

Interviewee: Andrea Guajardo  
Location: Neilson Library, Alamosa, Colorado  
Time: 2:45pm  
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Interview protocol:

Thanks for having us down, Andrea. It's certainly wonderful to have the opportunity to spend the afternoon with you. The basic idea of this interview is to have a casual conversation about the San Luis Valley and specifically about your life experiences growing up here.

With that being said, let's go ahead and get started. Sound good?

To start off, can you please tell us your full name and your current occupation?

Can you share with us a little bit about what makes you feel connected to the Valley?

We understand that you do a lot of work with your local community. Can you tell us a little about the ways in which you have given back to the Valley or to your community in particular?

What are some ways you stay connected to your community?

It seems that you have a deep desire to protect the area's natural resources. Can you explain a little more about why is it so important for you to protect the land, resources, and culture of Antonito?

What are some of your cultural beliefs and traditions that you hold?

Do your beliefs and traditions affect the way you feel about the Valley?

What is your favorite place in the Valley/ and why?

In your time in the valley what types of changes have you noticed in the SLV? And in Antonito in particular?

Do you think that these changes been for the better? Why or why not?

We understand that you do not currently live in the Valley. What took you away from the Valley? Do you ever intend to return?

In researching the Valley we've noticed that that there are a lot of differences and even tensions between groups in the Valley. With that in mind, what common struggles do you think people from the Valley share? Moreover, do you think that people in the Valley, in one way or another, share a common culture? If so, can you think of examples?

