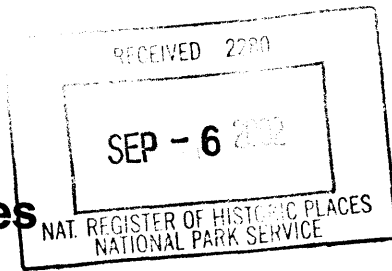


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Maitland Arroyo Bridge

other names/site number CDOT No. N-17-F; 5HF1897

2. Location

street & number Colorado Highway 69 at milepost 3.0 [N/A] not for publication

city or town Walsenburg [X] vicinity

state Colorado code CO county Huerfano code 055 zip code _____

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [X] locally. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Gregorio Cortez State Historic Preservation Officer August 21, 2002 Date

Signature of certifying official/Title

State Historic Preservation Office, 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.)

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

other, explain [] See continuation sheet.

Edson W. Beall Signature of the Keeper 10-15-02 Date of Action

Maitland Arroyo
Name of Property

Huerfano County, Colorado
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	
0	0	buildings
0	0	sites
1	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	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)

Road-related

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Timber stringer

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation
walls
roof
other Wood
Stone
Asphalt

Narrative Description

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

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Name of Property

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County/State

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.)

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

- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation
Politics/Government
Engineering

Periods of Significance

1940-1952

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person(s)
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Colorado Department of Highways
Works Progress Administration

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:
Colorado Historical Society
Colorado Dept. of Transportation

Maitland Arroyo Bridge
Name of Property

Huerfano County, Colorado
County/State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1. 13 514695 4168560
Zone Easting Northing

2. _____
Zone Easting Northing

3. _____
Zone Easting Northing

4. _____
Zone Easting Northing

[] 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 Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and Clay Fraser, principal

organization Colorado Historical Society and Fraser Design date May 21, 2002

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city or town Denver state CO zip code 80203

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 Colorado Department of Transportation

street & number 4201 E. Arkansas Avenue telephone _____

city or town Denver state CO zip code 80222

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.*)

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DESCRIPTION

Location: Colorado Highway 69 at milepost 3.00, 3 miles northwest of junction of Interstate Highway 25

Setting: Over Maitland Arroyo

Structure length: 123 feet

Structure width: 26 feet

Roadway width: 25 feet

Main span number: 6

Main span length: 20 feet

Superstructure: Timber stringer

Substructure: Stone masonry abutments with concrete spill-through piers

Floor/decking: Timber deck with asphalt overlay

Other features: Timber beam guardrails

Erected: 1940

Designer: Colorado Department of Highways

Contractor: Works Progress Administration

Alterations: None

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SIGNIFICANCE

The 1940 Maitland Arroyo Bridge on Colorado Highway 69, three miles northwest of the junction of Interstate Highway 25, meets the registration requirements under Criterion A in the areas of Transportation and Politics/Government and under Criterion C in the area of Engineering as set forth in the *Highway Bridges in Colorado*, Multiple Property Documentation Form. The period of significance begins in 1940 with the completion of the bridge and extends through its historic use to 1952, a date fifty-years-of-age in keeping with National Register criteria.

This timber/concrete bridge carries paved State Highway 69 over Maitland Arroyo in rural Huerfano County northwest of Walsenburg, the county seat. Its construction was proposed by the county late in 1939 as part of "extensive improvement of mine roads and secondary highways" in the county.

During the 1930s the Great Depression devastated the nation's economy, leaving millions jobless and homeless. By 1933 more than 13 million workers were unemployed, more than a thousand homes were being foreclosed upon each day, and cities and counties across the country were bankrupt. In an effort to alleviate the financial distress, at least in part, President Franklin Roosevelt established a variety of federal agencies whose primary purpose was to funnel billions of dollars of relief money to the destitute citizenry. A favored way of distributing funds to the unemployed was by means of so-called make-work projects directed toward maintaining national forests and parks, producing artwork for public places, writing tourist guides, documenting historic sites, constructing buildings, irrigation works, dams, roads, bridges, etc.

To administer all of this activity, the Roosevelt administration established such bureaus as the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Work Projects Administration (later renamed the Works Progress Administration). In Colorado the WPA employed as many as 43,000 workers at one time on projects that ranged from sewing and writing to landscaping urban parks, constructing libraries and hospitals, and grading roads. According to *The WPA Worker*,

The vast panorama of roads and bridges, of new school houses and additions, or sidewalks and curbs, of unsightly trash holes covered and landscaped into scenic spots, of new camping nooks in the mountains, of flood protection in retaining walls and rip-rapping, altogether have set this state ahead by many decades.

Engineering

In December 1939, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) approved some \$119,000 worth of construction. The following year several WPA work crews commenced work on roads

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throughout the county. As part of the work, WPA built several small drainage structures, but two of the largest and most impressive structures built in 1940 were this multiple span timber stringer bridge over Maitland Arroyo and a steel stringer bridge over Missouri Creek (5HF1894) about a mile away.

Most of Colorado's WPA built bridges were constructed around 1935-1937. Early in 1937, for instance, WPA workers built seven bridges in Huerfano County to replace structures that had been washed out by flooding. However, a few noteworthy structures were completed during the waning years of the program. This large scale structure in Huerfano County fits within this latter group. It is distinguished by its multiple spans, its combination of WPA rustic work and Colorado Highway Department (CHD) bridge construction, and its exceedingly high degree of physical integrity.

Designed by CHD, the Maitland Arroyo structure was comprised of six 20 foot spans, supported by stone masonry abutments with angled wingwalls and CHD standard concrete spill through piers. The timber deck was flanked on both sides by timber beam guardrails. Since its completion, the Maitland Arroyo Bridge has functioned in place without subsequent alteration.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The bridge is located on Colorado Highway 69 at milepost 3.0. The boundaries of this nomination consist of a rectangle of land 10 feet out in each direction from the footprint of the bridge.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nomination includes all the land directly and historically associated with the bridge.

PHOTOGRAPH LOG

The following information pertains to photograph numbers 1-2:

Name of Property: Maitland Arroyo Bridge
Location: Huerfano County, Colorado
Photographer: Clayton Fraser
Date of Photographs: October 1999
Negatives: Colorado Department of Transportation

Photo No. **Photographic Information**

- 1 View to northwest of roadway
- 2 View to west through bridge

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USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP
Walsenburg North Quadrangle, Colorado
7.5 Minute Series

