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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE:<br>Colorado       |
| COUNTY:<br>Jefferson     |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY         |
| ENTRY DATE<br>OCT 1 1974 |

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Green Mountain Ranch

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Culver Ranch

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
9 miles south of Buffalo Creek on Highway 126, east side of road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Buffalo Creek vicinity

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Colorado CODE: 08 COUNTY: Jefferson CODE: 059

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   | OWNERSHIP  | STATUS  | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC  |
|---|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both                                    | Public Acquisition:<br><input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)  |  |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Educational<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Government<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religious<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)   |
| ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No   |  |   |   |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Bill E. Myers

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Buffalo Creek

STATE:  
Colorado

CODE:  
08

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Jefferson County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1700 Arapahoe

CITY OR TOWN:  
Golden

STATE:  
Colorado

CODE:  
08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

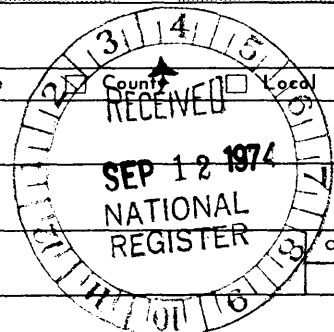
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CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The one-storey house originally consisted of the kitchen, dining room, bedroom and attic room, 4 bays, horizontal shaped log construction, hand hewn square beams, half-dovetailed construction, side left chimney, clay chinking. It was 40' x 30', or as the daughter of the original builder describes it "big enough". The living room and additional attic bunk rooms were added several years after the builder was married. The entire structure is now about 65' x 20'. The foundation is field stone. The roof is a medium pitch gable. There is presently a rebuilt spring house, outhouse, and numerous sheds. The only other original building, which is the same construction as the house, is the buggy shed. It has a loft, and a large door.



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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal             | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric            | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br>Ranching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic               | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture           | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce               | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications         | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation           |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Green Mountain Ranch is significant because it is still maintained as a residence by Mrs. Ethel Myers, daughter of the original owner, in exactly the same condition as when it was originally built.

Mrs. Myers, in her 80's, still carries in water from a spring rather than have a hand pump in the kitchen. There is no electricity, no plumbing. The oil hanging lamp in the dining room is original. Heat emanates only from the original source, the fireplace. It is an anachronism.

The land was originally registered in a mining claim for "Happy Jack" Schofield. He did not make money on the copper mine, so abandoned it and his cabin. It was taken over in 1895 by Edwin Eugene Culver. He established a timber pre-emption nearby. He homesteaded it in 1900, proved out in 3 years by building a ranch house, corrals, and plowing the necessary acreage. He ran cattle from Longs Peak to Pikes Peak, open range. He married the girl from the next homestead, Addie Phelps. Present occupant of the ranch house is their daughter, Ethel Myers. (Ranch is now in the name of her son, Bill Myers.) Edwin Culver ran cattle until 1927. He died in 1938.

Part of the house, living room and some bedrooms, were added several years after the original construction--detectable because of tar and sawdust chinking--original has clay chinking. Half-dovetailing done on handhewn square beams is exceptionally good. The buggy shed is the only other original building on the property. At one time, there was also a barn, corrals, pens, chicken house, bunk house (which was Happy Jack's cabin). Many of the old buildings were razed with the building of Highway 126.

The unusual feature of this house is its lack of "improvements". Stepping in the front door is stepping 80 years into the past. The manner of living is chosen by the present owner by choice, not for effect. A well-meaning resident of Buffalo Creek tried to install a Delco generator to bring electricity into the house about 10 years ago. A mis-wired connection caused a fire that burned the old bunk house down, and threatened the ranch house. Mrs. Myers fervently hopes that will be the last attempt to "civilize" her ranch.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Ryan, Edna Sirois. A Narrative History of Buffalo Creek and Buffalo Park Jefferson County Colorado. Claridge Printing Company, Denver, 1960.

Crain, Mary Helen. "We Meet a Pioneer", Canyon Courier. August 13, 1964.

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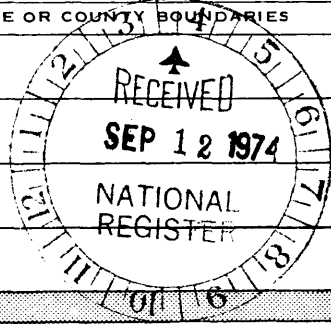
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE  | LONGITUDE               |  |
|  | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |        | Degrees Minutes Seconds   | Degrees Minutes Seconds |  |
| NW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | 39° 17' 43.65"  | 105° 16' 27.9"          |  |
| NE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |
| SE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |
| SW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **5 acres**

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

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Connie Fahnestock, president**

ORGANIZATION: **Jefferson County Historical Society** DATE: **5/30/74**

STREET AND NUMBER: **P.O. BOX 703**

CITY OR TOWN: **Evergreen** STATE: **Colorado** CODE: **08**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: *John G. Thib*

Title: *Acting State Liaison Officer*

Date: *Sept 9, 1974*

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*AR Weartner*  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: *10/1/74*

ATTEST:

*Com [Signature]*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: *9.24.74*