
Mines News Clips: April 2024

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Featured Topic: "Snow deluge"

Adrienne Marshall, assistant professor of geology and geological engineering, led a study published April 29 in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* on what the warming climate means for big snow years like the one California experienced in 2023. Multiple news outlets covered the findings.

The Associated Press

[Study says California's 2023 snowy rescue from megadrought was a freak event. Don't get used to it](#)

The Hill

['Snow deluge' years on the decline across the US West, thanks to climate change: Study](#)

Faculty Experts

9News Denver

[Here's what Xcel could have done to keep folks safe instead of shutting off power to thousands](#)

Omid Beik, assistant professor of electrical engineering, shares his expertise on how power surges are prevented and what options Xcel may have had when the utility shut off power to thousands during recent high winds.

The Denver Post

[Drinking water for 268,000 Coloradans exceeds new limits on "forever chemicals." How will providers find millions to fix the water?](#)

Chris Higgins, University Distinguished Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, says that state water authorities in Colorado are aware of which water systems have PFAS.

Colorado Sun

[The hunt is on for Colorado's next gold rush: Geological hydrogen](#)

Mengli Zhang, research assistant professor in geophysics, explains why geologic hydrogen has the potential to be a significant clean energy source.

Marketplace

[The price of copper has been rising. That's good news for the economy.](#)

Ian Lange, associate professor of economics and business, discusses the rising demand for copper in China and the United States.

The (Colorado Springs) Gazette

[GUEST COLUMN: Collateral damage — American innovation](#)

Walt Copan, vice president for research and technology transfer, wrote this opinion piece on how federal policy could hold back innovation that comes from university research.

Campus News

Denver Business Journal

[Colorado university opens \\$25 million entrepreneurship center](#)

Mines officially opened the Beck Venture Center, a key piece in the Mines entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem, on April 4.

Golden Transcript

[Open for business: Orediggers celebrate new entrepreneurship hub](#)

The opening of the Beck Venture Center was celebrated by Mines campus leaders, alumni, local leaders, students and the Beck family.

ABC Denver7

[2 Colorado colleges teaming up for battery challenge](#)

Mines teamed up with Arapahoe Community College for the EV battery challenge hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy and global automaker Stellantis.

Golden Transcript

[Colorado School of Mines students teach next generation of female scientists](#)

The Mines section of SWE hosted the third annual Girls are SMART conference, inviting more than 130 girls from the Denver area to get hands-on experience in science and engineering.

9News Denver

[Colorado School of Mines students race in boats made of cardboard](#)

Mines students built boats made entirely out of cardboard and duct tape as part of the Engineering Days festivities.

Focus on: Payne Institute for Public Policy

Axios

[Inside the GOP probe of IEA](#)

Morgan Bazilian, director of the Payne Institute for Public Policy, shares his view on criticism of the International Energy Agency by climate activists.

Bloomberg

[Hydrogen Tax Credit Rules Must Sync With Biden's Climate Agenda](#)

Bazilian, along with the Payne Institute's Simon Lomax and Greg Clough, co-authored this opinion piece on President Biden's climate agenda and how the proposed hydrogen tax credit could impact mandates.

Denver Gazette

[Panel of lawmakers considers whether carbon capture holds future in Colorado](#)

Anna Littlefield, program manager at the Payne Institute, comments on how carbon storage is an effective way to capture and rid the air of emissions.

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