

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Two-Bar Ranch

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Browns Park NWR - 1 mile South of highway 318-50 miles West of Maybell

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Maybell

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

James Johnson - District 4

STATE

Colorado

CODE

08

COUNTY

Moffat

CODE

109

**CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*

Dept. of Interior - Fish & Wildlife Service

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 25486 Denver Federal Center

CITY, TOWN

Denver

VICINITY OF

Colorado 80225

STATE

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Fish & Wildlife Service (Realty) and/or Moffat County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

10597 West Sixth Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Lakewood

STATE

Colorado 80215

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Currently the following listed structures are located at the old Two-Bar Ranch headquarters site:

(1) The main ranch house (two large rooms), (2) a bunkhouse ( 1 room), (3) 2 log dugouts, (4) 3 other log buildings (includes an old blacksmith's shop, (5) a log privy, (6) pole corrals including 2 log barns or sheds. The ranch house and bunkhouse are constructed of hand hewn logs.

All structures are badly deteriorated with doors and windows missing. The roofs have caved in on several of the log out buildings. Greasewood has grown up on the entire site. The corrals are presently used by the grazing leasee.

The present bunkhouse was built in 1920 after the original bunkhouse burned.

It has been reported that some of the logs in the ranch buildings were salvaged from historic Fort Davy Crockett.

Mr. Delbert Ducey of Greystone, Colorado worked on the place in 1920 and subsequent years. He said that the buildings were old at that time, the buildings were substantially built - a blacksmith shop, house, large barn, bunkhouse, and a big cellar north of the bunkhouse. "Once the sheep outfit took over the buildings went to pieces pretty fast."

I could find no one to confirm the age on the buildings. Some of the log cabins could have been built by Thomas White in the late 1880's. The Hoy's most likely enlarged the place after they acquired it in 1895. Thomas White was a bachelor at the time he was on the place but V.S. Hoy lived there with a family.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Was once headquarters of one of the largest cattle empires in Colorado and Wyoming.

Mr. Thomas White was the first one to file on the land where the buildings are located according to records in the Moffat County Courthouse files. The date on his filing certificate for 120 acres was Aug. 2, 1887. His patent to the land from the U.S. was dated Nov. 24, 1890. His receipt and Certificate of Purchase No. C.E. 209. He turned the land over to J. S. and Valentine S. Hoy July 29, 1895. James S. Hoy and Mrs. Valentine Hoy Nelson, Neva L. Hoy, and Valentine Shade Hoy (heirs of Valentine S. Hoy) sold to Haley Livestock and Trading Co. James S. Hoy on June 18, 1909; Mrs. Hoy et al on Feb. 10, 1910. The Haley Livestock and Trading Co. owned over 10,000 head of livestock in Moffat County alone in 1910. It was one of the largest cattle operations in Colorado and Wyoming. The Two-Bar holdings were sold to the Clay Springs Cattle Co. April 5, 1917. Grounds and Crozier were owners of the CSC Co.

In the years just prior to the purchase of the property by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service the buildings were used as lambing sheds by the former owners.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Burroughs, John Rolfe, Where the Old West Stayed Young, New York, William Morrow and Company, 1962  
 Ducey, Delbert, Personal Communications, Greystone, CO 1975-76  
 Grounds, Roy, Personal Communications, Craig, CO 1976  
 MacLeod, Marian, Personal Communications, Greystone, CO 1975

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 2	6 7 7 6 9 9	45 1 7 0 0 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James A. Creasy Asst. Refuge Manager March 2, 1976

ORGANIZATION

Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Greystone Route

TELEPHONE

303-365-3695

CITY OR TOWN

Maybell

STATE

Colorado 81640

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ NONE \_\_\_

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State X Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*David Hall*

Deputy Assistant

TITLE

DATE

MAY 11 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Robert B. Rettig*

DATE

2/17/78

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*Charles [unclear]*

DATE

2-14-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER