

# Buying Land in Rachel: Is It Wise?

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In private email, someone wrote:

>In reading Rachel's "Biography" I was intrigued to learn that there may  
>actually be land for sale in Rachel. It also goes on to mention  
>"Telecommuting". As I am an RS/6000 sales rep for IBM, this has become my  
>way of life.

There is, at present, no easy way to telecommute from Rachel because there is no local internet access. You'd have to use a long-distance dialup at about \$5/hour. That is one of the reasons I spend the week in Las Vegas, since I have the connection active all the time. (I still spend most weekends in Rachel, unlike the Pop. Mechanics claim that I have fled entirely.)

>Furthermore, Rachel sounds like the type of community that I would like  
>to raise my children in; the "Small-town" atmosphere.

"Small-town" atmosphere, eh? Sounds so romantic. Everyone knows their neighbors... even if you don't want to. This is a mobile home park in the desert; it's not "Mayberry RFD."  
It is a great place to raise children if you want them to be really bored, as there is not a lot for older kids to do here, especially in the summer. The rest of the year, the hour-plus bus ride to school is a drag. Drugs? Everyone knows where to get them and who's involved. (But I'm not naming names.)

>Could someone please respond to me with Land Sales Info

Nearly all of the originally offered land (at about \$1000/acre) is now sold. You now have to negotiate with individual owners.

A lot of people come and go from Rachel. Only a few have what it takes to survive. The isolation can be grating. No radio, no newspapers and 150 miles to the nearest 7-11. After living in Rachel full-time for 2-1/2 years, Vegas looked like Paradise to me. The anonymity of the big city was also refreshing, since pettiness is the way of things in Lincoln County.

At 5000 feet elevation, the winter weather is brutally cold and windy. In fact, there's no really rational reason for people to live here at all, apart from the closed mine and the farm down the road. This ain't no tropical paradise. For some of us, it is just the way things turned out, but it doesn't mean you should follow.

In Rachel, most of the women are overweight and most of the men are useless. On the plus side, if you want to study really strange characters, including "earthbound aliens" and crackpots of all kinds, this is the place.

"Smalltown atmosphere"? Yeah, right. Rachel is the "Twin Peaks" of the desert.

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