



Chaffee County Heritage Area

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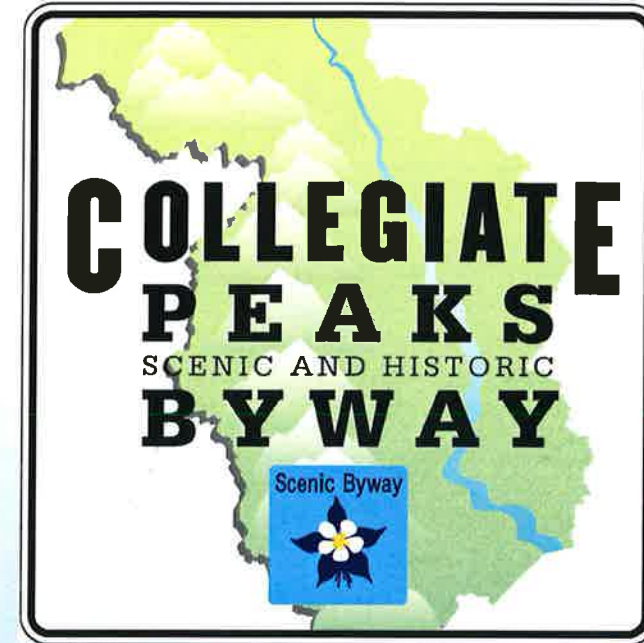


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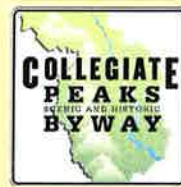
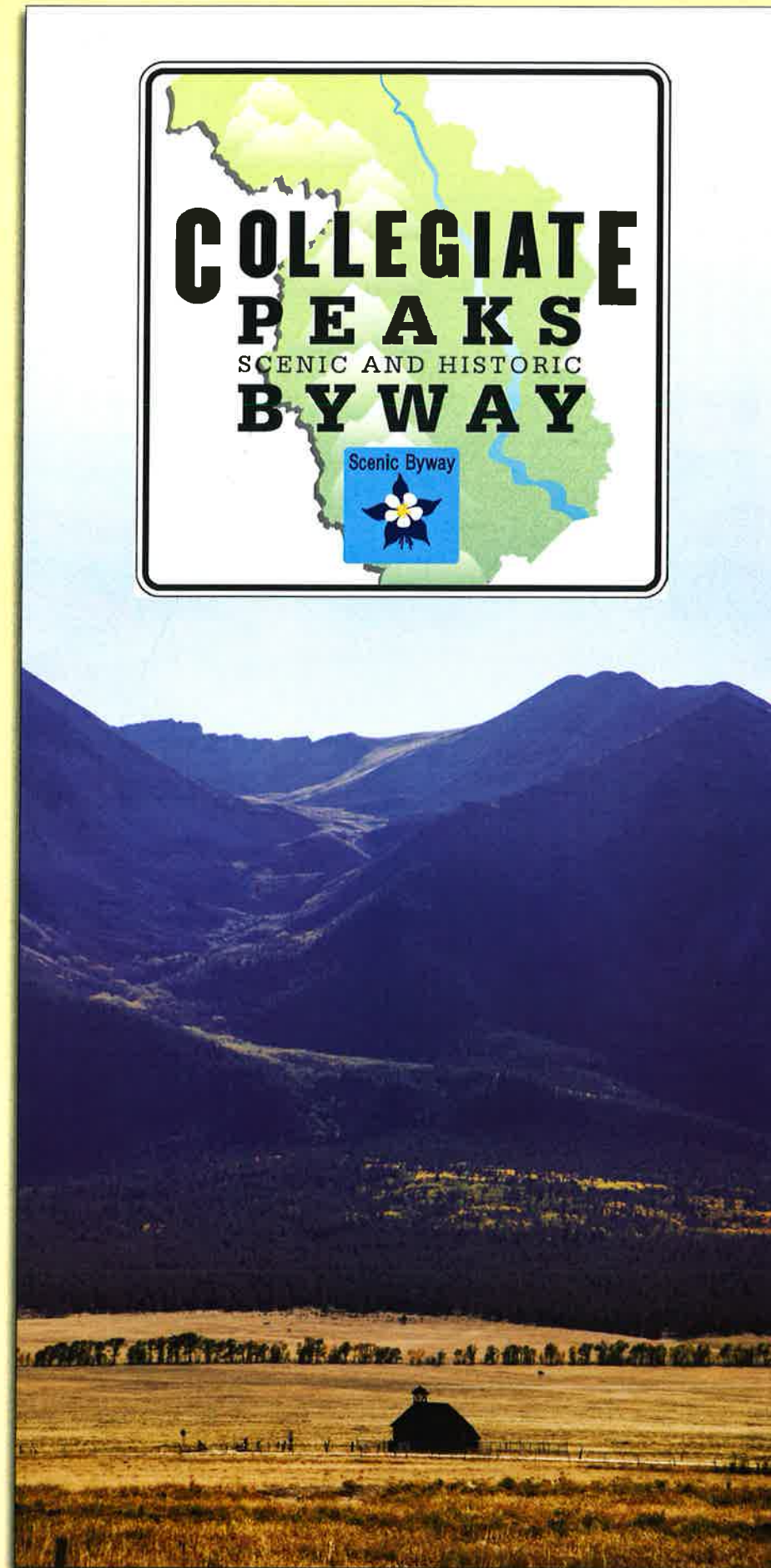
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CONSERVATION PLAN

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COLLEGIATE PEAKS BYWAY CONSERVATION PLAN

Ranking Lands for Conservation Value

Lands along the scenic byway were evaluated for their conservation value based on their importance for scenic views, agricultural production, wildlife habitat, proximity to conserved lands, and historic significance. Properties were assigned numeric values for these attributes and ranked according to their scores. A total of 33 attributes were scored. Certain attributes such as large agricultural properties were given a greater weight in scoring because of their importance in maintaining the characteristics of the scenic byway as identified in the 2008 Byway Management Plan. The map represents these areas as shaded colored blocks, with the following conservation priority areas: very high, high, medium and low. All priority areas are generalized and do not represent specific property boundary lines. The priority areas are for planning purposes only and do not carry any regulatory or funding weight. The Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas (LTUA) and the Chaffee County Heritage Area Advisory Board will use scores to help prioritize conservation work along the Collegiate Peaks Scenic and Historic Byway. Priority areas will also help determine what regions of the Byway will be the focus for pilot and new programs to help assist landowners maintain their historic land uses. All conservation work along the Byway is done only with the voluntary cooperation of individual landowners.

LTUA Conservation Easements

Conservation easements are voluntary legal agreements between a landowner and a land trust, which permanently restrict the development and subdivision of land. A conservation easement ensures that land will be protected forever for agriculture, wildlife habitat, scenic views, or other recognized conservation values. Conservation easements allow landowners to continue to own and use their property, to sell it, or to pass it on to their heirs. Conservation easements do not require a landowner to grant public access to their private property.

Conservation easements can be very flexible, and each one is tailored specifically to the individual landowner's situation. Many conservation easements can be eligible for both a Federal tax deduction and Colorado State tax credits. State tax credits are often sold for cash by landowners placing conservation easements on their property. More info is available from the Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas at ltua.org. To contact LTUA about conservation easements email landconservation@ltua.org or call 719-539-7700.

LTUA Preserves

Preserves are owned by the Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas. The properties are managed to maintain their ecological and wildlife significance and in some cases for public recreation.

State and/or National Register of Historic Places

County listings can be found at: historycolorado.org/archaeologists/chaffee-county

The Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (OAHP) assists property owners in listing Colorado's most historically and architecturally significant buildings, structures, and sites in the National Register of Historic Places and the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties.

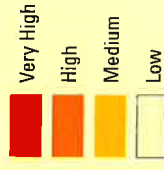
Although OAHP strongly encourages the preservation of National and State Register properties, listing offers no automatic protection. There are no restrictions imposed by History Colorado as to what private property owners may or may not do with their property. Private property owners may alter or demolish a listed property subject only to applicable local government regulations and permitting procedures. In some communities, properties listed in the State Register may be automatically designated as local landmarks. Such landmark status may include the local review of proposed changes to the property through the application of design guidelines.

Properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places are automatically placed in the Colorado State Register. They may also be nominated separately to the Colorado State Register without inclusion in the National Register.

Surveyed Historic Properties

In 2010, the Chaffee County Heritage Area/GARNA received a Colorado State Historic Fund Grant to survey 65 properties in Chaffee County for a Historic Resources Survey. A final survey report and the Architectural Inventory Forms for all 65 properties are available in the Salida Regional Library and the Buena Vista Public Library. These important historic properties encompass the entire county including Granite, Buena Vista, Maysville, and Poncha Springs.

CONSERVATION PRIORITY AREAS



LEGEND

- LTUA Conservation Easements
- LTUA Preserves
- State and/or National Register of Historic Places
- Surveyed Historic Properties
- Byway Interpretive Signs
- Collegiate Peaks Scenic & Historic Byway

An interactive version of the map can be found at garna.org/chaffee-heritage-and-ltua.org



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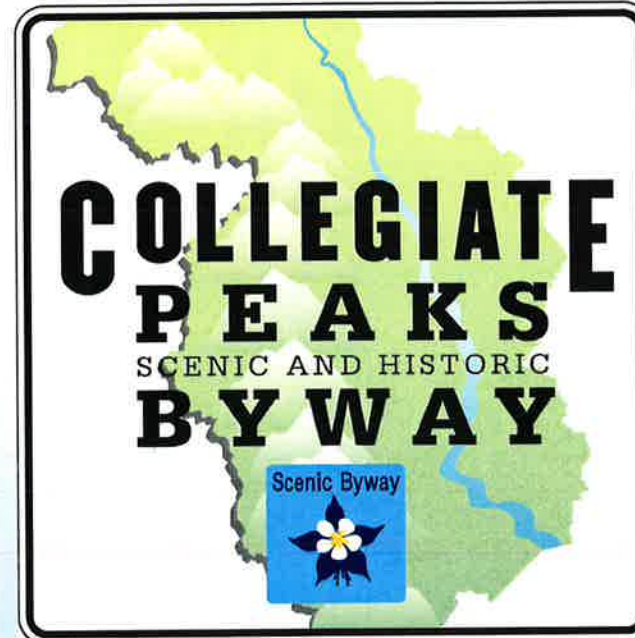
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