



Understand Your County's Economy using the Economic Profile System (EPS)



What: As part of the Rio Puerco Field Office's Resource Management Plan update, the Bureau of Land Management is hosting two workshops for BLM planning partners who want to understand the changing local economy and its relationship to public lands.

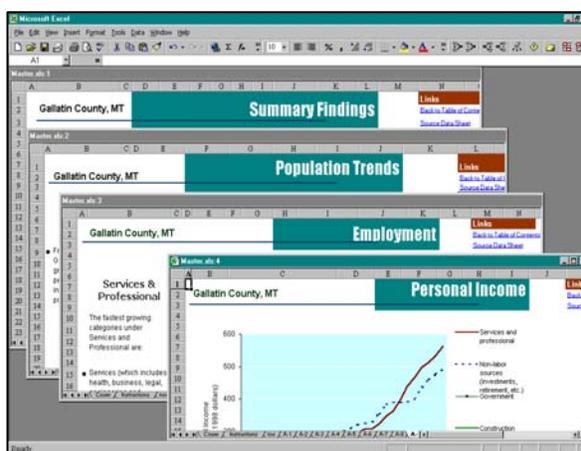
When & Where: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day

Tuesday, July 29, 2008
BLM Rio Puerco Field Office
435 Montano Rd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107

Thursday, July 31, 2008
Cibola County Courthouse
515 W. High Street
Grants, NM 87020

Instructors: TEAMS staff

Cost: Free!



Understanding Your Economy workshops help communities and local decision makers develop a better grasp of regional social and economic change and how to benefit from this change. You'll get an overview of big-picture social and economic trends in the West, learn about the local economy, and have an opportunity to discuss challenges and opportunities with experts and area citizens.

The Economic Profile System (EPS) is a free system that allows users to automatically and efficiently produce a detailed socio-economic profile at the state, regional, county or multi-county level, using the spreadsheet program Microsoft Excel. Profiles contain tables and figures that illustrate long-term trends in population, employment and personal income by industry, average earnings, agriculture, business development, and retirement and other non-labor income. Each participant will receive a free copy of EPS, the EPS User's Manual, and a detailed socioeconomic profile of your county.

This workshop is sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management.

Each workshop is limited to 40 people. You can attend either one-day workshop. Each Cooperating Agency Representative may bring along other staff if they RSVP in advance. After July 24, 2008, any remaining spots will be open on a first-come basis.

Interested? RSVP by July 24, 2008

to

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ECONOMIC PROFILE SYSTEM WORKSHOP

Draft Agenda

- 8:30 am **Registration**
- 9:00 am **Welcome**
- 9:15 am **Introductions & Expectations**
- 9:30 am **Presentation – The Changing Economy of the West**
Learn about trends shaping the global, national, and Western economies, and what this might mean for local Counties in central New Mexico.
- 10:15 am *BREAK*
- 10:30 am **What’s the story in local counties?**
What trends have you observed the local economy? What questions do you have?
- 11:30 am **EPS Demo and first look at profile**
- Learn about the Economic Profile System, a user-friendly tool that puts economic and demographic information at your fingertips.
 - Review a socioeconomic profile of local counties.
- 12 noon *LUNCH*
- 1:00 pm **Discussion about the local economy**
We’ll review the information in the EPS profile of local counties and discuss the county’s economic strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities.
- 1:30 pm **Discussion: How can local counties successfully adapt to change?**
We’ll work together to answer questions such as:
- How do we envision success?
 - What values do we want to promote?
 - What local assets can we use?
- 2:30 pm *BREAK*
- 2:45 pm **Discussion: How can public lands contribute to your vision of success?**
- After looking at the information and trends, what do you see happening?
 - What would you like to see happen in your economy?
 - What kinds of strategies would you propose to move toward your goal?
 - How can BLM lands contribute to achieving these goals?
- 3:45 pm **Wrap-up and Evaluations**
- 4:00 pm **Closure and Thanks!**