



City of Cañon City

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Dear reader:

The City of Cañon City strongly endorses this application for selection of Fremont County, Colorado as a Preserve America community. As the county seat of Fremont County, the City of Cañon City has formed strong partnerships with this and other governmental agencies in preserving our rich and inspiring heritage.

Cañon City is the sixth oldest incorporated city in the State of Colorado. On April 2, 1872, the leaders and settlers of our community met in the rooms above "Murray's Saloon" on Main Street to set into motion the organization of a community that first began as a supply town for the gold rush miners of Cripple Creek and Leadville, Colorado. The City of Cañon City has a deep and awe inspiring heritage that reaches across the breadth of the gold rush days and the wild west, to a strong agricultural community, and onward to its current small town charm that is sought by residents and visitors alike.

The City has worked diligently over the last decade to insure the preservation and restoration of those sites and structures that document and represent the spirit of the westward movement. We have partnered preservation advocacy with public outreach and have built a community that values its history and honors its heritage.

The City receives millions of visitors each year. These visitors come to partake in our Royal Gorge Bridge, to ride the same train route that once transported President Theodore Roosevelt through the beautiful gorge, to raft the whitewater of the Arkansas River that runs through our community, and who visit our museums to learn of our area's history from dinosaurs to settlers. The selection of Fremont County as a Preserve America Community is a choice that you can be sure will be supported by all who have visited us, and those who will most certainly come upon our receipt of such a prestigious designation.

We urge your favorable consideration of this application to name Fremont County as a Preserve America community. Further, we encourage you to visit our area to see for yourself the rich history and pioneer spirit that is alive and well in Fremont County, Colorado!

With best regards,

William F. Jackson
Mayor