

DOLORES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN 2015

Project	Rank	Primary Partners	Funding Resources	Cost Estimate	Jobs	Outcomes & Impacts
<p>1. Agriculture: Create Agri-Business Opportunities in Dove Creek & Rico</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dolores County Development Corporation (DCDC) Dove Creek Dolores County CSU Extension Department of Agriculture Rico 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DoLA CSU Extension Region 9 EDD Department of Agriculture Grants DCDC EDA & USDA The Rico Center 	Undetermined	Potential to increase ag jobs county above the 209 jobs counted in 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote incubator site at Weber Business Park. Find location and funding for community greenhouse in Rico, making use of Rico's unique geothermal opportunities. Work with CSU Research Facility in Pleasant View on projects.
<p>2. Business Development: Identify Geothermal Strategy for Rico</p>	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rico Geothermal Committee Colorado Energy Office (CEO) Colorado School of Mines San Miguel Power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Region 9 EDD Private Investors State & Federal grants Utilities Solar Research USDA CEO 	Undetermined	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop plan to be a foundation for future geothermal projects in Rico. Town of Rico's Geothermal Committee to look at geothermal opportunities, options and resources to support infrastructure and economic needs of the Rico region. Look into potential of a Spa & Lodge.
<p>3. Business Development: Recruit Businesses for Dove Creek Including Weber Business Park</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCDC Dove Creek Dolores County Region 9 EDD Chamber 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCDC CSU Extension Region 9 EDD SBDC Chamber 	Undetermined	Increase number of manufacturing jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create job opportunities in area. Develop more alternative energy businesses. Explore businesses for current buildings.

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<p>4. Business Retention & Expansion:</p> <p>Sustain and Grow Dolores County Development Corporation (DCDC) Micro-Loan program</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCDC • Region 9 EDD • Small Business Development Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 9 EDD's Business Loan Fund • DCDC • SBDC • Community Bank 	Maintain \$40K fund	Create or retain at least 5 jobs through Region 9 loans in county	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make available funds from \$500 to \$2,000 (or as appropriate) to individuals and small businesses.
<p>5. Business Development & Expansion:</p> <p>Explore Feasibility & Demand for Solar & Wind Business Opportunities in County</p>	M to H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual landowners • Dolores County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual landowners • Colorado Energy Office • USDA and other granting agencies 	Undetermined	Undetermined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize available open space for potential new business opportunities. • Leverage efforts happening in neighboring Montezuma County.
<p>6. 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 • Local governments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School District • BEST grants • Citizens • businesses 	Undetermined	Not defined -- Retain qualified workforce in community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore continuum of service from early childhood beyond high school. • Increase school readiness. • Identify & address school retention issues. • Strengthen partnerships with businesses.
<p>7. Health & Human Services:</p> <p>Provide Physician or Mid-Level, Dentist, Hygienist & Behavioral Health Services in Dolores County</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Clinic Board • Dolores County • Rico • Federal Health Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EZ Project designation • Federal funds • Local support • Region 9 EDD 	N/A	1 physician's asst. job	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure adequate providers to offer services. • Increase access to pharmacy services. • Increase access to specialists. • Medical services through internet. • Look to meet future space needs. • Maintain dental care.

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<p>8. Health & Human Services:</p> <p>Explore & Form West Fork Fire District</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dolores County Fire Dept. Dunton Hot Springs West Fork residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County – land Grants Volunteers USDA Private donations 	Special district funding	Undetermined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a critical service. Gain voter support to fund fire district.
<p>9. Historic Preservation:</p> <p>Preserve & Utilize Rico's Historic Assets</p>	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 with the county multiplier being for every one service job another 0.16 is created	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair and 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 and funding. Seek funding to repair and maintain Rico Cemetery.
<p>10. Land Use:</p> <p>Improve Habitat for Gunnison Sage Grouse when Conducting Resource Management Actions</p>	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BLM San Miguel Gunnison Sage-grouse Working Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BLM 	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 activities. Be ready if and when 4D regulations completed.

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<p>11. Park & Recreation: Develop Recreational Opportunities for Youth in Dove Creek & Rico</p>	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores County • Dove Creek • Dove Creek School Dist. • Rico • Rico Alpine Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rec. Dept. • Towns • County • DoLA • GoCO • Rico Center • Paradox funding initiative through the Telluride Foundation • Local youth 	Undetermined	1-10 Construction jobs to build projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved/developed parks geared toward youth activities. • Development of a skateboard half pipe. • Construction of recreational ice rink within the Town of Rico. • Maintenance of X country high alpine loop in Rico Area. • Provide Rec Center facility as part of proposed Community Center.
<p>12. Park & Recreation: Develop & Promote, Campgrounds, Rafting, Biking & Hiking Trail Systems in the Dove Creek Area</p>	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau of Land Mgmt. • Forest Service • Dolores County • Dove Creek • Trail committees • DCDC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dove Creek • County • Forest Service • DoLA • GoCO • BLM • Bureau of Reclamation 	\$4M with \$2 M request from DoLA	Increase the number of service jobs with the county multiplier being for every one service job another 0.16 is created	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop additional jogging, bike and leisure paths that do not interfere with traffic and utilize the natural resources the area has to offer. • Tri State Mountain Bike Tour being considered. • Irrigation contracts first. • Protect native fish and incorporate and institute Dolores River Dialogue, A Way Forward and Lower Dolores River Working Group management recommendations for lower Dolores river flows. • BLM Recreation Development Plan to manage of lower Dolores boating recreation. • Maintain mowing at Bradfield Campground

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<p>13. Public Lands: Develop Designated Trails Around Town of Rico</p>	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Owners • Rico • USFS Dolores District Office • Dolores County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GoCO • Fishing is Fun • EPA sustainable community & wetland protection programs • Town • DoLA • US Forest Service • BLM • Donations – including land • Land Use Code land dedication requirements • Rico Center 	Undetermined	Increase the number of service jobs with the county multiplier being for every one service job another .16 is created	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote potential winter recreational economy through popular Nordic trails. • Aid in reducing satellite camping and pollution of the river. • Monitoring utilization of trail and campground areas. • Increase cooperation with USFS through travel management processes of non-motorized, quiet use opportunities directly adjacent to the town limits of Rico. • Designate Wildcat Trail for non-motorized use. • Conduct Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Burnett Trail. • Future development of public access sites for fishing and water recreation within Rico.
<p>14. Public Infrastructure: Build a Multiservice Facility to include County Shop, Emergency Services, GIS & Community Meeting Room</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores County • Dolores County R & B • Dolores County GIS • Dolores County Emergency Services • CSU Extension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores County • DoLA • Dolores County Emergency Services • Dolores County GIS 	\$2 Million	Construction jobs during project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation of services. • Safer working environment for county employees. • County based public meeting area. • Plans submitted.

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<p>15. Public Infrastructure: Construct New Senior Center in Dove Creek</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dove Creek • Dolores County • Citizens • Area Agency on Aging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County • USDA Town • DoLA • School • DCDC 	Dependent on facility	1-10 Construction jobs and staff for facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available site of 5 acres NW of Dove Creek (old Road & Bridge building). • Provide seniors and community with a quality facility. • Continue to provide senior lunches. • Provide meeting space for community workshops and events. • Meet needs of growing senior population.
<p>16. Public Infrastructure: Revamp Sewer & Sanitation Systems in Dove Creek</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dove Creek • Dolores County • CSU Extension Office • DoLA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants • Local funds • County • USDA 	Undisclosed	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.
<p>17. Public Infrastructure: Upgrade or Relocate Community Center Facility in Dove Creek</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dove Creek • Chamber • Dolores County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GoCO • DoLA • 4CORE • USDA – Community facilities 	Undetermined based on facility and site.	1-10 Construction jobs during project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded and renovated facility including a paved parking lot. • New roof, windows, bathrooms and overall renovation. • Pursue including indoor recreation opportunities in facility.

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<p>18. Public Lands: Maintain Public Land Management Relationships within Dolores District</p>	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rico • US Forest Service/BLM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town • US Forest Service • BLM • County • DCDC 	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep ongoing relations and work with public lands offices. • 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. • Significant turnover of Public Land employees creating inconsistency to complete projects. • Dolores County meets monthly with management and has worked on everything from cattle permits to law enforcement.

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<p>19. Public/Private Lands: Maintain Sustainability of Ponderosa Pine and Pinon Forest</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLM • US Forest Service • Fire Protection Districts • Dolores County • Colorado State Forest Service 	<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 and property and 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.
<p>20. Public Safety: Complete Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan for County & Towns</p>	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores County • Towns • Community of Dunton • Colorado State Forest Service • US Forest Service • 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"> • Complete the Dolores County Pre-disaster plan. • Receive plan approval by FEMA & the State of Colorado. • Reduce the risk to life and property loss from listed hazards in the county such as fire, avalanche, flood, school violence etc.

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<p>21. Telecommunications: Expand Broadband Fiber Optic Services to Businesses & Residents</p>	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwest Colorado Council Of Governments (SWCCOG) • Dove Creek • Dolores County • DCDC 	<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 and technicians positions during project completion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased service, capacity and redundancy throughout County. • Attract telecommuters and grow the number of home based businesses. • Increase capacity for radio, cell, and wireless and high speed service. • Connect to Health Clinic, businesses and Dove Creek residents. • Utilize high speed and fiber to increase accessibility of continuing education and adult education classes' availability to online coursework for far reaching ends of the county. • SWCCOG applied for broadband planning to develop operations/IT plan to better Utilize SCAN Network—provide database of equipment.
<p>22. Tourism: Mapping of area Bike routes</p>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dove Creek Chamber • DCDC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado Tourism Office • Community • DCDC 	Undetermined	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide another outdoor recreation opportunity. • Attract bike riders to area. • Develop trail map and market "mini Grand Canyon". • Develop signage and parking that brings cyclists to Dove Creek. • Explore need for public restrooms in Dove creek.

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<p>23. Tourism:</p> <p>Explore Recruitment of RV Park/Campground by Dove Creek</p>	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCDC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 9 • DCDC • SBDC 	Undetermined	Undetermined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase visitor stays and exposure to area.
<p>24. Transportation:</p> <p>Complete Priority Highway & Intersection Projects & Improve Area Roads</p>	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDOT • SW Regional Transportation Planning Commission • Towns • Dolores County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dove Creek • CDOT • State, federal and local funding 	Undetermined	1-10 Maintain CDOT jobs and construction jobs during projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate restrictions for access to HWY 491 and advertising on HWY 491. • Bridge Preventative maintenance projects by Dove Creek. • Prioritize sidewalks on Hwy 491 and 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. • Paving from Rico toward Lizard Head Pass (2016). • Double Chip seal SH 145 from West Folk towards Rico184.

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25. Transportation: Expand Transportation Network throughout Dolores County	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dolores County Senior Transportation Regional Transit Providers CDOT Dolores County Municipalities SWCCOG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDOT FHWA 	\$50K for existing public transit provider	Create a full-time mobility manager position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A public transit service that adequately serves the needs of the region. A public transit system that addresses commuter population needs. Strengthen partnerships with existing transit systems & providers to meet transit needs between Communities. Participation in regional transit planning. Maintain current transit services. Provide garage for vehicles.

Approved this date of 7 December 2015

Dolores County Commission


 Julie Kibel, Chairperson