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The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area plays a crucial role in the preservation and improvement of natural, cultural, and historic resources of our county. The following is a sample list of restoration projects the heritage area has helped fund: The Fairview Dance Hall, Fountain Green Theater, Spring City Veterans Memorial, Ephraim Carnegie Library, Manti Historic City Hall, Gunnison Casino-Star Theater, Centerfield Rock Church Community Center. The heritage area has also helped improve the Arapeen Trail system.

Please support S.1004 to allow the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area to honor our pioneer heritage with constructive projects and programs.

Sincerely,

Scott Bartholomew
Sanpete County Commission Chair

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Currently, I work as a consultant in historic preservation in Utah, but in the early 1990s I was actively involved in the creation of the Heritage Highway 89 Alliance, the precursor to the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA). As state coordinator of the Utah Main Street Program, I was involved in a collaborative effort among local governments, private business owners, and state and federal agencies to institute a broad-based organization that could promote the distinct history of central Utah.

As the MPNHA's 2006-2016 report remarks, the organizational process was not without its challenges—most notably a large geographic area of six counties with disparate political and economic interests. To the credit of local civic and business leaders, however, those and other substantial hurdles were overcome and the Alliance was established. Even more significant, as the Alliance has matured into the MPNHA it has fostered an increasing recognition locally of the value—economic and social—of promoting the region's heritage. The MPNHA's impacts are impressive, and I would encourage you to read the full 2006-2016 report available at the MPNHA website (mormonpioneerheritage.org) for more detail.

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Bim Oliver

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Many of the projects and programs implemented with the support of MPNHA have increased the vitality of many communities in means of economic development, tourism, and artistic and educational opportunities as well as broadening the cultural view and enriching community life.

CentraCom Interactive has participated with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area in pursuing goals and objectives outlined in the management plan that was approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior on March 2, 2010. In my current role as Director of Community and Business Development at CentraCom Interactive, I greatly appreciate the decentralized business model the MPNHA has implemented in bringing together the private, public and non-profit sectors and thereby leveraging \$2.3 million in NPS funds to \$44 million in projects and programs that have greatly enhanced the communities we serve.

On a personal note, my father Robert E. Warnick was the Mayor of Ephraim, Utah and the first city official on board to help restore a then crumbling two-story, late 1800's rock building that had been boarded up. In its glory days, it housed the first post office, a dance hall, and the first Snow College. Along with the help of other council members, the Sanpete Trade Association and the NPNHA that beautiful building still stands today representing the history and culture of what once was.

Landmarks like the Ephraim Co-op, Fairview Social Hall, Spring City Old School and Mt Pleasant Railroad Depot, Wasatch Academy Historic administration building, DUP School House in Manti, Historical Manti City Hall, The Old Rock Church in Centerfield, Carol Theater in Monroe and many more would not be the historical showcases of our communities without the funding of S. 1004.

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Faylyn Catmull
Community Development Director
CentraCom Interactive

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The U.S. Highway 89 Mormon Heritage Highway is an important fixture of our area. It is an important tourism driver that contributes significantly to our small-town local economy. The MPNHA committee has been a primary force in leading historic preservation efforts in communities all along this historic highway. Their efforts contributed to Wasatch Academy's restoration of their historic first school building, located on Mt. Pleasant's historic Main Street. Before, the building had been a derelict, nearly forgotten piece of Mt. Pleasant history. It is now a museum and a shining example of nineteenth century architecture the community is very proud of. The MPHNA committee has been a driving force in preserving and beautifying many other parts of Mt. Pleasant's historic Main Street.

The gateway monument built by the MPNHA on the grounds of our historic Carnegie era city library which sits on Highway 89 in downtown Mt. Pleasant stands as a beacon for visitors and provides a wonderful point of interest and information for travelers exploring the MPNHA.

I have traveled the entire length of the MPNHA and have personally witnessed the great things the MPNHA committee has done to make people aware that they are traveling through an area rich in history. One project the MPNHA is currently involved with is salvaging and restoring the historic home of Butch Cassidy, which sits beside Highway 89 near the small town of Circleville, UT. This will be Circleville's only tourist attraction and will be very important to the local economy.

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Best regards,

Steve Clark
Mt. Pleasant Mainstreet Committee

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I work on heritage projects with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area. They provided \$50,000 to restore the historic Denver Rio Grande railroad depot that serves as a gathering place to bring people in the community together to discuss unity, cooperation and fellowship. The depot also serves as an information center for the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area and Sanpete County Travel Council. The heritage area also supported our efforts to secure money for a ramp to serve handicapped patrons. We received a grant from the State of Utah to have the ramp in place by May 10, 2019, the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad. We are holding an open house on May 10-11,

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Cindy Shogren
Coffee Depot Gathering Place

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UPHA has partnered with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA) as its interpretive affiliate on many projects that have played a pivotal role in preserving our heritage, increasing tourism, and fostering economic revitalization in this rural area of Utah.

In 2011 and 2012 UPHA and the MPNHA partnered with the Utah Office of Tourism to produce a familiarization (FAM) tour that took five national journalists and many local influencers on a tour from St. George in southern Utah through the MPNHA all the way to Salt Lake City, with a five-piece folk band singing and telling the local stories along the way, garnering ground-breaking articles that focused significant attention on the MPNHA's virtues.

In 2013 the Association of National Heritage Areas (ANHA) Conference was held in the MPNHA, and UPHA again provided artistic interpretations of the stories of the area.

From 2011 through the present, UPHA has supported the Discovery Road TV Series, especially the following episodes: "The Dreams I Left Behind", for which we composed, recorded, and performed the theme song and supplied back-ground music (underscoring) and on-camera talent; the "Maude Adams" episode, for which we supplied on-camera talent and background music, and "The Forgotten", for which we also supplied the theme song, on-camera talent, and underscoring music.

UPHA has also supported live performances of music and storytelling for events that dovetail with and grow out of the stories of the MPNHA. Examples are the Graham family reunion (Dreams I Left Behind) and the Blackham gathering (The Forgotten).

Beginning in 2013 and continuing to the present, The Legacy Series of recordings and full-color small-format story publications, "Saga of the Sanpitch", "The Valley of the Trails", and "A Canyon Peoples' Portrait".

World Premiere concerts and video recordings of the Symphony of the Canyons and the Legacy Folk Ensemble, resulting in the DVD "A Canyon Peoples' Portrait", which showcases the local talent and the local stories of Kane County.

UPHA also assists in preserving local history and heritage by audio and video recording oral histories, and by creating artistic interpretations (music, dance, visual art, books, etc.) of those stories for presentation in heritage programming in broadcast media and live events.

UPHA regularly supplies heritage programming for the Scandinavian Heritage Festival, Sons of Utah Pioneers, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, The Old Spanish Trail Association, Escalante Heri-tage, Boulder Heritage Foundation, Western Legends Festival, Piute ATV Jamboree, Butch Cas-sidy Boyhood Home Restoration, Monroe City Pioneer Days, the Clarion Descendents 100th Anniversary Celebration, and other heritage organizations and programs within the MPNHA.

Content for the mobile app Story Road Utah, which reaches out to travelers and alerts them to stories and sites right around them as they travel (which encourages travelers to stay longer and spend more in the heritage area) has also been developed with funds provided by the MPNHA and the funds it receives from the enacted legislation.

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Gratefully,

Clive Romney, Executive Director

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Our Association is a very small non-profit organization committed to recognizing and honoring the veterans that have served in military service from Spring City, Utah. Spring City is a National Historic Area known for its Mormon architecture and history. The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area granted funding for our effort to provide the residents of Spring City a fitting Veterans Memorial. Without the generosity of MPNHA the monument would not have been a reality. The monument is located so that it enhances the Old Historic School House (restored in part by funds from the MPNHA) that now serves as the City Center and City Offices.

As a veteran (Vietnam Conflict and retired reservist) I am gratified by the support our community provided in matching funds for the MPNHA grant. There has been an outpouring of support for the honoring of Spring City Veterans. Communities along the Historic Highway 89 corridor are supporting the recognition of military service by erecting veteran memorials. The MPNHA has been instrumental in several communities in bringing memorials to fruition. Both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion have been supportive and appreciative of the efforts of the MPNHA to ensure our veterans are never forgotten.

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Sincerely,

Courtney D. Syme, Chairman
Spring City Veterans Memorial Association
Member: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9276, Utah
American Legion Post 4, Utah

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In 1994 our town was selected as one of four Utah Main Street Communities. That was the beginning of what became the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA). Since the MPNHA was designated on October 12, 2006, I have witnessed partnerships formed to enhance our economy by restoring historic buildings and promoting heritage tourism. Even more importantly, the story of the Mormon pioneers is being told in a compelling way that demonstrates how their tenacity, work ethic and cooperative spirit manifest a striking example for our children and grandchildren. It shows how cooperation and serving the public good are values that should be incorporated into our daily lives.

Our Main Street is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and we have a historical overlay zone. The MPNHA has provided grant money to restore and renovate buildings, and they have sought supporting grants to leverage money in a way that has greatly assisted our community.

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Sincerely,

Mike Olsen
Mt. Pleasant City Mayor

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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.

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Respectfully,

David Grow

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I am writing as a Native American who works closely with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA). I coordinated with Paiute, Ute and Navajo tribal councils when Senator Bennett was working with Monte Bona to create the MPNHA.

After designation, the MPNHA provided funding for a Native American understanding tour I organized under the auspices of the Six County Association of Governments. The MPNHA has worked with Natives American artists. They have also produced public television documentaries, including "Utah's Blackhawk War—Cultures in Conflict", "Native Americans and Sacred Water", and "The Lost Tomahawk". These shows involved Directors of Indian Affairs for the State of Utah and tribe/ band leaders.

Monte Bona participated with descendants of Chief Blackhawk and Manti LaSalle National Forest Service leadership in re-interring the bones of Chief Blackhawk at the place of his birth, Spring Lake, Utah. You can see this touching scene in the closing segment of "Utah's Blackhawk Wad", noted above.

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Sincerely,

Emery Polelonema
Native American Ombudsman

Ephraim Co-op
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Our store was established 30 years ago, and with the help of the Heritage Highway (now Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area), we have flourished. So many crafters have sold items in our store over the years, helping them with added income to survive. About 80% of our business is from customers from out of town.

Many times, as I am working in the store, I will get out of town visitors that tell me the reason why they are in the area is because they are driving the historic Heritage Highway and enjoying all of the little towns they drive through.

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Sincerely,

Gloria Winter
Ephraim Co-op board member Ephraim, Utah

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The Escalante Heritage Center has benefited greatly from the efforts of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA) programs. Several major projects have been made possible for the development of the Heritage Center because of the assistance given by the MPNHA. Our mission to preserve the history of our area, educate visitors from across the world concerning our local history, and help inspire others is able to continue due to our ongoing relationship with the MPNHA.

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Sincerely,

A. Chad Lyman
Escalante Heritage Center

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St. George, Utah 84770

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We are proud of the fact that Kane and Garfield Counties are a part of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area and appreciate the role the designation plays in the preservation and improvement of natural, cultural, and historic resources for these two counties.

The following is a sample list of restoration projects the heritage area has helped fund: Mt. Carmel Church Restoration, Kanab Heritage House and Barn project, Jacob Hamblin Park expansion, Little Hollywood Museum, Kanab City Heritage Museum Old Carnegie Library Restoration, Kanab Pavilion, Orderville Pavilion, Zane Grey Memorial, and the digitization of Kanab City's priceless historic photo collection. The Hole-in-the-Rock Heritage Center, Panguitch Main Street Restoration, Garfield County Fairgrounds, Quilt Walk Memorial, and Gem Theater.

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Sincerely

Bryan Thiriot,
Executive Director
Five County Association of Governments

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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.

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Sincerely,

George Jones
Track 89 North and South

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We also strongly support the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA) and their television partner Discovery Road. These two entities are doing an incredibly important service for communities throughout the state of Utah and the region with their ongoing documentary programming of history, culture and heritage. We were interviewed for one of their recent installments.

It is a real accomplishment that Discovery Road and MPNHA have partnered to bring forward 40 episodes of consequential history. It is even more remarkable that Discovery Road is the only television program associated with a national heritage area. This special bond of communicating to the public about significant heritage stories, events and people is a powerful educational tool, which is why schools use the programming as a teaching instrument.

The Utah Education Network airs the shows regularly. The Sangre National Heritage Area and the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area have invited Discovery Road to their regions to document stories. All of this compelling documentary work is available on the MPNHA website to anyone around the world. Showcasing history and telling stories through video links, smart phones etc. is how people young and old communicate today.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Anthony LaGuardia
Italian Center of The West president

**Town of Marysvale
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Without this act, most rural communities in Utah would have an impossible task of conserving and enhancing the natural, cultural and historic resources of their communities. The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA) plays a pivotal role in enabling these rural communities to accomplish this vital task. For many years MPNHA has been a valuable partner. Marysvale has been a recipient of the hard work of MPNHA in the past. We are just completing the restoration of the historic Dance Hall at the Town Park. We are ready to submit a proposal for the establishment of a Historical Office and Depository and Visitor's Center for the Town of Marysvale. Support of S. 1004 is vital for rural communities like Marysvale to preserve its heritage.

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Sincerely,

Mayor, Town of Marysvale, UT

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Beck's Home Furnishings in Mt. Pleasant, Utah, has been involved with the Utah Heritage Highway 89 Alliance (management entity of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area) since it was formed in 2000. I have experienced its dedicated effort to create a national heritage area that honors the Mormon pioneers who played a major role in colonizing the West, including our town, which was founded in 1859 by hard working and courageous Mormon pioneers. They came primarily from Denmark and England to pursue their dreams.

The MPNHA has developed a very effective business model that links heritage with economic development. They encourage partnerships as stated in their management plan that was approved by the US Secretary of the Interior: "The MPNHA works to create and strengthen relationships with the private sector to assure that economic development is an overarching factor in the MPNHA."

The MPNHA has formed partnerships that have leveraged millions of dollars in our area.

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Sincerely,

Janiel Segó
Appliance Manager
Director, Beck's Appliance, Inc.

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JASHP has completed historical preservation and interpretive projects, centered on the commonality of the American experience, in 37 States and in 5 countries.

We can attest to our significant and important positive interactive experiences with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area to preserve, interpret, educate and present the story of American and American commonality. As the mist of time advances, the need to work with an organization who understands the needs, the cultural sensitivity and community inclusiveness, yet remaining as effectively efficient as the MPNHA, is harder to find.

Over the years, we have grown to trust and respect our relationship and their stewardship for all Americans.

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Jerry Klinger

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My family descended from Mormon pioneers and have owned businesses in Sanpete County for over 30 years. In addition to my roofing and construction business, I have nurtured an interest in Mormon pioneer heritage, especially as it pertains to historic buildings on Mt. Pleasant's Main Street, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. I wrote a series of articles titled, "Destination Main Street" to highlight the significance of our pioneer buildings and the businesses that occupied them for over a century. I greatly appreciate what the MPNHA has done to enter into private/public partnerships to provide funding for restoration.

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Jon Swapp
Owner
Eureka Roofing, LLC .

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Brent Chamberlain
Kane County Commissioner

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The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area plays an essential role in the preservation of historic resources in our City. The MPNHA works closely with the George S. and Dolores Dore' Eccles Foundation, and when the Foundation granted money to develop the heritage park in Manti, the MPNHA provided matching funds totaling \$240,000 for this very significant heritage project located west of the Manti Temple. Since its designation in 2006, the national heritage area has helped to preserve many historic treasures in our community, including the following:

- Historic Manti City Hall
- Manti Carnegie Library
- Sanpete County Fairgrounds
- Manti Senior Citizens Center
- American Legion Hall
- Pioneer Heritage Park
- Maintenance of off-road trails.

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Thank You,

kentbarton@manticity.com
Kent Barton
Manti City Manager
435-835-2401

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I have worked with Easter Seals in the past as a volunteer with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA). My duties were to help develop content for the website. In doing so, I discovered how effectively the funds, that were made available to the MPNHA, were used. It has benefited many, many businesses throughout the Highway 89 Heritage corridor reaching, conserving and even enhancing many natural, historic and cultural resources that benefit it's communities. I am convinced that the continued support of the MPNHA will be of immeasurable value.

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Regards,

L. Randall Wootton

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Let me cite just one or two specific examples:

The MPNHA has contributed funding for many projects in Mt. Pleasant. One recipient is the Mt. Pleasant Public Library, an original Carnegie Library, est. 1917. This library underwent an extensive renovation in 2011 - 2012. MPNHA contributed to developmental and architectural costs, furnishings, subsequent repairs, cement and cosmetic work and new gutters. Furthermore, on the Library lawn, at the central intersection of Mt. Pleasant, a Mormon Pioneer Heritage marker sits, identifying the area as "Little Denmark", one of the five sections of the entire loop. Recently, MPNHA refurbished the sign, making it more legible and fit the style of the majestic library in the background.

Furthermore, it has been suggested that Mt. Pleasant Public Library co-sponsor a photography contest with MPNHA. This is of interest by the Utah State Library, and its investment in rural libraries. The purpose would invite local residents to photograph their surroundings and provide images with historical elements that merge with today's scenery, shedding a positive light on this significant component of the MPNHA and promoting tourism. As a possible pilot program, this venture could be repeated along the entire route, including all eleven rural and small libraries along the way, telling the story through imagery.

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Sincerely,
Dawn Coates
Library Director

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For 30+ years, our local historic preservation group, The Friends of Historic Spring City, had worked to raise funds to restore a beautiful pioneer-era school to be used as a community center that included a museum, event space, rentable space, and city offices. Spring City is a tiny town, and for some years through the 1950s-70s, it was nearly a ghost town. Although it has a very small tax base, the unique layout and the well-preserved and restored pioneer buildings have enabled it to become a National Historic District. The MPNHA provided much needed funds for the historic restoration of the old school at a pivotal time, when we were assembling a match with an important grant-giving foundation, and these funds were essential to the completion of this important building in our town. The building makes a huge difference—we now have a space for concerts, weddings, family reunions, and it generates much-needed funds for the town. It also gives us a sense of pride in the heritage that Spring City owns, and an optimism that the town will continue on.

The MPNHA has also contributed funds for important improvements along our Main Street—repairing the monument and mechanism that keeps the spring for which our town is named flowing, and helping to restore our “Victory Hall,” once a vaudeville house. Also, in spite of the fact that Spring City has a strong tradition of military service, we’ve never had a Veterans’ Memorial of any kind—now, thanks to private donations and a grant from the MPNHA, one has recently been built, and it is an important recognition for many Spring City families of the service given by their loved ones.

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Sincerely,

Alison Anderson

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The Casino Star Theatre is a beautifully newly restored historic theater located in a small rural community in central Utah along Highway 89. Over the past 14 years, we have benefitted from MPNHA as they have helped us in the renovation of this iconic beaux-arts style theater. Without their help, we would not have been able to accomplish the rehabilitation of this theater which has been playing first run cinema since 1913 which we believe to be the longest continually run cinema in the nation.

In addition, MPNHA helped Gunnison City with a Kiosk and memorial event for the Jewish community of Clarion in our Valley. Though the community disbanded, its impact on our valley and the local people's impact on that early pioneer Jewish settlement was very evident when the 100 year anniversary was celebrated in Gunnison with some of the former members and their posterity returning for an amazing event.

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Sincerely,

Lori Nay
Executive Director,
Casino Star Theatre and current Mayor of Gunnison City

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Shortly after returning from a two-year mission to Madagascar, I was asked to assist in producing "Discovery Road" documentaries along the Mormon Trail. Three shows for UEN (the Utah Education Network) and other public television stations resulted from this filming trip. We told the story of courageous disabled people who literally walked their way to Zion; we honored pioneers who were buried along the way. A third show centered on Black Mormon pioneers, and it gave me a whole

new perspective about my heritage. My ancestor, William Fletcher Ewell, his wife Mary Lee Bland Ewell, and their children made it to Winter Quarters. William was called to serve in the Mormon Battalion, and shortly after returning to what is now Omaha, Nebraska, he died. Mary and her children were left to make the trek to the Salt Lake Valley alone, but they had one great asset—Mammy Chloe, an African American slave who had nursed Mary from her birth. When Mary cast her lot with William Fletcher Ewell and the Mormons, Mammy Chole joined them and provided the survival skills that enabled the family to make it to the Great Basin. Mammy Chole helped the Ewell family for the rest of her life.

It was an honor to learn more about this amazing African American woman who played such an important part in my family history. Her story helped me understand the tremendous contribution Black Mormon pioneers made in colonizing the West. It is also very personal, because my mother is African American. I am proud of my Black heritage and thank the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area for paying tribute to the pioneers who made us who we are today.

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Sincerely,

Marcus Ewell

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Our firm provided document design and editing services to create the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA) management plan. Through our work on the management plan, we became very familiar with the economic needs and the cultural and historic contributions of the six rural counties along Utah's Heritage Highway 89. We also have seen first-hand how the MPNHA focuses on fulfilling the goals and objectives of conserving and enhancing the natural, cultural, and historic resources of these communities.

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Paige Frame
President

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Panguitch Main Street, Gem Theater, Garfield County Fairgrounds projects, and euilt Walk Memorial.

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Sincerely

Kim Soper
Mayor, Panguitch City

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The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA) has been important in assisting Wasatch Academy's renovation of historic buildings. Wasatch Academy is a boarding school founded in 1875 by a Presbyterian Minister. Our relationship with Central Utah has been unique. The story of our school and the many other fascinating stories that make up the MPNHA area is worth sharing and preserving. The MPNHA has been instrumental in helping us to preserve historic buildings. It has also been important in assisting our rural economy.

The original Wasatch Academy school building is called Liberal Hall. It is located on the historic main street in Mount Pleasant. Liberal Hall had a fire in the early 1920's. At this time, Wasatch Academy built a new building on our current campus. Mount Pleasant city owned Liberal Hall for many years and used it as a senior center. In the 1990's, the city built a new senior center and traded Liberal Hall back to the school for a van that had 300,000 miles on it. Liberal Hall was dilapidated and in disrepair, Liberal Hall sat empty, dilapidated, and in disrepair for another decade. Because of a small grant from the MPNHA, Wasatch Academy was able to do some minor repairs and get a renovation design in place. With this momentum, we were able to raise roughly \$500,000 to renovate Liberal Hall. Today, this building is a beautiful asset to Mount Pleasant's main street and is used to tell the story of Wasatch Academy.

We have had several other historic building renovations that have been started with a small grant from the MPNHA. The dollars contributed by the MPNHA have resulted in Wasatch Academy being able to attract millions of dollars of donations. The renovations have been significant for our campus, the city of Mount Pleasant, and the MPNHA.

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Sincerely

Paul Applegarth
Assistant Head of School for Finance and Facilities

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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, Marysville Miner's Park - Historic Mining Park Infrastructure, Heritage Rag Rug Museum & Looms, Deer Creek Ghost Town, Marysville Old School Rock Building preservation, Cottonwood Grove Outdoor Dance Hall Preservation, Lizzie and Charlie's (JCPenney) 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.

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Sincerely,

Darin Bushman
Piute County Commissioner

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As managing editor of a 125-year old community newspaper in the heart of rural Utah, I have become intimately familiar with the enormous positive impact the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area has on our community.

In the years I have spent as an active Utah journalist, I have yet to find another organization doing more to achieve their mission than the MPNHA. This community and many others across our Beehive State have benefited in so many ways from partnering with the heritage area to preserve local history, promote tourism and honor the pioneer spirit of Utah's early settlers through interpretive and educational projects.

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Best regards,

Robert Stevens
Managing Editor
The Sanpete Messenger

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As a state agency that promotes the cultural and economic benefits of history throughout Utah, we have witnessed first-hand the tremendous benefits the MPNHA has provided to the communities in the rural six-county heritage area. The MPNHA plays a critical role as a regional resource for the communities, businesses, and property owners who are on the front lines in the effort to provide heritage tourism and community preservation services. Their matching grants and technical assistance provide a critical service in helping projects succeed.

The MPNHA has been especially effective in coordinating efforts in Sanpete County. No other county in Utah can match Sanpete County's accomplishments over the past 25 years. Individual communities in the county have been pursuing their own preservation and heritage tourism agendas since the 1970s, and many of them became "partners in preservation" with the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service, but the creation of the Sanpete Heritage Council in the mid-1990s brought communities throughout the county together to develop broader goals and coordinate projects to maximize their effectiveness. This Council evolved into the Utah Heritage Highway 89 Alliance, which is now the coordinating body for the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area. The MPNHA is a model of what a National Heritage Area should be.

Scores of historic sites and businesses in the heritage area have benefitted from the promotional efforts and direct assistance of the MPNHA over the years. A vibrant National Heritage Area program is a key component to helping the rural communities in this area retain their cultural identity and leverage it for economic development.

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Sincerely,

Roger Roper
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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I am a descendant of Mormon pioneers who settled Mt. Pleasant in 1859. I have spent my entire life in this community where I served as a mayor and city council member for 20 years. During my terms as a council member and mayor, I continued to be amazed as I watched the development of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area. It grew from the Mt. Pleasant Main Street Program that started in 1994 to the dynamic National Heritage Area it is today. I have never seen an organization that operates as efficiently and effectively as the MPNHA. They are incredible fund raisers and creative thinkers.

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Sincerely,

Sandra Bigler
Former Mayor and City Council Member
Mt. Pleasant City

P.S. I now serve as the sexton of our cemetery where I keep watch over 10,000 people, including my pioneer forebearers.

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The Fairview Dance Hall, Fountain Green Theater, Spring City Veterans Memorial, Ephraim Carnegie Library, Manti Historic City Hall, Gunnison Casino-Star Theater, Centerfield Rock Church Community Center. The heritage area has also helped improve the Arapeen Trail system.

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Sincerely,

Scott Bartholomew
Sanpete County Commission Chair

Griffin Paint
P.O. Box 301
Fairview, Utah 84629

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I am a professional painter with 37 years of experience. I have painted many high-end commercial and residential properties in the Western United States, especially California. For the past few years, I have experienced a wonderful rural lifestyle with a mountain backdrop in Central Utah.

It has been my pleasure to work with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area on private/public sector projects where business owners contribute half the cost of painting historic buildings and the heritage area provides a 50% match. I have painted many buildings, all of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, using this very effective partnership that maintains important buildings and contributes to the economy. I have been very impressed with the efficiency, professionalism and competence demonstrated by the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area.

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Owner, Griffin Paint

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Sincerely,

Garth Ogden
Sevier County Commission Chair

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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. MPNHE has turned \$2.2 million in federal funds into over \$44 million in local projects.

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Chairman of the board

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Skyline Eventing, LLC operates Skyline Eventing Park, Utah's premier eventing facility, located on the grounds of the Cleone Peterson Eccles Equestrian Center in Mt. Pleasant, Utah. The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area was at the forefront in developing the Cleone Peterson Eccles Equestrian Center, which includes an indoor arena, three outdoor arenas, stalls and supporting facilities.

Skyline Eventing, founded in 2015 by a group of hard-working women with a vision, has quickly grown to be home of some of the West's most popular three-day events, attracting hundreds of riders for our United State Eventing Association rated events held in the spring and fall. In October 2017, Skyline hosted the USEA Area IX Eventing Championships which drew over 150 riders, including well-known professionals from as far as California, Washington, and New Mexico, competing in twelve different divisions from Introductory to Preliminary. Additionally, Skyline has already been selected to host the 2018 and 2019 Area IX Championships. Our events and shows draw hundreds, including riders, trainers, vets, and spectators from the surrounding states.

The scope of our events extends beyond the hundreds of competitors who travel to Mount Pleasant. Each show supports dozens of local vendors and businesses, creating a positive economic benefit for Mount Pleasant and involving community members for each Skyline endeavor. As a result, Skyline Eventing and the Cleone Peterson Eccles Equestrian Center helps the MPNHA tell the story that horses played in colonizing the West and how they continue to improve the lives of people by inspiring, healing, and enhancing the economy.

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The Committee of Skyline Eventing, LLC

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It has been a great delight for me to witness the great work being performed by the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Highway Committee (MPNHA) as I travel the highways and byways of Central and Southern Utah, from the restoration of the historic Butch Cassidy home near Circleville, UT, the Pioneer Memorial Park at Manti, UT, the rehabilitation and signage at the Monroe Hot Springs, a resource considered sacred by our local Paiute bands, the entry monument at Mt. Pleasant, UT, and numerous other monuments and information points all along the Highway 89 corridor. Every time I pass one of their small highway placard signs attached to reflector posts along the way, I smile.

The MPNHA has been a great blessing to our area and a visible reminder that federal dollars can be spent on things that have a direct, positive impact on many things that matter to our lives in rural Utah.

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Regards,

Steven J. Clark,
author Chairman,
Panoramaland RC&D

Teasdale Historical Society
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We are a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the history, culture, and heritage of the small unincorporated community of Teasdale, Utah. We recently acquired ownership of the 100-year-old Teasdale "Dance Hall" and are looking forward to receiving funding from the MPNHA to finance the work necessary to stabilize and preserve this unique building. With their help we will be able to obtain matching grants and support from other sources.

We very much appreciate the support of Mr. Bona and the MPNHA as we worked to acquire the Dance Hall and are looking forward to working with them in this next phase. I believe I speak for our organization in saying we would never be able to accomplish our goals without their support.

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Sincerely,

Robert Williams
President
Teasdale Historical Society

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The Pyramid Newspaper has provided local news to citizens for over 100 years. We have kept pioneer heritage alive by paying it forward with stories about people and places in Sanpete County.

We have written extensively about the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area as they have restored historic buildings, developed interpretive centers, produced public television documentaries and promoted heritage tourism.

Over a 10-year period, the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area leveraged \$2.3 million in National Park Service money to over \$40 million in projects that have greatly strengthened the communities our newspaper serves.

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Sincerely,

Cheryl K. Brewer
Managing Editor

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The Utah Center for Rural Life is proud to have regional oversight of part of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area and appreciate the role the designation plays in the preservation and improvement of natural, cultural, and historic resources of our county.

The benefits of the projects that have resulted from this partnership have reached deep into communities throughout the region with not only a restoring impact but an economic opportunity.

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Sincerely,

Stephen Lisonbee
Assistant Vice President Office of Regional Services
Southern Utah University
Senior Advisor for Rural Affairs, State of Utah

Adus F. Dorsey II
Economic Development Director
Wayne County
P.O. Box 187
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Wayne County has benefited greatly from the efforts of the Mormon Pioneer National Area (MPNHA) programs and assistance with heritage projects that have resulted in major improvements to our communities and well-being.

Attached is a list MPNHA projects that have been completed with federal funds resulting in 2.2 million dollars turned into 44 million dollars in local projects.

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Adus F. Dorsey II
Wayne County, Utah

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

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 caboose, 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 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 facade.

Old Winkelman Town: Development of infra- structure to accommodate growing numbers of tourists to Deer Creek Ghost Town.

Hanksville

Historic Rock Community Hall: Restoration of historic building.

Candy Mountain Whistle Stop Trailhead: Development of an interpretive center to display the impor- tance 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 fac- tory, for exhibition and demonstration to field trips and heritage tours of pioneer rug-making methods.

Boulder Loop (Garfield and Wayne Counties)

Bicknell

Bicknell Theater: Restoration and renovation of historic theater for public use and community activi-

tjes. 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 re- strooms, picnic tables and other amenities.

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

Loa

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.

Teasdale

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

Historic Manti City Hall: Restoration of oo- lite-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 alumi- num siding to expose original stone exterior and win- dows; rehabilitation of stone and grout.

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 in- cluding 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

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 facade 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 few- ish Back-to-the-Soil Community" historic marker on Gunnison's Legacy Plaza.

Centerfield

Old Rock Church: Restoration of exterior stone- work 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

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. Veterans 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

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On page 88 of the Management Plan, the MPNHA commitment to the arts reads as follows: "The MPNHA should engage the creative minds of the art community in communicating the Mormon pioneer story in nontraditional ways." The MPNHA sponsors the NSAC in hosting shows for many local artists including professionals, hob-byists, and students of all ages. These shows have included watercolor, stained glass, oil, reliquaries, art installations, and photography. We have two state-sponsored traveling art shows scheduled this spring and summer. We currently have a show from local grade school children. It's reception drew well over 250 people.

We are also able to host workshops of varying kinds which have included book making, life drawing, watercolor, and oil painting. It is important to us that our small rural community is able to benefit from art awareness and education. My ancestors were some of those who first settled here. Through reading their journals, I know that they valued creative expression and beauty in function and form.

We greatly appreciate their support for our organization and all artists along the heritage corridor.

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Sincerely,

Wendy Hacking
NSAC President

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I volunteered to help the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area in one of their "Discovery Road" TV shows. I even drove the 1977 Cougar that travels along the Mormon Pioneer heritage corridor gathering stories about the towns, places and people that tell the pioneer story. It was fun and exciting—and that is what makes the MPNHA such an inclusive organization. They involve people in meaningful ways and make everyone feel welcome and important. They are such great people to be involved with.

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Sincerely,
Sierrah Massey

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I gained great experience by volunteering with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area. I worked on marketing projects, coordinated with building restoration and helped with general communications and office assistance. I was there when Wells Fargo Bank donated their building on Mt. Pleasant's Main Street to the MPNHA because they closed the branch. I learned how visionary and focused the MPNHA functions as I watched the process they followed in obtaining the building. They are a very creative and resourceful organization.

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Sincerely,
Sheenah Christensen

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I served as director of public relations at Snow College and Wasatch Academy. During my tenure, I had the privilege of working with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area. Their vision, enthusiasm, and commitment are an excellent example for all of us who work with them. Our Mormon pioneer forebears would be very pleased with their outstanding projects and programs.

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Sincerely,
Brooke Allred

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I assist the MPNHA as a volunteer committed in telling the Mormon pioneer story. My most recent project centered on early railroad history in Central Utah. I stayed in a boxcar at Track 89. I was taken back by how the MPNHA forms partnerships with non-profit organizations to develop major projects and enhance the economy while concurrently preserving history. They are an amazing organization.

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Sincerely,
Teresa Ewell

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I am a professional genealogist. A donor to the MPNHA paid me to assist the MPNHA in tracing Mormon pioneer roots in Wales and England. It was a marvelous experience. I traveled with them while they went to homes to hear and film amazing stories. My impression of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area can be capsulized in one word—outstanding.

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Sincerely,
Ann Bath

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I assisted the MPNHA on filming projects in Wales and England as part of their "Discovery Road" TV series. We filmed in three cities, including Swansea and Yorkshire. I met people from families who stayed behind while other relatives made the trip across the Atlantic to settle in their Zion during the 1850s. I learned a great deal about the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area's skill and professionalism. Their work is truly outstanding.

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Sincerely,
Ginny Oliver

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It has been my privilege to work with the MPNHA on restoration projects. I have learned how to carry out SHPO standards for brick restoration, proper painting and woodworking procedures. The MPNHA is a great organization to work with.

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Sincerely,
Jessee Gilstrap

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I have been working on preservation projects in Central Utah. I was raised in Tennessee, but have roots in Utah. I have been able to apply my construction skills to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for restoring historic homes. I have learned the importance of maintaining our heritage by making sure that homes built by early pioneers are kept intact as a way of keeping faith with those who worked so hard to settle here. The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area stays focused on this significant mission.

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Sincerely,
Nicolas Mooney

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My name is Maryda Gallo. I was a host for 12 "Discovery Road " TV shows. I traveled throughout the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area, along the 400 mile corridor. I was amazed by the natural beauty, the compelling stories, the amazing descendants of the Mormon pioneers and how they have carried on the traditions of their forebears. I will be forever touched by what I learned and experienced. The MPNHA is to be commended for keeping these stories alive and vital.

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Maryda Gallo

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I worked as a volunteer for the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area to do research on agri-tourism and help carry out the sections of their management plan that committed to showing how farming and ranching was a very important part of the Mormon colonization experience. My experience was very rewarding. The MPNHA is a dynamic organization that gathers strength by working with volunteers.

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Sincerely,
Mike Earing

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The MPNHA has provided funding for Ephraim City to restore the historic Bishop's Storehouse, Hansen House in Pioneer Park, Ephraim Co-op building and other projects, including trail construction and economic development.

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Sincerely,

Shaun Kjar
City Manager
Ephraim City

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On behalf of the members of the Central Utah Back Country Horsemen, I would like to express my thanks for the work the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area has done to develop the Mt. Pleasant Equestrian and Amenities project. Our local chapter is affiliated with the Back Country Horsemen of Utah and the Back Country Horsemen of America. The purpose of these organizations is to promote, protect and preserve equestrian activities in America's backcountry.

In addition to being a diverse group of individuals who love riding on our beautiful public lands, we are also a service organization which volunteers time and labor to assist managing agencies in maintaining and improving the trails we ride.

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Best Regards,
Lynn Barton, DVM
President CUBCH

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We are very grateful for the support and funding given by the heritage area in the restoration of the Moroni Opera House. Their effort started when they worked with former State Senator Leonard Blackham during the early phases of design and restoration. More recently, they provided a grant for a new roof.

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Sincerely,

Paul Bailey
Mayor, Moroni City

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My involvement with national and international tourism started in 1974. I worked in tourism and economic development with the U.S. Department of Commerce in conjunction with four western states.

My first contact with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area was in February, 2002, when the Utah Heritage Highway 89 Alliance (management entity for the MPNHA) had a booth in the Media Center during the 2002 Winter Olympics. Monte Bona was working with Senator Robert Bennett to create a national heritage area. I was greatly impressed with the quality of the booth and the way the volunteers interacted with the media. They arranged tours for journalists to travel along the heritage corridor, prepared very professional press releases and even got a spot on the David Letterman show.

Subsequently, I was hired to prepare a Travel Planner for the MPNHA and became their heritage tourism consultant, representing them at trade shows and in other venues.

My partnership with the MPNHA is strong and deep. They work with vigor, vision and vibrancy.

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Sincerely,

Brad Smith
Owner
ForeMost West

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I am an Australian skilled artisan and restoration specialist, including energy efficiency and Green retrofitting work.

I have done an analysis on preserving buildings on Mt. Pleasant's Main Street. I just completed the restoration of a unique building-- that like the rest of Main Street-- is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area provides 50% of the funding required for restoring these very significant buildings.

My observation is that the MPNHA is not only a very efficient organization, but also has keen insight, imagination and vision for preserving the heritage of the skilled artisans who constructed so many noteworthy buildings in our area. I am especially impressed by how they work with preservationists in the Utah Division of State History and the SHPO team.

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Thomas Plustwik
Owner,
Thomas Plustwik Restoration

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I greatly appreciate the improvements the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area has made to our trail systems in Sanpete Valley, including additional RV hookups and stalls and adding new showers and restrooms to the equestrian facility. These improvements would enhance the area and benefit the entire trail system.

The Cleone Peterson Eccles Equestrian Center supports our growing Sanpete 4th program beyond measure, giving us such a unique platform and helping us to teach a whole new generation to be stewards of the land, along with the lessons they learn in their growing partnership with horses and livestock.

Programs supporting our organization have been greatly enhanced by the vision of the MPNHA to develop the Center and keep the heritage of horses and livestock at the forefront of our Mormon pioneer heritage.

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Best Regards,

Randee Lee Jaques
Sanpete County Western 4H Horse Council Member

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Our pioneer history association is Mt. Pleasant's voice for the Mormon pioneers who settled in our area. From pioneer homes to tidbits of history and building restoration, we are at the forefront in keeping our town's heritage alive so that those who gave so much will not be forgotten.

We work closely with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area to preserve the Relic House, which was the home of William Seely, Mt. Pleasant's first mayor. It is also the place where the final treaty was signed to bring Utah's Blackhawk War to a close. This year, the MPNHA granted \$10,000 for the most recent restoration work on this historic house and has committed more funding in 2022.

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Sincerely,

Tudy Standlee
Mt. Pleasant Pioneer Museum and Relic House

p.s. The Relic House was featured in two MPNHA "Discovery Road" TV shows—"Utah's Blackhawk War—Cultures in Conflict" and "The Lost Tomahawk". In addition., the widely distributed production "Sheep Count" showed the importance of the sheep industry in Sanpete Valley.

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The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area has provided approximately \$175,000 for projects in our City, including funding for Hot Springs, Monroe City Heritage Memorial, and Carol Theater restoration.

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Sincerely,

Johnny Parsons
Mayor, Monroe City

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I am the owner of Solar Tek Construction management, so it might seem strange for me to be supporting an organization that preserves the past. However, for two years it has been my pleasure to serve as the construction manager of Track 89 North—a project that converts historic railroad box cars and a caboose into a first class railroad resort. It does so in conjunction with a beautifully restored 1890s Denver Rio Grande Depot. The boxcars have a bedroom, kitchen, living room with a couch that has a folding bed, bathroom and unexpected amenities.

During my experience I have been in close contact with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area as they work diligently to preserve the railroad history of the area and promote heritage tourism. They are key players in this private, non-profit, public partnership. I have been greatly impressed by their vision, competence, and passion. It has been my privilege to work with them.

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Sincerely,

William Burgoyne
Owner
Solar Tek

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I have worked with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area in fulfilling a plank in their Management Plan that states, "Equestrian Park and Arena—This project will emphasize the role that horses played, and continue to play, in the economy of the MPNHA. With two million horse owners in the United States, many visitors to the MPNHA have an interest in horses and horse events. Agritourism will be emphasized. This project will involve partners at local, state and national levels...Local cowboys will also be involved to interpret this important aspect of Mormon heritage. "

The MPNHA provided seed money and then leveraged funding to develop the \$3 million Cleone Peterson Eccles Equestrian Center/ConToy Arena which attracts participants from throughout Utah and surrounding states.

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Sincerely,

Jack Widdison
Owner
White Peak Ranch

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Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso,

I am writing in support of S.1004, Great Basin National Heritage Area and Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area Extension Act. An extension of authority for 15 years will be a catalyst for economic development, public/private and non-profit partnerships and fund leveraging that have characterized the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area since authorization was granted on October 12, 2006 by Public Law 109-338, Subtitle D.

It was my privilege to serve as an intern for the MPNHA. I worked closely with Alexandra Hernandez at the NPS Intermountain Region and Monte Bona, MPNHA Director. It was an outstanding experience. I learned that Mormon pioneer settlements were established not only in Utah, but also in places like Las Vegas, San Diego, Sacramento, San Francisco, and throughout the Mountain West. I gained insight on the impact Mormon pioneers had in colonizing the West.

At the micro level, my internship centered on writing a book on pollination and the crucial role bees play in preserving our agricultural heritage. The book has been illustrated and hopefully it will help students understand the linkage between bees and agriculture.

Please support S.1004 to allow the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area to honor our pioneer heritage with constructive projects and programs.

Sincerely,

Hannah Bowles