

The Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado

Council of Governments (COG) of counties and municipalities in NW Colorado including:
Rio Blanco, Garfield, Mesa, Moffat and Routt

Associate members: Delta, Montrose and Grand

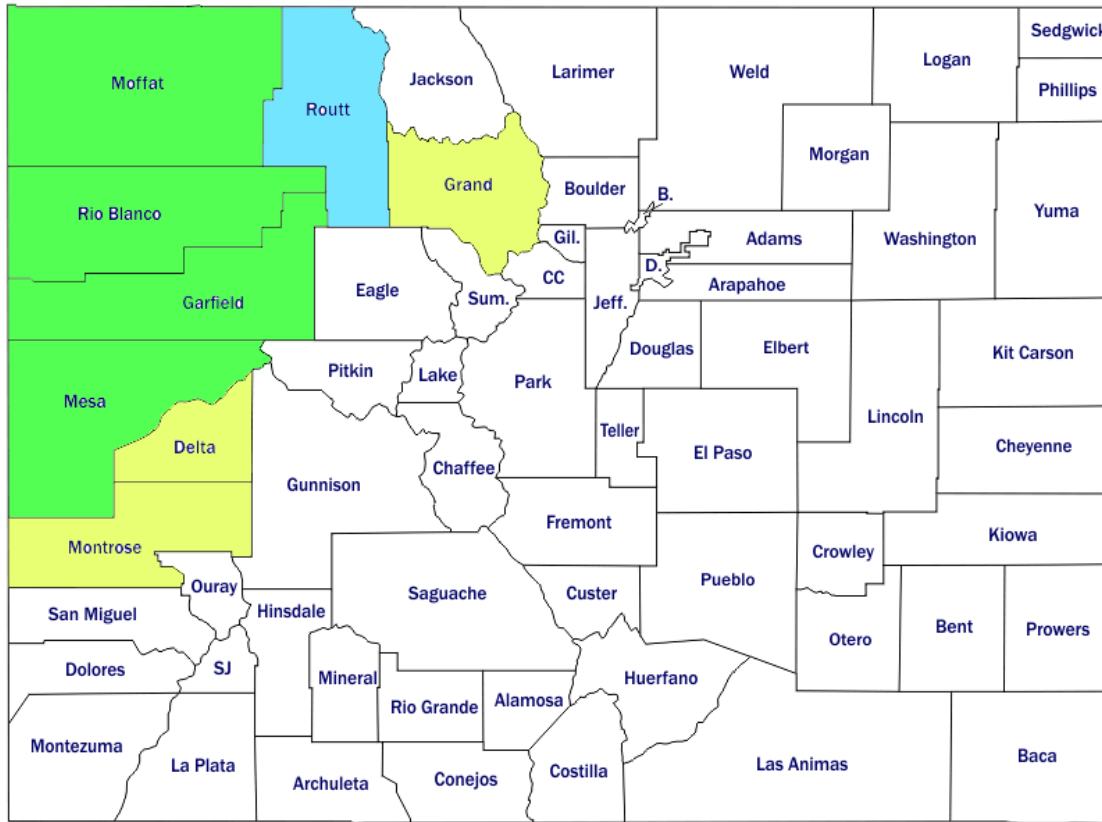


ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS

Executive Committee

- Bonnie Petersen, Executive Director
- Tiffany Pehl, Program Administrator

- Mike Samson - AGNC Chair, Garfield County Commissioner
- Chris Nichols - Vice-Chair, Craig City Council
- Keely Ellis - Treasurer, Rangely Trustee



- County and Municipal Members
- Associate County Members
- Municipal Members

- Population varies from Rio Blanco (6,384) to Mesa (154,210)
- Largely rural, some cases remote
- Up to 74% of land is Federal, not counting state public land or conservation easements
- Agriculture, Energy, Healthcare, Recreation and Tourism

Economic Development District (EDD)

- The counties included in the AGNC EDD are Garfield, Mesa, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt.
- Economic Development Administration (EDA), a division of the United States Department of Commerce.
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

They help lead the locally-based, regionally driven economic development planning process that leverages the involvement of the public, private and non-profit sectors to establish a strategic blueprint (i.e., an economic development roadmap) for regional collaboration.

Northwest Enterprise Zone

- The Enterprise Zone program was established by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) to provide tax credits to businesses that locate to and/or expand in designated economically distressed parts of the state.
- AGNC serves as the administrator for the Northwest Enterprise Zone, which includes Clear Creek, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt Counties.

Area Agency on the Aging

Region 11 Planning District

- Area Agencies on Aging are locally directed programs that provide a range of services and information to older adults and caregivers. AGNC serves as the administrative umbrella organization for the Northwest Area Agency on Aging, which helps provide for increased independence and dignity for the region's senior citizens by offering such services as:
 - Mobility Assistance and Transit Services
 - Nutrition Programs and Meal Assistance
 - Housing Assistance
 - Home Care
 - Support Groups and Counseling
 - Training for Caregivers
 - Respite Care
 - Information on other local and regional services available

What are our interests?

What topics to we engage in?

- Good governance – transparency, accountability
- Healthcare – affordability of insurance and access to care
- Agriculture – Ranching, Farming
- Natural Resources – Water and wildfire
- Energy – jobs and tax revenues
- Economic opportunities – diversification and sustainability
 - Rural Jumpstart, Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI), EZ, EDD
- Transportation funding
- Broadband investments
- Justice Reform
- ***Coal Transition***