NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE/SITE: SWAMP CABIN/MEADOW CABIN (East)

SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION: Approximately 10 miles from Thunder Creek trailhead towards Park Creek Pass, spur trail leading to Thunder Creek.

DISTRICT: Skagit

COUNTY: Skagit

STATE: Washington

OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS: National Park Service

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1912 or earlier

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CURRENT USE: Vacant

ORIGINAL USE: Storage

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

Cabin. Log construction set on log foundation; rectangle (16' x 18'); 1 bay wide; 1-story; round logs with round-hewn ends and square-notched corners; wood-shaken gable roof extended on south to form porch overhang; off-center entrance opening on south. Exterior features include rectangular window opening (sash missing) on north; round log purlins; plain fascia board on south; split wood used as chinking between logs.

The date of construction for this cabin is not known. It is associated with early mining operations in upper Thunder Creek but does not appear on a 1913 or 1922 Washington National Forest Map (first appears on Mt. Baker National Forest Map, 1936). It is believed that the North Coast Mining and Milling Company built this structure and one nearby and used them as headquarters for assaying, storage, etc. The company was large and financed by an English outfit. They hired a man from Marblemount for the axe work on both log buildings. Supplies to the cabins and mines were brought in by packtrain. The company had a substantial warehouse in Marblemount where they kept supplies and mules. The round-trip to the mines usually took five days. After mining subsided (c. 1910s) the cabins were used as shelters by various people including Jack Durand (builder of Middle Cabin—razed) and John Dayo (trapper) in the 1920s.

PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY: YES, LIMITED

PUBLIC LOCATION IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT: NO

SIGNIFICANCE: Eligible under Nat. Reg. Criterion A: for its association with mining developments in the North Cascades; and under Criterion C: as a distinct type and method of construction. This structure is a fine example of square-notched log construction in the North Cascades. It is one of the few intact early log cabins remaining. It is associated with the early mining efforts in the Thunder Creek Mining District, serving as an important stop-over for miners, horsepackers, and later USFS personnel, trappers, and hikers. It possesses integrity of location, design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association.
Recent information reveals the Meadow Cabins may date to the early 1910s at the latest, as evidenced by the age of trees recently removed from the site (76 yr. old trees adjacent to the bldgs.)
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