



Colorado Preservation, Inc.

BUILDING A FUTURE *with* HISTORIC PLACES

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the leading non-profit statewide historic preservation advocacy organization providing educational and technical support for communities across Colorado, Colorado Preservation, Inc. (CPI) is pleased to provide a letter of support for the effort to form a non-profit foundation for the management and preservation of the iconic Crystal Mill in Gunnison County. The Mill is one of the most recognizable and distinctive Colorado landmarks relating to the mining history of Colorado and the glorious Crystal River Valley. The Mill is a major destination for visiting tourists and Colorado residents and is one of the most photographed structures in the state.

The private owners of the Crystal Mill have provided important stewardship on behalf of the Mill for over 80 years, but a structure of this significance, complexity, and difficulty of access for maintenance purposes, cries out for a broader community-based effort for its preservation. A non-profit entity or foundation would provide a vehicle for engaging the public, raising funds for preservation, and accessing other technical resources and support to save this iconic structure.

The Crystal Mill has stood for over a century on its perch overlooking the Crystal River, but time and climatic conditions have taken its toll and the time to act is now to save it for future generations. CPI supports the formation of a broad-based community non-profit that can advocate for the Mill's preservation. CPI supports Gunnison County and other potential partners in this effort to save one of the most unique sites in Colorado.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Grant', written over a horizontal line.

Kim Grant, Director
Colorado's Most Endangered Places
Colorado Preservation, Inc.