## NAME

**HISTORIC**

Redwood Meadow Ranger Station

**AND/OR COMMON**

Buildings 102 and 205

## LOCATION

**STREET & NUMBER**

Not Applicable

**CITY, TOWN**

Sequoia National Park

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Three Rivers

**STATE**

California

**COUNTY**

Tulare

## CLASSIFICATION

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## AGENCY

**REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

National Park Service, Western Regional Office

**STREET & NUMBER**

450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36063

**CITY, TOWN**

San Francisco

## LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.**

Tulare County Courthouse

**STREET & NUMBER**

Mooney and Mineral King Blvds.

**CITY, TOWN**

Visalia

## REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**TITLE**

List of Classified Structures

**DATE**

1976

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**

National Park Service, Western Regional Office

**CITY, TOWN**

San Francisco

**STATE**

California
The Redwood Meadow Ranger station complex consists of two buildings: the Ranger Station (a residence) and a smaller "storage barn" or tack room. Both structures stand near Redwood Meadow at an elevation of 6,100 feet. A dense mixed conifer forest (including giant sequoia trees) shades the site.

The Ranger Station is a one-story log cabin with exterior measurements of 23 by 33 feet. The peeled log walls rest on a foundation of blocks of giant sequoia wood. The gable roof, which is covered with shakes, is supported by log rafters. A wooden-floored front porch, measuring 7 by 12 feet, is attached to the front of the structure. The porch is roofed with a small gabled roof which is supported by log pillars. The interior consists of four rooms: two bedrooms, a combination living room-kitchen, and a bathroom. 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 by the battered pattern of the corner joints. In construction detail, the storage barn is quite similar to the adjoining residence, being constructed of logs with a redwood foundation and shake roof. The interior is finished with 3/8-inch by 4-inch tongue and groove lumber.

The two buildings stand on opposite sides of the Redwood Meadow Trail. The barn is within a fenced pasture.

Both structures are in good condition. The water system for the house is no longer serviceable. The two structures and their setting are unaltered.
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Redwood 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 and construction of the buildings in question and from their association with the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The Redwood Meadow Ranger Station complex, consisting of a ranger residence and a separate storage barn structure, was erected by the National Park Service during the summers of 1938 through 1941. (The residence was constructed in 1938 and 1939, while the storage barn was built in 1939, 1940, and 1941). 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 construction designs into a structure was often another part of "NPS-rustic". All these facets of rustic styling are present at Redwood Meadow. The exterior of the two structures consists almost entirely of materials obtained in the immediate vicinity. The foundation is composed of massive hewn blocks of sequoia wood. The walls are composed of pine and fir logs cut in the surrounding forest, while the roof consists of handcut shakes supported by log rafters and brackets. The rectangular nature of the building is partially masked by the battering of the corners. With their log walls and shake roofs, the two buildings resemble the pioneer architecture of the Sierra Nevada region.

The significance of these structures lies not only in the presence of these various design details, but also in the visually pleasing appearance of the resulting structure. 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 "NPS-rustic" architecture and the landscape architecture profession. In the National Park Service building program of the 1920's and 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 enrollees of the Civilian Conservation Corps, which was by far the most concerted social program ever to be undertaken in the region in question.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES
2. Park Building Files, Maintenance Office, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.8

UTM REFERENCES

ZONE EASTING NORTHING ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
Beginning at the center of the large sequoia snag, located approximately 40 feet east of the ranger station, proceed east 200 feet, thence south 200 feet; thence west 400 feet; thence north 300 feet, thence east 200 feet, thence south 100 feet to point of beginning.

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

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

TELEPHONE
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CITY OR TOWN
Three Rivers

STATE
California

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES X NO

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE 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 ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 4/13/78
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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 setting. Both exteriors should maintain their historical appearance. The interior of the residence should not be modified in such ways as altering the feeling and tone of the interior. The interior of the storage barn is not considered significant. The preservation of the Historic Scene does not necessarily entail the maintenance of corrals and other fencing, if these features are no longer needed.

(Ranger Stations at Horseshoe Lake, Lassen Volcanic National Park (1934) and Hockett Meadow, Sequoia National Park (1934) are very similar to the Redwood Meadow Ranger Station. Both have been or will be nominated to the National Register).
SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, CA
RANGER STATION, REDWOOD MEADOWS
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VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST

PHOTO 1 OF 4
Redwood Meadow Ranger Station
Sequoia National Park, CA
Photo by Mulhern, July, 1975

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View of Storage Barn from North

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SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, CA
Tack Room, Redwood Meadow
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View from Northeast

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VIEW OF RANGER STATION FROM SOUTHWEST
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