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Christine Tinner, involved in a fatal crash last summer, is one of the many people affected a busy schedule. Working two or three jobs to make ends meet and driving long distances for work and family reasons becomes normal for many people in the region. The fatigue that goes hand-in-hand with this lifestyle, though, is dangerous for driving, as Christine Tinner learned last summer in the worst possible way.

The exhausting path to a tragedy

Christine Tinner struggled to find full-time work, affordable housing

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Third of five parts.

In August 2014, Christine Tinner was living in a way not uncommon in the Roaring Fork Valley: busy with more than one job and her personal life, without great financial resources and scratching around for

housing.

The morning of Aug. 23, she moved from her home in Basalt to her then-fiancé's Willits loft.

Later that afternoon, she made the 80-mile drive to visit her two teenage children in Crested Butte, where they lived with their father. Her daughter was leaving

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Grouse decision hailed as good for GarCo interests

Concerns remain about habitat maps and BLM protection plan

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A decision Tuesday that the greater sage-grouse does not warrant protection under the federal Endangered Species Act, thanks to a collaborative conservation effort, came as good news for Garfield County and Western Slope energy interests.

"Today's decision is very positive for the sage-grouse, and is positive for the Western United States and Garfield County," said county Commissioner Tom Jankovsky for the formal announcement by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

"It's a good day, and an important decision that reflects the cooperation between ranching, wildlife and conservation groups, and energy and mining to work together to protect the sage-grouse," Jankovsky said.

At the same time, concerns persist over pending federal land-use provisions aimed at protecting the bird's habitat, and, in the case of Garfield County, how big a land area that involves.

"That will be a BLM decision," Jankovsky said, adding the county will need to review the agency's official records of decision finalizing the land-use plans that were also released on Tuesday.

"This is still an issue for Garfield County that we will want to get resolved," Jankovsky said of BLM mapping that the county has argued overstates the bird's habitat in a rugged, natural gas-rich portion of the county north and west of Parachute.

But the decision not to list the bird as endangered, and the strict protections that would come with that designation, averts a worst-case scenario for the oil and gas industry, including those with leases on federal land, as well as ranchers and other private property owners.

"The non-listing is a victory for the three G's — governors, grouse and ground-based science," said David Ludlam, executive director for the West Slope Colorado Oil and Gas Association, which represents energy producers in the region.

"We looking forward to engaging the BLM in moving

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Jesus Manuel Miranda's alleged crime spree could land him in jail for the rest of this century. **PAGE A2**

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Not a 'rush job'

Mike Kennedy and Bob Emerson, writing as individuals and not on behalf of the Carbondale fire board, assure readers that the fire tax request was not a "rush job." **PAGE A17**

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The Dogs on Course in North America (DOCNA) National Dog Agility Championships takes place this weekend in Carbondale, and it's free for the public to watch. **PAGE A3**



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