

# United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties and districts. See instruction in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Prowers County Welfare Housing

other names/site number 5PW.259

## 2. Location

street & number 800 E. Maple Street [N/A] not for publication

city or town Lamar [N/A] vicinity

state Colorado code CO county Prowers code 99 zip code 81052

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

AD W. F.  
Signature of certifying official/Title

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

8/24/09  
Date

Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, 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 for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register
  - See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
  - See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register
  - See continuation sheet.
- other, explain
  - See continuation sheet.

Edson H. Beall  
Signature of the Keeper

12-22-09  
Date of Action

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Name of Property

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County/State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not count previously listed resources.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
5	0	buildings
0	0	sites
1	0	structures
0	0	objects
6	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing.**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

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**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Function**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Institutional Housing  
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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT: Not in use  
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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Movements  
Other: WPA Rustic  
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**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: Sandstone  
walls STONE: Sandstone  
  
roof WOOD: Shingle  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The Prowers County Welfare Housing is a complex of five buildings located on the northern edge of Lamar. The complex is located near the railroad tracks in an area that is primarily light industrial. The Fairmont Cemetery, with stone walls and constructed as a WPA project, is located northeast of the housing complex on the opposite side on Maple Street.

The complex consists of four 128' x 28' buildings and one 52' x 25' building. The buildings are arranged in an "H" pattern, with the smaller building in the middle. A 30"-wide concrete sidewalk runs along the side of the buildings and ties the site together (see site map on page 11). Concrete steps lead to the buildings' entrances. All buildings are constructed of sandstone. The single-story buildings have side-gabled roofs, exposed rafter tails, and wood shingles on the roofs.

Gravel drives run along the east, west, and south sides of the complex. WPA workers originally planted deciduous and cedar trees symmetrically around the complex, but some have died. The WPA workers constructed a square stone incinerator located at the southeast corner of the complex.

The masonry construction is regularly coursed quarry-faced ashlar sandstone. The rows of stone are uniform in height, but the height of the stone blocks varies among the buildings. The stones on Unit #2 and Unit #4 are 4" tall while the stones in Unit #5 are 8" tall. The stones used in Unit #1 and Unit #3 are taller in the bottom courses (8" tall) and shorter in the upper courses (6" tall). The length of each stone also varies between 12" and 18." All buildings feature stepped parapets on the ends. The window and door openings are deeply recessed. The windows have cast-in-place concrete sills, sloped slightly to drain to the exterior. Some original fenestration remains: windows were originally six-over-six double-hung, and the doors appear to have been three-paneled wood with an upper sash. Other doors and windows have been either replaced or covered with plywood. Unit #1, Unit #2, and Unit #3 all have eight windows and eight doors on the east and west sides and two windows on the north and south sides. Unit #4 has the same arrangement on the north, west, and east sides but has a concrete loading dock with two wide doorways on the south side.

***Contributing Resources***

**Unit #1:** Construction of Unit #1 began in October 1938 with completion in April 1939. It is located at the southwest corner of the complex. The building has sixteen rooms and no interior hallway. All rooms have exterior doorways. The rooms also have connecting doors between the east and west side rooms. This arrangement meant they could function as either one-room or two-room apartments (photo 29).

**Unit #2:** Construction of Unit #2 began in April 1939 with completion in June 1940. The building originally contained sixteen, one-room apartments with a central hallway running down the center. Each apartment had its own exterior entrance (photo 28). Ten of the original

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apartments are intact. Three of the apartments have been converted to a toilet/shower room, a laundry room, and a kitchen. The interior walls from the remaining three rooms have been removed to form a single living room.

**Unit #3:** Construction of Unit #3 began in March 1940 with completion in December 1940. It functioned as a commodities warehouse and included two offices, three dry goods rooms, a grocery room, a household goods room, and two insulated rooms for perishables. There was also a receiving and shipping room with a loading dock. The original floor plan of these rooms is not known. Unit #3 currently has twelve rooms. Some modifications were made to this building, including the installation of two toilets and a kitchen, when a preschool occupied the building. There is a dress-faced stone plaque carved with "WPA" located on the east side of the building (photo 17).

**Unit #4:** Construction of Unit #4 began in December 1940 with completion in December 1941. Unit #4 has sixteen rooms, each with an exterior entrance. There is no interior hallway. Interior doorways connect the rooms on the east and west sides. There are also interior doorways between six of the rooms on the west side and two of the rooms on the east side, creating two-room apartments.

**Unit #5:** Construction of Unit #5 began in December 1939 with completion in March 1940. The building has three doors and two windows on the north and south elevation, as well as an additional garage-type door on the south. The building is divided into four rooms: a women's toilet and shower room (photo 30), a laundry room, a garage, and a men's toilet and shower room. The walls of the garage are constructed of irregular stones laid in uneven rows, completely different from the other stonework seen in the complex (photo 31). A dress-faced stone plaque with "WPA 3742" surrounded by a rectangular area of smaller quarry-faced stones is located on the north side (photo 8). According to WPA files, WPA project #3742 was the project number for Unit #2, so it is unclear why it is inscribed on Unit #5.

**Trash incinerator:** The project files do not mention the trash incinerator so its construction date is not known. However, the stonework matches that used for the housing complex and it clearly appears to have been constructed at the same time.

*Integrity:*

The Prowers County Welfare Housing retains a high degree of integrity, particularly in workmanship, association, feeling, and setting. The stone masonry, the most significant feature of the buildings, is in good condition with no significant changes. Unit# 2 and Unit #3 have been modified on the interior, but retain their original exterior appearance. However, Unit #1, Unit #4, and Unit #5 retain their original interior layout. Boards cover the windows now with many of them and the original doors having been replaced. Windows and doors, though, were not important design features of WPA buildings and were usually whatever the owner made or obtained at the least expense. The stonework is the distinctive design feature of the building.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL HISTORY

ARCHITECTURE

**Periods of Significance**

1938-1941

**Significant Dates**

1938-1941

**Significant Person(s)**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Works Progress Administration (WPA)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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

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- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

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**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Colorado Historical Society

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County/State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.616

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1. 13 709 645 4218 512 (NAD27)  
Zone Easting Northing

2. Zone Easting Northing

3. Zone Easting Northing

4. Zone Easting Northing

The UTM's were derived by the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation from heads up digitization on Digital Raster Graphic (DRG) maps provided to OAHP by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management

See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Abigail Christman (for property owner)

organization Colorado Preservation, Inc. date May 22, 2009

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city or town Denver state CO zip code 80204

## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

### Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

## Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Prowers County (contact Regina Jo Dorenkamp, Administrator)

street & number 301 S. Main Street telephone 719-336-8030

city or town Lamar state CO zip code 81052

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*)

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to range from approximately 18 hours to 36 hours depending on several factors including, but not limited to, how much documentation may already exist on the type of property being nominated and whether the property is being nominated as part of a Multiple Property Documentation Form. In most cases, it is estimated to average 36 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form to meet minimum National Register documentation requirements. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW, Washington, DC 20240

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The Prowers County Welfare Housing, constructed between 1938 and 1941 under the Works Progress Administration (WPA), is being nominated under the *New Deal Resources on Colorado's Eastern Plains Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF)*. The Prowers County Welfare Housing meets the registration requirements of one property type delineated in the MPDF—*Social Welfare Buildings (subtype: Welfare Housing and Offices)*.

The Prowers County Welfare Housing meets Criterion A in the area of **Social History** for its association with President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal legislative agenda to rescue the United States from the Great Depression. This agenda included the creation of an unprecedented number of policies, programs, and agencies to provide relief, employment, conserve natural resources, and assist in construction of public works—all with the greater goal of stimulating the devastated economy. Constructed by the WPA, the Prowers County Welfare Housing presents an important record of the federal relief programs administered in Colorado's Eastern Plains during the Great Depression. Though the dire economic conditions of the Depression affected all of Colorado, drought and dust storms hit the agricultural-based economy of the Eastern Plains especially hard. The construction of the housing complex provided much-needed employment in Prowers County over several years. The housing complex also represents a remarkable effort by Prowers County to provide public housing for its needy. It is the only complex of the kind constructed in eastern Colorado. New Deal public housing projects were primarily limited to urban areas.

The Prowers County Welfare Housing meets Criterion C in the area of **Architecture** as an excellent example of the WPA Rustic Style. Rustic characteristics featured in the buildings include the use of native stone, traditional construction methods, evident hand craftsmanship, and simple, functional design. The rustic design originated with the National Park Service emphasized the use of native materials and adaptation of indigenous or frontier methods of construction. This design philosophy was an ideal fit with the WPA. The goal of these programs was employment, so the majority of costs were for labor. Native materials were used because they were usually the least expensive. Traditional construction methods were used to save the expensive of power tools and large machinery and because they provided more employment. Both rustic architecture and federal relief buildings were meant to be simple and functional.

The period of significance extends from 1938 to 1941, the period of construction of all buildings. The Prowers County Welfare Housing is significant at the state level as it is the only intact WPA welfare housing complex known to exist in Colorado. It is a rare surviving representation of the New Deal's aid for public housing in a rural community.

**Historical Background**

Prowers County conceived the welfare housing project as a complex of buildings, but constructed it under four separate WPA projects. The multiple WPA projects allowed the

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county to construct a more extensive and expensive project than would generally have been allowed under a single project application. The WPA typically limited single projects to \$25,000; the total for the housing complex was over \$50,000. Construction began on the first unit in 1938, with the completion in late 1941. Originally intended to be four buildings, Prowers County added a fifth building during construction. Once constructed, county taxes would support the institution. Prior to the WPA project, the county paid rent for between 30 to 45 unemployable individuals at a cost of approximately \$300-\$400 per month for generally "unsatisfactory" housing. The goal of the new construction was to not only make better housing facilities available, but also save the county rental costs. When completed, the housing was available to unemployed families and individuals unable to afford their own housing.

Prowers County made significant efforts in public welfare during the 1930s. In addition to the construction of welfare housing, the county also sponsored the construction of a tuberculosis sanitarium in Lamar. The WPA constructed the sanitarium with the county contributing \$7,000 while the federal government paid \$27,000. WPA workers completed the main section of the building in 1935. The original design provided accommodations for 40 patients and included four private rooms, five wards, four baths, kitchen, dining room, examination room, and nursing office. However, prior to its opening, the building's function changed to a junior college. This was the start of the Junior College of Southeastern Colorado. Eventually the college outgrew the building and its additions. The building functions today as an apartment building.

Prowers County submitted the first project application (WPA No. 3725; 465-84-2-178) on December 27, 1937, for Unit #1. The application proposed the "construction of a stone building of 16 rooms, single story, 28' x 112' in plan, being unit No. 1 of 4 units comprising a comprehensive Prowers County Housing project." There would be "three building units of this design containing living rooms and a fourth containing laundry, bath, and toilet facilities." According to the county, the project would save money as well as provide "better accommodations and better care" to the county's poor. The housing complex would "form part of a tax-supported county institution to house the indigent and destitute of the county without charge. The strictly utilitarian character of the building and the fact that the walls are to be of rock secured almost without cost serve to substantially lower the material cost." Prowers County commissioners also believed the substantial stone construction would reduce upkeep costs. WPA workers quarried sandstone about 15 miles south of Lamar at a quarry on Clay Creek. In addition to a sponsors' contribution, the county purchased a city block, valued at \$500 to \$1000, and converted it into "an attractive and useful area."

The county submitted the application for Unit #2 (WPA no. 3742; 465-84-2-314) May 5, 1938 several months before construction of the Unit #1 started. WPA workers began construction of Unit #1 on October 19, 1938. In November 1938, WPA supervisor Frank B. Page reported there were 40 men at work on the housing complex. Some placed a water line for the complex, while the majority worked at the quarry: "The rock is in horizontal strata about 18 to 20 inches thick and is then split vertically in any desired thickness and is of such a texture that the vertical cleavage is almost perfectly straight and smooth." By February 1939, construction



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of the walls was underway. A WPA inspector reported, "Masonry work is very good. Plastering fair. Trim is good." On February 2, 1939, the local paper reported the construction of the first unit was about halfway complete. At this time, 32 men were working double shifts on the project. WPA workers completed Unit #1 on April 18, 1939, and work on Unit #2 began immediately. B.W. Bundy, a WPA supervisor, predicted the complex would be complete in 1940, with construction moving more quickly as WPA workers applied the experience gained in the construction of the first unit.

Once again, Prowers County submitted an application for additional buildings before completing (or even starting) the buildings already awarded. Prowers County submitted project applications for Unit #3 and Unit #4 in early 1939. Units #3 and #4 would eventually be constructed as part of a single project. However, surviving records are unclear and it is not evident if these were separate projects turned into one or a single project that expanded to include an additional building. Unit #3 was originally intended to be another dormitory, but it was changed to a commodities building. The decision to construct two buildings under the third project was made by June 20, 1939, when Prowers County submitted an application for the construction of a fifth unit (WPA No. 4328; 65-1-84-3). Unit #5 would be a 40' x 28' laundry and shower building.

Construction of Unit #5 began on December 4, 1939. At this point, work on Unit #2 was still underway and work on Unit #3 and Unit #4 had not yet begun. At the end of February 1940, the WPA district manager reported that Unit #2 and Unit #5 were nearly complete. The county requested permission to start work on Unit #3 and Unit #4, but received a reply from the national WPA office at the end of February stating, "Due to the confusion and lack of coordination that has existed on the three previous projects at this same location, it is the opinion of this office that units 1, 2, and 5 must be completely finished before permission will be granted by this office to initiate work on additional units at this location."

Unit #5 was completed in March 1940. However, completion of Unit #2 was delayed. The district manager reported there was an excess of WPA labor in Prowers County when Unit #1 was constructed so the construction force was overloaded. As a result, the county used funds awarded for Unit #2 to help complete Unit #1. In April 1940, the county had to apply for an additional \$935 from the WPA to complete Unit #2. Weather conditions also were cited as slowing completion of Unit #2. WPA workers finally completed Unit #2 in June 1940.

Despite the WPA's initial statement that work could not begin on the last two units until the first three were completed, it allowed construction of Unit #3 to begin in March 1940, after Unit #5 was completed. Unit #3 was completed in December 1940 and the commodities department immediately occupied it. The building contained two offices, three dry goods rooms, a grocery room, a household goods room, and two insulated rooms for perishables. There was also a receiving and shipping room with a loading dock. The commodities department employed five people for keeping records and delivering goods. Distributed goods included food supplied by the Federal Surplus Commodities division, which diverted surplus agricultural products from the open market to families in need, and clothing produced by WPA sewing projects. The

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WPA and county governments jointly provided the material for the sewing projects. Sewing projects operated in most counties in eastern Colorado and the counties exchanged garments produced in order to have a variety of types available in each commodities warehouse. The department delivered commodities throughout the county by truck.

Work began on Unit #4 in December 1940 as soon as Unit #3 was completed. In April 1941, a project inspector reported the sponsor was "well pleased with quality, type, and economic value of project." Another report stated, "the quality of work on unit #4 is very good and shows a marked improvement over the other units." The masonry blocks used in the construction of Unit #4 are more finished than those used in the other buildings. Construction on Unit #4 was suspended from July 1941 until November 1941. Construction was finally completed in December 1941.

The total cost for the welfare housing complex was \$58,789. The WPA contributed \$47,478 while Prowers County spent \$11,311. Unit #1 cost \$11,219, Unit #2 cost \$14,732, Units # 3 and #4 cost \$26,863, and Unit #5 cost \$5975. WPA paid laborers based on their skill level. Unskilled laborers received \$.46/hour. Assistants to the carpenters, truck drivers, stonemasons, and stonecutters received \$.52/hour. Masons, carpenters, and plasterers received \$.63/hour. The stone masonry work (including quarrying, hauling, and cutting the stone) was a substantial part of the cost.

The first residents moved into the housing complex in September 1939, while most of the complex was still under construction. The county set up temporary toilet facilities for the residents to use until Unit #5 was completed. The August 24, 1939, edition of the *Lamar Daily* reported, "With the filling of the attractive structure . . . the county will begin 'cashing in' on savings in rental payments." Occupation of the first unit would save the county about \$100 per month. In addition to the savings, the residents would "be living in quarters of a far better quality than those to which they are accustomed." However, some of those whose rent was currently being paid by the county did not want to move. The county informed those receiving rent assistance that the county would cease to pay in September when the new housing became available. Instead of moving, some found other ways to pay their rent. Unit #2 was ready for occupancy in January 1940.

Despite earlier descriptions of the housing as being available for families, it was found the units were too small for families with children. Instead, the residents were primarily elderly people without pension checks. Couples lived in the two-room apartments while single individuals occupied the one-room apartments. Exact dates for the operation of the housing complex have not been located. It seems only to have been in operation into the 1940s. During the 1960s, the county converted the complex to the Department of Social Services, which stayed until the early 1970s. In the 1970s, Head Start occupied one of the buildings with the Jaycees meeting there as well. A day care facility leased Unit #3 from the county during the 1980s. In 1994, the county leased the buildings to Neoplan, a local company that converted Unit #2 to temporary housing for workers. Another occupant a few years ago was the Lamar Chamber of Commerce. The complex is currently vacant.

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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA****VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

On the north, the boundary follows the right-of-way on the south side of Maple Street. On the east, the boundary follows the line of the metal fence located immediately east of the stone trash incinerator. On the west, the boundary follows the western side of the dirt road. On the south, the boundary extends 5' south from the rear walls of Unit #3 and Unit #4, town of Lamar, Prowers County, Colorado.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The boundary includes the all the buildings and structures constructed by the WPA. The boundary extends only 5' on the south of the building because of an industrial work yard located immediately south of the housing complex.

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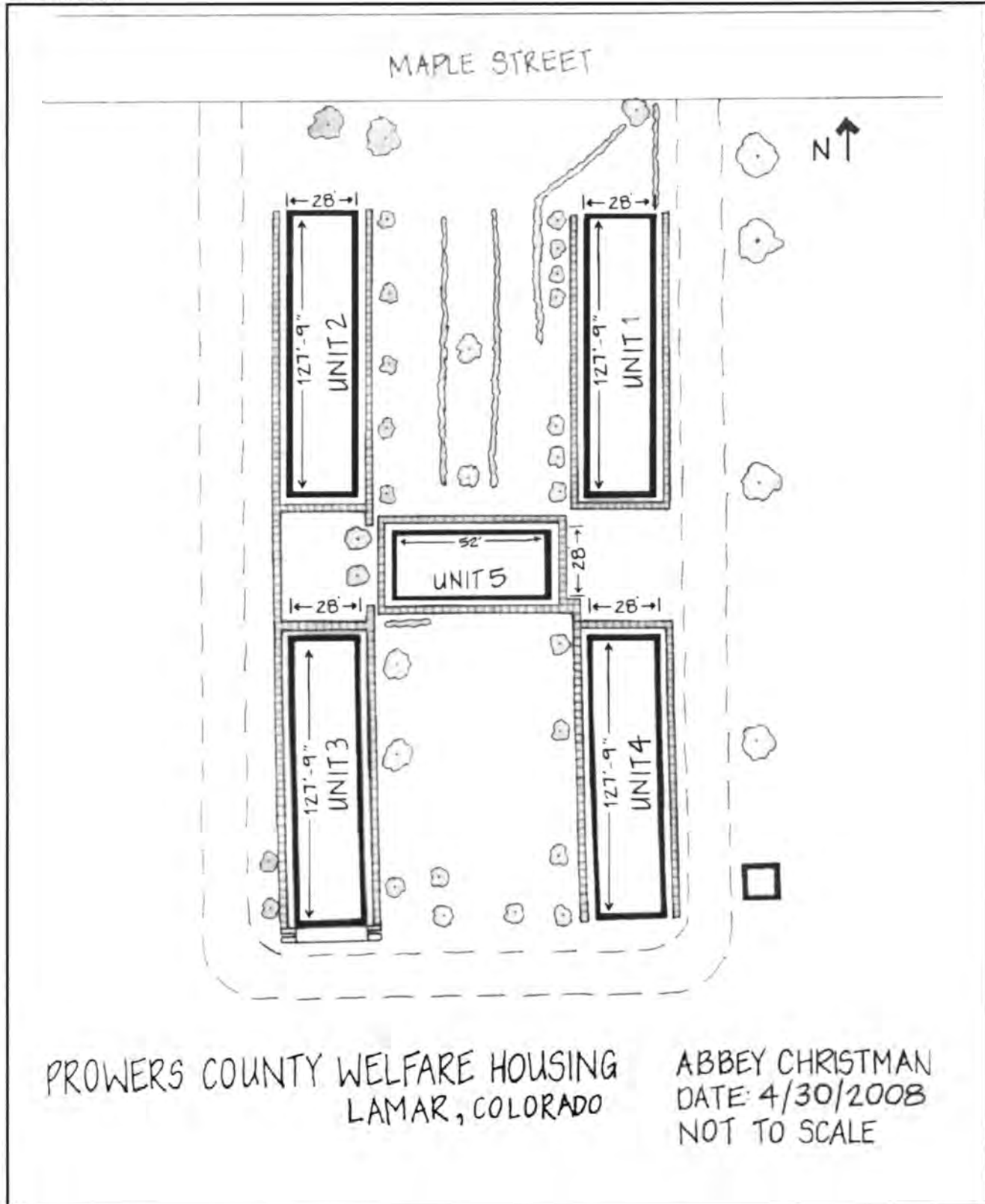
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## SKETCH MAP





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**PHOTOGRAPH LOG**

The following information pertains to photographs 1-31:

Photographer: Abbey Christman  
 Date of Photographs: 4/30/2008  
 Negatives: TIFF images on CD on file with the National Park Service,  
 Washington, D.C.

Photographs printed on HP Premium Plus Photo Paper with HP 100 gray photo cartridge

Photo No.	Photographic Information
1	View of welfare housing from Maple Street. View to south.
2	North side of Unit #5 with Unit#1 to left and Unit #2 on right. View to south.
3	View showing courtyard area formed by "H" plan of housing. From L to R: Unit#1, Unit#5, and Unit #2. View to southwest.
4	West side of Unit #1. View to southeast.
5	North and east sides of Unit #1. View to southwest.
6	South and east sides of Unit #1. View to northwest.
7	East side of Unit #5 and south side of Unit #1. View to northwest.
8	Detail of inscribed stone reading "W.P.A. 3742"
9	North side of Unit #4 and east side of Unit #5. View to southwest.
10	East side of Unit #4. View to south.
11	Trash incinerator. View to northeast.
12	East side of Unit # 4. View to northwest.
13	South side of Unit #4. View to northwest.
14	West side of Unit #4. View to southeast.
15	Detail of stonework on Unit #4. View to east.
16	East side of Unit # 3. View to west.
17	Detail of "WPA" inscription. View to west.
18	West and south sides of Unit #3. View to northeast.
19	West side of Unit #5 and north side of Unit #3. View to southeast.
20	South side of Unit #5. View to northeast.
21	West side of Unit #2. View to east.
22	West and south sides of Unit #2. View to northeast.
23	Detail of west side of Unit #2. View to northeast.
24	North and west sides of Unit #2. View to southeast.
25	Detail of stepped parapet wall. View to southwest.
26	Detail of apartment Unit. View to west.
27	East side of Unit #2. View to southwest.
28	Interior: Apartment in Unit #2. View to southwest.
29	Interior: Apartment in Unit #1. View to east.
30	Interior: women's shower and toilet room. View to south.
31	Interior: garage showing rubble stone work. View to north.

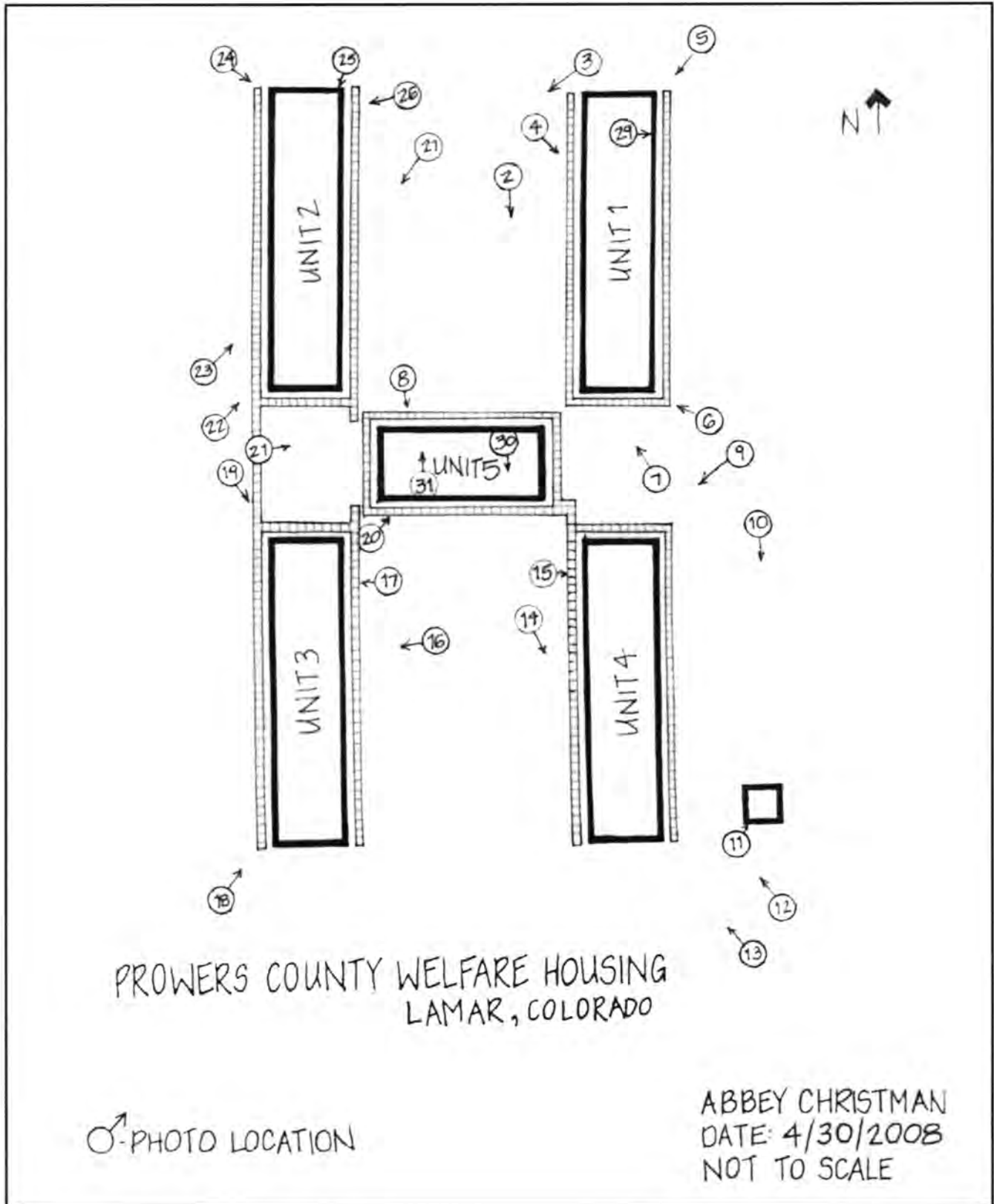
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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Prowers County Welfare Housing  
Prowers County, Colorado

New Deal Resources on Colorado's Eastern Plains MPS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Prowers Country Welfare Housing  
NAME:

MULTIPLE New Deal Resources on Colorado's Eastern Plains MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: COLORADO, Prowers

DATE RECEIVED: 11/13/09 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 12/01/09  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/16/09 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/27/09  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 09001121

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 12-22-09 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in  
The National Register  
of  
Historic Places**

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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A black and white photograph of a stone wall. The wall is constructed from large, rectangular stone blocks with a rough, textured surface. A plaque is mounted on the wall, consisting of two rectangular sections. The top section contains the letters 'W.P.A.' and the bottom section contains the number '3742'. The wall shows signs of wear, with some areas where the stone has chipped away, revealing a lighter material underneath. At the top of the image, a wooden beam with several white brackets is visible, likely part of a roof structure. The overall appearance is that of an old, weathered building.

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A black and white photograph of a stone wall. The wall is constructed from large, roughly-hewn rectangular stones. In the center of the wall, there is a square, light-colored plaque. On this plaque, the call letters 'WPA' are carved in a bold, serif font. The 'W' and 'A' are tall, while the 'P' is shorter and positioned between them. The lighting is dramatic, coming from the upper left, which casts deep shadows in the crevices of the stones and the recessed letters of the plaque, while the top surfaces of the stones and the letters themselves are brightly lit. The overall texture of the wall is rugged and weathered.

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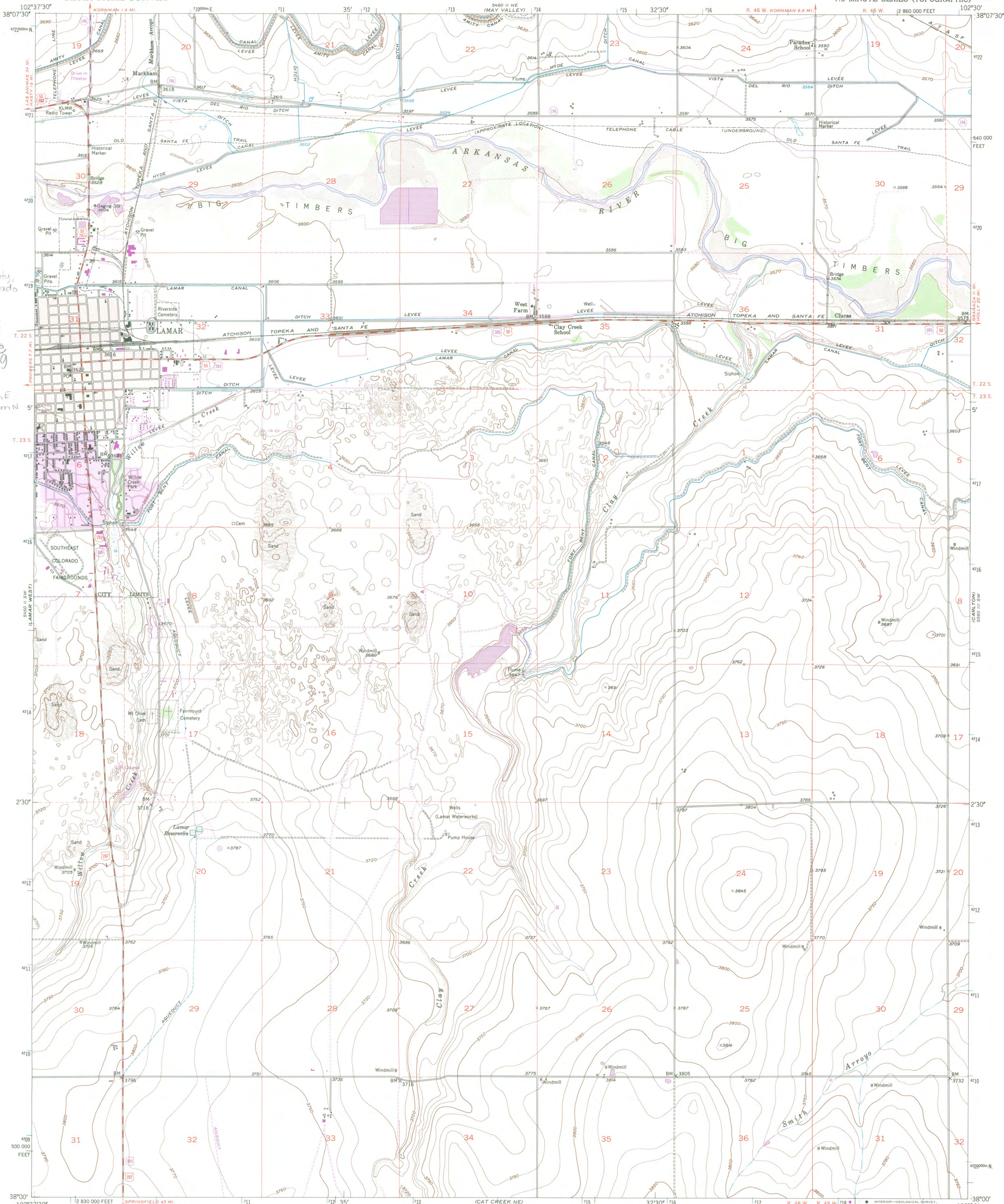
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Zone 13;  
709 645m E  
4218 512m N

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Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs  
taken 1947. Topography by plane-table surveys 1953  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American Datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Colorado coordinate system,  
south zone  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings  
are shown  
Dashed land lines indicate approximate locations  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 13, shown in blue  
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled from  
aerial photographs taken 1975 and other source data  
This information not field checked. Map edited 1979

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Light-duty  
Medium-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Unimproved dirt  
U.S. Route State Route  
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1953  
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November 3, 2009

Dr. Janet Snyder Matthews  
Keeper of the National Register  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 Eye Street, N.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Floor (MS 2280)  
Washington, D.C. 20005-5905

Dear Dr. Matthews:

We are pleased to submit for your review the enclosed National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Prowers County Welfare Housing, Prowers County, Colorado (5PW.259).

The State Review Board reviewed the nomination at its meeting on August 7, 2009. The board voted unanimously to recommend to the State Historic Preservation Officer that the property met the criteria for listing in the National Register.

We look forward to the formal listing of this property. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 303-866-4684 or by e-mail at [heather.peterson@chs.state.co.us](mailto:heather.peterson@chs.state.co.us).

Sincerely,

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