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Media Release

Yellowstone Kelly Interpretive Site Receiving Contributions for Renovation

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<u>Billings, MT, November 10th, 2015:</u> Perched atop Swords Rimrock Park is a gravesite many in Billings have never seen. Nor are they aware of the grave's occupant, Luther Sage "Yellowstone" Kelly, an adventurer who roamed, hunted, guided, and helped lay the groundwork for US government expeditions and expansion in Eastern Montana and the Yellowstone Valley. Now the Billings community is cultivating awareness and raising funds to overhaul the location, producing an interpretive site more appropriate for the veteran of three wars and famous frontiersman.

The funding goal for the project is \$500,000, with \$166,110 of the funds pledged so far. The following donors are recognized and graciously thanked for their contributions to the Yellowstone Kelly Interpretive Site project:

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The finished interpretive site will include a recognition area acknowledging the contributions of those donors that made the project possible. A gravesite viewing area will allow visitors to rest on benches, observe Kelly's gravesite, and take in the scout's scenic overlook of Billings. Trails will connect interpretive nodes that tell the history and explain the importance of Yellowstone Kelly to Billings. Upon completion the renovated site will instill a sense of honor and respect, restoring the legacy of one of this region's most distinguished explorers.

Visit the Yellowstone Kelly website to learn more or donate to the project at yellowstonekelly.org.

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