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Chairman Raul Grijalva
Representative Rob Bishop
House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Chairman Raul Grijalva and Ranking Member Rob Bishop,

I am a descendant of Henry Grow, a Mormon Pioneer bridge builder, who played a major role as an architect in building the Salt Lake Tabernacle. He was also an architect for the Assembly Hall near the tabernacle. His experience in building trusses provided the skills needed to erect scaffolding for the Salt Lake Temple that enabled granite stones to be installed from the base to the top of the temple.

I have great respect for the ingenuity, talent, and tenacity of the Mormon Pioneers, and that is why I am an enthusiastic supporter of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area. Even though my roots are in Provo, Utah, where I owned Bridal Veil Falls prior to turning it over to Utah County, I have been heavily involved in preserving the heritage of Sevier County. I own Big Rock Candy Mountain Resort where we interpret early railroad history with the development of a lodging facility consisting of cabooses, boxcars, and passenger cars. In addition, I have invested in interpreting the mining heritage of Marysvale.

A partnership with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area has been crucial; indeed, essential, in making these heritage efforts possible.

I encourage you to support HR1049.

Respectfully,

David Grow