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## **White Construction Group Commissioned For Site Improvements for Cherokee Ranch**

*CASTLE ROCK, Colo., May 10, 2004* – White Construction Group (*formerly Ash & White Construction Co.*), a Colorado-based construction firm specializing in commercial construction, design-build and historic restoration projects, today announced that it has been commissioned to complete a series of site improvements for Cherokee Ranch & Castle, a Sedalia-Colo.-based, 3,000-acre working cattle ranch with a Scottish-style castle filled with art, antiques and furniture collected from around the world. Cherokee Ranch & Castle is a conservancy, and special events are held year-round.

The project will be completed in early June. The project cost is approximately \$300,000. The project architect is Marc Applebaum of Semple Brown Design.

According to White Construction Group President Tim White, the site improvements are designed to provide even better facilities for the many special events held on premises, while also honoring the historic nature of the property.

“Cherokee Ranch & Castle literally is a jewel that’s being carefully preserved,” noted White. “It’s a property that consists of 3,000 acres of open land and a historic building which showcases a phenomenal collection of fifteenth and sixteenth century paintings, antique furniture, drawings and more. Our intent is to enhance the property while preserving the historic integrity of the facility,” he said.

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Specifically, the site improvements include a new driveway and turnaround, a 5,000-square-foot terraced patio and an exterior staircase leading from the main drive to the new terraced area. The following are highlights of the project:

### **7,500 Square Feet of “Aged” Concrete**

White Construction Group will be preparing and pouring 7,500 square feet of concrete for a new driveway that leads directly to the Castle building. Of interest, the concrete will feature an integrated beige tone designed to complement the hues of the various stonework at the front of the Castle. In addition, the concrete will be acid-etched to provide an aged appearance the blends with the historic property.

The turnaround that culminates right at the Castle will be edged with natural boulder retaining walls at the radius of the circle, and the circular nature of this improvement is designed to complement that beautiful stone arch at the Castle’s entrance.

### **New, 5,000-square-foot Patio**

The new, 5,000-square-foot terraced patio will be located on the southeast side of the property, and will offer spectacular views of the valley and Pike’s Peak.

### **Exterior Staircase Improves Access**

White Construction Group also will build an exterior “grand staircase” that leads from the main driveway to the new terraced patio. This staircase will feature walls on either side built from indigenous boulders. New handrails of brass will feature ornamental twisted pickets modeled after antique grillwork already a part of the castle.

This staircase will provide another point of access to the patio and also can serve as a grand entrance point for brides getting married on the premises.

“We’re particularly grateful to the board members of the Cherokee Ranch & Castle – who’ve dedicated a great deal of time, wisdom and insight to design process,” said Steve DeThomas, White Construction Group’s Cherokee Ranch project manager.

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### **About White Construction Group**

Founded in 1985 as T.L. White & Associates (subsequently renamed Ash & White Construction Co.), White Construction Group is a fast-growing, multi-million-dollar general contractor that specializes in commercial construction, design-build, historic renovations and tenant improvement projects. The company provides pre-construction, construction management, general construction and post-construction services for public and private clients along Front Range and northeastern Colorado. To date, the company has completed more than \$300 million in construction projects and has won several national awards for its job safety programs. White Construction Group can be reached at (303) 688-6924, or [www.whitecg.com](http://www.whitecg.com).