



November 27, 2007

Honorable Commissioners;

The Cañon City Chamber of Commerce strongly endorses this application for selection of Fremont County, Colorado as a Preserve America community. The Cañon City Chamber of Commerce has formed strong relationships with the City of Cañon City and the Fremont County Tourism Council to preserve and promote our rich heritage.

The Cañon City Chamber of Commerce, being housed in the Peabody Mansion which was built circa 1880, we live a breath our heritage everyday coming to work. The City of Cañon City has a deep and rich heritage that reaches deep into the archives of history.

The City receives millions of visitors each year to take in our heritage as well as our current attractions such as: The Royal Gorge Bridge, the Royal Gorge Route Railroad, to raft the whitewaters of the Arkansas or visit our many museums to learn about 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 and colorful history as well as the pioneer spirit that is alive and well in Fremont County, Colorado!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Shane", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Doug Shane
Executive Director
Cañon City Chamber of Commerce