

*These are posts to our original Generosity crowdfunding website as of mid-March 2018. New updates now can be found on our YouCaring website.*

1 month ago

*Durango Fundraising Event February 21st*

“No Man’s Land”, an award-winning documentary film by David Byars, will be shown as a fundraiser for Rose Chilcoat and Mark Franklin’s legal defense fund. Hosted by Great Old Broads for Wilderness, the film and a silent auction will be held on Wednesday, February 21 from 6 - 9 PM at the Durango Arts Center, 802 East Second Ave.

“No Man’s Land” is the story of the 2016 armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife in eastern Oregon.

Tickets are \$12 in advance at Maria’s Bookshop or \$15 at the door.

Contributions can also be made to: Rose and Mark’s Legal Defense Fund at PO Box 2924, Durango, CO 81302.

See the award-winning documentary film  
**"No Man's Land"**  
 a fundraiser for Rose Chilcoat and Mark Franklin

...two innocent people ensnared in the No Man's Land of San Juan County Utah's criminal justice system.

**"No Man's Land"**  
 the January 2016 armed occupation of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge  
 Introduction by Shelley Gilbert  
 Executive Director  
 Great Old Broads for Wilderness

**February 21  
 6 pm**  
 Durango Arts Center  
 802 E 2nd Avenue Durango

Tickets available at Maria's Bookshop  
 900 Main Avenue Durango  
 Advanced tickets \$12  
 \$15 at the door

It could happen to you.

Silent auction to help raise funds for Rose + Mark's defense fund.  
 Additional donations welcomed at <http://bit.ly/RoseMark>

2 months ago

*"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."*  
 Martin Luther King Jr.

It's been a long time since our last update. Welcome to our world...the world of waiting. And waiting some more. And just when you think things are ready to move forward you get to...wait some more. For folks like us who are used to getting things done the waiting that is involved as a defendant in the criminal justice system is one of the hardest parts. I suppose I can call this enforced learned patience.

Here's the latest news:

\* Our cases, at the County Attorney's request, have been joined. This means one trial date and one trial that covers the both of us. This is not particularly good or bad.

\* Our trial date of January 31 has been cancelled and the case is continued with no new date set at this time. (Deep sigh here.)

\* The court prohibited, pending a hearing, our defense team from conducting independent professional polling in San Juan County, UT that was to be part of our Motion for a Change of Venue to a different county.

Meanwhile, the legal expenses continue to mount and now significantly exceed our initial fundraising target. We have the utmost confidence in our legal team but great representation doesn't come cheap. With a new year underway we again thank those who have already been so generous and ask for your help sharing our plight with others who may be able to help.

Onward!

Rose (and Mark)

5 months ago

We had our preliminary hearing Thursday in Monticello, UT. Finally, after nearly 7 months wait, we learned exactly what "crimes" the prosecution believes Mark and I committed and what evidence they have to support those allegations. One misdemeanor charge against Rose (providing false personal information to a police officer) was dismissed by the Judge. I guess after 30 years of marriage this month it is OK to agree with the officer that she goes by Franklin as well as Chilcoat!

In spite of an overwhelming lack of evidence, we were bound over for trial on the other charges (2 felonies, 1 misdemeanor for Rose and 1 felony, 1 misdemeanor for Mark). We also had the opportunity to respond to the court on each of the charges as “NOT GUILTY”. Trial dates were set for January 31 and February 1, 2018. The injustice of unfounded, politically motivated and retaliatory criminal charges against us will continue to unfold.

Thanks to all who kept us in their thoughts and hearts Thursday. Thanks also to all who have been able to help defray our substantial legal expenses. Your support means so much to us.

Please continue to share our story and crowdfunding with your friends and families. Onward!

7 months ago

At the San Juan County Attorney's request, our Preliminary Hearing has been rescheduled for November 2. The wheels of injustice turn slowly and we are merely captive to the process. Breathe deep. Patience is the word for the day.

We can only continue to hope that our friend's sentiments might come true.

“It is appalling what you and Mark are being subjected to. I know we’re talking Utah here, but perhaps good

sense will prevail and this groundless suit will be thrown OUT. 'Tis such a waste of time and money on all fronts.”  
DL

Please continue to share this link with your networks. Thanks to you all.

8 months ago

An independent journalist shines some truth on our situation ... <https://durangoherald.com/articles/175984-tape-....>

Your comments and support keep us inspired and strong through this ordeal. Such as:

“I just donated because I don't like bullies and intimidation. And Mark and Rose are tried and true stewards of these places. See what you can do to help.” LM

“I've known Rose for 37 years and I know she speaks the truth. Imagine fighting for the protection and wise use of public lands, then reading in a blog that someone wants to put a bullet between your eyes. Read the information, then please consider donating if you can.” KD

“These are dear friends who are being harassed by a bunch of haters in San Juan County Utah. These charges are retribution for years of Rose calling these people out for their mistreatment of the land. They have threatened her and Great Old Broads over the years and they would

go to any length to "get her back". It's not right. Please help them fight this battle." SK

We're so grateful for all who have contributed to our legal defense fund. Please continue to help us by sharing our plight with your networks.

8 months ago

In a month we will have our Preliminary Hearing. Thanks to so many of you who have donated to support our case we have raised nearly half of our goal! Please continue to share our plight with friends and beyond. Your support provides us with the hope that justice will be served and our innocence proven.

9 months ago

More than \$20,000 raised in less than two weeks!!! We continue to be awed by the outpouring of support from so many friends, family and strangers from across the country! Thank you all!

Here's a sampling of some of the uplifting comments we've received:

“Rose and Mark, I am so sorry that you are experiencing such retaliatory legal hassles from San Jan County, not to mention the physical threats from those who oppose the conservation work that you do. Thank you for all of your good work for wild places - your work and efforts do not go unnoticed.” DV

“Your bravery and involvement are an inspiration and I hope we can all continue to pull behind you two. “ DR

9 months ago

Mark and I are blown away by the response to our plight. The love, support and generosity of friends, family, neighbors and total strangers who have donated to our Legal Defense Fund is truly uplifting! This is an emotional roller coaster for sure.

Four days in and we're already at \$15,000! Eternal gratitude to all who have donated and to each of you who have read our story and shared it with your friends.