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County finally receives funding to improve Brush Wellman road

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The Brush Wellman road project in Juab County received some funding to do approximately one-half of the total project.

Commissioners agreed to sign an agreement with UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) to allow the project to move forward.

The mine is found in the Spor Mountain Mining District of the Thomas Range, within the Sevier Desert in Western Juab County.

The beryllium ore mine is located in Juab County and the processing plant is located in Millard County.

"We have been working on this road project for 12 years," said Lynn Ingram, Juab County Road Department Superintendent. "Rep. Celeste Maloy was huge in helping us find funding for this project."

Maloy has been serving as the U.S. representative for Utah's 2nd congressional district since 2023. Since the re-districting of Utah this past year, she will no longer serve western Juab County.

"We will miss her," said Ingram. "Because of the size of the new district we are in it may limit our ability to obtain funds in the future."

Brush Wellman focuses on extracting beryllium ore from open pits. Now officially known as Materion Corporation, the mine is a leading global supplier of high-performance alloys, beryllium products, and engineered materials used in aerospace, defense, automotive, and telecommunications.

Founded in 1931 as Brush Beryllium Co., it is a major processor of beryllium and operates the only significant beryllium mine and refining plant in the U.S.

"We will be able to do one half of the road with the funding we have," said Ingram. "Inflation costs have escalated so we will build as much as we can. If there is a shortfall, we will add the remaining section to our second phase."

The money cannot be kept to see if costs improve because there is a deadline date that funding needs to be spent by, he said.

UDOT utilizes Cooperative Agreements or Interlocal Agreements with government entities for road improvement projects, such as the one involving Brush Wellman Road.

The project involves improvements, milling, and repaving on Brush Wellman Road.

Recent improvements to Brush Wellman Road have been supported by federal funds (RAISE/TIGER grants) administered through UDOT, requiring the approved agreements with Juab and Millard



RAIN, RAIN, AND MORE RAIN • on Monday in front of the Times-News. Good for the lawns that the state says we can't water now.

Central Utah Water encourages Utah communities to save every drop

Central Utah Water's Board unanimously adopted a resolution formally acknowledging Utah's ongoing drought conditions and called on all Utahns to champion water stewardship.

The resolution recognizes that Utah is currently experiencing one of the most persistent droughts on record, exacerbated by record-low snowpack and record-high temperatures. In response, the Board affirmed water conservation as an immediate and

ongoing priority. "Every drop conserved today puts us in a better spot tomorrow," said Gene Shawcroft, General Manager of Central Utah Water Conservancy District. "Conservation is not just a short-term response. It is critical to provide reliable water supplies for our growing communities and for future generations." While the Central Utah Project was designed to carry the region through prolonged periods of drought, District

staff remains committed to operational excellence and helping Utahns navigate periods of water scarcity. "Drought requires each of us to be more thoughtful about our water use," said Amanda Strack, Water Conservation Manager. "Small, water-efficient choices made over time have a compounding effect and add up to real water savings in our communities and beyond." About Central Utah Water Conservancy District: Founded in 1964, Central Utah Wa-

ter's mission is to responsibly plan for the future by developing, delivering, and efficiently using our limited water resources. The District does this through the operation and management of the vast Central Utah Project and a network of facilities, including water treatment plants, major storage reservoirs, and extensive conveyance systems. For more information, visit cuwcd.gov.

District students honor former teacher with Day of Service

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A Day of Service in Memory of Scott McKay, long time educator, was held on Friday, April 24, with district students serving schools and community.

Dr. Kodey Hughes, Superintendent of Juab School District, said that the district staff and school principals had decided that the best way to honor McKay was to hold a day of service in his memory.

"All of the principals agreed that it was a good idea," said Hughes. "Service and taking care of the Earth were both important to him."

McKay devoted 30 years to teaching science to seventh- and eighth-graders in the mid-



DAY OF SERVICE • Students from around the district participated in a Day of Service on April 24 honoring the legacy of Scott McKay, a former science teacher, who recently passed away. Pictured are students at Mona Elementary who picked up trash.

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