

Location

The Monte Vista Municipal Airport is located in south-central Colorado, approximately 138 miles southwest of Pueblo, Colorado. The airport encompasses approximately 344 acres and is owned by the City of Monte Vista. The airport is located within Rio Grande County, six miles east of US Hwy 285 between the communities of Monte Vista and Alamosa. Monte Vista is the second largest city in the San Luis Valley. Rio Grande County is 912 square miles. The county population is primarily rural and is estimated at 12,273 for 2002. Community centers include the Cities and Towns of Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista and South Fork. The county is home to agricultural and outdoor activities including skiing, biking, hiking, fishing and hunting in the Rio Grande National Forest. Climate in the area ranges from an average high of 79.5° Fahrenheit in July to an average low of 0.2° Fahrenheit in January. Total precipitation averages 8 inches of rainfall and annual snowfall of 32.9 inches. The Monte Vista Airport serves the City and County as a vital mode of transportation.