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Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination
(for OAHP use only)

- Date _____ Initials _____
- ___ Determined Eligible - National Register
 - ___ Determined Not Eligible - National Register
 - ___ Determined Eligible - State Register
 - ___ Determined Not Eligible - State Register
 - ___ Need Data
 - ___ Contributes to eligible National Register District
 - ___ Noncontributing to eligible NR District

I. Identification

1. Resource number: 5HN68.242
2. Temporary resource number: 244
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name:
6. Current building name: River Fork Camper and Trailer Park
7. Building address: 110 Henson Street, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Mike Harbuck, 110 Henson Street, Lake City CO 81235

II. Geographic Information

County Property No.: R

9. P.M. 6th NM Township 44N Range 4W SE4 of NE4 of NW4 of NW4 of Section 34 +
NW4 NW4 NE4 NW4 of Sect. 34
10. UTM reference
Zone 13 296840 mE 4211040 mN
11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' 15'
12. Block(s): 60 Lot(s): 8-26 Legal: Block 60, lots 8-26, Block 69, lots 22-32
Addition: 69 22-32 Year of Addition:
13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Rectangular
15. Dimensions: 1020 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s): Wood
18. Roof configuration: Front gabled
19. Roof material: Metal
20. Special features:
21. General architectural description:
One-story, front-gabled frame building. Composition roofing; walls clad in hardboard. Centered entrance in north elevation has solid door; "office" sign mounted above. Entrance in south elevation has solid door attached to double door. "River Fork Campground" sign mounted above.
22. Architectural style/Building type: No style
23. Landscaping or special setting:
RV park occupies multiple lots in 100 block of Henson Street and 200 block of Henson Street. "River Fork Camper and Trailer Park" sign is wood-burnt, suspended from a pole lintel supported by two upright poles. The property is characterized by large cottonwood trees and small campsites.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: _____ Actual: 1974 Source of info: Interview with Celia Mae Swank, June 22, 2003.
26. Architect: None Source of info: Interview with Celia Mae Swank, June 22, 2003.
27. Builder/contractor: Joel F. Swank Source of info: Interview with Celia Mae Swank, June 22, 2003.
28. Original owner: Joel F. Swank Source of info:
29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):
30. Original location: Moved Date of move(s) _____

V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Office, outdoor recreation
32. Intermediate use(s):
33. Current use(s): Office, outdoor recreation
34. Site type(s):
35. Historical background:

Located at the confluence of Henson Creek with the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River, the site composing present-day Riverfork RV Park was historically a floodplane area which defied development. Overview photographs from the late 1870s illustrate significant improvements which had occurred to Gunnison Avenue and Silver Street, including long stretches of wood boardwalk through the developed areas. Conversely, little grading or development is evident on either Henson Street or Bluff Street. Periodic flooding from Henson Creek and the Lake Fork resulted in Henson Street extending only as far south as Third Street. Henson Street south of Third Street was non-existent, shown in an 1877 photograph as primarily riverbed with sand and gravel bars, and occasional thickets of willows.

The southern reaches of Henson Street remained undeveloped until 1889 when blocks in this vicinity were deeded to the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad as part of the railroad's push to build its extension up the Lake Fork River to Lake City. Henson Creek and the Lake Fork were channeled, allowing the 100 and 200 blocks of south Henson Street to serve as headquarters for railroad-related structures. As the terminus of the railroad, south Henson Street was the location of the railroad loop that allowed railroad engines and cars to reverse direction and return northward down the Lake Fork. The Denver & Rio Grande Railroad depot was built in the center of the loop near the southeast and southwest corners of Henson and Second Street. Other railroad-related improvements includes scales, warehouses, and a watertank.

The Denver & Rio Grande Railroad continued its Lake City branch from August, 1889, until service was discontinued May 25, 1933. Following failure of a briefly operated private railroad company, the railroad tracks were torn up and sold as scrap. Railroad buildings were almost immediately demolished, the train depot dismantled in October, 1938, for its building materials, and the water tank -- its materials were used in Gunnison County building projects -- in May, 1941.

With the departure of the railroad, the 100 and 200 blocks east of Henson Street once again reverted to an undeveloped expanse of willows and gravel bars except for a frame 1-1/2-story building, no longer extant, used by George Fesser as headquarters for an electric generation plant in the 1940s. Adjacent to the building was a circular, rock-walled well -- perhaps 15' circumference -- which served as a holding facility for the railroad water tower. The rock-lined well has since been filled in and is approximately located at 224 Henson.

36. Sources of information:

Overview photographs of Lake City by Thomas E. Barnhouse, 1877-78; Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., October 7, 1937, page 8, Thurs., May 15, 1941, page 8; telephone conversation with Celia Mae Swank, June 22, 2003.

VI. Significance

37. Local landmark: Yes No Date of design.: _____ Design. authority: _____
Within Lake City Historic District (local historic district)
38. Applicable National Register Criteria:
- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern 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 represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
 - D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory
 - Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G
 - Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria
39. Area(s) of significance:
40. Period of significance:
41. Level of significance: National State Local
42. Statement of significance:
This recently constructed building does not contribute to the Lake City Historic District. However, the campground office and surrounding campground/trailer park reflects the evolution of tourism and recreation in Lake City to include tent camping and recreational vehicles.
43. Assessment of historic physical integrity to significance:

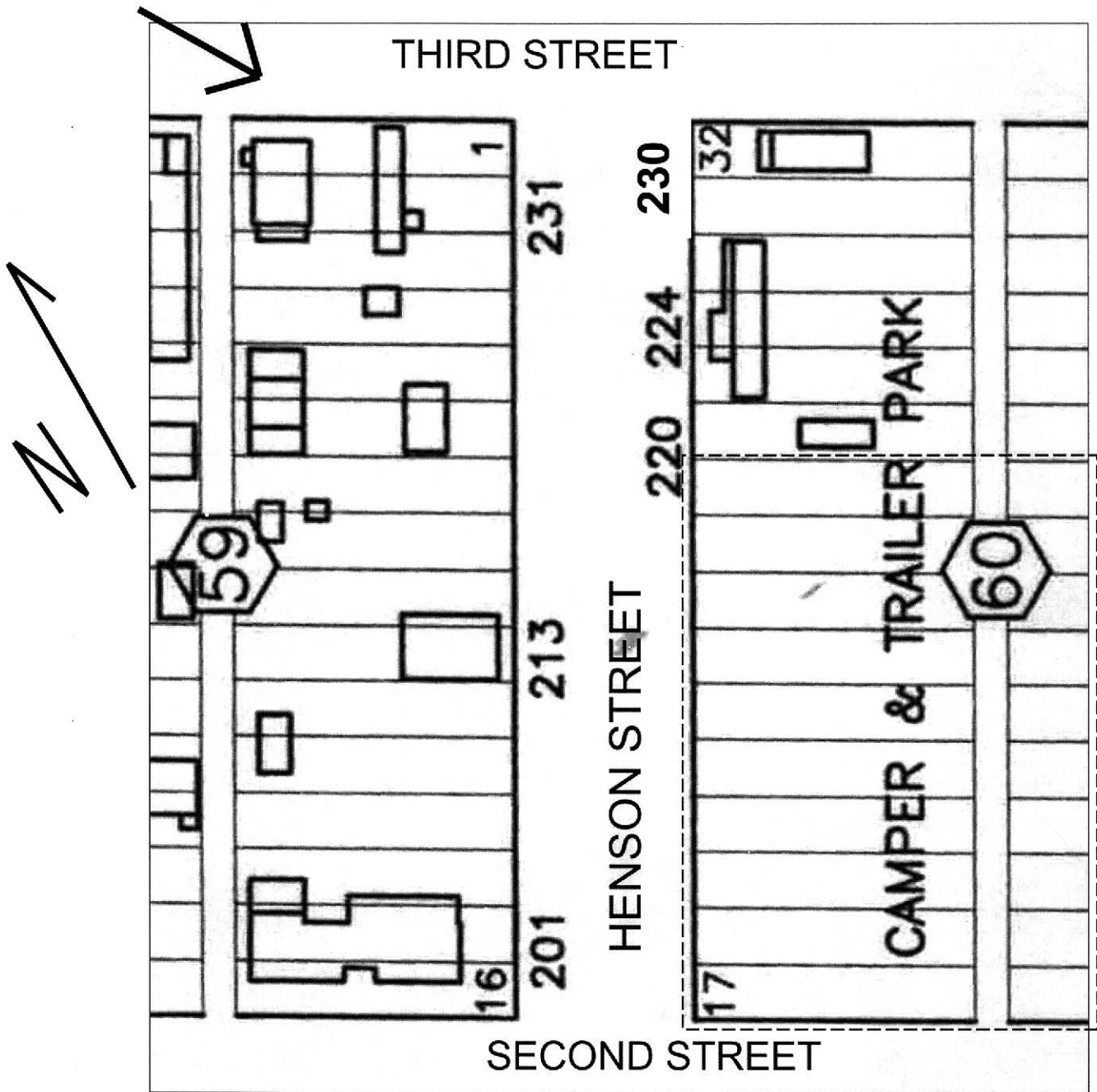
VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Eligible Not Eligible Need Data
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No
- Discuss _____
- If there is National Register district potential, is this building Contributing Noncontributing
46. If the building is in an existing National Register district is it? Contributing Noncontributing
(Lake City National Historic District)

VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: Roll 31, frames 32A, 33A; Roll 32, frame 10A Negatives filed at: Lake City Town Hall
48. Report title: 2003 Architectural Survey of Lake City, Colorado
49. Date(s): September 2002 - June 2003
50. Recorders: Cathleen M. Norman and Grant E. Houston
51. Organization: Town of Lake City
52. Address: 230 Bluff Street, Lake City CO 81235 53. Phone no. (970) 944-2333

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