UNited States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form
For Federal Properties

See Instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms
Type All Entries -- Complete Applicable Sections

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Visitor Center, Cedar Breaks National Monument

AND/OR COMMON

N/A

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

N/A

CITY, TOWN

Cedar City, UT

STATE

Utah

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

PRIVATE ACQUISITION

PRIVATE PROCESS

PUBLIC PROCESS

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

UNACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

OTHER:

PRESENT USE

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Region

STREET & NUMBER

655 Parfet Street

CITY, TOWN

Lakewood

STATE

Colorado

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

Iron County Courthouse

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

STATE

Colorado

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

List of Classified Structures Inventory

DATE

March 1976

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Regional Office

CITY, TOWN

Lakewood

STATE

Colorado
The Visitor Center, Cedar Breaks National Monument, is located off Rim Road in the southeast corner of the monument. The building is a focal point for viewing the multi-colored amphitheater which is slowly being formed from the western edge of the rolling green alpine meadow.

Built in 1937 as a Civilian Conservation Corps project, the rustic style building is harmonious with the natural setting and retains its architectural and historical integrity.

The one-story, 2-room rectangular shape building has 606 square feet with a 150 square foot covered porch. The log constructed building is on a stone masonry foundation. The walls are brown painted peeled log with saddlenotched corners and buttressed log crowning. A battered stone masonry chimney with a 12 foot base is on the east end. The wood shingled gable roof has exposed peeled log rafters and purlins. The porch columns are large peeled logs and the porch has a flagstone floor. A 29' x 6'6" porch addition was constructed in 1954. The porch extends the length of the north elevation. Both the porch and south elevations have plate glass windows. These windows replaced the original 6 light casement sash windows. During the 1954 renovation, a closet at the southeast corner of the building was converted into an office. These changes have not lessened the integrity of the building in conveying the expression of architectural design and construction technology. The building retains the essential physical features that makes it a good example of peeled log and stone construction for park buildings of the 1930's. The building is on its original location; it is in poor condition. The building is currently being used as the visitor center and museum, however, a larger facility is needed to meet visitor demands.

The survey of the Visitor Center, Cedar Breaks National Monument was completed by Lance Oliverri, a consultant on historic properties, and under the supervision of Supervisory Historical Architect Rodd L. Wheaton during March 1978. Mr. Oliverri used the criteria established by the National Register of Historic Places for his evaluations and the structure was entered on the Rocky Mountain Regional Office List of Classified Structures Inventory.
### SIGNIFICANCE

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The Visitor Center, Cedar Breaks National Monument, is regionally significant in the area of architecture. The peeled log and stone masonry construction was one style of rustic architecture used by the National Park Service during the significant park building program in the 1930's as a part of the Public Works Administration. Although, the actual construction of this building was completed by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the philosophy that required each building to be individually designed for its specific location was that of the National Park Service. The craftsmanship of the log and masonry construction reflects the pioneer spirit of using native materials and exemplifies the "hearth and home" quality of rustic architecture. The design of the Visitor Center is a good example of a park structure which is harmonious with the natural setting and supports the "primary purpose in setting aside Park areas, which is to conserve them as nearly as possible in the natural state."  

1 Wheaton, Rodd L.  
"Building for the National Parks in the Rocky Mountain West, 1872-1966."
List of Classified Structures Inventory. National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Denver, Colorado.

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY**

- Less than 1 acre

**UTM REFERENCES**

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The Visitor Center is at the Point Supreme Overlook and off the north side of Rim Road. The Visitor Center is more than a mile from the Monument’s south entrance. The nominated area is approximately 850 sq. ft. and less than one acre.

(Handwritten note: Centered on the building (per phone call to Karen Rehmann, NPS, 8/10/83 - 85)

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

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**FORM PREPARED BY**

Mary Shivers Culpin, Architectural Historian

**ORGANIZATION**

National Park Service

**STREET & NUMBER**

655 Parfet

**TELEPHONE**

(303) 234-2764

**CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is __National __State  √Local.

**FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**

Chief Historian, Div. of History

**DATE**

6/30/83

**FOR NPS USE ONLY**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

**DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

**DATE**

6/30/85

**ATTEST:**

**KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER**
Wheaton, Rodd L.
"Building for the National Parks in the Rocky Mountain West, 1872-1966."
unpublished manuscript, 1980.
NAME: Visitor Center  
LOCATION: Cedar Breaks National Monument Utah.  
PHOTOGRAPHER: Rodd L. Wheaton  
DATE: 1978  
VIEW: Looking to the front  
LOCATION OF NEGATIVE: National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Regional Office. Denver, Colorado 80225  
PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER: 1