

Here is the latest news from the Wild Cards at JPW. We want to share some of the interesting things that have happened at the end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017.

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### Grand Canyon Speed Record Jan 13, 2017

Have a look at [the latest attempt to break the speed record](#). It was not successful, but it is a great story. If you have read the book about [the Emerald Mile](#), then you will understand why this is such a big accomplishment.

The Chaco Sandal people are going to show this movie at a number of REI locations across the country. I am sure that it will be available to the rest of us later. [Here is the trailer of the movie.](#)



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Concerned about Wildlife? [The national Wildlife Society Meeting is in Albuquerque NM this fall](#). Think about coming to the meeting, and help save our diverse eco systems.

Speaking of wildlife, Have a look at what we built to help Rescue Manatees that were injured by power boats in Key West. [The Manatee Rescue system](#)- commissioned by [Dolphin Research Center](#)

## Russel Tec Project conserves water, Saves energy and Money- [Here is a project that was successful in San Diego, Ca.](#)

This project is a new way to inspect water mains and sewer systems and possibly oil pipe lines for corroded pipes, without digging them up. This can save cities Millions of dollars. JPW's part was to make an inflatable structure that can fit through a man hole and stabilize the emitters and detectors in the system as it is taken down the pipe. Those of you who Participate in Water conservation efforts or who are river Stewards should really see the value in proactive water conservation efforts. We are still waiting to get an official press release, so please stay tuned to any new emails and face book posts you may get from us.

## Water officials say aggressive pipeline inspections saved millions of dollars



Workers from the San Diego County Water Authority install an electromagnetic assessment tool in a pipeline in Lakeside (courtesy San Diego County Water Authority)

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By **Joshua Emerson Smith** - Contact Reporter



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## So Much Snow in Utah Colorado, and don't Forget California. Almost everyone else is normal.

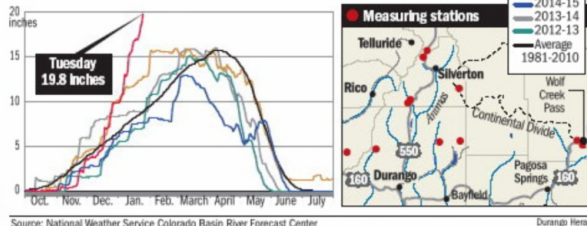
[This is my favorite web site to look at snow pack, and Reservoir levels.](#) By the way, most of all of the reservoirs in Colorado and Utah are above normal. The exception is of course Lake Powell and Lake Mead. There is just more demand on The Colorado that can be met. If you would like to learn more about what happens when Lake Mead reaches the Dead Pool state because of over allocation, read this. What a difference 7 months have made. I certainly hope for California's sake Orville dam holds up. Please be careful out there this spring. Later as the snow piles up, we will discuss more about [search and rescue boats](#), hypothermia, and safety on high water rivers.

San Juan Basin Snow is off the chart, and this was a whole month ago. It is still

piling up. There is a very good chance we will have a Delores Season.

### San Juan Basin snow

Average snow-water equivalent - the amount of water in the snow - at each of 11 sites in the San Juan Basin.



Source: National Weather Service Colorado Basin River Forecast Center

Durango Herald

www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/snow\_map.html

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**Introducing: Interactive Map 3.0 Beta release!**

We are pleased to introduce the 3.0 Beta release of the National Water and Climate Center's Interactive Map. This release has many new features including more detailed and in-depth analysis of seasonal peak snowpack; more user-configurable options for features such as reference periods, scales, and colors; and dynamically-generated basin-filled maps based on Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) boundaries. During the Beta testing phase, users are encouraged to evaluate the new features and capabilities of the release. Use the 'Give us feedback' button if you have comments or suggestions.

[Open the Beta interactive map](#)  
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**click here for % of median snow Pack info**

**Open the Interactive Map**

This page contains links to pre-defined maps. After opening a map, you can zoom to your area of interest, customize the map, and bookmark the url to save your settings. For more information, visit the [Interactive Map Help Center](#).

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**Colored dots represent % of median snow pack, and one can click on a dot to get a chart of that information at each particular site. Pretty Cool!**

## [Our Story contest is still running. To see more about our contest, follow this link](#)

We will wrap the contest up this spring. the big contenders are :  
 Tony Glassman's [Video of running his Cuthroat through Gore Creek](#) Past Vail Colorado.  
 And [Casey Taylor's trip down the Grand Canyon in a culebra](#).  
 If you have a good story you would like to tell send it to us.

That reminds me there are a couple of reasons why you should think of buying a culebra for your paddle boat experience. One big one is that it can be taken apart for those once in a life time trips [like this one to Brazil](#), or this one to [Guatamala](#)

[Here is a video that shows you how to lace your Culebra Together](#) if you ever do take it on the Airline with you. If you take only the cross

thwarts off it weighs less than 50 lbs.

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Speaking of flips. Cataracts do flip. [Here is what happened to an Eltigre in Crystal](#) - Thank You Mountain Time Zone! Remember to rig for flip, and Dress for cold water!

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### **What happened to the Grasshopper model?**

We finished them, and Errol has been showing them at the CROA and the IOGA shows. We have 2 different models with 2 different floors. One has a lace in drop stitch floor, and this dark green one has a more standard style removable drop stitch floor. Much of the inspiration for the new [Lace in Drop Stitch floor on large Rafts](#) comes from What we learned on this project.





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**New Interactive Web site will be on line soon.**

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