



**D. VRANCH-SEMOTAN RANCH
23495 County Road 56, Steamboat Springs**

The Semotan Ranch in North Routt County is unique in that all of the seven designated buildings have been moved from neighboring properties yet display a cohesiveness of design, use, and setting. The ranch's associated structures and hay meadows represent the importance of agriculture and ranching in Routt County, the association with major historical themes, a significant formative lifestyle, and land stewardship. The main residence (built in the 1950s) once was used as a scale house; the barn (c. 1911-13) was originally the Long Gulch Schoolhouse; an outbuilding first served as the school's teacherage (in photograph); a shed was the coal and wood shed for the school, and the shop (c. 1920) was constructed on property on County Road 129. Many of the buildings were rolled on logs and pulled by a team of horses to their present location. Agriculture was an early economic mainstay that supported mining and the growth and development of the area. Quentin and Evelyn Semotan bought the property in 1958 and were instrumental in the development of the Quarter Horse breed. Their daughter continues her parents' legacy of the ranching lifestyle and uses of the property the buildings of which have become a familiar visual feature of the area.