



January 24, 2024

Michele Weaver, State Director
USDA Rural Development
Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building
125 South State, Room 4311
Salt Lake City, UT 84138

Dear Ms. Weaver,

San Juan County supports the Southeastern Utah Association of Local Government's FY2024 Rural Business Development Grant application for the designation of a BDO Zone for Monticello, San Juan County.

The designation of Monticello as a BDO Zone and the Four Corners Area would positively impact our area. Having this designation for San Juan County would provide opportunities for Economic Development.

San Juan County and the surrounding area have several Sawmills that would benefit from this designation. It would provide additional revenue to an area that is one of the poorest in Utah.

This designation would also increase production at the Sawmills and increase available local jobs.

Respectfully,

Jamie Harvey, Commission Chair
San Juan County, Utah Commission