

# **CHAPTER 10: EXTRACTIVE RESOURCES**

## **Overview and Background**

Extractive natural resources, primarily natural gas and gravel mining, play a major role in the County, both in terms of fiscal impacts as well as impacts on the physical environment. While the extraction of these resources is mainly regulated by the State of Colorado, the County does play a role. The *Extractive Resources Element* of the Comprehensive Plan is intended to provide an overview of these issues and provide a baseline for future and ongoing discussions.

## **Extractive Resources Goal**

**Goal 10.1: To Balance the Economic Benefits of La Plata County's Resource Extraction Industry with the Need to Minimize its Impacts on County Residents and the Physical Environment.**

The *Extractive Resources Element* of the Comprehensive Plan will be finalized in 2002 upon completion of the *La Plata Oil & Gas County Impact Report*, scheduled for completion in late 2001.

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