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### **Learn about the Colorado Midland and Midland Terminal railroads At “The Midland Days.”**

**Divide, CO – January 28, 2010** The Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition (T.H.E. Coalition) is proud to be a co-sponsor, along with the Divide Chamber of Commerce, of “**The Midland Days**” - a symposium on the “Midland” railroads - scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2010, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at the **John Wesley Ranch** just south of Divide.

The Colorado Midland and Midland Terminal railroads are gone forever, but their impact on the local culture, the mining, transportation and agricultural elements of all the Ute Pass/Pikes Peak communities cannot be denied. The legacy they left behind lives on to preserve their immortality. This symposium will include conversations and comprehensive presentations charting the history of both railroads, as well as their lasting influence on the area.

Seating is limited. Advanced reservations are strongly encouraged and are \$75.00 per person, including lunch. To R.S.V.P. for reservations, call **David Martinek** at 719-687-1516 or email requests to [MidlandDays@yahoo.com](mailto:MidlandDays@yahoo.com) on or before March 1, 2010. Reservations may be paid in advance or upon arrival (checks or cash please). Attendance without advance reservations may also be purchased at the door for \$80.00, but only if seating is available. A social time begins at 9:30 am to allow for arrivals, with introductions and announcements scheduled to begin around 10:00 am. Reservations are tax deductible contributions in support of the Midland Depot at Divide Preservation Project, sponsored by T.H.E. Coalition, the Divide Chamber of Commerce and its partners.

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Presentations (including lots of historical photographs), panel discussions and conversations about the Colorado Midland Railway and the Midland Terminal Railroad will occur between local author and historian, **Mel McFarland**, and local historian, **Art Crawford**. T.H.E. Coalition Chairman, **David Martinek**, will join in the discussions and will also be presenting. Questions from the audience will be fielded where time permits.

The John Wesley Ranch, operated by the First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs, has graciously opened their lodge facilities to host the symposium. The ranch is located south of Divide on at 21285 Highway 67 just before the entrance to Mueller State Park, and just a few yards from the old Midland Terminal railroad grade. Plenty of parking is available adjacent to the lodge.

**Directions from Colorado Springs: Take U.S. 24 west (Cimarron) from Colorado Springs for 25 miles through Woodland Park to the town of Divide. Turn left onto Highway 67 South for 3.0 miles. The entrance to the John Wesley Ranch is on the right.**

The Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation formed in 2000 (EIN 84-1552939). T.H.E. Coalition’s mission is to facilitate preservation of the historic, environmental, recreational and scenic resources in and around Teller County, and to broaden public understanding regarding the significance of those resources. The Divide Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)(6) non-profit corporation supporting local businesses in the Divide area. All proceeds help support the Midland Depot at Divide Preservation Project, sponsored by T.H.E. Coalition.

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