**Worksheet R4. Activity Regions R4**

Some useful web sites:

<http://www.history.com/topics/dust-bowl>

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/dustbowl/> (Great PBS film and links)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dust_Bowl>

<https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/paleo/drought/drght_history.html>

*Open* [**Activity R4: Eastern Colorado**](http://unco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5eea1ea3975944f09a40c6b59724ea3c)

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| **Step 1** | **Your Task** |
| **Eastern Colorado: A Unique Region**  The **Regions (CEH)** layer with the **1920 County Boundaries**.  Look at all of the counties that are located entirely or partly within the region called Eastern Colorado.  *Check ON* the **Life Zones** layer. *Look at its legend.*  Go to **Links – Atlas of Colorado** and examine Physical Map 9 to see the natural vegetation of this region. | What do they all have in common, in terms of their shape?  What do you think the region of Eastern Colorado looks like? What kind of landforms and vegetation does it have?  How do the physical characteristics of Eastern Colorado (landforms and vegetation) help explain the pattern of county boundaries in the region? |
| **Step 2** | **Your Task** |
| **Economy of Eastern Colorado**  *Check OFF* the **Life Zones** layer.  *Check ON* the **1920 # of Farms** layer  *Check ON* the **1940 # of Farms** layer*.* | How have people earned a living in Eastern Colorado? How did Eastern Colorado compare to the other regions in the state in terms of the number of farms at that time?  How did the number of farms change in Eastern Colorado between 1920 and 1940?  Why do you think that change occurred? |
| **Step 3** | **Your Task** |
| **Changes to the Region**  *Check OFF* the **1920 # of Farms** and the **1940 # of Farms** layers. *Check ON* the **Present Regions?** layer*.* You should now see only the county boundaries and the two ways to name the regions of Colorado.  *Check ON* the **Life Zones** layer. | Describe how the “Eastern Plains” region on the **Present Regions?** layer differs from the Eastern Colorado region you’ve looked at before.  Explain why geographers changed the way they define the eastern region of the state?  Does adding this information help you understand the differences you described above? |