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**Subject:** Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area announces dates for its volunteer ambassador program alongside State Historical Fund Grant Award

The Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area (CALA) is announcing its 2017 Heritage Culturalist Program (HCP) training dates with a call for interested individuals to apply. This project is paid for in part by a History Colorado - State Historical Fund Grant. \*

HCP training is scheduled for April 20-22, 2017, and applications are currently being accepted via the website: <http://poudreheritage.org/heritage-culturalist-volunteers/>. Community members in Larimer and Weld counties with a passion for learning and sharing the history of the Poudre River are encouraged to apply. The training features classroom sessions at the Poudre Learning Center and field learning expeditions led by local historians, authors, and experts in the field of history and historic preservation. Space is limited. For more information about the Heritage Culturalist Program and to obtain a volunteer job description, please go online or contact the Poudre Heritage Alliance Program Manager Maggie Dennis at 970-295-4851 or [programs@poudreheritage.org](mailto:programs@poudreheritage.org).

The award of the History Colorado State Historical Fund grant will allow the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area and its non-profit managing entity, the Poudre Heritage Alliance (PHA), to offer the HCP training program in 2017 and 2018. The overarching goal is to produce a dedicated group of certified volunteers and to continue to document and celebrate historic buildings, landscapes, and engineering structures in the CALA for years to come. The grant award gives the Poudre Heritage Alliance the ability to recruit outstanding presenters for the training, market the program in the CALA's communities, and enhance resources available to volunteers.

National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are places where natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally distinctive landscape arising from patterns of human activity shaped by geography. The Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area (CALA) is one of 49 NHAs and encompasses the "working Cache" - 45 miles of the Poudre River, beginning at the eastern edge of Roosevelt National Forest boundary and continuing to its confluence with the South Platte River east of Greeley. This region was designated by Congress to provide for the interpretation and promotion of the area's unique & significant historical contributions to our nation's heritage of water law, western cultural & historical lands, waterways, and structures.

For more information about the PHA or CALA, please contact the Poudre Heritage Alliance Office at [admin@poudreheritage.org](mailto:admin@poudreheritage.org) or 970-295-4851.

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Heritage Culturalist Volunteers during the 2016 training session by the George Strauss Cabin, along the banks of the Cache la Poudre River in Southeast Fort Collins



Along the Cache la Poudre River, looking downstream to the B.H Eaton Ditch

\*\*Photos taken by the Poudre Heritage Alliance