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T.H.E. Coalition Membership Renewal Letter for 2022

Greetings Everyone,

The Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition (“T.H.E. Coalition”) cordially invites you to renew your membership for 2022.

While the COVID-19 pandemic, in its many variants, is still with us, T.H.E. Coalition was able to accomplish many things in 2021. For example, we conducted a very successful Breit Awards Banquet at the Crystola Roadhouse in October. And, as we discussed in the January 2021 Annual Meeting, the plan to move the old Midland Boxcar from the Ellsworth Ranch in Divide to the Midland Depot property was executed in August. We also received a grant from the Rocky Mountain Railroad Foundation regarding the boxcar.

T.H.E. Coalition’s current SHF grant will be extended by SHF for another year, but we see that grant being concluded soon. The grant was awarded in 2018 to create construction documents for the Midland Depot in Divide in preparation for future renovation. 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 continuing work on the grant plans, even though the completion of the grant has been extended a long time. The finished construction plans will enable us to apply for more grants in the future, at the appropriate times, to begin some of that renovation.

The Heritage Tourism initiative, sponsored by T.H.E. Coalition and culminating with the launch of the “Tour Teller” smartphone mobile applications in 2015, can still be downloaded and remains a popular, one-of-a-kind app for historic oriented users.

Late in 2021, T.H.E. Coalition agreed to be the financial manager for an adhoc group hoping to renovate the public park and playground in Florissant. Called the “Adopt the Park – Florissant Group,” the group has raised funds and is poised to begin work on the park/playground this year.

Although we were still impacted by COVID-19 issues in 2021, the year was marked with several accomplishments that should make us all proud. All always, the loyalty of our board of directors and members remains firm, for which we are extremely grateful. Your continued membership supports our unending mission to preserve and protect the natural, scenic, recreational and historic assets in Teller County. We thank you!

*David Martinek*

Chair

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