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

Chairman Raul Grijalva and Representative Rob Bishop,

The Six County Association of Governments, comprised of Juab, Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Piute and Wayne Counties in central Utah, wish to express our support of H.R. 1049, the National Heritage Act of 2019. The work completed in the Six County region by the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA) is invaluable to our area. The effectiveness of projects and programs undertaken by the MPNHA have increased economic development, tourism, educational opportunities, and the quality of life in central Utah.

The MPNHA has brought together a multitude of communities and community organizations under one umbrella to achieve a set of common goals. MPNHA has turned \$2.2 million in federal funds into over \$44 million in local projects. We strongly urge you to support H.R. 1049 which will continue to benefit the people of central Utah.

Attached to this letter is a list of projects completed by the MPNHA in the Six County region.

Sincerely,

Newell Harward
Chairman of the board

Sanpete County

Sanpete Trails Project: Improvement of trails in coordination with Manti-La-Sal National Forest to promote outdoor recreation

Fairview

Fairview Social Hall: Restoration of historic community building

Centerfield

Centerfield Rock Church: Exterior stone work and interior restoration

Ephraim

Ephraim Co-op/Granary Project: Restoration work including exterior masonry, foundation repairs, awnings, granary door replacements and rain gutter work and adjacent Fort Ephraim historic plaque

Ephraim Carnegie Library: Restoration

Snow College (Ephraim)

Mormon Pioneer Heritage Institute: Development of library space for the Mormon Pioneer Heritage Institute at the Karen H. Huntsman Library

Alpine Station: Restoration of the Great Basin Experiment Station

Spring City

Old Spring City Monument: Restoration and improvement a historical monument adjacent to a spring used by Indians for centuries, new sidewalk, stone bench, historical signs

Victory Hall: Restoration of a historic building including electrical, mechanical upgrades, wall ceiling and woodwork preservation

Spring City School: Restoration of historic school

Historic homes/art: Grants to restore historic homes used by artists for their art galleries

Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Pleasant Carnegie Library: Restoration

Mt. Pleasant Railroad Depot: Restoration of 1890s Rio Grande Depot: two new restrooms, exterior and interior paint, ramp and railing repairs from depot to adjacent cabooses, furnace upgrade

Wasatch Block Building Restoration: Rehabilitation of building old ZCMI building, now used for affordable housing

City Hall and Armory: Rehabilitation work

Wasatch Academy (Mt. Pleasant)

Historic administration building: As part of restoration, building area basement and two floors, totaling 5,580 square feet

Liberal Hall: Restoration of building including interior and exterior work; steeple rebuild

Pierce Hall: Miscellaneous repairs to the existing red brick building exterior, wood soffit and fascia

Presbyterian Church: Preservation and restoration of historic Presbyterian church as music conservatory

Historic City Hall and Armory: Restoration and installation of historic doors on City Hall and armory interior painting

Agritourism/Equestrian Center: Development of an arena, stalls and 60-acre cross country equestrian venue that emphasizes dressage and cross country jumping

Manti

American Legion Building: Restoration, including exterior restoration and steeple rehabilitation, of historic building that was once a Presbyterian church.

Pioneer Heritage Gardens: Construction of gardens, reflection pool, amphitheater, and heritage kiosks telling the Mormon-pioneer story.

Historic Manti City Hall: Restoration of oolite-stone exterior.

Manti Carnegie Library: Restoration of exterior.

DUP School House: Restoration of historic Daughter of the Utah Pioneers schoolhouse.

Manti Senior Citizens Center: Removal of aluminum siding to expose original stone exterior and windows; rehabilitation of stone and grout.

Fountain Green

Historic Dance Hall: Rehabilitation of historic dance hall, including interior enhancements and sound system.

Gunnison

Historic Casino Star Theatre: Renovation including restoration of the façade base and marquee work, enhancement of lighting and sound system.

Gunnison Veterans Memorial: Streetscape which honors veterans from the Blackhawk War to World Wars I and II through current conflicts.

Legacy Wall and Clarion Kiosk: "Clarion: a Jewish Back-to-the-Soil Community" historic marker on Gunnison's Legacy Plaza.

Centerfield

Old Rock Church: Restoration of exterior stonework and interior of historic LDS church building for use as a community center.

Historic Centerfield Social Hall: Restoration of historic town hall and social hall.

Sevier Valley (Sevier County)

Sevier County

Candy Mountain Whistle Stop Trailhead: Development of an interpretive center to display the importance of the railroad to the area. Paving of a parking lot and an access road to the Sevier River Bridge and Candy Mountain Bike Trail; restrooms; park area' and landscaping.

Monroe

Carol Theater: Renovation of historic theatre.

Hot springs: Improvement of road to Monroe Hot Springs.

Lizzie & Charlie's Rug Factory: Preservation of building and rug-weaving looms at a historic rug factory, for exhibition and demonstration to field trips and heritage tours of pioneer rug-making methods.

Salina

CCC/POW Camp: Restoration and development of Civilian Conservation Corps Prisoner of War camp.

Miss Mary's Historic School: Restoration of exterior and interior to preserve a historic Presbyterian school.

Veteran's memorial: Installment of a new memorial to honor the area's veterans from the Black Hawk War to World Wars I and II and later conflicts.

Headwaters (Piute, Garfield, and Wayne counties)

Piute County

Piute ATV Trail: Trail improvements.

Butch Cassidy Cabin: Restoration and maintenance-repairs of a cabin that was the birthplace of Butch Cassidy, installment of a walking-tour structure, and the extension of a trail to the Butch Cassidy cabin, with interpretive signage along the trail.

Butch Cassidy Days Pageant/Performance: Support of musical production that tells the story of the historical role Butch Cassidy played in Piute County.

Marysvale

Historic Mining Park: Aid in the development of an interpretive, interactive gold-mining park.

Heritage Rag Museum: Purchase of era-relevant rug-weaving looms to enhance the museum's ability to serve as a museum in the heritage tourism sector.

Old Rock School building: Restoration of exterior or façade.

Old Winkelman Town: Development of infrastructure to accommodate growing numbers of tourists to Deer Creek Ghost Town.

Hanksville

Historic Rock Community Hall: Restoration of historic building.

Boulder Loop (Garfield and Wayne Counties)

Bicknell

Bicknell Theater: Restoration and renovation of historic theater for public use and community activities.

Wayne County Bike Path: Development of a new bike path to encourage appreciation for the area's historic landscape.

Torrey

Wayne County Visitor Center: Replacement of 600-foot visitor's center. The new center includes restrooms, picnic tables and other amenities.

Wayne County Cemetery: Restoration of cemetery, including gravestone markers and monuments of pioneers buried there.

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Wayne County Historic Veteran's Memorial: Development of a new veteran's memorial project.

Wayne County DUP Building: Preservation work of Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Museum and the historic Mormon Tithing Office building.

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DUP Building: Restoration of Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Museum building