1. Name of Property
   historic name Lincoln Creek Snowshoe Cabin
   other names/site number Lincoln Creek Cabin; Building Inventory #617

2. Location
   street & number US Highway 2
   city or town Glacier National Park, West Glacier
   state Montana
   code MT
   county Flathead
   code 029
   zip code 59936

3. State/Federal Agency Certification
   As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant __ nationally __ statewide X locally. ( ___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

   Superintendent
   National Park Service, Glacier National Park
   Date 12/28/2000

   Signature of Certifying Official
   Date 1/25/01
In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

Montana State Historic Preservation Office, Helena, MT
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 See continuation sheet.
- [ ] determined not eligible for the National Register
- [ ] removed from the National Register
- [ ] other (explain): ____________________

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- [ ] private
- [ ] public-local
- [ ] public-State
- [x] public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- [x] building(s)
- [ ] district
- [ ] site
- [ ] structure
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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register ___

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Glacier National Park Multiple Resource Submission
USDI/NPS NRHP Registration Form
Lincoln Creek Snowshoe Cabin
Flathead County, MT
Glacier National Park Multiple Resource Submission (Page 3)

6. Function or Use

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7. Description

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Narrative Description
The Lincoln Creek Snowshoe Cabin is a small, rustic building located on a low bluff overlooking Lincoln Creek near its confluence with the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. The site has a mixed forest cover, generated in the years following a 1929 forest fire. The park boundary and U.S. Highway 2 are less than 4 mile away, but the Middle Fork of the Flathead river acts as a barrier, keeping visitation at a very low level. The cabin is a single-level building constructed of reverse saddle-notched logs with axe-cut ends. Oakum chinking was placed between logs, and covered with wood poles nailed to the exterior. The log-framed gable roof is surfaced with wood shakes. The roofline extends 10 feet in front of the cabin, creating a large log-framed covered porch. Sill logs rest on a series of stone piers. No foundation exists. The solid entry door is composed of vertical wood members without fenestration, and there are two small wood-framed windows. The cabin’s exterior has a stained brown finish.

The building’s interior consists of a single room with a wood floor, and unfinished walls and roof. A trap door in the floor accesses a small cellar food cache. Furnishings include a bed, table, chairs, and wood cabinetry. Tools, cooking utensils, and other items are also present. Many interior items and fixtures are historic; others are modern versions of earlier equipment.

The cabin exhibits good integrity overall and retains its historic appearance. The site also includes the access trail, although its significance has not been evaluated and it is not considered part of this listing.
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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the
criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

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Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE
GOVERNMENT

Period of Significance 1931-1948

Significant Dates

1931

1936

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A
Narrative Statement of Significance
The Lincoln Creek Snowshoe Cabin is significant at the local level for its association with the construction of over three dozen backcountry cabins erected throughout Glacier National Park during the 1920's and early 1930's. The cabin's simple, straightforward design well represents the philosophy of "rustic architecture" employed by the National Park Service prior to World War II. It is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places with significance in history and architecture (Criterion A and C). The cabin is a component of the Minor Developed Areas property type as defined in the Glacier National Park Multiple Property Listing.

The Lincoln Creek Snowshoe Cabin was built as one of several shelters for the use of rangers making year-round trail patrols from the Nyack Ranger Station, located several miles to the East along the Boundary Trail.

The first snowshoe cabin in this vicinity was constructed during the 1920's. The cabin site was a convenient stopover point halfway between the Belton headquarters and Nyack Ranger Station. It also served as a base for patrols up Lincoln Creek, then known as "Little St. Mary's." This cabin was destroyed by the Half Moon Forest Fire in August, 1929.

That winter, Congress authorized a special appropriation to replace park buildings destroyed by the fire, and bids were opened on May 5, 1930. The low bidder on the cabin was Cheathem Brothers of Spokane, Washington; They refused to sign a contract for the work, however, and the contract was awarded to Austin Weikert, who had submitted the next lowest bid. Weikert built a number of log buildings in the park, and was awarded several contracts during 1930.

Weikert suffered a severe injury that fall, and was unable to construct the cabin until late September, 1931. Weikert received $350.00 for his labor, and the National Park Service provided materials valued at $132.84. The cabin was stocked that October and first used during the winter of 1931-32.

In 1930 the construction of U.S. Highway 2 along the park's southern boundary was completed. Over time this resulted in much less travel on the Boundary Trail. As a result of this reduced trail use the Nyack Ranger Station was abandoned in 1936. This abandonment reduced the number of trail patrols in the area and reduced the use of the Lincoln Creek Cabin. The cabin is seldom utilized today except by trail maintenance crews.
9. Major Bibliographical References


"Ranger Station Logbooks: Nyack Ranger Station, 1929-1931." Glacier National Park Archives.

** Additional references are noted in the Multiple Resource Nomination.**

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
X Federal agency
__ Local government
__ University
__ Other

Name of repository: Glacier National Park Archives

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property __less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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Legal description: NE^4SW^4SE^4, Section 27, Township 32 North, Range 18 West, MFM, Flathead County, Montana

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is a square measuring 100 feet by 100 feet, centered on the building.

Boundary Justification

The resource consists of a single, isolated building; the boundary includes the building and its immediate surroundings which evoke its integrity of feeling and association.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Bruce Fladmark/Cultural Resources Manager
organization National Park Service date August 17, 1998
street & number Glacier National Park telephone 406 888 7943
city or town West Glacier state MT Zip Code 59936
Lincoln Creek Snowshoe Cabin Site Map

Lincoln Creek is 100 feet in front of cabin

Porch

Lincoln Creek is 100 feet in front of cabin

Trail

1 inch = 15.7 feet (scale)

--- = Historic District Boundary = 100 feet/side
Lincoln Creek Cabin
Glacier National Park, West Glacier MT
Corey Shea, Photographer
May, 1999
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