

LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

Stewardship of Cultural Resources on State Trust
Lands



Introductions

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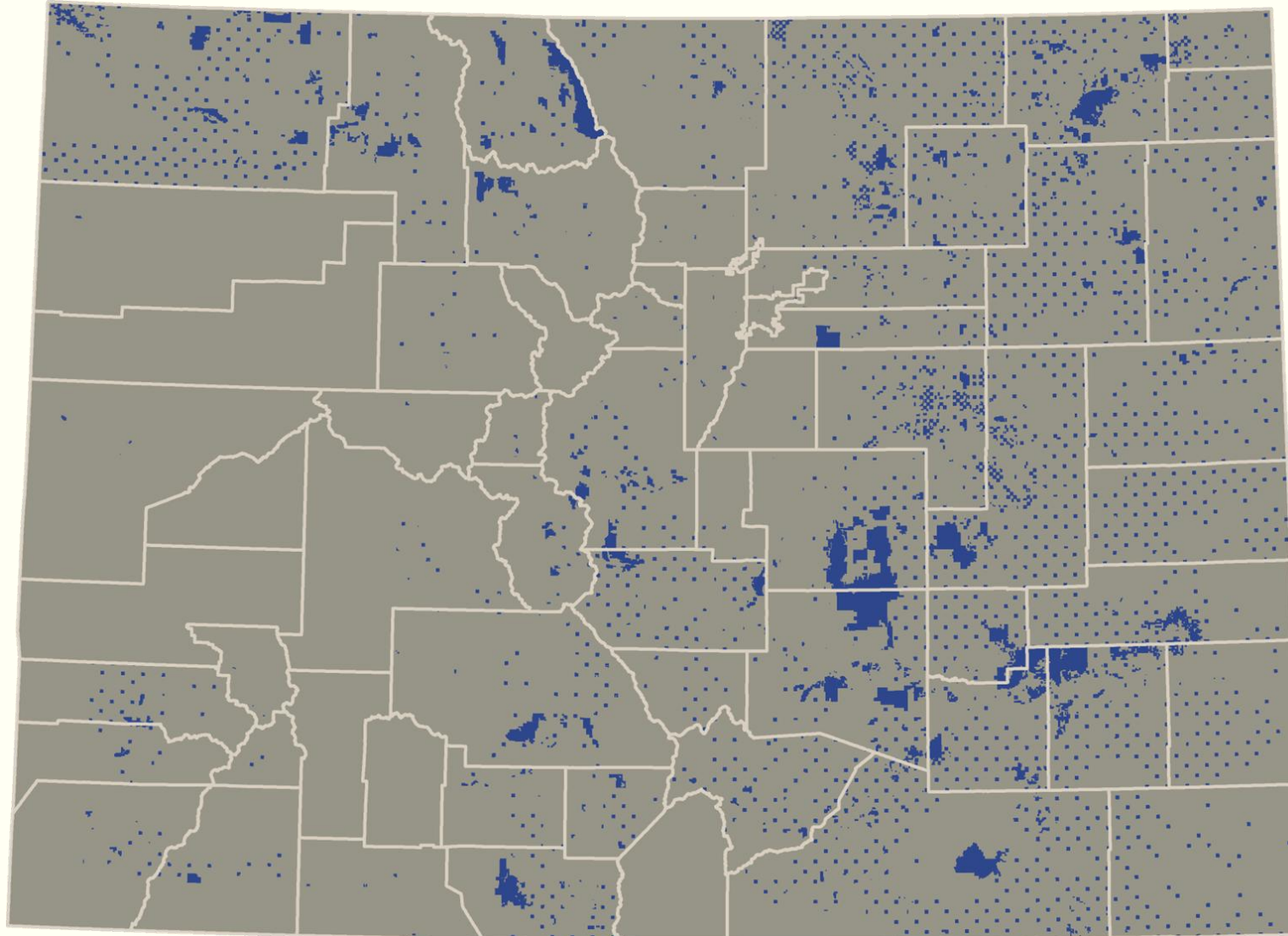
Cultural Resources and the CO State Land Board



Maxwell School House, Chaffee County.
Listed to the NRHP 2020

- Colorado State Land Board established 1876
- Stewardship Trust program established in 1996
- 130 parcels/296,426 acres in Trust
- Currently 677 historic sites owned by SLB

Colorado State Trust Lands



- 2.8 Million Acres (surface)
- Leased for:
 - Agriculture
 - Oil & Gas
 - Solid Minerals
 - Renewable Energy
 - Recreation
 - Ecosystem Services
 - Water
 - Real Estate
 - Rights of Way
 - Towers
 - Carbon Sequestration

Laws and Regulation

Officers of Colorado

Nathan Culver, Charles Wright, Eugene Stimson, George Culver, **Joseph Shattuck, Land Board Secretary**, Norman Meldrum, Frederick Pitkin, and Horace Tabor.

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Tribal Consultation and Engagement



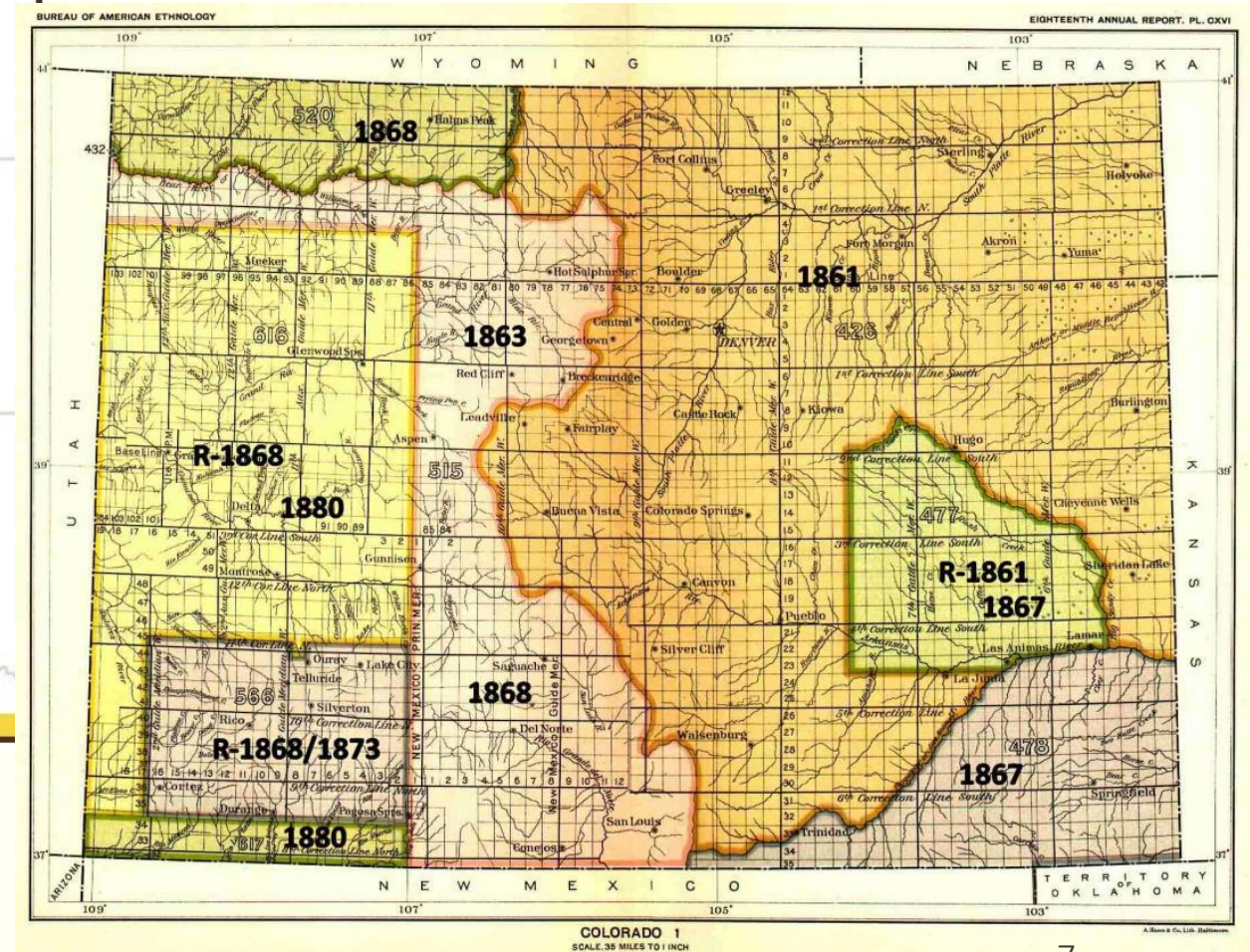
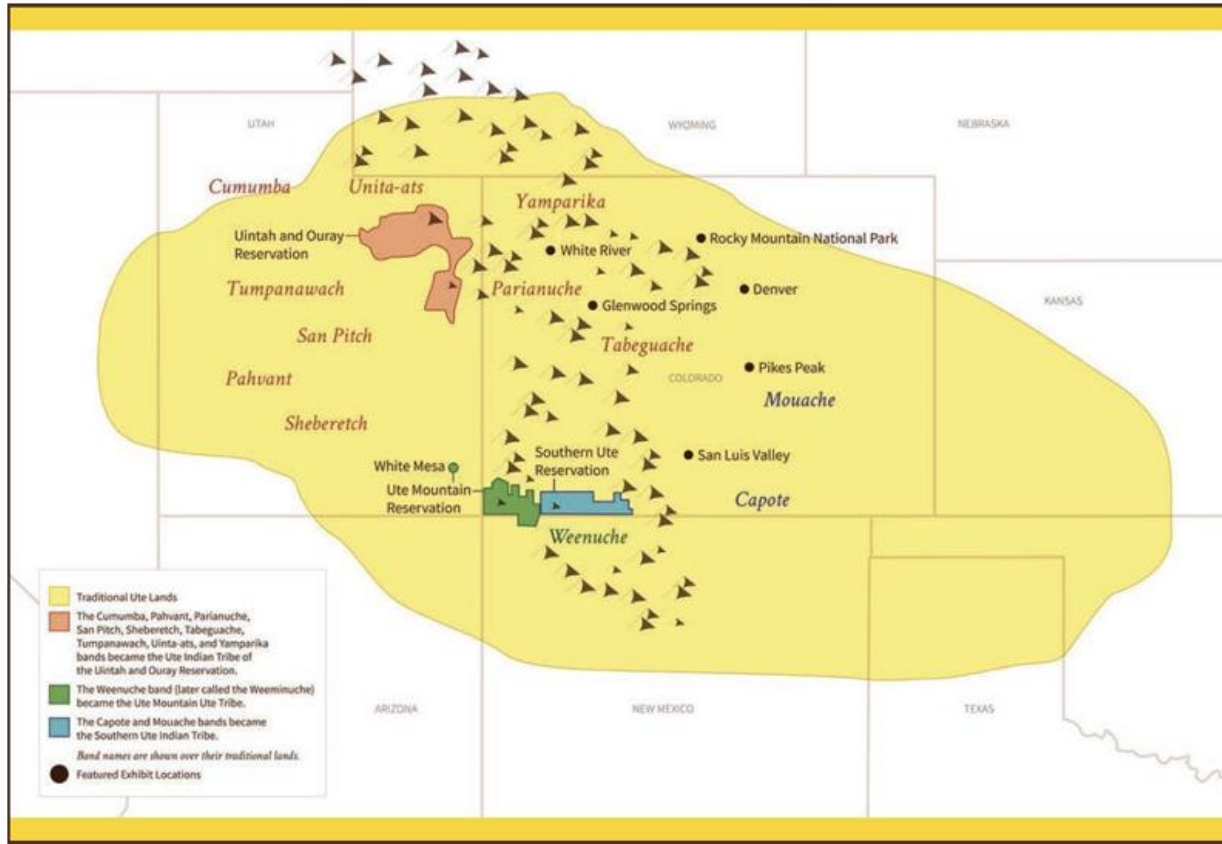
**State-Tribal Consultation Guide:
An Introduction for Colorado State
Agencies to Conducting Formal
Consultations with Federally
Recognized American Indian Tribes**

Prepared by the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs

To consult means to ask for advice or to seek an opinion—consultation does not mean obtaining consent.

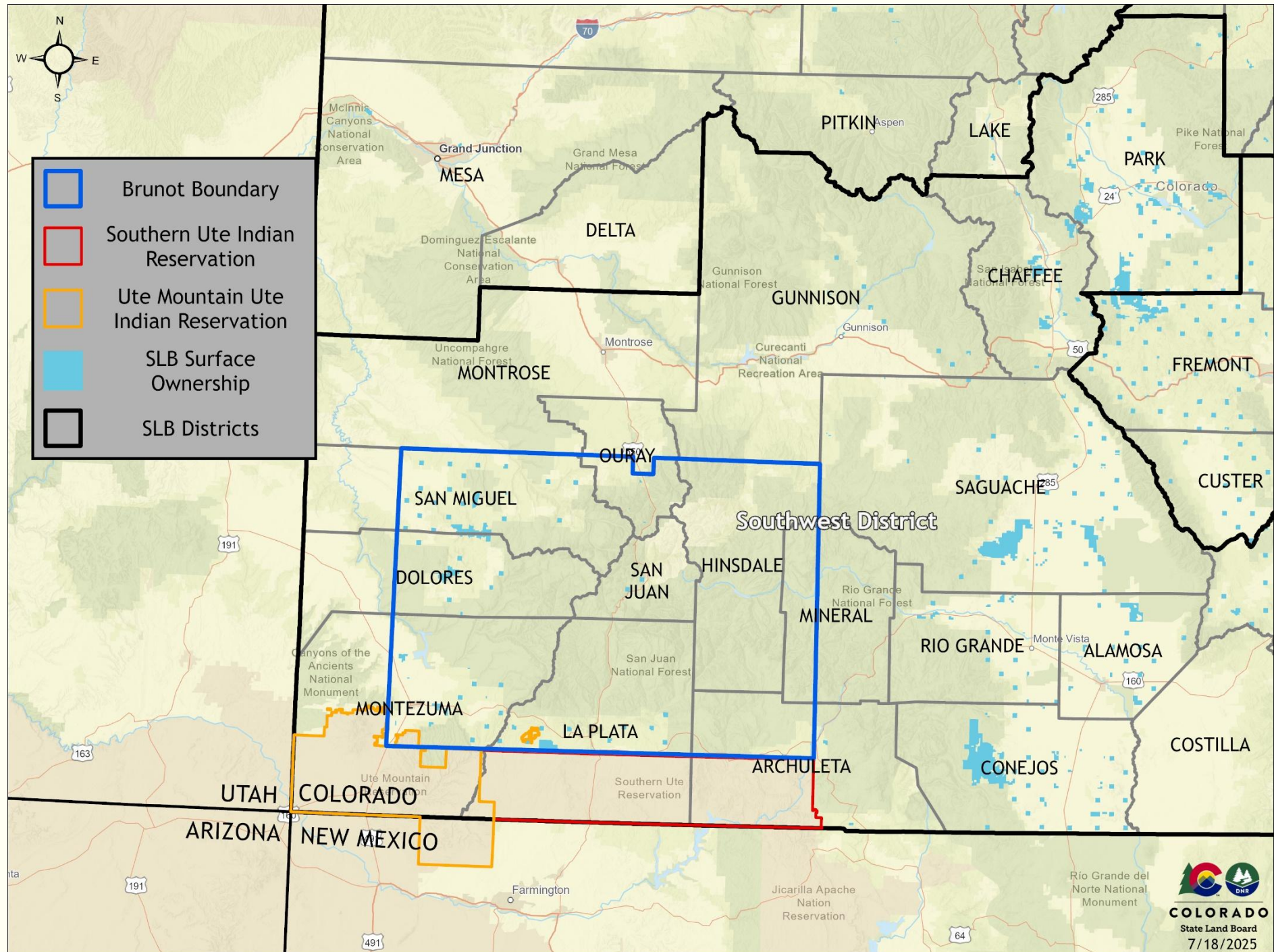
- The State of Colorado is not statutorily required to consult with Tribal Nations, but it does.
- There are two Reservation-based Tribal Nations located in Colorado – Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribes
- Other Tribal Nations with land bases in Colorado include the Navajo Nation (fee) and Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho (trust)
- 48 Historical Tribes of Colorado NAGPRA Consultation List
- Over 200,000 Colorado residents are AI/AN or in combination with another race (2020 U.S. Census)

Ancestral Lands Dispossession



Brunot Agreement (1874 - Present)

- Resulted in the cession of roughly 3.7M acres of the San Juan Mountains Region
- “The United States shall permit the Ute Indians to hunt upon said lands so long as the game lasts and the Indians are at peace with the white people”
- State of Colorado (CPW) and Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute MOUs in 2008 and 2013



Highlight Property: Chaffee County



- Property considered for recreation lease
- Historic structures, artifact scatter, roadway
- State Historical Fund grant supported a Class III cultural resources survey of 100-acre site
- Board approved funds for a Class II investigation
- Working with the consultant and SHPO the State Land Board was able to create a plan to preserve cultural resources and proceed with the recreation planning lease.

Highlight Property: La Animas County



- Large ranch bracketed by canyons
- Historic structures, dinosaur trackways, prehistoric camp sites
- Multi-year archaeological field camp
- Surveys by Colorado Natural Heritage Program
- Provided opportunities for long term research project; documented resources; future opportunities for additional research and maybe tours

Highlight Property: Conejos County



- Large property with multiple ranches and a reservoir
- Cultural landscapes, rock art, artifacts
- Survey and documentation by cultural resources consultant
- Tribal outreach at acquisition and with potential disposition
- Coordination with federal agencies

Opportunities



Challenges



Stories from Our Colleagues

