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NATIONAL  
REGISTER

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printers in 12 pitch. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property

historic name Agnes Vaille Shelter

other names/site number Memorial Shelter; HS-204

2. Location

street & number N/A N/A not for publication  
city, town Estes Park X vicinity  
state CO code CO county Larimer code 069 zip code 80517

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	contributing	noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Rocky Mountain NP Historic Resources

No. of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.  
\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Ed. Burns 10/14/92  
Signature of certifying official Date

State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_ See continuation sheet.

[Signature] August 5, 1992  
Signature of commenting or other official Date  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register Antoinette A. Lee 12/24/92  
\_\_ 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:)  
for Signature of the Keeper Date

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
<u>RECREATION AND CULTURE/</u> <u>Outdoor Recreation</u>	<u>RECREATION AND CULTURE/</u> <u>Outdoor Recreation</u>
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7. Description

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Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials  
(enter categories from instructions)

Rustic Architecture

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foundations Stone

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walls Stone

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roof Stone

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other \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This is a small, stone walled building, used presently as a shelter for climbers and hikers on Longs Peak. The exterior is of coursed fieldstone and mortar. The stone came from the site. The roof is conical and also of native, coursed stone. There is one door opening, but the door has been removed. There are two 4-light fixed windows and one smaller, filled in opening. The interior is one room. The interior has a stone floor and walls with no ceiling, just the interiors of the stone roof pieces.

The Agnes Vaille Shelter is located near the Summit of Long's Peak, less than 100 yards south of the Keyhole. The Keyhole is a critical landmark for hikers approaching the summit from the northeast across the Boulder Field. The shelter is above timberline at over 13,400 feet elevation. As a result of its location above timberline and being made of local stone, the shelter blends into its surroundings very well. It overlooks the Boulder Field, Mount Lady Washington, Chasm Lake and the other approaches on the east side of Long's Peak. From the shelter's vantage point hikers look down on the eastern escarpment of the central and northern Colorado Rockies and the eastern plains of Colorado. If the sky is clear portions of Wyoming, western Nebraska and western Kansas can be seen on the horizon farther east. Looking west from the shelter is a rocky, sharply defined ridge line. On the far (west) side of the ridge the central ranges of the Colorado Rockies come into view including vistas of much of the Continental Divide in Colorado as well as North and Middle Parks.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: \_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_ statewide X locally

Applicable National Register Criteria \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B X C \_\_\_ D  
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G

Areas of Significance  
(enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance Significant Dates

Rustic Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1927-1941  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
  
Cultural Affiliation  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

Architect/Builder  
NPS Design Staff

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This building, built in 1927 by the National Park Service, replaced an earlier concession building that was farther down the mountain as a shelter for hikers trapped on Longs Peak by weather or fatigue. The building offers a non-traditional example of the National Park Service Rustic design philosophy as it was practiced at Rocky Mountain National Park during the early twentieth century. The shelter, built of native stone, exemplifies the Rustic ideal of blending with the surroundings in that the building sits on a rock slope near an area known as the Boulder Field (AKA Boulderfield). The stone shelter blends so well into its native surroundings that many hikers and climbers fail to see it from as little as 100 yards away.

The shelter was built in response to many climbing fatalities on Longs Peak and named for Agnes Vaille, the first woman to make a winter ascent of Longs Peak, even though she died of exposure on her way down from the summit. The disastrous climb took place on January 12, 1925, and two years later the shelter was built by NPS crews.

The present exterior is essentially in its original condition and exhibits a key characteristic of the Rustic architecture school, the designed blending with the native surroundings, as described in the context. It is also considered significant as an unusual example of the use of native materials in Rustic designs at Rocky Mountain National Park for its stone construction.

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Park Building Files, Rocky Mountain National Park.

Estes Park Trail, 16 January 1925.

C.W. Buchholtz, Rocky Mountain National Park, A History, (Boulder: Colorado Associated University Press, 1983).

Previous documentations on file (NPS):

\_\_ See continuation sheet

\_\_ preliminary determination of individual listing ( 36 CFR 67) has been requested

\_\_ 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

X Federal agency

\_\_ Local government

\_\_ University

\_\_ Other

Specify Repository:

Rocky Mountain NP

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property less than one (1) acre

UTM References

A 1/3 4/4/7/1/9/0 4/4/5/6/6/6/0

Zone Easting

Northing

B / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /

Zone Easting

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Zone Easting

Northing

D / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /

Zone Easting

Northing

\_\_ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The property boundary is defined as a circle 80 feet in diameter centered on UTM point 13/447190/4456660.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary as described encompasses the significant resource and a small area of it natural setting. It does not include a large buffer zone or unnecessary lands.

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