



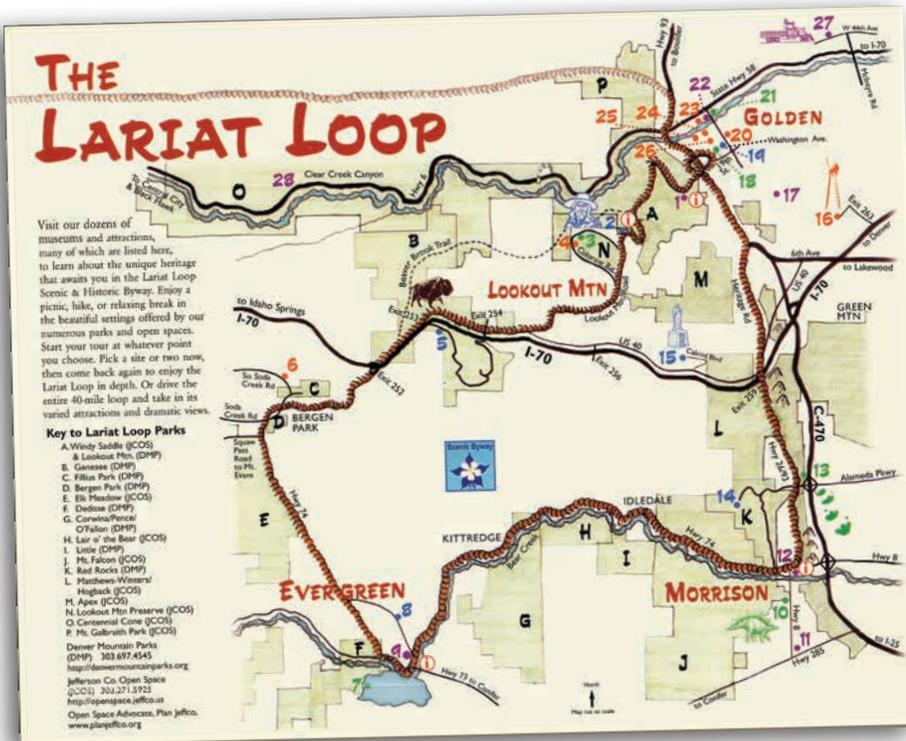
Lariat Loop Heritage Alliance

Norman and Ethel Meyer Award for Historic Preservation in Jefferson County

The Jefferson County Historical Commission is pleased to present the 2015 Norman and Ethel Meyer Award for Historic Preservation to the Lariat Loop Heritage Alliance in recognition of its efforts to bring together heritage organizations and improve appreciation of Jefferson County's historic resources. The Lariat Loop Heritage Alliance was formed in 2000 to

and culture of the area. In 2002 the National Park Service designated the Lariat Loop as Colorado's 24th Scenic and Historic Byway. In 2009 the Lariat Loop became a National Scenic Byway, one of only 150 in the United States. It is also the only National Scenic Byway near a metropolitan area. Touring the Lariat Loop reminds one of the early days of travel in the foothills of Jefferson County as it winds its way along Denver Mountain Parks and historic areas such as Lookout Mountain, Bergen Park, Evergreen, Kittredge, Idledale and Morrison. The Loop offers the traveler a blend of natural, cultural and historic attractions and memorable experiences of mountain canyons and amazing views of the Rocky Mountains and the Eastern Plains.

The Lariat Loop Heritage Alliance has constructed or is in the process of constructing seven interpretive areas to help orient and educate travelers and residents on the rich history and natural features found along the Loop. The locations are: Beverly Heights Park in Golden, Buffalo Bill Museum, Genesee/I-70 Interchange and Buffalo Herd Overlook near the Chief Hosa/I-70 Interchange. (Construction should be completed



Lariat Loop is classified as a National Scenic Byway containing forty miles of Western history and adventure.
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promote the natural and cultural heritage along the 40 mile Loop that runs from Golden to the top of Lookout Mountain, continuing to I-70, onto Evergreen, down Bear Creek to the Town of Morrison and back to Golden. The Alliance is a partnership of heritage organizations governed by a board of directors with representation from heritage sites, museums, parks, businesses and chambers of commerce. The current President is Kristie Melendez.

In 2000 Gov. Bill Owens designated the 150 square mile area surrounding the Lariat Loop as a Colorado Heritage Area. The purpose of creating this Heritage Area was to bring heritage organizations together to help preserve the history

this year.), Downtown Evergreen, Downtown Morrison, and the Woolly Mammoth Lot at the Morrison/I-70 Interchange. (Construction should be completed this winter.)

The Alliance has sponsored various events along the Loop, including Road Rallies, Plein Air Paintouts and advertised member events on its website and e-newsletters. Brochures distributed at member sites along the Loop provide a map and information about the heritage sites, parks and sponsors along the Loop. The Alliance takes every opportunity to educate the public about the importance of maintaining the scenic and historic values along the Loop. ☺