

## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

**TO:** Dolores County Commissioners

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**DATE:** August 4, 2009

**SUBJECT:** July Activity Report

### Cross County Effort:

Regular meetings were held with the Montezuma Land Conservancy, San Juan Bioenergy and Montezuma Water – Quarterly meetings were held with the SBDC, Region 9 and the Council of Governments. We continue to deal with a significant number of regional weed and fruit tree questions on a daily basis. My weekly radio show on KSJD in Cortez continues. On a statewide basis, we are working with the Agri-Tourism group out of Cortez to put our Antique Tractor attraction on the statewide network.

The Fruit Tree Research and Demonstration Project is in basic maintenance mode. We still have an exceptional crop throughout the orchard and hope for cooperative weather – NO HAIL STORMS.

The Economic Development Corporation's (DCDC) Dick and Adelene Weber Business Park continues to move forward with the Antique Tractor and Farm Implement display. New signage is in place, weeds are controlled, we are working on tractor histories to be fixed to each tractor, and the Tractor Display is now on the Dolores County website. On the employment front, we are still #1 in the State for a 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive month at 14.6% unemployment. And it's about to get worse as our second largest convenience store closed, laying off 14 employees.

DCDC continues to monitor the local economic development situation in the County and is now working with a new group who is trying to re-establish the Dove Creek Chamber of Commerce. It appears that our 2 long term projects will not happen.

The funding effort for the construction of a new Senior Citizens/Community Center in Dove Creek has stopped. Also, the Youth Build project involving grant funded youth apprenticeship was denied by the Feds.

DCTV went digital in mid July and we spent almost 2 full weeks helping residents (mostly senior citizens) reposition antennas and programming their digital converters and tv's.

Our 4-H program is preparing for fair.

Office visitors and phone contacts were normal for the month. Moisture for the month was below normal at .47 inches with normal being 1.29". For the year, we are 49% of normal with 3.61 inches. The beans and sunflowers need rain in the next 2 weeks.

## **CONTACTS**

(ALL CONTACTS ARE LOGGED WITH  
NAMES AND CONTACT PURPOSE)

PHONE	341
OFFICE VISITORS	160
AREA SITE VISITS	40
MEETINGS	13
MEETING PARTICIPANTS	582
WORKSHOPS	1
NEWSLETTERS/NEWSPAPER ARTICLES	12
SLIDE PRESENTATIONS & MISC.	0