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Site/Property Reevaluation Form (continued)

6. Changes in site condition since the previous site/property recording

Portions of the site in the project area are currently serving in the trail system of Boulder Open Space.

7. Changes to previous site location or size information

See continuation.

8. Changes in site/property ownership since previous site recording

Site currently under the auspices of City of Boulder Open Space

9. Other changes, additions, or observations:

5BL417.0 The grade of the Boulder, Left Hand and Middle Park Railroad and Telegraph Co. was an attempt in the 1880s to build a railroad line from Boulder to serve the gold camps of Left Hand Canyon and the ranches of Middle Park. Much of the route was surveyed, but only this portion along the base of the foothills was ever constructed.

C.G. Buckingham, James P. Maxwell, James Ellet, Platt Rogers, and Henry Neikirk were the board of directors for the company. The route was to follow the hogback north to Left Hand Canyon, west to Indiana Gulch, over Buchanan Pass to Middle Park. By spring of 1881 the grade was being constructed along the hogback, but by fall of 1882 alternate routes were being considered. The grade from Boulder to Left Hand Canyon was completed in the summer of 1883. The Union Pacific Railroad expressed interest in the unfinished grade, prompting local citizens led by Henry Stevens to attempt to raise money from eastern sources. Additional survey for the grade was conducted in the summers of 1890 - 1892 before funding ran out. No additional grade was constructed, and track was never laid on the grade which was built.

10. National Register eligibility assessment:

_____ eligible __X__ not eligible _____ need data

explain Site lacks integrity and is not likely to further contribute to the history of the area.

11. Management Recommendations No further work

12. Photograph Nos. _____

13. Artifact and field documentation storage location _____

14. Report title Cultural Resources of the City of Boulder Open Space - North Boulder Valley

15. Recorder(s) Dave Tucker 16. Date(s) Sept 1994

17. Recorder Affiliation Native Cultural Services