United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property
   historic name: Old National Park Service Housing Historic District
   other names(site number): Old residential area; (HS-2 through HS-10)

2. Location
   street & number: Bryce Canyon National Park
   city/town: Bryce Canyon
   state: Utah code: UT county: Garfield code: 017 zip code: 84717

3. State/Federal Agency Certification
   As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

   In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this properly be considered significant nationally statewide.

   Signature of certifying official:
   National Park Service
   Date:

   State or Federal agency or bureau

   In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

   Signature of commenting or other official
   Utah State Historic Preservation Office
   Date:

   State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification
   I hereby certify that this property is:
   ✓ entered in the National Register see continuation sheet
   determined eligible for the National Register
   determined not eligible for the National Register
   removed from the National Register see continuation sheet
   other (explain):

   Signature of the Keeper
   Date of Action
   National Park Service

   Signature of commenting or other official
   Utah State Historic Preservation Office
   Date:

   State or Federal agency and bureau
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5. Classification

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Narrative Description

Summary and Setting

The Old National Park Service (NPS) Housing Historic District is located at the base of a low timbered knoll about one-quarter of a mile west of the Bryce Canyon Lodge Historic District and the Paunsaugunt Plateau rim. The buildings occur in a loose cluster and are shielded from public access by topography and native vegetation. Nine buildings are currently located within the district and are described below. With the exception of the garage (HS-3) all of the buildings contribute to the significance of the district.

Description

HS-2 is a single family residence located at the north end of the housing complex, adjacent to the west side of the main paved access road to the complex. This one-story, rectangular building is constructed on a stone foundation. The exterior is covered with 8" rustic siding painted brown, and wood shingles cover the side-facing, gable roof. Wood shingles cover the gable ends. A wood-framed, open entry porch with a cross-gable roof is located on the south end of the east elevation. Cement steps lead to the one-light paneled, wooden door. New, four-over-two-light aluminum single-hung windows have replaced the original wood windows. The south elevation has six windows; the north elevation has four windows; the west elevation has two windows; and the east elevation has one window. There is a small rectangular extension on the east elevation.

On the interior, the front entry leads into an small foyer. To the left is a bathroom and the bedroom. To the right is a living room which contains the original stone fireplace, with a new insert. Behind a wall partition, is the updated kitchen. Modifications to the building include construction of a bathroom addition along the rear of the building—completed during the 1940’s. The interior of this building was remodeled in 1980 (with materials that are identical to those used in the interior of the Deluxe Cabins in the UPC Lodge area). Throughout the building, there are new doors,
8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

Applicable National Register Criteria: A and C

Areas of Significance: Architecture, Recreation, Government

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: 1932 to 1944

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: n/a

Architect/Builder: NPS, Branch of Plans and Design

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Old Housing Historic District is associated with the development of NPS administrative infrastructure in Bryce Canyon National Park (BRCA), and is included in the property type that contains all improvements initiated by the NPS. It is recommended eligible under criterion A (for its associative value) and under criterion C (since the buildings remaining in the district are representative of "simplified" rustic design). Areas of significance include architecture, government and recreation.

This district represents the first housing development within the park specifically designed to house NPS employees. The initial building constructed in this vicinity was the original Ranger's Residence—an "exaggerated" rustic building with a massive stone foundation and fireplace. Unfortunately, this building (HS-1) was recently destroyed by fire. During the early to mid 1930s buildings added to the district were mostly small scale buildings, designed for unmarried seasonal NPS employees. These include the parallel line of small cabins and the "wood vendor" located at the southeast edge of the district. HS-5, HS-7, HS-8 and HS-9 all are constructed according to the same architectural blueprint, which is dated 1932. However, the buildings appear to have been built over a four year period—between 1932 and 1936. HS-10, constructed in 1936, is slightly larger than the other cabins in this area and is constructed according to a more elaborate plan. The final additions to the district include another residence (HS-2) and the Ranger Dormitory (HS-4). Both of these buildings (constructed between 1939 and 1940) are larger than the seasonal employee cabins. Their presence reflects the need for additional park personnel and also the availability of construction funds and manpower during the New Deal era. All of the plans for the buildings in the district originated from the NPS Branch of Plans and Design.

The district as a whole meets the registration requirements established for its property type. Overall, the exterior surfaces of the buildings within the district possess integrity of materials, workmanship and design. Modern intrusive elements are limited to the addition of two modern dormitories adjacent to the south edge of the district. These new buildings are visible primarily from HS-10, and do not adversely affect the remainder of the district. The boundary for the district can be drawn to exclude these new buildings.
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9. Major Bibliographic References

Drawing Nos.; BC 3035, ZIO 3059A; B326D; B3019; a drawing from plan BC-3035; drawing dated April 1934, number illegible. Drawings and plans available from BRCA Maintenance Files, File labeled "Quarters".

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

___ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
___ previously listed in the National Register
___ previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # ______
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # ______

Primary Location of Additional Data:

___ State Historic Preservation Office
___ Other State agency
___ Federal agency
___ Local government
___ University
___ Other — Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Approximately 10 acres

UTM References:

Zone A 12

Easting See continuation sheet

Northing

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property is delineated by the polygon whose vertices are marked by the following UTM reference points: A 12 396900 4165400, B 12 397000 4165240, C 12 397000 4265180, D 12 396980 4165140, E 12 396800 4165240

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all of the buildings that have historically been part of the Old Housing area and that have integrity. It excludes areas that contain modern noncontributing buildings.

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new aluminum windows, and the walls have been finished with sheetrock. In the entryway, there is new tile flooring. The living area is carpeted, and has wood panel wainscoting with burlap-pattern "washable" wallpaper above, and a new fireplace insert in the original stone fireplace. The kitchen contains new cabinets and linoleum, and the bathroom has new fixtures.

Garage (HS-3): The garage is located towards the east edge of this housing area. It was constructed in this location to serve the ranger residence (HS-1) that was burned. The main access road bypasses the south elevation of this building. The garage is a one-story, four-bay, rectangular building constructed on a concrete foundation. The exterior is covered with 8" rustic siding painted brown, and wood shingles cover the side-facing, gable roof with exposed 2X6" rafter ends. The area beneath the gable is covered with horizontal boards and 1X2" battens. The north elevation contains four, six-light fixed sash windows; the east and west elevations each contain one six-light fixed sash window. Metal overhead sliding doors are located in the south elevation.

The 2X4" studs and two transverse rows of 6X6" post and beams are exposed on the interior of the building which has a concrete floor. Twenty 2X6" rafters and 1X6" wood sheathing is exposed in the roof. Modifications include the installation of new metal doors—probably at the same time as the building was remodeled into four bays. The interior has not been modified with the exception of the addition of new wiring and plywood partitions that create individual storage areas.

The building is located in its original location and retains its spatial relationship to other buildings within the old residential area, and to the natural environment. However, the structure is not old enough to be considered an historical resource, nor does it possess outstanding architectural merit required to meet the requirements of criteria consideration G. This building is counted as a noncontributing resource within the NPS Old Housing Historic District.

Ranger Dormitory (HS-4): The ranger dormitory is located at the west end of the housing district. A paved access road branches from the main access road within the complex and deadends at this building. The timbered hillslope at the rear of the building is steep relative to the remainder of the housing units in the complex. This building is isolated visually from the remainder of the housing units in the complex.

HS-4 is an irregularly shaped building is constructed on a stone foundation. It has a side facing gable roof with two cross-gables on the east elevation, and one cross gable on the west elevation. The roof is covered with natural wood shingles set in a wave pattern. Rafter tips and 1X6" wood sheathing is exposed at the eave. Exterior walls are covered with 8" weatherboard siding painted brown. The building contains six-light wooden sash casement windows in pairs (painted green), and all entries have wooden doors with one light and twelve recessed panels.

The main, open porch on the east (front) elevation has a 4" X 4" cross-braced railing and 6X6" corner posts which support a protruding cross gable. The porch is accessed via concrete steps. This elevation also has three pairs
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of six-light casement windows. The west elevation contains five pairs of casement windows and an entry. This entry is protected by a shed roof overhang supported by two, 4X4” wood brackets. The north elevation has two pairs of casement windows and an entry. The south elevation has two pairs of casement windows, one on each side of a central stone chimney.

From the main entry to the building, one enters a dining/living area that contains the large original stone fireplace. On one side of the building, a new kitchen area is separated by a half wall from the dining area, and contains all new hanging cabinets, appliances and linoleum. Behind the kitchen, at the rear of the structure, is the bathroom. A hallway leading from the living/dining area is oriented lengthwise through the building and separates the kitchen and bath area on one side from the two bedrooms located on the other side of the building.

In 1990, the interior was gutted and completely remodeled. The original windows and fireplace remain, however all wall and floor finishing, kitchen, and bathroom utilities and fixtures are new. In addition to new materials, the room configuration has been completely altered from the original design. The exterior of this building possess integrity of materials, workmanship and design. The building is located in its original location and retains its spatial relationship to other buildings within the historic district, and to the natural environment. However, the interior has been completely remodeled and should not be considered to contribute to the significance of the building. One interior element—the original stone fireplace and chimney remains in place and should be considered for preservation during future remodeling projects.

The remaining six buildings in the housing area are arranged along both sides of another access road that branches from the main access road within the complex -- three on the west side and three on the east side. Two large modern dormitories are located further south, at the end of the access road. Five of these buildings (HS-5 and HS=7 through HS-10) are seasonal quarters for park personnel, while the sixth (HS-6) is call a "wood vendor" (now used as a weight training room).

Seasonal Residence (HS-5): This one-story, rectangular building rests on a stone foundation. The exterior is covered with weatherboard siding painted brown with green trim. Natural color wood shingles cover the side-facing, gable roof. On the east elevation, the gable roof extends to form an enclosed entry/storage area. The exterior door in this entry is sheltered by a cross-gable pediment. Cement steps lead to the entry which has a wood panel door with one light. The east elevation also contains two six-light wood sash casement windows. The north elevation contains a pair of six-light casement window; the west elevation has one pair of four-light casement windows and one pair of six-light casement windows.

This building is designed for a single occupant. There is no communal living area, rather one enters through the front door, into a small area that contains a storage facility. Straight ahead is the bathroom, flanked on the right side by the kitchen and on the left side by a single bedroom. The interior of the building has new wiring, new sheet rock
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walls and ceilings, and new light fixtures. The kitchen has all new appliances and new linoleum. The original floor plan has been retained.

The exterior of the building retains integrity of materials, workmanship, design, location and setting. Interior surfaces have been replaced with modern materials.

**Wood Vendor (HS-6):** This one-story, rectangular building is constructed on a stone foundation. Exterior walls are covered with rustic siding painted brown, and wood shingles cover the front-facing, gable roof. The west elevation contains an entry with a three-panel wood door. The north and south elevations each have one four-light hopper window and one two-light fixed window.

This building has a single interior room. The walls and ceiling are covered with fiberboard (painted). New light fixtures have been added, and a loose carpet covers the concrete floor. The only noticeable alteration is the addition of new wiring.
This building retains integrity of materials, workmanship, design, location and setting.

**Residence (HS-7):** This one-story, rectangular building is constructed on a stone foundation. The exterior is covered with weatherboard siding painted brown with green trim, and wood shingles cover the side-facing, gable roof. On the west elevation, the gable roof extends to form an enclosed entry/storage area. The entry contains a wood door with one panel and one light and is accessed via a stone stoop. A cross gable pediment shelters this main entry. One, six-light wood sash casement window is located on each side of the entry. The south elevation contains a pair of six-light casement windows. The east (rear) elevation contains two, four-light casement windows, a pair of six-light casement windows, and a second entry accessed via a stone stoop. The door in this entry is identical to the front door.

The front entry leads to a small interior foyer that contains a storage area. The bathroom is located directly ahead of the entryway, and is flanked on the right side by the kitchen and on the left side by a single bedroom. This represents the original floor plan of the building, however the interior was remodeled in 1991. The original floor plan was maintained, however all wall, floor and ceiling finishes are new (sheetrock with smooth finish of walls and ceilings). The building has new wiring, bathroom and kitchen fixtures and linoleum. This building possesses integrity of design (on exterior surfaces), location and setting.

**Residence (HS-8)** This one-story, rectangular building is constructed on a stone foundation. The exterior is covered with weatherboard siding painted brown with green trim, and wood shingles cover the side-facing, gable roof. An addition with a shed roof, has been constructed along the entire length of the rear (west elevation). An extension of the gable roof forms an enclosed entry/storage space on the front (east) elevation. This front entry has a wood door with one panel and one light. The entry is sheltered by a cross gable pediment. One, six-light casement window is located on either side of the front entry. The south elevation has one four-light hopper and a pair of six-light casement windows. The west elevation (formed by the addition) has three four-light hopper windows and the north elevation...
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contains a pair of six-light casement windows and an entry with a modern hollow core door. The north side entry is located in the addition and is accessed via a stone stoop.

The floor plan of the original portion of this building is identical to the HS-5, HS-7 and HS-9, and incorporates a small entry foyer with a bathroom directly beyond. A bedroom is located to the left of the bath and the kitchen to the right of the bath. An addition built along the full length of the rear of the building contains a utility/storage area (behind the kitchen), and a second bedroom (behind the front bedroom and bath).

Modifications include a full-length frame addition located along the rear of the building, probably built in the 1950s. The interior has been remodeled. Original wall finishes have been replaced with sheet rock and wood veneer paneling. All light fixtures, and bath and kitchen appliances and cupboards are new. The gutting and refinishing of the interior occurred in 1988.

Residence (HS-9) This one-story, rectangular building is constructed on a stone foundation. The exterior is covered with weatherboard siding painted brown with green trim, and wood shingles cover the side-facing, gable roof. On the west elevation, the gable roof extends to form an enclosed entry/storage area. The entry contains a wood door with one panel and one light and is accessed via a stone stoop. A cross gable pediment shelters this main entry. One, six-light wood sash casement window is located on each side of the entry. The south elevation contains a pair of six-light casement windows. The east (rear) elevation contains two, four-light casement windows, a pair of six-light casement windows, and a second entry accessed via a stone stoop. The door in this entry is identical to the front door. (Both entries have screen doors.) The main entry leads to a small interior foyer that contains the storage area identified above. The bath is located directly behind the foyer and is flanked on the left hand side by a bedroom and on the right hand side by the kitchen. The rear wall of the kitchen contains another entry to the building. The interior of the building was gutted and refinished in 1991. The walls and ceiling now are finished with sheet rock. The building contains new bathroom fixtures and kitchen appliances, and new lighting fixtures throughout the building. Although the finishing materials are new, the original floor plan has been maintained. This building has integrity of design (on the exterior surfaces), location and setting.

Residence (HS-10): This one-story, rectangular building rests on a stone foundation. The exterior is covered with weatherboard siding painted brown with green trim, and wood shingles cover the front-facing, gable roof. Stone steps protected by an overhang lead to the main entry on the south elevation. This elevation has a pair of four-over-four light double-hung windows and one six-light hopper window. The west elevation has two, six-light hopper, and one two-light fixed window. The north elevation has one, three-over-three light double-hung window and a pair of four-over-four light double-hung windows. The east elevation has a row of three four-over-four light double hung windows. All windows have screens.
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The original floor plan for this building contained a single bedroom, and separate living and kitchen areas. A full length, wood frame addition is located on the rear (west elevation) of the building. The date of this addition is unconfirmed, possibly the 1950s or early 1960s. Interior remodeling occurred in 1986. At that time, the single bedroom was divided into two bedrooms, a hallway was added, and the bathroom was moved to the rear of the house into part of the space created by the earlier structural addition. A new brick hearth and wood burning stove was added to the living room, and the wall between the living room and kitchen was removed. There are new fixtures and appliances throughout and the walls are finished with sheetrock.

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HS-2
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7940'

7900'

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1. Old NPS Housing Historic District
2. Garfield County, Utah
3. Janene M. Caywood (HRA, Missoula MT)
4. June, 1992
5. NPS Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Denver, Colorado
(Information in items 1-5 applies to all photos of buildings in the district)

Photo #1
HS-2 Residence; Interior—looking southwest at remodeled living room.

Photo #2
HS-2 Residence; Interior—looking west at remodeled kitchen.

Photo #3
HS-2 Residence; Interior—detail of original stone fireplace with new insert in north wall of living room.

Photo #4
HS-3 Garage; Interior—looking northwest at corner of building—unfinished walls.

Photo #5
HS-4 Ranger Dormitory; Interior—looking southwest at remodeled living room.

Photo #6
HS-4 Ranger Dormitory; Interior—detail of original stone fireplace on south wall of living room.

Photo #7
HS-4 Ranger Dormitory; Interior—looking east into remodeled kitchen.

Photo #8
HS-4 Ranger Dormitory; Interior—looking west into remodeled bedroom.

Photo #9
HS-6 Wood Vendor; Looking northeast into corner of original interior.

Photo #10
HS-7 Residence; Looking east from porch to foyer—bathroom beyond.
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Photo #11
HS-7 Residence; Interior—looking northeast into remodeled kitchen.

Photo #12
HS-7 Residence; Interior—detail of bathroom.

Photo #13
HS-8 Residence; Interior—looking west into front foyer with bathroom beyond.

Photo #14
HS-8 Residence; Interior—looking west into remodeled front bedroom. Door in right of photo leads to rear addition.

Photo #15
HS-8 Residence; Interior—looking west through remodeled kitchen. Door leads to rear addition which contains a mud room and second bedroom.

Photo #16
HS-10 Residence; Interior—looking northwest into remodeled living room from kitchen.

Photo #17
HS-10 Residence; Interior—looking southwest at new brick hearth with wood stove.

Photo #18
HS-10 Residence; Interior looking southeast into front bedroom.