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Colorado Preservation, Inc.  
1420 Ogden St., Suite 104  
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Subject: Endorsement of the Red Cliff Town Hall and Firehouse for Listing on Colorado's Most Endangered Places

Dear Colorado Preservation, Inc.,

We are writing to lend our full support to the nomination of the Red Cliff Town Hall and Firehouse for inclusion on Colorado's Most Endangered Places list. As the County Commissioners for Eagle County and dedicated advocates for historical preservation, we are acutely aware of the importance of safeguarding our region's unique heritage.

The Red Cliff Town Hall and Firehouse, an architectural testament to the early history of our county and region, holds profound significance that transcends its immediate locality. Constructed in the late 1800s, this revered structure embodies the pioneering spirit and resilience of our early settlers, encapsulating the struggles and triumphs of an era that helped shape the foundations of Eagle County.

The historical narrative preserved within the walls of the Red Cliff Town Hall and Firehouse is inseparable from the broader chronicle of our region's development. This building served as a nucleus for civic governance and a defender against the perils of fire, symbolizing the unity and determination of our forebears in the face of adversity. Its presence stands as a tangible reminder of our county's formative years and the indispensable role it played in shaping the course of history within the larger context of the state of Colorado.

Despite its rich history, the passage of time has taken its toll on this honored building. The looming threat of structural instability and decay is a matter of profound concern, underscoring the urgency of intervention to prevent the irrevocable loss of this valuable piece of our shared heritage. In the absence of adequate resources and expertise, our ability to address this crisis is very much limited.

The preservation of the Red Cliff Town Hall and Firehouse extends beyond the realm of local history; it serves as a poignant reminder of the broader tapestry of our region's development. The stories contained within its walls echo the experiences of those who shaped our county's identity and played a pivotal role in Colorado's growth. The preservation of this site is an investment in the understanding of our past, forging connections between generations and fostering a sense of continuity and belonging.



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Recognizing the gravity of this situation, we wholeheartedly endorse the inclusion of the Red Cliff Town Hall and Firehouse on Colorado's Most Endangered Places list. Such recognition would galvanize support and resources that are critical for its preservation. We urge Colorado Preservation, Inc. to lend its expertise and backing to this noble cause, as the significance of this building resonates far beyond its physical presence.

In uniting our efforts, we can ensure that the legacy of the Red Cliff Town Hall and Firehouse endures for generations to come. Your organization's involvement will not only contribute to the preservation of a historical site but will also enrich our county's cultural landscape, inspiring future leaders to value and protect our shared history.

Thank you for your commitment to preserving our heritage and for considering the nomination of the Red Cliff Town Hall and Firehouse. Your support is instrumental in charting a path towards a more informed and connected future.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry

Chair

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Commissioner

Jeanne McQueeney

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