



# History Colorado

Eric C. Scott  
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Re: Ewing Gravel Pit, File No. M-2023-033 (HC# 83626)

Dear Mr. Scott:

Thank you for your correspondence dated and received by our office on September 26, 2023 initiating consultation with our office on the subject action pursuant to the Colorado State Register Act – Colorado Revised Statute (CRS) 24-80.1 et. seq.

Based on the information provided, including the Gravel Baseline map provided on September 28, 2023, a search of our database indicates 4 sites and 5 surveys were located near the search area provided. Although no National or State Register listed or nominated properties were identified within the permit area, there are two segments of the Platteville Ditch (5WL.2184.3 and 5WL.2184.4) that support the overall eligibility of the entire linear resource for listing to the State Register of Historic Properties (SRHP), within or adjacent to the permit area. In addition, the Dale Ewing Centennial Farm (5WL.1246), also with in or adjacent to the search area, has not been assessed to determine its eligibility for listing to the SRHP. The remaining site (5WL. 6722), was determined not eligible for listing to the National and State Register in 2011. As most of Colorado and the proposed permit area has not been inventoried for cultural resources, our files contain incomplete information. Consequently, there is the possibility that as yet unidentified cultural resources exist within the proposed permit area, and a cultural resource inventory, conducted by a qualified contractor, would be needed to identify such resources.

Please note that the requirements under CRS 24-80 part 13 apply and must be followed if human remains are discovered during ground disturbing activities. In addition, our comments should not be interpreted as concurrence under the National Historic Preservation Act or any other environmental law or regulation. It is the responsibility of any federal agency involved to meet the requirements of Section 106 as set forth in 36 CFR Part 800 titled “Protection of Historic Properties”. This includes not only reasonable and good faith identification efforts of any historic properties located within the area of potential effects, but determining whether the undertaking will have an effect upon such properties. The State Historic Preservation Office, Native American tribes, representatives of local governments, and applicants for federal permits are entitled to consultative roles in this process.

As a reminder, the State Register Act gives the SHPO 30 calendar days to provide a response to the state agency. If the response is to ask for additional information to be able to render a comprehensive and accurate response, the 30-day ‘clock’ will pause and restart at zero when the SHPO receives the information it requested.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance, please contact Holly McKee-Huth, Cultural Resource Information/Section 106 Compliance Specialist at (303) 866-4670 or [holly.mckee@state.co.us](mailto:holly.mckee@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

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