part of the Bureau of Land Management’s 37-million-acre National Conservation Lands which is similar to units of the National Park Service.

Designation in 2016 by President Obama under the Antiquities Act and reduced by 85% year later by President Trump, Bears Ears National Monument continues to be a flash point of conflict among ranchers, miners, environmental groups, states’ rights advocates, and Native American activists. Gulliford will tell stories and show photos to distill this unique geography as a place of refuge and resistance for Native Americans who seek to preserve their ancestral homes, and for the descendants of Mormon families who arrived by wagon train in 1880. Professor Gulliford will describe the national monument’s significance to five native tribes and read passages from his book. Bears Ears National Monument is a bellwether for public land issues in the West, and with its national and international recognition, it will be a relevant topic for years to come.

*From Gulliford’s book ***Bears Ears: Landscape of Refuge and Resistance*** (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2022), In 2024, the book became Finalist for the Best Book in Utah History Award from the Board of State History, Utah Historical Society.