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Lick Creek Guard Station

NAME: Lick Creek Guard Station

- LOCATION: Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Hells Canyon National Recreation Area; Congressional District 2 Enterprise, OR (41); Wallowa County (063)
- ADDRESS: USDA Forest Service Wallowa-Whitman National Forest 1550 Dewey Ave.,P.O. Box 907 Baker, OR 97814

CLASSIFICATION/CATEGORY: District

DESCRIPTION:

Condition

<u>x</u> Excellent <u>x</u> Unaltered <u>x</u> Original Site

Lick Creek Guard Station #1031: Rectangular; 1½ story; wood frame; poured concrete foundation; wood-shingled medium gable roof, eaves project, rafters exposed, verges project, fascia alone; field stone interior chimney, centered north slope of roof below ridgeline. Exterior walls are semilunate shiplap to the eaves, vertical board and batten on gable ends and porch gable pediment. Windows are six-over-six double-hung sash. Main entry is covered by gable porch, supported by two peeled log posts, offset on west gable end (main facade). Single-leaf door with vertical semilunate shiplap surface, offset to right beneath gable porch, accessed by three straight plank steps, open plank platform. Rear entry, single-leaf four-panel door, offset to right on south elevation. No apparent structural addition or alteration; no obvious material modification. No decoration.

Residence #1030: Rectangular; 11/2 story; wood frame; poured concrete foundation; wood shingled medium gable roof, eaves project, rafters exposed, verges project, fascia alone; field stone masonry exterior end chimney offset to left on south gable end, brick interior chimney offset to left below ridgeline on rear slope of roof. Exterior walls are semilunate shiplap to eaves level, vertical board and batten on gable ends and center porch gable. Windows are six-over-six

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double-hung sash, singly and in combinations of two with mullions. Main entry is single-leaf vertical plank door, centered, west (main) facade. Entrance is covered by center gable porch, supported by two peeled log posts, and accessed by two semicircular field stone steps, open plank porch platform. No apparent structural additions or alterations; no obvious material modification. No decoration.

Garage/Storage #1515: Rectangular, 1 story, wood frame, wood-shingled medium gable roof, eaves project, rafters exposed, verges project, fascia alone. Exterior walls are semilunate shiplap to eaves level, vertical boards on gable ends. Windows are six-light single sash, in horizontal arrangement. Two horizontal slide-opening vehicular doors, surfaced with semilunate shiplap, extend across west gable end. Single-leaf five-panel door offset to left on south elevation. A poured concrete foundation, floor and driveway have been placed under the garage since the period of construction. No structural additions or alterations. No decoration.

Gas House #2505: Rectangular, 1 story, wood frame; poured concrete foundation; wood-shingled medium gable roof, eaves project, rafters exposed, verges project, fascia alone, roof extends beyond plane of anterior wall to form porch, supported by peeled log posts. Exterior walls are semilunate shiplap to eaves level, vertical boards on gable ends. Windows are nine-light sashes on east and west elevations. Slide-opening single-leaf door, surfaced with horizontal semilunate shiplap, offset to left on south (main) facade. No apparent structural additions or alterations; no obvious material modifications. No decoration.

Barn #2405: Rectangular; 11/2 story; wood frame; concrete pier foundation; wood-shingled bellcast gambrel roof, eaves project, rafters exposed, verges project, plain. Exterior walls are vertical board and batten. Windows are six-light single sash, in horizontal placement. A single-leaf vertical board door offset to right on south gable end; single-leaf vertical board door offset to left and slightly elevated on south gable end; hay door centered, left level on south gable end; slide-opening vertical board stock door on north gable end. No apparent structural additions or alterations; no obvious material modification. No decoration.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Lick Creek Guard Station typifies the construction projects undertaken by the Civilian Conservation Corps and signifies the aid to the local community

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provided by the emergency work-relief program through employment of youth and experienced craftsmen, purchase of building materials and camp supplies, and personal expenditures of enrollees. The property represents the Forest Service's presence in the locality, as the headquarters for field operation, and denotes, via the physical facilities required to carry out the agency's expanding responsibilities, the critical transition in the Services development from custodial superintendence to extensive resource management. The Lick Creek Guard Station exemplifies the rustic architectural idiom developed by the Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region, to impart Forest Service identity and to represent its purpose and ideals; and signifies the agency's particular interpretation of a singular expression of early twentieth century American architecutral thought. Possessing very high qualities of design and execution, the Guard Station is an excellent example of an architectural locution invested with special aesthetic and associative values by the agency that created it.

The Lick Creek Guard Station manifests the principles of comprehensive site planning initiated by the Forest Service during the Depression, through spatial arrangement, functional organization, architectural unity from complimentary building materials and forms, and landscaping to integrate the building site and complex; and signifies an important advance in administrative site development.

GEOGRAPHIC DATA:

Acreage: 12.5 acres

UTM Reference:

Point	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	11	497658	5000951
В	11	497472	5000648
С	11	497384	5000994

Verbal Bondary Description:

Lick Creek Guard Station

The approximate boundaries of the Lick Creek Guard Station administrative site are expressed by Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) references to points which describe a triagular figure. Beginning at a point, A, ($<A \times = 497658$, y=5000951), thence south 31°26' west 35 feet, thence north 14°16' west 357 feet, thence south 81°12' east to the point of beginning. All points and distances are

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calculated from UTM coordinates and the resulting UTM grid bearings and distances are subject to adjustment in actual field location. The site contains 12.5 acres.

