1 NAME
HISTORIC
Granite Park Chalet and Dormitory
AND/OR COMMON
N/A

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
Glacier National Park
CITY. TOWN
West Glacier
STATE
Montana

2 CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY
X DISTRICT
X BUILDING(S)
X STRUCTURE
X SITE
X OBJECT
OWNERSHIP
PUBLIC
PRIVATE
BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
N/A PROCESS
STATUS
X OCCUPIED
UNOCCUPIED
WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
YES: RESTRICTED
YES: UNRESTRICTED
NO
PRESENT USE
AGRICULTURE
MUSEUM
COMMERCIAL
X PARK
EDUCATIONAL
PRIVATE RESIDENCE
ENTERTAINMENT
RELIGIOUS
GOVERNMENT
SCIENTIFIC
INDUSTRIAL
TRANSPORTATION
MILITARY
OTHER:

4 AGENCY
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Region
STREET & NUMBER
655 Parfet, P.O. Box 25287
CITY. TOWN
Denver
STATE
Colorado 80225

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
Glacier National Park
STREET & NUMBER
N/A
CITY. TOWN
West Glacier
STATE
Montana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE
List of Classified Structures Inventory
DATE
August 1975
X FEDERAL
STATE
COUNTY
LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Region
CITY. TOWN
Denver
STATE
Colorado
The Granite Park Chalet and Dormitory are situated near the Swiftcurrent Pass in Glacier National Park at an elevation of 7,000 feet. From its south-facing position on a knoll in a subalpine meadowland amid igneous outcropping resembling granite, the buildings have a commanding view of the McDonald Valley, the Livingstone Range, including Heavens Peak, and the southern reaches of the park.

Building No. 800, the Granite Park Chalet, was built by the Great Northern Railway Company in 1914. The building overall presents an Alpine architectural style similar to other high mountain chalets existing and once existing in the park. The building still retains its original appearance and plan. Additions and alterations were made in 1924 but most were removed at later dates. The main building is constructed of native stone and logs. It is a two-story structure, 48' X 36', with a gabled roof, and 12' X 12', one-story, shed roofed storeroom ell. The first floor contains a kitchen, dining room, one bedroom, and storeroom. The floor is constructed of large natural rock slabs having sedimentary ripple marks. The partitions are puncheon spruce logs, and studs and wainscoting. The second floor is constructed of single span Douglas fir log joists, approximately 2 feet on center, which extend through the masonry walls to form front and rear balconies providing access to the eight second floor guests' rooms partitioned by puncheons. Casement sash is provided to each room by single or double 4 over 4, swinging windows. The cedar shingled roof is constructed of pole rafters and 1" decking, the underside of which is exposed to the rooms below. No electric service has ever been supplied. The building is heated by wood-burning stoves, and lit by kerosene lamps. Meager and partial original plumbing still is in service utilizing water supplied by a gravity-fed ram pumping system drawing from a local mountain spring.

Building No. 799, the Granite Park Chalet Dormitory was built in 1913 by the Great Northern Railway Company. The building has a cedar shingle, gabled roof. It is a single story, stone structure, 36' X 20', similar in style and construction to the main structure. It contains six guest rooms. It is set about 100' to the left rear of the main building and also faces south. It is part of the original construction plan. The windows are wood swinging casement, with 6 lights to each casement.

Just to the east and approximately midway between the chalet and dormitory is Building No. 1114, a comfort station. The recently built structure (1965) of stone had an addition constructed in 1975. This building is not a historic building, but is compatible with the chalet and dormitory.

The survey of the historic structures was completed by Lance Williams, a consultant on historic properties, and under the supervision of Regional Historical Architect Rodd L. Wheaton during the summer of 1975. Mr. Williams used the criteria established by the National Register of Historic Places for his evaluations, and those structures considered eligible or potentially eligible were entered on the Rocky Mountain Region's List of Classified Structures Inventory.
The Granite Park Chalet and Dormitory are significant for architecture and for their role in the development of Glacier National Park by providing lodging and food in an isolated area of the park.

The architectural significance of the two buildings is that the successful use of the Swiss or Alpine style suggested and created a rustic feeling which was the mode for hotels and lodges during the early decades of the Park Service. The use of native stone for the chalet and dormitory exemplifies the National Park's ideal of blending the structures with the natural setting.

Louis Hill, president of Great Northern Railway, contracted the construction of the Granite Park Chalet in 1914 as an addition to the railroad's system of grand hotels and "Swiss-style" chalets in the newly created Glacier National Park. As such, the Granite Park Chalet gives visitors the opportunity to enjoy the remote areas of the park while providing the rustic comforts of a hearty meal and a warm bed.

The stone for the buildings was quarried from the nearby mountain slopes and other materials were carried by pack train from the Many Glacier Hotel, nine miles by trail over Swiftcurrent Pass. During the two summers of construction, 60-horse teams came up daily with supplies for the main structure designed by St. Paul, Minnesota, architect, Samuel L. Bartlett and engineer, A.H. Hogeland, and constructed by contractor, E.G. Evensta. Thomas D. McMahon was the architect of the detached dormitory.

In the early days, the Chalet was the first stop for Glacier Park Saddle Horse Company horse parties going from Many Glacier Hotel on the popular North Circle Trip, stopping also at Fifty Mountain and Cosley Lake Tent Camps. The Chalet, acquired by the Glacier Park Hotel Company in 1915, was sold to the National Park Service in 1954 and is currently operated on a seasonal basis by Belton Chalets, Inc.

Today, the greatest number of visitors to Granite Park Chalet, accessible only by trail, come on foot. When they enter the stone dining area, they are provided with the same traditional chalet service the visitors of 1915 received. The buildings are a living-working museum of the early park era.
**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Original Blueprints, Granite Park Dormitory, Glacier National Park Maintenance Office, West Glacier, Montana.

Building Maintenance Files, Rocky Mountain Region, National Park Service, Denver, CO.

Glacier National Park History Files, West Glacier, Montana.


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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.5 acre

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Granite Park Chalet and Dormitory are located west of the Garden Wall (Continental Divide) and near the junction of the Highline Trail and the Granite Park Trail. The buildings are located approximately 800 meters southwest of the junction of the two trails. The Granite Park Chalet and Dormitory are within a rectangular boundary 200' (N to S) x 124' (E to W). This boundary includes the chalet, dormitory, and a noncontributing building, the comfort station. See continuation sheet.

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

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State: Colorado

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**CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Yes. NO.

State Historic Preservation Officer Recommendation: None

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

DATE: Nov. 12, 1982

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

DATE: 6-29-83

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
The two contributing buildings are in the boundary which begins with point A which is 10 feet northwest of the northwest corner of the Dormitory (#799) to Point B which is 40 feet east of Point A and 10 feet northeast of the northeast corner of the Dormitory (#799). The boundary goes from Point B in a southwesterly direction 120 feet to Point C which is 10 feet southeast from the southeast corner of the Chalet (#800). From Point C the boundary goes 45 feet in a westerly direction to Point D which is 10 feet southwest of the southwest corner of the Chalet. From point D, the boundary goes in a northeast direction 115 feet to point A.
Granite Park Chalet, Bldg. No. 800, side view looking north.

GLAC Photo No. 9452 by Lance Williams, NPS, August 1975.

NAME: Granite Park Chalet Building No. 800
LOCATION: Glacier National Park, Montana
DATE: August 1975
PHOTOGRAPHER: Lance Williams
LOCATION OF NEGATIVE: Rocky Mountain Regional Office, National Park Service, Denver, CO.
VIEW: Side view looking north
PHOTOGRAPH: Number 1
Granite Park Chalet, Bldg. No. 800, rear view looking south.

GLAC Photo No. 9453 by Lance Williams, NPS, August 1975.
Granite Park Chalet, Bldg. No. 800, front view looking east.

GLAC Photo No. 9451 by Lance Williams, NPS, August 1975.

NAME: Granite Park Chalet, Building No. 800
LOCATION: Glacier National Park, Montana
DATE: August 1975
PHOTOGRAPHER: Lance Williams
LOCATION OF NEGATIVE: Rocky Mountain Regional Office, National Park Service, Denver, CO
VIEW: Front view, looking east
PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER: 3
Granite Park Chalet, Bldg. 779, front view looking east of six-room guest building.

GLAC Photo No. 9454 by Lance Williams, NPS, August 1975.

NAME: Granite Park Chalet Dormitory,
   Building No, 799
LOCATION: Glacier National Park, Montana
DATE: August 1975
PHOTOGRAPHER: Lance Williams
LOCATION OF NEGATIVE: Rocky Mountain Regional
   Office, National Park Service, Denver, CO
VIEW: Front view, looking east
PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER: 4
Granite Park Chalet and vicinity
Glacier National Park MT
NPS photo by Laura Soullière Harrison
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Granite park Chalet, front elevation
Glacier National Park, MT
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Granite Park Chalet, rear elevation
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