

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions architectural classification, materials, and area of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900A). Use typewriter, word processor or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Elwha Campground Community Kitchen

other name/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Elwha Campground is roughly 15 miles S.W. of Port Angeles, 3 miles

☐ not for publication

south of Highway 101: Elwha Sub-district

city or town Olympic National Park Headquarters, Port Angeles

☒ vicinity

state Washington

code WA

county Clallam

code 009

zip code 98362

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this

property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☒ statewide ☐ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official/Title

4-25-07
Date

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official/Title

6-8-07
Date

National Park Service
State of Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation Sheet.
- ☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.
- ☐ removed from the National Register.
- ☐ other, (explain:)

[Signature] Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

7/13/2007

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☐ private
- ☐ public-local
- ☐ public-State
- ☒ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)
- ☐ district
- ☐ site
- ☒ structure
- ☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing
	buildings
	sites
1	structures
	objects
1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter N/A if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Historic Resources of Olympic National Park

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation: Outdoor recreation;
Other: Outdoor kitchen-shelter

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation: Outdoor recreation;
Other: Outdoor kitchen-shelter

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Rustic

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
walls N/A
roof Wood Shake
other Wood Log

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Summary: The Elwha Campground Community Kitchen is a 1-story, log, Rustic Style open-air shelter with an octagonal hip roof. The wood shaken roof is supported by peeled logs, set on concrete piers on a concrete foundation. A central chimney is built of coursed stone set in mortar. The kitchen is located in the Olympic National Park Elwha Campground, a wooded area approximately 3 miles south of Highway 101, and approximately 15 miles southwest of Port Angeles. The kitchen is in good condition and has had very little alteration since constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935. The building has integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Criterion A: Politics/Government

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance

circa 1935 - 1942

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Significant Dates

1935

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Civilian Conservation Corps

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State Agency
- ☒ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of Repository:

Elwha Campground Community Kitchen
Name of Property

Clallam County, WA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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____ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is formed by lines completing an octagon 100 feet out from the sides of the structure.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the structure, a portion of the campground and the adjacent dense forest to the south, to convey a sense of the historic setting.

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Seattle State Washington zip code 98104-1060

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **7.5 minute USGS map** indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name

street & number

telephone

city or town

state

zip code

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Narrative Description: The Elwha Campground Community Kitchen was constructed by CCC corpsmen (company 946) based at the Elwha CCC Camp, presumably in the opening months of 1935. Sited in a wooded setting near the Elwha River and within the Elwha Campground (established in the early 1930s), this building is approximately 18' x 20' in diameter, is octagonal in shape, and 1-story in height, with a wood-shaked octagonal hipped roof that has slight overhangs and exposed rafters, set on a concrete slab. A stone and mortar fireplace and chimney for cooking was set in the central area of the shelter; the chimney rises up through the hipped roof. There are two stoves for cooking in this shelter/kitchen. It is a simple, functional structure of a straightforward design. The rustic design ethic was applied to produce a structure that blends well with its surroundings.

The roof was originally supported with peeled logs. Because of deterioration due to the structure being sited in a shady and wet area in the campground, the lower portion of the 8 logs were removed (the bases) and replaced with round concrete piers set on the concrete slab. This work was completed to correct an ongoing maintenance issue that threatened the overall integrity and survival of the structure. Other alterations include the removal of peeled pole railings between the major supporting log posts occurring at an unknown date. The roof on the structure was replaced in-kind in 2002.

Despite these alterations, the structure continues to exhibit the qualities of the Rustic Style through the use of native/local materials (wood and stone), design, sensitive location, and scale. This kitchen shelter and the Altair kitchen shelter are the only two extant CCC kitchen structures in the park. The structure retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

SEE ATTACHED INVENTORY CARD PREPARED IN 1982 FOR PROPERTY.

Statement of Significance:

Summary: The Elwha Campground Community Kitchen is significant for its association with politics and government activities within what is today Olympic National Park (criterion A) and as an example of Rustic Style architecture within the park (criterion C). Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935, this building is representative of the types of activities that the CCC accomplished on behalf of first, the United States Forest Service, and later, the National Park Service, on federal lands on the Olympic Peninsula. These activities had a tremendous impact on federal lands and greatly enhanced the work of the USFS and the NPS. In addition, the building exemplifies the Rustic Style of architecture in the use of indigenous materials (wood shakes, logs, and stone) applied in a manner that is harmonious with the surrounding environment. The kitchen is indicative of two property types identified in the Multiple Property Documentation form for the Historic Resources of Olympic National Park: Government and Architecture (NPS Rustic). It has integrity of location, setting, design, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association and meets the registration requirements set forth for these properties in the Multiple Property Documentation form.

Narrative: Among the most active CCC camps within the present Olympic National Park was Camp Elwha, located on a gently sloping hillside several hundred yards south of the present Elwha Ranger Station. It was one of the first CCC camps established on the north Olympic Peninsula, and the arrival of the "forest army" on the Elwha River aroused great interest among local residents. The work program outlined for both the main Elwha

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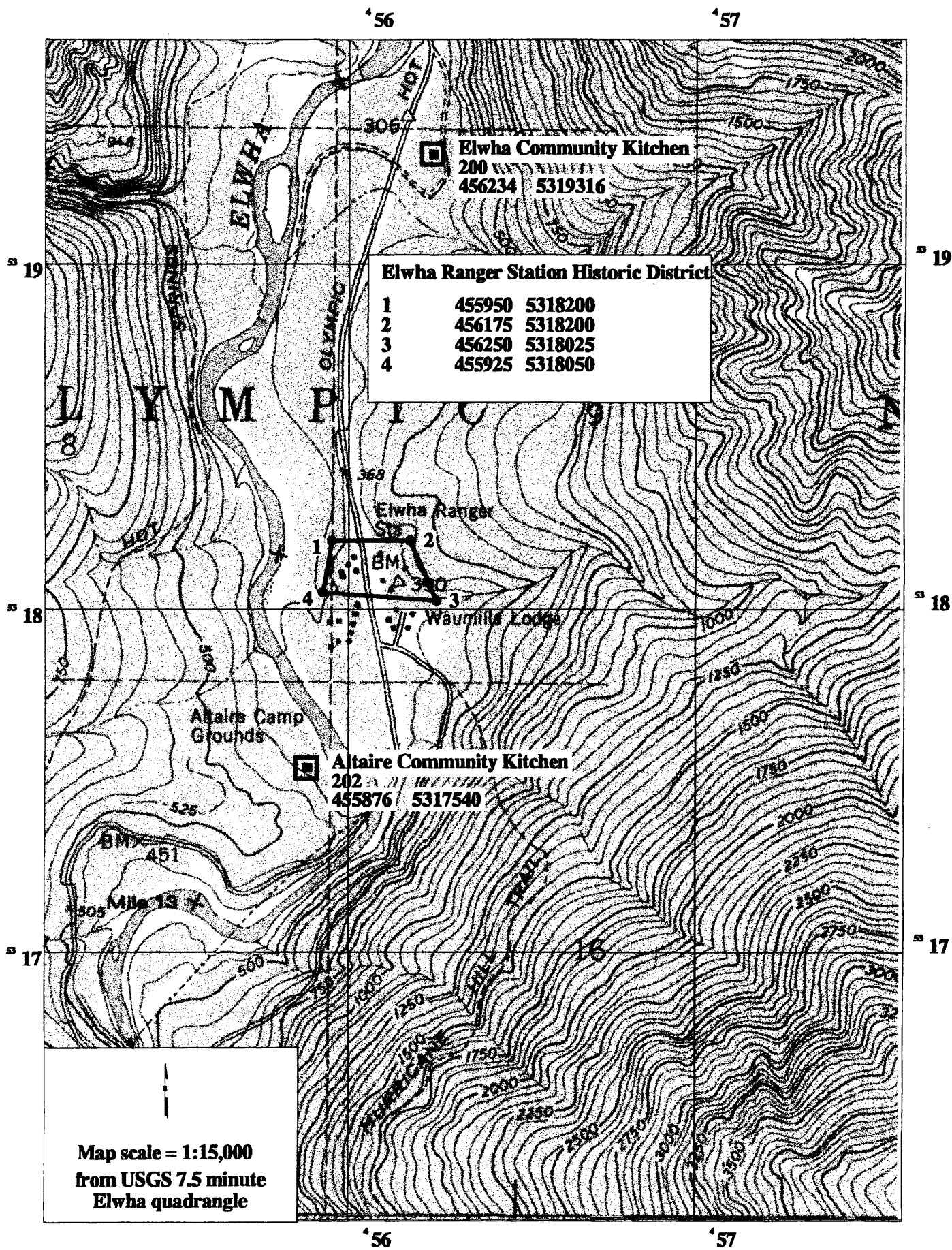
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Camp and the side camp at Slab Camp in the hills southeast of Port Angeles included the construction of roads, the widening and straightening of existing roads, and the improvement of several campgrounds. This CCC camp was transferred from the Forest Service to the National Park Service in the winter of 1938, becoming NP-9. The camp was transferred to the US Army on August 11, 1942—then vacated in March of 1943.

In the spring of 1935 "improvements" were made to both the Elwha and nearby Altair public campgrounds. Betterments at these two campgrounds included work on roads, trails, camping spots, playground equipment, horse-shoe courts for adults, the installation of water pipes, and the construction of sturdy, open-sided community kitchens. The local paper exuded enthusiasm in its description of the improvements, noting the splendid kitchens, of rustic design, complete with 54-inch stoves built of rock and cement with long tables nearby.

The Elwha and Altair community kitchens are the only remaining CCC structures of this type within the park. Furthermore, it is believed that these kitchen shelters are the only extant CCC-built kitchens remaining on the Olympic peninsula. Built of natural peeled logs, shakes, and masonry, these structures with their rustic materials and careful proportions blend well with their immediate surroundings. The Elwha and Altair community kitchens are representative examples of Rustic Style architecture, which became the hallmark of the CCC throughout the country. The work of the Elwha CCC camps is not unique but is representative of the kinds of projects pursued by several other work camps supervised by the USFS on the Olympic Peninsula, bringing design continuity to the areas "improved" for use by the visiting public. The significance of these properties increases when it is recognized that the exact locations of many Camp Elwha projects are not always readily identifiable. In fact, much of their work has been obliterated over the years. The overall effect of the various CCC projects undertaken by the Elwha Camp, however, is very much a part of the overall development of recreational use in certain areas in the northern part of Olympic National Park.

Bibliography: Evans, Gail. Historic Resource Study. NPS. 1983.



PNRO INVENTORY

National Park Service
Pacific Northwest Region
Cultural Resources Division

Westin Building, Room 1920
2001 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98121

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2 NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE 200

ELWHA CAMPGROUND COMMUNITY KITCHEN

5. ORIGINAL USE

Shelter
Kitchen

7 CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE
1935

3 SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Elwha Campground; approx. 3 miles south of
Highway 101

6. PRESENT USE

Shelter
Kitchen

8	UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
	10	456300	05319200

11. REGION
PNR

4. CITY/VICINITY

COUNTY

STATE

Approx. 15 miles S.W. of Port Angeles, Clallam, Washington

SCALE

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QUAD

Joyce

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Olympic National Park, 600 East Park Ave., Port Angeles, WA 98362

13 DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

A product of a Depression-era work relief program, the Elwha Campground Community Kitchen was constructed by CCC corpsmen based at the Elwha CCC Camp, presumably in the opening months of 1935. According to the local Port Angeles Evening News newspaper, a 27 March 1935 article noted: "In the past few months, Elwha Corps crews have concentrated on improvements on . . . the Elwha campground . . . W.H.'Bill' Vallad, Elwha district ranger, and George Balsiger, superintendent of Elwha CCC Camp, are especially proud of the results shown in the Elwha campground, which they believe will attract hundreds of picnickers and campers this year . . . Visitors will find first an attractive rustic structure." Although the Elwha Campground was established prior to the mid 1930s (probably in the early 1930s) the CCC made significant improvements to the Elwha facility during the winter of 1934-35. In addition to the construction of the community kitchen, the CCC provided swings and a merry-go-round for children and horseshoe courts for adults. During the same winter CCC crews from the Elwha CCC Camp and the Snider CCC Camp erected shelter kitchens at Altaire Campground on the Elwha River and the LaPoel Campground on the south shore of Lake Crescent. Over the years the campground has been renovated on at least one occasion. At an unknown date peeled-po'e railings between the major supporting log posts of the shelter kitchen, were removed. The lower portion of the log posts has been removed and replaced with round concrete piers.

Octagonal in shape; measures 18' x 20' in diameter; 1 story; wood posts supporting octagonal hip roof with wood shakes;

14. CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)☐ YES☒ NO☐ UNKNOWN

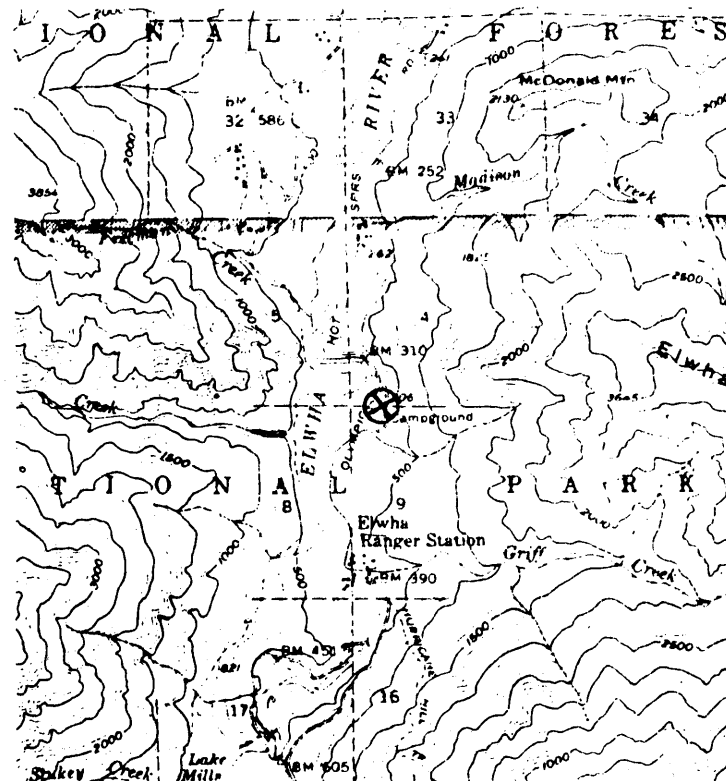
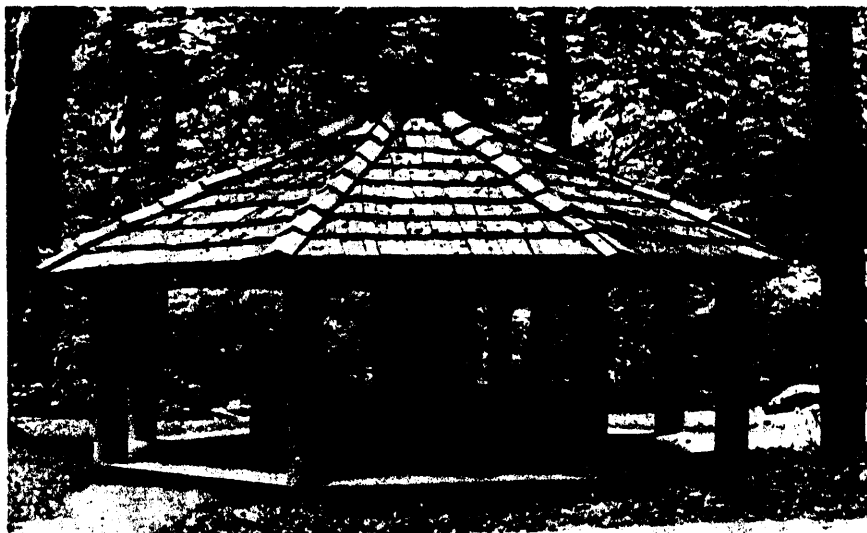
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16. SIGNIFICANCE

Elwha Community Kitchen is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Historically, the Elwha Community Kitchen is significant for its association with the nationwide work relief program of the CCC, which throughout the Depression years of the 1930s, spurred recreational development and use of publically owned, undeveloped lands in the U.S. Community kitchens are a visible expression of the CCC's efforts to advance recreational development in Northwest forests. In the Pacific Northwest, the U.S. Forest Service was the largest employer of CCC enrollees. In 1984 there are fewer than fifty remaining community kitchens on National Forest land in the Northwest. Of the extant community kitchens, no two are exactly alike; although there are two basic plans for these structures (octangular and rectangular), the details of each are unique. Architecturally, there are no known duplicates of the Elwha Community Kitchen in the Pacific Northwest. Although minor alterations have occurred to the Elwha structure, the essential design elements and materials are unchanged. The structure successfully embodies the philosophy and

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17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



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18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?		☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ NAME
19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY		☐ YES, LIMITED	☒ YES, UNLIMITED	☐ UNKNOWN
20. EXISTING SURVEYS		☐ NR	☐ NHL	☐ HABS
		☐ COUNTY	☐ LOCAL	☐ OTHER
21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER		☐ HAER-1	☐ HAER	☒ NPS
		☐ STATE		

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Throop, E. Gail. 1979. "Utterly Visionary and Chimerical: A Federal Response to the Depression." Master's thesis, Portland State University.

Throop, E. Gail. 1984. Phone communication with Gail Evans, 4 May.

22. INVENTORIED BY	Gail E. H. Evans	AFFILIATION	NPS	DATE	9/82, 1984
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SITE I.D. NO		5. ORIGINAL USE		7. CLASSIFICATION		9. RATING	
NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE 200 ELWHA CAMPGROUND COMMUNITY KITCHEN							
SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)		6. PRESENT USE				10. DATE	
CITY/VICINITY		COUNTY		STATE		11. REGION	
2. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS				8. UTM ZONE		EASTING	
						NORTHING	
				SCALE 1:24		1:62.5	
				OTHER		QUAD NAME	

3 DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC

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concrete slab floor; coursed stone-in-mortar central chimney. Alterations: base of supporting posts replaced with concrete. Alterations: original wood railings between posts removed, possibly in the late 1940s. Siting: located in forested campground near the Elwha River.

14. CONDITION	☐ EXCELLENT	☐ GOOD	☐ FAIR	☐ DETERIORATED	☐ RUINS	15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION? (SPECIFY THREAT)	☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ UNKNOWN
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16 SIGNIFICANCE

physical characteristics of Rustic Style architecture, initiated and developed by the National Park Service beginning in the 1910s. The Elwha Community Kitchen possesses integrity of location, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

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

20. EXISTING SURVEYS

☐ NR ☐ NHL ☐ HABS ☐ HAER-1 ☐ HAER ☐ NPS ☐ STATE
☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL ☐ OTHER

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

22. INVENTORIED BY

AFFILIATION

DATE



ELWHA CAMPGROUND COMMUNITY KITCHEN
CLALLAM COUNTY, WA

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