



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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Mr. Roy L. Masinton
Field Office Manager
Bureau of Land Management
3170 East Main Street
Canon City, Colorado 81212

Dear Mr. Masinton: ✓

I am pleased to write to you on behalf of the artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude who displayed "The Gates, Central Park New York City, 1979-2005" here in our City. For sixteen days last February "The Gates" provided a once-in-a-lifetime experience for New Yorkers and visitors alike—without any damage to our beloved urban park.

I know Christo and Jeanne-Claude have proposed an exciting project for the Arkansas River and I wanted to convey, as someone who has experience working with them, what an absolute joy it was to have "The Gates" in New York. While there were concerns, from environmental impact to public safety, the artists worked very closely with my office and relevant City agencies to thoroughly address all of them. They are very serious about their art and the public responsibility it carries, and their Chief Engineer and Director of Construction, Vince Davenport, as well as their Project Director, Jonita Davenport, are two of the most responsible and professional people we have ever worked with.

You are so fortunate to have the opportunity to have such an intriguing work of art in your state. Should you need any more information or have any questions about our experience working with the artists, please feel free to call me or Deputy Mayor Patti Harris at 212 788-3092.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor

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cc: Christo and Jeanne-Claude
Sally Wisely