REGION: RMR  PARK/AREA NAME: Zion National Park  PARK NUMBER: 1390
STRUCTURE NAME: Zion Nature Center/Zion Inn  STRUCTURE NUMBER: 90
LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: South Campground H.D.  PARK LOCATION CODE: SI
NATIONAL REGISTER: DATE:   MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: (A) (B) (C) (D)
NPS LEGAL INTEREST: FEE: MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT:

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 | Restoration | Reconstruction | CC
| Adaptation | Adaptive Restoration | Adaptive Reconstruction | AC
| Neglect | Remove | No Approved Treatment | NO

Approval Document: ( )Document Date:  
Estimated Treatment Costs:  
Stabilization: $  Date:   Estimate: (A) (B) (C)
Approved Treatment: $  Date:   Estimator: (Region) (DSC) (A&E)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Date of Construction:  / /1934  Date of Alterations:  / / 1974; 1981-83;
Architect/Designer: G.S. Underwood  Historical Theme(s):  NPS historic

History of Structure: The Zion Inn was designed by Underwood and built by the Utah Parks Company in 1934 to serve as a cafeteria, dining area, gift shop, and cabin office. It was the center for the cabins located north of the present-day South Campground.

UPS operated it through the 1972 season, after which the Park Service remodelled it for its Nature Center; it is presently used for children’s education and Park activities.


- On the front and side facades, the building retains its original character and fabric. There are several small additions on rear facade.

Bibliography: Oliviari, Lance. LCS inventory, 1976; interview with Victor Jackson

Representation in Other Surveys: LCS inventory, 1976;

If structure has been removed, how?  Date:  

Report prepared by: Nancy Witherell  Date: 10/10/84
CONTINUATION FROM FRONT SHEET - STRUCTURE NAME

Zion Nature Center—South Campground

LOCATION: Section State
Township Range

OWNERSHIP: Present Owner: NPS
Original Owner: NPS
Intermediate Owner(s): NPS

***PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION***

TYPE OF STRUCTURE (NPS 28 CODE): BU

ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER (STYLE): "NPS-Rustic" style

SITE (INCLUDE ORIENTATION OF STRUCTURE): The building's primary facade faces W toward a parking lot. It is located north of the South Campground facilities.

OVERALL BUILDING PLAN (FOOTPRINT): Roughly, a Greek cross with 2 subsidiary gables.

OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 56'x66'(sides are longer)

COMPOSITION (NPS 28 CODE): WD

STORIES: One, plus basement.

FOUNDATION: Sandstone (low) with basement casement windows.

WALLS: Walls are wide clapboard (12" with 2" lap), with seven sandstone piers at corners on front and sides. Stones are massive and only minimally dressed, with irregular mortar joints.

ROOF: Shake roof with 3"x6" rafter ends. Front gable over porch, and rear gable and large shed roof. Small gable on N side. Roof insulated and recovered 1981

* Building was insulated in 1981-83 by sheathing original exposed-stud-construction walls with clapboard.

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

Exterior retains original massive rockwork piers, fenestration, and roof members

Interior woodwork in large activity room is original.
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