Introduction to Aspen and the Roaring Fork Valley

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Pre 1879 History

Ute Indians
Mining Boom
1879-1893

Fun Facts!
Aspen produced 1/6 of all U.S. silver
Population of 10,000-16,000
Quiet Years
1893-1936

Ski Pioneers
1936-1948

Highlights

War Years – 10th Mountain Division uses Aspen for winter ski training exercises

1947 – Lift 1 is world’s longest chairlift
Aspen Ski School begins

1948 – Sardy Field opens for commercial airline flights
Mind, Body, Spirit
1949-1960
20 more frost free days now than 25 years ago.
10 days after close

20 days after close
Amount of precipitation falling as snow ↓16%
2011 Emissions by Source Type

- Stationary Combustion: 15%
- Airport Inventory: 9%
- Ground Transportation: 5%
- Purchased Electricity: 28%
- "De minimis": 43%

City of Aspen Canary Initiative
GHG’s 30% by 2020
GHG’s 80% by 2050
The future of transit in the Roaring Fork Valley

**RFTA (Roaring Fork Transportation Authority)**

2nd Largest public transit system in Colorado after Denver RTD

Believed to be the largest rural public transit system in the U.S.

1st Rural BRT System in the U.S.

**2012 Information:**

3.95 million passengers
3.68 million miles of service
250 employees during peak winter season
100 large transit vehicles
$23.9 million Operating budget/$25.7 Million Capital
70-mile corridor
  - Aspen to Glenwood Springs
  - Glenwood Springs to Rifle
34-mile Rio Grande Rail Corridor and Trail
827 Home Energy Upgrades

Annual Savings:
1,625,000 kWh
78,500 Therms
3,231,800 lbs of COe

Equivalent to 162 homes (and an apartment)
Next Step:
Resiliency Planning

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