1. Name of Property

historic name White Grass Ranger Station Historic District

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number N/A

city, town Moose

state Wyoming code WY county Teton code 039 zip code

3. Classification

Ownership of Property Category of Property No. of Resources within Property

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Name of related multiple property listing: Grand Teton National Park Historic

No. of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0
4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [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 [meets, does not meet] the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

[3/5/90]

State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property [meets, does not meet] the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

[2/28/90]

State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

[ ] entered in the National Register
[ ] determined eligible for the National Register
[ ] determined not eligible for the National Register
[ ] removed from the National Register
[ ] other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

[4/23/90]

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

Recreation and Culture
Outdoor Recreation

Current Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

Recreation and Culture
Outdoor recreation
Architectural Classification Materials
(enter categories from instructions) (enter categories from instructions)

Other/Rustic

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The White Grass Ranger Station Historic District was built using standardized plans of the National Park Service to be a backcountry ranger station for horse patrols during the early years of the Park's history. It was built at the western edge of the White Grass Valley southwest of Moose, Wyoming, near a number of trail heads into the Teton Mountains which rise west of the district. Both historically and today the district is set in amongst pine trees that are part of the forest belt that parallels the base of the mountains. The resources that make up the district include a cabin that functions as not only the ranger's office but also quarters, a fire cache shed, a tack room shed, and a corral. The district was built in the Rustic style, defined by the National Park Service. Clearly evident is the attempt by the National Park Service to achieve the feeling of preindustrial structures built of log with a high degree of craftsmanship. Rustic in the ranger station, as throughout Grand Teton is characterized by log construction with some other wood products, such as rough cut clapboard siding for the walls of the fire cache and tack room and batten type materials for doors. Trim is of rough cut "millwaste" type lumber and decoration is minimal. The building and structures are one story and have gabled wooden roofs to withstand snow loads. The design appears to be from a standard set of plans used by the National Park Service during the late 1920s and early 1930s. Earthtones are the predominate colors with brown stained walls and weathered wood shingles. Even through the maintenance operations to keep the building active the original or like materials have been used so the exterior feeling, design, and character have not been lost. The district still serves the same function that it did historically. The quality that sets the district apart from its surroundings is its rustic architecture and the fact that it is set in a small clearing in the pine forest. Post-World War II addition of a parking lot for visitor use at the trailhead is isolated from the ranger station by trees, preserving the historic setting. It is a manmade feature in a natural area.

See continuation sheet
8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: __ nationally    __ statewide    X locally

Applicable National Register Criteria   A   B   X   C   D
Criterion Considerations (Exceptions)   A   B   C   D   E   F   G

Areas of Significance
(enter categories from instructions)  Period of Significance  Significant Dates
architecture  1930-1938

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A
Architect/Builder
Branch of Plans and Design, Western Division, NPS

The White Grass Ranger Station Historic District is significant under Criteria C because it remains as a clear statement of the NPS Rustic style of the 1930s at Grand Teton National Park. Further, the district is the only example of the horse patrol era station extant in the Park. It is also significant in that it is an example of rustic architecture at Grand Teton that predates those constructed by New Deal public works agencies. The district is associated with the Rustic Architecture context of the Grand Teton National Park Multiple Property form.

The ranger station complex was built during 1930 by the National Park Service using Service developed plans for natural parks. It was one of the first ranger stations to be built in the Park after its establishment by Congress in 1929 as Superintendent Samuel Woodring set out to establish a National Park Service presence there and develop a system of trails and ranger stations. The ranger station follows the practices typical of the era's rustic architecture as expressed in Grand Teton in that standard plans were used but with the Superintendent using premanufactured parts, in this case windows, rather than to have them individually crafted to keep costs down. The log building with its emphasis on harmony with its surroundings, fits the Rustic mold as outlined by National Park Service director Stephen Mather in 1918. The Ranger Station fulfills the registration requirements set forth in the multiple property documentation in that it is in its historic location and still maintains its setting to convey its feeling and character. The district resources are more than fifty years old and are of log and wood materials. The district is clearly rustic in style and conveys its design, materials, workmanship, and function/character. Interior remodeling and modernization have all but destroyed the interior fabric through impacts to the log walls and the interiors are not considered significant.

See continuation sheet
9. Major Bibliographical References

Mehls, Steven F. and Drake, Carol J. "The Mirror of History: The Architecture of Grand Teton National Park Through Time." ms. prepared as part of National Park Service Contract CX-1200-7-B065, on file at Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Division of Cultural Resources, National Park Service.

Previous documentations on file (NPS): _ See continuation sheet
- 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

Additional data:

Other State agency
X Federal agency
Local government
University
Other
Specify Repository: Grand Teton National Park, NPS

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property 5 acres

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property is delineated by a circle centered on the UTM coordinate with a 200 yard radius.
The property can be found on the Grand Teton, Wyo., 7.5' U.S.G.S. quadrangle map.

Boundary Justification

The boundary as described includes the building and structures of the district and a portion of the forest around it to include historic setting of the district and its feeling as a back country ranger station.

11. Form Prepared By

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List of Contributing Resources by Building Number at the White Grass Ranger Station Historic District

The following resources are considered contributing to the historic district: 37, 53, 61, and unnumbered corral
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Negatives on file at Grand Teton National Park
White Grass
Ranger Station
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Grand Teton National Park

Approx. scale 1" = 150' 7/87