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**TELLURIDE HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S *POWERFUL CURRENTS* EXHIBIT
RECEIVES STATE RECOGNITION**

Telluride, Colorado (October, 28 2013) This November, at the 133rd annual meeting of History Colorado, formerly the Colorado Historical Society, the Telluride Historical Museum will be awarded an Honorable Mention for its 2013 exhibit, *Powerful Currents: Hydroelectricity in the San Juans*. The exhibit was selected from a pool of 112 applicants from across the state for the 2013 Josephine H. Miles Award from History Colorado.

Powerful Currents: Hydroelectricity in the San Juans reveals the wizardry of bringing electricity to the mines, its industrial impact, and the power of water. Along with delving into the history of the region's hydroelectric engineering, visitors can make their own electricity, view artifacts from the historic Ames Power Plant, and peek inside L.L. Nunn's memoir. Thanks to the generosity of the Telluride Institute, the exhibit also features a miniature working water wheel demonstrating firsthand how water is converted into energy. Through sight, sound and interactive displays, *Powerful Currents* brings the story of Telluride's groundbreaking hydroelectricity experiment to life.

The Josephine H. Miles Award is distributed to exhibits by History Colorado in recognition of organizations that make a major contribution to the advancement of Colorado history. The Miles Award recognizes outstanding projects in Colorado communities in the past year.

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According to Megan Rose, Collections and Library Division Coordinator for History Colorado, the awards committee selected Telluride’s exhibit because “it made good connections to the broader picture of electrical energy and its use as well as the debate between AC and DC as systems.” Rose also stated that while the overall competition was stiff, the committee felt the exhibit deserved Honorable Mention because “it clearly draws attention to the influence of emerging technologies,” and that the Museum “partnered not only with a commercial corporation—Xcel—but also the Telluride Institute, an organization that focuses on sustainable energy.”

Cameo Hoyle, Director of Programs and Interpretation, commented, “The Museum is honored to receive this recognition for the Miles Award from History Colorado, an important leader in public history for Colorado!”

Powerful Currents will be on display through March, 2014. For more information about visiting the Telluride Historical Museum, visit the museum online at telluridemuseum.org, or call 970.728.3344.