

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 Two Buttes Gymnasium
other names/site number 5BA.1146

2. Location

street & number 5th and C streets [N/A] not for publication
city or town Two Buttes [N/A] vicinity
state Colorado code CO county Baca code 009 zip code 81084

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.)

[Signature] Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer 8/24/09
Signature of certifying official/Title 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.)

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.

[Signature] Signature of the Keeper 12.22.09 Date of Action
Edson H. Beall

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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	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	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)

RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility
SOCIAL: Meeting hall

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility
SOCIAL: Meeting Hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements
Other: WPA Rustic

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: Sandstone
walls STONE: Sandstone
roof ASPHALT
other _____

Narrative Description

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

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Section number 7 Page 1**DESCRIPTION**

The Two Buttes Gymnasium is located on a large lot near the center of Two Buttes. The lot is grassy with scattered trees. A frame school building was located adjacent to the gymnasium when it was constructed but this has been removed. The lot is bordered by 6th Street to the west and 5th Street on the east. Dirt and gravel drives run across the lot; the drives run parallel to the gymnasium on the west, south, and east sides. The drive is diagonal on the north side.

The Two Buttes Gymnasium is rectangular in plan, measuring 60' x 130'. The walls and foundation are constructed of sandstone. The sandstone is brown in color and cut into quarry-faced ashlar blocks. The blocks are roughly uniform in appearance, though closer inspection reveals some rows of varying height and stone of varying length. The roof is flat, surrounded by a parapet wall with castellated corners. The parapet wall is stepped on the east and west sides (photo 9).

The gymnasium building is single-story with a partial basement and balcony. The main floor is divided into four sections: the vestibule, which contains a ticket booth, concession stand, and storage area; the gymnasium, with bleachers lining the north and south wall with balconies above; the stage and dressing rooms; and the assembly room/Odd Fellows Hall. There is also a basement with a meeting room and kitchen located beneath the stage and assembly room. The basement features a fireplace constructed of stone and petrified wood (photo 19).

Centered at the cornice line on the east side are three decorative stone plaques (photo 11). The central plaque has a segmental arched top with "DIST No. 2" inscribed. Two smaller diamond plaques with "19" on the left, and "36" on the right flank the central plaque. Dark brown stucco, which is stippled, covers the plaques.

A 16' x 40' vestibule centered on the east (front) side of the building (photo 9) covers the centered entrance. The vestibule copies the design of the main building with castellated corners and a central raised parapet. Centered on the vestibule are deeply recessed, paired entry doors. The segmental arched opening has an oversized keystone, which has stippled stucco coating surrounding a dressed-faced stone shield plaque inscribed with "WPA 1936" (photo 10). Wide concrete steps with a metal railing lead up to the entrance. Single window openings, covered with boards, flank the entrance. The windows have segmental arched openings with enlarged keystones. The sills are concrete.

The north side exhibits a single, segmental arched window on the vestibule; a board now covers it. There are four segmental arched window openings (photo 2) on the main gymnasium level. The openings contain paired rectangular windows with an original wood panel filling the arch above the window. The wood-framed windows are five-over-five windows with divided vertical lights. Above these windows on the balcony level are four rectangular window openings with concrete lintels and sills. Boards now cover the original window openings. Three windows on the main level, toward the west end, illuminate the stage/dressing room and assembly room areas. The wood-framed, rectangular paired

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and sills. There are three window openings on the basement level. Two openings are double width and one is single width. The window openings have segmental arched openings. The owner covered the windows with plastic. Two openings have been cut in the parapet wall to allow for the installation of drainage pipes.

On the west side a door is located on the northern end. The door leads to the assembly room/Odd Fellows Hall (photo 5). Concrete stairs with stone side walls lead up to the door. A stone chimney is centered on the west side. A stone extension with a shed roof is located at the southern end. The extension covers a staircase leading to the basement; a door is located on the south side. Two windows are located on the main level, one on either side of the chimney. The segmental arched openings contain paired windows. Arched wood panels top the wood-framed, four-over-four sash windows. Two windows are also located on the basement level, one on either side of the chimney. These small, segmental arched openings contain fixed four-light, wood-framed windows. Arched wood panels top the windows.

The fenestration on the south side (photo 7) is almost identical to that on the north side. The exception is in the number and placement of the basement windows. On the north side there are three windows, with the smaller window in the middle. On the south side there are four windows, with the eastern two windows smaller than the western. The other difference on the south side is an entrance door leads to the stage area; concrete steps with stone side walls lead to the entrance.

Integrity:

The Two Buttes Gymnasium retains a high degree of integrity, particularly in workmanship, association, and feeling. In the 1980s, the owner covered many of the original windows with boards and replaced the exterior original doors at an unknown date. However, windows and doors were not important design features of WPA buildings and were usually whatever the owner made or obtained for the least expense. Hanging fluorescent lights replaced the original light fixtures at an unknown date. The stone masonry, the most significant feature of the building, is in good condition with no significant changes. The stonework is the distinctive design feature of the building, both for its craftsmanship and as a representation of the labor intensive construction methods employed by the WPA. The wood paneling surrounding the original ticket booth and stage opening is original as are most of the interior wooden doors and hardware. The concession stand remains unchanged from the construction date. The gymnasium retains an unusually high degree of integrity on the interior, retaining the original stage and hardwood gymnasium floor as well as the bleachers and balconies. No major modifications exist to the interior layout. The gymnasium has lost some integrity of setting with the removal of the adjacent Two Buttes School.

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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)

SOCIAL HISTORY

ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION

EDUCATION

ARCHITECTURE

Periods of Significance

1935-1959

Significant Dates

1935-1937

Significant Person(s)

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Works Progress Administration (WPA)

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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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.746

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1. 13 729 776 4159 990 (NAD27)
Zone Easting Northing

2. Zone Easting Northing

3. Zone Easting Northing

4. Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

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

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 Two Buttes Metro Recreation District (contact: Sheryl Ausmus)

street & number P.O. Box 19 telephone _____

city or town Two Buttes state CO zip code 81084

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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 Two Buttes Gymnasium, constructed between 1935 and 1937 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 Two Buttes Gymnasium meets the registration requirements of two property types delineated in the MPDF—*Educational Buildings (subtype: Primary and Secondary School Facilities)* and *Recreational and Cultural Resources (subtype: Community Centers and Auditoriums/Gymnasiums)*.

The Two Buttes Gymnasium 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 Two Buttes Gymnasium 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 gymnasium provided much-needed employment in Baca County, one of the areas hardest hit by dust storms. The New Deal construction programs emphasized projects providing civic, educational, and health benefits for a community. During these difficult times, New Deal agencies also recognized the psychological benefits of recreational and cultural activities. The gymnasium also included meeting space, which has held the local chapter of the Odd Fellows.

The Two Buttes Gymnasium also meets Criterion A for its significance in the area of **Entertainment/ Recreation**. This community building is a good example of the efforts of the WPA to boost morale during the Depression through the construction of buildings for the enjoyment of the entire community. Two Buttes' residents attended school-sponsored activities such as basketball games, music performances, and festivals in the building. It was the first large, multi-use gymnasium and auditorium space in Two Buttes.

Additionally, the Two Buttes Gymnasium meets Criterion A for its significance in the area of **Education**. Educational facilities were a major focus of New Deal construction and a combination auditorium/gymnasium was a common New Deal project. The WPA created a much-needed modern facility for the Two Buttes School district providing a gymnasium with a full-size court, a stage for use by school theater and music groups, and a kitchen and dining hall.

The Two Buttes Gymnasium 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 handcraftsmanship, and simple, functional design. The Rustic style, which originated with the National Park Service, emphasized the use of native materials and adaptation of indigenous or frontier methods of

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construction. This design philosophy was an ideal fit with the WPA. The goal of these programs was employment, so the majority of costs were to be spent on labor. Native materials were used because they were usually the least expensive. Traditional construction methods saved the expenses of power tools and large machinery and they provided more employment. Both Rustic style architecture and federal relief buildings were meant to be simple and functional.

The period of significance for Social History and Architecture is 1935 to 1937, the WPA construction period. The period of significance for Education and Entertainment/Recreation begins in 1937 when the Gymnasium opened and extends to 1959. While the activities associated with the Two Buttes Gymnasium extend into a period less than fifty years before the nomination date, exceptionally significant activities did not occur during this time. Therefore, in keeping with National Register guidelines, the period of significance ends in 1959.

Historical Background

The Two Buttes School District submitted a WPA project application (WPA 65-84-1524) for a "new school building" in September 1935. The total cost of the proposed project was \$21,472 with \$12,935 of the total coming from the WPA. The new building was to include a gymnasium and classrooms for combined high school and grade school use. This project would construct the town's first gymnasium; prior to the completion of the Two Buttes Gymnasium students played outside or, during inclement weather, stayed in their classrooms. According to the application: "The town of Two Buttes has no place for Public meetings or recreation. School is not large enough to take care of students nor have they any recreational center for school programs." The district said this project would be impossible without assistance. Some materials, including old lumber and roof joists, would come from the buildings slated for demolition at Fort Lyon. Contractor S. C. Kempin completed the building plans.

The project was approved December 5, 1935, and work started on December 16, 1935. The estimated date of completion was June 1936. According to the application, the project would employ a workforce ranging from 24 to 43 men over the next six months. WPA paid laborers based on their skill level. Unskilled laborers (the majority of those on WPA projects since the WPA pulled from the unemployment rolls and the majority of the local population had been engaged in agriculture rather than construction) made \$40/month. Truck drivers, mason helpers, carpenter helpers, and other semi-skilled assistants made \$45/month. Masons, carpenters, pipefitters, quarry men, plasterers, steel erectors, roofers, painters, electricians, and plumbers made \$55/month. The timekeeper received \$97.50/month, the straw boss \$100/month, the foreman \$108/month, and the supervisor \$120/month. The total labor costs

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were \$10,658 while the material costs were \$9140. The WPA also hired trucks and horse teams with Fresno¹ for the construction.

By early summer it was clear the gymnasium was not going to be finished by the initial estimated completion date. The local quarry run was exhausted, so stone to complete the building would have to come from a more distant quarry. This change would greatly increase the unit cost of the masonry. On July 23, 1936, the school district submitted an application for a second project (# 165-84-2021) to complete the gymnasium. Work to be completed included "laying stone, lathing, plastering, painting, placing roof, and installing electrical and plumbing fixtures." The project to complete the building had a budget of \$10,010 with \$9935 of this in federal funds. Work under the new project began October 2, 1936. According to WPA records, the previous project's funds were not completely expended before the new project started. This meant the first project actually came in under budget with only \$19,264 of the original application budget of \$21,472 spent. This figure, combined with the additional project, brought the total construction costs to \$29,274.

In an inspection report from January 1937 Frank B. Page reported, "this will be a very fine building, but has been very slow and draggy." He recommended the project be pushed to finish soon and construction was completed in April 1937. However, in a final inspection from May 1937, J. Palmer was not as impressed:

A stone building--relatively creditable but shows results of lack of adequate plans before undertaking work, for example windows are so spaced that steel trusses bear on stone work over lintel. . . . Steps to bleacher seats at side are very poorly finished, if not actually hazardous. No down spouts or even chutes have been provided, so that water from roof simply runs thru parapet wall and down sides of building. This will probably result in rapid disintegration of masonry. But little more work and materials would be required to greatly improve this job.

The drainage issue resolved by cutting holes in the parapet wall for the placement of downspouts connected to drainpipes directing runoff water to the ground.

A letter to the WPA in Denver from a local worker, printed in the August 1936 issue of the *WPA Worker*, states,

ingrards to the W.P.A work in this locality I wish to say this work is the most wonderful thing that ever happened in hard times I can say if it was not for this work thera would not be a store left open in Walsh Colo . . . now as I am a W.P.A. worker on uncompleted stone building at Two Butes Colo I would invite any or all

¹ Invented in 1883 in Fresno, California, by James Porteous, the Fresno Scraper scooped soil rather than simply pushing it. With a minor adjustment to the C-shaped bowl, the angle of the bucket to the ground would allow the deposit of dirt in low-spots. The design influenced many modern earthmoving scrapers including the bulldozer blade. In 1991 the American Society of Engineers added the Fresno Scraper to the International Historic Engineering Landmark list (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresno_scraper accessed May 2009).

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to come and see this peace of work this building is 130 ft long 60ft wide made of solid stone put up by mane strinth and awkward no mac used what so ever the mortar is hauled up a step enclind by whelbars s is by the ade of a good forman. [sic]

The gymnasium dedication was on May 21, 1937. According to the application, the gymnasium would serve the community of Two Buttes as well as those in the surrounding 12 to 15 mile radius including the towns of Buckey, Blaine, Lycan, and Verdon. The WPA file described the building as capable of holding 1000 people. Features highlighted include: "2' bearing walls carrying steel trusses which support the roof, 18' ceiling of auditorium, large number of doors and windows . . . conducive to convenience and good lighting." The basement features "an unusual and highly artistic fireplace laid up of vari-colored irregularly shaped rock, with a surmounting mantel of petrified wood 12' in length." The building also included a modern steam heating plant with many of the radiators and other materials coming from a wrecking project at Fort Lyon. The gymnasium's basement served as the lunchroom for the adjacent school and the school band practiced in the room behind the stage. The National Youth Administration (NYA), a New Deal program that provided teen employment, paid senior class students \$6 a month to escort the first and second graders from the school building over to the gymnasium for lunch. In 1937, the new gymnasium held its first graduation ceremony with 12 graduating seniors.

The Two Buttes School District consolidated with Springfield and Walsh in 1965. Students living in Two Buttes attended Springfield School. Those children living south and east of Two Buttes, who attended Two Buttes School, transferred to Walsh School. The Two Buttes School District eventually demolished the Two Buttes School after its closure; the exact year is unknown.

The Two Buttes Gymnasium has served an important role as the center for recreation, entertainment, and community events. The local chapter of the Independent Order of Oddfellows (I.O.O.F.) and the Rebecca Lodge used the room behind the stage, locally referred to as the "lodge room" for many years. Additionally, the gymnasium's uses over the years have included: grange meetings, elections, holiday parties, square dances, school dances and plays, wedding receptions, family reunions, card parties, class reunions, and funerals. After the closure of the school, local kids continued to use the facility to practice basketball. Today, though, there are no children left in Two Buttes. The population of Two Buttes reached its peak of 158 in the 1930s and 1940s. Since then the population has been declining with only 67 residents at the 2000 census. After the Two Buttes School District consolidated with Springfield, the town formed a recreation district to manage the gymnasium. With fewer residents, the gymnasium is not used as much as it once was, but it remains at the heart of the community and still hosts various gatherings.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The nominated property is situated in the center of the block between 5th and 6th streets in an east/west direction and between C and D streets in a north/south direction. It is further described as all of Block 23, Original Town, Two Buttes, Baca County, Colorado

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nominated area includes the parcel of land historically associated with the gymnasium. The parcel originally included a school, which has since been removed.

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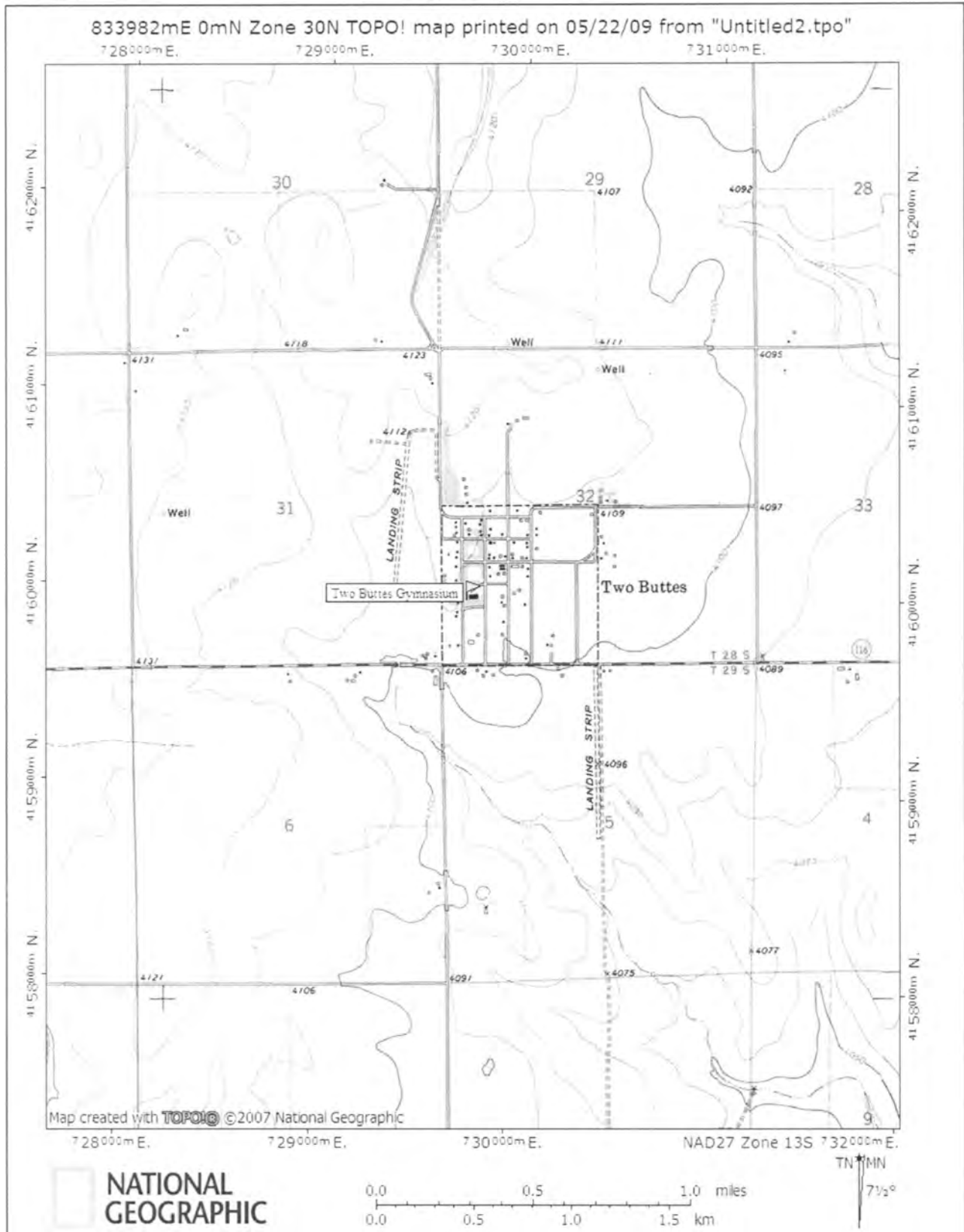
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USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP
Two Buttes Quadrangle, Colorado
7.5 Minute Series

UTM: Zone 13 / 729776E / 4159990N (NAD27)
PLSS: 6th PM, T28S, R44W, Sec.32 NE ¼ NW¼ SW¼ SW¼
Elevation: 4105 feet



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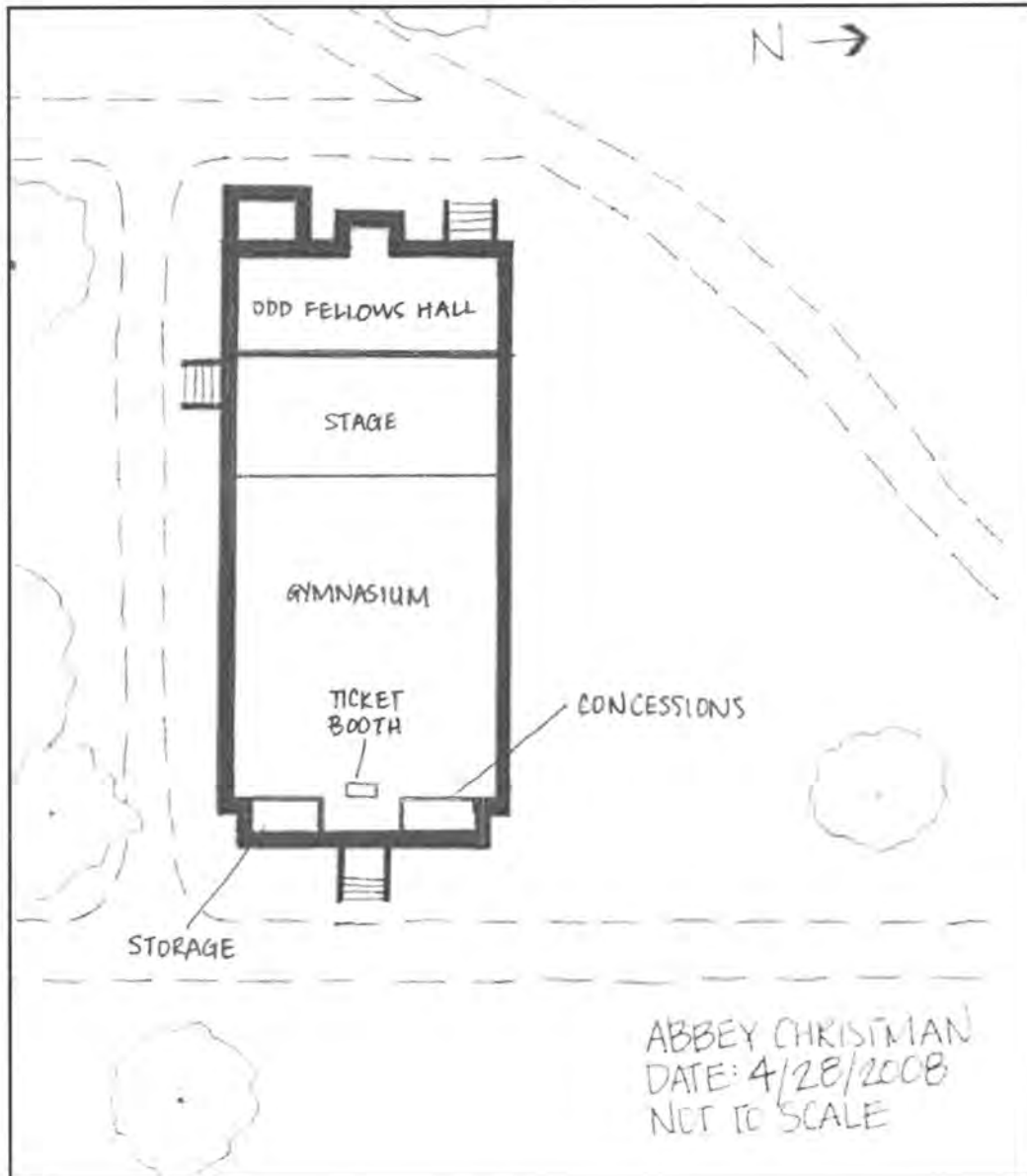
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PHOTOGRAPH LOG

The following information pertains to photograph numbers 1-19 except as noted:

Photographer: Abbey Christman
 Date of Photographs: 4/28/2008
 Negatives: TIFF images on CD on file with the National Park Service,
 Washington, D.C.

Photo No.	Photographic Information
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| 1 | Two Buttes Gymnasium. View to southwest. |
| 2 | North side of Two Buttes Gymnasium. View to south. |
| 3 | Detail of window opening. View to south. |
| 4 | Rear of Two Buttes Gymnasium. View to southeast. |
| 5 | Entrance to Odd Fellows Hall on west side (rear). View to east. |
| 6 | West (rear) and south sides of Two Buttes Gymnasium. View to northeast. |
| 7 | South side of Two Buttes Gymnasium. View to north. |
| 8 | East (front) and south sides of Two Buttes Gymnasium. View to northwest. |
| 9 | East (front) side of Two Buttes Gymnasium. View to southwest. |
| 10 | Detail of inscription "WPA 1936" above the entrance. View to west. |
| 11 | Detail of inscription "Dist. No. 2 1936" above the entrance. View to west. |
| 12 | Interior view of the stage from the balcony. View to west. |
| 13 | Interior view of bleachers and balcony. View to south. |
| 14 | Interior view of ticket booth. View to west. |
| 15 | Interior view of concession stand. View to north. |
| 16 | Interior view from stage towards the gym floor showing the pull-down screen.
View to southeast. |
| 17 | Interior view of Odd Fellows Hall. View to south. |
| 18 | Interior view of basement. View to northwest. |
| 19 | Interior view of detail of stone and petrified wood fireplace. View to west. |

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All historic photographs are from the JoVonne Fitzgerald collection, Walsenburg, Colorado.

Photo No.	Photographic Information
H1	Gymnasium with construction nearly complete, ca. 1937
H2	Gymnasium under construction, ca. 1936
H3	Work crew, ca. 1937
H4	Fireplace with petrified wood under construction, ca. 1936
H5	Two Buttes School (formerly located next to gymnasium), ca. 1930s
H6	Students eating lunch in gymnasium, ca. 1950s
H7	Halloween Carnival, ca. 1950s
H8	Students making ice cream for the junior-senior play, ca. 1950s
H9	Cake raffle, ca. 1950s
H10	Basketball game, ca. 1950s
H11	Band performance, ca. 1950s
H12	Concession stand, ca. 1950s

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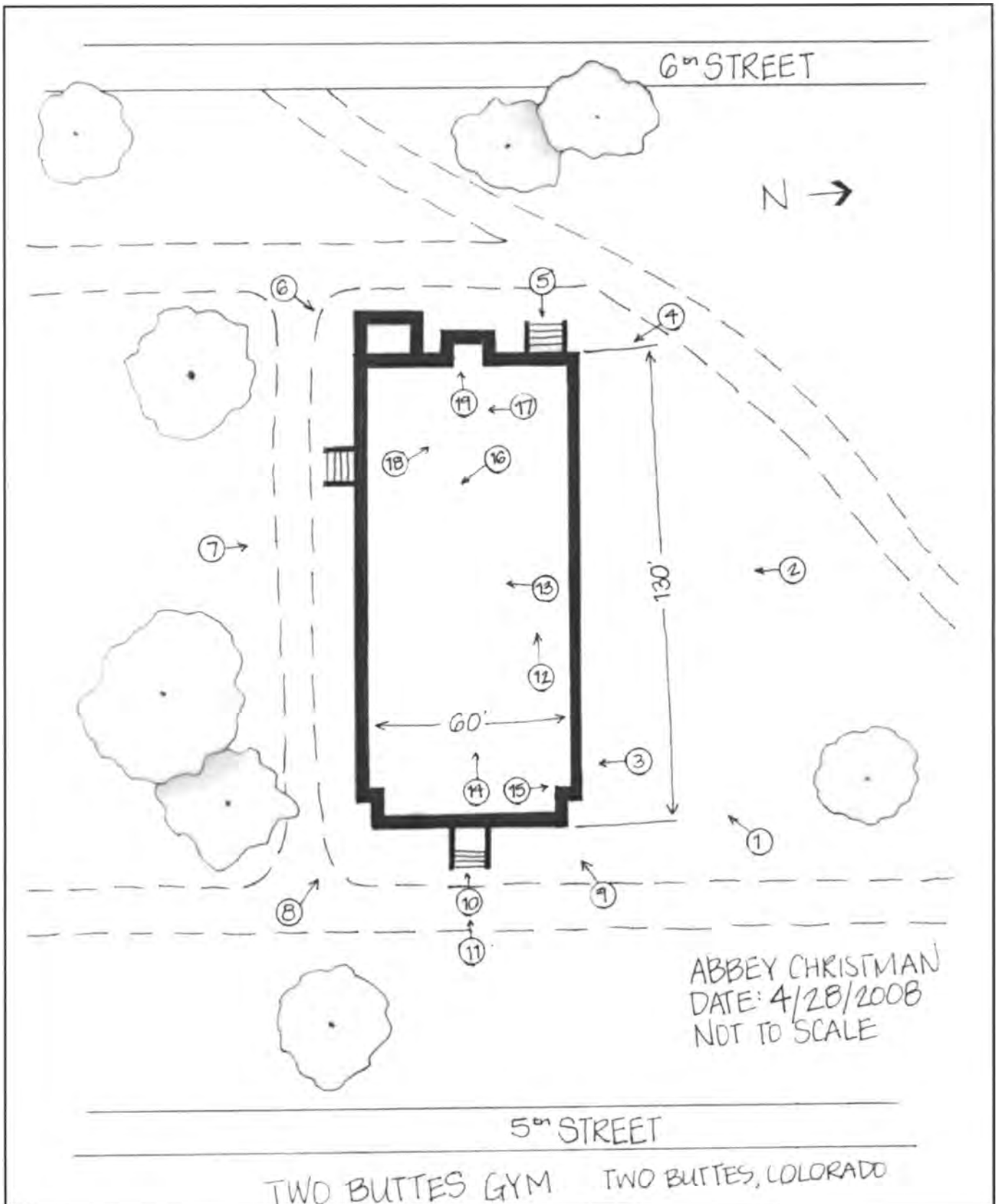
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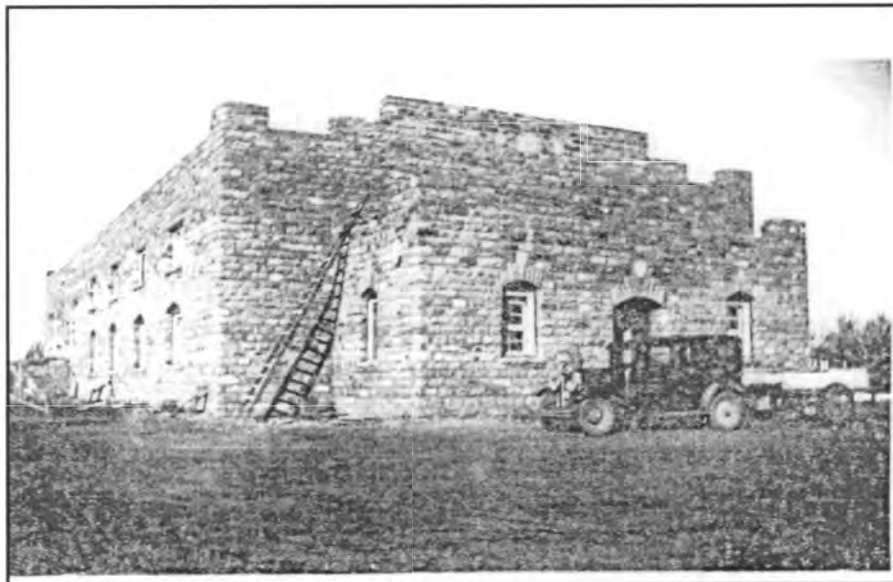
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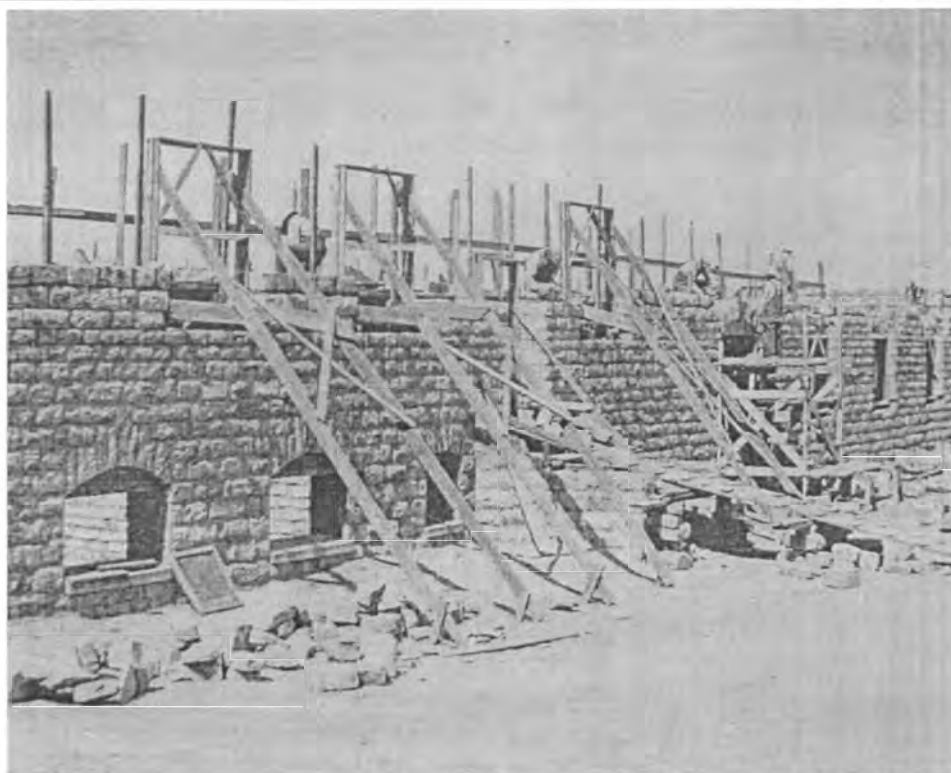
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H1. Two Buttes Gymnasium with construction nearly complete. ca.1937



H2. Two Buttes Gymnasium under construction. ca. 1936

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H3. Work crew. ca. 1937



H4. Fireplace with petrified wood under construction. ca. 1936

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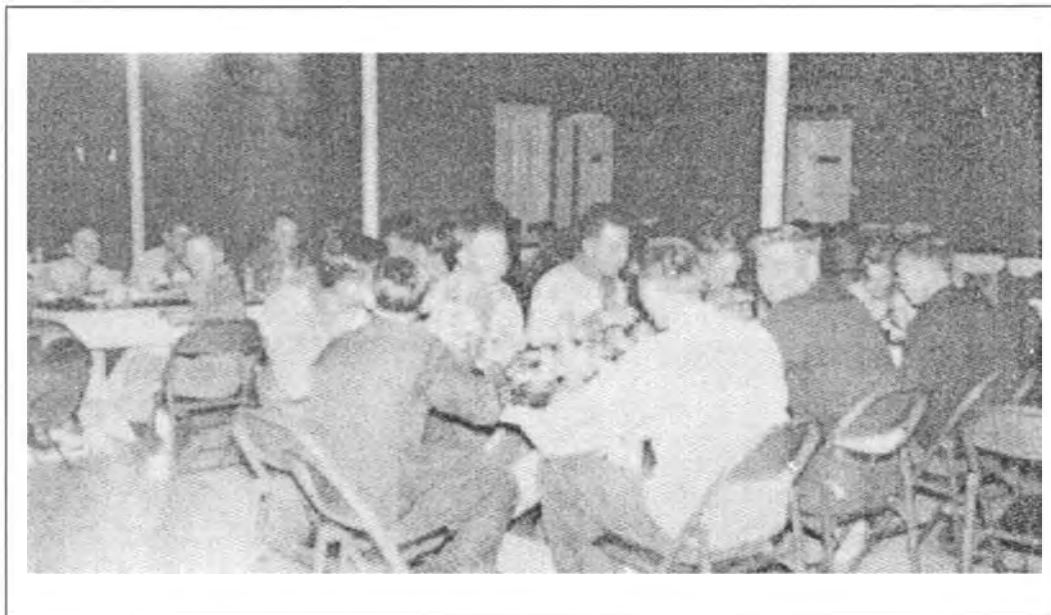
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H5. Two Buttes School (formerly located next to the gymnasium). ca. 1930s



H6. Students eating lunch in the gymnasium. ca. 1950s.

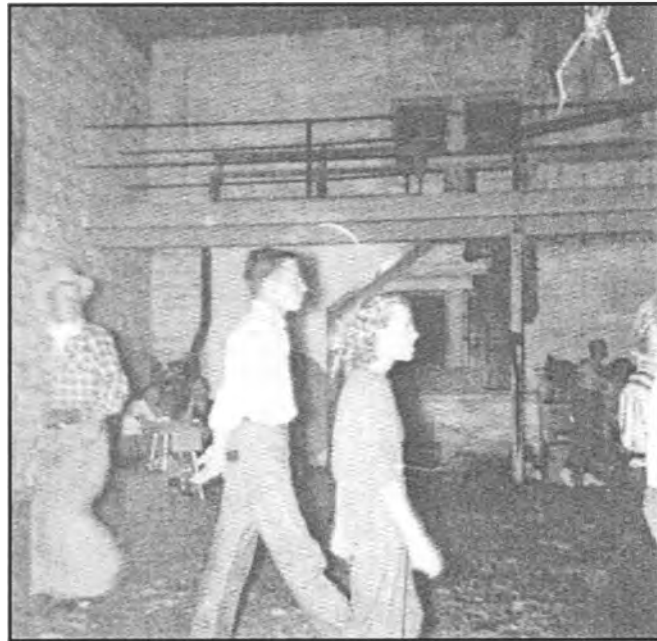
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H7. Halloween Carnival. ca. 1950s



H8. Students making ice cream for the junior-senior play. ca. 1950s

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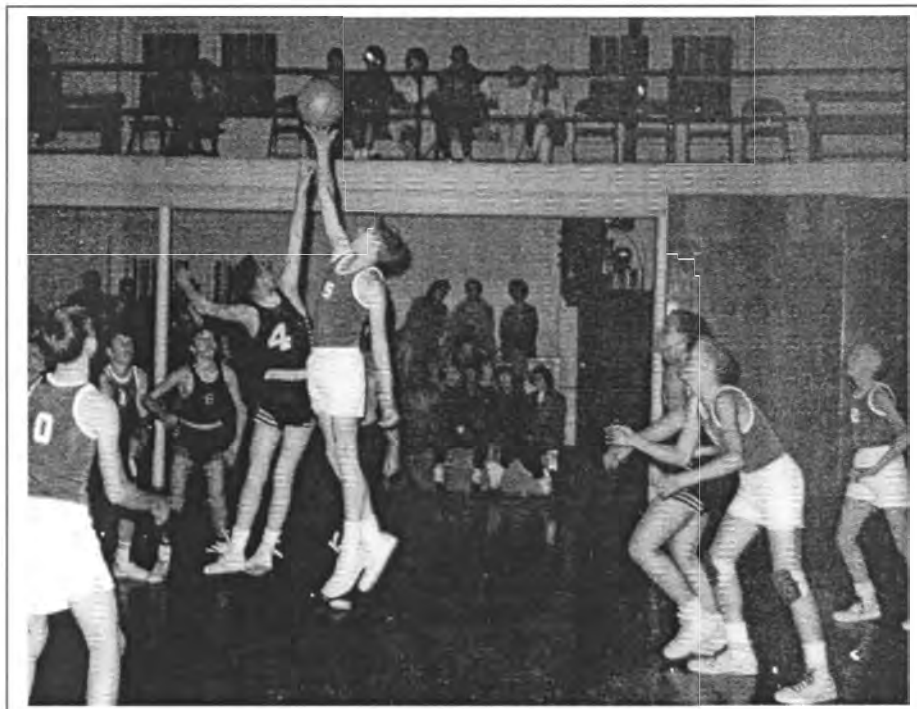
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H9. Cake raffle. ca. 1950s.



H10. Basketball game. ca. 1950s.

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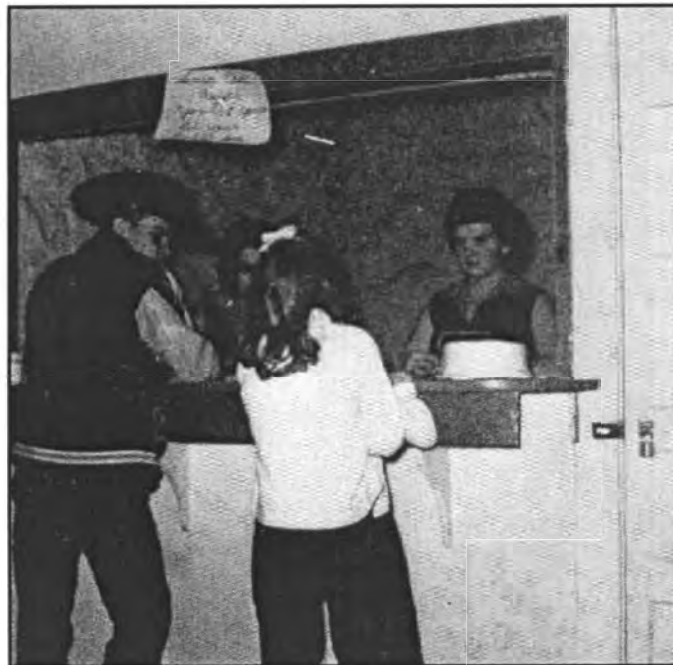
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REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Two Buttes Gymnasium
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MULTIPLE New Deal Resources on Colorado's Eastern Plains MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: COLORADO, Baca

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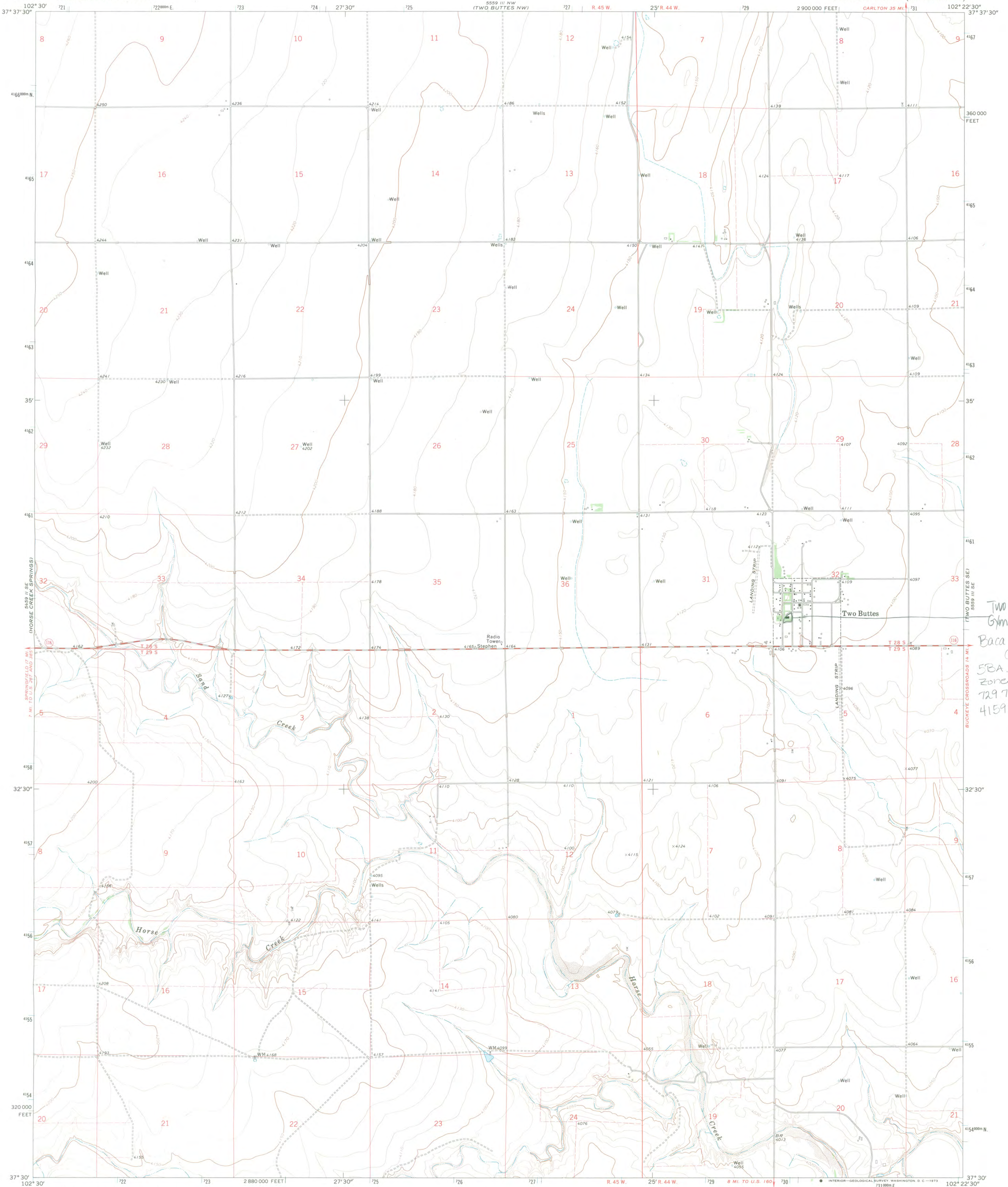
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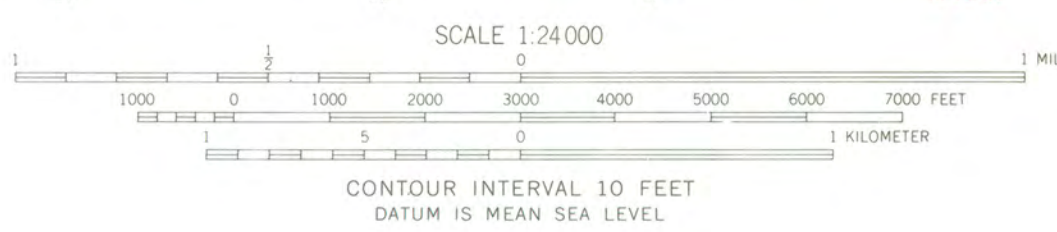
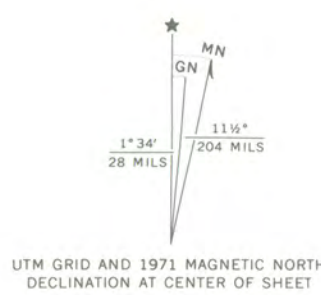
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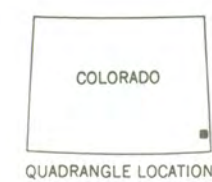


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November 3, 2009

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Dear Dr. Matthews:

We are pleased to submit for your review the enclosed National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Two Buttes Gymnasium, Baca County, Colorado (5BA.1146).

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.

Sincerely,

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