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Kim Grant, Director  
Endangered Places Program  
Colorado Preservation, Inc.  
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Denver, CO 80218

Dear Ms. Grant,

We are writing to express our support to preserve the High Altitude Observatory, an abandoned observatory that was built in 1940 on Climax Mine property here in Eagle County.

The observatory became part of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), then the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), the beginnings of the CU Boulder's Department of Astro-Geophysics and played a key role in World War II.

Preserving this site is important not only because of the atmospheric research which continues to this day, but the crucial role in World War II with daily coronagraph observations used for reliable radio communications in military operations.

We would like to see Colorado Preservation involved in preserving this site because without protection, this site will continue to deteriorate. Your expertise in working with highly endangered sites and property owners is critical at this point. We hope you can provide guidance on possible partnerships and interpretive information that can be made available to a wider audience through your channels and connections.

Sincerely,

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