

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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DATE ENTERED

11/17/81

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bear Lake Ranger Station
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bear Lake, Rocky Mountain National Park

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Estes Park

VICINITY OF

Fourth

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Colorado

08

Larimer

069

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (If applicable)

National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER

655 Parfet

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Denver

VICINITY OF

Colorado

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Subject site within the boundaries of Rocky Mountain National Park
created from the public lands by Act of Congress of January 1, 19

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

List of Classified Structures Inventory

DATE

1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Regional Office

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Denver

Colorado

JUN 5 1987

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bear Lake Ranger Station is sited approximately 300 feet from the southeast corner of Bear Lake in a mixed forest of spruce, fir, and lodgepole pine.

A masonry foundation of uncoursed rubblestone establishes the base of the 20' x 27' cabin on the sloping terrain. The structural walls are made of saddle-notched logs.

The west slope of the gabled roof is supported by 2 log purlins, evenly spaced between the log plate and the log ridgepole; the east slope is supported by a single purlin between the plate and the ridgepole. Wood shingles lie on a decking which is supported in turn by a continuous course of poles, approximately 4" in diameter, each running from the ridgepole to the plate.

The fireplace and chimney are made of uncoursed rubblestone.

The structural walls form the interior finish of the exterior walls of the cabin. Interior partitions of vertical board and batten construction divide the cabin into a living room, bedroom, kitchen, and storage room. A bathroom area, shower and lavatory, has been crudely partitioned from the storage area by wallboard construction.

The ceilings of the living room and bedroom are of wallboard. The kitchen and storage room are open to the pole rafters. The floors are of varnished wood planks.

Although the structure is architecturally interesting, the logs have deteriorated to the point that restoration would be difficult if not impossible. Further, interior remodeling has modified the building to the point that it lacks structural integrity.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

Built 1923

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bear Lake Ranger Station is significant for its architecture, typical park design, and for its role in extending coverage for protection of the park and information for the ever increasing traveling public.

On May 31, 1920, Park Superintendent L.C. Way reported that "Work is going forward on the logging road to Bear Lake. This work is being done by Mr. Byerly, under my supervision. It will not only open up thousands of acres of fire-killed timber, but will also make Bear Lake Lodge more accessible." On May 31, 1923, the Superintendent stated that "Last year, automobiles reached Bear Lake for the first time, but the road was impassable for most cars." A month later the Superintendent observed, with obvious astonishment, that "one Sunday there were twenty automobiles at Bear Lake."

Increased travel was clearly the rationale for the construction of the Bear Lake Ranger Station, the completion of which was noted in the Superintendent's Annual Report for 1923: "A new ranger station has been constructed at Bear Lake. The plan was prepared by the Landscape Engineer. With the opening of the automobile road to Bear Lake, the necessity for a ranger station at this location was increased, and this building furnishes suitable quarters."

The subject structure was used for many years as quarters for seasonal rangers and as a branch museum in 1932. Seasonal occupancy was terminated in the early 1970's and the structure has since been used only for storage.

The drawings for the Bear Lake Ranger Station are on file at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office of the National Park Service in Denver, Colorado.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Superintendent's Annual Reports, Rocky Mountain National Park.
 Superintendent's Monthly Reports, Rocky Mountain National Park.
 Building Folder, Rocky Mountain National Park.
 Musselman, Lloyd K. Rocky Mountain National Park, Administrative History.
 Washington: National Park Service, 1971

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	1,3	4,4,5,10,5	4,4,6,2,3,9,5	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A square, approximately 208.5 feet on a side, with the Bear Lake Ranger Station at its center.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

D. Ferrel Atkins, Ranger-Technician

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER

Rocky Mountain National Park

CITY OR TOWN

Estes Park

DATE

August 12, 1981

TELEPHONE

(303) 586-2371

STATE

Colorado

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES___ NO___ NONE___

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is ___ National ___ State ___ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT
(Attach 4" x 5" Black and White Photograph)

REGION RMR PARK/AREA NAME ROMO PARK NUMBER 1520
STRUCTURE NAME Ranger Station STRUCTURE NUMBER HS-11
LOCATION OF STRUCTURE Bear Lake PARK LOCATION CODE BL
NATIONAL REGISTER 5 DATE: 11 / 17 / 81 MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: (A) (B) (D)
NPS LEGAL INTEREST Fee MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT: NO

Check all of the following categories for which NPS has treatment responsibility:

Stabilization Cyclic Maintenance Routine Maintenance Approved Ultimate Treatment

(ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION USE ONLY)

APPROVED ULTIMATE TREATMENT OR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN, CULTURAL COMPONENT DESIGNATION:

Preservation (PP) Restoration (RR) Reconstruction (CC)
Adaptive Preservation (AP) Adaptive Restoration (AR) Adaptive Reconstruction (AC)
Neglect (NG) Remove (RM) No Approved Treatment (NO)

Approval Document _____ () Document Date: / /

Estimated Treatment Costs _____

Stabilization: \$ _____ Date: / / Level of Estimate: (A) (B) (C)
Approved Treatment: \$ _____ Date: / / Estimator: (Region) (DSC) (A&E)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Date of Construction: / / 1923 Date of Alterations: / / 1940
Architect/Designer: D.R. Hull Historical Theme(s): NPS Rustic Architecture
History of Structure: The Bear Lake Ranger Station is one of the earliest structures to be built in Rocky Mountain National Park, and one of the first to be constructed in "NPS Rustic" style of architecture. Plans were designed by D.R. Hull, Chief Landscape Engineer, Landscape Engineering Division, NPS, Los Angeles. Hull worked closely with Charles P. Punchard, NPS Landscape Engineer on his projects. The building is currently vacant.

Evaluation of Structure: Historic Theme Contributing X Non-Contributing _____

National Register Criteria: A B C D (Include integrity statement)

This log building is one of the earliest structures of the "NPS Rustic" architectural styles constructed in RNMP. It contributes to the historic and architectural character of the Park. In 1940, wings were built onto each end of the main building.

Bibliography: "Supt. Annual Reports 1915-1930"; ROMO Building Maintenance Files. Tweed, "NPS Rustic Architecture: 1916-1942". DETERMINED ELIGIBLE 11/17/81

Representation in Other Surveys: LCS Lance Williams 1976

If structure has been removed, how? N/A Date: / /

Report prepared by: Carl and Karen McWilliams Date: 8 / 1 / 85

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CONTINUATION FROM FRONT SHEET - STRUCTURE NAME HS-11 Ranger Station

LOCATION: Section 14 State Colorado USE: CURRENT INTERIOR USE (NPS 28 CODE) 00
Township 4N County Larimer Original Use Employee's quarters
Range 74W Intermediate Uses Employee's quarters
PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NPS 28 CODE) ? HI

OWNERSHIP: Present Owner: U.S. Gov't DRAWING NO. RM 31621; RM 10; RM 2021 A
Original Owner: U.S. Gov't NEGATIVE NO. Call ID Negative 21
Intermediate Owner(s): None

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

TYPE OF STRUCTURE (NPS 28 CODE): BU
ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER (STYLE): NPS Rustic Architecture

SITE (INCLUDE ORIENTATION OF STRUCTURE): Pine and fir forest. Large boulders. Dirt trail and facade to NE.

OVERALL BUILDING PLAN (FOOTPRINT): Rectangular.
Bays: 2 by 1; Piles: 2.
OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 31'5" by 21'6"

COMPOSITION (NPS 28 CODE): WD
STORIES: One

FOUNDATION: Low to medium, 0'4" to 3'2", of uncoursed fieldstone.

WALLS: Brown. Logs with square notching at corners.

ROOF: Saltbox, with green wood shingles doubled every fifth course. Exposed half log rafter ends. Exposed purlins, ridge pole, and plate logs.

CHIMNEYS: One - of uncoursed fieldstone. Located centrally on SW elevation. Two - metal vent pipes.

PORCHES: One - 3 step wood stoop, with 4" by 4" wood railing on facade. One - wood stoppe on SE elevation.

WINDOWS: Eight - 2 ganged, 6 light hoppers. Four - 2 ganged, 4 light hoppers. Rectangular, green wood frames, flat arches

DOORS: Two - single, brown, vertical wood boards. One with 4 lights upper on facade, one with one light upper on SE elev.

ADDITIONS:
INTERIOR PLAN: Four rooms: kitchen, living room, two bedrooms. Currently vacant.

INTERIOR FINISHES: Perimeter walls and ceiling: exposed log frame. Partition walls: board and batten. Floors: tongue and groove wood flooring.

SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES: