

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

# Architectural Inventory Form

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| _____      | Contributes to Eligible NR District     |
| _____      | Noncontributing to Eligible NR District |

## I. IDENTIFICATION

- Resource Number: 5CF406.107
- Temporary Resource Number: 51
- County: Chaffee
- City: Salida
- Historic Building Name: FibArk Boat Races, Inc.
- Current Building Name: FibArk Boat Races, Inc.
- Building Address: 240 N. F St.
- Owner Name and Address: FIB Ark Boat Race Inc., P.O. Box 762, Salida, CO 81201

Parcel Number: 368132400117  
SHF Grant Number: 2001-02-004

## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. N.M. Township 50N Range 9E  
1/4 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 32

### 10. UTM Reference

Zone 13 Easting 413681 Northing 4265748

### 11. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo.

Year: 1994 Map Scale: 7.5' Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.

### 12. Lot (s): N/A

Block(s): N/A

Addition: Salida Original Townsite

Year of Addition: 1880

### 13. Boundary Description and Justification:

Boundary includes the building and the urban parcel on which it is situated.

## III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

### 14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular

15. Dimensions in Feet: Length 51 X Width 31

### 16. Stories: 1

### 17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):

Concrete/Concrete Block Metal

### 18. Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):

Flat

### 19. Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one): Metal

### 20. Special Features (enter all that apply):

None

### 21. General Architectural Description:

One-story rectangular building with flat "mansard" of diagonal wood on three sides and extending onto west wall. Three walls of building are constructed of rock-faced concrete block; west wall has vertical metal panel siding. Raised concrete foundation on north end. East wall has double and single slab doors, as well as sliding windows; metal panels above doors and windows and below windows. Wood deck with balustrade on north overlooking river.

### 22. Architectural Style/Building Type: Modern Movements

**23. Landscaping or Special Setting Features:**

N/A

**→. Associated Buildings, Features, or Objects:**

None

**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

**25. Date of Construction: Estimate** **Actual** 1982

**Source of Information:** Chaffee County Assessor

**26. Architect:** Unknown

**Source of Information:**

**27. Builder/Contractor:** Unknown

**Source of Information:**

**28. Original Owner:** FibArk

**Source of Information:**

**29. Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):**

No apparent alterations.

**30. Original Location:** Yes **Date of Moves**

**V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**31. Original Use(s):** Recreation and Culture

**32. Intermediate Use(s)** Recreation and Culture

**33. Current Use(s):** Commerce and Trade/Organizational  
Recreation and Culture

**34. Site Type(s):** Boathouse

**35. Historical Background:**

Salida began its summer boat race as a means of increasing tourism in 1949. In the beginning, the race was held from just above the F Street bridge in Salida to Canon City, described as "a grueling 56-mile race involving lengthy portages in the Royal Gorge." In the first race only one boat finished, a canoe with two Swiss entrants. In 1950 the race course was shortened to end at Cotopaxi, just before the Gorge. In the third year, it became today's 26-mile event. Jeanne Foster, who was the first female commodore for the event in 1978 reported that the FibArk name, which the event received after a few years, was coined by some of the first German boaters to participate and stands for "First In Boating on the Arkansas River Klub." The FibArk also adopted international kayaking rules. Russ Collman notes that during the 1950s the D&RGW ran special trains from Denver that arrived in Salida by lunchtime, and then turned around to follow the kayakers down the Arkansas Canyon. FibArk acquired the Manhattan Hotel from the Theotokatas family and used the building as the race office. In 1980, the organization sold the hotel to raise money to build this boathouse. This building was erected in 1982, according to county assessor records.

**36. Sources of Information:**

Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; The Mountain Mail, 5 March 2002, 2; Russ Collman, editor, Trails Among the Columbine (Denver: Sundance Publications, 1992), 294; Salida Walking Tours.

**VI. SIGNIFICANCE**

**37. Local Landmark Designation:** No **Date of Designation:**

**Designating Authority:**

**Applicable National Register Criteria:**

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history;
  - B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
  - C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
  - D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important to history or prehistory.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (See Manual).

X Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

**39. Area(s) of Significance:**

**40. Period of Significance:**

**41. Level of Significance:**

**42. Statement of Significance:**

This building is associated with Salida's major festival of the summer, the FibArk boat race. The building is not yet 50 years old, and has not achieved historical significance.

**43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:**

The building appears to have undergone few changes.

**VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

**44. National Register Field Eligibility Assessment:** Not eligible

**45. Is there National Register district potential? Discuss.** N/A

This building is located within an existing National Register district, the Salida Downtown Historic District.

If there is NRHP district potential, indicate contributing status: N/A

**46. If the building is in an existing NRHP district, indicate contributing status:** Noncontributing

**VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**

**Photographic Reference(s):** 1: 20, 22, 24, 26.

**Negatives Filed At:** City of Salida

**Photographer:** Roger Whitacre

**48. Report Title:** Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02

**49. Date(s):** September 2002

**50. Recorder(s):** R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons

**51. Organization:** Front Range Research Associates, Inc.

**52. Address:** 3635 W. 46th Ave.

**53. Phone Number(s):** (303) 477-7597

NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad map indicating the resource's location, and photographs.

**Colorado Historical Society-Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation**  
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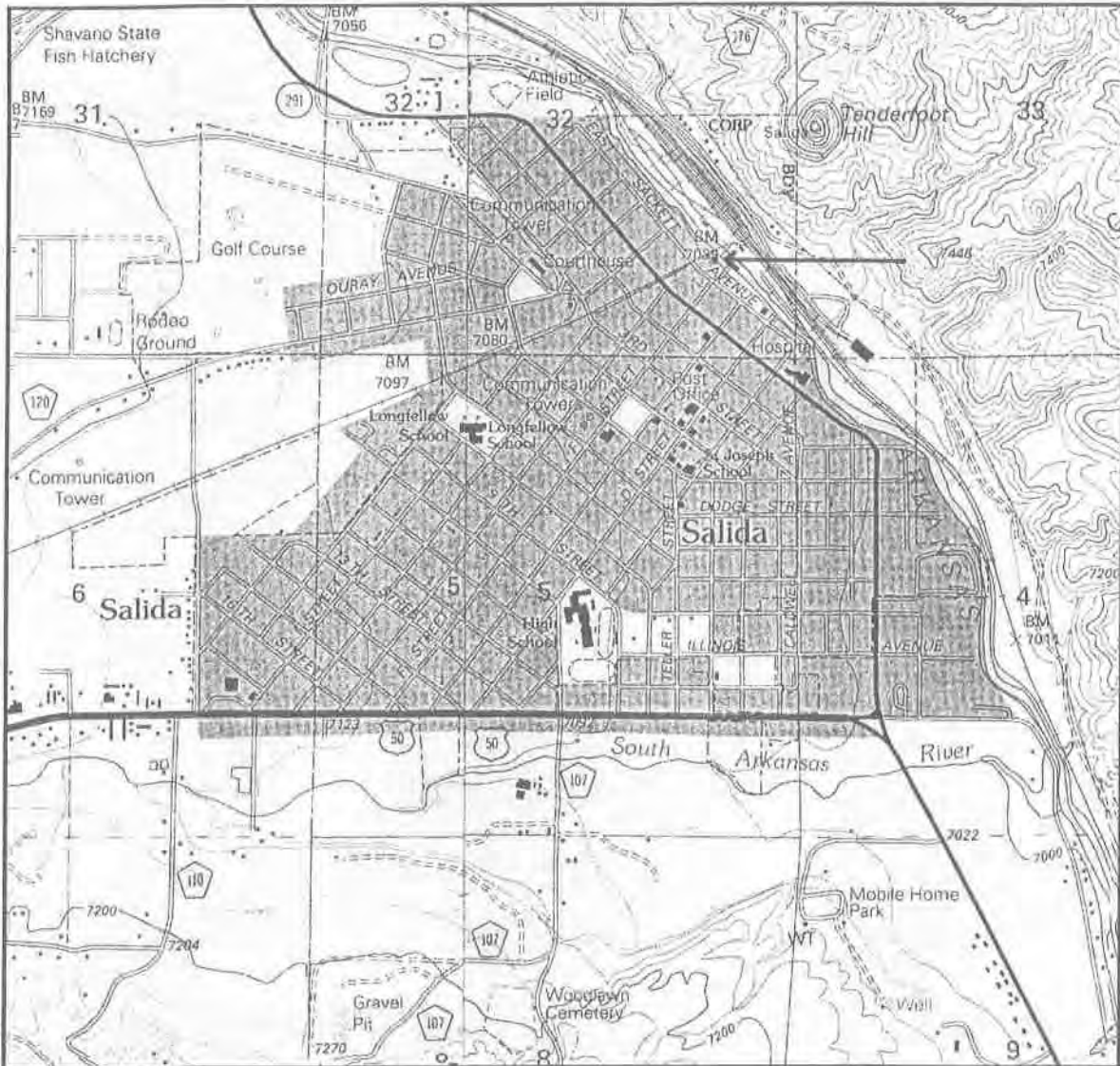


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**Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02**  
**USGS Location Map**

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