



Historic Georgetown, Inc.

October 22, 2002

Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 2000
Georgetown, Colorado 80444

Re: Lower Silverdale Non-Motorized Recreation Area

Dear Commissioners:

Historic Georgetown, Inc. ("HGI") has been following with great interest and enthusiasm the plan being developed by the Historic District Public Lands Commission for a non-motorized recreation area in lower Silverdale. HGI is the owner of land within the proposed recreation area, including the land on which the foot bridge across South Clear Creek is located. In addition, part of the land on which the highway department and U.S. Forest Service is proposing to put the Guanella Pass information kiosk, parking lot, and restroom facilities is also owned by HGI.

The Board of Directors of Historic Georgetown, Inc. is very much in favor of the plan and is very pleased that HGI's Silverdale property is included within the proposed non-motorized recreation area. HGI's Silverdale property is probably the most often used open space land that HGI owns. Lower Silverdale is not only a very beautiful part of the County, but it is also readily accessible to many different kinds of users: picnickers, hikers, cross country skiers, naturalists, and history buffs. We believe that it is essential that we do all that we can to make sure that the quiet beauty of this unique area is preserved for generations of users to come.

Historic Georgetown, Inc., is very proud that some of its open space lands are being considered for inclusion in the non-motorized recreation area, and we urge Clear Creek County to formally adopt the Lower Silverdale Non-Motorized Recreation Area plan.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew D. Skeen".

Matthew D. Skeen
Chairman of the Board
Historic Georgetown, Inc.