

**This letter was sent to newly elected  
Mayor and Council Members of Cañon City**

November 12, 2007  
Mayor Frank Jaquez  
Council Members

Dear Mayor Jaquez and Council Members,

Congratulations on your recent election to Cañon City Council!

The Hogbacks Restoration Campaign wishes to welcome you to your new term as the Mayor of Cañon City. We would like for you to know that we are here to assist you in any manner we can with this important task the Council has before it to restore and protect the Hogbacks while allowing appropriate managed use by the public at the appropriate date in the future.

First we would like to strongly recommend that the Council establish a new Standing Committee dedicated solely to the Hogbacks Restoration. Hopefully this would be made up of Council Members who volunteer to be on the committee and who have the time and desire to be a part of this critical community property restoration project.

We want you to know that our Campaign is totally supportive of a well thought out MANAGEMENT PLAN. We further strongly support this overall comprehensive plan being broken into three individual management subsection plans and addressed in order but perhaps not necessarily all at the same time.

1. A CLOSURE AND ENFORCEMENT PLAN
2. A SURFACE REHABILITATION AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN.
3. A LONG RANGE USE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Persons working within our Campaign who have experience with such projects feel there is too much to try to address in a single plan. Such a total comprehensive plan could easily take from three to five years to bring all the community interests into the process and propose a compromise plan that Council would feel comfortable approving.

**Allowing the Hogbacks to continue to be destroyed by the present unregulated use and continue to expose the City to accident liability claims would be unacceptable in our view. The residents of the northwest portion of the city would continue to be exposed to unwarranted noise and unlicensed ATV vehicles using their streets going to and from the area. Too, continued use during the in-depth planning period would only make the erosion more difficult to correct**

**and the west side of our city would have even more mud and human waste in the streets to clean up following any rapid snow melt or heavy rain.**

We will support and assist in any manner possible the Council's efforts to enact the first subsection plan, a workable and enforceable closure of the Hogbacks. Our Campaign has prepared recommendations that will be necessary to make such a closure legal and enforceable. We have prepared a visual aerial map plan for an effective closure of the area. We have a rough cost estimate for materials needed to put such a closure in place and have made contact with DOC who can provide inmate work crew labor for a lot of the labor time necessary to install the needed closures.

As soon as the Council's Hogbacks Committee is in place and ready to go to work on this project, our Campaign members are available to help in any way we can. We would like to encourage you to visit our website at: <http://www.geolor.com/SkylineHogbacks/Skyline-Hogbacks-Preservation-Campaign.htm>

Once again we would like to congratulate you on your successful election. We will be looking forward to working with you soon.

Sincerely,

Skyline Hogback Preservation Campaign Committee