



May 14, 2019

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

Chairman Raul Grijalva and Representative Member Rob Bishop:

I am writing on behalf of Snow College and the Snow College Foundation in Ephraim, Utah, to express our support for HR 1049, the 2019 National Heritage Area Act. Located in Sanpete County, Snow College is centrally located in the State. Our partnership with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area allows us to participate in the exploration and preservation of cultural and historic resources of our six-county region.

The Snow College Foundation has partnered with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area to support several preservation projects in Sanpete and Sevier Counties. Each project contributed uniquely to the restoration, education and interpretive projects in local communities. Our partners made commitments totaling \$75,000 in matching funds toward a designated account at Snow College to achieve the goals and objectives of these projects.

Working with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area, the Snow College has engaged students and faculty in recording, preserving, and digitizing oral histories. Students in history classes have recorded oral histories from the Ephraim area as class assignments. These activities contribute uniquely to the educational process and bring history alive through the stories of those whose lives have been transformed by the seminal events of Utah pioneers.

We value the partnership we enjoy with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area and look forward to increasing education and awareness in the communities we serve.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rosie Connor', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Rosie Marie Connor
Executive Director