

PIUTE COUNTY COMMISSION

550 North Main, Junction Utah 8470

April 24, 2019

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

Chairman Raul Grijalva and Representative Member Rob Bishop,

I am writing with regards to HR 1049 the 2019 National Heritage Area Act. The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area plays a crucial role in the preservation and improvement of natural, cultural, and historic resources of our county. We encourage full support and passage of this crucial act.

My father Ron Bushman was the first Chairman of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA) and was deeply committed to the efforts of the MPNHA. My father had longed to see Butch Cassidy's Boyhood home preserved and made available to the public. Since his passing in 2009, as Piute County Commissioner I drove this effort and with the help of the MPNHA was able to finish the preservation of this treasure, which is now open to the public and receiving many accolades from the visiting public.

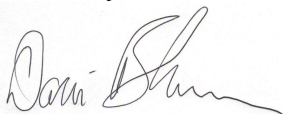
In addition to the Butch Cassidy Boyhood home project the MPNHA has helped Piute County, one of the poorest and smallest counties in the state with the following projects.

Piute ATV Trail infrastructure, Butch Cassidy Live Production, Marysvale Miner's Park - Historic Mining Park Infrastructure, Heritage Rag Rug Museum & Looms, Deer Creek Ghost Town, Marysvale Old School Rock Building preservation, Cottonwood Grove Outdoor Dance Hall Preservation, Lizzie and Charlie's (JC Penney) Building preservation.

These projects have been vital to our county and our economic vitality. Through these efforts tourism in Piute County has continued to grow year on year.

I write with the endorsement and approval of our Commission Chair Will Talbot and Commissioner Scott Dalton please accept this as an official position of Piute County. Please support HR 1049 to allow the Heritage Area to continue historic preservation efforts in our county as well as other areas in Central and Southern Utah.

Sincerely,



Darin Bushman
Piute County Commissioner

Cc. Governor Gary Herbert, Lt. Governor Spencer Cox, Monte Bona