

Letter sent to Bureau of Land Management:

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G'day,

I am writing to voice my support of the OTR project. I have attended all three scoping meetings held last month and spent considerable time speaking with the project engineers, DOW, State Parks, Colorado Highway Patrol, Emergency services personnel, BLM, DOT, local residents and Christo and Jeanne Claude themselves about concerns that I and others have voiced concerning the proposed project. Through this dialogue and research I have done on previous projects this group has done I have become convinced that the benefits far outweigh any downsides that may occur. This project will create a legacy for the Arkansas valley that will last for generations.

One concern I feel qualified to speak to is the issue of Emergency Medical Services. I work as a part time EMT for Chaffee County EMS and drive the canyon well over 100 times a year both doing transfers in the ambulance and conducting my river business. I am aware of no spot in the canyon that an ambulance that is running emergent with lights and siren would not be able to pass through when traffic pulls to the side in both lanes of traffic. I would also be willing to wager a significant sum that , based on what I have been informed can be done to mitigate traffic control and public safety, that anyone sick or injured in the canyon during the project would receive Advanced Life Support (ALS), treatment much faster than is currently possible.

The artists have a long and positive history of completing projects, addressing and mitigating concerns brought up along the way. The project will bring beauty, joy and economic stimulation to our area as well as the lasting legacy referred to above. I encourage you to find no significant impact that cannot be mitigated and approve this project.

Sincerely,

Bill Dvorak