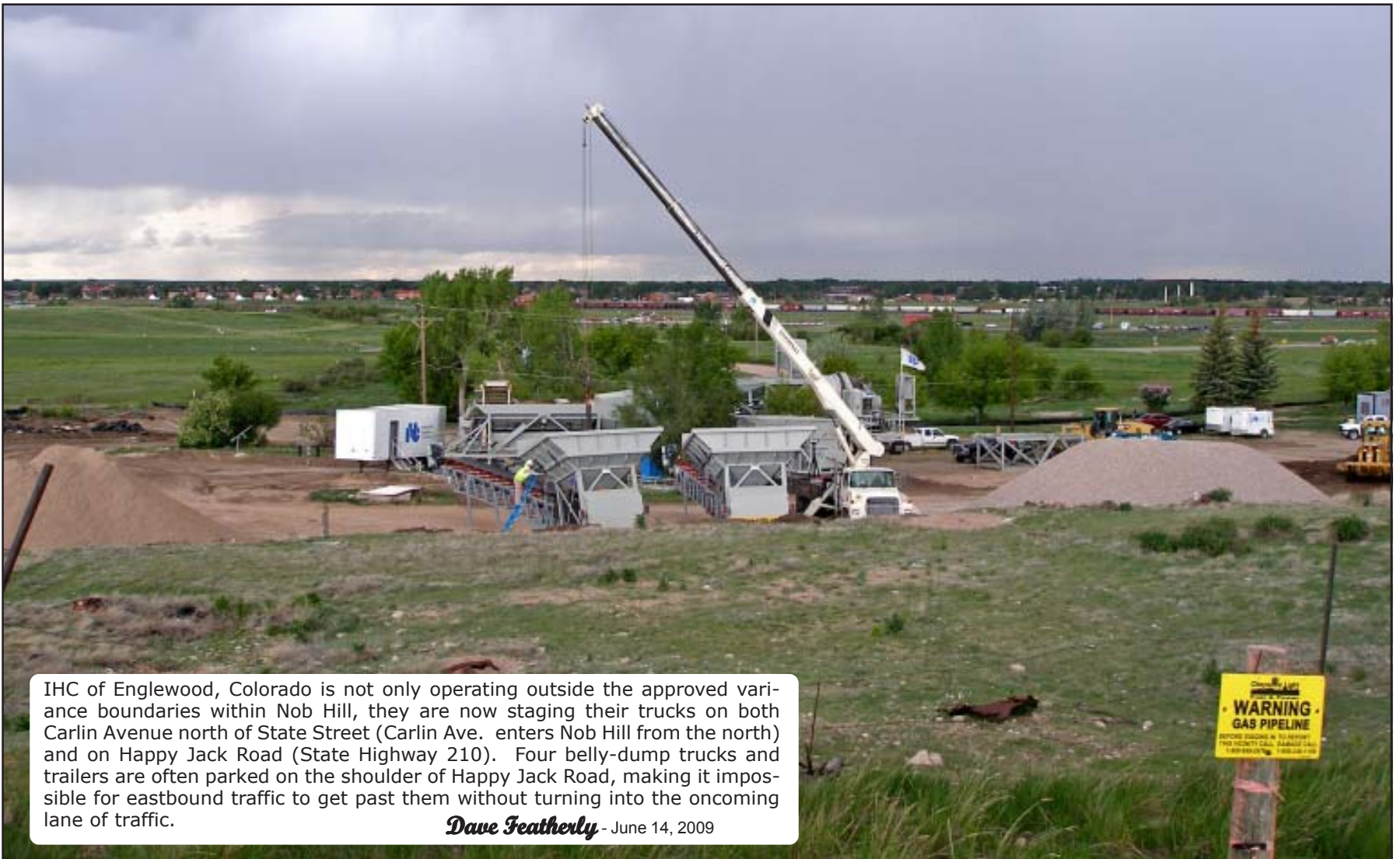


Nob Hill residents were threatened out of their homes so CRMC could lease the land to a Colorado company for its concrete-making operation?



IHC of Englewood, Colorado is not only operating outside the approved variance boundaries within Nob Hill, they are now staging their trucks on both Carlin Avenue north of State Street (Carlin Ave. enters Nob Hill from the north) and on Happy Jack Road (State Highway 210). Four belly-dump trucks and trailers are often parked on the shoulder of Happy Jack Road, making it impossible for eastbound traffic to get past them without turning into the oncoming lane of traffic.
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Could the agent for the local hospital have threatened former property owners at Nob Hill with the use of condemnation and eminent domain if the land were to be used for a concrete-making operation?

Would owners out there, had they known that the hospital would never be able to build a new facility on their land, have resisted and told the overbearing and threatening agent to take a hike? Had they known the land would be used for a Colorado highway construction company to set up a cement-making operation (a batch plant), would they still be on their land?

When the Cheyenne Herald was recently contacted by the lone remaining Nob Hill private property owner and asked if the hospital had started construction of some sort on the land they took from her family members, I went out to investigate.

The hospital has cleared away *most* of the rubble and remaining debris from the demolition of the houses that once made Nob Hill a family compound. Nine members of the same family lineage had houses and businesses at Nob Hill.

Upon entering Nob Hill from the north via the public access, Carlin Avenue, it was obvious that a concrete-making plant was being established. The company name is Interstate Highway Construction, Inc.

(IHC) and they are from Englewood, Colorado. I was informed by an official of Laramie County Memorial Hospital (dba Cheyenne Regional Medical Center), owner of the rest of the land that was once Nob Hill Subdivision, that the hospital leased land to this road construction company (for a "batch" plant) for an indeterminate length of time. IHC will be mixing concrete (in competition with local businesses) for use on I-25 construction.

On my initial visit, I could not get through on the county streets which have not been vacated, according to that hospital official and county records. UMC had sought vacation and were denied. The interloper from Colorado had commandeered the streets (blocked them) and no thru-travel was possible. After I inquired whether the streets had been vacated and was told no, I went back to the Nob Hill area. On this trip, five hours later, I found that the construction company had "recreated" two of the three streets - shortening Carlin and eliminating most of State St. In the interim, they had fashioned a diagonal shortcut so thru-traffic was now possible.

Such modification of city or county streets or roads should have taken county approval but that appeared not to have been sought. It appears IHC simply took it onto themselves to destroy parts of two county streets for their benefit.

Two days later, on Saturday afternoon, June 6th, I went back to the area to see how much additional equipment had been brought on site and whether any other changes had been made to public streets.

Trucks were lined up the length of Carlin Ave. - starting just beyond the property line of the single other property owner at Nob Hill. IHC was hauling materials needed to make concrete and mixer trucks were in the area. As I drove on the diagonal path made by the Colorado company and easterly on what little remained of State St., two different vehicles took "a run" at my car - my turbocharged Taurus with personalized plates.

First, a dump truck came down the wrong side of the path - we crossed on the wrong sides of a "street" - the street they created by shortening State and Carlin. Then a front-end loader (a big one, not a Bobcat) sped toward me from south of what *had* been State St. If they thought they would intimidate me, they were mistaken. I could use the money from a resulting lawsuit against IHC and UMC for deliberate ramming my car on a public street.

My next stop was at the County Clerk's office to see just what approval this Colorado outfit with the portable "concrete batch plant" had gained from our county commissioners.

Interestingly, what Resolution #090407-21 revealed is that the Colorado trespasser is operating illegally at Nob Hill. Not just because they changed two county streets without authority but because the approval to have their batch plant there is limited to "between State Street and Old Happy Jack Road."

Perhaps that's why they rerouted State St. - to give them room to roam. The approval, by the way, is good through November 30, 2009 but then extendable without commissioner approval for up to 12 more months. Open-end competition.

It is obvious that no one from the county or the hospital has checked on this operation. IHC is operating outside the boundaries of the approval - they have an on-site trailer, several trucks, cars and equipment north of what was State St.

