

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

TO: Dolores County Commissioners

FROM: Daniel Fernandez, Director
Dolores County Extension

DATE: February 2, 2009

SUBJECT: January Activity Report

Cross County Effort:

Significant work was conducted with the El Pomar Foundation and the Montezuma Land Conservancy this past month. We also dealt with a significant number of regional fruit tree questions. My weekly radio show on KSJD in Cortez continues with my Friday time slot.

The Fruit Tree Research and Demonstration Project is now preparing for our tree pruning workshop series which includes 2 in Utah and 2 in Colorado. We will begin preparing our pruning equipment in mid February. As stated earlier, we are anticipating a very busy season with fruit tree information and the planting of new trees.

The Economic Development Corporation's (DCDC) Dick and Adelene Weber Business Park tenant, San Juan BioEnergy (SJB), is still working on working the "bugs" out of the new plant. They actually reach 95% of capacity in mid January running 4 days a week. With their new grower services person on board our involvement will be reduced to one of support and information. Work on this past growing seasons' statistics is still in process and we hope to have a finished product by the end of February.

DCDC and the Town of Dove Creek have partnered to install two new signs at each end of Dove Creek. DCDC will now go to a wood sign on the East side of town as the rock sign we were originally quoted was "mis quoted" by \$1,100.00. The Town will still use the rock sign with installation still scheduled for this spring.

We continue initial work on 3 new projects; the funding and construction of a new Senior Citizens/Community Center in Dove Creek, Youth Build project involving grant funded youth apprenticeship and 8 home renovations in Dolores County and our National DCTV 4-H Evening News Broadcast.

We continue to get good reports on our new high-tech TV community calender system and we are using this "show and tell" format for selling of TV sponsorships.

Inquiries on Biodiesel by-product purchasing continues to be high but we are now shifting all the inquiries to San Juan BioEnergy staff.

Our 4-H program continues to prepare for the 2009 year. The DCTV 4-H Evening News Program is rolling along with excellent participation and the possibility of new national transmission capabilities as stated earlier. As we prepare for the national broadcast, we will provide regular updates on our progress.

Office visitors and phone contacts were very heavy for the month. Moisture for the month low .33 inches with normal being 1.35". For the year, we have had .33 inches which is 24% of normal.

CONTACTS

(ALL CONTACTS ARE LOGGED WITH
NAMES AND CONTACT PURPOSE)

PHONE	339
OFFICE VISITORS	211
AREA SITE VISITS	12
MEETINGS	12
MEETING PARTICIPANTS	287
WORKSHOPS	1
NEWSLETTERS/NEWSPAPER ARTICLES	12
SLIDE PRESENTATIONS & MISC.	0