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Welcome to Our Community!

A message from the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council

The Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council and San Luis Valley Development Resources Group have gathered the data presented in this booklet. Here, we offer information on the resources and the wide-range of services available in the San Luis Valley's six counties and in the Valley's largest cities and towns.

If you are interested in more information, please visit our website at www.urgedc.com. We encourage you to e-mail or call if you have any questions. We can arrange introductions to specific businesses and professionals while you are here.

Please, enjoy your visit!

Business Assistance

In addition to local chambers of commerce, county development corporations, and tourism and convention bureaus, the San Luis Valley offers regionally-supported business and community development programs: San Luis Valley Development Resources Group (SLVDRG) and Colorado's Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Since 1984, SLVDRG has promoted and facilitated programs to create jobs, improve incomes and maintain our quality of life.

The San Luis Valley Business Loan Fund provides financing for business expansion, retention and start-ups. The program does not replace — but encourages — bank participation and requires at least 51 percent of the permanent jobs created through the loan program to be filled by people who have been classified as having low- to moderate-incomes.

A San Luis Valley Enterprise Zone, established in 1986, provides incentives and tax credits for private businesses to expand and for new businesses to locate in the San Luis Valley. In 2009, 415 SLV businesses reported capital investments of more than \$66.6 million, resulting in state tax and other credits of \$1,614,884.

Every five years, SLVDRG produces a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) report, which illustrates the economic development vision, goals, strategies and priorities for the future of the San Luis Valley. You can access state, regional, county and community demographics; county tax analysis; business and economic impact studies; and targeted industry studies from the SLVDRG website at www.slvdr.org.

The SBDC provides cost-effective assistance through one-on-one counseling, business planning, financial analysis and management training. SBDC fosters the successful growth and development of San Luis Valley small businesses. Through SBDC, you can gain access to resource libraries with information on access to capital, government procurement, international trade and technology assistance.

Overview of the San Luis Valley

Enjoying spectacular scenery of the San Luis Valley is easy — look up. The Sangre de Cristo range, among the tallest mountains in Colorado, borders the east side of the Valley. The more gently rolling La Garita Mountains border the north and northwest and to the west, the San Juan Mountains provide the backdrop for spectacular sunsets. Together, these ranges create a basin stretching almost 125 miles from north to south and 75 miles from east to west. The resulting 8,200 square mile area makes the Valley larger than Rhode Island, Delaware and Connecticut combined. It also makes the Valley the largest alpine valley in North America.

Within the Valley, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve provides a home to the tallest dunes in North America. The park lies in the shadows of the towering Sangre de Cristo Mountains and Mt. Blanca, the fourth tallest peak in Colorado. On the other side of the Valley, high in the San Juan Mountains, snow melt and rain give birth to the mighty Rio Grande, second longest river in our nation.

The Valley floor has an average elevation of 7,500 feet, flat terrain, rich soil, moderate summer temperatures and abundant sunshine. Combined, this provides the foundation for an agricultural-based economy. Also, these factors, coupled with a lower cost of living than in many other parts of Colorado, have attracted many retirees to the area.

The Valley never feels crowded with its population density of about six people per square mile. However, living in the Valley doesn't mean giving up the amenities of big city life. Alamosa, the Valley's largest city, serves as the Valley's regional hub. There you will find the area's largest hospital, a regional commercial airport, Adams State College, Trinidad State Junior College, shopping opportunities and more.

The two largest hospitals, Rio Grande Hospital and the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, are both Trauma Level IV facilities. Rio Grande Hospital, located in Del Norte, serves the west side of the Valley. San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, located in Alamosa, offers 57 beds, provides Valley-wide ambulance service and Flight For Life.

Among heritage attractions in the Valley, many historic churches — including Colorado's oldest church, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Conejos, and the first consecrated church, Holy Name of Mary in Del Norte — hold Mass every Sunday.

The San Luis Valley offers plenty of opportunities for recreation including travel on historic rail lines. Hop aboard the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Narrow Gauge Railroad for a glimpse of a bygone era. The Cumbres & Toltec, which began transporting tourists between Antonito and Chama, New Mexico, in 1971, was originally constructed in 1880. Operations continued until 1969, making it the last railroad in the U.S. to use steam locomotives in general freight service.

More recently, the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad also began offering both steam and diesel powered train trips

in the Valley. Steam locomotives travel to La Veta, Colorado over La Veta Pass and to Antonito, where travelers can connect with the Cumbres and Toltec train to Osier, Colorado or Chama, New Mexico.

The nearby National Forests, Bureau of Land Management lands and Colorado State Parks provide outdoor recreational opportunities. We hope you come visit and experience the beauty of our high valley and cool sunshine while hiking, biking, skiing, horse back riding, fishing, hunting, partaking in community events or site seeing.

Climate

The San Luis Valley's climate is characterized by dry air, sunny days, clear nights and large daily temperature variations. Winters can be very cold; but the Valley boasts of 330 days of sunshine per year. The Valley floor receives an average of 7 to 10 inches of precipitation a year, while the surrounding mountains have significant snowfall. Wolf Creek Ski Area has some of the best quantity and quality of snow in the state (www.wolfcreekski.com).

| City, County | Ave. Max. Temp. (°F) | | Ave. Min. Temp. (°F) | | Ave. Annual (in.) | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------|----------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| | Jan. | July | Jan. | July | Precip. | Snow |
| Alamosa, Alamosa | 34.3 | 81.9 | -2.1 | 47.4 | 7.1 | 32.7 |
| Conejos, Conejos | 36.7 | 81.4 | 4.7 | 46.7 | 8.1 | 22.3 |
| San Luis, Costilla | 35.2 | 80.1 | 1.7 | 45.2 | 9.8 | 21.0 |
| Creede, Mineral | 37.8 | 76.9 | 7.1 | 43.0 | 13.4 | 55.7 |
| Monte Vista, Rio Grande | 34.3 | 79.9 | 0.6 | 46.3 | 7.6 | 22.1 |
| Saguache, Saguache | 35.4 | 80.9 | 4.0 | 47.2 | 8.4 | 26.6 |

Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric <http://www.weather.gov/>

Major Regional Employers*

Adams State College
Alamosa School District
City of Alamosa
Conejos County
Costilla County
Del Norte Consolidated School District
North Conejos School District
Rio Grande County
Rio Grande National Forest
SLV Board of Cooperative Services
SLV Regional Medical Center
Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.
Wolf Creek Ski Corp.

Alamosa County
Center Consolidated School District
Colorado Dept. of Transportation
Conejos County Hospital
Creede Repertory Theatre
Monte Vista Public Schools
Rakhra Mushroom Farm Corp.
Rio Grande Hospital
Saguache County
SLV Comprehensive Mental Health
Smokin' Spuds
Wal-Mart Supercenter

Employment by Sector*

| Industry Sector | Establishments | Employees |
|--|----------------|-----------|
| Education Services | 27 | 2,257 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 121 | 2,192 |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting | 152 | 2,186 |
| Retail Trade (44 & 45) | 187 | 1,849 |
| Public Administration | 95 | 1,720 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 134 | 1,343 |
| Construction | 155 | 757 |
| Wholesale Trade | 62 | 568 |
| Finance and Insurance | 61 | 448 |

| Industry Sector | Establishments | Employees |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| Transportation and Warehousing (48 & 49) | 67 | 365 |
| Other Services (except Public Admin.) | 88 | 342 |
| Manufacturing (31-33) | 45 | 301 |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical Svc | 84 | 301 |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 44 | 180 |
| Utilities | 18 | 180 |
| Information | 19 | 148 |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 17 | 125 |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises | 5 | 108 |
| Admin., Support, Waste Mgmt, Remediation | 38 | 102 |
| Mining | 6 | 56 |
| Grand Total | 1,425 | 15,528 |

Agricultural Information

| County | Total Land Area (sq. miles) | Total Land Area (acres) | Land in Farms and Ranches (acres) | Total Cropland (acres) | Market Value of Ag. Products Sold (\$1,000) | Total Farm Production Expenses (\$1,000) | Net Cash Return from Ag. Sales (\$1,000) |
|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|--|
| Alamosa | 723 | 462,854 | 204,640 | 111,194 | 94,451 | 62,157 | 33,426 |
| Conejos | 1,290 | 825,741 | 267,708 | 138,281 | 22,852 | 20,185 | 4,882 |
| Costilla | 1,229 | 786,801 | 354,067 | 69,789 | 26,245 | 17,846 | 10,119 |
| Mineral | 878 | 562,021 | 4,436 | 322 | 166 | 288 | 90 |
| Rio Grande | 913 | 584,382 | 170,999 | 110,868 | 74,483 | 53,789 | 25,647 |
| Saguache | 3,168 | 2,027,724 | 477,003 | 173,446 | 81,852 | 60,308 | 24,040 |

Source: Colorado Agricultural Statistics, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Colorado Field Office

Retail Sales Trends*

| Total Annual Retail Sales by County | 2002 (\$1,000) | 2003 (\$1,000) | 2004 (\$1,000) | 2005 (\$1,000) | Avg. Annual Change 2000 - 2005 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Alamosa | 354,763 | 349,396 | 369,699 | 370,818 | 3.3% |
| Conejos | 40,514 | 42,394 | 45,638 | 47,872 | 3.5% |
| Costilla | 14,553 | 17,328 | 15,392 | 17,819 | 7.7% |
| Mineral | 21,276 | 20,665 | 23,521 | 21,375 | 3.9% |
| Rio Grande | 217,062 | 211,120 | 214,135 | 232,728 | 2.9% |
| Saguache | 42,295 | 44,872 | 47,137 | 50,171 | 5.7% |
| San Luis Valley | 690,364 | 682,775 | 715,522 | 740,783 | 3.5% |

Population Density*

| County | Population in 2004 | Persons per Sq. Mile in 2004 | Est. % Population Change 1950 - 2000 | Est. % Population Change 2000 - 2004 | Population Forecast 2004-2010 % growth |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Alamosa | 15,648 | 21.6 | 42.1 | 4.6 | 7.8 |
| Conejos | 8,495 | 6.6 | -17.4 | 1.1 | 5.3 |
| Costilla | 3,738 | 3.0 | -39.6 | 2.0 | 2.5 |
| Mineral | 952 | 1.1 | 19.1 | 14.6 | 7.8 |
| Rio Grande | 13,181 | 14.4 | -3.3 | 6.2 | 4.0 |
| Saguache | 6,517 | 2.1 | 4.5 | 10.1 | 8.6 |
| San Luis Valley | 48,256 | 5.9 | 0.5 | 5.0 | 6.0 |

* Source: San Luis Valley Development Resources Group, www.slvdr.org

Great Sand National Park and Preserve

- ∞ 150,000 acres or 233 square miles (604 sq. km.).
- ∞ A permanent workforce of about 25 and a seasonal workforce of 17.
- ∞ Tallest dunes in North America.
- ∞ Economic impact in excess of \$23 million in total sales and \$2.5 million in tax revenue (1997).
- ∞ Economic impacts are projected to increase by as much as \$2.4 million with the recent transition in status from National Monument to National Park.



Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve

Rio Grande National Forest

- ∞ 1,831,207 acres or 2,861 square miles (7,410 sq. km.).
- ∞ Workforce varies between 100 and 150.
- ∞ Facilities include 36 campgrounds, 12 picnic areas, 9 interpretive sites and 8 boat ramps.
- ∞ 1,250+ miles of trail with 60 outfitters/guides.
- ∞ 524,292 acres of Roadless and 439,600 acres of Wilderness.

along the rail line that follows the Rio Grande.

Monte Vista, the county's largest community, is situated on the Valley floor. "Monte" as most people call it, is the center of the agricultural aspect of the county. Numerous festivals, events and club meetings take place in and around Monte Vista. The Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge is a stop for migratory Sandhill Cranes every year.

Del Norte is a quaint town with a focus on its historic past. It is the county seat, home to the Rio Grande County Museum and maintains a historic facade in its main street. Home to many small shops and boutiques, it is a beautiful place to shop and also provides recreational activity with climbing, hiking and fishing close by. The Lookout Mountain Trails connect the town to five miles of natural surface trails, looping around the mountain and ascending to its 8,475-foot summit.

The newest town in Rio Grande County is South Fork. South Fork is surrounded by the Rio Grande National Forest and other public lands and has easy access to Wolf Creek Ski Area. Developed as a logging center, it has become a gem of the Valley with a booming housing market, world-class 18-hole golf course and the distinction of being the "Gateway to the Silver Thread" scenic byway.

Rio Grande County really is the epitome of Colorado, which makes it an ideal place to live, work and play for those who are interested in a Colorado lifestyle.

Rio Grande County

The gateway to the San Juan Mountains, Rio Grande County is one of the highlights of the San Luis Valley. The county covers 913 square miles ranging from around 7,000 feet on the valley floor to numerous 13,000-foot peaks. The scenic landscape and close community make Rio Grande County a great place to vacation, work and live. There are three municipalities within the county — Monte Vista, Del Norte and South Fork — and all have been historically developed



Alamosa County

Driving U. S. Highway 160, over La Veta Pass, one enters the largest alpine valley in the world, the San Luis Valley, through the County of Alamosa. Having a valley elevation of 7,500 feet, Alamosa County's high plains expand 722 square miles. Considered high desert, the nights are cool and days warm, earning Alamosa County the nickname, "Land of Cool Sunshine."

The county is home to the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve with the tallest sand dunes in North America, the Sangre de Cristo Mountains on the east and the San Juan Mountains on the west. The natural wonders of the county give ample opportunity for outdoor recreation and close observation of wildlife.

Other attractions include Zapata Falls, San Luis Lakes State Park, the Alamosa Wildlife Refuge and Cattails Golf Course.

The City of Alamosa, with a population of about 8,500, is the commercial hub of the Valley, attracting shoppers from a 100-mile radius. Alamosa has two college facilities: Adams State College and Trinidad State Junior College. It has a regional hospital and extensive health care facilities. The San Luis Valley Regional Airport is located south of town and United and Frontier Airlines offer service.

Traditionally an agricultural based economy, Alamosa County has expanded its horizons and now provides major wholesale, retail and service sectors to the San Luis Valley. In recent years tourism has become more important, with travelers coming to the Sand Dunes, riding the two historic scenic railroads, visiting the natural wonders and wildlife refuges, swimming in natural hot spring pools and attending the local museums and events.

Alamosa County offers pristine Colorado at its finest, provides amenities without hassle or hustle and represents small-town living as preserved through its roots.



Alamosa County



Conejos County

Conejos County

Conejos County, created in 1861, was previously known as Guadalupe County. Conejos County is the southernmost county in the San Luis Valley, with its southern border being the New Mexico state line. This county is very scenic with expansive mountain views. It is steeped in history; being home to Colorado's oldest church, a classic narrow-gauge railway and having been home to the "Manassa Mauler" Jack Dempsey. The County has an abundance of state and federally-owned public lands which provide year round outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, rock climbing and much more.

Conejos County is home to three main municipalities as well as many other small communities. La Jara is the agricultural center of the county and has the county hospital. Manassa is home to a yearly Pioneer Days festival and was the home of arguably one of the best boxers of all time. Antonito is a small, charming town where the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railway begins its tours to Chama, New Mexico.

Conejos County values and maintains its rich religious and cultural heritage. Many of its roots come from the settling of different religious groups in the area. Community and faith have continued to be centerpieces of the area.

Costilla County

Costilla County, "Where Colorado Began," was the first area of the state of Colorado to be colonized, and has a recorded history dating back to 1540—the year Coronado explored the Southwest.

Historically, Costilla County has been agricultural. There are three towns in the County: Blanca, Fort Garland and San Luis.

Photography on facing page: Views of Mt. Blanca from various locations around the San Luis Valley.

Shaded relief map and large county map: The San Luis Valley GIS/GPS Authority.



6 miles

25 miles

50 miles



Getting to the Valley

Primary road access to the Valley is provided by U.S. Highways 160 and 285. Colorado Highways 17, 149, 114 and 159 also provide access into the San Luis Valley.

The Alamosa Regional Airport provides air service to the Valley from Denver via commuter flights. The flights are operated by Great Lakes Aviation under United Airlines and Frontier Airlines.

TNM&O coaches provides bus access to and from the Valley from Albuquerque and Denver.

The Rio Grande Scenic Railroad offers passage from LaVeta, Colorado to Alamosa and other Valley destinations. The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Narrow Gauge Railroad, in conjunction with the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad, offers passage to Valley destinations from Chama, New Mexico.

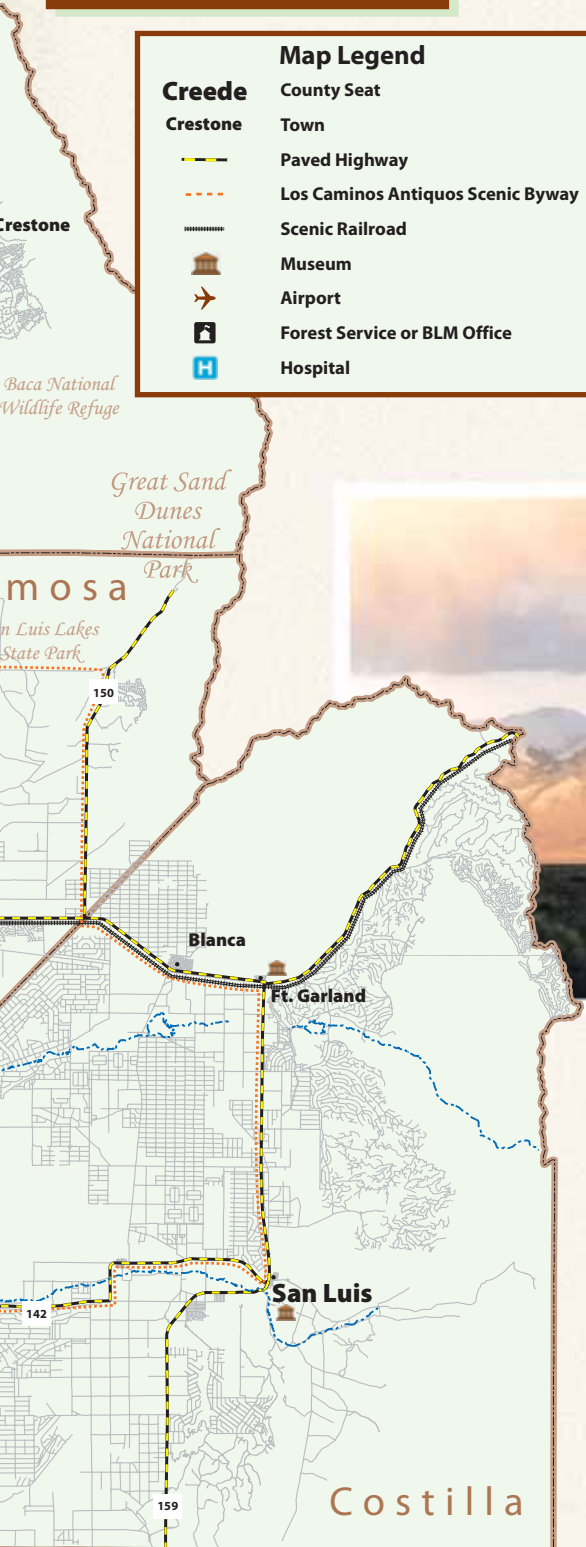
Commuting Distances

One-Way Miles from Alamosa

| Within the San Luis Valley | | To other metropolitan areas | |
|----------------------------|----|-----------------------------|-----|
| Antonito | 30 | Albuquerque | 214 |
| Blanca | 21 | Colorado Springs | 163 |
| Center | 32 | Denver | 239 |
| Creede | 70 | Durango | 150 |
| Crestone | 50 | Grand Junction | 248 |
| Del Norte | 35 | Gunnison | 122 |
| Ft. Garland | 26 | Pueblo | 121 |
| Hooper | 20 | Santa Fe | 141 |
| La Jara | 14 | Salida | 83 |
| Manassa | 24 | Taos | 90 |
| Moffat | 37 | Walsenburg | 73 |
| Monte Vista | 17 | | |
| Romeo | 21 | | |
| Saguache | 57 | | |
| Sanford | 19 | | |
| San Luis | 49 | | |
| South Fork | 48 | | |

Map Legend

- Creede** County Seat
- Crestone** Town
- Paved Highway
- Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic Byway
- Scenic Railroad
- Museum
- Airport
- Forest Service or BLM Office
- Hospital





Costilla County

Mineral County

Mineral County, which straddles the Continental Divide and includes some of Colorado's most spectacular scenery, is well-named. For a century, mining camps at the headwaters of the Rio Grande and its tributaries pumped millions of dollars into Colorado's economy. Sitting in the heart of the county is Creede, the county seat and the only town. Mineral County is listed

as Colorado's third smallest county now; but, in the mining heyday, thousands of miners, their families and camp followers filed into the canyons and valleys that held the valuable ores of the Creede Mineral District. When other mining areas faltered after the Silver Crash of the 1890s, Creede and Mineral County continued production due to the rich assay and types of minerals found in the Creede deposits. While some gold was mined in Mineral County, silver was the foundation of the local economy until 1985 when the last mine closed.

Everyone predicted Creede would become a ghost town, but the "little town that would not die," proved its mettle, redesigned its image and became known as "one of the best 100 small arts towns in America." The same geologic wonders that had produced veins filled with precious metals stirred the creative minds of artists and writers. Studios and galleries filled the Victorian-era main street buildings that once housed mining camp saloons. In the mid-1960s, a group of enthusiastic drama students from Kansas University, aided by the Creede JayCees, initiated a summer repertory theater program that has developed into the nationally



Mineral County

Costilla County, continued

These towns are some of the oldest communities in the State of Colorado and all have a rich cultural heritage that continues to thrive today.

San Luis is home to a world renowned Shrine of the Stations of the Cross which sits



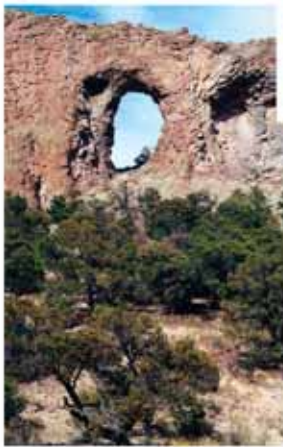
on top of a mesa in the center of town. Thousands of visitors come each year to pray and marvel at the Shrine's beauty. San Luis is also home to many other historic places like the Sangre de Cristo Parish Hall (built in 1886), La Capilla de Todas los Santos Catholic Chapel and R&R Supermarket, the oldest business in Colorado.

Fort Garland is named for the fort that was built in 1858 and still stands today. The post was attended by Kit Carson in 1886 on orders to protect San Luis Valley settlers from the Ute Indians that lived in the area. The Fort now serves as a museum, recounting the historic past of the entire area; and, on Memorial Day weekend Fort Garland is host to a 3-day festival of re-enactments, stories, songs and dances depicting the cultures and occupations indigenous to Costilla County.

Blanca is named for Blanca Peak, which stands to the north at 14,345 feet tall. This small community is home to many small craft stores. Historically, Blanca was created with the western expansion and the railroad, with its primary industries being farming and ranching.

Costilla County is a well-preserved and beautiful community with deep-seated traditions and a culture that preserves its history while progressing into the new century.





Saguache County

Mineral County, continued

recognized Creede Repertory Theatre, a major attraction that brings tourists to Creede from throughout the U.S.

The transformation from hardrock mining to tourism was not that difficult. Mineral County's guest ranches and resorts have a long tradition of enticing people to the Upper Rio Grande Valley to fish, hunt, ride horses or just enjoy the scenery.

Saguache County

The name Saguache is from the Ute word "water of the blue earth." Saguache County is located in the Northern portion of the San Luis Valley. Pronounced Sa-watch, it sits at an elevation of 7,800 feet, surrounded by the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range on the east and the San Juan Range on the west. Many of the peaks are 14,000 feet and provide a challenge to many seasoned climbers.

The largest county of the San Luis Valley, Saguache County is home to the towns of Saguache, Center, La Garita, Bonanza, Crestone, Villa Grove, Moffat and Sargent. It was settled in 1867 by Otto Mears who started his fortune with the first toll road above Poncha Pass. Otto invested in railroads, mining and the Mack Truck Co. and is credited with the famous "Million Dollar Highway."

Ranching is the main occupation in this part of the Valley. Both cattle and sheep are raised, cattle being predom-

inant. Some logging is done on Forest Service land. More farming is done as you move south down the Valley. Crops include alfalfa, potatoes, lettuce and barley.

In addition to a rich history in ranching and agriculture in this diverse community, you can also find a wealth of spiritual and educational groups in the Crestone/Baca area. The Manitou Foundation's generous land grants have helped many groups from around the world to establish retreat centers in the Crestone/Baca area. Colorado College maintains a Baca campus south of Crestone.

Artists and craft people are numerous in the county. Potters, authors, photographers, weavers, basket makers and painters live in the county and you can often find their wares in local galleries and coffee shops.

The Saguache County Museum provides historic displays depicting the lifestyle of the area. The museum is open from Memorial Day through September. A tour of the museum is historic, nostalgic and educational.

Festivals take place in the County in both summer and winter months, including: the Crestone Music Festival in August, the Center Harvest festival in September and the Winterfest in Crestone through the Thanksgiving weekend.

A Great Place to Live!

No matter which counties you visit, you will find spectacular opportunities for outdoor recreation. The Valley offers:

- ∞ 14,000 peaks to climb
- ∞ Wildlife refuges to explore
- ∞ National Forest and National Park trails to hike
- ∞ Downhill and cross-country skiing
- ∞ Pristine areas to hunt and fish
- ∞ Seasonal off-road challenges for both 4-wheelers and snowmobilers

You'll find farmers' markets, youth groups, civic organizations and volunteer groups dedicated to making the Valley a better place to live.

The Valley is planning proactively for our future. There are business opportunities for niche products and services that exist in larger markets. If you want to raise a family here, our small towns provide a decidedly different environment than big cities. Every town has its own unique characteristics.

If you are considering the possibility of relocating yourself, your family or your business, we encourage you to give the San Luis Valley a close look!

City & County Government Offices

Rio Grande County Government 719-657-2744
 925 6th Street, Del Norte, CO 81132 www.riograndecounty.org
Rio Grande County Municipal Governments
Monte Vista 719-852-2692
www.cityofmontevista.com
Del Norte 719-657-2708
www.delnortecolorado.com
South Fork 719-873-0152
www.southfork.org

Alamosa County Government 719-589-4848
 402 Edison Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101 www.alamosacounty.org

Alamosa County Municipal Governments
Alamosa 719-589-2593
www.cityofalamosa.com
Hooper 719-378-2204

Conejos County Government 719-376-5654
 Courthouse, Conejos, CO 81129 www.conejoscounty.org

Conejos County Municipal Governments
Antonio 719-376-2355
La Jara 719-274-5363
<http://townoflajara.blogspot.com>
Manassa 719-843-5207
Romeo 719-843-5785
Sanford 719-274-4024

Costilla County Government 719-672-3372
 352 Main Street, San Luis, CO 81134 www.costilla-county.com

Costilla County Municipal Governments
San Luis 719-672-3321
Blanca 719-379-3461
www.users.gojade.org/blancaco

Mineral County Government 719-658-2331
 144 Creede, Creede, CO 81130 www.mineralcountycolorado.com

Mineral County Municipal Governments
Creede 719-658-2276
www.creede.com

Saguache County Government 719-655-2231
 501 4th Street, Saguache, CO 81149 www.saguachecounty.net

Saguache County Municipal Governments
Center 719-754-3497
www.townofcenter.org
Crestone 719-256-4313
www.crestonecolorado.com
Saguache 719-655-2232
www.townofsaguache.org

Power Companies

SLV Rural Electric Cooperative 800-332-7634 or 719-852-3538
 Xcel Energy Builder's Call Line 800-628-2121
 Utility Notification Center of CO (Call Before You Dig) 811

Internet, Wireless & Satellite Service Providers

Alltel 719-587-0081
 Amigo.net 719-589-6100
 Blanca Telephone 719-589-2964
 Bresnan Communications 877-273-7626
 CenturyTel 800-366-8201
 Jade Communications 719-589-5140
 Qwest 800-244-1111
 Verizon 800-256-4646

Radio & TV Stations

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| KENY TV | Alamosa & Monte Vista | UHF 39 & Bresnan Cable 20 |
| KGIW/KALQ | Alamosa | 1450/93.5 FM |
| KRZA (National Public Radio) | Alamosa | 88.7/100.9/105.9 FM |
| KASF (Adams State College) | Alamosa | 90.0 FM |
| KSLV | Monte Vista | 1240/95.3 FM |
| KSPK | Walsenburg | 100.3/103.5 FM |
| KZBR | Alamosa | 97.1 FM |

Area Colleges

Adams State College 719-587-7011
www.adams.edu
 Trinidad State Junior College 719-589-7000
www.trinidadstate.edu
 Colorado College Baca Campus 719-389-6000
<http://www.coloradocollege.edu>

Schools & School District Offices

Alamosa School District 719-587-1600
 Sangre De Cristo Schools, Elementary, Hooper 719-378-2386
 Sangre De Cristo Schools, High School, Mosca 719-378-2398
 North Conejos School District, La Jara 719-274-5174
 South Conejos School District, Antonito 719-376-5512
 Centennial School District, San Luis 719-672-3322
 Sierra Grande School District, Blanca 719-379-3255
 Creede Consolidated Schools 719-658-2220
 South Fork Emmanuel Chapel & Christian Academy 719-873-5411
 Del Norte 719-657-3080
 Monte Vista 719-852-3586
 Sargent School District 719-852-4023
 Center Schools 719-754-3442
 Saguache Mountain Valley Schools 719-655-0268
 Moffat Schools 719-256-4710
 Crestone Charter School 719-256-4906 or 256-4907

Newspapers

Valley Courier Alamosa 719-589-2553
<http://www.alamosanews.com/>
 Valley Publishing Five Local Valley Papers 719-852-3531
 Monte Vista Journal Monte Vista 719-852-3531
<http://www.montevistajournal.com>

Chambers & Information Centers

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| Alamosa Chamber of Commerce | 719-589-3681 |
| www.alamosa.org | |
| Alamosa Convention & Visitors Bureau | 719-589-9385 |
| www.alamosa.org | |
| Antonito Chamber of Commerce | 719-376-2277 |
| www.slvguide/antonito | |
| Center Chamber of Commerce | 719-754-3137 |
| Colorado Welcome Center | 719-589-4840 or 800-258-7597 |
| www.alamosa.org | |
| Conejos County Tourist Information | 719-376-2049 |
| Creede & Mineral County Chamber of Commerce | 719-658-2374 |
| www.creede.com | |
| Del Norte Chamber of Commerce | 719-657-2845 |
| www.delnortechamber.org | |
| Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce | 719-852-2731 |
| www.monte-vista.org | |
| SLV Information Center at Monte Vista | 719-852-0660 |
| Rio Grande County Museum & Information Center | 719-657-2847 or 877-365-9487 |
| South Fork Chamber of Commerce | 719-873-5556 |
| www.southforkcolorado.org | |
| South Fork Visitor Center | 719-873-5512 |
| www.southfork.org | |

Economic/Community Development

| Group or Organization | Contact |
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| Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council (URGEDC) | www.urgedc.com |
| San Luis Valley Development Resources Group (SLVDRG) | www.slvdrg.com |
| Alamosa County Economic Development Council (ACEDC) | 719-588-7609 |
| Conejos-Community, Economic & Environment Progressing Together (CON-CEPTS) | 719-376-5654 |
| Costilla County Economic Development (CCED) | PO Box 9, San Luis, CO 81152 |
| Del Norte Economic Development Council (DNEDC) | mike@dnfed.com |
| Monte Vista Community Development Corporation (MVCDC) | 947 1st Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144 |
| Saguache County Sustainable Environment and Economic Development (ScSEED) | www.sceed.org |

Regional Economic Development

| Group or Organization | Contact |
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| Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council (URGEDC) | www.urgedc.com |
| San Luis Valley Development Resources Group (SLVDRG) | www.slvdrg.com |
| Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) | 719-589-2251 www.dola.state.co.us |
| Governor's Energy Office (GEO) | hew.hallock@state.co.us http://www.rechargecolorado.com/ |
| SLV GIS/GPS Authority | www.slvgis.info |
| SLV Council of Governments (SLVCOG) | 719-589-6099 |
| SLV Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) | www.co.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/rcd/sanluisrcd.htm |
| Small Business Development Center (SBDC) | 719-587-5151 www.coloradosbdc.org |

Medical Services

Hospitals

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| Rio Grande Hospital, Del Norte | 719-657-2510 |
| San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, Alamosa | 719-589-2511 |
| Conejos County Hospital, La Jara | 719-274-5121 |

Clinics and Public Health Departments

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| Alamosa County Public Health | 719-589-6639 |
| Alamosa Dental Clinic | 719-589-9691 |
| Alamosa Family Medical Center | 719-589-3658 |
| Center Dental Clinic | 719-754-3584 |
| Cesar Chavez Family Medical Center, Center | 719-754-2778 |
| Convenient Care Community Clinic, Alamosa | 719-589-2562 |
| Creede Medical Clinic | 719-658-0929 |
| Del Norte Medical Clinic | 719-657-2418 |
| Ernesto Pacheco Dental Clinic, San Luis | 719-672-3502 |
| Guadalupe Health Center, Antonito | 719-376-5426 |
| La Jara Dental Clinic | 719-274-8948 |
| Mineral County Public Health, Creede | 719-658-2416 |
| Moffat Family Medical Center | 719-256-4025 |
| Monte Vista Medical Clinic | 719-852-8827 |
| Rio Grande County Public Health, Del Norte | 719-657-3352 |
| Rio Grande Medical Center, Monte Vista | 719-852-2512 |
| Saguache Public Health Department, Center | 719-754-2773 |
| Saguache Public Health Department, Saguache | 719-655-2533 |
| San Luis Health Center | 719-672-3352 |
| SLV Comprehensive Mental Health Center | 719-589-3671 |
| Sierra Blanca Medical Center, Alamosa | 719-589-3658 |
| South Fork Medical Clinic | 719-873-5494 |

Internet Sites of Interest

General Information & Community Information

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| Vacation | www.slvguide.com |
| Classified ads | http://slvjunction.com |
| Real Estate | www.mtnhomes.com |
| Intermountain West | www.sangres.com |
| Lodging | www.riograndecountry.com |
| Valley-wide information | www.urgedc.com |

Natural Resource Agencies & Their Partners

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| BLM, SLV Public Lands Center | www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/slvplc.html |
| Bureau of Rec., SLV Project | www.usbr.gov/history/sanluisv.html |
| Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve | www.nps.gov/grsa |
| Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust | www.riograndelandtrust.org |
| Rio Grande National Forest | www.fs.fed.us/r2/riogrande |
| San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges | www.fws.gov/alamosa |
| Friends of the San Luis Valley Wildlife Refuges | www.slvrefuges.org |
| SLV Ecosystem Council | www.slvvec.org |

Other Sites of Interest

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| Action 22 | www.action22.org |
| Creede Repertory Theater | www.creederep.org |
| Museums of the San Luis Valley | www.museumtrail.org |
| Nature Conservancy | www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/colorado/preserves/art535.html |
| Scenic & Historic Byways | http://coloradobyways.org/main.cfm |
| SLV Tourism Council | www.slvheritage.org |

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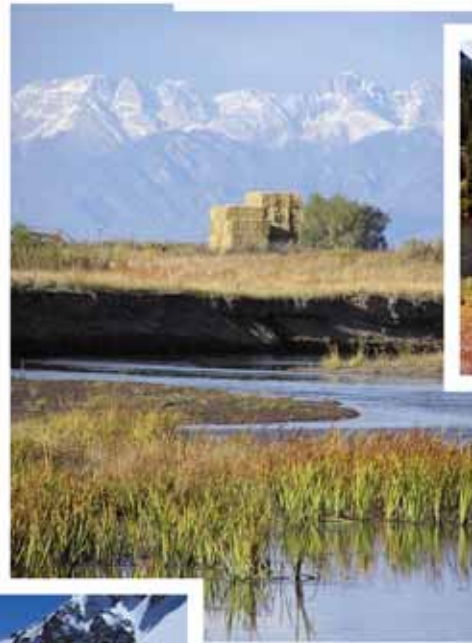
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