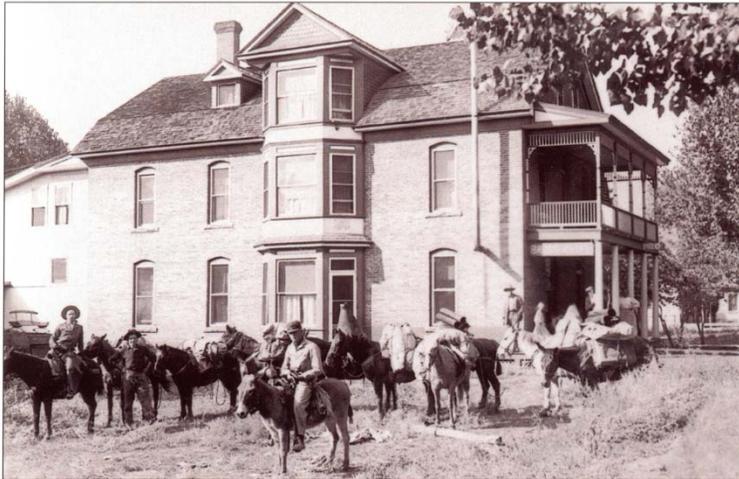


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Image	Listing Number	Location	Description
 	2013-01	<p>Located along Highway 92 several miles west of Hotchkiss, on the SE corner of street that leads to Lazear.</p>	<p>HURST SCHOOL, now known as the Rogers Mesa Community Center or the Modern Women’s Club.</p> <p>Built around 1895, it was used as a school until 1925, then taken over by the Modern Women’s Club, a local women’s educational group who own and manage it now.</p> <p>The site was designated as a historic landmark because of its intact appearance, and its importance to the communities of Rogers Mesa and Lazear through the 1900s. It was originally the only meeting hall available and has always been used for public functions as well as meetings and community dinners.</p>

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2013-02

213 Onarga Avenue, Paonia
(Corner of Third and Onarga
Street)

BROSS HOTEL.

Built in 1905-1906 by William T. Bross, this inn served continuously as a hotel and long term boarding house until about 1990, and is still a great example of an early commercial hotel building. It was renovated around 1980 and again totally renovated/restored by owner Julie Andrew around 1997, when it reopened as a Bed and Breakfast inn. At that time the upper floors were reconfigured and the third floor dormers were added.

The hotel was designated because of its intact architecture features, particularly the front porch on the first and second floors, and the three-story bay windows. It remains significant to the community of Paonia as one of the first upscale hotels in the county and tallest building in town when it was built, and for its use for many social and community functions throughout the years.

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	2015-03	215 Grand Avenue, Paonia. (middle of the block on the east side of the street)	<p>PAONIA THEATER. This movie theater opened in October of 1928 on the main street of Paonia. It was owned by Tom Paulos and built to seat 385 with removable chairs so that it could also be used for dances. The building served for its entire existence as an important community hall and entertainment venue for the town. In 1969 the theater was acquired and refurbished by Lynne and Charles Bear who continued to operate it. Sometime around 2000 the name was changed to “Paradise” Theater and in 2014 it was acquired by a non-profit Friends of Paradise Theater group who present films, concerts, and other community events.</p>
			<p>http://paradiseofpaonia.com/historic-landmark/</p>

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2015-04

On the south bank of the lower Gunnison river, 1 or 2 upstream from the Escalante Canyon bridge. (More easily viewed from rafts on the river.)

GUNNISON RIVER WATER WHEEL

This agricultural feature was built to lift river water 30 feet up out of the Gunnison River channel and deliver it to ditches for fields downstream near the mouth of Escalante Canyon. The steel wheel was built by Nelson Heater sometime after 1946. The Colorado Department of Wildlife acquired the ranch property in 1957. The mechanism and the diversion pressure tank are intact. Although once a number of such wheels existed on the Gunnison river, very few are left.

Irrigation and water development were key to our area's history. The wheel was designated in 2015 as one of the last remaining intact examples of an important technology for utilizing water.

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Trail Delta County, Hwy 50 in the background

of Delta County, and because the trail segments are among the most intact on the whole Old Spanish Trail system, which is a National Historic Trail designated by Congress in 2002.