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In Reply Refer to:
Preserve America program
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November 26, 2007

Board of County Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the 2007 Community Application submitted by Fremont County for a Preserve America Designation for Fremont County.


The Royal Gorge Field Office has been involved in preservation efforts for a number of years and supports the goals of the Preserve America Program. Our office has two archeologists, paleontology expertise, an interpretive specialist, two geologists, and a lot of interest in historical preservation and heritage tourism. We work on a regular basis with the Colorado State Historic Preservation office and support that organization in its efforts.

We support the following organizations that have historical preservation and heritage tourism goals:

- Gold Belt Byway
- Greater Arkansas River Nature Association
- Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative
- Garden Park Paleontology Society

We are pleased to see the application by Fremont County as it will lead to a more unified approach in historic preservation and heritage tourism. A concerted effort in Fremont County can help lead to more substantial efforts in preservation of the county's significant heritage in mining, transportation, and paleontology which are all areas in which we have knowledgeable staff and resources. Please feel free to contact me at 269-8502 if you require specific information to support the proposal and I will contact appropriate staff members to provide that information to you.

Sincerely,


for Roy L. Masinton
Field Manager
Royal Gorge Field Office