

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL.11030** Parcel number: **158136115001**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **Not Applicable**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Wondervu**
- 5. Historic building name: **Elizabeth L. Farrow Cabin**
- 6. Current building name: **John W. Moore Cabin**
- 7. Building address: **40 Olde Carter Lake Road**
- 8. Owner name: **John W. Moore**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **6251 Carr
Arvada, CO 80004**

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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**
 SW 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: **466039** Northing: **4419397**
11. USGS quad name: **Tungsten** Scale: **7.5**
 Year: **1972**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 1 and 2 and a strip on the south side of Lot 1; Block 9 South**
 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: **414 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Log**
 Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Side Gabled Roof**
 Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **None Applicable**
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the east, this cabin lacks a formal foundation. Vertical, unpeeled split-log siding clads the exterior walls. Windows generally have white-painted wood frames and blue-painted wood surrounds. Louvered shutters conceal a window opening near the center of the asymmetrical front (east) façade. At the northern end of the façade is a single-light hopper or awning window (with a red-painted frame). Opening in the eastern end of the south elevation is a 6-light window. The opposite end of the same elevation hosts 3, 6-light windows, which appear to open as sliding sashes. The west elevation has paired 4-light hopper, awning, or casement windows. A doorway opens in the south end of the façade. It hosts a blue-painted, four-panel wood door. Opening in the south elevation of a small wing protruding from the north end of the façade is a narrow, blue-painted, 5-panel door, opening behind a blue-painted, wood-frame screen door. Gray sheets of asphalt cover the side-gabled main roof and all other roof surfaces. The log rafter ends are exposed. A mature pine tree grows through the south-facing eaves.
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 Olde Carter Lake Road, a narrow, unpaved road running generally southeast to northwest. A large, packed-earth parking area is situated to the east of the cabin; north of it is Coal Creek Canyon Drive (Colorado Highway 72). This particular property slopes downward from east to west. Covering the lot are mature pines, spruces, and aspens. A wood rail fence encloses the area immediately around the cabin, while a chain-link fence separates the property from Olde Carter Lake Road.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Privy and Shed

A combined privy and shed are located northwest of the cabin. Oriented to the east, the building appears to lack a formal foundation. The southern two-thirds of the building constitute the shed while the northern third is the privy. Unpainted, square-cut wood shingles clad the exterior walls. The shed door, opening near the center of the front (east) façade is lacking its panels, but the red-painted wood frame remains intact. Opening in the northern third of the façade and providing access to the privy is a red-painted, 5-panel wood door. Green sheets of asphalt cover the shed roof, with the privy portion of the roof slightly higher than the rest of the building.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: 1945 Actual Estimate

Source of Information: Boulder County Assessor Records.
Deed 90393676. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.

26. Architect: Unknown

Source of Information:

27. Builder: Unknown

Source of Information:

28. Original Owner: Elizabeth L. Farrow

Source of Information: Deed 90393676. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.

29. Construction history:

According to Boulder County assessor records, this cabin was constructed in 1945. An analysis of the style, materials, and other historical records corroborates a 1945 date of construction. Based on structural evidence, the building originally consisted of a small, side-gabled core. Larger, shed-roofed (nearly flat) additions were then constructed on the south and west elevation. While the dates of these modification are unknown, they appear to have occurred prior to 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, constructed in 1945, was Elizabeth L. Farrow, who purchased this property from Mary A. Hollingsworth, wife of Wondervu developer Charles E. Hollingsworth, in 1942. She was born Elizabeth L. Hughes in Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, in November 1872. She married around 1894 and had three children: Glenn O. Farrow, Mabel E. Farrow, and LeRoy W. Farrow. The name and background of her husband remains a mystery. By 1900, Elizabeth and her children were living with her parents, J.M. and P.D. Hughes, in Homestead, Barton County, Kansas. She listed her marital status then as "married." By 1910 she had moved with her children to Denver and identified herself as a widow. At the time, she supported her family by performing piecework in her home while Glenn worked as a driver for a dry goods store. The family also hosted boarders. Glenn went on to become a successful builder in Denver.

Glenn O. and Roy W. Farrow inherited this cabin following their mother's death in 1958. Roy immediately quit claimed his share of the property to Glenn, who sold it to Alois C. and Eunice E. DeChant and Douglas DeChant, of Denver. In 1985 the DeChants sold this property to Donald J. Arnold, Richard J. Arnold, Teresa A. Arnold. Two years later, Flossie B. Moore and Billy F. Moore acquired the cabin and lots from the Arnolds. Flossie Moore died in 1995. Upon Billy Moore's death in 1997, the representatives of his estate, John W. Moore and Sheila Kay Van Noy (also known as Sheila Kay Goldberg), transferred the property to John Moore, who remains the current owner.

36. Sources of information:

Boulder County Assessor Records.

Deeds 02887723, 01495331, 00833759, 00672895, 90616752, 90616751, and 90393676. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.

U.S. Census of 1900. Homestead, Barton County, Kansas. Roll T623_471; Page: 2B; Enumeration District: 22.

U.S. Census of 1910. Denver Ward 11, Denver County, Colorado. Roll T624_115; Page: 10B; Enumeration District: 142; Image: 739.

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: **Architecture**
Social History

40. Period(s) of Significance: **Architecture, 1945; Social History, 1945-1958**

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 Wondervu, a collection of mountaintop summer cabins marketed to and owned by members of the working and middle classes. The original owner of this building was a working-class widow and her children. It is also architecturally significant as an example of the Rustic style. Character-defining features include split-log siding, divided-light windows, and exposed rafter ends. However, because of its lack of notable historical or 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 1945, this cabin exhibits a moderate 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 additions have altered and expanded the original plan, most of the cabin's character-defining features remain intact. 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): **oldecarterlakerd0040 - 1.tif to oldecarterlakerd0040 - 1.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): **10/13/2009**

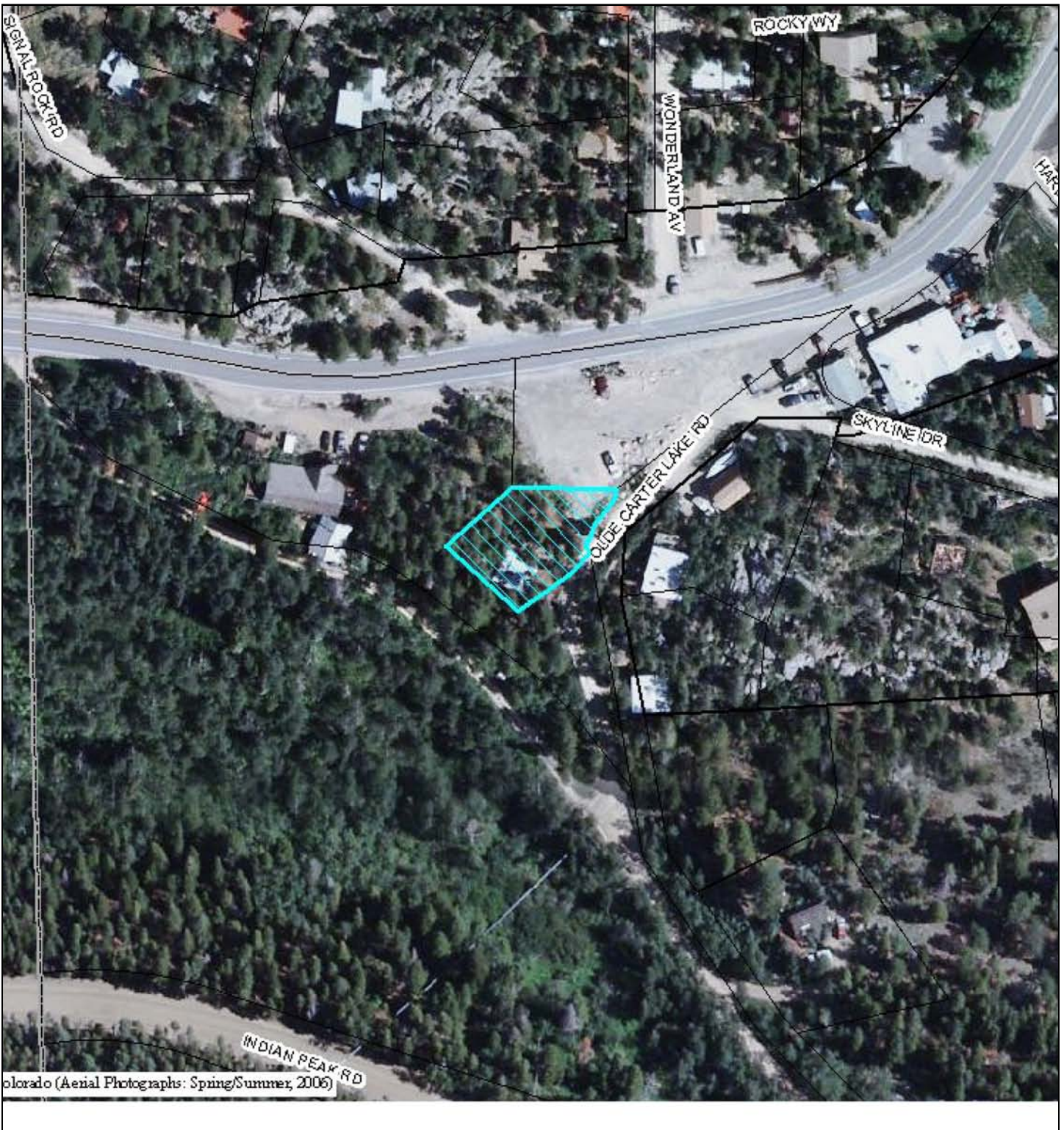
50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas**

51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**

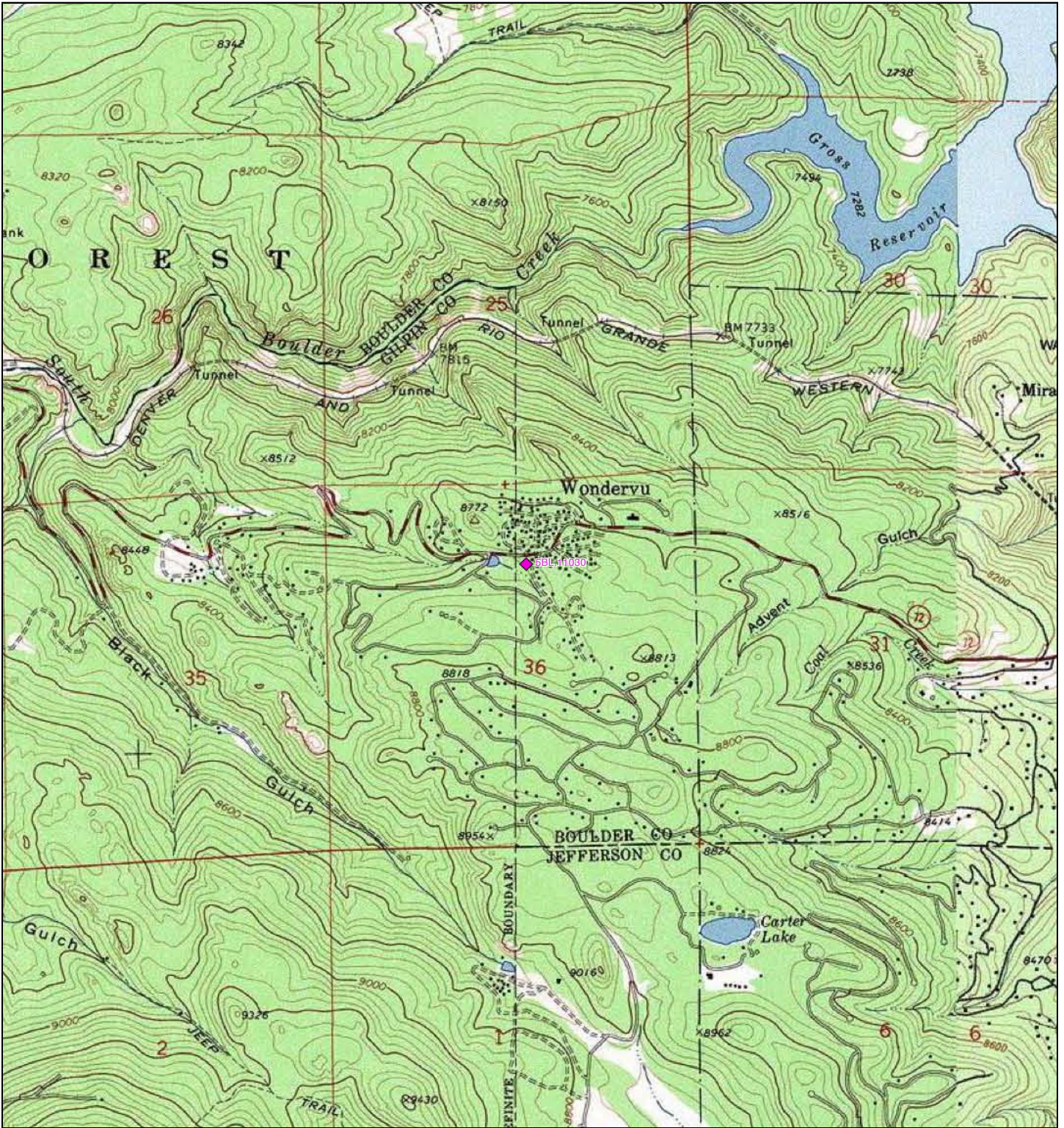
52. Address: **PO Box 419
Estes Park, CO 80517-0419**

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

SKETCH MAP



LOCATION MAP



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