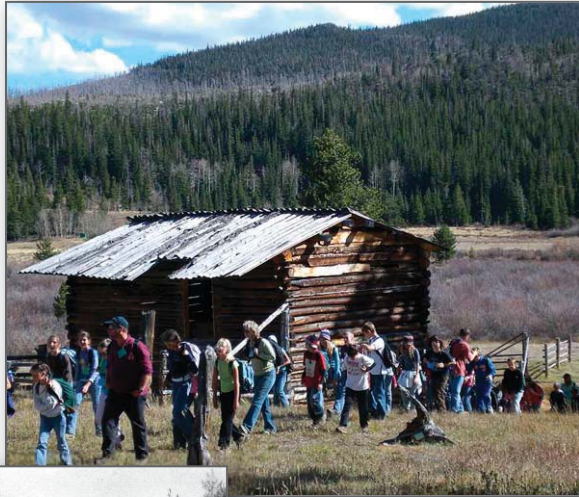
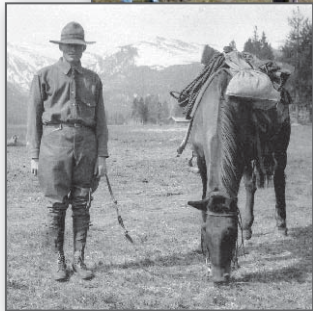


Pingree Park Interpretive Master Plan

Colorado



Located at 9,000 feet in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, Pingree Park is a place of unique natural, cultural, and historical resources. The 106 Group was hired by Colorado State University and the Colorado Historical Fund to complete a master interpretive plan for the park's Ramsey-Koenig Ranch State Historic District. The historic district is comprised of an early 19th century farmstead and ranch that later became the site of Colorado State University's forestry camp and a natural resources field research site from the 1920s through today. Even prior to the site's history related to Euro-American settlement, several American Indian tribes including the Arapahoe, Ute, and Cheyenne used the area as a summer hunting grounds. This rich history informed the development of themes, or key messages, for expression throughout the park. These messages are being conveyed in a number of ways including through the development of a living history museum in the original homestead structure.



Visitors from around the world currently use the site as a conference center and 6th graders from throughout the region spend an "EcoWeek" at the site learning not only about the area's rich natural resources, but also about how people have been drawn to these resources for hundreds of years. In addition, the site is still used by Colorado State University students and serves as a site for Elderhostel programs. The 106 Group carefully evaluated each of these audience groups through extensive interviews and then developed messages and exhibits and programming targeted for each of these groups. The 106 Group developed a direction that is transforming the park from a collection of artifacts and buildings into a rich and meaningful experience for visitors.

