

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL.11058** Parcel number: **158136106005**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **Not Applicable**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Wondervu**
- 5. Historic building name: **Ralph Henry Wymore Cabin**
- 6. Current building name: **Charles Willis Hughes Cabin**
- 7. Building address: **68 Wonderland Avenue**
- 8. Owner name: **Charles Willis Huges**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **2303 Elaine Street
Arkadelphia, AR 71923**

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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: **466105** Northing: **4419561**
11. USGS quad name: **Tungsten** Scale: **7.5**
 Year: **1972**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 4 and 5; Block B; and Lots 1, 5, and 6; Block C**
 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: **624 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
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: **Chimney**
Fence
Roof Treatment/Dormer
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the south, this cabin appears to lack a formal foundation. Horizontal, unpeeled split-log siding clads the exterior walls. Windows are generally single-light, hopper, awning, or casement, with red-painted wood frames and surrounds, as well as red-painted, wood-frame screens. The east elevation and eastern end of the rear (north) elevation have 3-light windows. Dominating the center of the rear elevation are paired, 8-light casement windows, with white-painted wood frames and red-painted wood surrounds. Flanking them are 8-light hopper or awning windows. The principal doorway opens near the center of the façade. Protecting this door is a screen door, with a red-painted wood frame. Another doorway opens in the east elevation, providing access to an unsheltered wood deck. Brown, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the side-gabled main roof and shed-roofed additions. A gabled dormer protrudes from the roof's south-facing slope. A random-coursed granite chimney, with a hearth, is engaged to the center of the west-facing gable end.

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. The cabin is located in the most densely settled portion of Wondervu, along Wonderland Avenue, an unpaved, north-south street. This property's terrain is relatively flat, lacking any formal landscaping. Yet the parcel hosts large granite boulders and outcroppings as well as dense stands of aspens and pines. Enclosing the property is a wood-and-wire snow fence.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Privy

A privy is located southeast of the house. Oriented to the southeast, the building lacks a formal foundation. Cladding the walls is red-painted weatherboard, with red-painted cornerboards. The doorway opens in the northeast end of the front (southeast) façade. It hosts a red-painted, vertical-plank door, opening on metal strap hinges. Brown sheets of asphalt cover the shed roof.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1936** 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 Henry 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 1936. An analysis of the style, materials, and other historical records corroborates a 1936 date of construction. It is unclear whether the shed-roofed wing across the front (south) elevation is an original feature. Based on materials, it appears to be an enclosed porch. The only other modification was the construction of a shed-roofed addition to the east elevation. This modification appears to date to before 1950.

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 1936, was Ralph Henry Wymore, who acquired the property from Helen Friedrichs, wife of Wondervu developer Otto Friedrichs. Wymore 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. Ralph Wymore died in Los Angeles on November 24, 1980.

In 1940, Wymore sold this property to Francis John Spitzer, who appears to have been an intermediary to transfer the property to Myrtle G. Schafersman. Myrtle and Grace Schafersman sold the property to James L. and Bess White in 1952. They sold the cabin three years later, in 1955, to Willis B. and Hattie C. Hughes. Willis Burl Hughes died in 1971. In 1989, Willis's estate and Hattie Hughes transferred the property to their son, Charles Willis Hughes, who remains the current owner.

36. Sources of information:

Boulder County Assessor Records.

Deeds 988254, 90562138, 90515985, 90382978, 90376145, 90380031, and 90352958. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.

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

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, 1936; Social History, 1936-1940**

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 cabin was a military veteran and stone mason. The cabin is also architecturally significant as an example of the Rustic style. Character-defining features include log siding, multiple-light windows, and a native-stone hearth and chimney. 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 1936, 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. Additions are early and compatible in design and materials. Almost all 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): **wonderlandave0068 - 1.tif to wonderlandave0068 - 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): **09/18/2009**

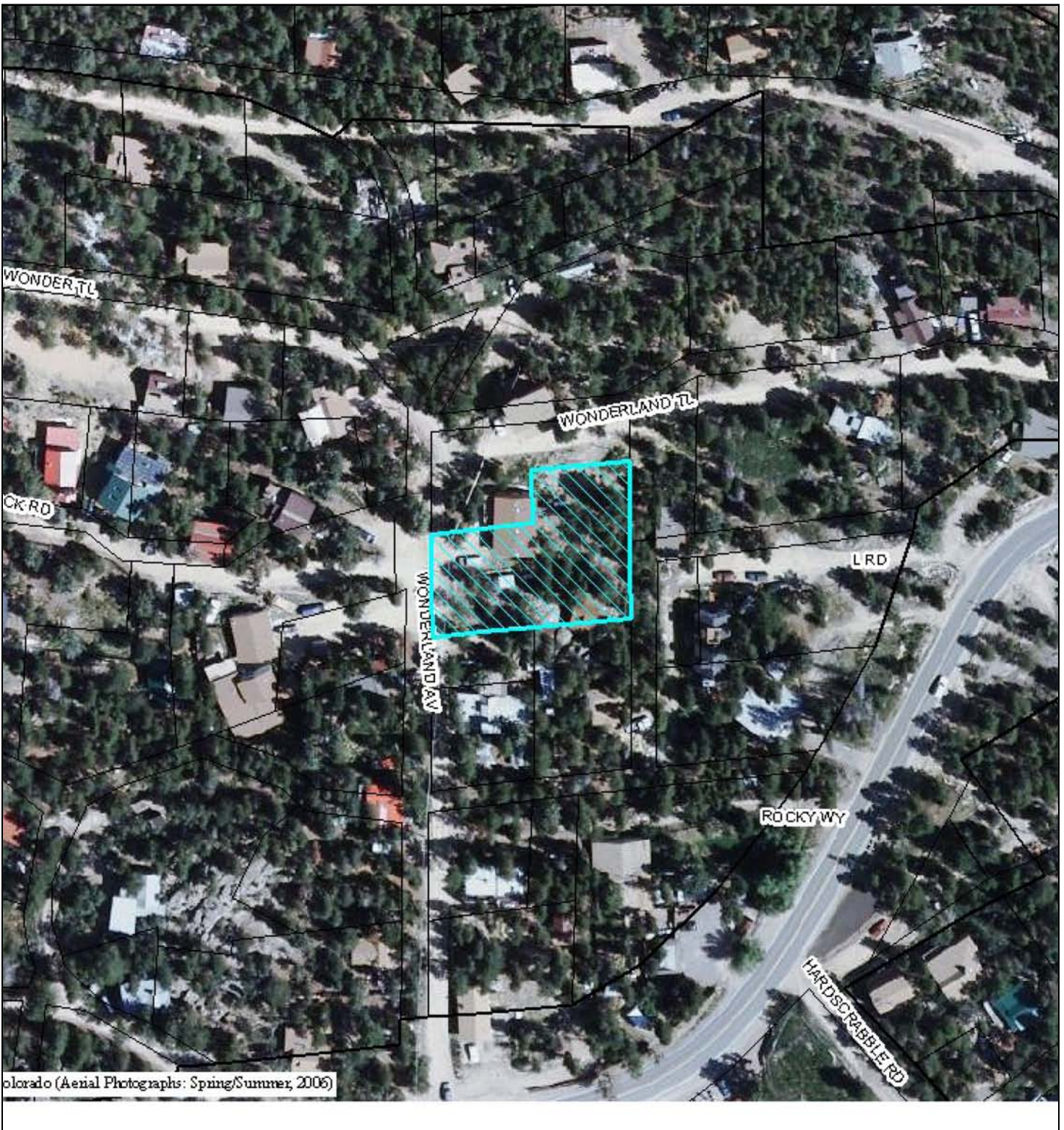
50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas**

51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**

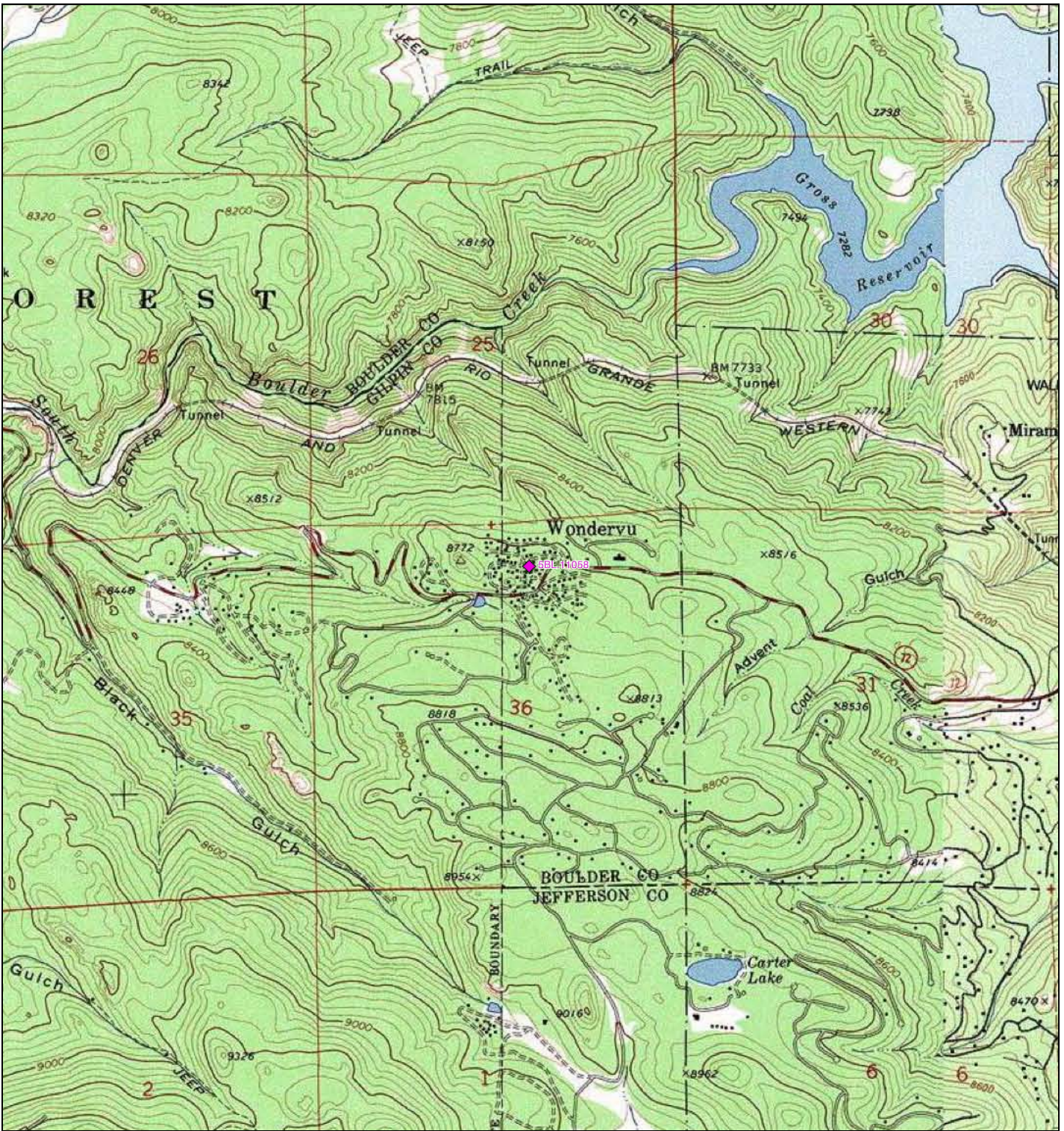
52. Address: **PO Box 419
Estes Park, CO 80517-0419**

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

SKETCH MAP



LOCATION MAP



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