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## WHITE KNOB HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

### MASTER PROJECT PLAN

May 2001

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

As provided in the CHARTER of the White Knob Historical Preservation Committee, the Objective of the committee is “*the preservation of historic structures and features related to past mining activities in the White Knob Mountains.*” This MASTER PROJECT PLAN describes the activities in progress, planned, and under consideration for satisfaction of the Objective of the Committee.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

The Committee was formed in response to an attempt by a lumber salvage company to remove structures for the Mackay Mine Hill. The Committee succeeded in terminating the salvage effort without loss of any significant historical structures.

The result of that effort was an awareness of the gradual, mostly natural degradation and collapse of structures on the Mine Hill and the accompanying loss of Mine Hill history.

Coincidental with the salvage attempt, the Committee became aware of a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) decision to close the Shay Railroad Trestle, which had been condemned several years earlier.....

CONTINUE SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE HISTORY TO DATE

#### 3. ACTIVITIES

The Committee CHARTER identified five (5) Subcommittees to accomplish its Objective:

- “1. *The FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE shall have at least three (3) members and will be responsible for safekeeping of Committee funds, obtaining grants, reporting financial status, and recommending fund disbursement.*

*This SUBCOMMITTEE shall initially have three separate functions coordinated by three separate members:*

- a. Fund Raising: The coordination of various activities intended to raise money for Committee activities, excluding grants.*
- b. Grants: The coordination of obtaining grants.*
- c. Treasurer: The coordination of banking, fund disbursements, and record keeping.*

*All funds of the Committee shall be administered through the South Custer County Historical Society, in accordance with the finance requirements of that organization.*

*Disbursement of funds shall be only by majority approval of the Committee members at a regular scheduled public meeting via motion/second/vote.*

- 2. The PROJECT MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE(S) shall have at least one (1) member for each activity selected by the Committee for action.*

*This (these) SUBCOMMITTEE(S) will specify the scope, schedule, monetary cost, manpower requirements, equipment needs, and materials necessary for completion of an activity, and will coordinate performance of the activity.*

*Six Project Areas have been identified for possible action toward preservation; others may be added at the discretion of the Committee.*

- a. Shay Trestle*
- b. Headhouse (at Alberta portal)*
- c. Cliff Creek structures*
- d. Aerial Tramway Towers*
- e. Smelter Buildings (bottom of Mine Hill)*
- f. Compressor Building and nearby structures (Cossack portal) White Knob City*

*This (these) SUBCOMMITTEE(S) will be assisted by other Committee members, non-members, or other organizations, and could include various individuals and groups for specified projects for limited periods of time.*

- 3. The LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE will have at least one (1) member from a government agency (city, county, state, or federal) who*

*will coordinate legal determinations necessary for accomplishment of the Committee OBJECTIVE and FUNCTION.*

4. *The HISTORICAL SUBCOMMITTEE shall have at least three (3) members and will be responsible for conducting a photographic or electronically recorded inventory and description of all structures and/or features in the White Knob Mountains that might be candidates for preservation.*
5. *The PUBLIC RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE shall have at least two (2) members and shall coordinate a consistent, frequent involvement of the media in all activities of the Committee with the intent of sustaining public interest in the OBJECTIVE of the Committee.*

These Subcommittee responsibilities define the basic functions of the Committee. The MASTER PROJECT PLAN has been derived from these responsibilities.

#### 4. MASTER PROJECT PLAN

Of the five Subcommittees in the CHARTER, the Project Management Subcommittee is the primary source of the MASTER PROJECT PLAN elements. The six Project areas listed constitute the initial MASTER PROJECT PLAN, as listed below:

- a. *Shay Trestle*
- b. *Headhouse (at Alberta portal)*
- c. *Cliff Creek structures*
- d. *Aerial Tramway Towers*
- e. *Smelter Buildings (bottom of Mine Hill)*
- f. *Compressor Building and nearby structures (Cossack portal)*
- g. *White Knob City*

Consistent with the CHARTER, this list of Project Areas has been expanded to include the following:

- h. *Interpretive sign procurement and placement*
- i. *“Rails-to-Trails” Shay roadbed trail*
- j. *National Historical Site Preservation status for the Mine Hill*
- k. *Self-guided tour definition with brochure and booklet*
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- m.
- n.....

The attached MASTER PROJECT PLAN – PROJECT AREA DEFINITIONS provides the details of each Project Area including current status.

MASTER PROJECT PLAN – PROJECT AREA DEFINITIONS  
TO BE PROVIDED AS ATTACHMENT

5. REVIEWS

The MASTER PROJECT PLAN must be reviewed annually at the January Committee meeting. If necessary, an Amendment to the MASTER PROJECT PLAN will be prepared and presented to the Committee no later than the March Committee meeting. Acceptance and approval of the Amended MASTER PROJECT PLAN must be made at the May Committee meeting. This timing is necessary to prepare for summer activities.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

MASTER PROJECT PLAN implementation shall be governed by the availability of resources. When appropriate, time or funding constraints may be applied to MASTER PROJECT PLAN elements as determined by the Committee. With approval of the Committee, implementation may be delegated to any organization.

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