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An Annotated Directory of Information Resources

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Researchers in New Mexico have long been pressed for good information resources. The underlying problem has been the unavailability of a comprehensive directory of what kind of information is available and where it can be found. The *Directory*, a mimeograph, should now make the researcher's task incomparably easier. It is the result of a year long project and the culmination of the authors' training at Ralph Nader's Center for the Study of Responsive Law, Washington, D.C.

As the authors state in their introduction, the *Directory* "tells the reader where to look for answers to almost any questions about New Mexico—questions about history, government, economy, environment, population, natural resources or future prospects." Among sources of information listed are over two hundred information resource publications, the annual reports of selected government agencies, environmental organizations active in New Mexico, descriptions of current periodicals and a selective description of important state and federal laws.

The *Directory* entry for "Aerial Photograph Ordering Information," for example, directs the researcher to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. The entry describes what pamphlets are available, explains how to order aerial photographs and how much they cost. A detailed subject index will also direct the reader to other items in the *Directory* relevant to his interest in aerial photography.

The *Directory* is equally comprehensive in its treatment of other topics. If you are looking for *the* index to New Mexico information resources the *Directory* is it.

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