

ATTENTION GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS
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FOR PRESERVATION PROJECTS OF THE
WHITE KNOB HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, INC.

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COMMITTEE 501 (C) (3) DOCUMENT

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WHITE KNOB HISTORICAL PRESERVATION
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Dear Applicant:

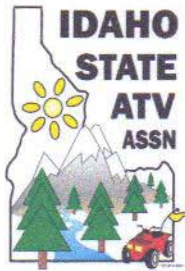
We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Information for Exempt Organizations Under Section 501(c)(3) for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

If you distribute funds to other organizations, your records must show whether they are exempt under section 501(c)(3). In cases where the recipient organization is not exempt under section 501(c)(3), you must have evidence the funds will be used for section 501(c)(3) purposes.

Letter 947 (DO/CG)



February 1, 2010

Idaho Community Foundation
P.O. Box 8143
Boise, Idaho 83707

Dear Grants administrator,

Our group is very happy to lend our support to the White Knob Historical Preservation Committee of Mackay and their efforts to develop and improve the old smelter site as a feature trail stop of Mackay's Mine Hill Tour and the ATV trail system there.

Many of our association have had the pleasure to take the Mine Hill Tour and found the interpretation and development of the many old mining sites and structures very professional and well done. We found the "Tour" stops both interesting and educational and a real pleasure to ride. We are confident that the efforts of the WKHPC to develop the historic old smelter site will result in even more enjoyment and appreciation for those taking the Mine Hill Tour trail ride.

Sincerely,

Clark L. Collins, President
1643 Surprise Valley Rd.
Pocatello, ID 83201
Ph. 208-237-3460 h 251-9937 Cell

"Working together to keep the roads and trails open for all."

Letter of Support

February 1, 2010

Idaho Community Foundation
P.O. Box 8143
Boise, Idaho 83707

Lost Rivers Economic Development
P.O. Box 50
Mackay, Id. 83251

Dear Grant Administrator,

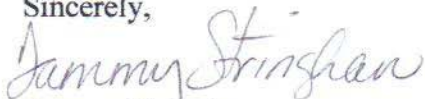
The Lost Rivers Economic Development organization is very happy to give its whole-hearted support to the White Knob Historical Preservation Committee and its Mine Hill Tour recreational trail.

Tourism and visitation to the Lost River Valley is a very important facet of the economic health of the region and the Mackay community. The inauguration of their self-guided Mine Hill Tour and promotion in the media has sparked the public's interest in the mining history of the area and the area's many recreational opportunities and Mackay has become the focus of increased tourism. Feedback from visitors has been extremely positive. Recent adoption of Mackay and its "Tour" by the Idaho State Parks and Recreation Dept. as an ATV touring destination has even expanded its popularity.

Our Economic Development organization is very happy to lend our support to the White Knob Historical Preservation Committee of Mackay and their efforts to develop and improve the old smelter site as a feature trail stop of Mackay's Mine Hill Tour and the ATV trail system there.

The White Knob Historical Committee's ongoing preservation and restoration projects are extremely important to the area and deserve your most favorable consideration in grant funding.

Sincerely,



Tammy Stringham
Tourism Manager
Lost Rivers Economic Development

LETTER OF SUPPORT

February 1, 2009

Idaho Community Foundation
P.O. Box 8143
Boise, Idaho 83707

Mayor Otto Higbee
City of Mackay
P.O. Box 509
Mackay, ID 83251


Dear Grants administrator,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for the White Knob Historical Preservation Committee and their Smelter Site preservation project and stabilization and restoration of the two structures there.

Since its creation the Committee has worked tirelessly in its efforts to preserve our community's mining heritage there on the Mine Hill, promote Mackay, and bolster the local economy. Their Mine Hill Tour has been a tremendous success and really helped put the community on the map.

The Committee's initiative in acquiring and saving the old Smelter Site is an example of their can-do spirit. Their project to ensure the stability and longevity of the two buildings there and to develop the site into a feature stop of Mackay's Mine Hill Tour and our ATV trail system here, has the complete support of the city council and me.

Sincerely,



Otto Higbee, Mayor

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Feb 1, 2010

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Boise, Idaho 83707

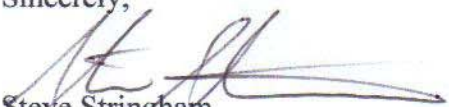
Mackay ORV Club
P.O. Box 532
Mackay, ID 83251

Dear Grants administrator,

Our group is very happy to lend our support to the White Knob Historical Preservation Committee of Mackay and their efforts to develop and improve the old smelter site as a feature trail stop of Mackay's Mine Hill Tour and the ATV trail system here.

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Sincerely,


Steve Stringham
President

February 1, 2010

Idaho Community Foundation
P.O. Box 8143
Boise, Idaho 83707

Lost Rivers ATV Association
P.O. Box 75
Arco, ID 83213

Dear Grants Administrator,

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Many of our association have had the pleasure to take the Mine Hill Tour and found it a real pleasure to ride.....the Tour stops of many old mining sites and structures both interesting , educational, and their interpretation and development very well done.

The committee's current efforts to develop and improve the smelter site stop, we're certain, will result in even greater enjoyment and appreciation for those taking the Mine Hill tour and lead to even greater popularity and public use.

Sincerely,



Bruce Bleak
President

SMELTER BLACKSMITH & MACHINE SHOP



The Blacksmith & Machine Shop was part of the initial infrastructure of the smelter site constructed in 1901. A large shop and repair facility was needed for the huge smelter complex with its many mechanical systems and its mining railroad. Fires in 1916 and again in 1928 would destroy the structure only to be rebuilt almost immediately and retaining its large size, 60 feet X 36 feet. Changes in the smelter site's primary function through the years, smelter to concentrating mill and power plant, dictated the building's support role. Although always retaining its blacksmithing functions, in 1913 a special sawmill for the production of mine tunnel timbers was set up in the building. The history of the building and the shop's specific function since the 1930's is unclear and undocumented. Although the timber joinery of the 1929 building is not as elaborate as that of the neighboring engine house structure, it never-the-less is a fine example of high level mill timber framing.

Deterioration with time and vandalism have taken a toll on the structure although structurally sound. Most of the building's foundation sill timbers are all feared rotted and needing replacement to stabilize the structure. Complete restoration will require replacement of doors, windows, fascia, soffit, and trim wood.

SHAY ENGINE HOUSE



The Shay mountain railroad utilized to haul ore down from the mines terminated and was based at the smelter site along the river. A part of the railroad's complex there was the "Engine House", a structure 45 feet long, 16 feet wide and some 20 feet tall. The engine house had tall openings with doors at both ends with trackage running through and provided a space, out of the elements, for the engines when not in use. The tracks extended through the building and on to the blacksmith and machine shop where maintenance and repairs could be made on the locomotives if needed. The original engine house was built about 1901 but was destroyed by fire in 1906. The present structure (pictured) was completed in 1907 and used through 1918 when the "Shay" mountain railroad was abandoned and gave way to the ore hauling aerial tramway. The building is not believed to have seen any significant alterations since. Its structural framework boasts wonderful examples of early-day timber joinery of the mortise and tenon style, secured with wooden pegs.

Unfortunately time and some fire damage has taken a toll on the structure. Most of the foundation sill beams are deteriorated and need replacing as well as several fire damaged wall support beams. And most of the exterior wood fascia, soffit, trim, and cupola components may need replacing. New roofing metal will be required as well as much of the building's metal exterior.

Preservation Project Recognition & Awards

The Board of Directors of the **White Knob Historical Preservation Committee, Inc.** wishes to assure Granting Organizations of its commitment and dedication to this project as evidenced by our seven-year history and record of getting things done. It is very proud of its accomplishments to date and its reputation of completing projects it takes on. It has been recognized by the state and nationally as noted below.

The Committee and BLM were instrumental in designating the Mine Hill's old Shay railroad grade as a nationally listed "Community Millennium Trail".

In 2003 The Idaho State Historic Preservation Council awarded the Committee its Orchid Award for Cultural Heritage Preservation.

In 2005 the Committee and its preservation project received the Secretary of Interior's Cooperative Conservation Award for 2005 in a ceremony in Washington D.C.

In 2006 the BLM chose to feature our Mine Hill preservation project and Mackay Mine Hill Tour on its national website www.blm.gov/heritage/adventures/menu/featured_site_id.html.

In 2007 the Committee was recognized as Mackay's official historical preservation group and went on to gain national designation for Mackay as a "Preserve America Community".