

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE:<br>Washington |            |
| COUNTY:<br>Whatcom   |            |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY     |            |
| ENTRY NUMBER         | DATE       |
|                      | JUN 7 1974 |

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| 1. NAME                                                                          |  |
| COMMON: <u>Cliff Walk</u><br><u>Devil's Corner or Devil's Elbow (#9470-1651)</u> |  |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:                                                                 |  |

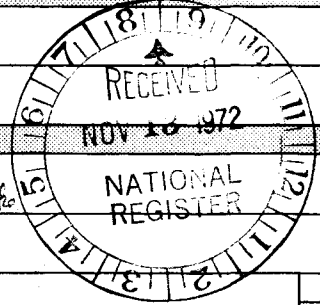
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| 2. LOCATION                                                                        |                    |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br><u>Along the Skagit River, North of Nehalem on Ross Lake</u> |                    |
| CITY OR TOWN: <u>Newhalem, Wia.</u><br><u>Ross Lake National Recreation Area</u>   |                    |
| STATE<br>Washington                                                                | COUNTY:<br>Whatcom |
| CODE<br>53                                                                         | CODE<br>073        |

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| 3. CLASSIFICATION                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)                                                                                                                                                               | OWNERSHIP                                                                                                                                          | STATUS                                                                                                                                                   | ACCESSIBLE<br>TO THE PUBLIC                                                                                                                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work<br>in progress         | Yes:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> No                                                            |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Educational<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Government<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religious<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Comments<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ |

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| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY                                                             |                                |
| OWNER'S NAME:<br>United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service |                                |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>Interior Building                                          |                                |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Washington                                                      | STATE:<br>District of Columbia |
|                                                                                  | CODE<br>001                    |

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| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION                                     |                      |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:<br>North Cascades National Park |                      |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>311 State Street                               |                      |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Sedro Woolley                                       | STATE:<br>Washington |
|                                                                      | CODE<br>53           |

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| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS                                                                                                          |        |
| TITLE OF SURVEY:<br>None                                                                                                                       |        |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local |        |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:                                                                                                                 |        |
| STREET AND NUMBER:                                                                                                                             |        |
| CITY OR TOWN:                                                                                                                                  | STATE: |
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# 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

|                                    |                               |                               |                                                   |                                |                                    |
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| (Check One)                        |                               |                               |                                                   |                                |                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| (Check One)                        |                               |                               | (Check One)                                       |                                |                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altered   |                               |                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered     |                                |                                    |
|                                    |                               |                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved                    |                                |                                    |
|                                    |                               |                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                |                                    |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

On a cliff side along a narrow gorge through which the Skagit River flows, is a remarkable system of half-tunnels cut into the rock, and suspension bridges that cross deep side canyons. This was the original trail up the Skagit carved and built by miners in the mid 1890's.

Today, a modern highway passes this difficult section by running through a tunnel in the mountain that the Devil's Elbow trail edged its way around.

Today the wooden bridges have deteriorated and are unsafe for pedestrians. The Devil's Corner cannot be seen from the overlooks on the North Cascade Highway and at present few visitors are aware of its existence.

The total length of these bridges and tunnels is about 500 feet.

## Boundary:

On the cliff side immediately south of the State Highway 20 tunnel between Newhalem and Gorge Dam. The devil's Corner structure is slightly below the present road level and best viewed from a point immediately east of the tunnel or from the south bank of the Skagit River. The boundary begins approximately 20 feet from the east end of the tunnel and runs about 700 feet west along the cliff side. Horizontal dimensions 100' x 700' vertical dimensions approximately 25'.



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**3. SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☒ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

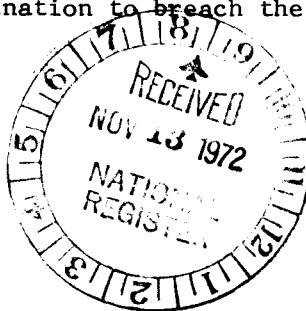
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☐ Theater☒ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Beginning with the fur traders in 1814, men have consistently attempted to develop a route over the North Cascades from the Interior plateau. Only now is that goal being realized with the completion of the North Cascades Highway.

The Devil's Corner was a particularly difficult section of the trail (later, road) up the Skagit River Valley. Although gold miners passed through this area as early as 1879, not until the mid 1890's was a satisfactory trail developed here--by blasting half-tunnels into the cliff's side and building short suspension bridges over the lateral gorges.

This unique and remarkable development, representing a landmark in man's efforts to develop communication in this rugged country, is still intact--although too dangerous for walking today. It is a significant monument to man's ingenuity and determination to breach the mountain barrier.



# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

E. N. Thompson, "North Cascades National Park Basic Data Study"

Paul Curtis Pitzer, "A History of the Upper Skagit Valley, 1880-1924"  
M. A. Thesis, University of Washington, 1966.

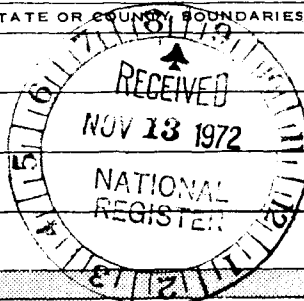
# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |         |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| CORNER                                                                           | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               | LATITUDE                                                                                                |         | LONGITUDE |
|                                                                                  | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees                                                                                                 | Minutes | Seconds   |
| NW                                                                               | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   | 48°                                                                                                     | 43'     | 4"        |
| NE                                                                               | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |                                                                                                         |         |           |
| SE                                                                               | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |                                                                                                         |         |           |
| SW                                                                               | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   | 41'                                                                                                     | 57"     | 13' 22"   |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

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

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
E. N. Thompson, Historian and Laurin C. Huffman II

ORGANIZATION:  
Pacific Northwest Region, National Park Service

DATE: 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:  
4th & Pike Building

CITY OR TOWN:  
Seattle

STATE:  
Washington

CODE:  
53

# 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

*J. G. Pitzer*

Title

Director, Pacific Northwest  
Region

Date

August 31, 1972

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

*Ernest Allen Connally*  
~~Associate Director, Professional Services~~  
Associate Director, Professional Services

Date

ATTEST:

*Charles R. Pitzer*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date

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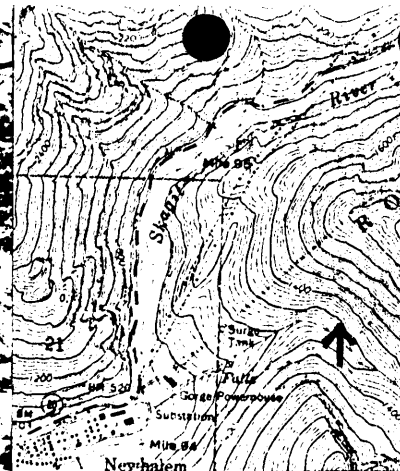
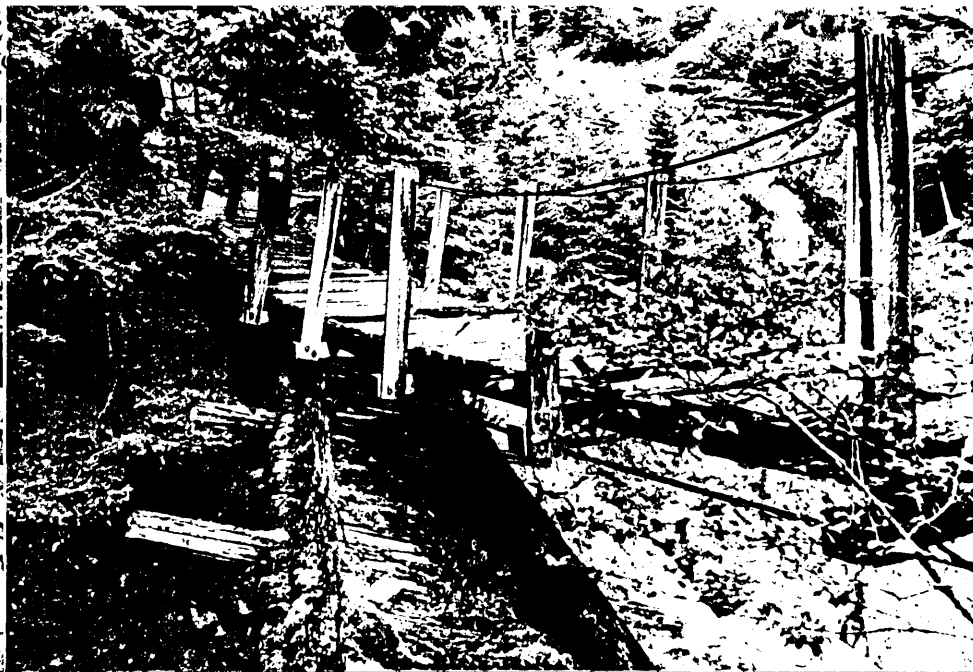
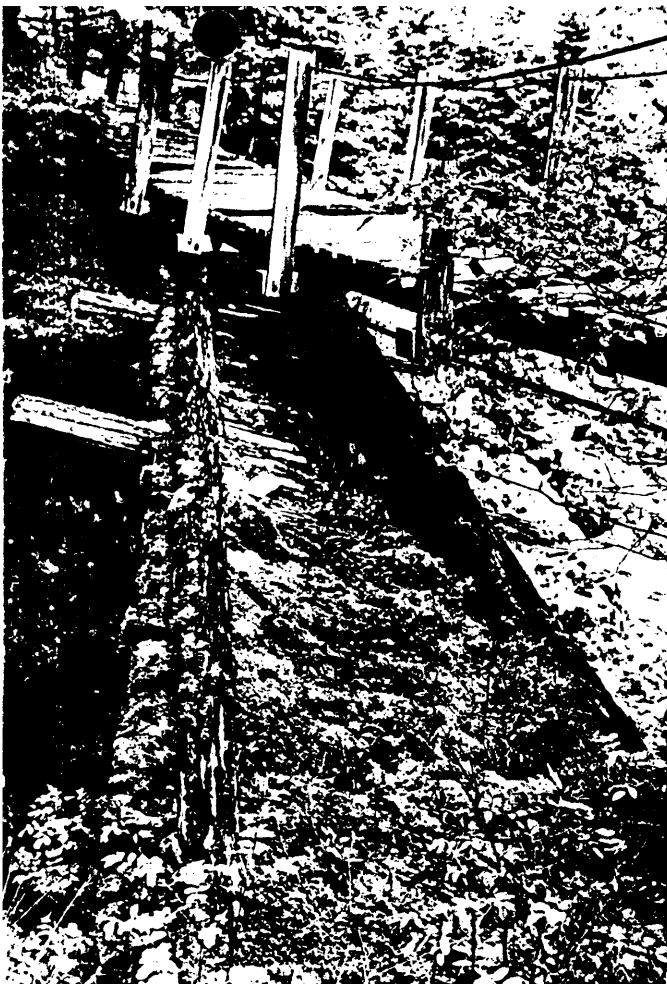
# NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

## PNRO INVENTORY

National Park Service  
Pacific Northwest Region  
Cultural Resources Division

Westin Building Room 1920  
2001 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98121

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| <b>NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE/SITE</b><br><i>(Structure)</i> <i>DEVIL'S CORNER SUSPENSION BRIDGE</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                 |                                                                             | <b>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION</b><br><br><i>c.1895</i><br><br><b>ADDITION(S)</b><br><i>c.1920s</i>                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>SITE ID. NO.</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 2px;"></div>                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                  |                 |                             |                                                                                 |                                                                             |                         |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                              |                                                                  |  |
| <b>SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION</b> <i>North Cross State Highway 20, southeast side, mile marker 123, at tunnel no. 1.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                 |                                                                             | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <b>SCALE</b><br/> <i>1:24000</i> </div>                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <b>QUAD NAME</b><br/> <i>Diablo Dam</i> </div>                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                  |                 |                             |                                                                                 |                                                                             |                         |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                              |                                                                  |  |
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| <b>OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS</b> <i>National Park Service</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                 |                                                                             | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CONTRIBUTING</b><br/><br/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NON-CONTRIBUTING</b> </div> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <b>DANGER OF DEMOLITION?</b><br/> <b>(SPECIFY THREAT)</b> <div style="float: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> YES<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> NO<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN </div> </div> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                  |                 |                             |                                                                                 |                                                                             |                         |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                              |                                                                  |  |
| <b>DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.</b><br><i>Remnants: Approximately 500' of trail which includes wooden suspension bridges (cantilevered and scaffolded platforms) and blasted out rock; new span with vertical posts and metal cables over older wooden planking supported by log stringers.</i><br><br><i>With mining and packing activities on the increase in the 1890s, a good transportation route up the Skagit River to the mines was needed. A trail with a bridge (by 1891) crossed the river just below the present day tunnel no. 1. A poor trail then traveled up to Ferry Bar where one could recross the river and continue on. In June of 1894 this first bridge washed out. In 1895 money was raised for improving the trail by a group of miners' wives from Anacortes, Washington. Powder was used to blast through rock in places in order to make the trail wide enough for pack trains. This trail became known as the Goat Trail and consisted of a series of hanging wooden bridges over deep chasms and skirting rock outcrops. Long Bridge, a section of the Goat Trail, was approx. 200' long and was suspended around a bluff 75' above the river. Devil's Corner was the most difficult section of the route. In 1912 U.S. Forest Service ranger Henry Soll supervised the repairing of several bridges in the district including Devil's Corner, and made the trail safe for foot and horse traffic. In the 1920s-1930s, Devil's Corner was improved again by miners who used lumber sawn at the Goodell Creek Sawmill (operating c.1920s). When the Seattle City Light railroad came through in 1920, the old Goat Trail was abandoned. Remnants of Devil's Corner are not visible from the highway.</i> |                                                                                 |                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%;"><b>CURRENT USE</b></td> <td style="width:50%;"><b>ORIGINAL USE</b><br/><i>Trail-bridge</i></td> </tr> </table>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                  |                 |                             | <b>CURRENT USE</b>                                                              | <b>ORIGINAL USE</b><br><i>Trail-bridge</i>                                  |                         |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                              |                                                                  |  |
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| <b>SIGNIFICANCE</b><br><i>This unique transportation route is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.</i><br><br><i>It is significant on a local level for its association with ENGINEERING/TRANSPORTATION and INDUSTRY/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT in the North Cascades -- as a means of traversing mountainous country to reach backcountry mining sites -- between the years c.1895 - 1920s.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                 |                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                  |                 |                             |                                                                                 |                                                                             |                         |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                              |                                                                  |  |



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FROM E



1917



FROM W

NEGATIVE NO. GL3-12-20; GL4-1A-7A; HABS/HAER QUALITY ☐ YES ☒ NO GL4-10A

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INVENTORIED BY Gretchen Luxenberg

AFFILIATION NPS

DATE Summer 1984

1. SITE I.D. NO

## HAER INVENTORY

Historic American Engineering Record  
Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240

2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

Bridges, Trestles, and Aqueducts

3. PRIORITY

1

4. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?  
(SPECIFY THREAT)☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

Suspension: timber

7 6 1 0

5. DATE

circa  
1895

6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT

OWNER

ADMIN

Tunnel

7. OWNER/ADMIN

National Park Service

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Devil's Corner

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS

Pacific Northwest Region  
523 Fourth and Pike Building  
Seattle, Washington 98101

10. STATE COUNTY

W A  
0 7 3

COUNTY NAME

Whatcom

CITY/VICINITY

Newhalem

CONG.  
DIST.

0 2

STATE  
COUNTY

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

CONG.  
DIST.

11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET &amp; NO.)

Crossing: Skagit River

12. EXISTING  
SURVEYS☒ NR ☐ NHL ☐ HABS ☐ HAER-I ☐ HAER ☐ NPS ☐ CL6  
1974 ☐ CONF ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL ☐ OTHER

13. SPECIAL FEATURES (DESCRIBE BELOW)

☐ INTERIOR INTACT ☐ EXTERIOR INTACT ☐ ENVIRONS INTACT

| 14. UTM ZONE | EASTING     | NORTHING      | SIGN |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|------|
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| SCALE                                                                                                      | QUAD NAME              |
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15. CONDITION 70 ☐ EXCELLENT 71 ☐ GOOD 72 ☐ FAIR 73 ☐ DETERIORATED 74 ☐ RUINS 75 ☐ UNEXPOSED 76 ☐ ALTERED 82 ☐ DESTROYED 85 ☐ DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY

Lisa Soderberg

AFFILIATION

HAER/Washington State Bridge Inventory

DATE

October 1980

17. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), HISTORICAL DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS,  
MATERIALS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

A series of half tunnels and deteriorated timber suspension bridges crossing deep lateral gorges are a few of the last discernible signs of a trail built by miners across the North Cascades through the Skagit River Valley, providing access to their claims. Beginning in 1814 with the fur traders, men have consistently attempted to develop a route over the North Cascades through the interior plateau. As early as 1879, gold miners passed through this steep walled Skagit River Canyon. However, it was not until the 1890's that an adequate trail was constructed of which this system of tunnels and suspension bridges stretching along 500 feet of a treacherous portion of the trail was a vital link.

The timber bridges are the oldest extant suspension bridges within the State. This system of bridges and tunnels remains as a testimony to man's ingenuity and to the dogged persistence of the early miner's in breaching the formidable mountain barrier.

(CONT OVER)

18. ORIGINAL USE

foot traffic

PRESENT USE

abandoned

ADAPTIVE USE

19. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

E.N. Thompson and Laurin C. Huffman, II, National Register nomination, 1972.

(CONT OVER)

20. URBAN AREA 50,000  
POP. OR MORE?☐ YES ☒ NO

21. NPS REGION

N W

22. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

☒ YES, LIMITED ☐ YES, UNLIMITED  
☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

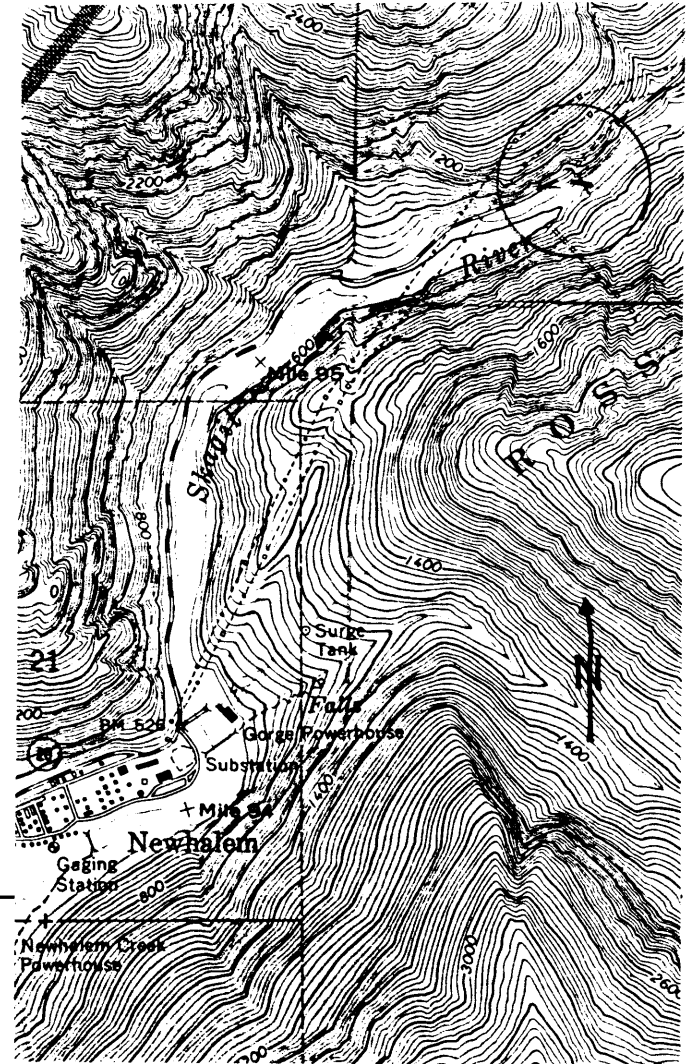
23. EDITOR

INDEXER

24. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

☐ YES ☒ NO NAME

DISTRICT I.D. NO



DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

## REFERENCES (CONTINUED)

## ABSTRACT

HAER NO

LC

TECH REPORT

## HIST REPORT

## CONTEMP PHOTO

## HIST PHOTO

CONTEMP DRWG

HIST DRWG

COLOR PLATE

PHOTOGRAM

SW

FILM



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| STATE            |      |
| Washington       |      |
| COUNTY           |      |
| Whatcom          |      |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY |      |
| ENTRY NUMBER     | DATE |
| JUN 7 1974       |      |

1. NAME

COMMON: Devil's Corner or Devil's Elbow

AND/OR HISTORIC: Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Ross Lake National Recreation Area

STATE:

Washington

CODE

53

COUNTY:

Whatcom

CODE

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: National Park Service

DATE OF PHOTO: 1969

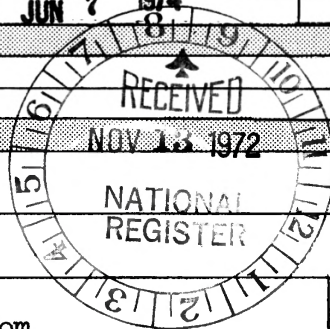
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North Cascades National Park

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

From west end of Devil's Elbow, looking east and upriver.



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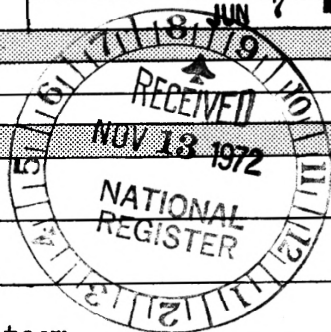
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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

From across Skagit River, looking north



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Devil's Corner  
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