

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

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| 1. Resource number: | 5BL.11031 | Parcel number: 158136122008 |
| 2. Temporary resource number: | Not Applicable | |
| 3. County: | Boulder | |
| 4. City: | Wondervu | |
| 5. Historic building name: | Jewel L. Howard Cabin | |
| 6. Current building name: | Gladys M. Dodd Cabin | |
| 7. Building address: | 61 Olde Carter Lake Road | |
| 8. Owner name: | Gladys M. Dodd | |
| Owner organization: | | |
| Owner address: | 9153 Yarrow Street, Apartment 1414
Westminster, CO 80021-4585 | |

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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**
SE 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: **466068** Northing: **4419367**
11. USGS quad name: **Tungsten** Scale: **7.5**
 Year: **1972**
12. Lot(s): **Part of Block 5 South as described in deed 131204**
 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): **Rectangular Plan**
 Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet: **624 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: **Garage/Attached Garage**
Fence
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the west, this cabin rests on a concrete-block foundation, concealed behind vertical planks across the front (west) façade. A former garage opening dominates the south end of the basement's façade. It hosts a vertical plank door. The walls consist of peeled logs. The logs have been cut at random lengths at the spike-butt corners. Dominating the symmetrical front façade are single-light picture windows, with aluminum frames, flanked by unpainted, board-and-batten shutters. A tripartite window opens at the west end of the south elevation. It consists of sliding sashes flanking a central fixed frame. It also has shutters. The rest of the windows appear to be single-light awning or fixed frame. The principal doorway opens just west of center in the façade. It provides access to a granite outcropping that has been modified into a patio. Gray sheets of asphalt cover the shallowly pitched, side-gabled roof, and the building lacks overhanging 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. Dividing the road from the rest of the property is a retaining wall consisting of interwoven branches and stones. Parallel to it is a barbed-wire fence. Flanking the stone steps approaching the patio are wrought-iron railings. Situated to the east is a large, granite outcropping. The property lacks formal landscaping but hosts aspens, pines, and spruces.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Shed

A standard kit-built or modular shed is located north of the cabin. Oriented to the south, the building rests on concrete-block piers. Filling the void between the ground and the bottom plate of the shed are dry-laid stones. Red-painted, vertically scored sheets of plywood clad the exterior walls. A doorway opens in the center of the front (south) façade. It hosts a vertical plank door, with outside bracing, and a small, 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash window. Approaching the doorway are wood steps. Gray asphalt shingles cover the front-gambrel roof.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: 1955 Actual Estimate

Source of Information: Boulder County Assessor Records.
Deed 90504656. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.

26. Architect: Unknown

Source of Information:

27. Builder: Unknown

Source of Information:

28. Original Owner: Jewel L. Howard

Source of Information: Deed 90504656. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.

29. Construction history:

According to Boulder County assessor records, this cabin was constructed in 1955. An analysis of the style, materials, and other historical records corroborates a 1955 date of construction. This building has not been notably altered since its construction.

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 1955, was Jewel L. Howard, who acquired the property from Wondervu developers Otto and Helen Friedrichs in 1951. It became part of large landholdings Howard amassed in block five south. Jewel Howard was born around 1884 in Georgia. His wife, Ludie Howard, was born in Alabama around 1889. They were married circa 1913 and had two children, Ethel Grace "Gracie" and Jewel Jr. The family resided in Denver, where the elder Jewel Howard worked as an order clerk for a grocery store.

Jewel Howard sold his property in block five south to Lawrence and Billie Jo Claycomb in 1972. Three years later Gladys Dodd, the current owner, acquired this cabin and lot from the Claycombs.

36. Sources of information:

Boulder County Assessor Records.

Deeds 00131204, 00003080, and 90504656. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.

U.S. Census of 1920. Denver, Denver County, Colorado. Roll T625_158; Page: 4B; Enumeration District: 49; Image: 810.

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, 1955; Social History, 1955-1960**

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, a collection of mountaintop summer cabins marketed to and owned by members of the working and middle classes. The original owner was a grocery store clerk. The cabin is also architecturally significant as a post-World War II example of the Rustic style. Character-defining features include the peeled logs with spike-butt corners and the randomly cut log 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 1955, this cabin exhibits a 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. It has not been notably altered since its construction. 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.**

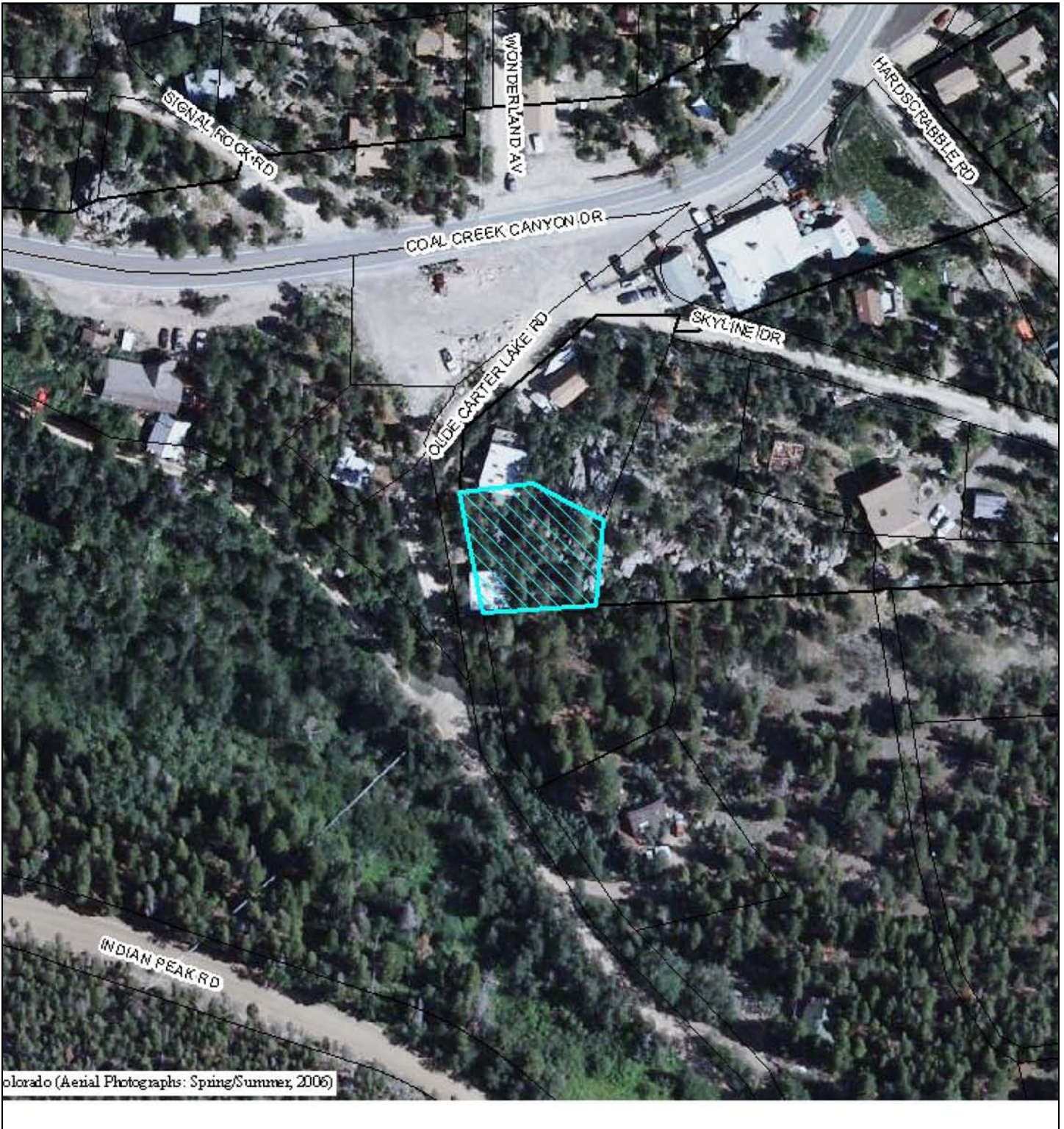
If there is National Register district potential, is this building contributing: Yes No N/A

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

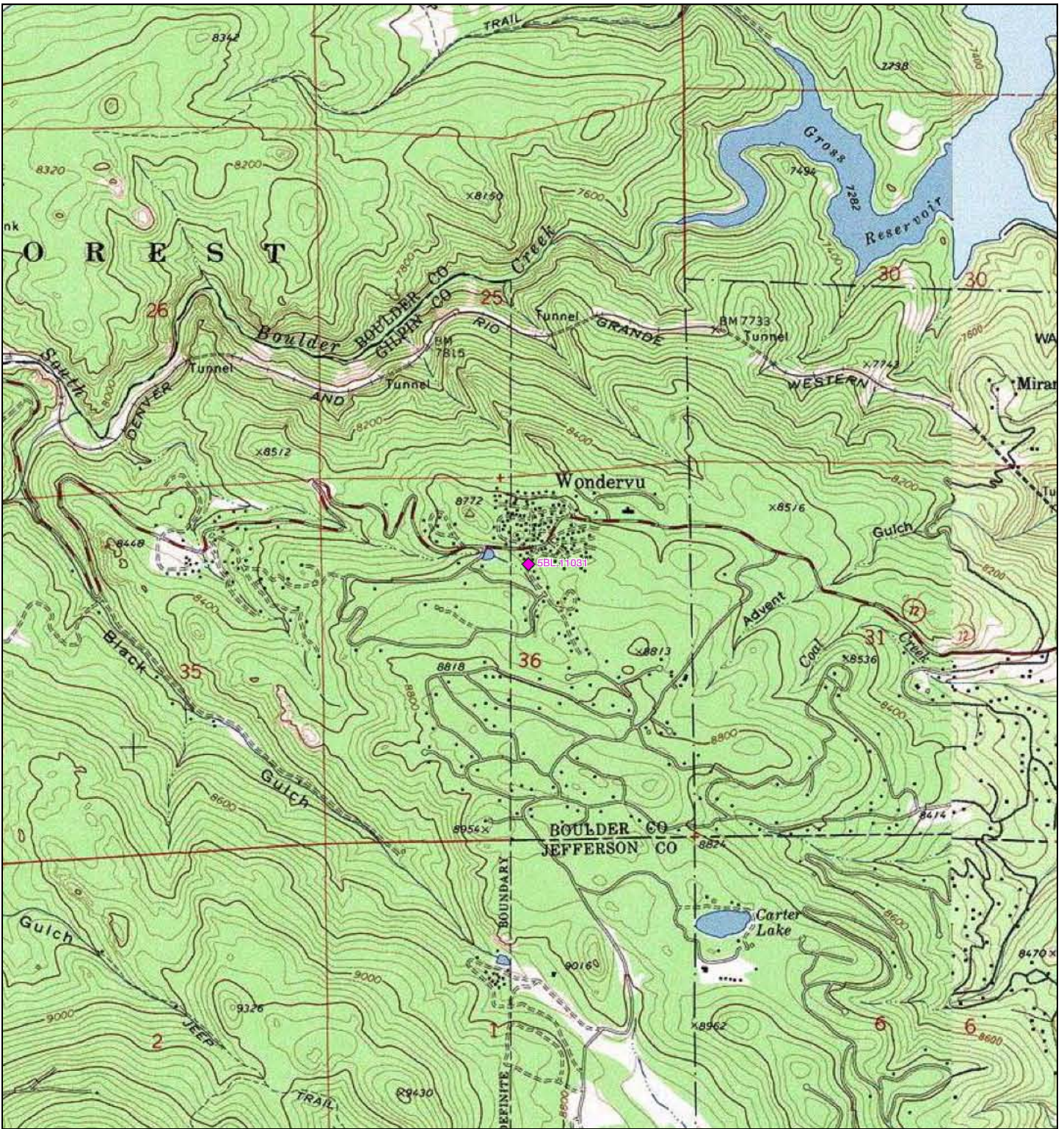
VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Digital photograph file name(s): **oldecarterlakerd0061.tif - 1 to oldecarterlakerd0061 - 6.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**
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SKETCH MAP



LOCATION MAP



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