

Joe Pfeiffer Homestead
Grand Teton National Park
Moose Vicinity
Teton County
Wyoming

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On Antelope Flats Road 2.5 miles
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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL DATA

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For more information about other structures on the Joe Pfeiffer Homestead, see:

HABS No. WY-91-A Joe Pfeiffer Homestead, Homestead Cabin
HABS No. WY-91-B Joe Pfeiffer Homestead, Outhouse
HABS No. WY-91-C Joe Pfeiffer Homestead, Woodshed and Garage
HABS No. WY-91-D Joe Pfeiffer Homestead, Storage Shed
HABS No. WY-91-E Joe Pfeiffer Homestead, Barn and Granary
HABS No. WY-91-F Joe Pfeiffer Homestead, Barn

Location: On Antelope Flats Road, 2.5 miles south of Routes U. S. 187, 89 and
26 Moose Vicinity, Teton County, Wyoming

Present Owner: National Park Service
Grand Teton National Park
Moose, Wyoming

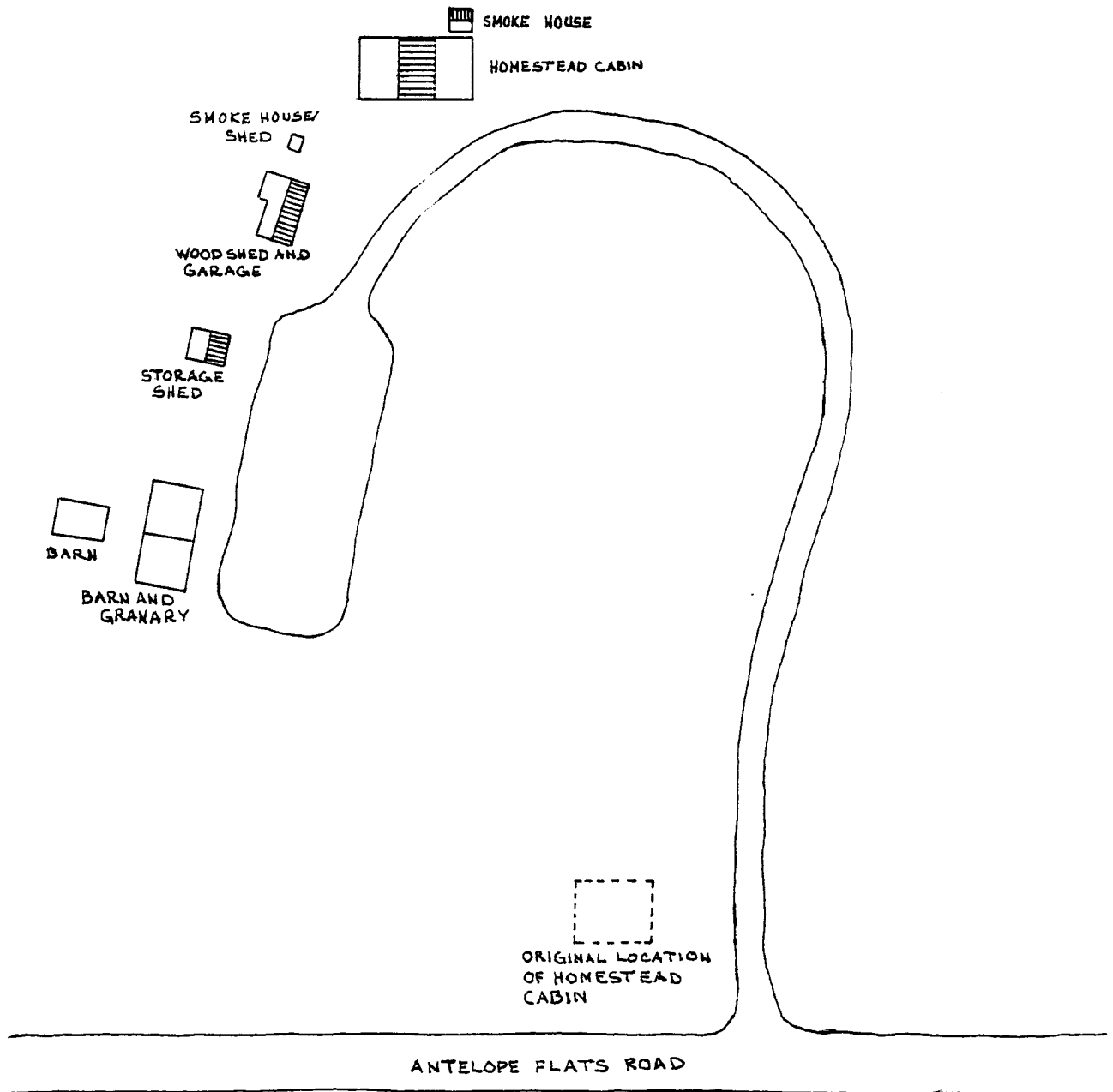
Present Occupant: None

Present Use: Destroyed by fire

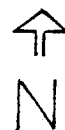
Statement of
Significance: The Joe Pfeiffer Homestead, built in the southeastern portion of Grand
Teton National Park, was an excellent representation of late-period
homesteading. Little change was made during the years and electricity
and modern agricultural implements were never a part of the
homestead. After 1962 all buildings were in a state of decay. Basic
elements of man's relationship to environmental surrounds in a frontier
situation remained intact, and the Joe Pfeiffer Homestead was used as
an environmental study for local school children. In September of
1994, a fast moving sagebrush and grass fire broke out burning 2,000
acres in Grand Teton National Park which destroyed the Joe Pfeiffer
Homestead.

CORRECTED SITE PLAN
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JULY 3, 1992

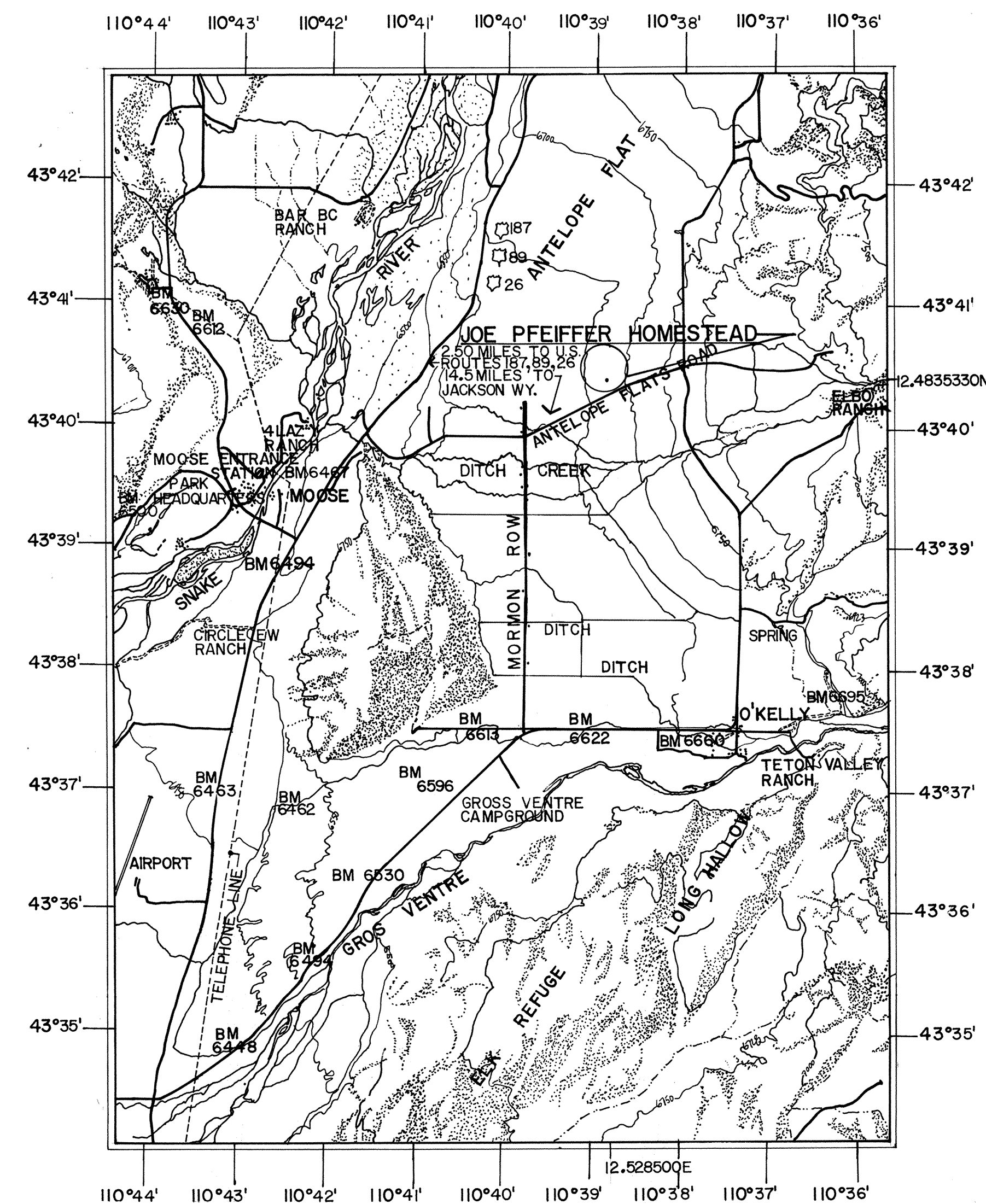
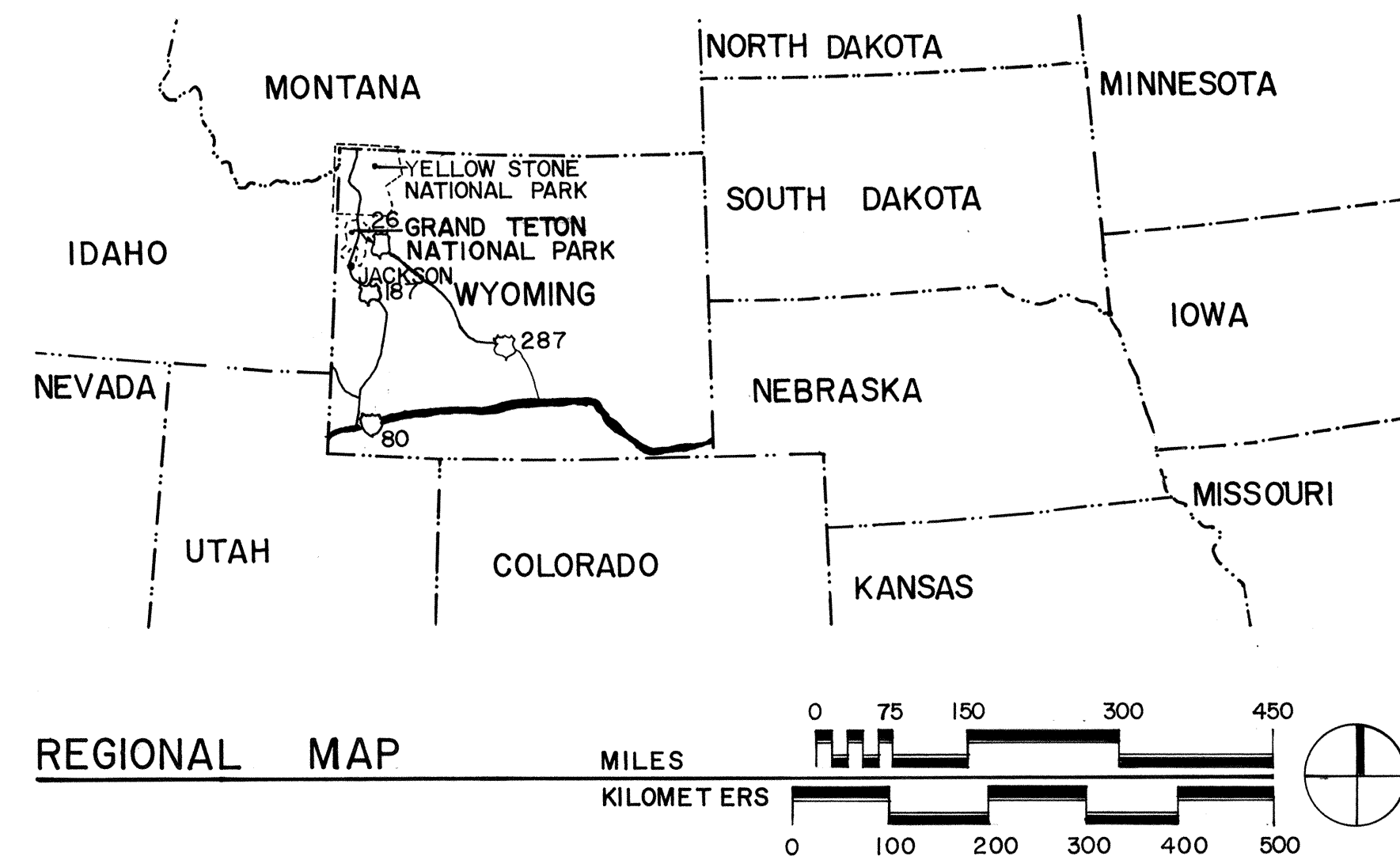
□ OUT HOUSE



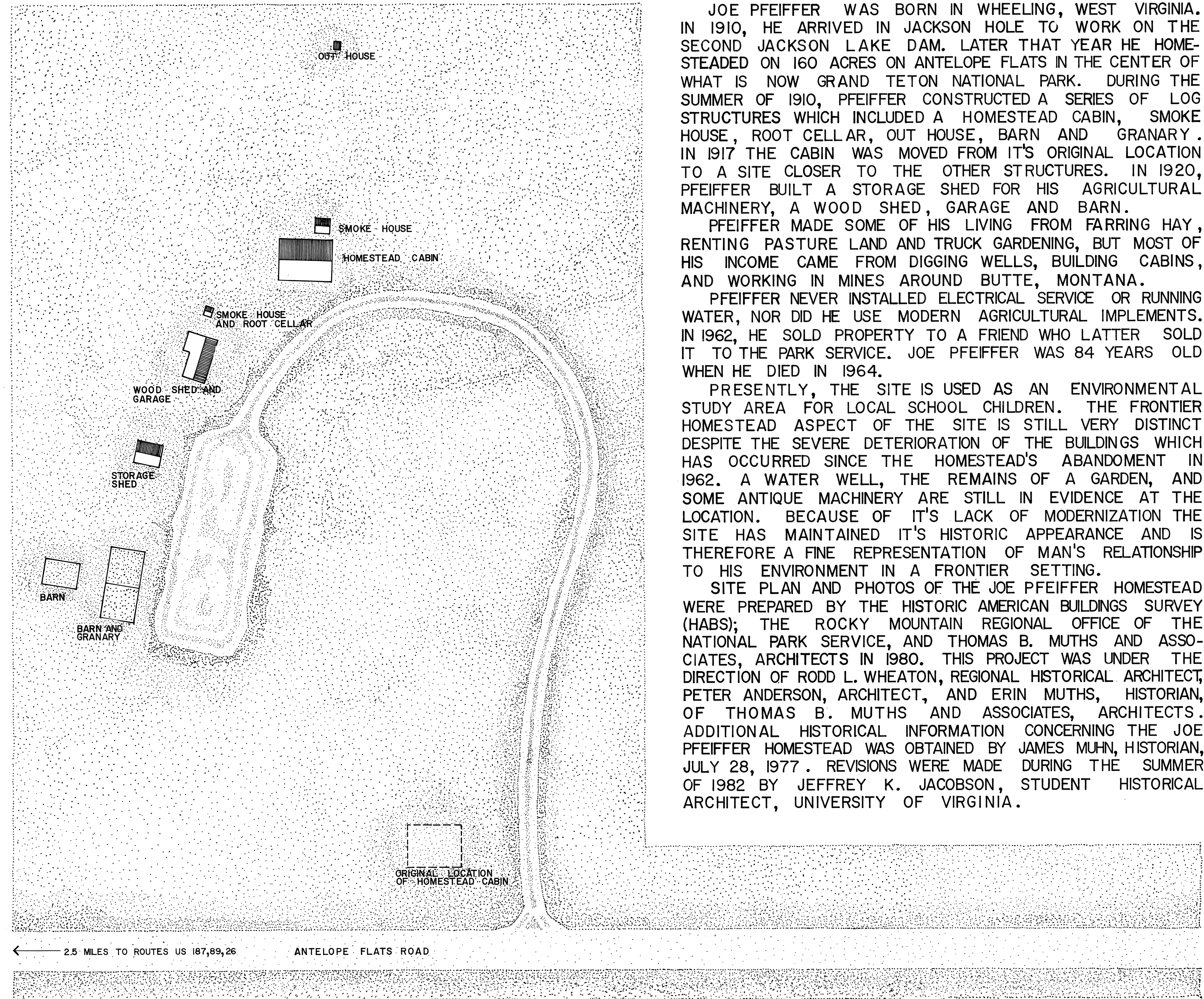
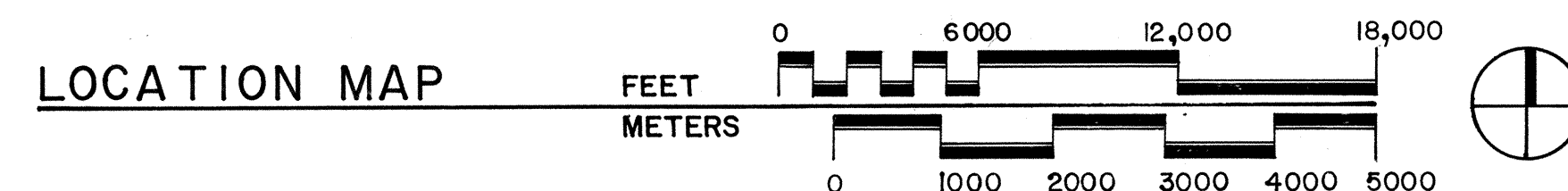
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SOURCE: USGS GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK, TETON COUNTY, WYOMING UTM 12.528500.4835330
SCALE: 1:62,500



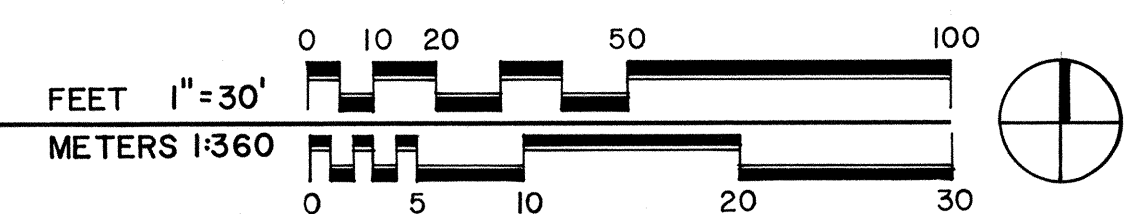
JOE PFEIFFER WAS BORN IN WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA. IN 1910, HE ARRIVED IN JACKSON HOLE TO WORK ON THE SECOND JACKSON LAKE DAM. LATER THAT YEAR HE HOMESTEADED ON 160 ACRES ON ANTELOPE FLATS IN THE CENTER OF WHAT IS NOW GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK. DURING THE SUMMER OF 1910, PFEIFFER CONSTRUCTED A SERIES OF LOG STRUCTURES WHICH INCLUDED A HOMESTEAD CABIN, SMOKE HOUSE, ROOT CELLAR, OUT HOUSE, BARN AND GRANARY. IN 1917 THE CABIN WAS MOVED FROM IT'S ORIGINAL LOCATION TO A SITE CLOSER TO THE OTHER STRUCTURES. IN 1920, PFEIFFER BUILT A STORAGE SHED FOR HIS AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, A WOOD SHED, GARAGE AND BARN.

PFEIFFER MADE SOME OF HIS LIVING FROM FARRING HAY, RENTING PASTURE LAND AND TRUCK GARDENING, BUT MOST OF HIS INCOME CAME FROM DIGGING WELLS, BUILDING CABINS, AND WORKING IN MINES AROUND BUTTE, MONTANA.

PFEIFFER NEVER INSTALLED ELECTRICAL SERVICE OR RUNNING WATER, NOR DID HE USE MODERN AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS. IN 1962, HE SOLD PROPERTY TO A FRIEND WHO LATTER SOLD IT TO THE PARK SERVICE. JOE PFEIFFER WAS 84 YEARS OLD WHEN HE DIED IN 1964.

PRESENTLY, THE SITE IS USED AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AREA FOR LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN. THE FRONTIER HOMESTEAD ASPECT OF THE SITE IS STILL VERY DISTINCT DESPITE THE SEVERE DETERIORATION OF THE BUILDINGS WHICH HAS OCCURRED SINCE THE HOMESTEAD'S ABANDONMENT IN 1962. A WATER WELL, THE REMAINS OF A GARDEN, AND SOME ANTIQUE MACHINERY ARE STILL IN EVIDENCE AT THE LOCATION. BECAUSE OF IT'S LACK OF MODERNIZATION THE SITE HAS MAINTAINED IT'S HISTORIC APPEARANCE AND IS THEREFORE A FINE REPRESENTATION OF MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO HIS ENVIRONMENT IN A FRONTIER SETTING.

SITE PLAN AND PHOTOS OF THE JOE PFEIFFER HOMESTEAD WERE PREPARED BY THE HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY (HABS); THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, AND THOMAS B. MUTHS AND ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS IN 1980. THIS PROJECT WAS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF RODD L. WHEATON, REGIONAL HISTORICAL ARCHITECT, PETER ANDERSON, ARCHITECT, AND ERIN MUTHS, HISTORIAN, OF THOMAS B. MUTHS AND ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS. ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE JOE PFEIFFER HOMESTEAD WAS OBTAINED BY JAMES MUHN, HISTORIAN, JULY 28, 1977. REVISIONS WERE MADE DURING THE SUMMER OF 1982 BY JEFFREY K. JACOBSON, STUDENT HISTORICAL ARCHITECT, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.



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GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

NAME AND LOCATION OF STRUCTURE	MOOSE VICINITY	TE
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Documentation: 4 exterior photographs

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- WY-9I-1 GENERAL VIEW, FROM EAST SOUTHEAST (1979)
- WY-9I-2 GENERAL VIEW, FROM SOUTH (1979)
- WY-9I-3 GENERAL VIEW, FROM EAST (1992)
- WY-9I-4 GENERAL VIEW, FROM SOUTHEAST, OUTHOUSE ON RIGHT, SMOKE HOUSE/SHED
ON LEFT HOMESTEAD CABIN IN CENTER(1992)



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