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### **Juanita Bridge Project is Completed**

Archuleta County is pleased to announce the completion of the replacement of the Juanita Bridge on County Road 551 over the San Juan River. The completion of this project is significant as it showcases perseverance, communication and coordination.

In 2005, Juanita Bridge received a sufficiency rating of 37.5 (out of 100) which qualified the bridge for federal funds for replacement. Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) originally awarded funds in 2006 and then the project was put on hold in 2007. In 2008, the Board of County Commissioners approved the continuation of the project.

Short, Elliot and Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) is the design and engineering firm who managed the project. Bids for the project were submitted in June, 2008 and the contract was awarded to Reiman Corporation in the amount of \$1,167,445.25. The contract was signed in October and the Notice to Proceed was issued for December 8, 2008. A grant from CDOT funded 80% of this project and Archuleta County funded the remaining 20%.

Reiman Corporation, SEH, CDOT, Archuleta County Road and Bridge, Public Works and community residents all worked together to replace a disintegrating structure and improve the safety and well being of those who travel on County Road 551.

Please join us for a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am to celebrate the completion of the Juanita Bridge Project.

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