



HISTORY *Colorado*

September 29, 2010

Jane Hann
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Colorado Department of Transportation
Environmental Programs Branch
4201 East Arkansas Avenue
Denver, CO 80222

Re: Determination of Eligibility and Effects and additional Area of Potential Effects Consultation, CDOT Project NH 0242-040, US Highway 24 West Environmental Assessment, El Paso County. (CHS #53638)

Dear Ms. Hann,

After review of the provided information, we concur with the recommended findings of effects under Section 106 for the resources presented in Table 6: Effects of the proposed Action on Historic Properties on page 133 of the *Historic Resources Survey, US 24 West, Colorado Springs, Colorado* report except for the Westside Historic District. In our opinion, the taking of two contributing properties within the district is an adverse effect, as defined in 36 CFR 800.(5)(a)(2)(i). While the adverse effect may be characterized as minor, we believe that the destruction of two contributing properties from within an eligible historic district is an adverse effect because of the overall effect of the physical destruction of or damage to part of the historic property.

If unidentified archaeological resources are discovered during construction, work must be interrupted until the resources have been evaluated in terms of the National Register criteria, 36 CRF 60.4, in consultation with this office.

We request being involved in the consultation process with the local government, which as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 is required to be notified of the undertaking, and with other consulting parties. Additional information provided by the local government or consulting parties might cause our office to re-evaluate our eligibility and potential effect findings.

Please note that our compliance letter does not end the 30-day review period provided to other consulting parties. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Amy Pallante, our Section 106 Compliance Manager, at (303) 866-4678.

Sincerely,

for Edward C. Nichols
State Historic Preservation Officer