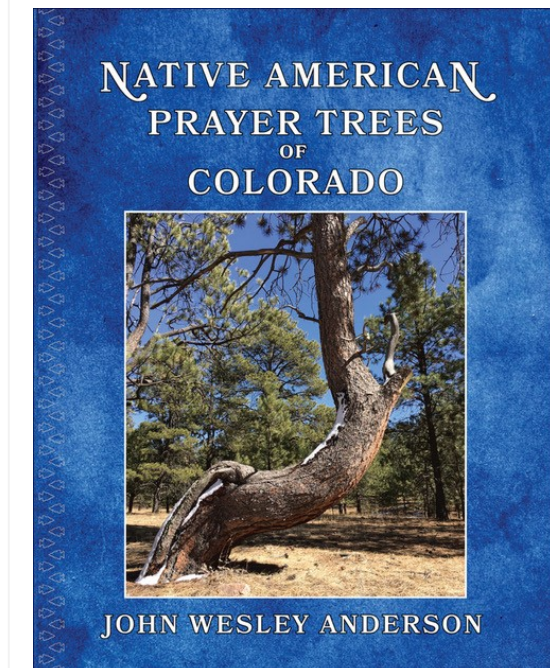




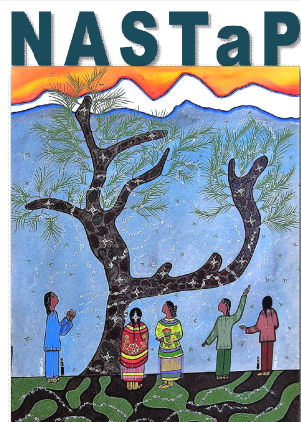
This presentation is based on 2 books written by John Wesley Anderson and published by the Old Colorado City Historical Society (OCCHS):

The Ute Indian Prayer Trees of the Pikes Peak Region and Native American Prayer Trees of Colorado. They are not just about Culturally Modified Trees; they are about the advanced culture of the deeply spiritual people behind these trees. The Ute were among the Native American people who modified trees for navigational, spiritual, burial, medicinal, nutritional and educational purposes. Most Native American people, including the Ute, believe anything created by the hands of Creator has a spirit, including an eagle, bear, person or a tree and trees would not be modified unless it was with consent of the Prayer Tree and Creator.



Ute Indian Prayer Trees at Fox Run Regional Park in Colorado Springs, CO

Ligature or tie-down marks on trees made by braiding yucca fiber



- **NASTaP** (Native American Sacred Trees and Places) is headquartered at the Glen-Isle Resort in Bailey: www.NASTaP.org

- Visit John's website www.Jwander.com to learn more and find upcoming events
- John's 2 latest books are available on Amazon.com: Native American Prayer Trees of Colorado and R.S. Kelly, A Man of the Territory
- Fox Run Tree Tour by John Anderson: <https://vimeo.com/197998528>
- TEDx talk by John Anderson: <https://youtu.be/eMPDRXvbeGo>
- Rod Smith tour of Fox Run: <https://youtu.be/3LkYQbcnlkE>

- 1) Name the 5 generally accepted types of Ute Indian Prayer Trees (Trailmarker, Burial, Story, Medicine and Prophecy Trees)
- 2) Identify characteristics of typical man-made modifications to the trees (e.g., unnatural bends, distortions, scars, peeled bark patterns or distinctive **ligature or tie-down marks**)
- 3) Eliminate natural causes of tree scarring or disfigurement (lightning strike, disease, heavy-snowfall, animal interaction, etc.)



John Anderson presents **Native American Prayer Trees of Colorado**

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