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**UBBMMG, INC BECOMES ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNER WITH
THE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

WHITESVILLE, W.Va.- The Upper Big Branch Mining Memorial Group announced this morning that it has joined the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia as an Organizational Partner. The memorial group is proud to be a member of the alliance and looks forward to helping preserve West Virginia's proud heritage. "We are committed to the preservation of the region's coal heritage and the further development of coal related tourism in southern West Virginia," said Sheila Combs, UBBMMG President.

The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia is a statewide grassroots organization supporting historic preservation in the Mountain State. Since 1982, the nonprofit PAWV has been working to preserve West Virginia's precious historical resources for the benefit of future generations. For more information on the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, please visit their website at <http://www.pawv.org>.

The Upper Big Branch Mining Memorial Group, Inc was established in 2011 to raise funding and plan a permanent memorial to the twenty-nine men killed in an explosion at the Upper Big Branch Coal Mine on April 5th, 2010. The memorial opened in July of 2012. Since then, the memorial group has launched a second project, The Coal Heritage RiverWalk, near the memorial in Whitesville to commemorate the regions' rich coal heritage.