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Greetings Everyone,

The Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition (“T.H.E. Coalition”) cordially invites you to renew your membership for 2023.

For the first time since the pandemic, T.H.E. Coalition had a really grand year of accomplishments in 2022. We look forward to an even greater year in 2023, and with your continued help and support, I am sure that will come true.

2022 started off with a donation of some railroad ties and rails in January by the Woodland Park Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Those materials were left over from when they installed the COG Railroad Car. Later in February, T.H.E. Coalition, in partnership with Midland Days at Divide, was able to have the Midland Depot in Divide completely repainted. The boxcar that was donated in 2021 was also sealed (another grant from the RMRHF helped pay for that).

Fast forward to August and two events crowned that month. First, Mrs. Virginia Shippey donated a railroad baggage car to T.H.E. Coalition which was moved to the site. And later in the month, the Gold Camp Victorian Society and T.H.E. Coalition held a dedication ceremony to highlight the attachment of historic railroad signs to the depot, financed by a donation from the GCVS in 2019.

In October, T.H.E. Coalition held its 5th Annual Breit Awards Banquet at the Crystola Roadhouse on Sunday, October 30th. We were honored to present deserving awards to Mr. Steve Plutt, Mr. Gary Horton and the Old Homestead House and Museum.

To cap off the year, T.H.E. Coalition’s current SHF grant, which was awarded in 2018 for the creation of construction documents for the Midland Depot in Divide, was finally concluded! We are grateful for the efforts of Consultant Charise Boomsma of The Preservation Studio in Colorado Springs, as well as Chuck Severance from CRS Architects, for their final work on the grant plans. Renovation plans for future grants were also phased to identify the sequence of those activities. Now, we are ready to begin the restoration of the depot in earnest.

The entire Board of Directors of T.H.E. Coalition celebrates the remarkable accomplishments of 2022 and looks forward to another year. We know that with your loyalty and support, we will continue to fulfill our unending mission to preserve and protect the natural, scenic, recreational and historic assets in Teller County. We thank you!

David Martinek

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