

Summary Report for the UAACOG Buena Vista Office

For the April 16 2008 UAACOG Board Meeting
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Upper Arkansas Area Development Corporation (UAADC)

The UAADC has been busy marketing the program to targeted audiences at business resource seminars. On March 17 the UAADC was a presenter at a business seminar hosted by the Fremont Economic Development Corporation in downtown Canon City.

On March 28 the UAADC had an exhibit table and presented at the “Forest Products Industry” gathering organized by the Colorado State Forest Service held at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds in Poncha Springs. This is an ideal marketing opportunity because many of the other exhibitors are equipment suppliers and UAADC loans are most likely to help mom & pop forest harvest and processing businesses with working capital and new and used equipment purchases. On April 10 the UAADC will present at a business resource seminar hosted by the Salida Chamber of Commerce and the Chaffee / Lake SBDC at the Chaffee County Courthouse in Salida.

Upper Arkansas Enterprise Zone (UAEZ)

As the April 15 tax filing deadline approaches enterprise zone tax credit certifications are briskly being processed by the administrator. As a service policy, complete certifications are processed and mailed back the same day they are received: giving 2-day turn around since most mail takes one-day in transit each way in the Upper Arkansas area.

UAEZ program and tax credit information has also been presented at the business resource seminars noted in the UAADC narrative above. The UAEZ has provided sponsor grant funding for each business seminar advertising and refreshments expenses.

UAACOG Regional Water Quality

The UAACOG Board has considered of the “Outlying Wastewater Treatment Facility” policy for over 2-years. Research supporting the individual elements of the policy was performed with input from three water quality authorities / experts in the UAACOG Region. The policy provides specific direction to the UAACOG WQ staff and Board in its ongoing role as the “planning agency” wastewater treatment facility site application review and sign-off agency. If an outlying wastewater treatment policy is not adopted, individual site applications will be reviewed arbitrarily and subjectively by the UAACOG staff and Board: this is not a desirable outcome.