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Town of Green Mountain Falls Annexation Complete Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation to Install Permanent Skyspace Installation on the Newly Acquired Land

GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS, COLO. – The Town of Green Mountain Falls has finalized the annexation of the Joyland and Red Devil Mountain parcels. Through the public process, the Board of Trustees found the petitions and impact reports substantially meet the requirements of Colorado Revised Statutes Municipal Annexation Act. All documents that were considered at the public hearings are available on the GMF Town Website.

Previously reported, the Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation (HGMFF) has been working for over a year with internationally-renowned artist James Turrell to commission a Skyspace installation for Green Mountain Falls, which will be operated by Green Box. HGMFF is a philanthropic entity committed to the enhancement and preservation of the unique qualities of the Green Mountain Falls and Chipita Park area. The entity focuses on the protection of open space, parks, and trails, as well as the preservation of historic structures.

"The Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation has worked hand-in-hand with the Green Mountain Falls Board of Trustees and Planning Commission for over a year to ensure that the annexation of this land will enhance, not disrupt, the Green Mountain Falls experience," said Jesse Stroope, Project Manager – Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation. "The James Turrell Skyspace will be architecturally designed and made of materials that will complement the natural landscape. All plans for the installation, including Land Use Approval applications for privately developed family-friendly nature trails and public restrooms will be considered by the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees."

Chris Briggs-Hale, Principal of Ute Pass Elementary School, supports the annexation and sees it as a benefit not only to students and their families, but the community at large.

"Our school is fortunate to be in a location where the classroom can often be outdoors," Briggs-Hale said. "Not only will the James Turrell Skyspace present new educational opportunities, but the infrastructure around the installation (trails, bathrooms, parking, observation area, etc.) will serve as a resource to educators as well. We look forward to having educational experiences on this newly annexed land."

Please find current architectural renderings of the Skyspace installation attached to this press release. ***These renderings have not been approved, but provide a general concept of the installation's aesthetic in the natural environment.



