

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93000379

Date Listed: 5/20/93

Amunition Igloo  
Property Name

Jefferson  
County

CO  
State

Camp George West MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Beth Boland  
Signature of the Keeper

9/17/93  
Date of Action

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**Amended Items in Nomination:**

The address for the Igloo was not consistent in this nomination and two others. The address provided by Lois Thompson of the Department of Energy is 15001 Denver West Parkway.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions 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 Ammunition Igloo

other names/site number Building 88, Storage Bunker

2. Location

street & number 1501 Denver West Parkway N/A not for publication

city or town Golden N/A vicinity

state Colorado code CO county Jefferson code 059 zip code 80401

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.)

Lois Thompson March 29, 1993  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Federal Preservation Officer, U.S. Department of Energy  
State of Federal agency and bureau

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

[Signature] January 20, 1993  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	Signature of the Keeper <u>Beth Boland</u>	Date of Action <u>5/20/93</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain:)	_____	_____

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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 include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>1</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.)

Historic Resources of Camp George West

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

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DEFENSE/Arms Storage  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/Storage  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

No Style  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete  
walls stone  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof concrete  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

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

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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)

Architecture

Social History

**Period of Significance**

1940 - 1942

**Significant Dates**

1940

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

George H. Merchant/Architect: Work Projects Administration, Camp George West Transient Camp/Builder

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of Property** under 1 acre

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	13	48521010	439189710
Zone	Easting	Northing	
2			

3			
Zone	Easting	Northing	
4			

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

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city or town Golden state CO zip code 80401-3391

### 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 National Renewable Energy Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy

street & number 1617 Cole Boulevard telephone 303/231-7194

city or town Golden state CO zip code 80401-3391

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**Ammunition Igloo, Camp George West  
Jefferson County, CO**

**Description**

The ammunition igloo at Camp George West was constructed in 1940 as part of a public work project. The Igloo is located near the base of South Table Mountain. It is north of the Camp George West Historic District and is separated from the district by large open areas used for military training and as a parade ground.

Little change has occurred to the structure since its construction in 1940. It is constructed of a concrete arch with an earth covering and is partly underground. The facade, constructed of native basaltic stone with concrete mortar, has a stepped parapet with concrete coping. The flanking central parapets are engaged pilasters. The ends of the facade wall are angled forward creating a buttress at each end. A stone and concrete platform is situated in front of the central door, which is solid metal. Construction blueprints show that the building foundation is concrete. The structure is completely surrounded with a barbed wire fence which forms the boundary for the nominated property. The structure retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

**Statement of Significance**

The Ammunition Igloo at Camp George West is significant for its architectural design. It meets criterion C as an example of a type, period, and construction methods of the public works projects. It also meets criterion A for its social history due to its association with the public works project during the Great Depression in the 1930's and with Camp George West.

With regard to its relation to the remainder of the camp, the Igloo is located to the north of the main camp. The Amphitheater is to the northwest (100m). In addition, the pistol range is located approximately 124 m to the southeast. This was likely due to the intended purpose of the Igloo, the storage of small-arms munitions used at the pistol range. This would indicate that the igloo was an important addition to the Camp's retinue of buildings.

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**Statement of Significance (continued)**

The building was erected with funds supplied by the Work Projects Administration (WPA). The Adjutant General's Biennial report in 1940 stated that WPA project 4436 had built a new Ammunition Igloo at Camp George West. The WPA was created in the early 1930's to provide funds to create employment through public work projects. The igloo was a WPA project intended to put unemployed men to work improving public facilities. The Ammunition Igloo is one of several WPA projects completed during the 1930's and early 1940's. Its design is representative of the stone construction and stylistic elements commonly found on buildings built during the first half of the twentieth century at Camp George West.

The materials utilized in the construction of the ammunition igloo are similar to the rest of the camp. The utilization of local native stone throughout the camp allowed for structural unity of the architecture. The design style of the igloo is unusual at Camp George West. Building 83, located near the front gate, is the only other example of a facade with a stepped parapet and concrete coping. The majority of the camp's buildings exhibit a gabled facade. The underground design appears to have been undertaken for practical reasons. That is, it costs less to construct a front facade with a concrete tube covered by earth than a building with four sides and a roof.

The Ammunition Igloo is nominated as one of the property types developed in the National Register Multiple Property Submission, "Historic Resources of Camp George West." The Igloo meets the registration requirements as presented in the Multiple Property form.

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**Bibliographical References:**

**Publications**

"Record of Real Property of the Colorado National Guard," Office of the Adjutant General, State of Colorado. 1957.

"Biennial Report of the Adjutant General," Office of the Adjutant General, State of Colorado. November 30, 1940.

"Ammunition Igloo: Camp George West," Blueprints., George H, Merchant., May 18, 1940.

"SERI: Review of Potential Contaminant Sources and Hydrogeological Conditions and Conceptual Design of a Ground Water Monitoring System," Western Technologies Inc., Denver, Colorado. 1989.

"Historic Resources of Camp George West," National Register Multiple Property Submission.

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The nominated property is a rectangular parcel that measures 13 X 15 meters, whose southwest corner is 42 m directly east of NREL building #4716. This parcel is enclosed with a fence that surrounds the entire building and constitutes the boundary as shown on enclosed scale map. The fence is there as a protective measure.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary encloses that portion of the property immediately surrounding the Igloo and which is delineated by the fence.

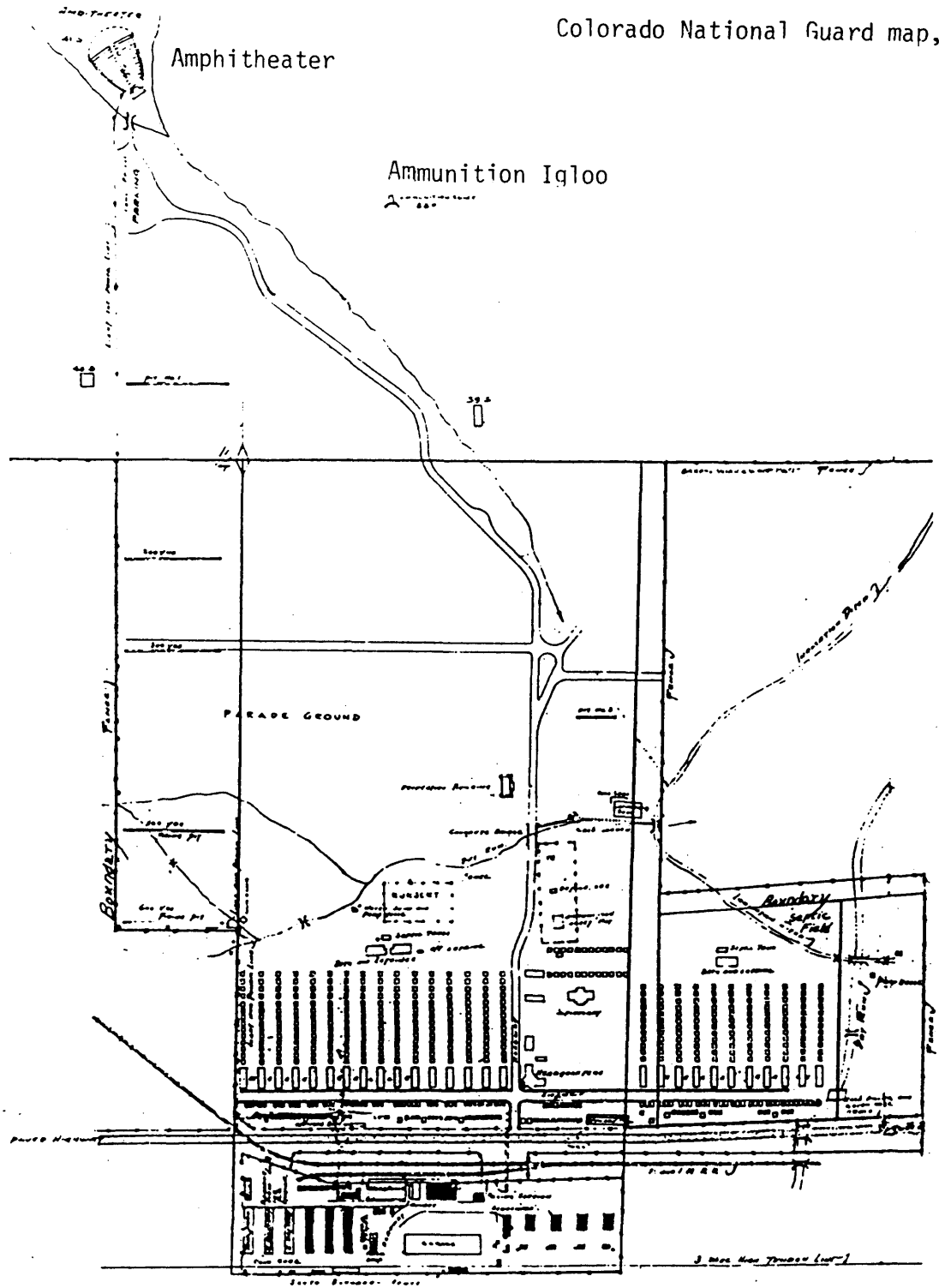


Camp George West, Jefferson County, Colorado

Colorado National Guard map, 1941

HISTORIC MAP

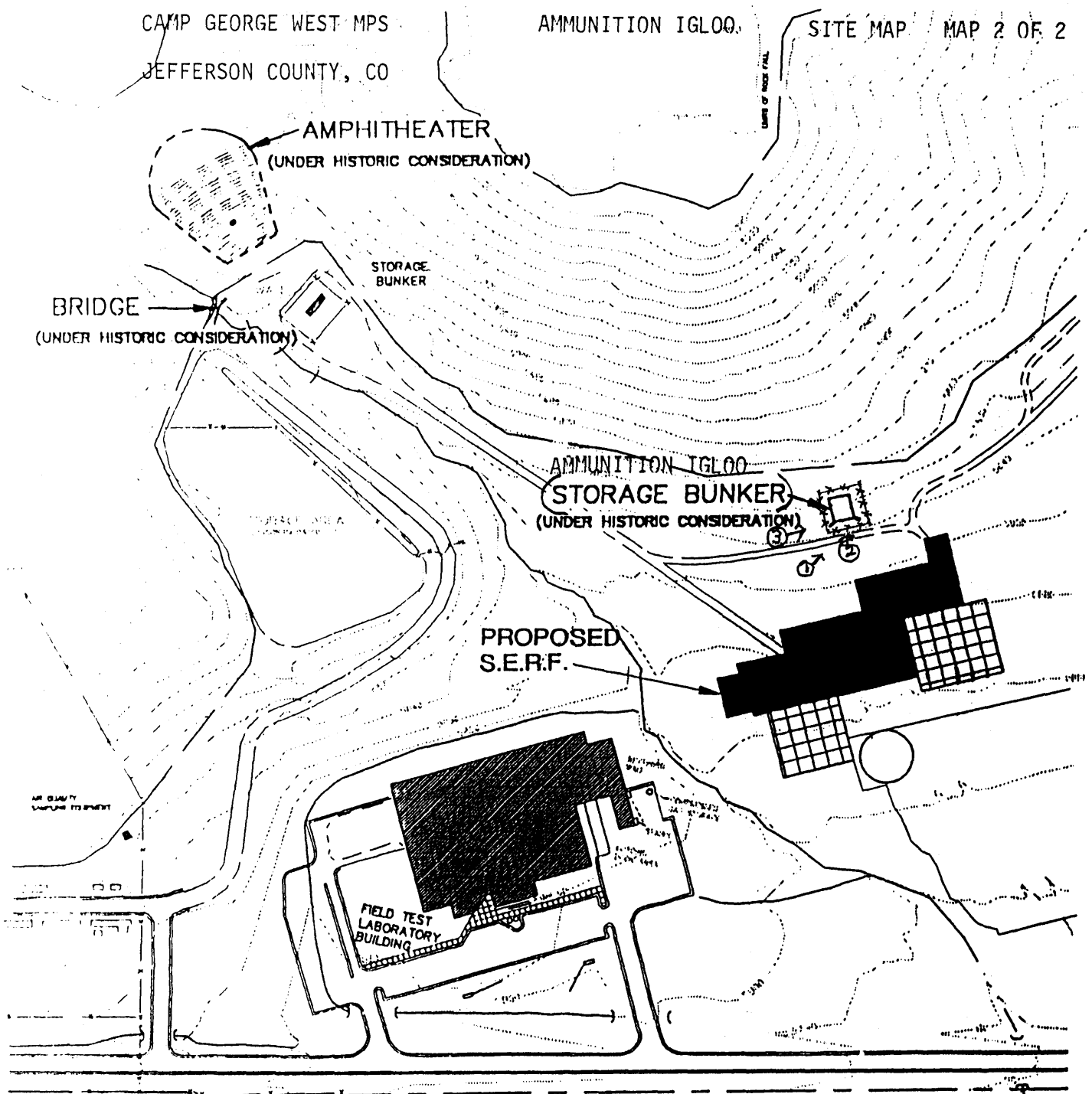
MAP 1 OF 2



CAMP GEORGE WEST MPS  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, CO

AMMUNITION IGLOO

SITE MAP MAP 2 OF 2



BOUNDARY & PHOTO MAP

HISTORICAL FEATURES

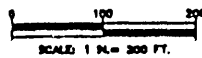


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Boundary ☒

### HISTORIC FEATURES AT THE NREL SITE