

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
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1. **Resource Number:** 5PT592

2. **Temp. Resource Number:**

3. Attachments
 (check as many as apply)

- Photographs
 Site sketch map
 U.S.G.S. map photocopy
 Other _____
 Other _____

4. Official determination
 (OAHP USE ONLY)

Determined Eligible
 Determined Not Eligible
 Need Data
 Nominated
 Listed
 Contributing to N.R. District
 Not Contributing to N.R. Dist

5. **Resource Name:** Berger Cabin, 835 Main St, Aspen, CO

6. **Purpose of this current site visit (check as many as apply)**

- Site is within a current project area
 Resurvey
 Update of previous site form(s)
 Surface collection
 Testing to determine eligibility
 Excavation
 Other _____

Describe:

- CDOT Project STA 082A-080 SH 82 Entrance to Aspen Reevaluation Report for CDOT Region 3, 2006
- Reevaluation study prior to the final phase and design build for the new entrance to Aspen project

7. **Previous Recordings:**

- CDOT Project STA 082A-080 SH 82 Entrance to Aspen Record of Decision, Aug 1998 on file at CDOT Headquarters
- CDOT Project STA 082A-080 SH 82 Entrance to Aspen Final Environmental Impact Statement, Aug 1997 on file at CDOT Headquarters

8. **Changes or Additions to Previous Descriptions:**

There have been no apparent alterations to the building or at the site.

9. **Changes in Condition:**

There have been no apparent changes or impacts to the condition of the building. It is in good condition.

10. **Changes to Location or Size Information:**

There have been no apparent changes to the location or size of the building or the site.

11. **Changes in Ownership:** No change in ownership is known.

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12. Other Changes, Additions, or Observations: None

13. National Register Eligibility Assessment:

Eligible Not eligible Need data

Explain: Although current Compass database information states that the cabin is not eligible to the NRHP, CDOT correspondence reveals that a second submission for eligibility was concurred in April 1996 by SHPO James Hartman.

The Cabin was determined officially eligible for the NRHP on April 17, 1996, for Criteria B and C. The Berger Cabin (5PT592) is NRHP eligible under Criteria B and C for its association with architect Fritz Benedict and C for its Wrightian-influenced Rustic style. Architect Fritz Benedict (1914-1995) was influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright and his school, Taliesin, where Benedict worked and studied. Benedict carried Wright's philosophy of integration of architecture and landscape into his designs. When inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 1985, Benedict was recognized for his influence on design and construction in the Rocky Mountain West. Under Criterion C, the Rustic-style, one-story log cabin highlights Wrightian-influenced features such as long, low lines; multiple, mitered windows; a partially-cantilevered fireplace; and design to blend with its woodland setting through use of log and local sandstone. This is one of the last surviving log residences in Aspen designed by Benedict.

There have been no apparent changes, alterations or modifications that would impact the integrity of this resource.

14. Management Recommendations: The Entrance to Aspen project will present a new alignment into Aspen that will cross Castle Creek north of Holden Smelting & Milling Complex and connect to Main Street, which runs behind Berger Cabin. If the LRT is constructed along Main St., the platform for the system will be 20 feet from the building and the edge of Right-of-Way 10 feet from the building. It is recommended, as discussed in the ROD, that the building be moved, on the property, away from the ROW in order to enhance the visitor experience. In addition, CDOT recommends that landscaping, to provide a visual buffer between the street and the cabin, should include as much of the present natural vegetation and existing stand of trees as possible.

15. Photograph Types and Numbers: See attached digital photographs.

16. Artifact and Field Documentation Storage Location: Bunyak Research Associates

17. Report Title: CDOT Project STA 082A-080 SH 82 Entrance to Aspen Reevaluation Report for CDOT Region 3, 2006

18. Recorder(s): Dawn Bunyak, Historian

19. Date(s): August 18, 2006

20. Recorder Affiliation: Bunyak Research Associates 10628 W Roxbury Ave, Littleton, CO 80127

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Berger Cabin (5PT592) Above: Shot SW. Below: Portico, Shot S, July 12, 2006.



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Berger Cabin (5PT592) from Castle Creek Pedestrian Bridge, shot north, July 12, 2006.