

Letter to the Editor:
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Vote Yes this November to Return Hogbacks to Glory

To the editor:

Towns of all sizes in Colorado have spent time and money buying acreage to provide a green belt. Several years ago, former mayor Lavelle Craig and his city council had the wisdom to buy 339 acres in the Hog backs. Sadly, this area has become a garbage dump and a dust bowl.

On Nov. 4, 2008, we the voters of Cañon City will have the opportunity to save this geological wonder. This will be achieved with no new taxes on bonds. A yes vote on ordinance No. 14 will make this area recreational and closed to all motor vehicles other than law enforcement. I believe that both the late Lavelle Craig and John Nichols, former director of parks, should be commemorated if this is saved.

When I was a child, a drive on Skyline was thrilling, and it was easy to imagine the dinosaurs and sea creatures that lived near and swam in the inland sea. A child looking down from Skyline Drive now will see garbage and erosion.

Please vote yes on city ordinance No. 14 and allow the Hogbacks to return to their former glory.

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