

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

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| 1. Resource number: | 5BL.11022 | Parcel number: 158136106003 |
| 2. Temporary resource number: | Not Applicable | |
| 3. County: | Boulder | |
| 4. City: | Wondervu | |
| 5. Historic building name: | Ralph Wymore Cabin | |
| 6. Current building name: | Dewey Montez Jr. Cabin | |
| 7. Building address: | 56 L Road | |
| 8. Owner name: | Dewey John Montez Jr. | |
| Owner organization: | | |
| Owner address: | PO Box 7412
Golden, CO 80403 | |

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| 44. National Register eligibility field assessment: | <input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Need data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |
| State Register eligibility field assessment: | <input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Need data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |
| Local landmark eligibility field assessment: | <input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Need data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |

Wondervu Historical and Architectural Survey

HISTORITECTURE

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **1S** Range: **72W**
NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of section **36** Grid aligned on **northwest** corner of section.
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
Easting: **466108** Northing: **4419538**
11. USGS quad name: **Tungsten** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1972**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 6, 7, and 8; Block B**
Addition: **Wondervu Project** Year of addition: **1936**
13. Boundary description and justification: **The boundary, as described above, contains but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**
- Metes and bounds exist

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): **Irregular Plan**
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet: **672 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Log**
Asphalt
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Fence**
21. General architectural description:
This cabin is oriented to the east. The original, front-gabled, log-sided core lacks a formal foundation, resting instead on log piers. The shed-roofed, asphalt-sided addition to the south has a concrete-block foundation. Under only the east elevation of the enclosed, front porch is a concrete-block foundation divided by a band of red bricks. Unpeeled, vertical split-log siding clads the exterior walls. It is set horizontally in the gables. Red sheets of asphalt, stamped in a faux brick pattern, cover the south addition. Windows in the original portion of the cabin are generally 6-light casement, with red-painted wood frames. Flanking some of these casements are single-light, fixed-frame windows. The east elevation of the addition hosts a band of three, single-light casement windows. Dominating the south elevation of the addition are a pair of large, 4-light, fixed-frame windows. The principal doorway opens in the east elevation of the east addition, at its junction with original core of the house. The doorway hosts a red-and-white-painted, five-panel wood door, opening behind a wood-frame screen door. Steps approach the doorway. A secondary doorway opens in the north elevation of the enclosed porch. It hosts a red-painted wood door, opening behind a white-painted, wood-frame screen door. A nearly identical door occupies a doorway at the west end of the south elevation. Brown sheets of asphalt cover the main,

front-gabled roof and all other roof surfaces. The rafter ends are exposed.

22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements/Rustic**

Other architectural style:

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This property is located on an east-west-oriented ridge top, at an elevation of over 8,600 feet above mean sea level. Houses are irregularly spaced along L Road, a narrow unpaved patch running north to south in front (east of) this cabin. While the lot lacks formal landscaping, it is covered with mature pines and aspens. A combination of woven-wire and wood snow fences encloses the property. Located near the southeast corner of the property is an outdoor fireplace consisting of white and pink bricks and a galvanized metal flue.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Shed 1

A shed is located southwest of the house and north of Shed 2. Oriented to the east, the building lacks a formal foundation. Flush-set, red-painted wood planks clad the exterior walls. Opening in the center of the front (east) elevation is a red-and-white-painted, 2-panel wood door. Brown sheets of asphalt cover the shed roof, and the rafter ends are exposed but capped by a fascia board.

Shed 2

Another shed is located southwest of the house and south of Shed 1. Oriented to the east, the building lacks a formal foundation. Flush-set, red-painted wood planks clad the exterior walls. Opening in the south end of the front (east) elevation is a white-painted, 5-panel wood door. Brown sheets of asphalt cover the shed roof, and the rafter ends are exposed but capped by a fascia board.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1934** Actual Estimate
Source of Information: **Boulder County Assessor Records.
Deed 90352958. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.**

26. Architect: **Unknown**
Source of Information:

27. Builder: **Unknown**
Source of Information:

28. Original Owner: **Ralph Wymore**
Source of Information: **Deed 90352958. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.**

29. Construction history:
According to Boulder County assessor records, this cabin was constructed in 1934. An analysis of the style, materials, and other historical records corroborates a 1934 date of construction. The only notable alteration has been the construction of the east addition, dating to the early Hawkinson period of ownership, between 1945 and 1960.

30. Location: **Original Location** Date of move(s): **Not Applicable**

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic/Cabin**

32. Intermediate uses(s): **Domestic/Cabin**

33. Current uses(s): **Domestic/Cabin**

34. Site type(s): **Cabin**

35. Historical background:

The original owner of this cabin appears to have been Ralph Henry Wymore. He was born in Colorado on April 2, 1898, and may have been either orphaned or adopted at an early age. As a teenager, Wymore attended the Colorado State Industrial School in Golden. He moved to Wiggins as a young adult and later served in the U.S. Navy as a seaman, second class, during World War I. Prior to 1930, Ralph and his wife, Henriette J. Wymore, who immigrated to the United States from Holland, settled in Los Angeles, where they raised three children: Edward J., Woodrow W., and Gloria W. While in California, Ralph worked as a stone mason. His sons assisted their father, with Edward working as a watchman at the stone company while Woodrow was a truck driver. The Wymore family returned to Colorado in the 1930s, moving to Boulder, where Ralph worked as an electrician. He moved back to California around 1945, the same time he sold his Wondervu cabin. Ralph Wymore died in Los Angeles on November 24, 1980.

Purchasing this cabin and lots from Ralph Wymore in 1945 were Marguerite and Carl Hawkinson. Carl Victor Hawkinson was born on August 18, 1898, in Bigelow, Nobles County, Minnesota. By 1918 he was farming near Denova, Washington County, Colorado. On June 14, 1941, he married Marguerite (also spelled Margertie) Lila Irwin. She was born on January 20, 1906, in Gravity, Taylor County, Iowa. By 1920 her family had moved to Akron, Colorado. Carl and Marguerite Hawkinson may have had a daughter, Reta Renee Hawkinson. Carl Hawkinson died on March 29, 1959. Marguerite then retained ownership of this cabin until her own death on March 3, 2003, in Wheat Ridge.

John Dewey Montez, Jr., the current owner, purchased the property from the Marguerite Hawkinson estate in 2003.

36. Sources of information:

Boulder County Assessor Records.

Deeds 90352958, 90421214, and 02485304. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.

U.S. Census of 1910. Golden, Jefferson County, Colorado. Roll T624_120; Page: 5B; Enumeration District: 216; Image: 1184.

U.S. Census of 1900. Bigelow, Nobles County, Minnesota. Roll T623_778; Page: 5B; Enumeration District: 210.

U.S. Census of 1910. Gravity, Taylor County, Iowa. Roll T624_425; Page: 9B; Enumeration District: 142; Image: 401.

U.S. Census of 1920. West Akron, Washington County, Colorado. Roll T625_171; Page: 4B; Enumeration District: 226; Image: 1178.

U.S. Census of 1930. Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. Roll 132; Page: 7A; Enumeration District: 1; Image: 13.0.

U.S. Census of 1930. Bigelow, Nobles County, Minnesota. Roll 1109; Page: 5A; Enumeration District: 2; Image: 386.0.

World War I draft registration card for Carl Victor Hawkinson.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No

Designation authority:

Date of designation:

38. Applicable National Register criteria:

A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high

artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see manual).
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

Applicable Colorado State Register criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to history.
- B. Connected with persons significant in history.
- C. Has distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or artisan.
- D. Is of geographic importance.
- E. Contains the possibility of important discoveries related to prehistory or history.
- Does not meet any of the above Colorado State Register criteria.

Applicable Boulder County landmark criteria:

- 1. the character, interest, or value of the proposed landmark as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the county;
- 2. the proposed landmark as a location of a significant local, county, state, or national event;
- 3. the identification of the proposed landmark with a person or persons significantly contributing to the local, county, state, or national history;
- 4. the proposed landmark as an embodiment of the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or the use of indigenous materials;
- 5. the proposed landmark as identification of the work of an architect, landscape architect, or master builder whose work has influenced development in the county, state, or nation;
- 6. the proposed landmark's archaeological significance;
- 7. the proposed landmark as an example of either architectural or structural innovation; and
- 8. the relationship of the proposed landmark to other distinctive structures, districts, or sites which would also be determined to be of historic significance.
- Does not meet any of the above Boulder County landmark criteria.

39. Areas of significance: **Social History**
Architecture

40. Period(s) of Significance: **Social History, 1934-1959; Architecture, 1934**

41. Level of Significance: National State Local Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

This property is historically significant for its association with the development of the Wondervu Project, a collection of mountaintop summer cabins. This building is one of the earliest cabins in Wondervu. It is also architecturally significant as an example of the Rustic style. Character-

defining features include log siding, divided-light windows, and exposed rafter ends. However, because of the principal building's overall lack of notable historical and architectural significance, this property should not be considered individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties, or as a Boulder County Landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1934, this cabin exhibits a moderately high level of physical integrity relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society: location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. While an addition had modified the original plan of the house, it is clearly differentiated from the original core and may have been constructed during the period of significance. This building retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its historical and architectural significance.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

- 44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data Previously listed
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45. Is there National Register district potential: Yes No

Discuss: **This inventory was conducted as an intensive-level selective survey and therefore lacks the continuity of resource data necessary to recommend the creation of an historic district.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building contributing: Yes No N/A

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it contributing: Yes No N/A

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Digital photograph file name(s): **lrd0056 - 1.tif to lrd0056 - 7.tif**
 Digital photographs filed at: **Boulder County Parks and Open Space
 5201 St. Vrain Road
 Longmont, CO 80502**

48. Report title: **Wondervu Historical and Architectural Survey, 2009-10**

49. Date(s): **09/18/2009**

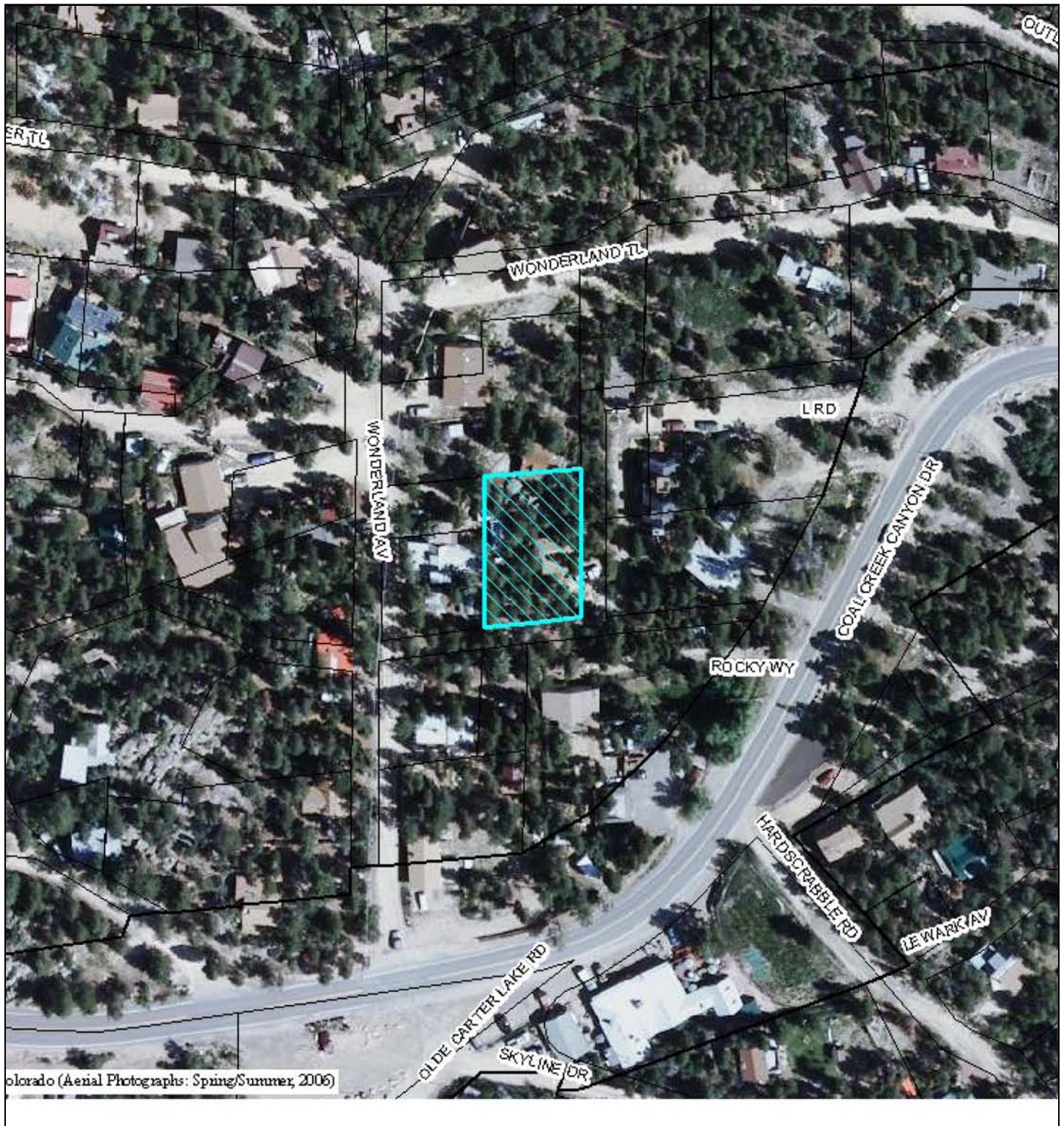
50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas**

51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**

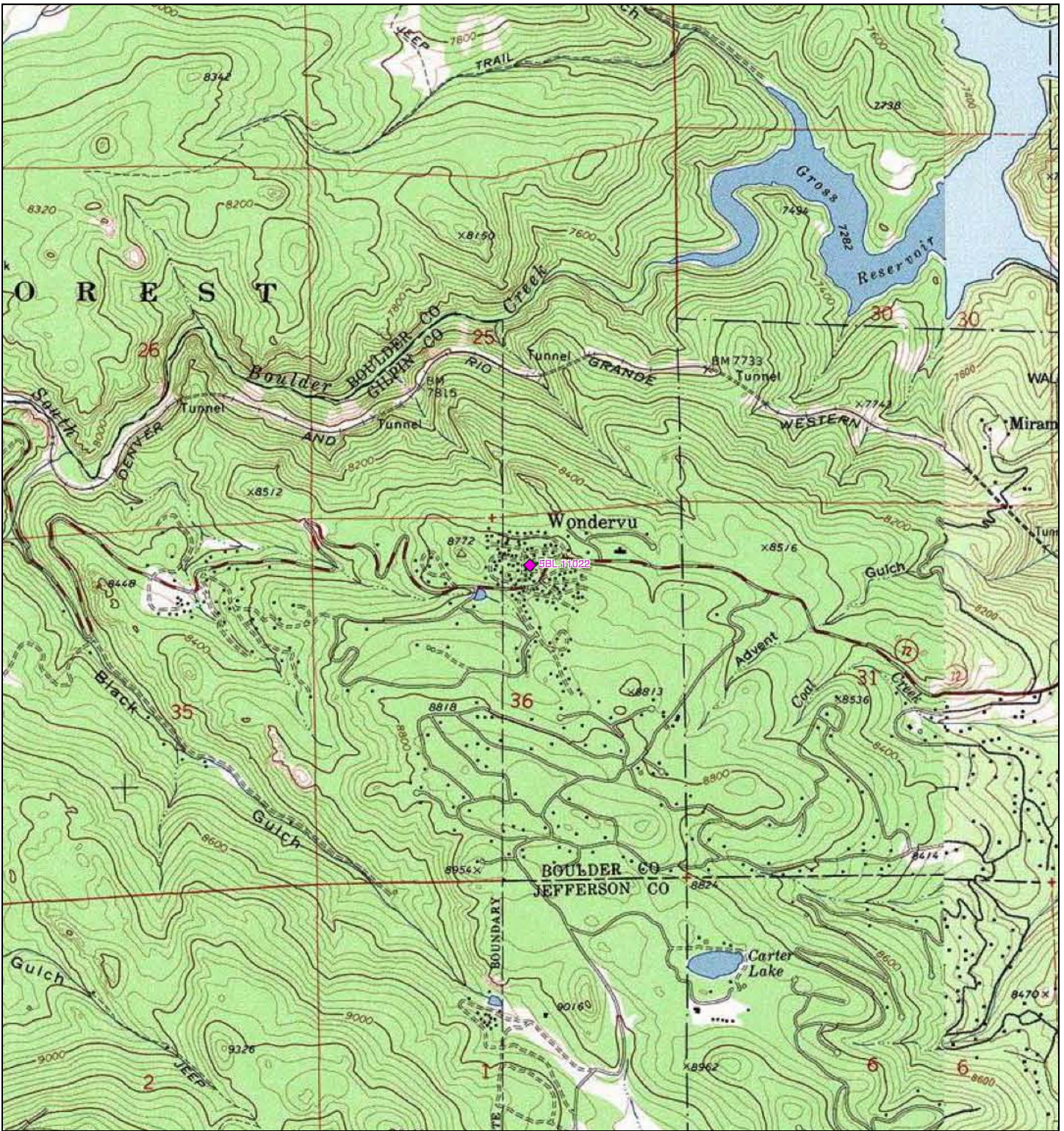
52. Address: **PO Box 419
Estes Park, CO 80517-0419**

53. Phone number(s): **(970) 586-1165**

SKETCH MAP



LOCATION MAP



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Tungsten - 1972

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