

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

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Date _____ Initials _____

- _____ Determined Eligible- NR
_____ Determined Not Eligible- NR
_____ Determined Eligible- SR
_____ Determined Not Eligible- SR
_____ Need Data
_____ Contributes to eligible NR District
_____ Noncontributing to eligible NR District

**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource number: **5LR.12789** Parcel number: **97144-08-927**
2. Temporary resource number: **City-22**
3. County: **Larimer**
4. City: **Fort Collins**
5. Historic building name: **United States Forest Service**
6. Current building name: **United States Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station**
7. Building address: **240 West Prospect Road**
8. Owner name: **United States of America**
Owner organization:
Owner address: **2150 Centre Avenue East
Fort Collins, CO 80526**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: ☐ Individually eligible ☒ Not eligible ☐ Needs data ☐ Previously listed
State Register eligibility field assessment: ☐ Individually eligible ☒ Not eligible ☐ Needs data ☐ Previously listed
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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **7N** Range: **69W**
SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of section **14** Grid aligned on **southeast** corner of section.
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
Easting: **493159** Northing: **4490746**
11. USGS quad name: **Fort Collins** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1984**
12. Lot(s): **Part of Lot 12**
Addition: **Emigh's Subdivision** Year of addition: **1881**
13. Boundary description and justification: **The boundary, as described above, contains but does not exceed the land historically associated with the property.**
- ☐ Metes and bounds exist

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): **Irregular Plan**
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet: **Unknown**
16. Number of stories: **Two**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Concrete**
Stone
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Flat 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 south, this irregular-shaped Modern Movements building features a flat roof. The two-story building is sided in both cement panels and stone. The façade features a long rectangular first level with a shorter rectangular second level centered above. The façade, on both stories, is comprised of a series of four window bays. The windows are fixed pane, may be tinted, and appear to be recessed from the concrete panels which are located both above and below these openings. A wide veneer of stone appears along the foundation with a narrow, vertical concrete portion of each four-window unit extending downward over this stone band. At the southwest corner of this main façade, there is a ramp leading up towards the building. There is also a rectangular single-story extension which may be an addition; the eastern section of this extension features single windows similar to those in the four-bay units and the slightly projecting western half has no openings. A half-height stone wall in front of this portion of the building forms an entry "porch." The primary entry, not visible from the public right of way, appears to be west facing with a simple flat roof projection above. From the east, the irregular shape of the building is most evident; there appears to be a second, single-story bay similar to the lower level of the façade located behind the street-facing portion of the building. The east side of the

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façade features one first-story window centered on the elevation and a row of windows, one in each cement panel capped unit, along the upper level. On the west, the end of the extension on the southwest corner is visible; like the portion along the façade, there are no window openings and stone along the foundation. The north (rear) elevation is not visible from the public right of way. Character-defining features of the Modern Movements architectural style evident at 240 W. Prospect Road include: the flat roof, concrete panels, fixed pane windows, and stone accents.

22. Architectural style: **Modern Movements**

Other architectural style:

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This building is located on a rectangular lot along W. Prospect Road. There are several mature evergreen trees on the site. A sign, constructed on stone and wood, is located on the grass strip in front of the building. There is a flagpole behind the half-height stone wall and near the southwest portion of the façade. The site is 5002 feet above mean sea level.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

None visible.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **ca 1965** ☐ Actual ☒ Estimate

Source of Information: **1964-1966 Fort Collins City Directory**

26. Architect: **Baume and Polinick**

Source of Information: **Interview with Building Engineer Frank McCarthur, 19 April 2011.**

27. Builder: **Unknown**

Source of Information:

28. Original Owner: **United States Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service**

Source of Information: **1966 Fort Collins City Directory**

29. Construction history:

According to the Fort Collins city directories, the estimated construction date for this building is 1965. An analysis of the style, building materials, and other historical records corroborate this date of construction. The portion of the façade at the southwest corner with no window openings may be an addition; date unknown. An historic image, dated ca 1967, shows the portion of the facade which forms the entry "porch" and features window openings. However, this photograph does not include the window-less southwest corner of the property.

30. Location: **Original Location** Date of move(s):

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Government/Government Office**

32. Intermediate uses(s): **Government/Government Office**

33. Current uses(s): **Government/Government Office**

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34. Site type(s): **Modern Movements office building**

35. Historical background:

This building has been associated with the United States Forest Service for its entire fifty-six year history. Established in 1905, the Forest Service is an agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Forest Service is responsible for managing public lands within national forests and grasslands, upholding its motto: "Caring for the Land and Serving People." This Forest Service office building was constructed in 1965 and is located adjacent to the campus of Colorado State University. In 1969 the agency's finance office moved to Fort Collins, presumably to this office building. The Rocky Mountain Research Station, a regional unit of the Forest Service, currently is based in this building. That region covers a total of twelve states, including Colorado. The research center has 400 permanent full-time employees, including approximately 100 research scientists.

36. Sources of information:

Larimer County tax assessor property records (online).

Fort Collins City Directory. Fort Collins: Mauer & Mauer; Omaha: R.L. Polk & Co.; Colorado Springs and Loveland: Rocky Mountain Directory Co.;

Loveland: Johnson Publishing Co.; and others, consulted 1964 through 1966.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/rmrs/about/> [Accessed 28 April 2011].

<http://www.fs.fed.us/aboutus/> [Accessed 26 April 2011].

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 City of Fort Collins landmark criteria:

- ☐ 1. The property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history; or
- ☐ 2. The property is associated with the lives of persons significant in history; or
- ☒ 3. The property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents the work of a master, or

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possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or

- ☐ 4. The property has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

39. Areas of significance: **Architecture**

40. Period(s) of Significance: **ca. 1965**

41. Level of Significance: ☐ National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐ Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

Historically, this building is important for its association with the U.S. Forest Service. Architecturally, this is a good example of a mid-1960s Modern Movements style office building. Character-defining features include the flat roof, concrete panels, fixed pane windows, and stone accents. This level of historical and architectural significance is not sufficient for this property to qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places or the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. However, the City of Fort Collins would like the National Register eligibility of this resource to be reconsidered in 2015 when the building is fifty years old. This building does qualify for listing as a Fort Collins Landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1965, this building 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, association, and feeling. The possible addition, on the facade, west of the primary entry "porch" detracts from the building's symmetry, impacting the aspect of integrity of design. However, the building retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural significance for listing as a Fort Collins Landmark.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

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45. Is there National Register district potential: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Needs Data

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

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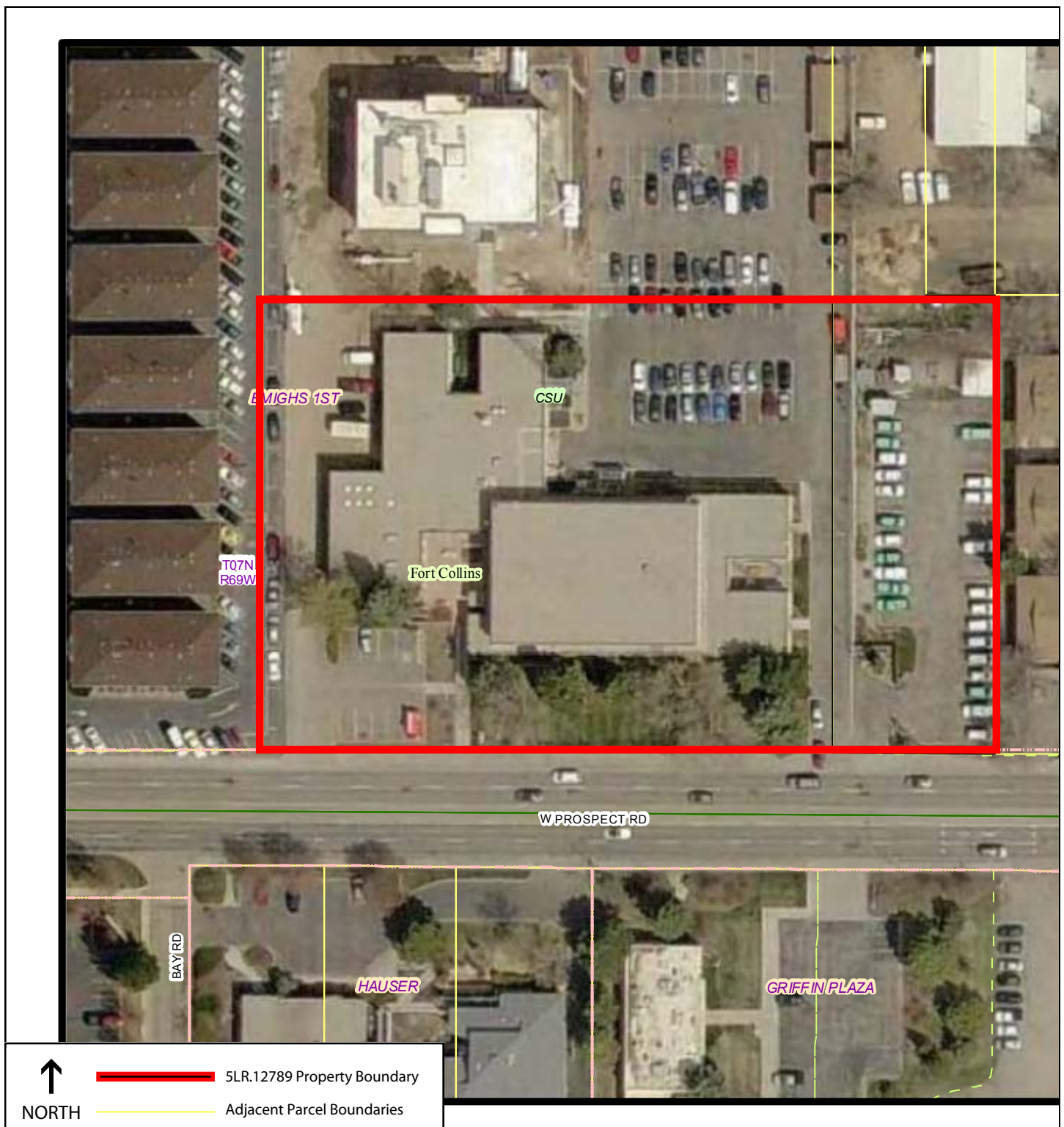
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SKETCH MAP



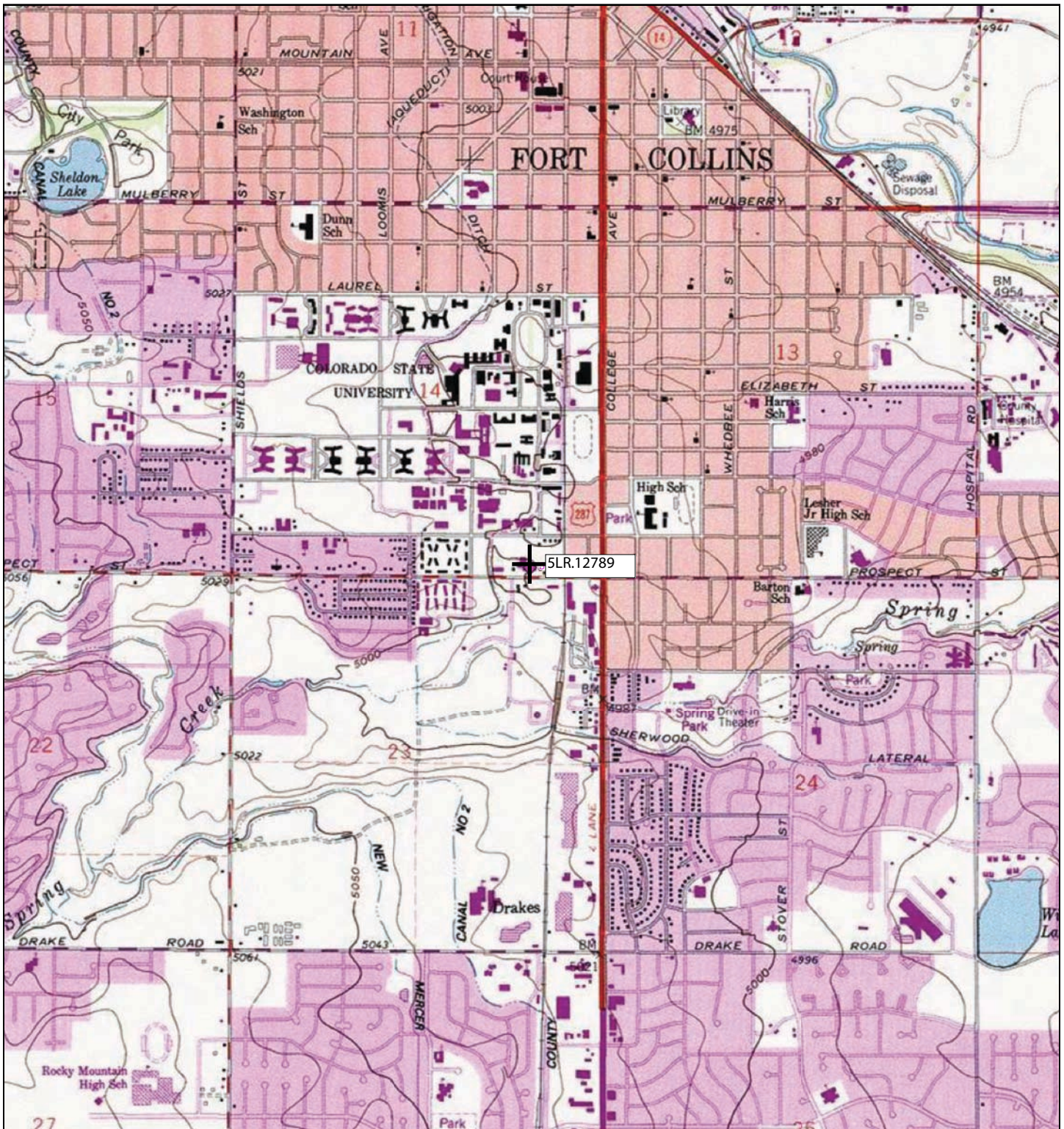
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LOCATION MAP



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Fort Collins - 1984

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