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Dear Ms Puikkinen,

Pursuant to the provision of the Economic Impact Initiative contained in the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act as Amended 1972, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Office of Labor Market Information, is delegated the authority to certify counties within Colorado where the Not Employed Rate exceeds 19.5 percent.

The Not Employed Rate is the percentage of individuals over the age of 18 who reside within the community and who are ready, willing and able to be employed but are unable to find employment as determined by the department of labor of the State in which the community is located.

The role of the Office of Labor Market Information in this process is limited to the identification and certification of qualified counties under this definition.

Analysis results show the counties in which the percentage of individuals over age 18 is higher than the 19.5 percent threshold.

<u>County</u>	<u>Not Employed Rate</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Not Employed Rate</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Not Employed Rate</u>
Archuleta	22.31%	Lake	20.84%	Pueblo	20.36%
Conejos	20.35%	Mesa	19.53%	Saguache	23.43%
Costilla	26.64%	Montezuma	19.87%	San Juan	25.31%
Dolores	25.94%	Montrose	21.65%	Teller	19.74%
Fremont	21.33%	Otero	19.58%	Weld	19.71%
Huerfano	22.27%	Ouray	19.60%		