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To the Bluff Town Council:

I am writing in support of amending the Fire Mesa Kitchen contract. I believe it is past time to make the contract both more affordable and more flexible.

Let me share a little kitchen history. I was deeply involved in the construction of Fire Mesa Kitchen as Chair of the Bluff Community Center Park Volunteers from June 2017 through the construction of the kitchen which was built by Design Build Bluff in 2018. The Bluff Service Area Board and Design Build Bluff contracted with each other for two projects, the construction of Fire Mesa Kitchen and a park plan for the Bluff Community Center. The idea was to add a “free-standing kitchen facility that would connect the indoor and outdoor functions”. Jose Galarza, Director of Design Build Bluff at the time, went on to describe the proposed kitchen as a “useful amenity to locals” and a means to “increase the earning ability of the center”.

Our mission: Renovate and revitalize the community center (and park) into a vibrant facility which serves the diverse needs of the wider Bluff community. Things change. The Town of Bluff incorporated and the town council asked us to put the Bluff Community Center Park Plan on hold. We stopped work in December of 2018. It remains on hold today. I’ve attached the plan to this letter as it was recently revisited by the towns “Liveability Team”. The point being, we have yet to complete our vision. The kitchen was to be part of a busy, revitalized community center/park. Sadly, it sits vacant and unused most of the time. The future home of the town park remains a parking lot.

We need to adapt. We should welcome new small business owners in town with open arms. We should encourage youngsters who choose Bluff as their home. They are our future. Part of that adaptation includes flexible rental contracts for the use of Fire Mesa Kitchen. I ask the Bluff Town Council to change the current contract regulations in a manner which will maximize the use of the kitchen and support local business owners.

Respectfully,

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