**NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK**

**NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE/SITE**

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY: U.S./CANADA

(Site)

**SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION**

49th Parallel (North Latitude), U.S.-Canada Boundary Monument 72, east of Ross Lake, near Hozomeen

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**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION**

1906-7

**ADDITION(S)**

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**CONTRIBUTING**

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**NON-CONTRIBUTING**

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**SITE ID. NO.**

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**SCALE**

1:24000

**QUAD NAME**

Hozomeen Mt., et al

**UTM ZONE EASTING NORTHING**

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**CROSS REFERENCE**

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**DANGER OF DEMOLITION?**

NO

**CURRENT USE**

Boundary-marker

**ORIGINAL USE**

Boundary-marker

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**PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY**

YES, LIMITED

NO

YES, UNLIMITED

UNKNOWN

EXISTING SURVEYS

NR

HABS

LCS

STATE

LOCAL

OTHER

**LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?**

YES

NO

UNKNOWN

**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT

FAIR

RUINS

GOOD

DETERIORATED

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

Eligible under Nat. Reg. Criterion A: significant for its association with early exploration in the North Cascades and the cooperation between two countries to establish an international border. These early survey efforts were accomplished by explorers who recorded information about this unknown territory for the first time. The visible boundary and the extant monuments across the northern boundary of the park delineating the 49th parallel are tangible evidence of the joint efforts by Great Britain and the USA. They possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

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In 1846 Great Britain and the United States agreed with the Treaty of Washington that the boundary between Canada and the U.S. would be at the 49th parallel. But complications arose and disagreement prevented the boundary to be unequivocally determined until 1856 when the U.S. Congress authorized a North West Boundary Commission to survey the 49th parallel. Between 1858-60 this rugged terrain was surveyed and marked. The first monuments consisted of loose rock cairns, 6-8' in height; 8 would have been located within the present day park. None of these remain today. In 1906-1907 the present monuments were erected as an on-going boundary verification effort, and 17 of these can be found across the park's northern boundary.
PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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REFERENCES
Thompson, Erwin. History Basic Data, 1970.

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