

Grant-Kohrs Ranch Complex (Grant-Kohrs Ranch
National Historic Site)

HABS No. MT-39

Highway 10
Deer Lodge
Powell County
Montana

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Montana	COUNTY Powell	TOWN OR VICINITY Dear Lodge
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Grant-Kohrs Ranch Complex		HABS NO. MT-39
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Highway 10		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1862-	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Built for John Francis Grant	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The history of Grant-Kohrs Ranch spans the period from 1862 to 1972 illustrating the range cattle era from its beginnings on the open range, to the current stock raising & marketing system in America.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Ranch house; Bunkhouse row; Draft-horse, thoroughbred, and Stallion barns; Flumes; Feed lots.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1866 Ranch purchased by Conrad Kohrs; 1871 Kohrs and half-brother Bielenberg introduce high-quality registered shorthorn stock; 1880's Among first breeders to introduce Hereford cattle; 1883 Addition of the Davis, Hauser and Stuart Ranch (largest single cattle purchase in Montana history). (Con't on page 2)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE National Historic Site		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Park Service, General Management Plan: Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site U.S. Department of Interior, 1980		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Eleni Silverman, HABS		DATE August 1983

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES (Continued from page 1)

- 1915 Kohrs and Bielenberge sell off holdings
- 1932 Conrad Kohrs Warren began renovating remaining 1000 acres
- 1972 Became National Historic Site

ADDENDUM TO
GRANT-KOHR'S RANCH
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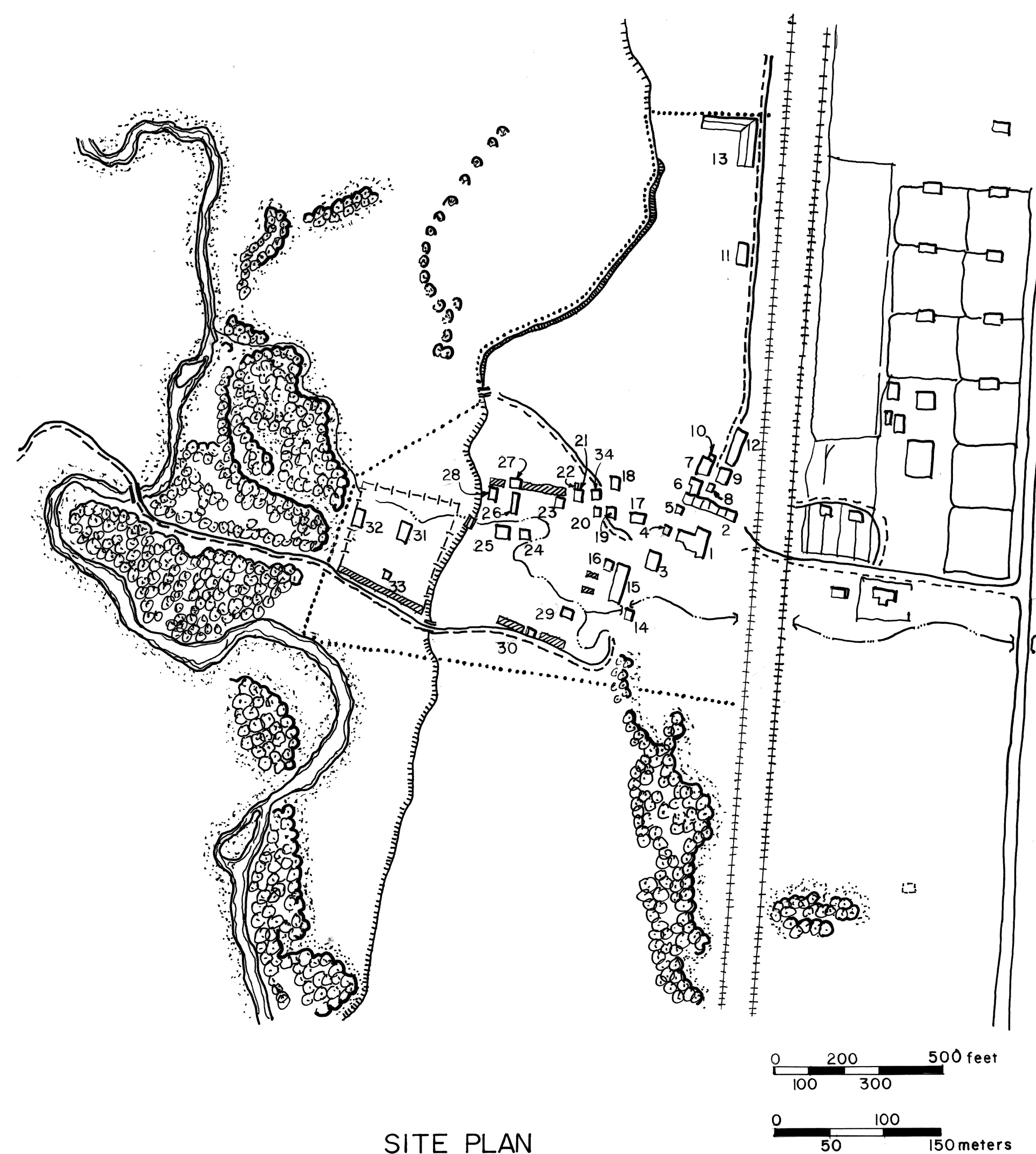
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GRANT-KOHR'S RANCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

DEER LODGE-POWELL COUNTY-MONTANA

THE STRUCTURES, BUILT FROM 1862-1935, AT GRANT-KOHR'S NHS COMMEMORATES THE OPEN RANGE CATTLE INDUSTRY OF THE AMERICAN WEST IN THE LATE NINETEENTH CENTURY, AND REFLECT THE VARIED ACTIVITIES AND CHANGING CHARACTER OF THE RANCH. THE HISTORY OF ONE OF MONTANA'S LARGEST CATTLE OPERATIONS REVOLVES AROUND THE HOME RANCH LOCATED NEAR DEER LODGE, MONTANA. IN THE EARLY 1860'S JOHN F. GRANT, A MONTANA CATTLEMAN, SELECTED THE SITE OF THE RANCH AS A PLACE TO SETTLE HIS FAMILY AND SUBSEQUENTLY BUILT THE LARGEST HOUSE IN THE MONTANA TERRITORY. HE SOLD THE RANCH IN 1866 TO CONRAD KOHR'S, A DANISH IMMIGRANT, WHO LATER MARRIED AUGUSTA KRUSE. WITH HIS HALF BROTHER, JOHN BIELENBERG, KOHR'S ESTABLISHED THE HOME RANCH OF A CATTLE EMPIRE THAT WOULD EXTEND OVER MONTANA. A COMBINATION OF HOMESTEADERS AND OVERGRAZING PRACTICES OF THE 1890'S ENDED THE OPEN RANGE ACTIVITIES FOR RANCHS LIKE THE KOHR'S-BIELENBERG SPREAD, THOUGH THE PARTNERSHIP ADAPTED TO THE CHANGING TIMES WITH NEW RANCHING TECHNIQUES. UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1920 KOHR'S MAINTAINED EXTENSIVE HOLDINGS IN CATTLE AND OTHER VENTURES. IN 1930'S CONTROL OF THE RANCH WENT TO CONRAD KOHR'S WARREN, GRANDSON OF CONRAD KOHR'S, WHO PRESERVED THE OLD HOME RANCH AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT-KOHR'S NHS, AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS IN 1972.

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SITE PLAN

KEY TO STRUCTURES

1. RANCH HOUSE	MT-39-A
2. BUNK-HOUSE ROW	MT-39-B
3. GARAGE-BLACKSMITH SHOP	MT-39-C
4. COAL SHED	
5. ICE HOUSE	MT-39-S
6. GRAINRY	MT-39-Q
7. DRAFT HORSE BARN	MT-39-J
8. PRIVY	MT-39-U
9. DAIRY	MT-39-N
10. OXEN BARN	MT-39-K
11. MACHINE SHED	MT-39-T
12. HORSE BARN	
13. COW SHED	MT-39-L
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15. THOROGBRED BARN	MT-39-E
16. STALLION BARN, LYON-REED	MT-39-F
17. BUGGY SHED	MT-39-D
18. GRAINRY	MT-39-Q
19. STALLION BARN	MT-39-H
20. PRIVY	MT-39-U
21. CHICKEN HOUSE	MT-39-O
22. GRAINRY	MT-39-R
23. FEEDING SHED	MT-39-M
24. FEEDING SHED	MT-39-M
25. UNFINISHED STRUCTURE	
26. FEEDING SHED	MT-39-M
27. FEED STORAGE HOUSE	
28. CALVING SHED	
29. STALLION BARN	MT-39-G
30. FEED STORAGE HOUSE	
31. FEEDING SHED	MT-39-M
32. FEEDING SHED	MT-39-M
33. STORAGE SHED	
34. BROODING HOUSE	MT-39-P

SYMBOLS

1. FARM ROADS	—
2. RAILROADS	+++++
3. IRRIGATION DITCH	
4. FEED RACKS	
5. RAIL FENCES	—
6. BOARD FENCES	—
7. LAND CLASS VI	



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HAAS No. MT-37-8

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