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Amendment of Section 73.202(b), ) MB Docket No. 03-57  
Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations ) DA-03-627  
Ft. Collins, Westcliffe and Wheat Ridge, Colorado ) RM-10565  
 )  
TO: Chief, Audio Division

**COMMENTS AND COUNTERPROPOSAL OF MEADOWLARK GROUP, INC.**

Meadowlark Group, Inc. ("MGI), by its attorney, hereby respectfully submits its  
Comments and Counterproposal in this proceeding, as follows:

**I. Introduction:**

1. In this proceeding, Tsunami Communications, Inc. ("TCI"), seeks to downgrade  
the facilities of its station on Channel 227 at Ft. Collins, Colorado, KTCL from a Class C facility to  
a Class C0 facility, to reallocate the channel to Wheat Ridge, Colorado, a community located entirely  
within the Denver Urbanized Area, and to modify the license of Station KTCL to specify Wheat  
Ridge as the community of license. To accommodate these changes, TCI also proposes to substitute  
Channel 249A for vacant Channel 227A at Westcliffe, Colorado. TCI's proposal can be described,  
schematically, as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Ft. Collins, Colorado	227C, 300C1	300C1
Wheat Ridge, Colorado		227C0
Westcliffe, Colorado	227A	249A

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2. By these Comments and Counterproposal, MGI respectfully suggests a more preferential arrangement. MGI proposes that Channel 248C be allotted to the community of Creede, Colorado, as that community's first local aural broadcast service. This precludes TCI's proposal to allot Channel 249A to Westcliffe, Colorado. It also requires changes in the allotments at Lake City, Colorado, Poncha Springs, Colorado, and Raton, New Mexico, and assumes that the process of downgrading Station KRFX, Denver, Colorado, from Channel 278C to Channel 278C0 - a process already initiated in another docket - will go forward. MGI's Counterproposal may be described, schematically, as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Creede, Colorado		248C
Lake City, Colorado	247A	257A
Poncha Springs, Colorado	248A	277A
Raton, New Mexico	230C1, 243C2, 248C1	230C1, 243C2, 249C1
Denver, Colorado	278C	278C0

3. In allocating FM channels, the Commission's priorities are (1) first full-time aural service; (2) second full-time aural service; (3) first local service; and (4) other public interest matters (co-equal weight is given to priorities (2) and (3)). *Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures*, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1982). As we will demonstrate herein, MGI's Counterproposal satisfies all of priorities (1), (2) and (3). Therefore, it is to be preferred over TCI's proposal, which does nothing except to move a channel into the already overcrowded Denver market.

## **II. Creede, Colorado:**

4. Creede, Colorado, is an incorporated community of 377 persons<sup>1</sup>, located in the mountains, about 265 miles southwest of Denver. It is governed by a mayor and seven councilmen,

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<sup>1</sup> All populations are 2000 Census, unless otherwise noted.

and also has a city manager<sup>2</sup>. It is the County Seat of Mineral County (population: 831), and the County Courthouse is located there, together with other County offices.

5. Creede has a Chamber of Commerce, with its own web site: [http://www.creede.com/bus\\_dir.htm](http://www.creede.com/bus_dir.htm). Materials, downloaded from the web site, are presented in Exhibit A, attached. As those materials demonstrate, Creede has its own consolidated school system, as well as a preschool. Furthermore, Trinidad State Junior College has a campus at Creede.

6. There are seven churches in Creede. Clubs and organizations include the Elks, the Masons, the Creede Historical Society, a woodcarvers club, the Rio Grande Club, the Snow Country Explorers, and the Upper Rio Grande Nordic Club. There is a fire department and an ambulance service. Creede has a health center. Creede has an Arts Council and the City government has an Arts and Recreation Department. There is a Repertory Theater in Creede.

7. The community is self-contained, meaning that residents can buy almost anything that they need without leaving town. Thus, the community has seven clothing stores, two banks, five bookstores, two hardware stores and six stores that sell groceries. Creede has a medical doctor and a chiropractic office.

8. In short, Creede has all of the local institutions associated with a community having a need for a local broadcast station. Yet, Creede presently has no such station. Thus, the allotment of Channel 248C to Creede, as proposed by MGI, will satisfy priority number 3 in the Commission's allotment scheme.

**III. The Allotment of Channel 248C to Creede Also Serves the Commission's Highest Priority:**

9. While first local broadcast service is an important priority, it is not the highest

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<sup>2</sup> Source: Mineral County Sheriff's office, by telephone.

priority. The highest priority is to provide a first full time aural service to any areas lacking same. *Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures*, cited *supra*. As it happens, the proposed Creede allotment satisfies that highest priority as well.

10. Attached hereto and marked Exhibit E is a Technical Narrative, prepared by MGI's technical consultant, Frank McCoy. As the Narrative indicates, the proposed Creede station will serve a "white area" of 1,803 square kilometers which presently receives no aural service whatsoever. That area contains a population of 137 persons. It is delineated in Exhibits E9 and E9A.

**IV. This Counterproposal Satisfies All of the First Three Allocations Priorities:**

11. While TCI's proposal purports to satisfy only one of the Commission's allocations priorities (first local service), MGI's Counterproposal satisfies each and every one of the top three priorities. This is so because, in addition to the white area which will receive a first reception service from the Creede station, there is also a large gray area where only one reception service is currently available. That gray area is tabulated in Exhibits E15 and E16. It consists of an area of 4,716 square kilometers, containing a population of 2,285 persons. Even if there were no white area, the fact that MGI's Counterproposal would satisfy two of the priorities (albeit of equal weight), standing alone, would require the Counterproposal to be preferred over TCI's proposal, which satisfies only one.

**V. Allocations Considerations:**

**A. Channel Substitutions.**

12. This Counterproposal requires channel substitutions at Lake City, Colorado, Poncha Springs, Colorado, and possibly Raton, New Mexico. The Lake City and Poncha Springs allotments are vacant, so that no "show cause" orders are needed. The status of Channel 248 at

Raton, New Mexico, is cloudy. On August 31, 1998, the Commission granted an application by Joseph Rateau for a construction permit for a new Class C1 station to operate on that channel at Raton. Thereafter and apparently after the construction permit expired, Rateau filed a license application (BLH-20010831AAI), showing that he had built the station as a Class A facility. Still later, he filed what appears to be an application for a new station (File No. BPH-20011217AAI) to operate as a Class A facility. MGI believes that the Raton allotment is, for all practical purposes, vacant. If, however, the Commission for any reason believes that Mr. Rateau still has any rights, we request that an appropriate order be issued to him, requiring him to show cause why the channel should not be changed as required by this Counterproposal.

13. MGI expects to be the successful bidder for the Creede construction permit, but will reimburse the reasonable costs of the frequency change at Raton, New Mexico and elsewhere, as required by Commission policy. *Circleville, Ohio*, 8 FCC 2d 159 (1968). Alternatively, the FCC can require that the successful bidder make reimbursement. *Churchville and Luray, Virginia*, 5 FCC Rcd 1106 (1990), recon. denied, 6 FCC Rcd 1313 (1991), cited with approval in *Truckee, California*, 12 FCC Rcd 10218 (Alloc. Br. 1997).

#### **B. KRFX.**

14. This Counterproposal requires that Station KRFX, Channel 278C, Denver, Colorado, be reclassified to a Class C0 facility. Reclassification cannot be requested in a counterproposal. However, we have no need to make such request, since the Audio Division has already issued an Order to Show Cause, directed to Jacor Broadcasting of Colorado, Inc., and looking towards reclassification of Station KRFX as a Class C0. *Reclassification of License of Station KRFX, Denver, Colorado*, DA 03-585, released March 4, 2003.

15. Station KRFX is not, in fact, a true Class C station and has never been a true Class C station. It is one of the “Denver Cases”, in which the FCC staff waived the rule concerning calculation of height above average terrain (“HAAT”) to allow a licensee to exclude radials in certain directions, over the Rocky Mountains, so as to show a higher HAAT than would be the case if the normal eight radials were used. See, *Streamlining of Radio Technical Rules*, 15 FCC Rcd. 21,649 (2000), at pps. 21666-21667.

16. Frank McCoy has recalculated the heights above average terrain for all of the various “Denver Cases”, and the results are tabulated in Exhibit E14. As can be seen, while the waiver permits KRFX to claim a HAAT of 320 meters, its actual HAAT, calculated by the standard eight-radial method, is a mere 123 meters. In the language of the *Streamlining Report*, the staff must now “carefully consider” whether to extend the waiver. It should not do so. In the first place, KRFX has had this waiver for more than 30 years and has never managed to upgrade its facilities to full Class C status; granting yet another waiver merely frustrates meritorious proposals, such as the one advanced here.

17. Secondly, and perhaps even more importantly, KRFX cannot possibly achieve true Class C status at its present site. That site is located on Lookout Mountain, in Jefferson County. The zoning regulations in that county prevent the erection of the tall towers needed for a true Class C facility. The FCC doesn’t have to take our word for that. In a recent DTV proceeding, the Commission, itself, observed that none of the DTV stations on Lookout Mountain have been able to complete construction because of these regulations. *Requests for Further Extension of the Digital Construction Deadline*, 2003 WL 252588, FCC 03-02 (2003) at Paragraph 9. See also, *Second Periodic Review of the Commission’s Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital*

*Television*, 2003 WL 168409 at n. 12.

18. Without its waiver, KRFX has a HAAT of only 123 meters. Thus, it is really only a Class C1 facility. 47 C.F.R. Section 73.211.<sup>3</sup> If the FCC decides not to extend the Class C waiver, the licensee of KRFX would need still another waiver, just to maintain Class C0 status. There is really no good reason to issue such a waiver. Like the Class C waiver which KRFX has had for more than 30 years, the Class C0 waiver would merely serve to frustrate meritorious proposals such as the one advanced here without any corresponding benefit to the public.

19. We note with interest the reply to the "Order to Show Cause" in RM-10630. In its reply, Jacor Broadcasting of Colorado, Inc. ("Jacor") commits to construct Class C facilities and specifically references an already-filed minor modification application to do so. The application specifies a tower bearing Tower Registration No. 1033691. This tower is located in the Lookout Mountain tower farm. The top of this tower is at 2,265.2 meters elevation above mean sea level. This application, BPH-20030424AAO, falls well short of the required facility.

20. To achieve even minimal C0 elevation without a renewal of the height waiver (i.e., using the eight-radial method) requires that the center of radiation be at least 2,318 meters above mean sea level, some 53 meters higher than the very top of the registered tower. Actual Class C facilities would require another 150 meters beyond that! Jacor, while seeking a renewal of the waiver of the height requirements and extraordinary protection, has simply filed another C1 application. In Jacor's recent application, by the eight-radial method, the center of radiation is only 238 meters above average terrain.

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<sup>3</sup>A Class 0 station must have a minimum HAAT of at least 300 meters. 47 C.F.R. Section 73.211(a)(2).

21. In cases dealing with waivers of short spacings, a similar technical requirement placed on licensees, the FCC has repeatedly made it clear that a waiver will not be granted if a suitable site is available which is not short spaced. In *R&L Broadcasters*, 7 FCC Rcd 5551 (1992), the Commission remarked that:

“Under the spacings policies governing R & L’s application, if the actual short-spacing proposed exceeds 1.6 kilometers, the spacing deficiency is generally viewed as not de minimis and the applicant is required to make a ‘threshold showing’ with ‘concrete support, preferably documentary,’ that: (i) suitable fully-spaced sites were unavailable; and (ii) the proposed site was the least short-spaced of all suitable sites. *Townsend Broadcasting Corp.*, 62 FCC 2d 511, 512 (1976), see also *Kenter*, 62 RR 2d at 1577, n. 9.” 7 FCC Rcd 5551 at para. 8.

22. The Court of Appeals has upheld the Commission’s policies with respect to waivers of short spacings. In affirming an FCC ruling denying a waiver, the Court observed that:

“The FCC has consistently refused to waive the mileage separation rule unless no non-short-spaced sites are available. An applicant seeking a waiver must therefore make a threshold showing, using legitimate engineering evidence, that no properly spaced location is obtainable. The FCC was entirely justified in finding that North Texas had failed to demonstrate that no properly spaced site was available to serve both Lake Dallas and Denton. The record demonstrates that North Texas’ entire showing on the matter consisted of a flat assertion by its consulting engineer that the short-spacings were ‘unavoidable.’ No supporting engineering data were submitted. As this court has stated, ‘[t]he applicant for waiver must . . . adduce concrete support, preferably documentary.’ The North Texas showing was manifestly inadequate.” *North Texas Media, Inc. v. FCC*, 778 F.2d 28 (D.C. Cir. 1985) at p. 32. (Footnotes omitted.)

23. Here, there are sites available, e.g., Squaw Mountain, where KRFX could achieve full Class C facilities without requiring a height waiver (see the sites labeled Squaw Mountain and

Eldorado Mountain” on Exhibit E14). For that reason, standing alone, the waiver request should be denied, since KRFX has failed to demonstrate that a waiver is truly necessary. In any event, since the waiver is sought yet again, it should be considered on its merits in the context of this rule making and in the context of the Akron, Colorado, proceeding in RM-10630, since to renew the waiver is to deny those proposed services.

**C. Both the TCI Proposal and MGI Counterproposal Can Be Granted.**

24. Given the numerous public interest benefits flowing from a grant of this Counterproposal, the Commission may wish to consider whether both the TCI proposal and the MGI Counterproposal can be simultaneously granted. Actually, they can.

25. This is so because the license for Station KTCL can be modified to specify Wheat Ridge as the community of license, without changing the current KTCL transmitter site. This, in turn, is so because Station KTCL already serves 100% of Wheat Ridge with a 70 dBu city grade signal with its present facilities. See Exhibits E2 through E5. Thus, with a stroke of the pen, the FCC can make Station KTCL into a Wheat Ridge station. No technical changes are required.

**D. KTCL Site.**

26. The proposed KTCL site, like the KRFX site, is situated in Jefferson County, Colorado, but not on Lookout Mountain. As shown in Exhibit E1, the site is located in the Bear Creek Golf Club. Mr. McCoy has called the golf club and the club’s General Manager, Mark Byron, reports that to his knowledge no permission has been obtained to erect a tower at that location. Of course, at the application stage TCI could specify a different site. It appears, however, that the hypothetical site is entirely surrounded by residences and scenic preservation areas. Furthermore, any site suitable for C0 operation of KTCL would require at a minimum a 400 meter (1300 feet)

structure. However, the Jefferson County zoning regulations generally preclude structures above 70 feet in height and, in any event, require such taller structures to be some distance from and out of view of residential areas. Therefore, the burden is on TCI to demonstrate if it will be able to find a suitable site where the required antenna structure can be erected. KTCL and KRFX are commonly owned by Clear Channel. Hopefully the construction plans for KTCL as a C0 do not rely on hopes for yet another height waiver!

**VI. Conclusion:**

27. As shown, the Counterproposal satisfies the first, second and third allocations priorities, established by the Commission. The TCI proposal, at best, satisfies only the third priority. Therefore, the Counterproposal must be granted.

28. If the Counterproposal is granted and Channel 248C is allotted to Creede, Colorado, MGI will file an application for a construction permit for a new FM broadcast station at Creede, Colorado. If there are competing applications, MGI will bid for the channel at auction. If MGI is successful in obtaining a construction permit, MGI will construct the station and put it on the air in the public interest.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that MGI's Counterproposal be granted in its entirety.

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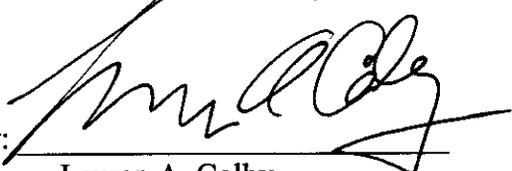
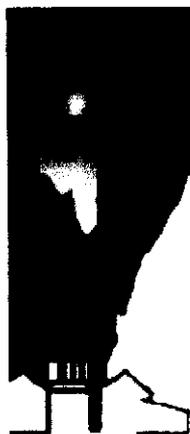
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EXHIBIT A



# Welcome to Creede & Mineral County Colorado



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Following is a listing of all Mineral County and member businesses by category. Businesses marked with ★ are Sponsor and Supporter members of the Creede/Mineral County Chamber of Commerce (Sponsor and Supporter member web addresses are linked). Businesses marked with ★ are General members (General member web addresses are listed).

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**Airports**

Mineral County Airport (719-658-9962)

**Animal Care**

Creede Animal Clinic  
Anne Butler Personalized Pet Services

**Antiques**

★ Rare Things  
★ The Rose of Creede  
★ Wild Thistle Décor and Design

**Appliances**

★ Monte Vista Co-op

**Automotive**

**Gasoline/Fuel:**

Freemon's General Store  
★ Lake City Auto & Sports  
★ Monte Vista Co-op  
★ Tomkins Gifts & Gas  
★ Wolf Creek Ranch Ski Lodge

**Rentals/Sales/Services:**

★ CDSI Auto & Tire  
★ Continental Divide Services, Inc.  
★ Cottonwood Cove Lodge  
Creede Carwash  
★ John Roberts Motor Works Company  
★ Lake City Auto & Sports  
Miners Creek Towing  
★ Monte Vista Co-op

**Banks**

★ Community Banks of the Rockies  
★ First National Bank of Creede

**Beauty Products/Services**

★ Amethyst Emporium  
★ Indigo Bodyworks  
Jane's Beauty Quest  
★ Thressia's Beauty Salon (see Blue Creek Lodge)

**Books**

★ Amethyst Emporium  
★ Kentucky Belle Market  
★ Ramble House  
★ San Juan Sports  
★ Tomkins Gifts & Gas

**Business Services**

★ Blair Street Productions  
cyber.stop  
★ Debbie Whitmore Computer & Consulting Service

★ Wagnon Webscapes

**Campgrounds**

See [RV Parks & Rio Grande National Forest](#)

**Child Care**

★ Creede Child Care Center

Creede Pre-School

**Churches**

Church of Christ

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Creede Baptist Church

★ Creede Community Church

Creede Lutheran Church

Immaculate Conception Catholic Mission

St. Augustine Episcopal Church

See [Churches and Houses of Worship](#) for detailed information.

**Clothing**

★ Amethyst Emporium

★ The Bunkhouse

★ Creede Shirt Company

★ The Holy Moses

★ Monte Vista Co-op

★ Ramble House

★ San Juan Sports

**Clubs/Lodges**

Creede Elks Lodge

★ Creede Historical Society

Creede Masonic Lodge

★ Creede Woodcarvers Rendezvous Colorado

★ Rio Grande Club

★ Snow Country Explorers

★ Upper Rio Grande Nordic Club

**Communications**

★ Amigo.Net

★ Blair Street Productions

★ Blanca Telephone Company

★ CenturyTel

cyber.stop

**Computer & Marketing Services**

★ Blair Street Productions

★ Debbie Whitmore Computer & Consulting Service

★ Gilmer Design

Shawnodese Studio

★ Wagnon Webscapes

### **Contractors/Construction**

#### **Builders:**

- ★ Double D Log & Custom Homes  
High Country Cabinets and Cabins  
Jones Construction
- ★ New Horizons Construction
- ★ RW Contracting

#### **Building Services/Supplies:**

- Jim's Landscaping and Backhoe  
Kolisch Lumber
- ★ Monte Vista Co-op  
Rocky Mountain High Painting
- ★ Tomkins True Value Hardware

#### **Developers:**

- ★ Navajo Development, Inc.

#### **Electricians:**

- Creede Electric Company  
Longridge Electric, Inc.

### **Dining**

- ★ 4UR Ranch
- ★ Antlers Rio Grande Lodge & Riverside Restaurant  
The Bear's Den  
The Best Little Doghouse in Creede
- ★ Blue Creek Lodge
- ★ The Bristol Inn Gallery
- ★ Café Olé
- ★ Cottonwood Cove Lodge
- ★ Creede Smokehouse BBQ
- ★ Creede Hotel & Restaurant  
Freemon's General Store
- ★ Journeys
- ★ Kip's Grill
- ★ Mac's Old Mine
- ★ The Old Firehouse Bakery & Ice Cream Parlor  
pan y vino
- ★ Tommyknocker Tavern
- ★ Willow Creek Chuckwagon (see Tom Payne Outfitting)
- Wolf Creek Ski Area

### **Emergency Services**

- Creede Fire Dept/Ambulance (719-658-2211)
- Creede Health Center (719-658-2416)
- Mineral County Sheriff (719-658-2600)

### **Entertainment/TV**

- ★ Creede Arts Council  
Creede Arts & Recreation Department
- ★ The Creede Repertory Theatre
- ★ Monte Vista Co-op

#### **Equipment Rentals**

- ★ Cottonwood Cove Lodge
- ★ Continental Divide Services, Inc.
- ★ Dan's Fly Shop
- ★ Lake City Auto & Sports
- ★ Mountain Man Tours
- ★ Ramble House
- ★ Rio Grande Angler
- ★ San Juan Sports

#### **Fishing**

- ★ 4UR Ranch
- ★ Antlers Rio Grande Lodge & Riverside Restaurant
- ★ Broadacres Ranch
- ★ Cottonwood Cove Lodge
- ★ Dan's Fly Shop
- Freemon's Guest Ranch
- ★ Little Squaw Resort
- ★ Lost Trail Ranch
- Moon Valley Campground
- ★ Mountain Man Tours
- ★ RC Guest Ranch
- ★ San Juan Ranch
- ★ Soward Ranch
- ★ Wason Ranch
- ★ Wolf Creek Ranch Ski Lodge

#### **Flowers**

- ★ The Rose of Creede
- ★ Wild Thistle Décor and Design

#### **Galleries**

- ★ Abbey Lane Gallery
- ★ Artspaces by Angela
- ★ The Bristol Inn Gallery
- Picture This
- ★ Lovering's
- Mines & Memories General Store
- Picture This
- ★ Quiller Gallery
- ★ Rare Things
- ★ The Rose of Creede
- Shawnodese Studio
- ★ Shepperd Woodworks

#### **Gasoline/Fuel**

See [Automotive](#)

#### **Gift & Specialty Shops**

- ★ 4UR Ranch

- ★ Abbey Lane Gallery
- ★ Amethyst Emporium
- ★ Antlers Rio Grande Lodge & Riverside Restaurant
- ★ Artspaces by Angela
- ★ Blue Creek Lodge
- ★ Bob Ford Mall
- ★ The Bristol Inn Gallery
- ★ The Bunkhouse
- ★ Cottonwood Cove Lodge
- ★ Creede Country Club
- ★ The Creede Repertory Theatre
- ★ Creede Shirt Company
- Creede Trading Post
- Elk Country
- Freemon's General Store
- ★ Goodnight's Lonesome Dove Campground & Cabins
- ★ The Holy Moses
- ★ Indigo Bodyworks
- ★ Journeys
- Knowlton's Knest
- ★ Lovering's
- Mines & Memories General Store
- ★ Ramble House
- ★ Rare Things
- ★ The Rose of Creede
- San Juan Sports
- ★ Shepperd Woodworks
- ★ Tomkins Gifts & Gas
- ★ Tomkins True Value Hardware
- ★ Underground Mining Museum
- Wetherill Brothers Trading Post
- ★ Wild Thistle Décor and Design
- ★ Wolf Creek Ranch Ski Lodge

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#### **Golf**

- ★ Rio Grande Club

#### **Government**

- ★ Board of Mineral County Commissioners (719-658-2331)
- City of Creede (719-658-2276)
- Creede Arts & Recreation (719-658-2276)
- Creede Fire Dept/Ambulance (719-658-2211)
- Creede Post Office (719-658-2615)
- Combined Court (719-658-2575)
- County Administrator (719-658-2331)
- County Assessor (719-658-2669)
- County Clerk (719-658-2440)
- County Shop (719-658-2329)
- County Treasurer (719-658-2325)

Health Center (719-658-2416)  
Land Use Office (719-658-2360)  
Ranger Station (719-658-2556)  
Regional Library (719-658-2313)  
Sheriff (719-658-2600)

#### **Graphics/Publications**

★ B&B Printers  
★ Creede Magazine  
★ Debbie Whitmore Computer & Consulting Service  
★ Gilmer Design  
★ Mineral County Miner  
★ O&V Printing  
Shawnodese Studio  
★ Wagnon Webscapes

#### **Groceries/Sundries**

Freemon's General Store  
★ Goodnight's Lonesome Dove Campground & Cabins  
★ Kentucky Belle Market  
★ Lake City Auto & Sports  
★ Tomkins Gifts & Gas  
★ Wolf Creek Ranch Ski Lodge

#### **Hardware Stores**

★ Monte Vista Co-op  
★ Tomkins True Value Hardware

#### **Health & Human Services**

★ The Chiropractic Office  
Jennifer Harbert, M.D.  
★ Indigo Bodyworks  
Mineral County Health Center(719-658-2416)  
Rio Grande County Hospital (719-657-2510)  
Turning Aspen Massage

#### **Hiking/Backpacking**

★ Lost Trail Ranch  
★ San Juan Ranch

See also [Outfitters & Guides](#) and [Sports/Sporting Goods](#)

#### **Home Furnishings**

★ The Bunkhouse  
High Country Cabinets and Cabins  
★ Monte Vista Co-op  
★ Rare Things  
★ Shepperd Woodworks  
★ Tomkins True Value Hardware  
★ Wild Thistle Décor and Design

### Home Services

Commodore Cabin Care  
Creede Property Management  
Deep Creek Carpet Cleaners  
Rocky Mountain High Enterprises  
San Juan Window Cleaning

### Horses/Horseback Riding

★ 4UR Ranch  
★ Antlers Rio Grande Lodge  
★ Bristol Mountain Morgans  
(see The Bristol Inn Gallery)  
★ Cottonwood Cove Lodge  
★ Equine Sports Massage Therapy (see Gilmer Design)  
Freemon's Guest Ranch  
★ Lost Trail Ranch  
Moon Valley Campground  
★ RC Guest Ranch  
★ Wolf Creek Ranch Ski Lodge

### Hunting

Freemon's Guest Ranch  
Jake's Rio Grande Outfitting Service  
Moon Valley Campground  
★ RC Guest Ranch  
★ San Juan Ranch  
★ Tom Payne Outfitting  
★ Wason Ranch

See also [Outfitters & Guides](#)

### Insurance

★ Deacon's Insurance Agency

### Laundromat

Creede Laundromat (see Miner's Creek Enterprises)

### Lodging

★ 4UR Ranch  
★ Amethyst Inn  
★ Antlers Rio Grande Lodge & Riverside Restaurant  
★ Blessings Inn B & B  
★ Blue Creek Lodge  
● Broadacres Ranch  
★ Broken Arrow Ranch & Land Company  
★ Bruce Spruce Ranch  
★ Bruces' Snowshoe Lodge and B & B  
★ The Club at the Cliffs  
★ Continental Divide Services, Inc.  
★ Cottonwood Cove Lodge  
★ Creede Hotel & Restaurant

- Creedmoor Inn B & B
- Freemon's Guest Ranch
- Gold Dust Ranch and B & B
- ★ Goodnight's Lonesome Dove Campground & Cabins
- ★ Little Squaw Resort
- ★ Lost Trail Ranch
- ★ Mountain Views at RiversEdge RV Resort
- ★ The Old Firehouse B&B
- ★ RC Guest Ranch
- ★ San Juan Ranch
- ★ San Juan Snow Treks Ski Huts
- ★ Soward Ranch
- ★ Thirty Mile Resort
- ★ Wason Ranch
- ★ Wolf Creek Ranch Ski Lodge

#### **Lumber**

- Kolisch Lumber
- ★ Tomkins True Value Hardware

#### **Mountain Biking**

- ★ Mountain Man Tours

#### **Museums**

- Creede Historical Museum
- ★ Underground Mining Museum

#### **Outfitters & Guides**

- ★ Broadacres Ranch
- ★ Circle Divide Outfitters (see RC Guest Ranch)
- ★ Continental Divide Services, Inc.
- ★ Cottonwood Cove Lodge
- ★ Creede Guide & Outfitters (see Ramble House)
- ★ Dan's Fly Shop
- ★ Lake City Auto & Sports
- Moon Valley Wilderness Outfitters  
(see Moon Valley Campground)
- ★ Mountain Man Tours
- ★ Rio Grande Angler
- ★ San Juan Snowcat
- ★ San Juan Sports
- ★ Tom Payne Outfitting
- ★ Trail Skills, Inc. (see Lost Trail Ranch)
- ★ Wason Ranch

#### **Printers/Publications**

- ★ B&B Printers
- ★ Creede Magazine
- ★ Mineral County Miner
- ★ O&V Printing

### **Rafting**

- ★ Cottonwood Cove Lodge
- ★ Mountain Man Tours

### **Realtors**

- ★ Broken Arrow Ranch & Land Company  
Creede Realty
- ★ Hall Realty
- ★ Rincon Real Estate
- ★ United Country Premier Brokers
- ★ Willow Creek Realty & Investments

### **Rentals**

4WD, snowmobiles, rafting, outdoor & recreational gear.  
See [Equipment Rentals](#)

### **Rocks & Minerals**

- ★ Lovering's
- ★ Rare Things
- ★ Underground Mining Museum

### **RV Parks & Campgrounds in Mineral County**

#### **RV Parks:**

- ★ Antlers Rio Grande Lodge & Riverside Restaurant
- ★ Blue Creek Lodge
- ★ Broken Arrow Ranch & Land Company
- ★ Bruce Spruce Ranch
- ★ Continental Divide Services, Inc.
- ★ Cottonwood Cove Lodge
- ★ Goodnight's Lonesome Dove Campground & Cabins  
Moon Valley Campground
- ★ Mountain Views at RiversEdge RV Resort

#### **Campgrounds (Public):**

The following campgrounds are operated by the Rio Grande and San Juan National Forests. Most are fee areas. For more information, contact the Creede Ranger Office at 719-658-2556. Some may require reservations; call 877-444-CAMP or visit [www.reserveusa.com](http://www.reserveusa.com). Please consult a US Forest Service map for precise locations. *Unless otherwise indicated, directions are from Creede. See also [Rio Grande National Forest](#) for public campgrounds.*

**Bristol Head:** W on SR 149 between North Clear Creek and South Clear Creek campgrounds.

**Big Meadows:** W from South Fork on US 160, then 1½ miles W of US 160 on FR 410.

**Ivy Creek:** W 16 miles on SR 149 and Forest Service roads.

**Lost Trail:** W 38 miles, above Rio Grande Reservoir.

**Marshall Park:** W 7 miles, at Seven Mile Bridge.

**North Clear Creek:** W on SR 149, then 1½ miles off SR 149 on North Clear Creek Road.

**Palisade:** SE 13 miles on SR 149 on Rio Grande.

**Park Creek:** W from South Fork on US 160, ¼ mile west of Park Creek Road intersection.

**River Hill:** W, between Road Canyon and Rio Grande Reservoirs.  
**Rito Hondo:** W 30 miles on SR 149 near North Clear Creek Falls.  
**Road Canyon:** W on SR 149, then 6 miles on Rio Grande Reservoir Road.  
**Silver Thread:** W on SR 149, about mid way to Lake City.  
**Thirty Mile:** W on SR 149, then about 13 miles on Rio Grande Reservoir Road.  
**Tucker Ponds:** W from South Fork on US 160, then 2½ miles on FR 149.  
**West Fork:** E from Pagosa Springs on US 160, 1 mile W on FR 648.  
**Wolf Creek:** E from Pagosa Springs on US 160, ¼ mile W on FR 648.

#### **Schools**

Creede Consolidated Schools (719-658-2220)  
Creede Preschool (719-658-2022)  
★ Trinidad State Jr College-San Luis Valley Campus

#### **Spirits/Taverns**

The Bear's Den  
★ Beaver Liquors & Spirits  
★ Mac's Old Mine  
pan y vino  
★ Tommyknocker Tavern

#### **Sports/Sporting Goods**

★ Dan's Fly Shop  
★ Ramble House  
★ Rio Grande Angler  
★ Rio Grande Club  
★ San Juan Sports

(Some grocery and specialty shops also carry basic fishing and sport supplies.)

#### **Storage**

★ Bear Paw Self-Storage

#### **Utilities**

All Star Gas  
★ CenturyTel  
★ Monte Vista Co-op  
★ San Luis Valley Rural Electric Co-op  
(719-852-3538/800-332-7634)

#### **Waste Management**

Mineral County Landfill (M, TH, SAT 10-4)  
★ Muley's Disposal Service

#### **Water Resources Management**

San Luis Valley Irrigation District Rio Grande Reservoir  
(719-658-2245)  
Santa Maria Reservoir Engineers Cabin (719-658-2298)

#### **Winter Sports**

- ★ Continental Divide Services Snowmobiles
- ★ Lake City Auto & Sports
- ★ Lost Trail Ranch
- ★ San Juan Snowcat
- ★ San Juan Snow Treks Ski Huts
- ★ San Juan Snowcat
- ★ San Juan Sports
- ★ Snow Country Explorers
- ★ Upper Rio Grande Nordic Club
- Wolf Creek Ski Area

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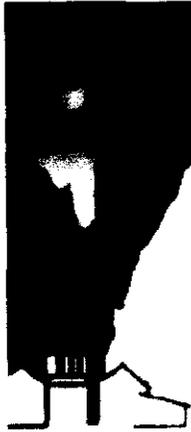
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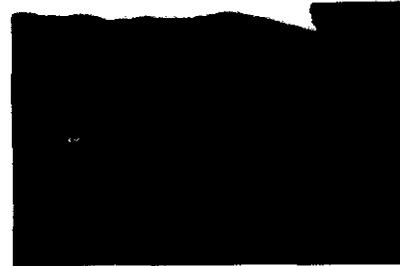
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The Creede area provides a variety of services to help make your stay more comfortable. Browse the list of services which includes everything from groceries and fuel to banking and real estate.



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- ★ Sponsors and Supporters (web addresses linked)
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## Animal Services

**Annie Butler Personalized Pet Service**  
 All Year by arrangement  
 P. O. Box 815, Creede, CO 81130  
[annefaith7butler@hotmail.com](mailto:annefaith7butler@hotmail.com)  
**Pets**

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## Creede Animal Clinic

All Year  
 84323 W. Hwy 149, PO Box 302, Creede, CO 81130  
 719-658-2614 ~ FAX: 719-658-0614  
[jhoward@amigo.net](mailto:jhoward@amigo.net)  
**Veterinarian/Animal Clinic**

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## Automotive

### ★ CDSI Auto & Tire

All Year (8 AM-5 PM, M-F)  
3 miles W of Creede on Hwy 149  
PO Box 553, Creede, CO 81130  
719-658-2682 ~ FAX: 509-275-4979  
[continentaldive@hotmail.com](mailto:continentaldive@hotmail.com) ~ [www.creedelodging.com](http://www.creedelodging.com)  
**Mechanic/Auto Rental/Tires:** Full-time mechanic on site. Minor & major repairs. Cooper Tire dealership. Flats repaired. Auto rentals available.

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### Freemon's Guest Ranch & General Store

Seasonal (May to mid-Nov; 8 AM-6:30 PM, store)  
18 miles SW of Creede, CO 81130, on Hwy 149  
719-658-2454 (Ranch) ~ 719-658-2954 (Store)  
[credestarr@aol.com](mailto:credestarr@aol.com)  
**Guest Ranch/Convenience Store/Café**

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### ★ John Roberts Motor Works Company

All Year (Service & Parts: 7:30-5:30, M-F;  
Sales & Office: 8-6 M-F & 8-2, Sat)  
231 West Tomichi, Gunnison, CO 81230  
970-641-0920 ~ FAX: 970-641-6368  
**Automotive Sales/Services:** Competent—Competitive—Congenial. Our factory trained technicians provide service and genuine GM parts to keep you and your vehicle on the road.

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### ★ Lake City Auto & Sports

All year (8 AM-6 PM, Daily)  
809 N Hwy 149, Lake City, CO 81235  
970-944-2311 ~ FAX: 970-944-2813  
[lakecityauto@lakecity.net](mailto:lakecityauto@lakecity.net) ~ [www.lakecityauto.com](http://www.lakecityauto.com)  
**Sports/Rentals/Convenience Store:** Jeep & snowmobile rentals; ATV & snowmobile sales, parts & repairs; snowmobile tours; groceries/supplies.

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### Miner's Creek Enterprises

All Year  
501 E. 5th St, PO Box 100, Creede, CO 81130  
719-658-0908 ~ FAX: 719-658-0218  
**Laundromat/Car Wash/Auto Towing**

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### ★ Monte Vista Co-op

All Year (7:30 AM-5:30 PM, M-F, 7:30-Noon on Sat, Mar-Nov;  
7:30-5, M-F; 7:30-Noon, Dec-Feb)  
1901 E. Hwy 160, PO Box 111, Monte Vista, CO 81144

719-852-5181 ~ FAX: 719-852-3418  
[mvcoop@mvcoop.com](mailto:mvcoop@mvcoop.com) ~ [www.mvcoop.com](http://www.mvcoop.com)

**Retail/Convenience Store/Automotive:** Your full-service Monte Vista Co-op serves you. You don't have to be a member to shop here. Hardware, paint, tires, batteries, clothing, tack, livestock equipment, trailers, & auto service.

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★ **Tomkins Gifts & Gas**

All Year (7 AM-6 PM, Daily)  
Corner of Hwy 149 & La Garita Ave  
PO Box 129, Creede, CO 81130  
719-658-2480 ~ FAX: 719-658-3028

**Gas Station/Convenience Store:** Creede's only gas station. We also carry soft drinks, T-shirts, school supplies, stationary, toys & gifts. Lottery & Power Ball tickets.

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★ **Wolf Creek Ranch Ski Lodge**

All Year (7 AM-10 PM, Daily)  
9 miles west of South Fork on US 160  
PO Box 242, South Fork, CO 81154  
719-873-5371/800-522-9653 ~ FAX: 719-873-5624  
[wcrsl@fone.net](mailto:wcrsl@fone.net) ~ [www.wolfcreekco.com/ranch](http://www.wolfcreekco.com/ranch)

**Lodging/Cabins/Trail Rides:** Located in a beautiful mountain valley. Cabins can accommodate up to 17 people. Motel with kitchenettes. 9 miles to Wolf Creek Ski Area. Trail Rides. Fishing and Scenic Drives.

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**Banks**

★ **Community Banks of the Rockies**

All Year (9:30 AM-2:30 PM, M-F)  
114 N Main Street, PO Box 405, Creede, CO 81130  
719-658-2688

**Bank:** Full service bank in historic building on Creede's Main St.

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★ **First National Bank of Creede**

All Year (M-F, 9 AM-4 PM, Closed holidays)  
117 N. Main St, PO Box 459, Creede, CO 81130  
719-658-0700 ~ FAX: 719-658-2474  
[fnbcreede@amigo.net](mailto:fnbcreede@amigo.net)

**Bank:** For all your banking needs; locally owned and operated; the only ATM in Creede.



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**Child Care**

★ **Creede Child Care Center**

All Year (M-F, 8 AM-5 PM)  
PO Box 191, Creede, CO 81130  
719-658-2090 (Center) ~ 719-658-0127 (Office) ~ FAX: 719-658-0127

**Child Care:** Non-profit, full-time. Licensed for ages 1 (walking) to 12 years. Fully qualified staff. Call for information.