



**Final Report**  
**Colorado Humanities, The Five States of Colorado**  
June 29, 2023

**To:**  
COLORADO WATER BOARD CONSERVATION  
1313 SHERMAN STREET, ROOM 718  
DENVER, CO 80203

**Order Number:** POGG1, PDAA, 202200002428

**Engagement & Innovation:**  
Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts.

**Total Grant Period and Amount:**  
Oct. 15, 2021 – Feb. 28, 2023; \$49,500

**Report Period and Request Amount:**  
Oct. 15, 2022 – Feb. 28, 2023; \$24,500

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**Description of Work Accomplished by Major Task:**

**Task 1 - Preproduction of documentary film**

**Description of Task:**

Preproduction activities included production planning and management, research, meetings among project staff and with advisory council members, website updates, planning preliminary interviews and location research for B-roll filming.

**Method, Procedure:**

Colorado Humanities and HaveyPro principals worked together and according to their individual expertise to raise funds, identified interview subjects for the preliminary interviews, identified B-roll subjects for the trailer, and scripted the trailer. They consulted with lead scholar Patty Limerick, convened the Advisory Council and followed up with individual Council members for additional information and perspectives.

**Deliverable:**

Consistently updated website (fivestatesfilm.com)  
Script for trailer  
Preliminary interviews

**Task 2 – Production of documentary film****Description of Task:**

Production activities included recording video interviews for trailer and film, B-roll filming for the trailer, production of trailer, production of primary interviews and B-roll for the film, researching stock and archival images, original music production, and narration and voice-over production.

**Method, Procedure:**

HaveyPro crew recorded interviews of 32 experts; edited and transcribed interviews; and developed the treatment and script in consultation with Colorado Humanities and lead scholar Patty Limerick. The Advisory Council and Colorado Humanities reviewed a draft script, which HaveyPro edited. HaveyPro selected and recorded narrator; recorded B-roll; and developed film design and graphics.

**Deliverable:**

Trailer  
Film script

**Task 3 – Post-production of documentary film****Description of Task:**

Post-production activities included consultations with Colorado Humanities and the Advisory Council, video and audio editing, visual effects, sound mixing, production of first cut, Advisory Council review of first cut, final edits, production of final cut, planning for distribution.

**Method, Procedure:**

Colorado Humanities and HaveyPro crew consulted with lead scholar Patty Limerick and selected Advisory Council members. HaveyPro prepared the first cut for review and hosted two test screenings. They edited and produced the final film. Colorado Humanities and HaveyPro developed a distribution plan including providing access through libraries statewide, scheduling screenings and broadcasts, and entering in festivals.

**Deliverable:**

Final film cut  
Distribution plan

Production of this film was free of obstacles that impacted any work done. We did have difficulty fundraising to meet our original match commitment, but were able to work with HaveyPro to reduce the film budget to \$180,000, with HaveyPro also generously meeting many of the expenses on our original budget by offering in-kind services. Colorado Humanities also waived their compensation for management and accounting services, and the lead scholar contributed her fee. With the reduced cash budget \$180,000 and in-kind of \$116,271, we were able to complete the film.

The Five States of Colorado premiered in Denver on April 6, 2023, at the Botanic Garden's Freyer Newman Center for an audience of more than 230, and we are in the process of

arranging for at least 10 regional premieres statewide. It was shown on Denver's Channel 20, and will also be shown at film festivals. We will make it available to every public, school, and academic library in Colorado as a free, streaming video or download. We are developing a resource guide for K-12 teachers.

**Interviewees:**

Thomas Andrews, Professor of History, University of Colorado, Boulder  
Alex Archuletta, Lecturer, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs  
Nadine Bridges, Executive Director, One Colorado  
Sgt. Major Marcus Brister, Fort Carson Garrison Commander, US Army, Colorado Springs  
Craig Childs, Author  
Stephanie Daniel, Senior Managing Editor, Reporter, KUNC, Greeley  
Dawn DiPrince, CEO, History Colorado  
Carlos Fernandez, State Director, The Nature Conservancy  
Elizabeth Garner, State Demographer, Colorado Department of Local Affairs  
Terri Gentry, Engagement Manager for Black Communities, History Colorado  
Russell George, Former State Legislator and Community Leader, Rifle  
Kate Greenberg, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture  
Ava Hamilton, Filmmaker, Boulder  
John Harner, Professor, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs  
John Hausdorffer, Dean and Professor, School of Environment & Sustainability, Western Colorado University  
Taylor Hawes, Colorado River Program Director, The Nature Conservancy  
Happy Haynes, Executive Director, Denver Parks & Recreation  
Ernest House, Senior Policy Director, Keystone Policy Center  
Patricia Limerick, Director, Applied History Initiative, University of Colorado, Boulder  
Jim Lochhead, CEO/Manager, Denver Water  
Jared Mazurek, Executive Director, Poudre Learning Center, Greeley  
Candice McKnight, CEO and President, African-American Historical and Genealogical Society of Colorado Springs  
Fawn-Amber Montoya, Associate Dean, James Madison University  
Andy Mueller, General Manager, Colorado River Water Conservation District  
Bill Philpott, Associate Professor, University of Denver  
Nick Saenz, Professor, Adams State University  
Dawn Thilmany, Agricultural Economist and Professor, Colorado State University  
Brad Udall, Senior Water and Climate Research Scientist, Colorado State University  
William Wei, Professor of History, University of Colorado, Boulder  
Brian Werner, Retired, (Former PIO) Northern Water  
Leah Davis Witherow, Curator of History, Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum  
Jim Yahn, Manager, North Sterling Irrigation District

**Total Cash Raised to Date:**

\$180,000  
    \$45,000 from Colorado Humanities/NEH funds  
    \$99,000 from sponsors excluding Colorado Film Incentive grant  
    \$36,000 estimated Colorado Film Incentive grant  
  
\$116,271  
    \$67,971 in-kind from HaveyPro  
    \$47,300 in-kind from Colorado Humanities  
    \$1,000 in-kind from lead scholar



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## **The Five States of Colorado Distribution Plan**

May - December 2023

Enter film in festivals (HaveyPro)

May - October 2023

Outreach to community partners to schedule statewide screenings and adjacent conversation programs (Colorado Humanities)

July 2023

Create screening marketing materials and organize in Dropbox for community partners' use (HaveyPro and Colorado Humanities)

August 2023 - July 2024

Market and host screenings and adjacent programs with community partners (Colorado Humanities)

July - September 2023

Develop K-12 teacher resource kit (Colorado Humanities)

August - September 2023

Make film stream and download available to public, school, academic libraries (Colorado Humanities and Colorado State Library)

August - December 2023

Seek broadcast media partners to air the film (Colorado Humanities)

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