



TOWN TALK

# FLOW DOWN

Snowpack hovered around 67 percent of normal when measured at its typical peak in early April. That doesn't bode well for the summer wildfire season. Colorado has largely escaped the scorchers that have ravaged parts of the West, but it's time for Rocky Mountain residents to be put on guard. Officials are already exercising caution by considering restrictions on campfires and fireworks before the season even starts, so be warned: Campers adhere to whatever rules they decide, and homeowners should clear brush and dry tinder from around their homes in order to eliminate extra fuel. (This means you folks on Red Mountain.) // Aspen's own "Bridgegate" took over the headlines this spring when construction began on the Castle Creek Bridge—one of only two ways to get in and out of town by car when traveling west. It's taking a hiatus for part of the summer so high-season crowds don't have to deal with extended delays, but even then, people looking to come in and out of town may opt for alternative modes of transport, like increasingly popular e-bikes (\$1,999, [fatebikes.com](http://fatebikes.com)). —Christine Benedetti

BY THE NUMBERS

## Green Drinks

Carbondale's Marble Distilling Co. makes award-winning spirits, and now it's upping its sustainability game too.

# 4.1 million

Gallons of water saved annually through Marble Distilling Co.'s closed-loop system

# 20

Engineers and energy experts who worked on developing its Water Energy Thermal System

# 75

Metric tons of carbon saved annually

# 500 million

Plastic straws used by Americans, every day

# 400

Stainless steel straws already distributed by Marble for #thelaststraw



THE 816

**SWEET BUZZ** When **Aspen Tap** opened this winter as the new headquarters of the Aspen Brewing Co., people were happy about the suds but disappointed to see their daily caffeine fix go with the absence of Peach's Corner Cafe. Fret not: Aspen Tap has started serving breakfast-ish items too, brewing Rock Canyon Coffee and serving baked goods from Louis Swiss Pastry and doughnuts from Sweet Coloradough. With hours from 8AM until midnight, it gives new meaning to burning the candle at both ends. —CB