



**A, D, & J. HEROLD RANCH / LAKE CATAMOUNT RANCH DISTRICT
33475 County Road 18C, twelve miles south of Steamboat Springs**

The Herold Ranch is located in Pleasant Valley, which is characterized by lush meadows surrounded by mountains and riverbanks lined with cottonwoods. Danvers Creek, a seasonal stream that supplied the family with water, runs through the property. The District consists of a house, a barn, a chicken coop, two wooden sheds, an outhouse, and two wells. Jules Herold, the oldest son, arrived by railroad in 1909 with farm animals and household goods. The rest of the family arrived the following year in a covered wagon. As was often the practice of early settlers, father Ed built the barn first, and he and his sons spent the winter there while constructing the cabin, which involved cutting and hauling the logs in deep snow. The property sits above the southern end of Lake Catamount, a man-made lake built in the 1970s when it was anticipated that Steamboat Springs would host the 1976 winter Olympics. The property had several owners and currently belongs to the Catamount Development, Inc. The square, gambrel-roofed log barn has a concrete foundation, a central entrance with sliding doors, and interior feed troughs. The chicken coop is also of notched, squared logs; one shed is made of horizontal tongue-and-groove planking; the second shed, thought to have been a granary, features vertical board construction with a log foundation. The original homestead house is a square, side-gabled, two-story, Pioneer-style hewn log home with two additions, a cement foundation added later, a front porch, and intact two-over-two double-hung windows. The lake and recent construction have diminished the setting of the District, yet, as a whole, the District retains its integrity and depicts a sense of the area's early homesteading and agricultural development. Sensitive restoration of the buildings is on-going.