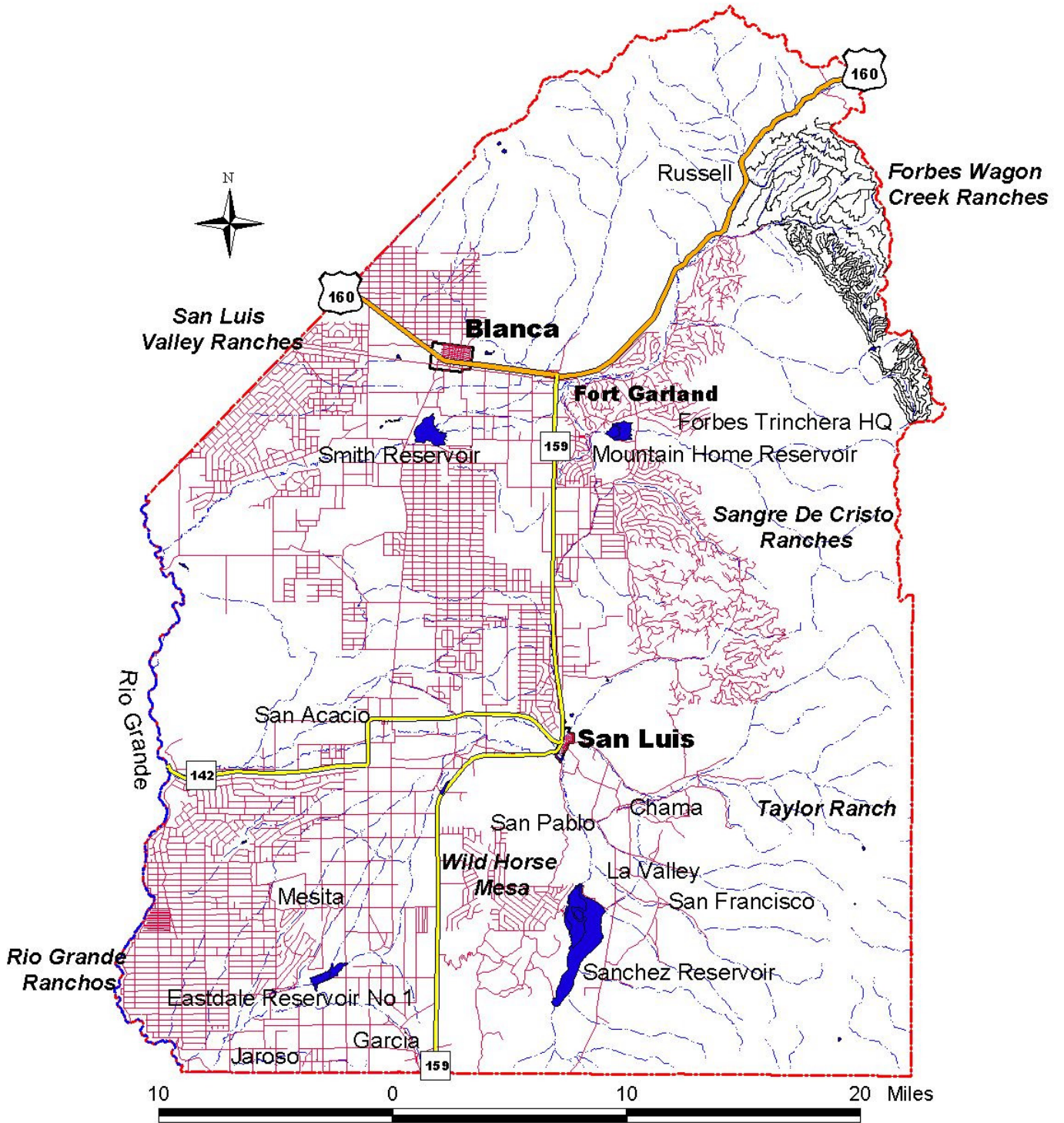


# Map 24

## Costilla County



Source: San Luis Valley GIS/GPS Authority.

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County Input on Goals and Objectives	Potential DRG assistance
<b>Agribusiness</b>	
<b>Goal: Create or retain higher paying jobs within the agribusiness sector by adding value and developing new products and markets.</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> Expand opportunities for value-added processing such as growing canola seed for bio-diesel.	<b>RLF</b>
<u>Strategy:</u> Implement all aspects of strategy as articulated in county RCAC Plan.	<b>GS</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Expand opportunities for new markets, niche markets, and new products.	<b>FS</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Identify opportunities for aquaculture, historic farming revival, and hydroponics.	<b>TA</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Revive Growers' Co-Op.	<b>GS</b>
<u>Strategy:</u> Implement all aspects of RCAC Plan.	<b>GS</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Continue to work through all means possible to get the Taylor Ranch into the ownership of the community.	<b>GS</b>
<b>Non-Ag Industry Sectors</b>	
<b>Goal: Create or retain higher paying jobs in the non-ag sectors by upgrading skills, applying new technologies, closing sales gaps, supporting new products and marketing methods, and replacing mine and sawmill closures with new industries.</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> Continue to explore bio-diesel initiatives.	<b>RLF</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Establish, support, and enhance cottage industries and cooperatives.	<b>TA</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Explore wind energy potential.	<b>GS</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Keep Hecla/Colorado Aggregate open.	<b>RLF, OA</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Support expansion of local healthcare services which creates jobs.	<b>RLF</b>
<b>Tourism</b>	
<b>Goal: Capture a greater share of tourism market potentials and jobs by identifying new markets, improving services and infrastructure, and enhancing tourist attractions and amenities.</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> Expand nature- and eco-based tourism opportunities and employment.	<b>DR, TA</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Identify and assist in the introduction of new types of tourism providing a new source of income and job benefits, such as the growing number of artists.	<b>DR, FS</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Capture more Northern New Mexico tourism and look at partnerships with Northern New Mexico communities (e.g. packages).	<b>TA</b>

## Costilla County (Continued)

County Input on Goals and Objectives	Potential DRG assistance
<b>Infrastructure</b>	
<b>Goal: Assist with physical infrastructure improvements to support economic and community development, improve system quality and capacity, and ensure that future needs are met.</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> Improve solid waste management	<b>OA</b>
<u>Strategy:</u> Secure grant to do feasibility study.	<b>TA</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Ensure that San Pablo wastewater treatment is completed.	<b>GS</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Determine if CDOT will take over "un-mandated" roads.	<b>TA</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Repair the San Luis cement span bridge and La Veta bridge.	<b>GS</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Improve telecommunications by ensuring cell phone coverage and fiber optic lines.	<b>GS</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Address potable water issues in the Town of Mesita.	<b>GS</b>
<b>Capacity Building and Communications</b>	
<b>Goal: Increase the capacity of local governments and county-based development groups to plan for desired futures, and improve the level of communications and cooperation among and between them.</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> Continue to implement the comprehensive plan developed through the RCAC process and secure monies/resources wherever possible for project implementation.	<b>GS</b>
<b>Community Services and Facilities</b>	
<b>Goal: Improve the quality of life and capacity of the Valley for future development by upgrading and expanding a wide range of community services, facilities, and amenities.</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> Address subdivision issues and encourage consolidation of existing lots through the Land Use Code (which was rewritten in 2002 and reviewed in 4/02).	<b>GS</b>
<b>Objective: Support efforts to improve availability of affordable housing for workers.</b>	<b>GS</b>
<u>Strategy:</u> Housing coalition.	<b>GS</b>
<u>Strategy:</u> Self-help programs for weatherization.	<b>GS</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Support efforts to preserve the county's historic and cultural heritage.	<b>TA</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Establish a Youth/Adult Recreation Center.	<b>GS</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Complete San Luis Streetscape projects.	<b>OA</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Complete Courthouse renovation.	<b>OA</b>

## Costilla County (Continued)

County Input on Goals and Objectives	Potential DRG assistance
<b>Natural Resources and Environment</b>	
<b>Goal: Protect and enhance environmental assets; assist conservation groups in maintaining the resource base; and support sustainable and environmentally sound management practices and use of natural resources.</b>	
<b>Objective:</b> Support sustainable levels of land use and natural resources, and the management practices needed to ensure their protection for current and future generations.	<b>GS</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Support measures to conserve water, prevent permanent loss due to over-appropriation, and protect against exportation.	<b>TA</b>
<b>Objective:</b> Continue to work on the Vega Project through survey work and determining a profitable way(s) to get cows off the Vega.	<b>GS</b>