United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Many Glacier Barn and Bunkhouse
other name/site number: Many Glacier Packers' and Rangers' Barn; Packers' Roost East

2. Location

street & number: Glacier Route 3
city/town: St. Mary
county: Glacier
code: 35
state: Montana
code: MT
zip code: 59417
vicinity: Glacier Route 3 at Apikuni Flat; Glacier National Park (GLAC)

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1988, 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.)

Signature of certifying official/Title
National Park Service
State or Federal agency or bureau

Date
SEP 29 1995

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is: 

Signature of the Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the National Register
Date of Action

other (explain)
Many Glacier Barn and Bunkhouse

Name of Property

Glacier County, Montana

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal
Category of Property: Building
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A
Name of related multiple property listing: Glacier National Park Multiple Property Listing
Number of Resources within Property
Contributing Noncontributing
building(s) 2 0
sites 0 0
structures 0 0
objects 0 0
Total 2 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions: Government; Domestic/multiple dwelling; Agriculture/animal facility
Current Function: Same

7. Description

Architectural Classification: Rustic
Materials:
foundation: concrete
walls: board and batten; lapped siding
roof: wood shingles; corrugated metal
other:

Narrative Description

This complex consists of a barn and a bunkhouse, situated in a low-lying flat area south of Glacier Route 3, indiscernible from the primary approach to the Many Glacier Hotel. An adjacent concession-owned bunkhouse, excluded from the district boundaries, has not been evaluated. However, this building roughly mirrors the NPS bunkhouse in style, scale, and function. There are no modern intrusions on the historic district. The isolated setting, proximate to yet screened from the Many Glacier Hotel, is unmodified.

A short "fence" constructed of six-inch square posts spanned by 2’ x 4” planks separates the bunkhouses from the barn area. A dimensional lumber corral extends north and east of the barn, forming a holding pen and allowing access to two long feeders, and also extends south and east to the shade offered by a tree-lined hollow.

Bunkhouse (#183), 1938

The bunkhouse is a one-story wood-frame building constructed on concrete piers and topped with a side-gable roof. Board and batten siding covers all exterior elevations and corrugated metal covers the roof. Roof features include exposed rafter and purlin ends and a metal flue located in the south gable slope. The pair of six-over-one double-hung windows within the west elevation has been replaced with a single one-over-one double-hung window. The original window placement remains visible. The six-over-one double-hung window originally offset within the south elevation has also been replaced with a one-over-one window and is now flanked to the east by a smaller one-over-one window placed directly under the eave. The original vertical-plank with cross-bar doors, centered within the east elevation and offset within the north elevation, have been replaced with modern solid-core doors accessed by modern milled-lumber stoops. The building is painted brown with white trim and is in good condition.
8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: A; C  
Areas of Significance: Government; Entertainment/Recreation; Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): B  
Period(s) of Significance: 1938-1945

Significant Person(s): N/A  
Significant Dates: 1938

Cultural Affiliation: N/A  
Architect/Builder: National Park Service

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Many Glacier Barn and Bunkhouse are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C, for their association with development of park administrative infrastructure and with simplified-rustic design. This building unit is a component of the Minor Developed Areas property type, as developed in the Glacier National Park Multiple Property Listing, and is significant at the local level, 1938-1945.

NPS crews constructed the Many Glacier barn and bunkhouse — "Packers' Roost East — in 1938 to replace those destroyed in the Swiftcurrent Valley fire of August 31, 1936. The bunkhouse was designed to be "as simple and inexpensive as possible." The barn is also of the simplified-rustic style reserved for buildings screened from public view. Packers' Roost East, the extent of the park service's administrative presence at Many Glacier, attested to Many Glacier's role as the hub of Glacier's trail system. The "principal activities of Government utilities [were] handled from the permanent road maintenance camp at Sherburne Lake [Sherburne Ranger Station]." Following construction of the modern NPS barn, the barn and bunkhouse were leased to the park's horse concessioner.

The bunkhouse was originally located approximately 100 feet northwest of the barn, south of the access road, on a north-south axis rather than the current east-west axis. NPS crews moved the bunkhouse to its current location directly north of the barn at an unknown date. The raised-concrete foundation (replacing concrete piers) dates to the move. Despite the replacement and removal of the original doors and windows and the construction of a raised foundation, the building retains the distinctive size and simple design of a bunkhouse. Although moved slightly, the building retains its association with the NPS barn and thus meets criteria consideration B: moved properties. The interior retains little historic fabric and does not contribute to the building's significance.

There is no record of modification of the barn. The interior contributes to the building's significance.
9. Major Bibliographic References

Historical Research Associates, Glacier National Park LCS Inventory Form #183, 1982


10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: 2 acres

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries have been drawn to incorporate the barn, the bunkhouse and the corral system while excluding the unevaluated concession-owned bunkhouse.

Boundary Justification

The north boundary reflects current ownership patterns rather than patterns of historic use and should be modified once the associated concessioner bunkhouse is evaluated. The remaining boundaries correspond to the associated corral system.

11. Form Prepared By

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zip code: 59807-7086

city or town: Missoula

Property Owner

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telephone: (406)888-5441
state: MT
zip code: 59936

city or town: West Glacier
7. Narrative Description.

Bunkhouse (continued)

The original one-room floorplan has been modified to include a living room/kitchen area, a small bathroom, and dormitory. Linoleum covers all floor surfaces and sheetrock covers all walls and ceiling. The one-and-one-half inch window and door surrounds are a recent addition and all kitchen and bathroom fixtures postdate the historic period.

Barn (#486), 1938

The barn is a combination one-story/one-and-one-half story, irregularly shaped wood-frame building. The one-and-a-half story portion has a catslide roof on the northeast. The one-story area has a shed-roofed extension; there is also a gabled component at the rear elevation. There is a shed-roof overhang extending from the south gable end of the gable component. Roof features include wide eaves that protect exposed rafter and purlin ends. Wood shingles cover the roof. The lower walls are board and batten, while the upper walls are covered with wide lapped boards. Windows, located within the front and rear elevations, are six-light casement. Vertical-plank doors secured with "Z" cross-braces are located within the ground- and the hay loft-level of the front elevation and within the rear elevation of the gabled component. Side-hinged double doors offset within the front elevation were designed so that a truck could be driven into the building to be unloaded. The building rests on a high concrete foundation. Feed stalls are located at the east and south elevations. The building is connected to a post and pole corral that wraps around all but the west elevation of the building, extending to the creek area running south of the building. There is a grain tank off the west elevation.

The ground floor interior is divided into a tack room, miscellaneous storage room, grain room, and stall area. The upper level serves as a hay loft. The east end of the building is the tack room, finished with 10" x 3" pine plank flooring, unfinished walls, and exposed loft floor joists and floor boards. This area is dominated by pole saddle trees. A storage area featuring a dirt floor, unfinished walls, and exposed loft joist/flooring for a ceiling, is located in the northeast corner. The grain room (within the northwest corner) and the central stall area are finished with concrete floor, vertical board walls, boarded-over windows, and loft joist/flooring for a ceiling. The loft has 10" pine plank flooring, and unfinished walls and vaulted ceiling.

There is no record of modifications to this building.
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Photographs.

The following information applies to all photographs listed below:

1) Photographer: Ann Hubber and Nancy Niedernhofer
2) Date of Photograph: September 1992
3) Location of Negatives: National Park Service, RMR-RC, Denver, CO

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Additional Documentation

The following blueprints and site plans can be found at the NPS, Denver Service Center, Technical Information Center (TIC), Denver, CO.
HRA map 1994 based on
Cultural Resources Management Plan
Many Glacier Hotel Horse Concession Area
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Interior

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Interior

Many Glacier Horse Concession Area

Glacier Co, MT

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