THE COMPANY TOWN OF MCPHEE, OWNED, BUILT AND OPERAT-ED BY THE NEW MEXICO LUMBER COMPANY, LASTED FROM 1924-48. SERVING AS AN IMPORTANT ECONOMIC AND CULTUR-AL FOCUS OF THE DOLORES VALLEY. AT ITS PEAK IN 1927, IT WAS COLORADO'S LARGEST LUMBER MILL TOWN, PRODUCING MORE THAN ONE HALF OF THE STATE'S LUMBER PRODUCTION. THE TOWN ALSO FEATURED THE LAST LOGGING RAILROAD IN SOUTHWEST COLORADO, SINCE ITS ABANDONMENT IN 1948, THE TOWN HAS GRADUALLY DISAPPEARED AS BUILDINGS WERE EITHER DEMOLISHED OR MOVED. TODAY, LITTLE REMAINS.

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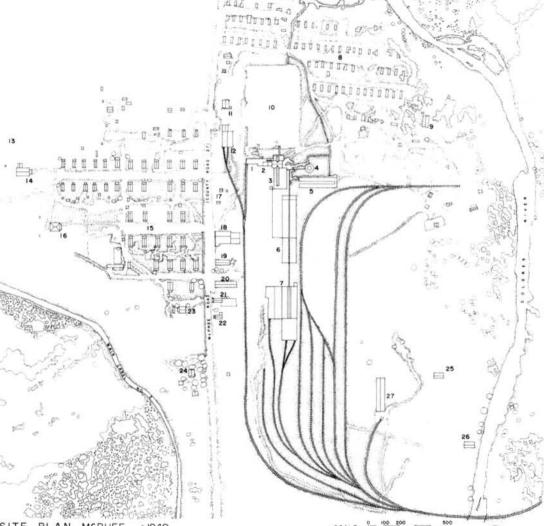
THIS PROJECT WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY (H.A.B.S.) OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S NATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING RECORD, ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL OFFICE, IN COOPERATION WITH THE SALT LAKE CITY REGION. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF KATHERINE COLE, CHIEF, DIVISION OF CULT-URAL RESOURCES, THIS PROJECT WAS COMPLETED DURING THE SUMMER OF 1981 AT THE HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILD-INGS SURVEY FIELD OFFICE, CORTEZ, COLORADO, BY JOHN P. WHITE, PROJECT SUPERVISOR (ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ARCHITECTURE, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY), STEVEN M. WIESENTHAL, PROJECT FOREMAN (UNIVERSITY OF MARY-LAND): PROJECT HISTORIANS, LINDA DISHMAN (UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS), MAUREEN L. GERHOLD (PENNSYLVA-NIA STATE UNIVERSITY) AND LISA B. MAUSOLF (WELLESLEY COLLEGE), ARCHITECTS DEBRA J. BROWN (VIRGINIA POLY-TECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY), DAVID J. INSINGA (VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNI-VERSITY), AND STUDENT ARCHITECT DEBORAH REHN HURST (WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS).



LOCATION MAP

ADAPTED FROM USGS MAPS DOLORES WEST, COLORADO, 1965 AND TRIMBLE POINT, COLO-RADO, 1965 QUADRANGLES

FEET 1"+ 2000" NORTH



ADAPTED FROM U.S. FOREST SERVICE

BUILDINGS NO LONGER EXTANT, 1981

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, 1940

KEY TO BUILDINGS STEAM POWER PLANT

2 SAW BUILDING SAWMILL SAWOUST BURNER

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BOX FACTORY PLANER MEXICAN SECTION

MEXICAN LODGE - SPMDTU

MILL POND BLACKSMITH SHOP MACHINE SHOP

IS CEMETERY 4 CATHOLIC CHURCH ANGLO SECTION

SCHOOL 17. SCALER GAS STATION

IS COMMISSARY- POST OFFICE-COMPANY OFFICE 19 COOK HOUSE

BUNK HOUSE 21 MORRIS HOUSE (PRIVATE RESIDENCE)

22 DOCTOR'S OFFICE 23 DOCTOR'S HOUSE

24 SUPERINTENDENT'S HOUSE 25 STABLE

26 ICE HOUSE

THE LOCATION AND ALIGNMENT OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS ARE APPROXIMATE.