

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

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| 1. Resource number: | 5BL.11032 | Parcel number: 158136100033 |
| 2. Temporary resource number: | Not Applicable | |
| 3. County: | Boulder | |
| 4. City: | Wondervu | |
| 5. Historic building name: | Miles and Emily Crawford Cabin | |
| 6. Current building name: | Marc Minion Cabin | |
| 7. Building address: | 125 Olde Carter Lake Road | |
| 8. Owner name: | Marc Minion | |
| Owner organization: | | |
| Owner address: | PO Box 7164 | |
| | 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**
SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of section **36** Grid aligned on **northwest** corner of section.
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
Easting: **466140** Northing: **4419268**
11. USGS quad name: **Tungsten** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1972**
12. Lot(s): **Sites 12 through 16 inclusive and the southern 56 feet of Site 17**
Addition: **Wondervu** Year of addition: **1929**
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: **414 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Simulated Log Siding**
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:
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the west, this cabin rests on an usually high, random-coursed granite foundation. Horizontal, brown-stained or painted simulated log siding clads the exterior walls. The window opening in the south end of the front (west) façade are single-light, with wood surrounds. North of the façade's principal doorway is a band of 6-light casement windows, with brown or unpainted wood frames. Other windows appear to be paired, single-light casement or 1-beside-1-light, sliding sash. They have unpainted wood frames and surrounds. The principal doorway opens near the center of the asymmetrical façade. It hosts a brown-painted, 5-panel wood door. This doorway provides access to a high, unsheltered wood deck. A secondary doorway appears to open in the east end of the south elevation. Green, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the side-gabled roof, and the rafter ends are exposed.

NOTE: Due to heavy foliage, steep terrain, and inaccessibility, the consultant could not survey or photograph completely all elevations.

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 the western edge of an east-west-oriented ridge, 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. This particular property slopes very steeply downward from east to west. Covering the lot are dense, mature pines and aspens. A packed-earth, circular driveway connects the cabin to the road.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Shed

A partially dugout shed is situated south of the house. Oriented to the west, the building's walls consist of uncoursed granite. The southern half of the opening in the center of the front (west) façade has been filled with horizontal, unpeeled, split-log siding. A wood-plank door, with the boards set at a 45-degree angle, occupies the northern half of the opening. It opens on metal strap hinges. Sheets of asphalt cover the shed roof and rafter ends are exposed.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1949** Actual Estimate

Source of Information: **Boulder County Assessor Records.
Deed 90432369. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.**

26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of Information:

27. Builder: **Unknown**

Source of Information:

28. Original Owner: **Miles and Emily B. Crawford,**

Source of Information: **Deed 90432369. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.**

29. Construction history:

According to Boulder County assessor records, this cabin was constructed in 1949. An analysis of the style, materials, and other historical records corroborates a 1949 date of construction. The only notable alterations appear to be the replacement of some windows, most likely dating to after 1980.

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 owners of this cabin, constructed in 1949, were Miles and Emily B. Crawford, who began piecing together various parcels of land for the building as early as 1946. Miles Crawford was born on November 26, 1900, in Boulder to a father from Ohio and mother from England. By 1912, the Crawford family had relocated to Semper, Jefferson County, just north of present-day Arvada and Westminster. Here Miles's father, Harry Crawford, became a noted apiarist (beekeeper). Members of the family, including young Miles, appeared in a photograph in the November 1912 *American Bee Journal*. By 1930 Miles followed in his father footsteps, maintaining hives and producing honey in Semper.

Miles Crawford married around 1924. His wife, Emily B. Crawford, was born in California on August 1, 1903. They had at least two children, Doris M., Harry M., and Robert J. Crawford. Emily died in Broomfield in May 1977. Miles died a decade later, in August 1987, also in Boulder. In 1998 Miles Crawford's estate transferred this cabin to his three children: Harry M. Crawford, Doris M. (Crawford) Mounce, and Robert J. Crawford. They then sold the property to Marc Minion, the current owner.

36. Sources of information:

Boulder County Assessor Records.

Deeds 01846431, 90457199, 90457200, 90451622, 90450580, and 90432369. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.

U.S. Census of 1910. Precinct 26 Boulder, Boulder County, Colorado. Roll T624_113; Page: 14A; Enumeration District: 37; Image: 461.

U.S. Census of 1920. Semper, Jefferson County, Colorado. Roll T625_164; Page: 7B; Enumeration District: 93; Image: 822.

U.S. Census of 1930. Semper, Jefferson County, Colorado. Roll 243; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 25; Image: 878.0.

"Picnic Group at Boulder, Colorado." *American Bee Journal* 52 (November 1912), p. 333.

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, 1949; Social History, 1949-1960**

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 of this building was a beekeeper. It is also architecturally significant as an example of the Rustic style. Character-defining features include the simulated log siding, multiple-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 1949, 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. The only modifications have been the replacement of some windows. Almost all other 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): **oldecarterlakerd0125.tif - 1 to oldecarterlakerd0125 - 4.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**

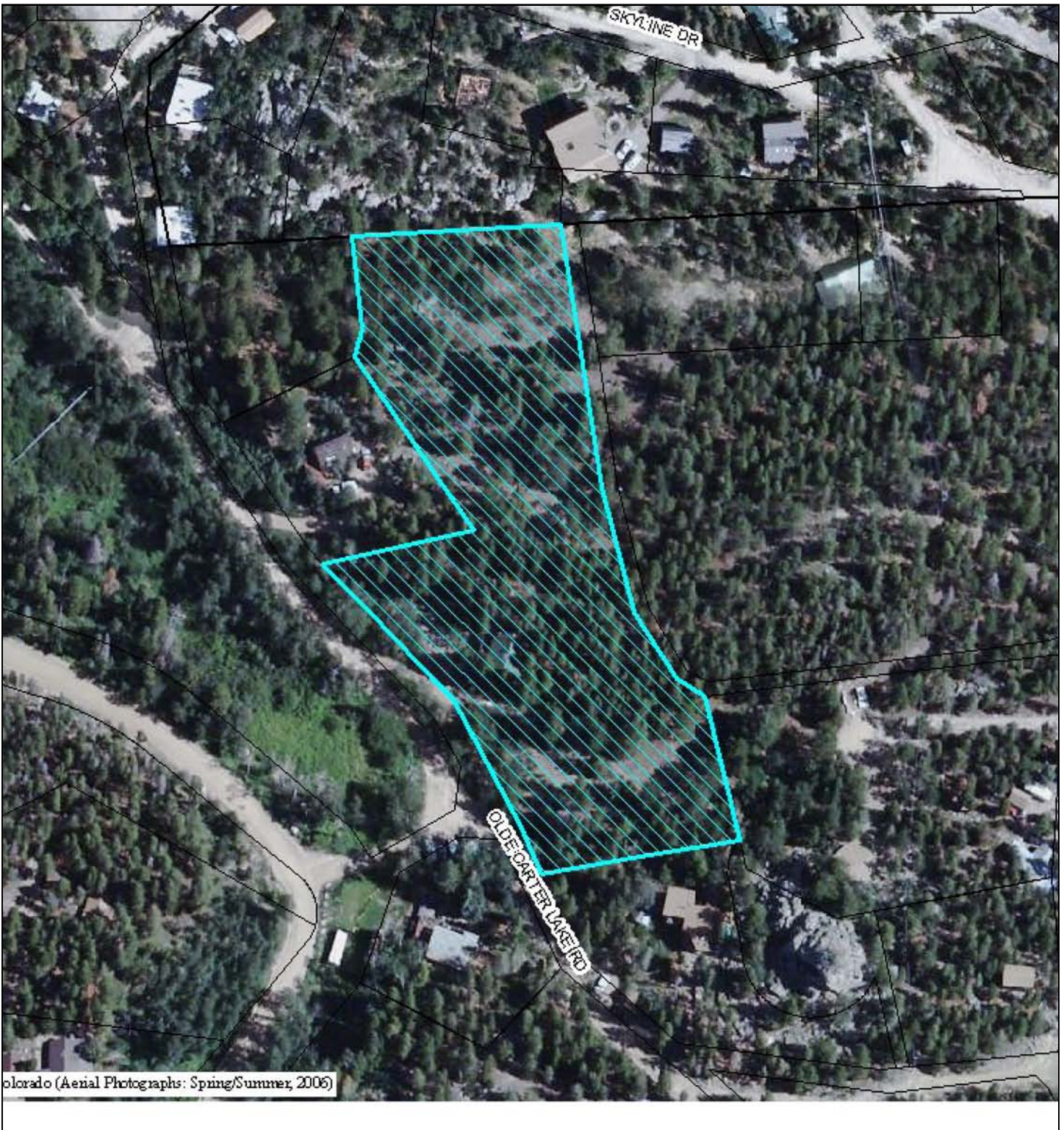
50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas**

51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**

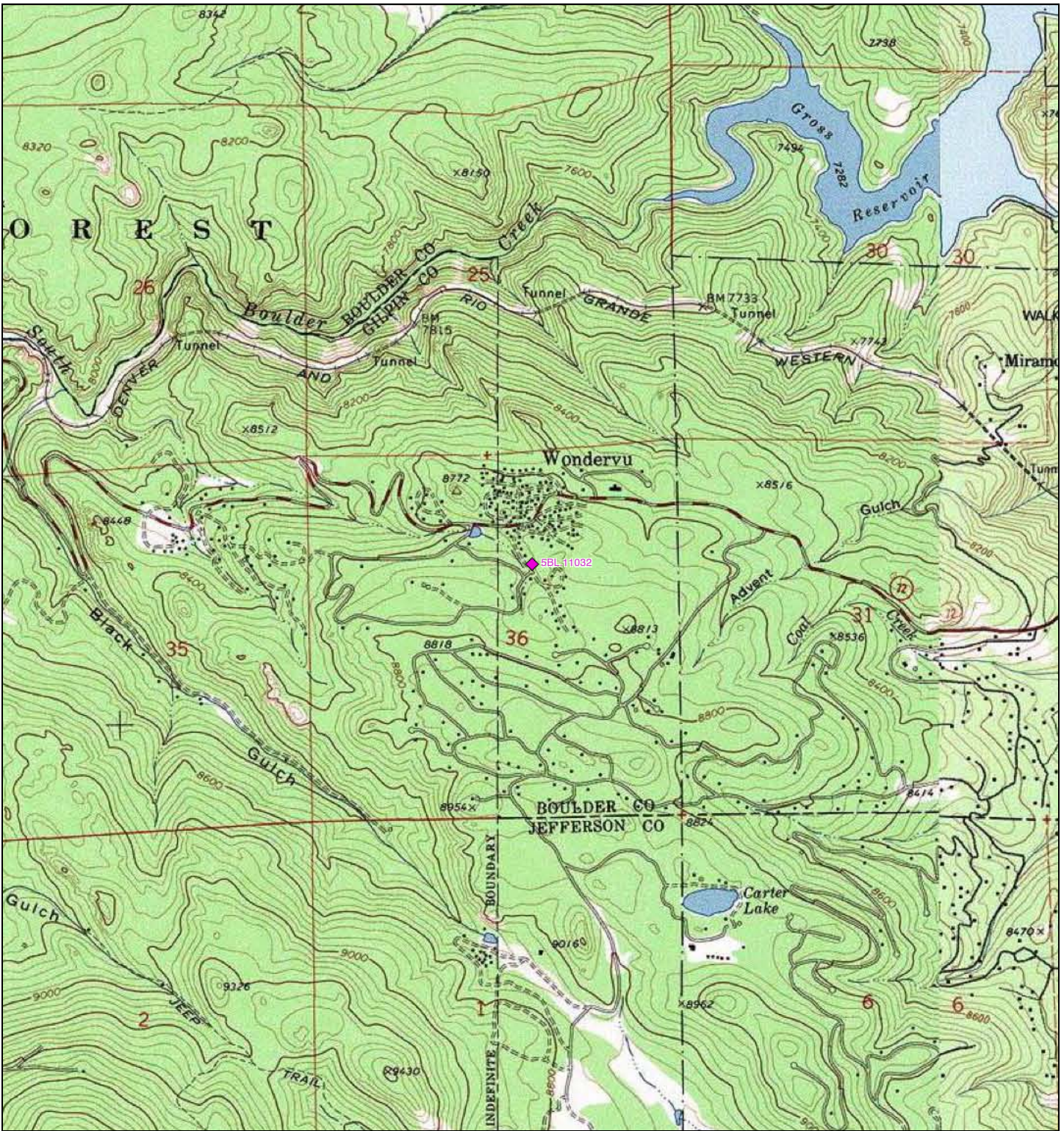
52. Address: **PO Box 419**
Estes Park, CO 80517-0419

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

SKETCH MAP



LOCATION MAP



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