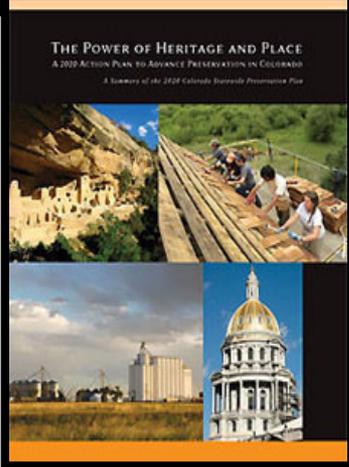


# History Colorado's Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

## Cultural Landscape Initiatives, Nominations and Challenges





# ***The Power of Heritage and Place: A 2020 Action Plan to Advance Preservation in Colorado***

## **BY THE YEAR 2020...**

An aggressive survey effort will have yielded a greater understanding of the cultural landscape of our state.

(...)

Among the challenges are that historic and cultural landscapes, including their associated architectural and archaeological resources, are among the most threatened in our state due to development pressures...In general, unidentified resources often prove most vulnerable to loss due to lack of recognition, thus the fundamental importance of baseline survey.



# In process

- \*Revise Survey Manual
- \*Develop Survey Colorado ten-year strategic plan
- \*Focus on threatened and underrepresented resources
- \*Ongoing training
- \*Development of a cultural landscapes resource website



# Cultural Landscapes Workshop

October 4-5, 2011

## *Cultural Landscapes in the Western United States*

Co-hosted with Barbara Wyatt, National Park Service



# OAHP Historic Cultural Landscapes survey form (#1404)

Based on HALS short form history template

OAHP Site #

OAHP Form 1404  
01/2012

## COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY Historic Cultural Landscapes

This form, modeled on the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) Short Format History Template, is intended to aid in documenting the identification and evaluation of many types of historical landscapes in Colorado, including historic archaeological landscapes. For guidance on completing this form and the required accompanying documentation (maps, photos), please refer to the instructions found at [www.historycolorado.org/archaeologists/cultural-resource-forms](http://www.historycolorado.org/archaeologists/cultural-resource-forms) and to the *Colorado Cultural Resources Survey Manual* at [www.historycolorado.org/archaeologists/survey-manual](http://www.historycolorado.org/archaeologists/survey-manual). Prehistoric archaeological landscapes should still be recorded on the *OAHP Management Data Form* (#1400) and the appropriate component forms. Historic linear landscape features (ditches, roads, railroads, etc. in whole or part) documented independently of the surrounding landscape context during archaeological surveys should still be recorded on the *OAHP Management Data Form* (#1400), accompanied by the *OAHP Linear Component Form* (#1418). Post-World War II Subdivisions should be recorded on OAHP form #1403 b.

Official eligibility determination  
(OAHP use only)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Determined Eligible- NR  
 Determined Not Eligible- NR  
 Determined Eligible- SR  
 Determined Not Eligible- SR  
 Need Data  
 Eligible NR District -- contributing  
 Eligible NR District -- noncontributing

### IDENTIFICATION

Property name: \_\_\_\_\_ o historic o current o other

Resource Count: \_\_\_ buildings \_\_\_ structures \_\_\_ objects \_\_\_ sites

Ownership: o federal o state o city o county o private o unknown

Owner(s) contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

Previously recorded resources associated with property (provide list of OAHP site numbers): \_\_\_\_\_

### Cultural Landscape Classification

Site or District

Historic Designed Landscape  
or  
Historic Vernacular Landscape  
or  
Ethnographic Landscape

### LOCATION

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ o vicinity

USGS quad (7.5'): \_\_\_\_\_ year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel information: Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_ o actual o estimated

PLSS information: Principal Meridian \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of section \_\_\_\_\_

Boundary Description and Justification: o historic o legal o other \_\_\_\_\_  
*please note that boundary on accompanying location map should conform to boundary as described*

### DESCRIPTION (address all applicable features; include alterations and dates, when known)

#### Natural Features

Topography: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetation (include seasonal changes): \_\_\_\_\_

Water: \_\_\_\_\_

Geology: \_\_\_\_\_

Ecology: \_\_\_\_\_

Climate: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Designed / Cultural Features

Land Use patterns: \_\_\_\_\_

Planting patterns: \_\_\_\_\_

Boundary demarcations: \_\_\_\_\_

Spatial organization/layout: \_\_\_\_\_

Circulation networks: \_\_\_\_\_

Views and vistas: \_\_\_\_\_

Water features (functional and ornamental): \_\_\_\_\_

Buildings, Structures, Objects:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Small-scale elements (markers, statuary, site furnishings, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Other (including ephemeral qualities – sounds, activities, wildlife, smells, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Landscape

- Garden (private)
- Park (public)
- Green/Common/Plaza
- Boulevard/Parkway/Trail
- Other Transportation
- Agricultural
- Exhibition/Fairgrounds
- Mine/Quarry
- Other Industrial
- Campus
- Sports/Recreation
- Cemetery
- Commemorative/Memorial
- Residential Subdivision (other than Post-World War II)
- Office Park
- Traditional Cultural Property (TCP)
- Natural Landform or other Geological Formation
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

\*list and briefly describe; attach Architectural Inventory Form (#1403) for each major resource





## Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Historic Preservation Office

Provide support and grant funding to the new THPO

\*Specific assistance with landscape concerns and  
development of a Cultural Resources Management Plan



# Colorado Historic Preservation Review Board



Solicit landscape expertise for Board membership (CO/WY  
HALS Coordinator)

Provide landscapes training session, January 2012

Review Board members routinely request landscape context  
for all nominations



# History Colorado's State Historical Fund

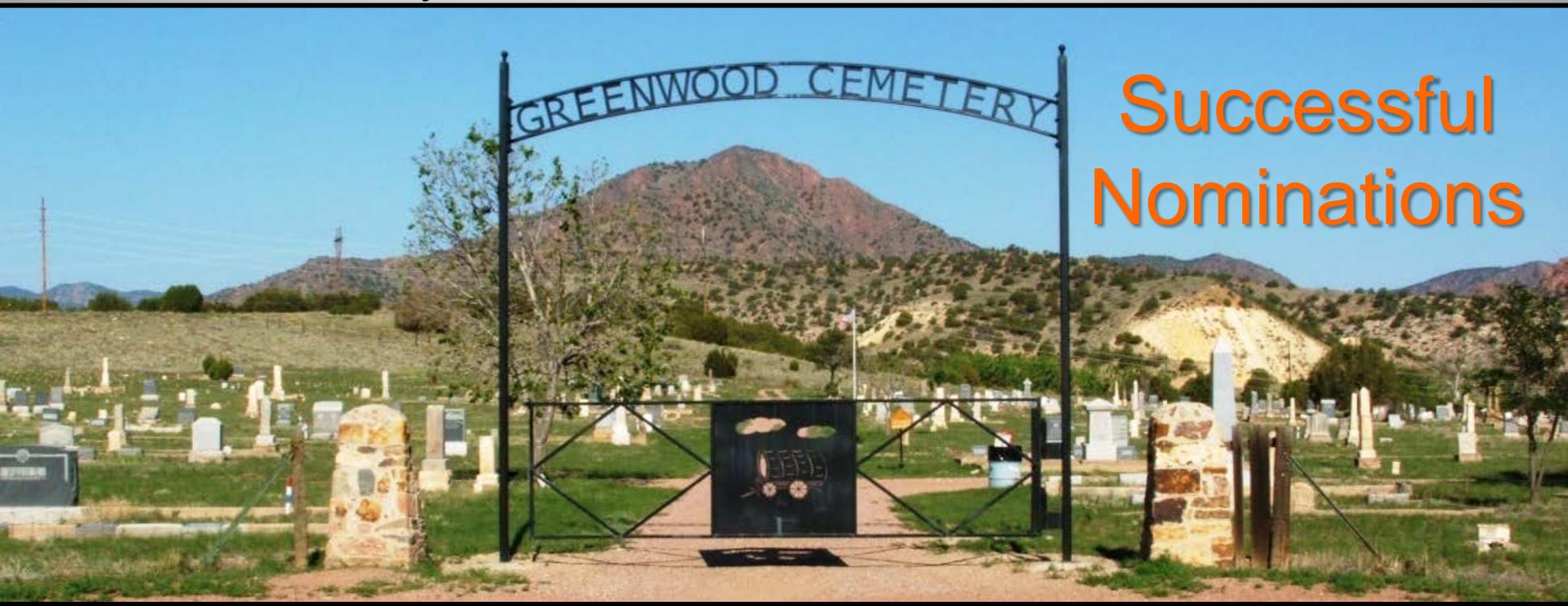
Grants awarded for survey and nomination of large-scale ranching, homesteading, and transportation rural historic landscapes

\***Santa Fe Trail** (12-14 nominations, Visual Resource Management analysis, in partnership with National Trust, NPS, USFS, Santa Fe Trail Association)

\***Las Animas, Phillips, Baca, and Otero** counties



- \*Evans Homestead, Douglas
- \*Von Gohren/Thompson Homestead--Gerry Farm, Weld
- \*Provost Homestead – Herring Farm, Larimer
- \*Bingham Homestead, Larimer
- \*Greenwood Cemetery, Fremont
- \*Golden Cemetery, Jefferson



Successful  
Nominations



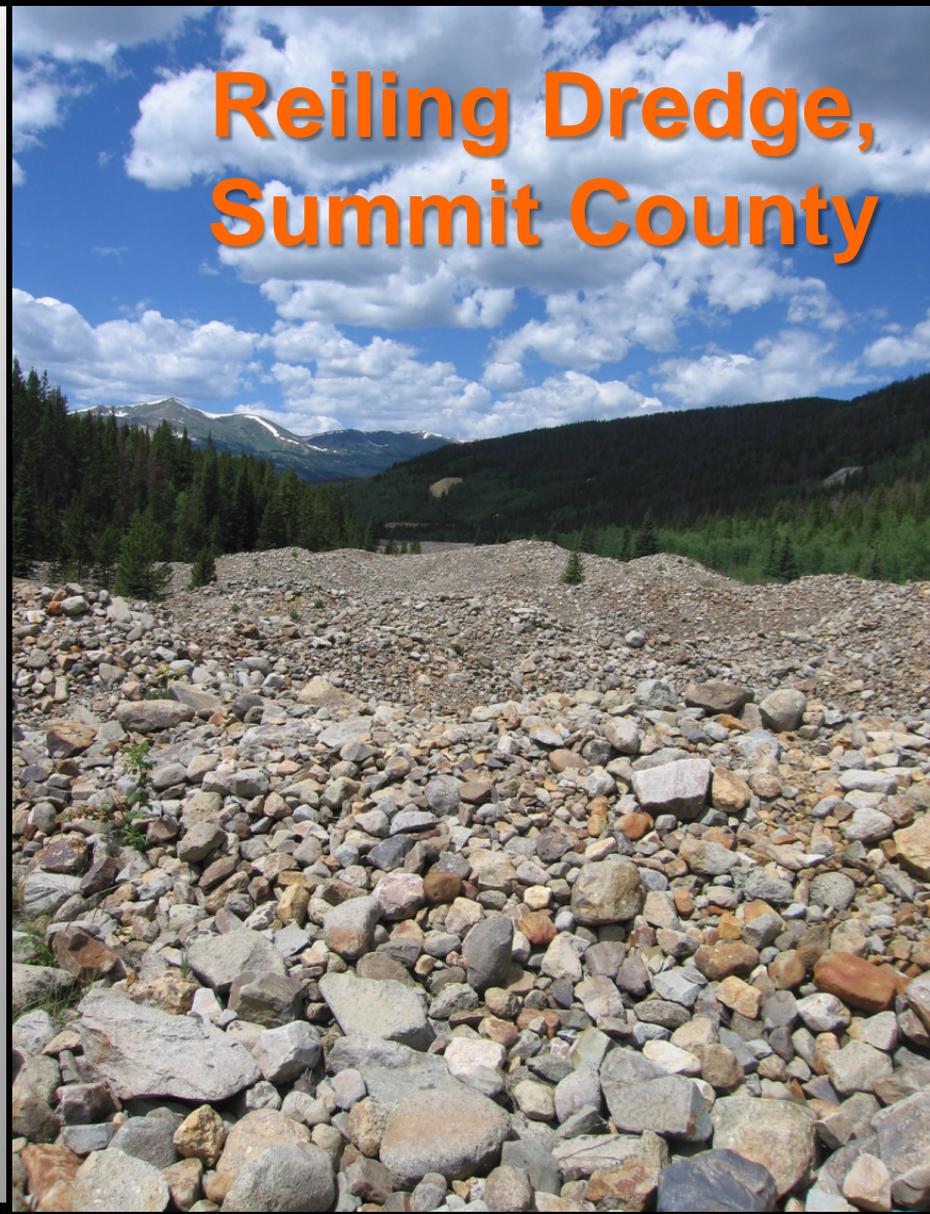
# Successful Nominations



\*Millage Farm, Phillips

\*Evergreen Corner, Phillips

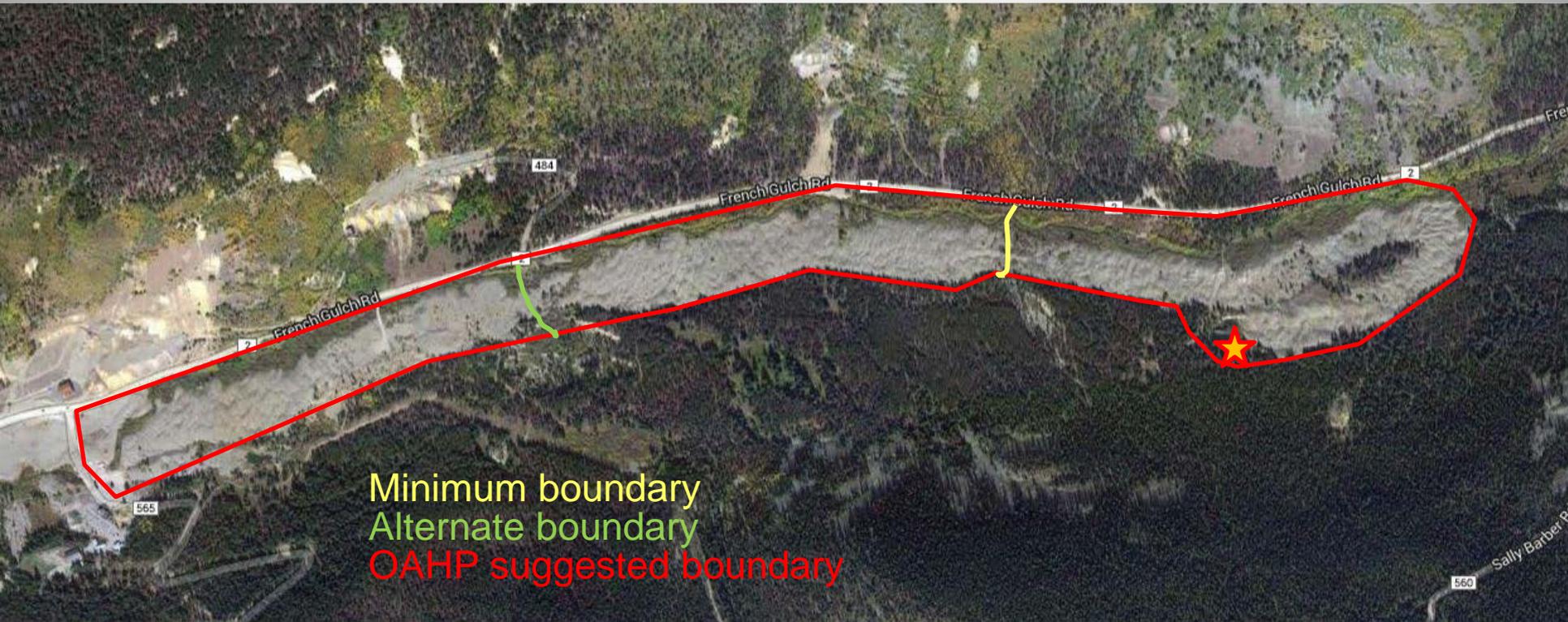
\*Hargreaves Homestead, Phillips



# Reiling Dredge, Summit County

## Complex Nominations





Minimum boundary  
Alternate boundary  
OAH P suggested boundary

# Tarryall Road Rural Historic District, Park County

- \*41-mile corridor (29,000+ acres)
- \*Current History Colorado State Historical Fund grant to complete NR nomination



# Common Nomination Challenges

- \*Encouraging preparers to look past ranch headquarters
- \*Lack of expertise in vegetation identification
- \*Promoting setting description in all nominations/ preparer resistance to augmenting description
- \*Educating field surveyors to address routinely fence lines, wind breaks, small-scale features, viewsheds, etc.
- \*Lack of understanding re: analysis of spatial organization
- \*Describing the landscapes of cemeteries
- \*State legislation restricting nomination of water-related structures includes additional notification to water rights owners



- \*Monument Lake Resort and Campground, Las Animas
- \*Franzel Farm, Chaffee
- \*Cherryvale, Boulder
- \*Varros Sheep Camp, Las Animas
- \*Valley Brook Cemetery, Summit

## Upcoming Nominations

