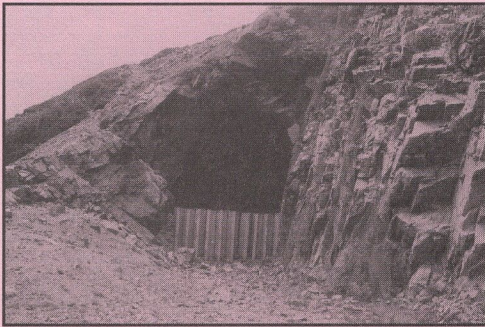


# THE DREAM KEEPER

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

DECEMBER 2003

1. The submission of Rollins Pass to the "Most Endangered Places" List was not accepted. I expected this when I received the Forest Service submission. Colorado Preservation informed me that reviewers felt the RPR

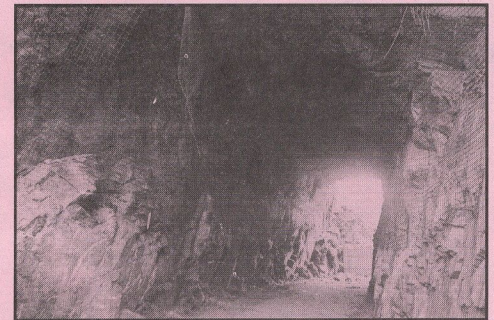


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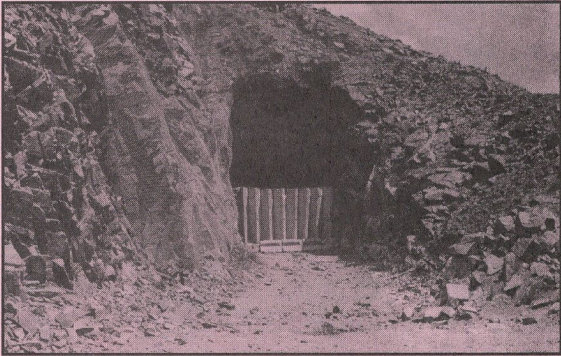
proposal did not agree with the Forest Service and therefore neither was accepted. It was also inferred that with three counties involved, one of the counties might have submitted the nomination instead of providing letters which "Agreed favorably" to be attached to the RPR submission. The Forest Service submission cited Fiscal cutbacks as responsible for lack of maintenance and neglect. Further that "unregulated recreation and recent legislation to repair the road have a potential negative impact due to increased access and visitation by the public." This seems to strike at the very basis for the existence of our organization. We are also dedicated to preserving and restoring this historic area. The state of Colorado and the

counties are attempting to increase tourism. With proper planning, coordination, supervision and of course funding, the Rollins Pass/Moffat Road can be a part of this effort.

2. Since Rollins Pass/Moffat Road traverses two National Forests the responsibility for coordinating access and restoration has now been assumed by the Forest Planner in Ft. Collins. I called Mr. Ken Tu, Forest Planner, and he came to Boulder for discussion of the route. We covered the background, previous work and the present status of the road. Sue Struthers, Forest Archeologist later joined the meeting. It was a gainful discussion. Liability, responsibility and of course funding are high on the list of Forest Service concerns. When I read or hear about rocks falling or even rock slides on Highway #6 or Highway #70, the roads are not abandoned. We want to retain access and restore a rural mountain road. We agreed that a meeting of the involved Counties and discussion of the future for the road should take place. Hopefully this can be scheduled after the first of the year. My one concern is the time frame for the Forest Service to again study and prepare their Environmental Impact Study for the route. Hopefully the previous work, Decision Notice and Environmental Assessment can serve as a basis for the new assessment. There is much to be accomplished.



**FLOOR IS CLEAR**



**EAST END**

3. This Dream Keeper is purposefully delayed to miss the Christmas mail rush. I am inclosing photos of the Needles Eye Tunnel taken in August 2003 at the picnic. BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR A GREAT NEW YEAR!!!

Dan Straight

President

