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Dear Members of the Historic Preservation Commission and City of Cle Elum Staff,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the inclusion of the No. 7 Miner's Memorial Park on the City's Historic Register.

The No. 7 Miner's Memorial Park is not only a tribute to our area's rich coal mining legacy but can also become a vibrant community asset that enhances the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. It stands as a meaningful and tangible reminder of the generations of workers who shaped the foundation of our community through their labor and sacrifice in the coal mines.

One particularly compelling and unique feature of the No. 7 Miner's Memorial Park is the remnants of the foundation of the original washhouse. It's highly unusual to have such remnants of industrial mining infrastructure not only saved but made safely accessible to the public. This rare physical artifact provides a direct, tactile connection to the daily lives of the miners who worked in the No. 7 Mine, making the history more vivid and impactful for park visitors.

This park can significantly enhance the surrounding neighborhood by serving as a welcoming green space that fosters reflection, learning, and recreation. Its proximity to the nearby Coal Mines Trail and network of mountain biking and hiking trails along the ridge provides an opportunity to encourage healthy activity while offering a deeper connection to the area's past.

Moreover, as tourism and relocation to the region continue to grow, the park presents a unique opportunity to share our community's history with new residents and guests. Its preserved features and interpretive elements allow for a rich educational experience, underscoring the resilience, culture, and character of our coal mining past.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to support the nomination of the No. 7 Miner's Memorial Park for inclusion on the City Historic Register. Preserving this landmark honors the legacy of our miners while fostering continued community engagement, recreation, and education for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

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