

Colorado Cultural Resource Survey
Management Data Form
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The *Management Data Form* should be completed for each cultural resource recorded during an archaeological survey. Exceptions to this are isolated finds and re-evaluations, neither of which require a *Management Data Form*. Please attach the appropriate component forms and use continuation pages if necessary.

1. Resource Number: 5KW123 2. Temporary Resource Number: _____
3. Attachments (check as many as apply)
 Prehistoric Archaeological Component
 Historic Archaeological Component
 Historic Architectural Component Form
 Sketch/Instrument Map (required)
 U.S.G.S. Map Photocopy (required)
 Photograph(s)
Other, specify: _____
4. Official determination (OAHP use only)
 Determined Eligible
 Determined Not Eligible
 Nominated
 Need Data
 Contributing to NR District
 Not Contributing to NR District

I. IDENTIFICATION

5. Resource Name: Dawson Ranch Buildings Complex
6. Project Name/Number: Survey of Dawson Ranch Buildings Complex and the Remains of the Thompson-Bohart Ranch/Dawson Family Line Camp, Sand Creek Massacre National Historical Site, RM-CESU Cooperative Agreement # H1200040001
7. Government Involvement: Local State Federal
Agency: Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site
8. Site Categories: Check as many as apply
Prehistoric: archaeological site paleontological site
in existing National Register District? yes no name _____
Historic: archaeology site building(s) structure(s) object(s) _____
in existing National Register District? yes no name _____
9. Owner(s)'s Name and Address: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, P.O. Box 38, Concho, OK, 73022
10. Boundary Description and Justification: Boundary encompasses only the residential buildings, airstrip, and associated agricultural buildings of the ranch residential complex not the entire ranch. The survey covers the entire southwest quarter of section 30, township 17 south, range 45 west of the 6th principal meridian. Fences run along the western and northern boundaries. On the south, it is bounded by a fence that runs parallel to County Road W. The eastern boundary is the section line.
11. Site/Property Dimensions: 804 m x 804 m Area: 647520 m² (÷4047) 160 acres
Area was calculated as: Length x Width OR (length X width) X .785 _____
rectangle/square ellipse

II. LOCATION

12. Legal Location
PM 6 Township 17S Range 45W Section 30 SW 1/4 of 1/4 of 1/4 of 1/4
PM _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section _____ 1/4 of _____ 1/4 of _____ 1/4 of _____ 1/4
if section is irregular, explain alignment method: _____

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13. USGS Quad: North of Chivington 7.5' 15' Date(s): 1982 (attach photocopy)

14. County: Kiowa 15. Other Maps: _____

16. UTM Reference:

A. 1 3 : 7 1 8 0 0 5 mE 4 2 6 9 4 2 0 mN

B. 1 3 : 7 1 8 0 0 5 mE 4 2 6 8 6 4 0 mN

C. 1 3 : 7 1 7 1 1 0 mE 4 2 6 8 6 4 0 mN

D. 1 3 : 7 1 7 1 1 0 mE 4 2 6 9 4 2 0 mN

17. Address: 55411 County Road W, Chivington, CO, 81036 Lot ___ Block ___ Addition _____

18. Location/Access: The Dawson Ranch is ten miles east and nine miles north of Eads. The Dawson Ranch building complex is accessible from a gated and locked unimproved road running north off of County Road W. One can access the ranch from Eads by heading east on Highway 96 to "nine mile corner," heading north on County Road 46 and than east on county Road W. The buildings are visible from County Road W. At this time the complex is not open to the public.

III. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

19. Topographic Feature(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> mountain	<input type="checkbox"/> ledge	<input type="checkbox"/> playa
<input type="checkbox"/> hill	<input type="checkbox"/> terrace/bench	<input type="checkbox"/> talus slope
<input type="checkbox"/> tableland/mesa	<input type="checkbox"/> canyon	<input type="checkbox"/> alluvial fan
<input type="checkbox"/> ridge	<input type="checkbox"/> valley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plain
<input type="checkbox"/> saddle/pass	<input type="checkbox"/> basin	<input type="checkbox"/> dune
<input type="checkbox"/> alcove/rockshelter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> floodplain	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> cliff	<input type="checkbox"/> cutbank	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> slope	<input type="checkbox"/> arroyo/gully	_____

20. Site Topographic Description (mention named landforms): The Dawson Ranch Complex is a on a level flood plain.

21. Site Elevation: 3968 feet =(x .3048) 1209 meters 22. Aspect: Open

23. Degree of Slope on Site: 0 24. Soil Depth: 280 cm

25. Soil Description (character and color): According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service the major soil component is Valent, loamy sand, and the soil is deep, well drained with high filtration rate.

26. Depositional Environment:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aeolian	<input type="checkbox"/> Colluvial	<input type="checkbox"/> Residual
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alluvial	<input type="checkbox"/> Moraine	<input type="checkbox"/> None
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____		

27. Nearest Water: name/nature: Big Sandy Creek, intermittent distance: _____ m 2200 ft.

28. Nearest Permanent Water: name: major spring on Section 20 see NPS Sand Creek Massacre Project, Volume II: Special Resource Study and Environmental Assessment distance: _____ m _____ ft.

29. Vegetation on Site (list predominant species): The site is primarily abandoned agricultural land characterized by roadside and agricultural weeds, native grasses, forbs and shrubs. Common weedy exotics include Kochia (*Kochia scoparia*) and Russian Thistle (*Salsola iberica*). Tree species around the surrounding the ranch house are Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginia*) and Cottonwood (*Populus deltoids*).
30. Vegetation Associations/Communities Surrounding Site: Riparian and disturbed agricultural grasslands with remnant stands of short grass prairie.

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IV. NATIONAL/STATE REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

31. Context or Theme: Post World War II Farming and Ranching (1945-2000)

32. Applicable National Register Criteria:

Does not meet any of the below National Register criteria

A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history; or

B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or

C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory; or

Qualifies under exceptions A through G.

Level of Significance: National _____ State _____ Local _____

33. Condition

a. Architectural/Structural

b. Archaeological/Paleontological

_____ Excellent

_____ Undisturbed

_____ Good

_____ Light disturbance

Fair

_____ Moderate disturbance

_____ Deteriorated

_____ Heavy disturbance

_____ Ruins

_____ Total disturbance

34. Describe condition: At the time of the site survey the house had been vacant for over a year. No maintenance had been done on the dwelling or the other structures. The condition of the individual buildings and structures varies from the metal agricultural building and the barn that are in good condition to the cabin that is severely deteriorated. All structures are infested with rodents and other animals; potential for hanta virus contamination exists. There is trash inside the residential dwelling as well as trash piles and discarded ranching and automobile debris around the site. NPS placed a picnic table and portable restroom between the metal shop and the house for employees.

35. Vandalism: yes _____ no describe: _____

36. National Register Eligibility Field Assessment:

Eligible _____ Not Eligible Need Data _____

Statement of Significance/N.R.H.P. Justification: The seven features of the Dawson Ranch Complex are not eligible for the National Register. Only the house is more than fifty years old and in its original location. However it has been altered, and is not architecturally significant or associated with a significant person. Two additional resources, the motel court cabin and the railway car, are over fifty years old but as they were relocated to the site they have lost their significance. The remaining four resources are less than fifty years old and are not exceptionally significant.

37. Status in an Existing National Register District:

Contributing _____ Non-Contributing

38. National Register District Potential yes _____ no discuss: _____

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V. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

39. Threats to Resource: Water erosion___ Wind erosion___ Grazing___ Neglect X
Vandalism___ Recreation___ Construction___ Other (specify): Fire: Wildfires from surrounding vegetation and electrical fires from within the interior walls of the residential dwelling.
Comments: Mr. Dawson, the former owner, reported finding signs of three small electrical fires within the interior walls of the residence while doing home repairs.
40. Existing Protection: None___ Marked___ Fenced X Patrolled___ Access controlled X
other (specify): _____
41. Local landmark designation: _____ 42. Easement: _____
43. Management Recommendations: No further work.

VI. DOCUMENTATION

44. Previous Actions Accomplished at the site:
- a. Excavations: Test___ Partial___ Complete___ Date(s): _____
 - b. Stabilization: Date(s): _____
 - c. HABS/HAER Documentation: Date(s) & Numbers: _____
 - d. Other: _____
45. Known collections/reports/interviews and other references (list): There are collections/reports/interviews related to the Sand Creek Massacre Site that mention the Dawson Complex and post-massacre development at the site. Relevant history reports/interviews by the NPS include *Sand Creek Massacre Project, Volume II: Special Resource Study and Environmental Assessment*; Wegman-Fench, Lisa, and Christine Whitacre. *Historical Research on the Location of the Sand Creek Massacre Site*, Interim Report No. 2; and Roberts, Alexa. "Interview with Bill Dawson," August 16, 2004. Other pertinent reports include Neidinger, Paul. "Architect's Field Report" as part of *Preliminary Park Planning and Brief Condition Assessment of Existing Facilities* and RMC Consultants, Inc. *Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Tract 101-11 Kiowa County*. There is a non-catalogued collection of artifacts related to Bill Dawson's management of visitors to the massacre site. Copies of all NPS reports and the collection are housed at the SAND Headquarters in Eads, Colorado. Non-NPS material includes Teal, Roleta D. and Betty Lee Jacobs, *Kiowa County* and Jacobs, Ruthana, ed. *Kiowa County Colorado: A Centennial History*. Both of these books are available from the Kiowa County Historical Society, Main Street, Eads, CO 81036. OAHF has copies of various reports and the National Register nomination for the Sand Creek Massacre Site (5KW28).
46. Primary Location of Additional Data: Sand Creek National Historic Site Headquarters, Eads, CO

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47. State or Federal Permit Number: _____ Collection Authorized: yes____ no____
Artifact Collection: Yes____ No Artifact Repository: _____
Collection Method: Diagnostics____ Grab Sample____ Random Sample____ Transect
Other (specify): _____
48. Photograph Numbers: 5, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 23, and 24 of Roll 1: Dawson Ranch Complex,
And 1, 2, and 3 of CD "Dawson Ranch Section 106." Negatives filed at: SAND Headquarters
49. Report Title: Survey of the Dawson Ranch Buildings Complex (5KW123) and the Remains of the Thompson-
Bohart Ranch/Dawson Family Line Camp
50. Recorder(s): Jacquelyn Ainlay-Conley Date(s): April-June, 2005
51. Recorder Affiliation: Graduate Student, University of Colorado at Denver
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NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad. map indicating resource location, and photographs.

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