NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE/SITE: BEAVER PASS SHELTER

SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION: Beaver Pass, approximately 14 miles from Ross Lake

DISTRICT: Skagit
COUNTY: Whatcom
STATE: Washington

OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS: National Park Service

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1938

ADDITION(S): Wood shake siding (on 3 sides) over round log construction; wood-shaked saltbox roof with slightly extended eaves and extended ridgeline; entrance opening on east. Exterior features include exposed log purlins and rafters; split wood braces beneath eaves.

DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.:

As early as 1916 the USFS had begun an active building program that provided shelters in the backcountry for the tourist, hunter and fisherman. This was noted as a new departure in the work of the USFS. The design of the shelters was made with a definite purpose: travelers, campers, and fishermen would utilize these structures during summer vacation season. The main object was to encourage camping in certain areas, thus minimizing fire hazards caused by visitors. This shelter was built by USFS employee Fred Berry in the late 1930s. In 1982 the NFS repaired the roof and foundation supports. Of interest is graffiti on wall: "Dayo September 14-47" (John Dayo—a trapper).

SIGNIFICANCE: Eligible under Nat. Reg. Criterion C: significant as a distinct type of building. This is a good example of a 1930s-era USFS-designed backcountry shelter. It reflects the USFS design ethic of utilizing natural/native materials and siting structures with a sensitivity to the environment. Only a few regulation (designed and built according to USFS standards) shelters stand today within the North Cascades; most were removed by the USFS and NFS because of changing needs, philosophy and liability problems. This shelter possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.
PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

FROM SW

FROM N.

FROM E.

NEGATIVE NO.  GL6-1-8
HABS/HAER QUALITY  □ YES  □ NO

REFERENCES
Berry, Fred. Personal interview, 2 May 1984.

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