NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination of eligibility of individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin 16A. Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

   historic name Sun Camp Fireguard Cabin
   other names/site number Baring Cabin; Baring Creek Cabin; Building Inventory #167.

2. Location

   street & number Going-to-the-Sun Road not for publication N/A
   city or town Glacier National Park, St. Mary vicinity X
   state Montana code 30 county Glacier code 035
   zip code 59411

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 X statewide ___ locally. ( ___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

   Ass't. Director, Nat'l Center for C.R Stewardship and Partnership Programs

   Superintendent

   National Park Service, Glacier National Park

   Date

   6-2-99

OMB No. 1024-0018

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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.)

See continuation sheet.

_determined eligible for the National Register

_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

_private-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

X building(s)

_district

_site

_structure

_object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

1 buildings

_sites

_structures

_objects

1 Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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
8. Function or Use

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: GOVERNMENT: National Park Sub: ADMINISTRATIVE

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: GOVERNMENT: National Park Sub: ADMINISTRATIVE

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: NPS rustic architecture

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
roof Wood Shingle
walls Log
other

Narrative Description

The Baring Creek (Sun Camp) Fireguard Cabin was constructed with Public Works Project funds by local contractor Harry E. Doverspike in 1935. According to the final construction report, Plan NP/G3074 was used for this cabin as well as for fireguard cabins at Polebridge, Lake McDonald, Many Glacier, and Logging Creek, also constructed in 1935.

This structure is a single-room, single floor cabin, measuring 20x25', including an 11' front porch which is covered by the extended roof. The cabin has longitudinal purlins, 1" decking, cedar shingles, and log-on-log full-scribed walls with saddle-notched corners. There is a stone chimney at the rear of the cabin. This fireguard cabin was built according to cabin specifications provided by the Park Service's Division of Landscape Architecture. The only apparent dissimilarity is the center-wall placement of the entry. Other facsimiles of the plan are located within Glacier National Park in back-country locations and at other ranger stations. There is no indoor plumbing and heat is provided by a wood stove whose stovepipe exits through the back log wall to the stone chimney.

An outhouse is associated with the site but is not nominated as part of this listing.
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)

___ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

___ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

___ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

___ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

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

N/A

___ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

___ B removed from its original location.

___ C a birthplace or a grave.

___ D a cemetery.

___ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

___ F a commemorative property.

___ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

GOVERNMENT

Period of Significance 1935 - 1948

Significant Dates 1935

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A
The Baring Creek Fireguard Cabin is the sole remaining building of the Sun Camp Ranger Station complex of buildings, which at one time included a ranger station, barn, and woodshed located near the mouth of Baring Creek. The Going-to-the-Sun Ranger Station, Building #166, also known as Sun Camp Ranger Station, was built in 1928 to house a ranger close to the Going-to-the-Sun Chalet, or Sun Camp, which was located on Sun Point on St. Mary Lake. The personnel housed at this location were to provide services and protection to the visitors and resources near Sun Camp, including hikers and boaters. The Ranger Station was located about a mile west of the Chalet, just to the east of the mouth of Baring Creek near the shore of the lake. The Ranger Station was built before the Chalet could be accessed by road, as the Going-to-the-Sun Road was not opened until 1933. The Fireguard Cabin (Building #167) was added as a satellite to this complex in 1935. Having personnel stationed in the area was important, for communication and commuting time from the foot of the lake did not easily allow timely response to visitor and resource management needs.

The opening of the Going-to-the-Sun Road in 1933 lessened the management need for a ranger station in the area, but the Sun Camp Ranger Station continued to be staffed through 1941. During World War II, it was not regularly staffed. After the war, park visitation patterns had changed and the Going-to-the-Sun Chalet had fallen into disrepair. The Chalet was removed in 1948, but Glacier National Park continued to use the Ranger Station as quarters until the early 1960's. When adequate housing was developed at the foot of the lake, near the park boundary at St. Mary, the old Sun Camp Ranger Station was no longer needed and it was removed. The Fireguard Cabin began to be called "Baring Creek Cabin" and it is still used to house personnel as needed.
9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

"Final Construction Report of Fire Guard Cabins, Glacier National Park, 1937." Glacier National Park Records Collection: Box 143, folder 2; Glacier National Park Archives.

"Individual Building Data File: Patrol Cabins." Glacier National Park Records Collection 1910-1984: Box 150, Folder 2; Glacier National Park Archives.


"Superintendent’s Report of the Year 1936." Glacier National Park Records Collection 1910-1984: Box 11, folder 3; Glacier National Park Archives

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

Previous documentation on file (NPS) N/A

___ 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

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

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

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

1 12 309600 5395600 3 __ __________

2 __ __________ __ __________

See continuation sheet.

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 structure; the boundary is drawn to include the structure and its immediate site.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Baring Creek Cabin / Sun Camp Fireguard Cabin
Glacier National Park, St Mary, MT
Leroy Dudley, Photographer
July 1998
Glacier National Park Historic Photograph File
Viewing Southeast
Baring Creek Cabin / Sun Camp Fireguard Cabin
Glacier National Park, St. Mary, MT

Larry Dudley, Photographer

July, 1998

Glacier National Park Historic Photograph File

Viewing Northeast
Baring Creek Cabin / Sun Camp Fireguard Cabin

Glacier National Park, St Mary MT

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Glacier National Park Historic Photograph File

Viewing North. Interior from doorway
Baring Creek Cabin / Sun Camp
Fireguard Cabin
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Glacier National Park Historic Photograph File
Viewing Southwest - Interior Southwest corner
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Glacier National Park Historic Photograph File
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