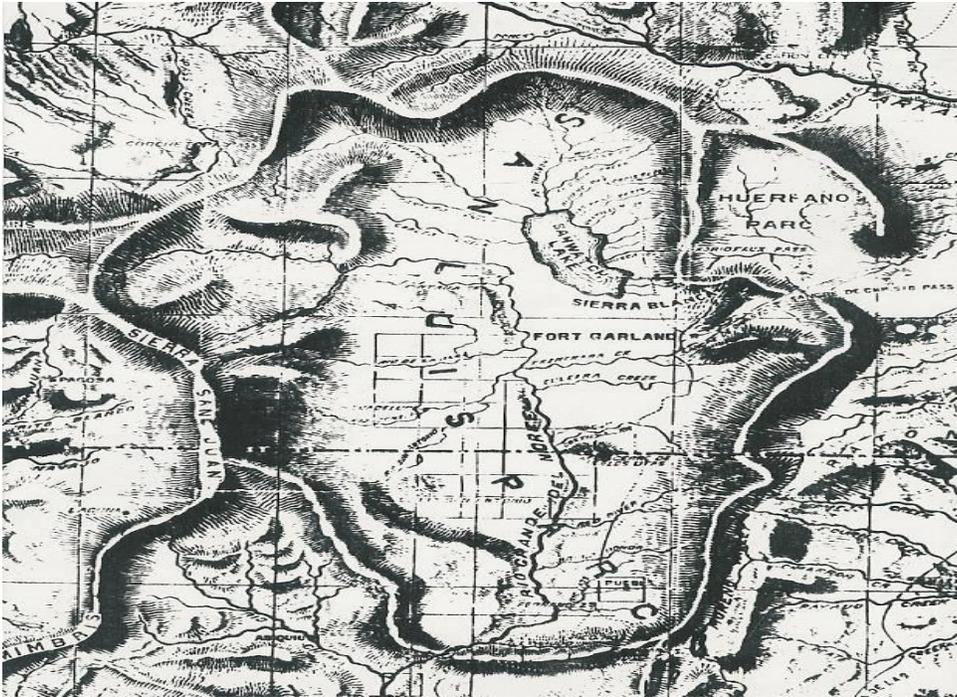


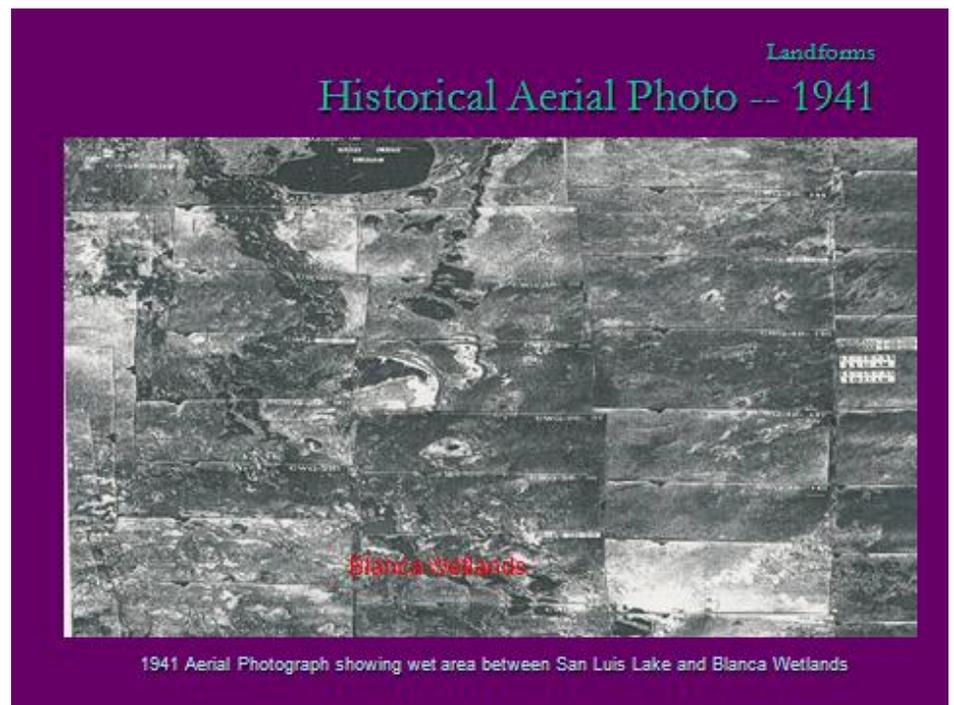
Historic Photos of the Blanca Wetlands ACEC and the Closed Basin Playa Systems

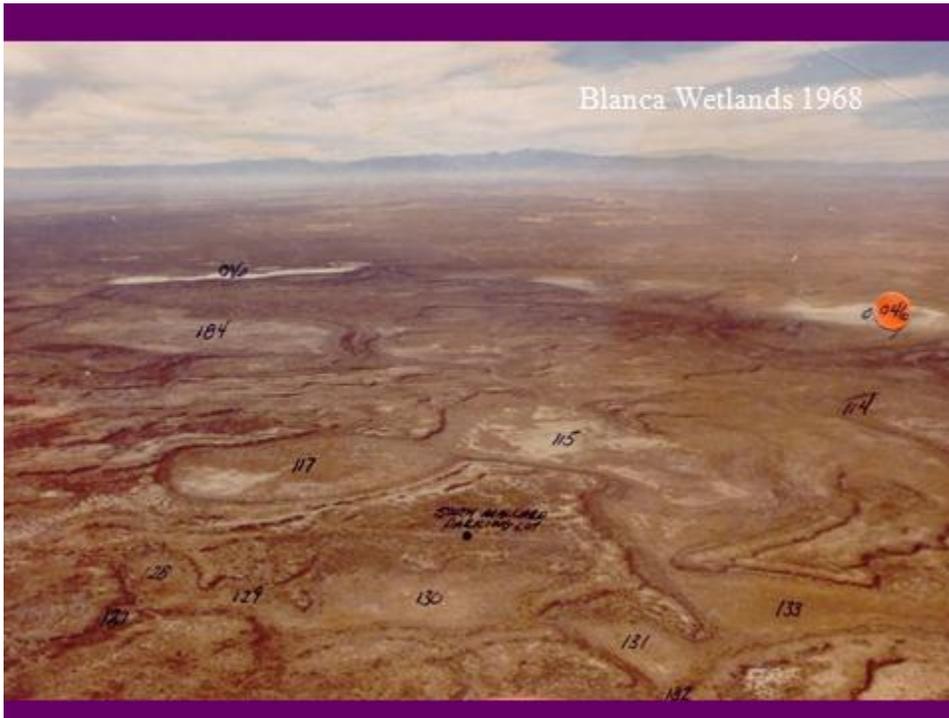
Historic 1869 Map of San Luis Parc of Colorado Territory and Northern Portion of New Mexico (Brayer W. Blackmore)



Left: Historic Map shows large lake known as "Sawatch Lake" at location on east side of the San Luis Valley (now recognized as the closed basin playa systems). At the southern end of this lake, is the location of current day Blanca Wetlands ACEC.

Right: Aerial photograph from 1941 shows Blanca Wetlands ACEC (south end) and the wetlands basin connection up to San Luis Lake (at the top of photo)





Left: Blanca Wetlands in 1968. The photo shows dry wetland basins. Basins were dried from surface water diversions and ground water pumping.

Right: Blanca Wetlands in 1990s. Showing restored wetland basins. BLM designated it as an ACEC for wetland and recreation values at this time.



Below: Blanca Wetlands is shown in the center of photo. San Luis Lake can be found at top of photo. The photo shows the restored Blanca Wetlands with the non-restored wetlands to the North. The lack of connectivity that once occurred is evident when compared to the 1941 photo.

