Form No. 10-306 (Rev. 10-74)  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM  
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES  
SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS  

1 NAME  
HISTORIC  
Hockett Meadow Ranger Station  
AND/OR COMMON  
Buildings 75 and 139  

2 LOCATION  
STREET & NUMBER  
Not Applicable  
CITY, TOWN  
Sequoia National Park  
STATE  
California  

3 CLASSIFICATION  
CATEGORY  
X BUILDING(S)  
X STRUCTURE  
X SITE  
X OBJECT  
OWNERSHIP  
X PUBLIC  
PRIVATE  
X BOTH  
PUBLIC ACQUISITION  
IN PROCESS  
BEING CONSIDERED  
ACCESSIBLE  
X YES: RESTRICTED  
X YES: UNRESTRICTED  
NO  
STATUS  
X OCCUPIED  
UNOCCUPIED  
WORK IN PROGRESS  
PRESENT USE  
X PARK  
AGRICULTURE  
COMMERCIAL  
EDUCATIONAL  
ENTERTAINMENT  
GOVERNMENT  
INDUSTRIAL  
MILITARY  
OTHER:  

4 AGENCY  
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)  
National Park Service, Western Regional Office  
STREET & NUMBER  
450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36063  
CITY, TOWN  
San Francisco  
STATE  
California  

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC  
Tulare County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
Mooney and Mineral King Boulevards  
CITY, TOWN  
Visalia  
STATE  
California  

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  
TITLE  
List of Classified Structures  
DATE  
1976  
X FEDERAL  
STATE  
COUNTY  
LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
National Park Service, Western Regional Office  
CITY, TOWN  
San Francisco  
STATE  
California
DESCRIPTION

CONDITION
- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE
- UNALTERED
- ALTERED
- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED

DATE________

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hockett Meadow Ranger Station complex consists of two buildings: the Ranger Station (a residence) and a smaller "storage barn" or tack room. Both structures stand in Hockett Meadow at an elevation of 8,500 feet. A dense conifer forest surrounds the meadow.

The Ranger Station is a one-story log cabin with exterior measurements of 23 by 33 feet. The log walls rest on a concrete foundation which is veneered with stone. The gable roof, which was originally shaked but is now covered with aluminum, is supported by log rafters. A stone-floored porch measuring 7 by 12½ feet is attached to the front of the structure. A log framed roof shelters the porch. The interiors consist of three rooms: two bedrooms and a combined kitchen-living room. The interior is finished with plywood paneling. A stone chimney rises from the center of the roof, providing ventilation for the wood burning cooking range.

The storage barn is a one-room log cabin with exterior measurements of 17 by 26 feet. The interior room measures 13 by 17 feet. The sizeable difference between interior and exterior measurements is accounted for in the battered pattern of the corners joints. In construction detail, the storage barn is quite similar to the adjoining residence, being constructed of logs with a stone foundation and a shake roof (unaltered). The interior is finished with 3/8" by 4" tongue and groove. The two buildings stand together in the open meadow, with the barn to the northeast of the residence.

Both structures are in good condition. They are essentially unaltered except for the metal roof on the ranger station.
The Hockett Meadow Ranger Station complex, Sequoia National Park, California, is of local significance in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, and social/humanitarian endeavor. These values of significance result from the rustic design of the buildings in question and from their association with the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The Hockett Meadow Ranger Station complex, consisting of a ranger residence and a separate storage barn structure, was erected by the National Park Service during the summer of 1934. (A small amount of detail finish work was completed on the residence during 1935.) Built of logs, both structures are excellent examples of National Park Service rustic architecture. "NPS-rustic" was a philosophy of architectural design which sought a harmonious relationship between a structure and its natural setting. Usually this relationship was achieved through the use of natural materials and through the omission of overly straight lines or smooth surfaces. An attempt to incorporate local pioneer design facets into the structure was often another part of "NPS-rustic." All these facets of rustic styling were present at Hockett Meadow. The exterior of the two structures consisted almost entirely of materials obtained in the immediate vicinity. The concrete foundation was veneered with native granite. The walls were composed of lodgepole pine logs cut in the surrounding forest, while the roof consisted of handcut shakes supported by log rafters and brackets. The rectangular nature of the building was partially masked by the uncoursed nature of the foundation masonry and by the staggering of the roof shakes. With their log walls and shake roof, the two buildings resembled the early pioneer structures of the Sierra Nevada region.

Not only were all these qualities present in these two structures, but the final composite product was (and is) a highly successful rustic complex. It is this quality of design and construction which earns the structures their significance in terms of architecture. The landscape architecture significance results from the strong relationship between this type of architecture and the landscape architecture profession. In the National Park Service of the 1930's, these two professions merged for a time. The result was the emergence of the type of architecture commemorated in this nomination.

The significance in terms of social/humanitarian endeavor results from the fact that the two buildings in question were erected by the Civilian Conservation Corps, by far the most concerted social program ever to occur in the region in question.

Significant values requiring management protection in these two structures relate to the architectural integrity of the two structures and to the integrity of their natural


**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY**

**UTM REFERENCES**

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Beginning at a point 40 feet south of the southwest corner of the Hockett Meadow Ranger Station, proceed east 150 feet; thence north 150 feet; thence west 150 feet; thence south 150 feet to point a of beginning.

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

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**FORM PREPARED BY**

**NAME / TITLE**

William Tweed, Park Technician

**ORGANIZATION**

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

**DATE**

May 20, 1977

**STREET & NUMBER**

Ash Mountain Headquarters

**PHONE**

(209) 565-3391

**CITY OR TOWN**

Three Rivers California

**CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

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**

Deputy Assistant Secretary

**DATE**

Nov 10 1977

**FOR NPS USE ONLY**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

**DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

**DATE**

4/22/75

**ATTEST**

California Cole

**DATE**

4/13-78
setting. Both exteriors should maintain their historical appearance. When change has previously occurred (as in the case of the metal roof on the residence), the original appearance should be restored. The interior of the residence may be modified only in such ways as to not significantly alter the tone and feeling of the structure. The interior of the storage barn is not considered significant.

(Ranger Stations at Horseshoe Lake, Lassen Volcanic National Park (1934) and Redwood Meadow, Sequoia National Park (1938) are very similar to the Hockett Meadow Station. Both have been nominated to the National Register.)
HOCKETT MEADOW RANGER STATION
SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, CA

PHOTO BY MULHERN, 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

TUPLARE COUNTY

NAT. PARK SERVICE WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE
450 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE, BOX 36063
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

VIEW OF RANGER STATION FROM SOUTH

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SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, CA
RANGER STATION, HOCKETT MEADOW
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Tulare County

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SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, CA
TACK ROOM, HOCKETT MEADOW
TOM NPS PHOTO BY MULHERN, 8/75
TULARE COUNTY
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SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, CA
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VIEW OF STORAGE BARN FROM SOUTH WEST

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HOCKETT MEADOW RANGER STATION
SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA
Zone 11
Easting 3-51-510
Northing 40-26-930