

DOLORES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN UPDATE FOR 2018

Project	Rank	Primary Partners	Funding Resources	Cost Estimate	Jobs	Outcomes & Impacts
<p>1. Agriculture:</p> <p>Create Agri-Business Opportunities in County</p> <p>a. Recruit agricultural product processing facility</p> <p>b. Recruit hemp processing facility</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores County Development Corporation (DCDC) • Dove Creek • Dolores County • CSU Extension • Dove Creek Chamber • The Community Voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DoLA • CSU Extension • Region 9 EDD • USDA • DCDC • Economic Development Administration (EDA) • The Rico Center • Office of Economic Development (OEDIT) • Colorado First grants- SW Co. Comm. College • Rural Jumpstart • Opportunity Zones 	Undetermined	Potential to increase ag jobs county above the 209 jobs counted in 2013 and 189 in 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill incubator site at Weber Business Park • Work with CSU Research Facility in Pleasant View on projects • Pursue partnerships with Montezuma County's SW Farm Fresh program • Workforce development training grants & other customized educational training programs • Support new jobs in County
<p>2. Agriculture:</p> <p>Find Location & Funding for Geothermal Community Greenhouse in Rico</p>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Rico • Department of Agriculture (USDA) • CSU Extension • Small Business Dev. Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA • The Rico Center • State & Federal grants & donations • SW Colorado Comm. College 	Undetermined	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create community garden with year-round production • Utilize available resource • Create community amenity to diversify the economy

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<p>3. Agriculture</p> <p>Develop Emergency Preparedness Evacuation Plan for Livestock</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSU Extension • Dolores County Dev. Corp. • Dolores County Area Ranchers • US Forest Service • Bureau of Land Mgt. • Colorado State Forest Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSU Extension • Office of Emergency Mgt • County • Forest Service • BLM • FEMA • Public Land Agencies • Colorado Disaster Preparedness • Landowners 	Undetermined	None expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop & implement emergency evacuation procedures for livestock in the event of a large-scale emergency such as wildfire • Identify locations to house livestock and identify owners • Identify emergency feed storage, pasture options and needed equipment such as fencing
<p>4. Business Development:</p> <p>Seek Development of Spa & Campground to Utilize Geothermal Resources</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rico Geothermal Committee • Colorado Energy Office (CEO) • Colorado School of Mines • San Miguel Power • Rico • Dolores County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 9 EDD • Private Investors • State & Federal grants • Utilities • Solar Research • USDA • Colorado Energy Office 	Undetermined	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand upon current research & recommendations to develop future geothermal projects in Rico • Rico to look at geothermal opportunities for a campground, & other resources to support infrastructure & economic needs of the Rico region • Identify additional geothermal strategies for Rico
<p>5. Business Development:</p> <p>Recruit Businesses to Dolores County including Weber Business Park</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores County Dev. Corp. • Dove Creek • Dolores County • Region 9 EDD • Dove Creek Chamber 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCDC • CSU Extension • Region 9 EDD • SBDC • OEDIT • Colorado First - SWCCC • Rural Jumpstart 	Undetermined	Increase number of manufacturing jobs above current 27 in 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create additional job opportunities in area • Recruit businesses to fill existing current buildings

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<p>6. Business Development & Expansion:</p> <p>Explore Feasibility & Demand for Solar, Wind & Biomass Business Opportunities in County</p>	M to H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual landowners Dolores County US Forest Service The Community Voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual landowners CEO USDA & other granting agencies 	Undetermined	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize available open space for potential new business opportunities Leverage efforts happening in neighboring Montezuma County Further investigation of wind generation studies in the Horse Range Mesa area per SJNF
<p>7. Business Expansion:</p> <p>Expand Wood Fiber Related Business Opportunities</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dolores Watershed Resilient Forest Collaborative USDA- Rural Development Bureau of Land Mgt. Dolores County Colorado State Forest Service Tribes Private timber businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State & Federal grants Colorado State Forest Service USDA Private businesses/ donors 	Undetermined	1-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wood products market study Leverage efforts from Montezuma County Utilize available open space to support potential new wood fiber related businesses

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<p>8. Education:</p> <p>Increase Funding to Maintain Safe Facilities, Equipment & Provide Quality Education Opportunities from Early Childhood through High School</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores County School District • Parents • Celebrating Healthy Communities Group • Rico • Dove Creek • The Community Voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School District • BEST grants • Private donations • State & Federal funding sources 	Undetermined	Not defined -- Retain qualified workforce in community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase school readiness • Identify & address school retention issues • Strengthen partnerships with businesses • Sustain & expand the Dove's Nest in Dove Creek • Upgrades to the Rico Elementary School Playground
<p>9. Health & Human Services:</p> <p>Provide & Sustain Medical, Dental & Behavioral Health Services in Dolores County</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dove Creek Health Clinic • Dolores County • Rico • Federal Health Service • The Community Voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal & State funds • Local support • Region 9 EDD • County • Clinic donations 	N/A	1 physician's asst. job	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustain Physician at Health Clinic • Increase access to pharmacy services • Increase access to specialists such as behavioral health • Provide telemedicine opportunities • Maintain dental care in Dove Creek
<p>10. Health & Human Services:</p> <p>Pursue Tele-health & Local Medical services for those with Mental Illness</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Axis Health • SW Memorial Hospital • Dolores County • Dove Creek • Rico • Dove Creek Health Clinic • The Community Voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State & Federal funding sources • County 	N/A	Increase mental health jobs in community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce strain on law enforcement for emergency transports • Build partnerships with mental health providers and Axis to serve those in crisis and needing follow-up • Provide training to handle mental health crises

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11. Health & Human Services: Provide Home Care & Medical Assistance Services in Rico	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dolores County Senior Services PASCO & Home Health providers VA Clinic—Grand Junction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Towns 	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide transportation to medical appointments for Rico residents Explore services for Seniors & and physically challenged
12. Historic Preservation: Preserve & Utilize Rico’s Historic Assets	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rico Historical Society State Historical Society Property owners Rico 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Historical Preservation Grants Federal Historical restoration grants Rico Historic Society funds Donations CDPHE/ARCO 	Undetermined	Increase the number of service jobs from 151 in 2014 with a multiplier of .16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair & remodel interior of Town Hall Courthouse Building (Phase III of remodel) Increased capacity of Historic Society to facilitate preservation projects Continue increasing the capacity of historic areas to receive historic designation & funding. Seek funding to repair & maintain Rico Cemetery
13. Land Use: Keep Gunnison Sage Grouse off Endangered Species List	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bureau of Land Mgt. San Miguel Gunnison Sage-grouse Working Group Monticello-Dove Creek Sage-grouse Working Group USDA Wildlife services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BLM NRCS Fish & Wildlife Service State & federal grants GoCo Conservation easements 	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase number of sage grouse per BLM Tres Rios Management Plan Balance need of animals with existing outdoor activities Be ready when 4D regulations completed Participate in Collaborative Action Plan (CAP) Improve habitat for Gunnison Sage Grouse Make land improvements (dikes) to trap and hold water

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<p>14. Park & Recreation: Develop Recreational Opportunities for Youth in Dove Creek & Rico</p>	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores County • Dove Creek • Dolores School Dist. • Rico • Rico Alpine Society • Rico Trails Alliance • The Community Voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rec. Dept. • Towns • County • DoLA • GoCO • Rico Center • Paradox - Telluride Foundation • CDOT • Forest Service 	Undetermined	1-10 Construction jobs to build projects 1 grooming & 1 rink maintenance job	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved/developed parks geared toward youth activities in Dove Creek & in Rico • Development of a skateboard half pipe in Rico • Construction of recreational ice rink within the Town of Rico • Maintenance of X country high alpine loop in Rico Area • Rehabilitate the Weber Park Baseball Field in Dove Creek & fields at Fairgrounds • Relocate pitching machine • Provide Rec Center facility as part of proposed Community Center • Expansion of Nordic Grooming operations of Rico's Nordic trails • Coordinate with CDOT to plow the Lizard Head parking lot in the winter for safety improvements
<p>15. Park & Recreation: Reopen Cabin & Ferris Campground at Bradfield Bridge & McPhee Dam</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores County • Montezuma County • Forest Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County trail maintenance • Forest Service 	Within existing budgets	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put in ADA porta potty • Provide weed control, moving and day use • Provides a wheelchair accessible trail to river • Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the USFS for management of Ferris Recreation site

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<p>16. Parks & Recreation: Establish a Recreation Center with Community Meeting Facilities in Dove Creek</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dove Creek • Chamber • Dolores County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GoCO • DoLA • USDA – Community facilities 	Undetermined based on facility & site	1-10 Construction jobs during project – Retain qualified workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded & renovated facility including a paved parking lot • New roof, windows, bathrooms & overall renovation • Participate in Collaborative Action Plan

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<p>17. Public Lands/Tourism:</p> <p>Develop Designated Trails Around Town of Rico, Dove Creek & Western Dolores County</p>	<p>Med</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Owners • Rico • Dolores County • Bureau of Land Mgmt. • Forest Service • Dolores County • Dove Creek • Dolores County Dev. Corp. • Dove Creek Chamber • Rico Trails Alliance • The Community Voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GoCO • Fishing is Fun • EPA sustainable community & wetland protection programs • Towns • DoLA • US Forest Service • BLM • Donations – including land • Land Use Code land dedication requirements • Rico Center • County • Bureau of Reclamation 	<p>\$4M with \$2M request from DoLA</p>	<p>Increase the number of service jobs from 151 in 2014 with the county multiplier being for everyone service job another 0.16 is created</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop additional jogging, bike & leisure paths that do not interfere with traffic & utilize the area’s natural resources • Irrigation contracts first • Protect native fish & incorporate Dolores River Dialogue, <i>A Way Forward & Lower Dolores River Working Group management recommendations</i>, for lower Dolores river flows • Look at trail connections into Nucla, San Miquel etc. • Promote potential winter recreational economy through popular Nordic trails • Aid in reducing satellite camping and pollution of river • Increase cooperation with USFA through travel management processes of non-motorized opportunities adjacent to Rico • Designate Wildcat Trail for non-motorized use • Future development of public access sites for fishing and water recreation around Rico • Explore ATV uses around Dove Creek

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18. Public Infrastructure: Revamp Water Delivery & Sanitation Systems in Dove Creek	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dove Creek Dolores County CSU Extension Office DoLA The Community Voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants Local funds County USDA DoLA Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) (Dolores Water Conservation Board) DWCB 	Undetermined	1-5 Construction jobs during plant expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue plans to expand solid waste transfer station Expanded services outside the Town of Dove Creek Support population & business growth and retain existing workforce
19. Public Infrastructure: Construct a Central Sewer System in Rico	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rico DoLA USDA- Rural Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants Local funds County USDA DoLA State Rural Water Fund 	\$100,000 for engineering report	Will create capacity for pop. growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A grant application to fund a preliminary engineering report submitted Complete Engineering Report for a central sewer system for Rico's Commercial Core Complete Soils test
20. Public Infrastructure: Water System Upgrade in Rico	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rico Colorado Water Conservation Board SW Water Conservancy District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rico CWCB SWCB Rocky Mt Health Foundation State & federal grants 	\$100,000	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A water system analysis to help Rico define & generate a water system upgrade plan Get Silver Creek infiltration gallery

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<p>21. Public Lands: Maintain Public Land Management Relationships within Dolores District</p>	<p>Med</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rico • US Forest Service • Bureau of Land Mgt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rico • Forest Service • BLM • County • DCDC 	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep positive relations with public land agencies • Active participation in current MOU with San Juan National Forest • Establish an additional MOU with the Dolores District office regarding all aspects of coordination including travel management on trails • Renew cooperative agreement (schedule A) with SJNF to continue to bring HUTF (Highway Users Tax Fund) funds to the county & easily enter into mutually beneficial road project agreements (5-year duration) • Participate in Tres Rios Field Office Travel Management Plan • Maintained participation in the Dolores Watershed Resilient Forest Collaborative

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<p>22. Public/Private Lands: Maintain Sustainability of Ponderosa Pine, Subalpine & Pinon Forest</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau of Land Mgt. • US Forest Service • Fire Protection Districts • Dolores County • Colorado State Forest Service • Firewise Colorado • Dolores Watershed Resilient Forest Collaborative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLM Tres Rios Field Office Resource Management Plan • National Fire Plan funds • Fire hazard mitigation contractors • USDA if private land • Southwest Conservation Corps • San Juan Citizens Alliance • Timber Industry • Montezuma County Federal Lands Program 	Unknown	1-10 Potential of forest resources jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve forest health • Control Pine Beetle infestation • Reduce risk to life & property & protect watershed/ community water supplies • Defensible space education resulting in defensible space created around residences • Reduce hazardous fuels by 1000 acres annually over next ten year in region • Management of invasive species
<p>23. Public/Private Lands: Expand Fire Mitigation Program</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firewise of SW Colorado • Colorado State Forest Service • Dolores County Office of Emergency Mgt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado State Forest Service • Firewise • NRCS • Fire Mitigation grant 	Unknown	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen public/private partnerships • Prevent & increase awareness of wildfire risk • Create & sustain timber jobs

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<p>24. Public Safety: Equip Emergency Operations Center in Dove Creek</p>	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores County • Dove Creek • Rico • Community of Dunton • Colorado State Forest Service • US Forest Service • Bureau of Land Mgt. • All Hazards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEMA • Homeland Security • Colorado Disaster Preparedness • US Forest Service • Colorado State Forest Service • Landowners 	Undetermined	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Emergency Operations Center in Public Service Center • Receive plan approval by FEMA & the State of Colorado • Reduce the risk to life & property loss from listed hazards in the county such as hazardous materials, gasoline, fire, avalanche, flood, school violence etc. • Streamline Emergency Management Communications and notifications with and in Rico
<p>25. Public Safety: Construct Fire Station in West Fork</p>	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores County • Rico Volunteer Fire • US Forest Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County owned land • US Forest Service • Dunton Hot Springs • Donations & grants 	Unknown	1 job	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide fire response services in Dunton, Lone Cone Subdivision & Disappointment year-round • Have engaged volunteers and equipment available • Legislation for under 4 acres in Fish Creek • Land conveyance completed

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<p>26. Telecommunications: Expand Broadband Fiber Optic Services to Businesses & Residents Throughout the County</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwest Colorado Council of Governments (SWCCOG) • Dove Creek • Dolores County • Dolores County Dev. Corp. • Dove Creek Chamber • Rico • CDOT • The Community Voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet providers • USDA • Private funding • DCDC • DoLA • CSU Extension Office • Century Link • Farmers • Office of Information Technology 	Undetermined	1-10 Construction & technicians positions during project completion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased service, capacity & redundancy throughout County • Attract telecommuters & grow the number of home-based businesses • Increase capacity for radio, cell, & wireless & high-speed service • Connect to Health Clinic, businesses & Dove Creek residents; Rico residents & businesses • Utilize high speed & fiber to increase accessibility to continuing education & adult education online coursework • SWCCOG applied for broadband planning to develop operations/IT plan to better Utilize SCAN Network—provide database of equipment • Existing conduit in Rico

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27. Tourism: Map Area Bike Routes & Recreational Trails	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dove Creek Chamber • Dolores County Dev. Corp. • Rico Trails Alliance • Dolores County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado Tourism Office • Community • DCDC 	Undetermined	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide another outdoor recreation opportunities • Attract bike riders & ATVs to County • Develop trail map & market “mini Grand Canyon” • Develop signage & parking that brings cyclists and ATVs to Dove Creek & Rico • Explore need for public restrooms in Dove Creek • Promotion of Spanish Trail & Trans America Trail • Utilize County mapping capacity
28. Tourism: Explore Recruitment of RV Park/Campgrounds near Dove Creek & Rico	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores County Dev. Corp. • Dove Creek Chamber • US Forest Service • Bureau of Land Mgt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 9 EDD • DCDC • SBDC 	Undetermined	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase visitor stays & exposure to area • Expand types of camping/RV opportunities • Provide additional sales tax possibilities • Keeps visitors in community

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<p>29. Tourism: Grow Dove Creek Chamber of Commerce</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dove Creek Chamber • The Community Voice • Dolores County Dev. Corp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCDC • OEDIT • Community Voice • Region 9 EDD • Local Businesses 	\$5,000 min annual budget	1 Chamber Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a visitor center in Dove Creek • Promotion of other outdoor recreation opportunities • Research ways to capture river runners and bike traffic • Create promotion of SW Adventure Corridor from Moab to Telluride and ways to capture bike and raft traffic going through the area • Provides visitors to Dove Creek and Cahone businesses • Coordinator for downtown beautification efforts

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<p>30. Transportation: Complete Priority Highway & Intersection Projects & Improve Area Roads</p>	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDOT • SW Regional Transportation Planning Commission • Dolores County • Rico • Dove Creek • SW Colorado Council of Govts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dove Creek • Rico • CDOT • State, federal & local funding 	Undetermined	1-10 Maintain CDOT jobs & construction jobs during projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide maintenance on transportation infrastructure surrounding Dove Creek • Eliminate restrictions for access to HWY 491 & advertising • Bridge Preventative maintenance projects by Dove Creek • Prioritize sidewalks on Hwy 491 & Main Street in Dove Creek by applying for Enhancement Funding • Improve stability & drainage to all streets within Rico town proper to mitigate the potential for further air pollution & lead contamination as part of global settlement with BP • Maintenance from Rico toward Lizard Head Pass (2016) • Double Chip seal SH 145 from West Folk towards Rico184

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31. Transportation: Expand Transit Network throughout Dolores County	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores County Senior Transportation • Roadrunner Transit • CDOT • Dolores County • Municipalities • SW Colorado Council of Govts. • Rico • San Miquel Authority for Regional Transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDOT • FHWA • SMART • County 	\$50K for existing public transit provider	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public transit service that serves the needs of the region • Strengthen partnerships with existing transit systems & providers to meet transit needs between communities • Participation in regional transit planning • Maintain current transit services • Expand home health services in Rico • Provide garage for vehicles • Maintain Rico Shuttle transportation 5 days a week to Telluride for commuters • Utilize Roadrunner transit route through Rico to Grand Junction & Durango • Develop phone app and website with applicable transportation routes
32. Transportation: Coordinate Highway Projects & Maintenance Activities with Dove Creek	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDOT • Dolores County • Dove Creek • Dove Creek Chamber • Dolores County Dev. Corp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDOT • Dove Creek 	N/A	Retain existing qualified workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved coordination & communication related to plowing & speed limits • Conduct informal speed study through Dove Creek • Encourage County participation in SW Transportation Planning Commission meetings

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33. Transportation: Research Improvements & Sources of Support for the Air Strip	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dolores County Community Voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private partners 	Undetermined	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide gas supply station & restrooms at the airstrip. Increase air strip usage & maintenance.

Approved this date of 050718

Dolores County Commission

Steve Fisher, Chairperson