

Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area – Heritage Culturalist Volunteer Program

Mission and Goals

Poudre Heritage Alliance Organization Statements:

Poudre Heritage Alliance Mission Statement: The Poudre Heritage Alliance serves the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area, providing current and future generations the opportunity to understand and celebrate the area by careful planning and facilitation of educational programs and related amenities in collaboration with residents, private sector and government entities.

Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area Vision Statement: The Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area is a renowned attraction that combines opportunities for education on the central theme of Western water law with a healthy natural environment of abundant wildlife and breathtaking scenery, all supported by premier facilities, including trails, visitor centers and interpretive exhibits.

Heritage Culturalist Volunteer Program Mission Statement: The Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area (CALA) Heritage Culturalist Program is a volunteer ambassador program which increases understanding and knowledge of the general history of Larimer and Weld Counties as it relates to the river and Western Water Law and oral/written interpretation techniques and encourages volunteers to make a difference in preserving history through documentation and sharing the CALA with the public.

Training / Initial Certification Learner Outcomes: Participants of the Heritage Culturalist Program will complete the training and self-guided initial certification activities with:

- An increased understanding and knowledge of the general history of Larimer and Weld Counties as it relates to the river and Western Water Law and oral/written interpretation techniques and a commitment and desire to make a difference in preserving history through documentation and sharing the CALA with the public.
- The production of a preliminary reconnaissance summary of one of six key historical sites for potential submittal to the National Park Service to determine suitability for further documentation within the NPS Heritage Documentation Program, and/or local, state, and national historic designations.
- A promotional summary that translates the complex history of a historical site into a simplified and captivating format that can be used to promote the site on the CALA website/mobile application, and to the general public.