PERRY CREEK SHELTER

On north side of Little Beaver trail, approximately 5 miles from Ross Lake

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DANGER OF DEMOLITION?

YES
NO
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As early as 1916 the USFS had begun an active building program that provided shelters in the backcountry for tourists, hunters and fishermen. 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 in 1937 by USFS employee Fred Berry. Berry split cedar and shakes on site for the building. Perry Creek derives its name from Bill Perry, an early-day packer who worked out of Marblemount.

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 NPS because of changing needs, philosophy and liability problems. This shelter possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.
REFERENCES

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