

# Mayors recognize Galanto



Ridgway Mayor John Clark hands Emily Galanto his proclamation recognizing her service to the community. Town manager Jen Coates joins them.

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Last week both Ridgway Mayor John Clark and Ouray Mayor Bob Risch recognized Emily Galanto, through the Corporation for National and Community Service, for her service to the town and city through the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership. Galanto is part of a larger group called the Western Hardrock Watershed Team, funded by the Americorps VISTA program, Office of Surface Mining, Colorado Division of Mining, Reclamation and Safety, the Southwest Conservation Corps and many others. When accepted on the team, each person is individually placed throughout Colorado and New Mexico to work with watershed groups and land trusts,

Galanto was placed in Ouray.

Galanto said she is the "luckiest" of anyone in the program because she is in Ouray. She observed, "This small mountain town is home to some of the nicest, most generous and enthusiastic people I have ever met in my life... I care about this community because it's clear that the people here care about it too. Most everybody cares enough to educate themselves on the problems our watershed group works toward solving."

Clark described Galanto as "a wonderful example of the kind of person that the Vista and AmeriCorps programs place in communities all over the country." He continued, "They put in long hours to help improve the cities and towns in which they're placed, and Emily has done just that in her work here for the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership."