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Saddlehorn Amphitheater Renovation Project

Help us bring back Colorado National Monument's Saddlehorn Amphitheater!

Colorado National Monument Association partners with the National Park Service to inspire our community and visitors to learn about, play in, and protect Colorado's geologic gem.

Saddlehorn Amphitheater



Photo of the amphitheater today, by: John Lintott

The Colorado National Monument Association has set up plans for substantial contributions to impact the future of Saddlehorn Amphitheater. The Board of Directors invites your participation, and encourages you to learn more about an immediate opportunity to contribute to the use, enjoyment, protection and maintenance of this local natural treasure.

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One of the special experiences awaiting visitors to Colorado National monument is attending a concert, play, lecture or educational program at the Saddlehorn Amphitheater. Located adjacent to the monument Visitor Center and campground, this local gem was built in 1966 and has since provided many visitors to the region and local residents fond memories of fun and meaningful evenings spent at the amphitheater.



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While this site has been an important part of our community for decades, it has not been well maintained or utilized for some time. Saddlehorn Amphitheater suffers from years of deferred care, and updates have not occurred. The original room and benches remain. Asphalt paths to the site are not ADA-compliant and are unsafe for all visitors due to significant cracking. The facility also does not accommodate the technology needs of today's speakers and presenters.

The Saddlehorn Amphitheater Renovation Project...

...has been launched to return this beautiful venue to its optimal use as a comfortable, safe and accessible place where community gathers and is built. Restoration plans include improvements to access trails, the amphitheater structure, and A/V equipment. All work will retain the integrity of the original amphitheater while providing both functional and aesthetic enhancements.

On-site restoration work is scheduled to begin in fall 2018, with the fully-refurbished facility and site to reopen in 2019 at a total cost of \$525,000:

Pre-construction (cultural survey, site prep, trails)	\$381,517
Interior/Exterior Construction (labor and materials, related)	85,287
Equipment (e.g. A/V, projector and screen)	12,500
Project administration (Park Service) and fundraising	<u>45,696</u>
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES	\$525,000
Association Building Fund/"Nest Egg"	\$25,000
Contributions from Members, Individuals, and Businesses	70,000
Grants (public, private)	270,000
In-kind contributions (construction materials, equipment)	150,000
Wine Sales	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL PROJECT REVENUES	\$525,000

Colorado National Monument Association is proudly taking the lead to ensure restoration of the 300 seat Saddlehorn Amphitheater, and invites your personal involvement. Each contribution – large or small – is an investment in our Grand Valley's foremost natural treasure.

The Colorado National Monument Association exists solely to assist and support Colorado National Monument – a spectacular 20,000 acres of steep-walled red rock canyons located near the cities of Grand Junction and Fruita that attracts approximately 720,000 visitors every year.

In 2017, an estimated 375,000 out-of-area park visitors spent almost \$23 million at local businesses while visiting Colorado National Monument. These expenditures supported a total of 329 jobs, \$9.0 million in labor income, \$15.5 million in value added, and \$28.0 million in economic output in local economies surrounding Colorado National Monument.



Pictured above: CNM amphitheater in its glory days

The Association helps visitors better understand and connect to the premier geologic and recreational landmark that is Colorado National Monument. Incorporated in 1964, the Association operates the Monument Visitor Center Bookstore, and additionally offers:

- *Junior Ranger Explorer Day Camp, Walks & Talks programs*
- *Roadside and trailhead signs; visitor guides, brochures and site bulletins*
- *Production of Colorado National Monument calendars, preservation of historic photographs, art and photography contests and exhibits*
- *Educational, scientific, archaeological project funding*

Campaign support in all forms is welcome and truly appreciated:

- *Join us on the Monument, and include a visit to the Saddlehorn Amphitheater*
- *Make a cash donation or pledge*
- *Treat yourself to a bottle of Monumental Cabernet Sauvignon from Colterris Winery in Palisade (proceeds go to Saddlehorn Amphitheater Renovation Project)*
- *Provide a gift of personal property, appreciated real estate, stocks and bonds, life insurance, etc.*
- *Honor a loved one with a named or memorial gift, or consider a personal bequest*

This renovation project is designed such that gifts can honor the donor, another living person, or establish a memorial in honor of someone else.



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