



Supporting Economic Recovery
in the San Juan Mountains



San Juan County / Silverton CO



old King Mine Spill

Endangered Species Critical Habitat for Colorado Pikeminnow, Razorback Sucker, Southwest Willow Flycatcher and Yellow-billed Cuckoo



The Good...

- Revitalized economic development group SJDA
- Developed a resiliency plan
- Diversified tourism shoulder season and winter economy
- Navigated long-term impacts of Super Fund site.
- Established community food bank
- Helped finalize Silverton Area Trails Plan
- Gaps in telecommunication infrastructure
- Started bi-monthly Stakeholders meeting of residents, businesses, agencies to encourage communication & collaboration
- Developed co-working space



Post Recovery Coordinator Hiring

The Bad, The Ugly

- Extreme drought, 416 wildfire and mudslides –blocked highway and D&SNGRR
- Historic avalanche cycle. Blocked highway and shut down high country well into summer of 2019.
- Didn't get to economic diversification outside tourism due to natural disasters etc.
- Downtown fire cut off community from cell, internet service. No redundancy.
- Did not renew Recovery Coordinator contract right in midst of COVID after 3 years.





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