

Howard Tritz Presentation

I 1991 concept of Mineral Belt Trail

- 1) Leadville/Lake County Liaison Group
 - a) Dealing with EPA issues
 - b) Conceptual ideas for benefit to county
 - c) Building wishing wells
 - d) Community voting results

II Partners involved in building the MBT

- 1) Selling them on the concept
 - a) Private property owners
 - b) City and County officials
 - c) ASARCO
 - d) Leadville Coalition
 - e) Colorado Mountain College
 - f) EPA
 - g) Lake County School District
 - h) Chamber of Commerce
 - i) Leadville Sanitation District
 - j) Newmont Mining Company
 - k) Lake County Tourism Task Force
 - l) Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology
 - m) Union Pacific Railroad
 - n) Leadville, Colorado and Southern Railroad
 - o) Colorado Dept. of Local Affairs
 - p) U.S. Forest Service
 - q) Lake County Assessor's Office
 - r) Conlin Associates
 - s) Lake County Recreation Board
 - t) Colorado Department of Transportation

III Conlin Associates Chosen To Design Trail

- 1) Instructed to design to high quality standards
- 2) Capitalize on mining history and magnificent scenery
 - a) Procure legal access and easements
 - b) Avoid destroying historic landmarks
 - c) Build the trail to highlight and link buildings, landscapes, and sites which made Leadville a premier mining camp
 - d) Include transportation methods prevalent during the boom days
 - e) Include smelters needed to refine the ore
- 3) Build to highest safety standards
- 4) Keep the grade at acceptable grade limits
- 5) From beginning to end make the full circle of mining apparent
 - a) Early prospectors through gold and silver mining to EPA cleanup

IV Trail Route Clockwise From Rock At Dutch Henri Hill

- 1) Trail follows parts of three major rail lines that served the Mining District
 - a) The Midland
 - b) The Denver and Rio Grande
 - c) The
- 2) Trail begins at lower California Gulch and soon overlooks Stringtown and the smelter areas
- 2) Next comes the Boulevard road
 - a) Route to Evergreen Lakes which was a turn of century resort area
- 3) Travels past the schools and Ice Palace Park
- 4) Poverty Flats
 - a) Depicts the early miners coming here during the boom
- 5) Passes through historic Evans Gulch by way of The Little Pittsburg, The Crystolite and the Matchless
 - a) Silver mines which made Tabor a Silver Baron
- 6) Through the center of the famous Leadville Mining District to California Gulch
- 7) Back to the point of origin at Dutch Henri Hill
 - a) A trip of 11.6 miles
- 8) The trail circles Leadville and connects vital segments
 - a) Three public schools
 - b) Colorado Mountain College
 - c) Lake County Public Library
 - d) National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum
 - e) Healy House and Dexter Cabin
 - f) Heritage Museum
 - g) Leadville's Medical Center and Hospital

V Notable Historic Individuals

- 1) Horace and Baby Doe Tabor
- 2) Meyer Guggenheim
- 3) Charles Boettcher
- 4) David May
- 5) Father John Dyer
 - a) Colorado's snowshoe itinerant
- 6) Molly Brown