

Sustainability and Stewardship

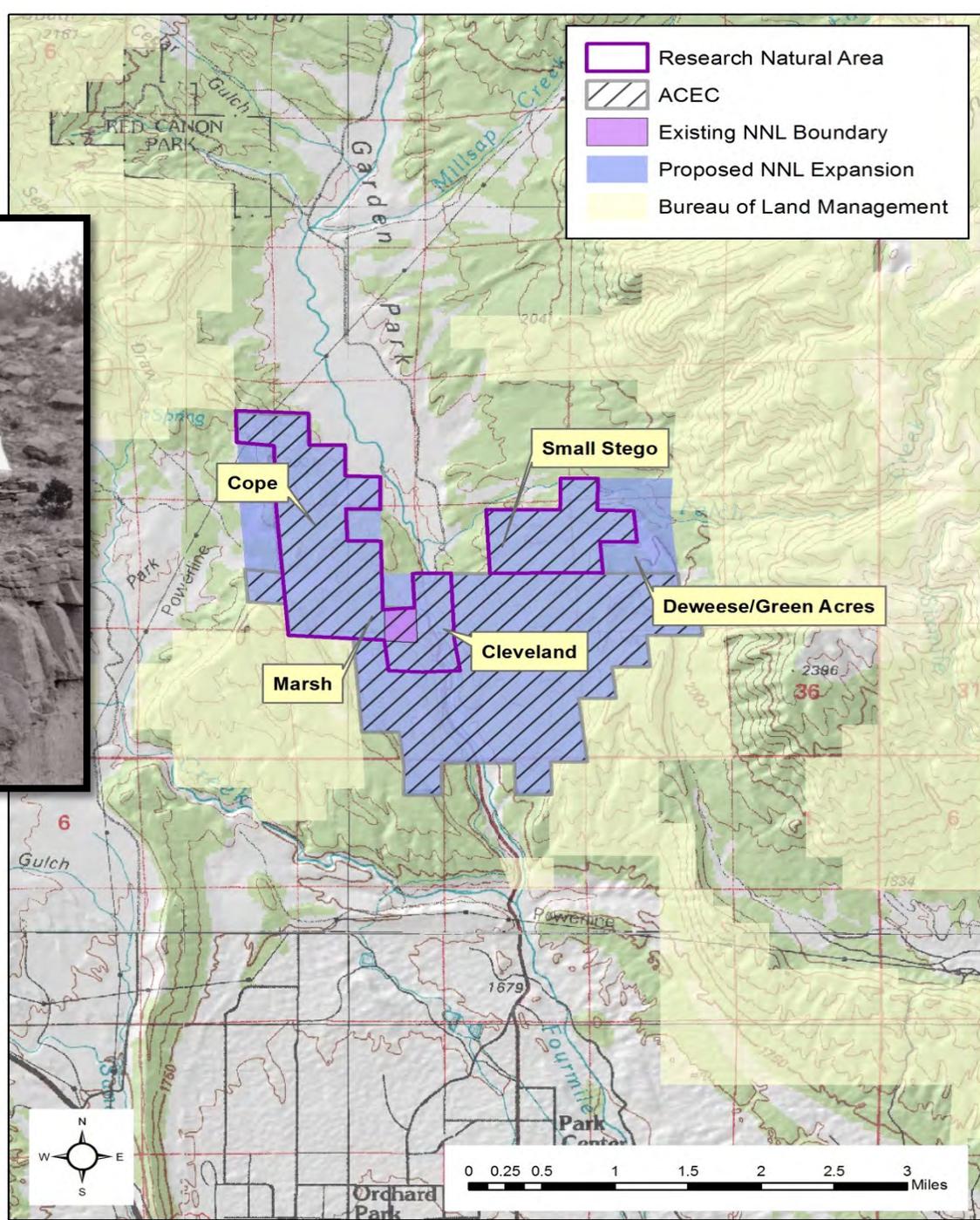
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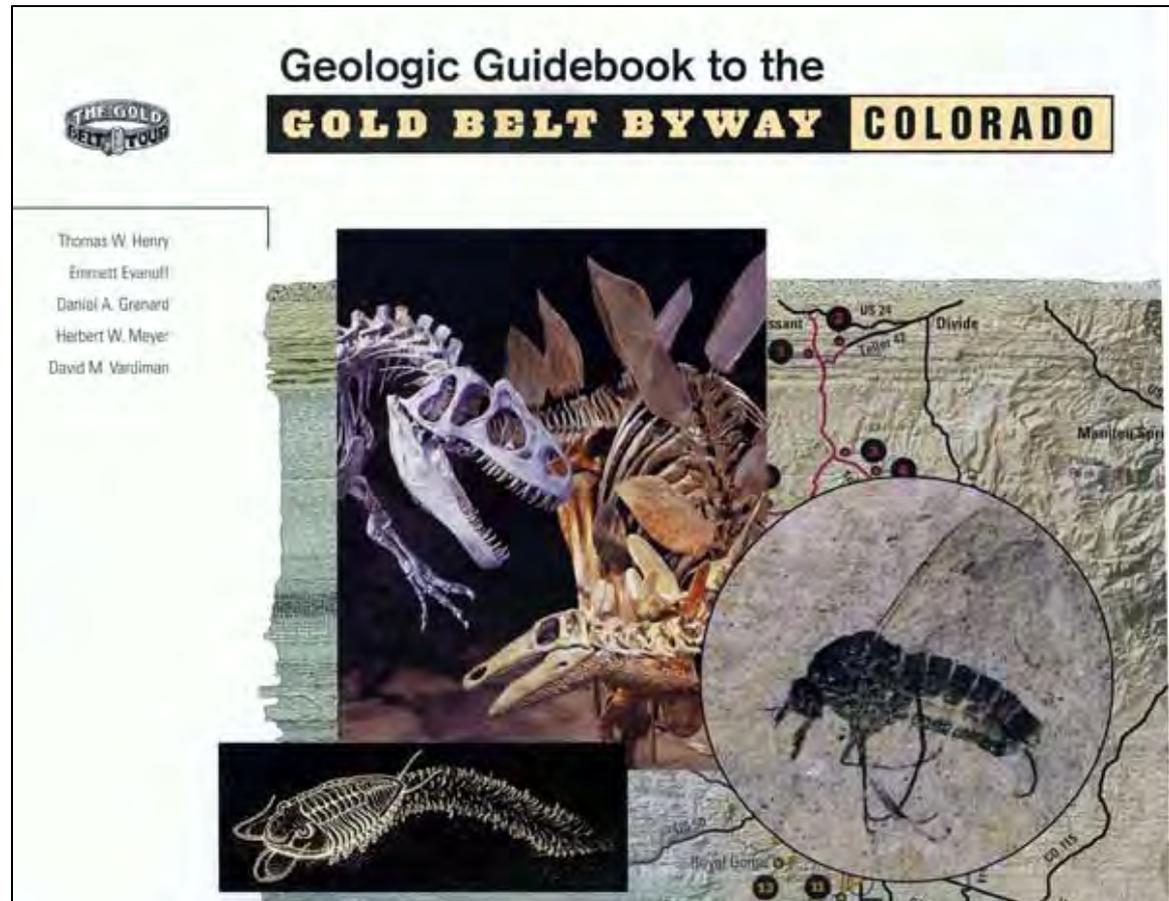
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Garden Park NNL and ACEC



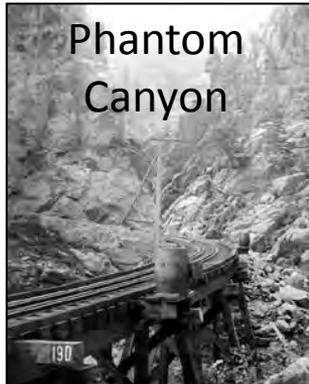
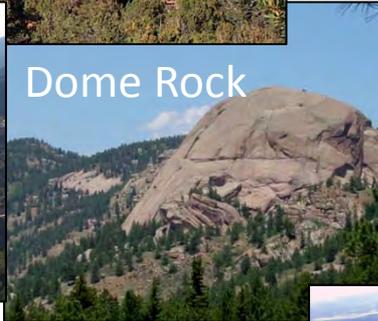
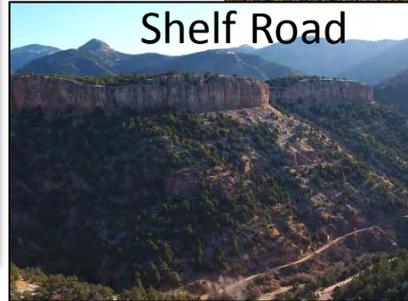
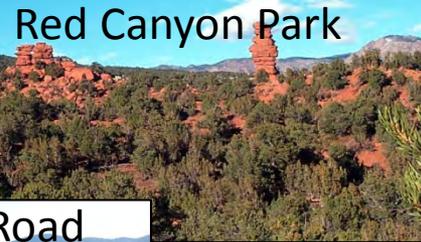
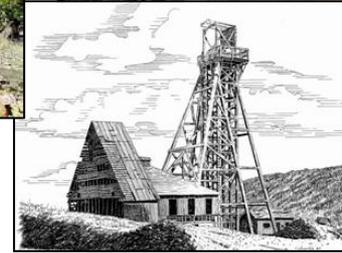
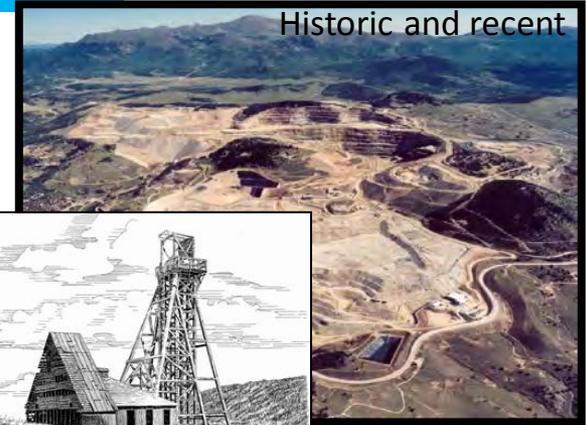
Goldbelt Byway Association



Goldbelt Byway

Cripple Creek mining

Historic and recent



Geopark & Goldbelt Byway

Very Similar goals

Geopark

- Stimulate local economic activities and growth while protecting the resource through sustainable development

Goldbelt byway

- Works to improve the appearance and increase the historical awareness of the Byway. They also want to support the rural, small-town lifestyle including open spaces and a healthy natural environment while recognizing the importance of traditional businesses and industries.
- They bring together a diverse group of partners, private landowners, public landowners, business owners, and mining companies



Benefits & Concerns

- Highlight geologic significance
- International recognition is attractive, attracting Geopark visitors
- Participation in joint initiatives such as communication, publications, exchange of information, participation in meetings and common projects

- Not all entities within the landscape want to participate
- UN involvement is not the 'norm' in the US
- Funding is always a concern

Options

- Continue pursuing Geopark designation
- Leave the Goldbelt Byway alone!
- Enhance the byway objectives with Geologic Heritage Story
- Pursue another type of designation