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Midterm ballots will soon arrive in mailboxes

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS — Get ready to cast your midterm ballots, Routt County. County clerks statewide began mailing ballots on Monday.

To vote, complete the ballot and mail it in the included envelope, drop it off at a Routt County ballot drop off location or vote in person at a Voter Service and Polling Center in Steamboat Springs, Hayden or Oak Creek.

"We really ask for you to return your ballot early, if at all possible," said Routt County Clerk and Recorder Kim Bonner at a recent election forum. She explained that, with a hefty number of statewide ballot measures and several write-in candidates, it will take time for election judges to verify ballots. She recommended voters visit the Routt County Clerk's website for a list of verified write-in candidates at co.routt.co.us/221/elections.

"If you write in Mickey Mouse, it's not going to count, and it's also going to delay the process in counting the votes," she added.

Colorado voters can register to vote up until the day of the Nov. 6 election. To receive a ballot in the mail, you must register by Oct. 29. After that date, you should visit a polling station to register and vote.

Voters with state-issued IDs can register or update their registration at the Secretary of State's website, govotecolorado.com.

The county clerk's office will only mail ballots to active, registered voters. If the clerk's office sent you mail that was returned as undeliverable by the post office, your record is inactive, and you should visit govotecolorado.com or the clerk's office to update your voter registration.

Voters can also view sample ballots, check if their ballot has been mailed and see if the clerk's office has received their

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STACK TIME



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Firewood is already in place and stacked at this downtown Steamboat Springs home. Cooler temperatures and snow arrived last week, reminding Routt County that it's time to get ready for winter.

Hunter rescued Sunday

Man trampled by horse in Flat Tops Wilderness Area taken to hospital

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS — A 55-year-old Arkansas hunter was rescued from the Flat Tops Wilderness Area near Meeker after being trampled by a horse he was leading.

Routt County Search and Rescue

assisted the Rio Blanco Sheriff's Office, U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Meeker Fire Department in rescuing the man, said Search and Rescue volunteer Delbert Bostock.

"It's uncertain whether he slipped or the horse slipped, but the horse trampled him," Bostock said. "Some other hunters were literally 50 yards behind him. They were prepared and had a space blanket and a little bit of first aid stuff, so they stayed with him and helped him until we could get there."

The man had a leg injury as well as

internal injuries in his torso, including probable broken ribs and a probable punctured lung. According to police scanner traffic, the man was having trouble breathing and complained of chest pain.

First responders used an all-terrain vehicle to get to the man, who was about 2 miles in on Transfer Trail No. 1172 east of Vaughn Lake, Bostock said. The man was stabilized and taken to the trailhead, where a Classic Air Medical helicopter was waiting to airlift the man to St. Mary's Medical Center in Grand Junction, a Level II trauma center.

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City Council member Heather Sloop discusses 10 important council questions

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Local store not part of Sears Holding bankruptcy, will operate normally

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Q & A WITH COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES



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