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HISTORIC	Double-0 Ranch	Historic District		
AND/OR COMMON	Double-0 Ranch	Historic District		
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street & NUMBER Double-0 County	Road, Sub-Headquarte	ers of Malheur NWR	NOT FOR PUBLICATION	
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state Oregon		code 41	COUNTY Harney	соде 025
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CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRES	ENT USE
	X_PUBLIC	XOCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
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STRUCTURE	ВОТН	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	PRIVATE RESIDENC
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS
OBJECT	n/a PROCESS	YES: RESTRICTED	X_GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
	n/a BEING CONSIDERED	_XYES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	_TRANSPORTATION
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STREET & NUMBER	450 No. Buena V	ista Street		
CITY, TOWN	Burns		STATE Oregon	07720
6 REPRESEN	NTATION IN EXIST	ING SURVEYS		
TITLE	Statewide Inventory	of Historic Proper	ties	
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Blacksmith Shop is a log walled, single story building with no foundation. A board roof and floor were added to the structure around 1903. Original floor was probably dirt and the roof was wood shingled. A door is on the north side and there is one window on both the east and west sides of the building. The building is approximately 19' long, 15' wide, and 13' high. This building is presently in poor shape (see photos). The roof is falling in, but the logs are all intact and plans have been drawn up and submitted to restore this structure in the same manner as the Cookhouse-Blacksmith shop.

The Loghouse is also a log walled building. Like the Blacksmith Shop, the structure is made of hand-hewn logs that were squared. Ends of the logs are dove-tailed to make the logs interlocking. The Loghouse has a cedar shingled roof and a wooden floor. The l-1/2 story building has an upper room where the cook used to sleep during the Riley & Hardin ownership of the ranch. There are two windows on the north side of the building, a door on the south side, and another door on the north side. The Loghouse is 24' long, 16' wide, and 15' high. An old anyilstand and brand marks in the woodwork may be found inside. This building was restored in 1979. A new roof was added, windows and doors were straightened and repaired, the porch and fireplace were reconstructed using alkali mortar and native rocks from the site (see photos). A concealed concrete foundation, capped with native stone, was also added. The construction was accomplished to restore the building as near as possible to its original condition per Wayne R. Hill's research.

The Loghouse was originally used as a residence and the Blacksmith Shop as a cookhouse.

Other buildings on or near the site (see attached sketch map) include: refuge residence, occupied by refuge employee year-round. This building is just north of the site. This house was obtained from the military as a surplus item and moved onto the site in 1954; refuge pumphouse, built by the refuge in 1950 to protect the water supply to the residence; refuge garage and storage, for the refuge employee's vehicle and refuge equipment storage. This building was built by the refuge in 1955. A YACC trailer house was added in 1979 to temporarily house employees. It will be removed in 1982.

These goverment buildings do not detract or contribute to the significance of the site. Archeological sites surround this area. Arrowheads have been found on the site. The refuge pumphouse and garage are located just northwest of the Loghouse on the site. Several other ranch sites are located in this valley, but are all privately owned.

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The Double-O Ranch Historic District consists of a 10 acre square plot of land that originally comprised the immediate environs of the residential/ barnyard working area of the ranch; thus, the boundaries include the locus of the original log house and cookhouse and their visual environmental setting. The barnyard spring is not included within the boundaries because it has bee^N obscured to such an extent that it no longer contributes to the historic unity of the district. See Item 10 for the verbal boundary description.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Double-O Ranch's significance is based on the continuous history of ranching from its settlement in 1875 up to the time of its purchase by the U.S. Governmnet (Malheur National Wildlife Refuge) in 1941.

Amos W. Riley and James A. Hardin established this ranch in 1875. It was one of the earliest permanent settlements in Harney County. The first set of ranch buildings erected by Riley and Hardin was burned in June, 1878 by warring Bannock and Paiute Indians. Both the Double-O Loghouse and Blacksmith Shop were erected shortly after this time. These buildings were used in conjunction with the cattle business until 1941. The Double-O fattened cattle for shipment to California and eastern markets. Railheads were located in Winnemucca, Nevada and Ontario, Oregon. Wintering herds numbered around 3,000 head.

William D. Hanley purchased this ranch in 1903 for \$1,000 as Riley and Hardin were having financial difficulties. Hanley continued in the cattle ranching tradition of this area. Hanley improved the ranch for cattle by adding numerous irrigation ditches to increase grass production. Often, 3,000 to 4,000 tons of hay were harvested annually to winter cattle and to sell to other ranches. Hanley described his "feeder operation" like this: "A big, old-time cattle ranch was just a meat factory where they gathered up the grass, got it into commercial shape, and moved it on to the centers of population to be distributed to consumers".

These two buildings are examples of early pioneer architecture and are government-owned. They are two examples which can be preserved without fear of demolition or modification. Although the Blacksmith Shop is in an advanced stage of disrepair, the basic structure and materials are there.

Early usage of the Loghouse was as a residence, but the building was later used for grain storage shortly after Hanley's purchase. The Blacksmith Shop was first used as a cookhouse for the Riley and Hardin crew. After Hanley's take-over, the building was converted into a blacksmith shop. An anvil stand and brand marks in the wood work may still be seen in the building. These two buildings are the only buildings left that were built under the private ownership of the Double-O Ranch, which was once the headquarters for the over 14,000 acre ranch spread and Harney County's third largest cattle producing operation. No buildings remain from the Hanley era.

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge has since established three other buildings on the site and has a full-time maintenance worker residing in the government quarters.

The refuge has prepared a historical report on this site, with plans to restore the remaining historical building and develop interpretive facilities to orient the public at this site. Funds have been requested for completion of the restoration work and development of interpretive facilities.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10.GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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The boundary of this site is shown on the accompanying map. The area is ten acres in size and the northwest corner of the site lies at the base of the rim, approximately ten feet south of a line directly west of the southwest corner of the refuge residence. The tract is legally described as the SW-1/4 of the NE-1/4 of the NW-1/4 of Section 36, Township 26S, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian. The longitude and latitude of the four corners of the tract are further described on the enclosed sketch.

Starting at northeast corner of T26S, R28E, section 36, SW¹/₄ of NE¹/₄ of NW¹/₄; then 660 feet south to southeast corner of T26S, R28E, section 36, SW¹/₄ of NE¹/₄ of NW¹/₄; then 660 feet west to southwest corner of T26S, R28E, section 36, SW¹/₄ of NE¹/₄ of NW¹/₄; then 660 feet north to northwest corner of T26S, R28E, section 36, SW¹/₄ of NE¹/₄ of NW¹/₄; then 660 feet east to starting point.

MALHEUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

DOUBLE O RANCH HISTORIC SITE

