

TRACK 89 SOUTH
BIG ROCK CANDY MOUNTAIN

TRACK 89 NORTH
MT. PLEASANT, UTAH

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House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Committee Members,

I am a third-generation railroad man. Since retiring a few years ago, I have worked to preserve railroad history and the important role railroads played in the development of the West. This is especially important now, because we are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of connecting East and West with the transcontinental railroad. I am a partner in developing two railroad attractions—Track 89 South at Big Rock Candy Mountain and Track 89 North, located in Mt. Pleasant and anchored by a historic Denver Rio Grande Railroad Depot. Box cars, cabooses and passenger cars have been restored and converted into first class facilities that sleep up to eight people. They are perfect for family reunions, field trips, or just for people traveling along heritage highway 89 and looking for a unique overnight experience. In addition to “motel-like” facilities, we feature railroad memorabilia and take travelers back in time.

All of this was made possible by the vision and work of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area. It is a unique organization that develops partnerships with the private and public sectors to help people achieve their dreams. Our partnership at Big Rock Candy Mountain involved the MPNHA, Sevier County, the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation, Scenic Canyons Preservation Society, Track 89 South and railroad buffs. It was a very significant public/private partnership that garnered a major award.

Please support H.R. 1049 to keep our heritage on track.

Sincerely,



George Jones
Track 89 North and South