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WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONER WILLIAM GARCIA TO SPEAK SATURDAY AT DEARFIELD DREAM CONFERENCE

WELD COUNTY, CO – Weld County Commissioner William Garcia will be one of several speakers participating in the first Dearfield Dream Conference to be held on Saturday, February 18, 2012. The Conference, which is open to the public, will be held in the Columbine Suites of the University Center at the University of Northern Colorado from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



The conference will feature more than 15 speakers throughout the day who will discuss the history of Dearfield, Dearfield preservation efforts and on-going archaeological studies in the area.

Commissioner Garcia will join Brad Mueller, City of Greeley's Planning Manager, in presenting "The Dearfield Committee: a New Initiative for the Preservation and Study of the Dearfield Community." That presentation is scheduled to begin around 11:00 a.m. following two other morning sessions.

The Dearfield Dream Project is a collaborative research program of the Dearfield Heritage Preservation Committee, a working committee of Denver's Black American West Museum, a partnership of three major universities as well as Weld County, the City of Greeley, the Greeley Tourism Office and Colorado Preservation, Inc.

Dearfield was an African-American community located in Weld County approximately 25 miles east of Greeley founded by Oliver Toussaint Jackson in 1910.

To learn more about the conference or about the Dearfield Dream Project, please visit <http://www.unco.edu/cerca/project-dearfield.html>.

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