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Special Issue: “The Colorado Plateau Region”
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As Edward Abbey once said, “the Colorado Plateau is something special. Someplace strange, marvelous, full of wonders . . . there’s no region on earth much like it or even remotely like it.” Abbey was mostly referring to the unique geology and ecology of the canyon country, but this environment has also been the setting for unique facets of Arizona’s past. The region has long been a special part of Arizona’s history, with its diverse Indigenous peoples, federal lands, national parks and monuments, recreation, dams, climate, transportation (e.g., Route 66 and the Santa Fe Railroad), mining, ranching, forestry, art and photography, migrations (e.g., Basques, Mormons, and African Americans), tourism, and environmental activism.

The Journal of Arizona History invites proposals for article manuscripts for a special issue on the Colorado Plateau Region, to be published in 2026. We welcome proposals for scholarly articles about any aspect of the Colorado Plateau Region’s past. Manuscripts may employ a broad range of methodologies. For the purposes of the special issue, we will define the “Colorado Plateau Region” somewhat broadly to include southern Utah, western Colorado, and New Mexico, but we are especially seeking manuscripts focusing on the plateau and on the transition zone between the plateau and Arizona’s Sonoran Desert. If you have questions about whether a particular topic is suitable for this special issue, please contact the editor at the email address listed below.

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