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| NAME                         | Sperry Chalet |

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**AGENCY**

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

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. | Glacier National Park (building records only) |
| STREET & NUMBER                      | National Park Service |
| CITY. TOWN                            | West Glacier |
| STATE                                  | Montana 59936 |

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

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The Sperry Chalet buildings, of stone masonry construction, are perched on the edge of a glacier-carved cirque in Glacier National Park at an elevation of 6,500 feet in sub-alpine setting. The chalet is accessible only by trail, 6.5 miles east of Lake McDonald and provides an alpine appearance.

The dormitory (Bldg. No. 796), is the larger, 94'x34', of two buildings. It is two stories with a gabled roof and front and rear eave gables. Rolled asphalt roofing covers wood shingles on rough-sawn roof decking. The roof eaves are supported on pole brackets, which rest on corbelled wall stones. The corners of the random ashlar building are quoined.

The twenty-three room dormitory is divided into two sections, each with a first floor entrance off a narrow, more recent deck along the west side. Original balconies were removed over the years, the last in 1956, due to deterioration from heavy snowfalls. Inside, there has been no modernization, the partitions are cedar wainscoting and puncheons. Floors are wide tongue-in-groove planking. The south end of the building has been re-floored and rebraced.

The detached kitchen/dining room structure (Bldg. No. 797), is 25'x58' and is constructed in a simpler style, but has the typical rustic character. The building (Bldg. No. 797) has a gabled roof built in 1961 with trusses, replacing an original roof in which "pole trusses" supported purlins. At the east there is one doorway and at the west there are several doorways which open onto a deck similar to the dormitory deck. There are two small rooms at the south end. The kitchen is partially separated from the dining room area by a partition. The windows are 4 over 4, casement sash with segmentally arched openings.

Included in the Sperry Chalet Historic District is the talus slope from which the stone was quarried for the building, located directly behind the chalets and extending south. There is also a recently built comfort station and a small, single room, log patrol cabin.

It is expected that the Sperry Chalet will continue to function as an overnight concession activity within the park. Cyclic maintenance of the structures will continue to be performed, as well as possible restoration of the original balconies, which will respect the historical integrity of the complex.
**SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD**
- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE**
- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SCULPTURE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- THEATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- Tourism

**SPECIFIC DATES**
Completed in 1913

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Constructed for the Great Northern Railway as part of the system of grand hotels and picturesque chalets in Glacier National Park soon after it was established in 1910, Sperry Chalet represents one of the unique surviving visitor facilities. Perched high in the mountains and accessible only by trail, it provides the visitor a wilderness destination point with rustic comforts.

The Chalet was completed in 1913, all work being accomplished in the few summer months of each year. The stone was taken from the nearby talus slopes and the timber from the forest below. All other material and supplies had to be packed in by stock over the mountain trails. The Great Northern Railway brought in Italian stone masons to perform the initial stone work of the structures, which, like Granite Park Chalet was built under the supervision of E. G. Evensta.

The Chalet was used in conjunction with the Glacier Park Saddle Horse Company, at one time the largest outfitter of its kind in the world with over 1,000 horses. Visitors would leave the comfort of the Going-to-the-Sun Chalet and travel by horse to the Gunsight Lake Tent Camp. They continued over Gunsight and Lincoln Passes to the Sperry Chalet. Although this route is no longer used by the Horse Company, saddle parties still come to Sperry from the Lake McDonald Lodge by horse. However, the greatest number of travelers are hikers.

Since 1913, the Chalet has provided backcountry travelers a traditional service by providing hearty meals and rustic mountain atmosphere. The complex, a living-working museum of the early park era, was turned over to the Glacier Park Hotel Company in 1915, and was donated to National Park Service in March 1954. It is currently operated on a seasonal basis by Belton Chalets, Incorporated.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Robinson, Donald H., Through the Years in Glacier National Park, Glacier Natural History Association, 1962.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 1 acre

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The district is south of Sperry Glacier, adjacent to Glacier Basin north of Lincoln Peak, and east of Lake McDonald Lodge with access from Gunsight Pass Trail.

(Above information superseded by Addendum to Item 10.)

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

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Edwin L. Rothfuss, Chief Park Naturalist

ORGANIZATION
Glacier National Park

STREET & NUMBER
National Park Service

CITY OR TOWN
West Glacier

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
YES X NO

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

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.

TITLE
Deputy Assistant Secretary

DATE JUN 3 1976

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHIVAL, HISTORY AND PRESEVATION

DATE 8/2/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 9/17/77

ATTEND.
Building #797, the kitchen/dining room, was built in 1913 at the same time as the dormitory, Building #796, and together the two structures are known as the Sperry Chalets.

The patrol cabin was built in the 1950's as a tack room for trail crews. The frame structure has since been converted into temporary housing for trail crews. It has no historic value.

George C. Mackenzie
Historian (Landmark Specialist)
When the nomination for the Sperry Chalets was completed by park officials at Glacier National Park the term "chalet" was meant to express the original complex built in 1913 - the dormitory and kitchen/dining room.

George C. Mackenzie
Historian (Landmark Specialist)
Originally the nomination for the Sperry Chalets was given 30 acres because the Glacier Wilderness Proposal had allowed that many acres for the enclave. It has been decided that only the two 1913 built structures, Buildings #796 and #797, should be represented in the nomination. The new area, comprising only the two chalets, is less than one (1) acre, and its new UTM reference is as follows:

Zone 12, Easting 294 670, Northing 5387 130

The other structures included in the original nomination, the patrol cabin and comfort station, have been excluded, since they have no historic value.

George C. Mackenzie
Historian (Landmark Specialist)
DINING ROOM

COMFORT STATION

CHALET

PATROL CABIN

TO LAKE MORRISON LODGE

UT.M. Reference
12/294 670/5387 130

SCALE 1" = 80'-0"

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

SPERRY CHALETS
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
MONTANA

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PHOTOGRAPHER: LANCE WILLIAMS
DATE: JULY 1975
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL OFFICE
DESCRIPTION: REAR
PHOTO NUMBER: 2075

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AUG 2, 1977
NAME: KITCHEN/DINING ROOM (BLDG. #797)
SPERRY CHALET
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PHOTOGRAPHER: LANCE WILLIAMS
DATE: JULY 1975
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Sperry Chalet dormitory with Great Northern Railway logo in gable end
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Trail, vicinity Sperry Chalet
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Dining room/kitchen, Sperry Chalet
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Bear-proofing over kitchen window,
Sperry Chalet dining room
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Porch and eave details, Sperry Chalet dormitory
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Stairway to second floor, dormitory, Sperry Chalet
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