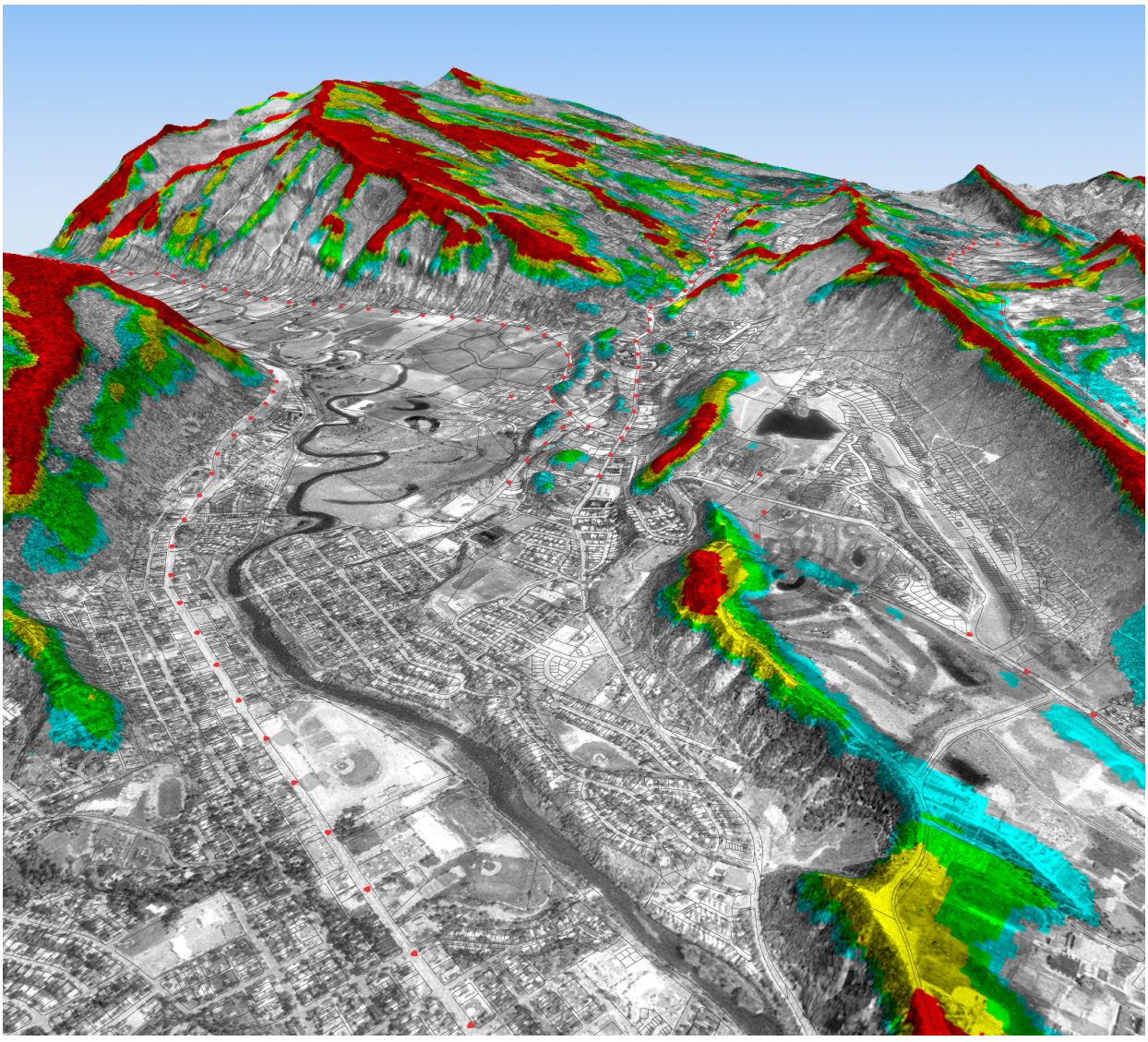
LA PLATA COUNTY VISUAL ANALYSIS

La Plata County, Colorado

The rural landscapes of the western U.S. provide some of the nation's most dramatic scenery. La Plata County, in southwestern Colorado, is a particularly compelling region with its combination of wide open agricultural lands and high mountain vistas. Protecting these visual resources contributes to the economic vitality of tourism dependent businesses and enhances the quality of life for residents and communities.

To help maintain the County's high visual quality, we focused on two types of analyses: (1) delineating ridgeline areas where development would break the skyline; and (2) mapping highly visible hillsides, where steep slope construction would likely be visually conspicuous. The results of this project have been incorporated into the County's significant revision of their land use code.



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