

## **Notice of availability, USAFA cultural resources management, anticipated demolition of historic building, Farish Memorial Recreation Area**

The Academy's built and natural environment involves numerous historic properties subject to provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended. When undertakings planned to support the Academy's mission have potential to impact such properties, Section 106 of the NHPA requires the Academy to collaborate with various stakeholders. This process includes offering awareness to the public for an opportunity to express views. General information on the NHPA and the role of the public can be found at [https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-01/CitizenGuide2021\\_011321.pdf](https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-01/CitizenGuide2021_011321.pdf).

The Academy has ongoing Section 106-related planning for proposed demolition of the historic 1930s era Caretaker's Residence cabin at the recreational area Farish Memorial Recreation Area (FMRA) in vicinity of Woodland Park, Colorado. The cabin was designed by Colorado Springs architect Charles E. Thomas for the Wiley Blair family who at the time owned the associated complex of rustic cabins (Main Lodge and Guest Cottage) and structures used for recreation alongside Lake Grace. The entire complex is termed the FMRA Historic District (5EP.2540 in State of Colorado, History Colorado agency files) and it is considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, including that the Caretaker's Residence contributes to the district's historic significance.

The Caretaker's Residence is proposed for demolition due to several factors including that the USAFA and associated potential tenants have no viable use for the building, and that economic and alternative analyses point toward demolition. Mitigation under the NHPA Section 106 process is expected to include (1) recordation of the building using Historic American Buildings Survey (National Park Service) Level I Documentation standards, and (2) development of an informative handout for visitors to FMRA, with that handout explaining the heritage of the Caretaker's Residence and the remaining associated complex.

A Section 106 mitigation Memorandum of Agreement is at a draft stage where views of the public are welcomed. Comments or questions, including requests for a copy of draft agreement, more information on the historic properties involved, etc. may be directed to email address [10CES.CENPP.Planning\\_Programming@us.af.mil](mailto:10CES.CENPP.Planning_Programming@us.af.mil) with subject line stating "ATTN CR Manager" or by regular mail to "ATTN CR Manager, 10 CES/CENP, 8120 Edgerton Drive, USAFA, CO 80840". Please send any communications within 30 calendar days following publication of this announcement.



FMRA historic Caretaker's Residence as it appears today.