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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

**NATIONAL
REGISTER**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printers in 12 pitch. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property

historic name: Colorow Point Park

other names/site number: _____

2. Location

street & number: 900 Colorow Road (NA) not for publication

city, town: Golden (X) vicinity

state: Colorado code: CO county: Jefferson code: 059 zip code: 80401

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
		contributing	noncontributing
() private	() building(s)		
(X) public-local	(X) district	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
() public-State	() site	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> sites
() public-Federal	() structure	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u> structures
	() object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u> Total
Name of related multiple property listing:		No. of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register	
<u>Denver Mountain Parks and Parkways</u>		<u>N/A</u>	

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this (x) nomination () request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property (x) meets () does not meet the National Register criteria.
() See continuation sheet.

Barbara Sudler

9-26-90

Signature of certifying official

Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Colorado Historical Society

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property () meets () does not meet the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Signature of Commenting or Other Official

Date

State or Federal Agency and Bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

Entered in the
National Register

(X) entered in the National Register.

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() determined eligible for the National Register. () See continuation sheet

() determined not eligible for the National Register.

() removed from the National Register.

() other, (explain:) _____

for Signature of the Keeper

Date of
Action

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions**(enter categories from instructions)**Recreation and Culture: outdoor
recreation

Current Functions**(enter categories from instructions)**Recreation and Culture: outdoor
recreation

7. Description

Architectural Classification**(enter categories from instructions)**N/A

Materials**(enter categories from instructions)**foundations N/Awalls N/A

roof N/Aother N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

With .37 acres, Colorow Point is the smallest individual land parcel within the Denver Mountain Park System. The point is named after the Ute Indian chief Colorow. Even though it is small, it has significance within the overall park system, due to its overlook at the elevation of 7,500 feet. Colorow Point is one of the best overlooks for viewing portions of the Colorado Rockies. From this point many of the main peaks of the Continental Divide and peaks in Rocky Mountain National Park are visible as well as views of Clear Creek and the plains to the north. The site was designated by Olmsted as a prime parcel for preservation and represents his strong interest in preserving scenic overlooks. The point is near Lookout Mountain Park and just across the road from the historic Lorraine Lodge which is now the Nature Center for Jefferson County Open space. Looking down from Colorow Point one can see the historic Beaver Brook Trail traversing the north face of Lookout Mountain and many portions of the Lariat Trail. At this location, thousands of tourists have stopped to experience one of the best northern views within the Denver Mountain Park System.

Although noted for its views, the point itself is an attractive area. There are large Ponderosa Pines, distinctive rock outcrops, and steep slopes falling toward Clear Creek which is thousands of feet below. The only manmade park feature at the point is a small stone bench (#1) carefully integrated into one of the large natural rocks. The bench blends in so well with the rest of the site that it is only noticed from close range, after walking toward the edge of the overlook.

(x) See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

(x) See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

- Primary location of additional data:
- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property: .37 acres - Less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

B | | | | | | | | | |
Zone Easting Northing

C | | | | | | | | | |
Zone Easting Northing

D | | | | | | | | | |
Zone Easting Northing

() See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(x) See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

These boundaries include the entire Colorow Point parcel as owned by the City and County of Denver.

() See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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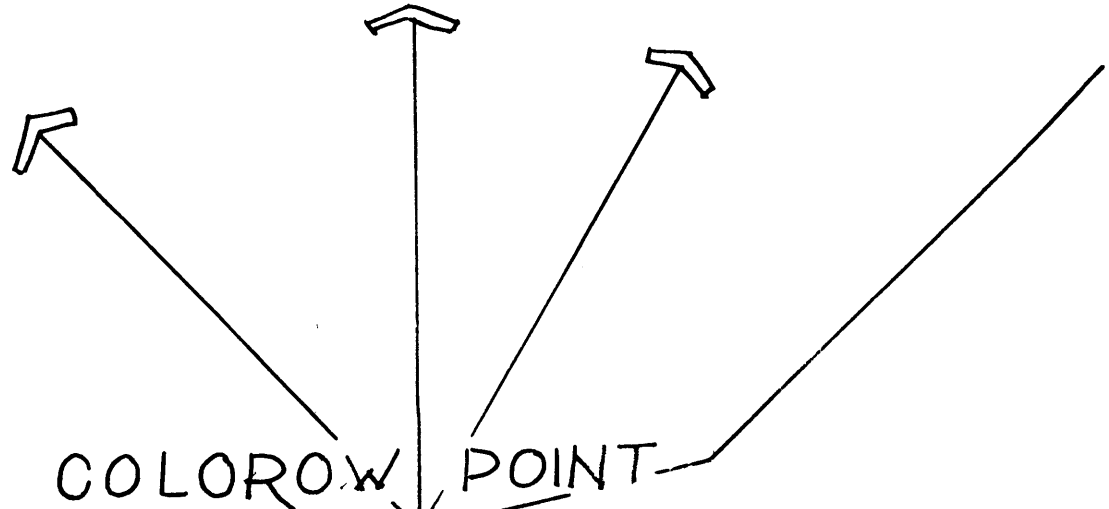
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Verbal Boundary Description

The following described parcel of land, viz: (To be made a part of and included in the Colorow Point Road right-of-way). Beginning at a point located on the center line of the Colorow Point Road r/w; thence the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of Section 5, T4S, R70W, bears N. 85 degrees 24'30" E. 2784.8 feet; thence N. 20 degrees 29'30" W. 197.46 feet to a point on rock near what is known as the Chieftain's Seat; thence South 76 degrees 51'30"W. 191.66 feet to a point on rock; thence S. 31 degrees 05' West 154.85 feet to point on rock; thence S. 45 degrees 50'30" E. 84.42 feet to point on center line of Colorow Point Road right-of-way; thence starting from a tangent North 31 degrees 28'30" W. on a curve to the right with a radius of 70 feet a distance of 166.39 feet to a point of tangent; thence South 75 degrees 17'30" E. on said tangent a distance of 167.4 feet to a point of curve; thence on said curve to the right with a radius of 192.94 feet, a distance of 37.8 feet to place of beginning.

The acreage included in this parcel of land, exclusive of portion of Colorow Point Road right-of-way (371.59 feet by 30 feet, included in description) is .37 Acres.

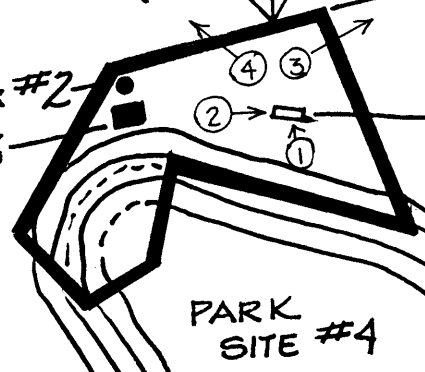
GOOD VIEWS TO CLEAR CREEK, GOLDEN,
NORTHERN MOUNTAIN RANGES OF ROCKIES



COLOROW POINT

MULTI-POST ANTENNA #2
UTILITY BUILDING #3

BENCH IN BOULDER #1



PARK SITE #4

- CONTRIBUTING
- NON CONTRIBUTING
- PHOTOGRAPHS

SKETCH MAP
COLOROW POINT PARK DISTRICT
MAP 1 OF 2 - NOT TO SCALE



GOOD VIEWS TO CLEAR CREEK, GOLDEN,
NORTHERN MOUNTAIN RANGES OF ROCKIES

COLOROW POINT

MULTI-POST ANTENNA
AND UTILITY
BUILDING

ROCK OUTCROPS

BENCH IN BOULDER

PONDEROSA WOODLAND
MONTANE VEGETATION

steep slopes

ROAD

Natural Features and Views COLOROW POINT PARK DISTRICT

map #2 of 2



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Colorow Point Park

The following information is the same for all Colorow Point Park District photographs:

1. Name of Property: Colorow Point Park
2. Location: Jefferson County, Colorado. Nearest city Golden, Colorado
3. Photographer: Ann Moss
4. Date of Photograph: September, 1988
5. Location of Original Negative: City and County of Denver

Photo Number

- 1 Vegetation and small bench built within existing boulder, looking north.
- 2 Vegetation and small bench built into existing boulder, looking east.
- 3 Boulders and distant view, looking northeast.
- 4 View to northwest at Colorow Point.