

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

**Architectural Inventory Form**

**Official Eligibility Determination**  
(OAHF use only)

OAHF1403  
Rev. 9/98

- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_
- Determined Eligible – National Register
  - Determined Not Eligible – National Register
  - Determined Eligible – State Register
  - Determine Not Eligible – State Register
  - Need Data
  - Contributes to eligible National Register District
  - Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

**I. IDENTIFICATION**

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|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. Resource number:            | 5SM.1550  | Parcel number(s): | 477901123028 |
| 2. Temporary resource number:  | N/A   |                   | 477901123031 |
| 3. County:                     | San Miguel  |                   | 477901123030 |
| 4. City:                       | Telluride   |                   | 477901123029 |
| 5. Historic Building Name:     | Stellmacher and Pheasy Building   |                   | 477901123020 |
| 6. Current Building Name:      | Telluride Gallery of Fine Art Building, et. al.   |                   | 477901123032 |
| 7. Building Address:           | 130-134 E. Colorado Avenue  |                   | 477901123027 |
| 8. Owners Names and Addresses: | Stephan A. and Gerda Gibson, P. O. Box 24485, Barrigada, GU 96921<br>Marjorie K.Ebright, 314 Country Club Park, Grand Junction, CO 81503<br>Tomaz G. Remec, P. O. Box 2501, Telluride, CO 81435<br>Alicia Nogueira, P. O. Box 3420, Telluride, CO 814353420<br>Sam M. Lichter and Full Moon Inc, P. O. Box 1977, Telluride, CO 814351977<br>Helen Cable, 304 Wesley Drive, Asheville, NC 28803<br>Stephanie K. Vorlas, P.O. Box 3026, Telluride, CO 81435 |                   |              |



<b>THLD RATING:</b>	<b>Contributing to District</b>
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## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **42N** Range: **9W**  
 ¼ of ¼ of ¼ of ¼ of Section 1
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** **253092 mE** **4202315 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 72, 74, 76, Block 8**  
 Addition: **Telluride Original Townsite** Year of addition: **1883**
13. Boundary description and justification:  
**This legally defined parcel encompasses, but does not exceed, the land historically associated with this property.**  
 Metes and bounds?: Describe:

## III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **Rectangular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **Length: 50 feet x Width: 90 feet**
16. Number of stories: **2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
18. Roof configuration: **Flat Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
20. Special features: **Window/Segmental Arch**  
**Roof Treatment/Decorative Cornice**  
**Roof Treatment/Finial**
21. General architectural description:  
**This late 19th century two-story brick commercial building is located at the southwest corner of Colorado Avenue and Spruce Street in downtown Telluride. Constructed in the 1890s, the building measures 50' E-W (across) by approximately 90' N-S (deep). It is supported by a coursed sandstone foundation, and its walls are made red brick. The façade fronts directly onto the concrete sidewalk which parallels Colorado Avenue on the north elevation. The façade's first story contains a double storefront, divided by an interior stairwell. The storefront in the east half of the façade is presently occupied by Prospect Realty (at 134 E. Colorado Avenue), while the storefront in the west half of the façade is presently occupied by the Telluride Gallery of Fine Art (at 130 E. Colorado Avenue). while the second story is presently occupied by the Horse and Hound Gallery (at 132 E. Colorado Avenue). Each of the two storefronts features a centered recessed entryway, with a set of paired glass-in-wood-frame doors, with sidelights, and transom lights. The east doors are painted green, while the west doors are painted red. The entryways are flanked by large fixed-pane display windows, divided by painted beige, fluted, cast iron columns. Wider cast iron columns appear at either end of the façade, and a foot plate at the base of each of these two columns are each stamped with the name "TELLURIDE IRON WORKS." A painted beige and cream white wood-paneled door, also topped by a transom light, accesses the interior stairwell at the center of the façade. A secondary cornice, with a dentil course, and with cannonball finials at either end, separates the façade's first and second stories. Above the secondary cornice, the upper façade wall is made of red brick laid in running bond, and with corbelling near the top of the façade wall. A metal cornice, with a dentil course, recessed panels, and a cannonball finial at the west end, forms the top of the façade wall. Five evenly-spaced 1/1 double-**

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hung sash windows, with sandstone lugsills, painted green wood frames, and segmental brick arches with sandstone keystones and springers, penetrate the upper façade wall. The building's east elevation wall is made of red brick laid in common bond. Multiple door and window openings penetrate this elevation, most with segmental brick arches. A historic shed-roofed covering projects out over a wooden sidewalk at the north (front) end of the east elevation. A more modern, enclosed, one-story, shed-roofed addition to the south (rear) end of the east elevation presently serves as a dining area. The south (rear) elevation wall is also made of red brick laid in running bond, but is partially covered with concrete pargeting. A set of wooden stairs descend to the excavated basement level on the rear elevation. A painted blue solid wood door enters the basement level. The rear elevation is penetrated by several single and paired, irregularly placed, 1/1 double-hung sash windows. These windows feature painted or stained wood frames, sandstone lugsills, and segmental brick arches.

22. Architectural style: Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements/Commercial Style  
 Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features:  
**This property is located at the southwest corner of Colorado Avenue and Spruce Street in downtown Telluride. Spruce Street has been vacated at this location to make way for a small park and pedestrian plaza.**
24. Associated buildings, features or objects: N/A

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction:      Estimate:                      Actual:      **1899**  
 Source of information:      **"The Year Has Been Reasonably Prosperous." Telluride Daily Journal, December 30, 1899, p. 1.**
26. Architect:                      **Unknown**  
 Source of information:      **N/A**
27. Builder:                        **Bob Cameron (contractor for stone foundation)**  
 Source of information:      **Telluride Daily Journal, May 13, 1899, p. 4.**
28. Original owner:              **George Stellmacher and Fred Pheasy**  
 Source of information:      **Telluride Daily Journal, May 13, 1899, p. 4; August 29, 1899, p. 4; December 30, 1899, p. 1.**
29. Construction history:  
**This two-story brick building was erected during the summer of 1899, and was originally owned by George Stellmacher and Fred Pheasy (Pheasey?). This building, and the Nunn and Wrench Building at the west end of the same block, were both built that summer, joining the nearby Masonic Lodge building at the southeast corner of Colorado Avenue and Spruce Street, which reached completion earlier that year. The construction of these three substantial brick buildings is discussed in a retrospective article titled "The Year Has Been Reasonably Prosperous" published by the Telluride Daily Journal on December 30, 1899:**  
**"...Messrs. Nunn and Wrench have erected a brick block fronting 125 feet on Main street with a depth of 100 feet. This comprises five handsome and roomy store rooms. The architecture is of the most modern design and forms a block that adds greatly to the appearance of the street. A little further down, Stellmacher and Pheasy have built a fine two story brick, 50 feet front by 80 feet in depth, constructed in a substantial manner calculated to stand for all time. The Masonic Temple in course of construction a year ago, has been**

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completed, furnishing two large stores on the ground floor, the entire second floor being occupied by the Masonic fraternity with its several orders, and comprising what is universally conceded to be the finest lodge home in the state outside of Denver."

Sanborn Insurance maps also confirm that this two-story brick building was constructed between 1893 and 1899. The maps also show that these two lots had previously been developed with the construction two adjacent wood frame buildings, prior to 1886.

30. Original location:  Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of move(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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### V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**  
**Commerce and Trade/Bar**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**
33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Bar**
34. Site type(s): **Two-story, late 19th century commercial style, brick building; double-storefront.**

35. Historical background:

This building was built in 1899, and was originally owned by George Stellmacher and Fred Pheasy (Pheasey?). Having arrived in the region in 1880, Stellmacher was among Telluride's earliest pioneers. After the building was completed, Stellmacher moved his boot and shoe shop into the west half of the ground floor retail space, while the east half became the location of the new Belmont Saloon, under the management of Swanson and Stromberg. The upper level, meanwhile, served primarily as a boardinghouse or hotel. Having arrived in the region in 1880, Stellmacher was among Telluride's earliest pioneer merchants. Advertisements for his store appeared under the heading "Geo. Stellmacher, Telluride's Only Exclusive Boot and Shoe Dealer" offering "Ladies' and Gentlemen's Fine Dress Shoes" and "Miners' and Prospectors Boots and Shoes." A native of England, Fred Pheasey lived in Telluride with his mother, Jane, and sister, Alice.

Sanborn Insurance maps indicate that Stellmacher's boot and shoe store existed in the west half of the building until at least 1908, and that the east half probably remained a saloon until becoming a "soft drinks" parlor during prohibition.

36. Sources of information:

Colorado Business Directory listings for Telluride, 1881-1950.

Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection. <http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>.

*Telluride Daily Journal*, April 10, 1899, p. 4.

*Telluride Daily Journal*, April 13, 1899, p. 4.

*Telluride Daily Journal*, May 13, 1899, p. 4.

*Telluride Daily Journal*, September 15, 1899, p. 1.

*Telluride Daily Journal*, September 16, 1899, p. 6.

"The Year Has Been Reasonably Prosperous." *Telluride Daily Journal*, December 30, 1899, p. 1.

San Miguel County Assessor records.

San Miguel County Commercial Property Appraisal Record.

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Sanborn Insurance maps, August 1886, October 1890, February 1893, December 1899, July 1904, November 1908, October 1922.

Simmons, Laurie and Whitacre, Christine. Historic Building Inventory Record, May 1986.

Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900, San Miguel, County, Colorado.

## VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No  Date of designation:

Designating authority:

38. 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 distinguished entity whose components may lack individual distinction;
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual).
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

Telluride Standards for Designation:

- 7-505.A.1. The structure is representative of a unique historical social activity of an era
- 7-505.A.2. The structure dominates the neighborhood by virtue of its mass, architecture or location
- 7-505.A.3. The structure was an historically or architecturally important public building
- 7-505.A.4. The structure has a unique historical significance beyond a local level
- 7-505.A.5. The parcel was the site of an important historic event or activity
- 7-505.A.6. The structure has a "contributing or qualified contributing" rating on the THAS

39. Area(s) of significance: **Architecture, Commerce, Community Planning and Development, Industry, Settlement**

40. Period of significance: **1899; 1899-11957**

41. Level of significance: National:  State: Local:

42. Statement of significance:

**This building is architecturally significant, under National Register Criterion C, as an excellent local example of a late nineteenth century two-story brick commercial block, with a double storefront. It is also architecturally notable for such details as its cast iron storefront (manufactured locally by the Telluride Iron Works Company), its narrow double-hung windows with segmental arches, and its metal cornices. The building is also architecturally significant, relative to Criterion A, for its association with Telluride's commercial development in the years following 1899. This building, thus, is individually eligible for inclusion in the National and State Registers, and it may be considered a contributing resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.**

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43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This building displays an overall high level of physical integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation - setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. A sense of time and place of a late nineteenth century two story brick commercial building remains very much intact.**

### VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

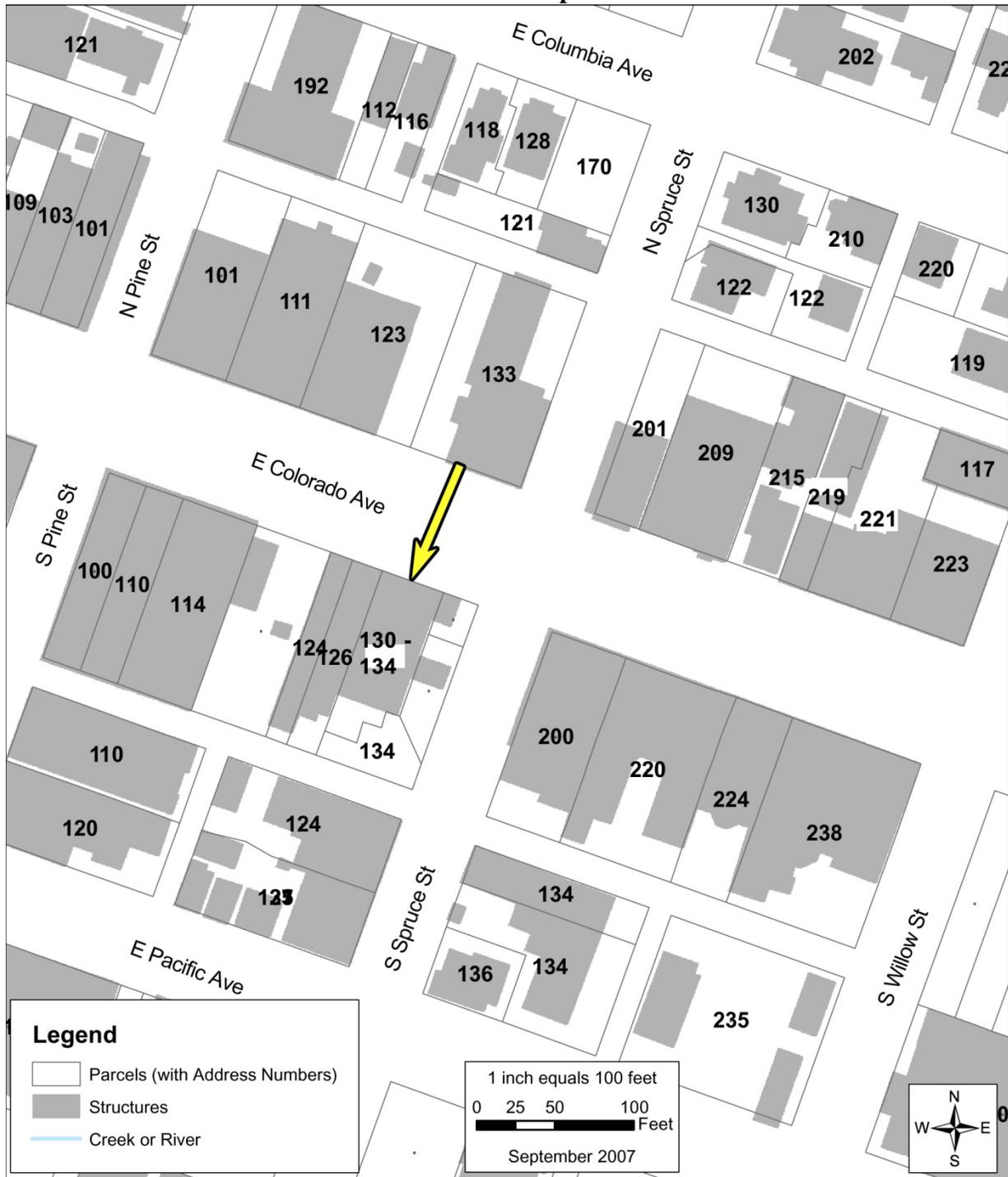
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Individually Eligible**  
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible / Contributing to District**
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes  No
- Discuss: **This property is located within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.**
- If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing Noncontributing N/A:
46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing  Noncontributing N/A:

### VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

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|---------------------------|---|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 47. Photograph number(s): | <b>CD #3, Images 79-83</b>                                | CDs filed at: | <b>Town of Telluride</b>           |
| 48. Report title:         | <b>Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures</b> |               | <b>Planning and Building Dept.</b> |
| 49. Date(s):              | <b>06/30/07; revised 4/10/2012</b>                        |               | <b>113 West Columbia Avenue</b>    |
| 50. Recorder(s):          | <b>Carl McWilliams</b>                                    |               | <b>Telluride, CO 81435</b>         |
|                           | <b>Timothy Wilder</b>                                     |               |                                    |
| 51. Organization:         | <b>Cultural Resource Historians</b>                       |               |                                    |
| 52. Address:              | <b>Dogwood Court</b>                                      |               |                                    |
|                           | <b>Fort Collins, CO 80525</b>                             |               |                                    |
| 53. Phone number(s):      | <b>(970) 493-5270</b>                                     |               |                                    |

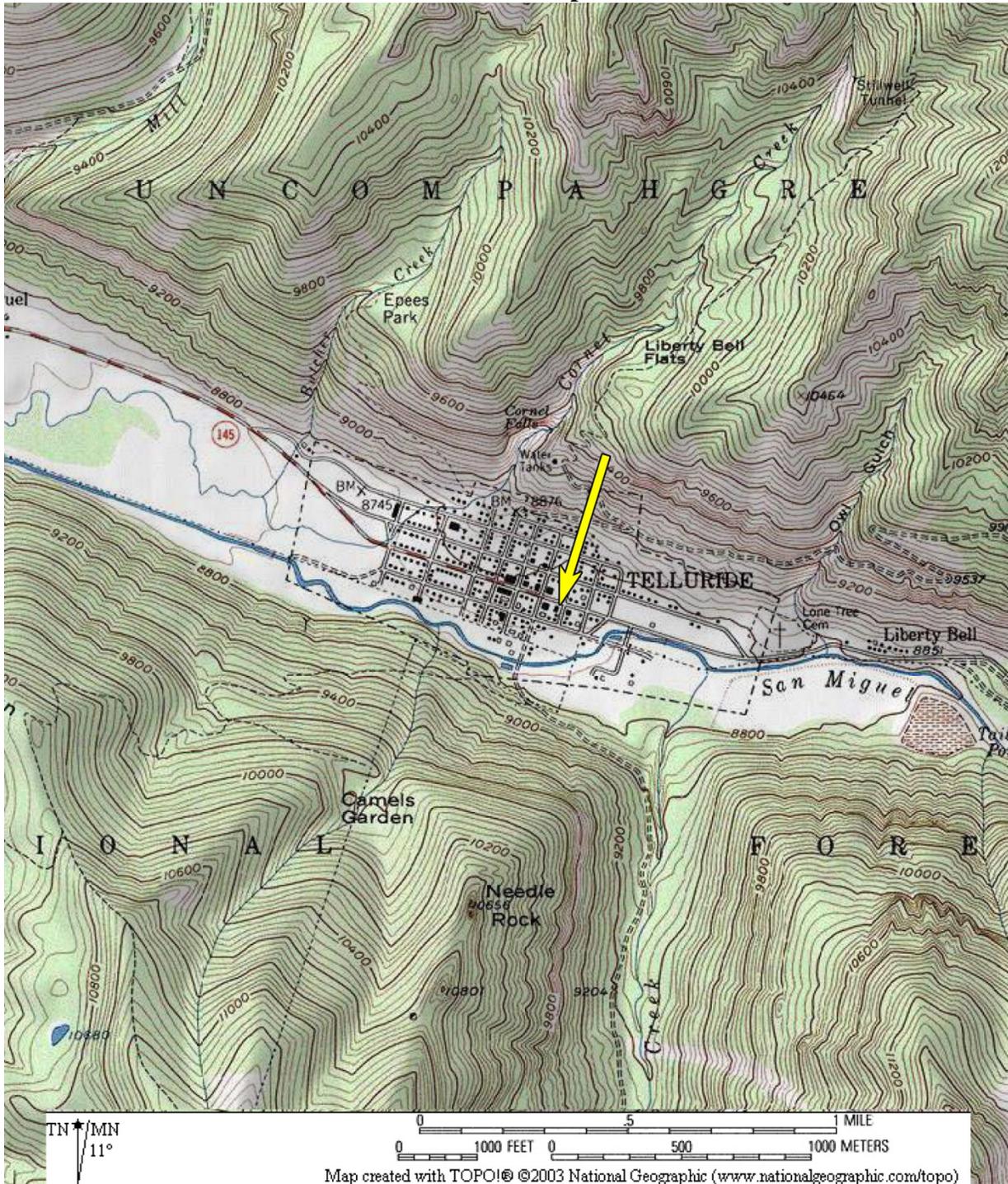
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## Sketch Map



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## Location Map



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