

March 1, 2017

The Honorable Pat Hendricks  
United States Senate  
800 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Hendricks,

We are pleased to share some good news with you; the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership has awarded a grant of \$7,750 to the Museum of Sheepherding History. These funds allowed us to transcribe our collection of Sheepherder oral histories and make them available to the public through our webpage. In addition to the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership, we also have received financial support from other contributors including the Nevada Arts Council, Utah Humanities, and the Lamb Foundation. The grant provided important support for internships, storage acquisition, and website design to preserve these lifeways and make them available to future generations.

The Great Basin National Heritage Area includes Millard County; Utah, White Pine County; Nevada, and nearby tribal lands. The Heritage Area was created by Congress in 2006 in recognition of the region's significant historic, cultural, natural scenic and recreational resources. The Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership, a federally funded non-profit organization and coordinating entity of the Great Basin National Heritage Area, supports preservation and promotion of these resources through public-private partnerships. All of the Partnership's grants require a match of local resources which fuels local economic development. We have matched this grant with \$26,500 and 742 volunteer hours.

We invite you to attend our upcoming event "Sheep Camp Tales," which will combine a presentation of the oral histories along with a discussion by the original interviewees. We would be honored to have you personally see how support and grant making makes a difference in our organization and community. We have enclosed invitation for you and hope that you'll be able to join us on April 27 for an entertaining and educational evening. In the meantime, I'd like to share our latest newsletter and press releases on our project.

Sincerely,

Jerry Withers  
Executive Director  
Museum of Sheepherding History