

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Leadville National Fish Hatchery
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mt. Massive Star Route, Box 365,

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Leadville, 1490

VICINITY OF

3

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Colorado

08

Lake

065

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*

U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Denver,

VICINITY OF

Colorado 80225

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Realty

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Denver, Colorado 80225

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Executive Order of President Benjamin Harrison

DATE

April 16, 1889

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

National Archives, Doc. #110391

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Washington, DC

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE - LEADVILLE NFH

The hatchery building was built of native red sandstone with a wood shingle roof, 1-story high. The main portion of the building is 100-feet long by 40-feet, 6-inches wide, having two transepts, one in center front, 34-feet wide by 16-feet deep; one transept at the rear; 34-feet wide by 5-feet deep. At each end of the hatchery building is a bay, 14-feet wide by 5-feet, 6-inches deep. In effect, the main portion of the building, including the rear addition and both end bays, are one room used for hatching fish. This room has a height of 11-feet, 6-inches at the side walls and a height of 20-feet in the center.

The front transept is divided by a central hall 6-feet wide, making two rooms, one of which was used as an office, the other was used for sleeping quarters. Above these rooms is located an attic, also used as sleeping quarters.

Present: The hatchery building is the only extant structure on the hatchery grounds that was built in 1890. The hatchery building retains its original appearance, except for a recently installed metal roof which obliterated the original eyebrow dormers and original double hung windows which have been replaced by glass brick. The interior of the building is utilized as a fish hatchery. The office spaces and sleeping quarters are not presently occupied and are not utilized at the present time. The interior features an original decorative wood truss system with wrought iron tension members. A dropped ceiling prevents full view of these trusses. The original decorative wood wainscotting and door and window casings also survive intact in the hatchery room. The offices feature original wood wainscotting, door and window casings, chamfered ceiling joists, decorative brass hardware and an extraordinary geometric parquet pattern in the wood flooring, utilizing ash, oak, and walnut.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			Fish Culture	

SPECIFIC DATES

November 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

L.G. Hunt/John Gorham - U.S. Fish Commission

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Leadville National Fish Hatchery was established in 1889 by Executive Order of President Benjamin Harrison. Leadville Hatchery was the first national fish hatchery in the Rockies. Trout from this hatchery have been used to stock streams and lakes in Colorado and adjoining states of the Rocky Mountain region since 1890. Trout from this station have also been used to establish other national fish hatcheries in the west, including Spearfish, South Dakota, National Fish Hatchery; a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

National fish hatcheries have played a leading role in the conservation movement in the United States by endeavoring to stabilize and increase the numbers of fresh water food fish in the Nation's inland waterways. Leadville National Fish Hatchery has played a leading role in this respect for almost 100 years in the Rocky Mountain area. Fish planted in streams of the Rocky Mountains have also served to enhance the experiences of tourists and have helped the economic base of the tourist industry, drawing fishermen from all over the country.

The main hatchery building possesses architectural significance and integrity because of the high quality of design and craftsmanship exhibited in the structure. The building is unusual in Colorado because it was essentially a utilitarian industrial-type structure, but it was designed in a decorative, high-quality manner. Compared to other industrial type structures in the Leadville area, the hatchery is totally unique and architecturally valuable. Additionally, the original specifications and construction contract exist for this structure.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bancroft, Caroline. Tabor's Matchless Mine and Lusty Leadville. Third edition, Johnson and Co., Boulder, Colorado, 1960.

Coquoz, Rene. Tales of Early Leadville. Carlton Press, New York, 1965.

Hall, Frank. History of Colorado. 1895, Vol. 4, p. 600.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4-acre

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	3	3	8	0	0	0	0
ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING			

B

ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Greg Rowlett, Regional Historian

ORGANIZATION

U.S. Dept of Interior, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

DATE

11/14/79

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Denver, CO 80225

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Arthur C. Zimmerman 1/28/80
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

4/25/80

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Ray Luce
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

5/29/80

ATTEST:

William H. Abraham
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5.6.80