**NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK**

**BACKUS RANGER STATION/MARBLEMTUNT**

**RANGER STATION - RESIDENCE**

**SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION**
One mile north of Highway 10, at end of Ranger Station Road, in Marblemount

**DISTRICT**
Skagit

**COUNTY**
Skagit

**STATE**
Washington

**OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS**
National Park Service

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION**
c. 1933

**ADDITION(S)**

**SCALE**

**QUAD NAME**
Marblemount

**UTM ZONE**
10

**EASTING**
6146005

**NORTHING**
377400

**CROSS REFERENCE**
NOCA Bldg. #1010

**CONTRIBUTING**

**NON-CONTRIBUTING**

**DANGER OF DEMOLITION?**
No

**CURRENT USE**
Residence

**ORIGINAL USE**
Residence

**DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.**
Residence. Wood frame set on concrete foundation; rectangle (28' x 34') with shed roof porch addition on north; 3 bays wide; 1 1/2-stories; cedar shingle siding with decorative board and batten siding at gable ends; wood-shaked gable roof with slightly extended eaves and exposed rafter ends; center entrance with multi-paned glass door on south; off-center brick chimney. Exterior features include 1/1 double-hung sash with plain surrounds; single-pane sash set into foundation; shed-roofed dormer on north with diamond-pane sash; gable-roofed entrance portico with arched stickwork in pediment, supported by wrought iron posts; gable-roofed entrance portico on north with king-post truss and knee braces; plain fascia boards. Notable landscape features include 2 wood frame outbuildings behind house.

This is one of the older buildings at the Marblemount Ranger Station complex. A former U.S.F.S. employee believes this residence was built for the U.S.F.S. by the C.C.C.s who were stationed at Bacon Creek in the 1930s.

**PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY**
Yes, unlimited

**LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?**
Yes

**SIGNIFICANCE**
Eligible under Nat. Reg. Criterion C: significant as an excellent example of 1930s-era residential architecture designed by the USFS. Drawing on traditional models the USFS constructed buildings designed by their architects which utilized natural or native materials, combined different exterior materials, and successfully harmonized with the environment. This residence represents a distinct type of architecture and possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.
REFERENCES
Berry, Fred. Personal interview, 2 May 1984.

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