



## **The Coolest Western Region Update**

### **9/25/08**

1. How is your region doing? What are some of your region's strengths and what are some areas in need of improvement? What are some strategies for addressing those areas of concern?

Contacting members currently, hoping that membership stays where it is or increases. Haven't been in personal contact yet, made phone calls this week to establish connection and get a pulse on the Western Slope.

2. What major issues are facing your region? Are your regional members impacted by this? If so, how and what are they doing or what do they plan to do to address the issue?

Oil and gas, growth, bond issues. Hard to plan meetings when people are so busy for election year.

3. What kinds of professional development are you planning to do or have done in your region? Explain...

The Western Slope is working on bringing Mark Steavens from CDE over to our side of the "hill" to do his Annual Report presentation for us in person. Mark might also meet with the Editorial Boards of our Grand Junction media.

4. Is there anything going on in your region that you think COSPRRA and/or NSPRA should know about?

That we're the coolest Western Slope region in Colorado.

5. Is there anything COSPRRA's Executive Committee could do to support your region?

Joe already called and secured a new member in Steamboat Springs, Summit County School District, Julie McCluskie! I still would like a bit more guidance on what has worked in the past and will need to set aside some time to discuss ideas with Linda Gann and/or Jeff Kirtland.