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Chatter Creek Guard Station

NAME: Chatter Creek Guard Station

LOCATION: Wenatchee National Forest, Leavenworth Ranger District;  
Congressional District 4  
Vicinity of Leavenworth, WA (53); Chelan County (007)

ADDRESS: USDA Forest Service  
Wenatchee National Forest  
301 Yakima St., PO Box 811  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

CLASSIFICATION/CATEGORY: District

DESCRIPTION:

Condition  
 Excellent       Unaltered       Original Site

Guard Station #1240: T-shaped, 1 story, wood frame, poured concrete foundation, basement, garage entry off center on north (rear) elevation on basement level, medium gable roof, projecting center gable, south (main) facade, coursed, squared rubble interior chimney, off center on ridgeline. Horizontal clapboard exterior to eaves, vertical boards, triangular cut at lower corners, on all gable ends. Mullion windows with two and three divisions of six-over-six double-hung sash windows, six-light single sash windows and center, south elevation of projecting center gable, a casement window of thirty-two lights-all flanked by decorative vertical board shutters. Main entry is located to right of center gable, offset on south facade, covered by a shed-roof extending from main roof slope, supported by two heavy squared timber posts with long curving brackets. A single well-defined pine tree, cut from vertical board wall materials, centered below the peak of each gable; simple pine tree cutout on each window shutter. Textured metal roof material replaces original. No obvious structural alterations to exterior.

Packer's Cabin #1241: Rectangular, 1 story, wood frame, poured concrete foundation, medium gable roof, stepped gable extends from north gable end, off center; brick interior chimney, off-center on east slope of roof. Horizontal clapboard exterior to eaves, vertical boards, triangular cut at lower corners, all gable ends. Six-over-six double-hung sash windows, one twelve-light single sash window, all flanked by decorative vertical-board

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shutters. Main entry is offcentered on north gable end, recessed and offset in projecting stepped gable, supported by two heavy squared timber posts with short, slightly curved flush brackets; platform enclosed by wall on right side, otherwise open, accessed by three straight, plain steps. A single well-defined pine tree, cut from vertical board wall materials is located just below the peak of each main gable; simple pine-tree cutouts decorate window shutters. Original roof materials replaced with corrugated sheet metal. No obvious structural alteration to exterior.

Barn #2484: Rectangular, 1 story, wood-frame, medium gable roof, small center gable covers slide-opening loading doorcovers all exterior wall surfaces. East elevation, four bays in length, one bay in depth, open, covered stall area wood mangers and feed boxes, supported by five heavy squared timbered posts with short flush brackets; squared timber, centered, each gable end for additional structural support. Six-horizontal-light sash windows. Narrow straight stairs, center south gable end, access raised plank walk between tack and storage rooms and open stall area. Rail fence encompasses corral adjacent to open stall area on east. No obvious structural or material alteration to exterior. A large colored wood cutout of Smokey Bear is centered on the south gable end.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

The Chatter Creek Guard Station typifies the construction projects undertaken by the Civilian Conservation Corps and signifies the aid to the local community 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 intradistrict headquarters for field operation, and denotes, via the physical facilities required to carry out the agency's expanding responsibilities, the critical transition in the Service's development from custodial superintendence to extensive resource management. The Chatter 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 purposes and ideals; and signifies the agency's particular interpretation of a singular expression of early twentieth century American architectural thought. Possessing very high qualities of design and execution, the Guard Station is an excellent example of an architectural location invested with special aesthetic and associative values by the agency that created it.

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The Chatter 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: 1.98 acres

UTM Reference:

<u>Point</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Easting</u>	<u>Northing</u>
A	10	659092	5274636

Verbal Boundary Description:

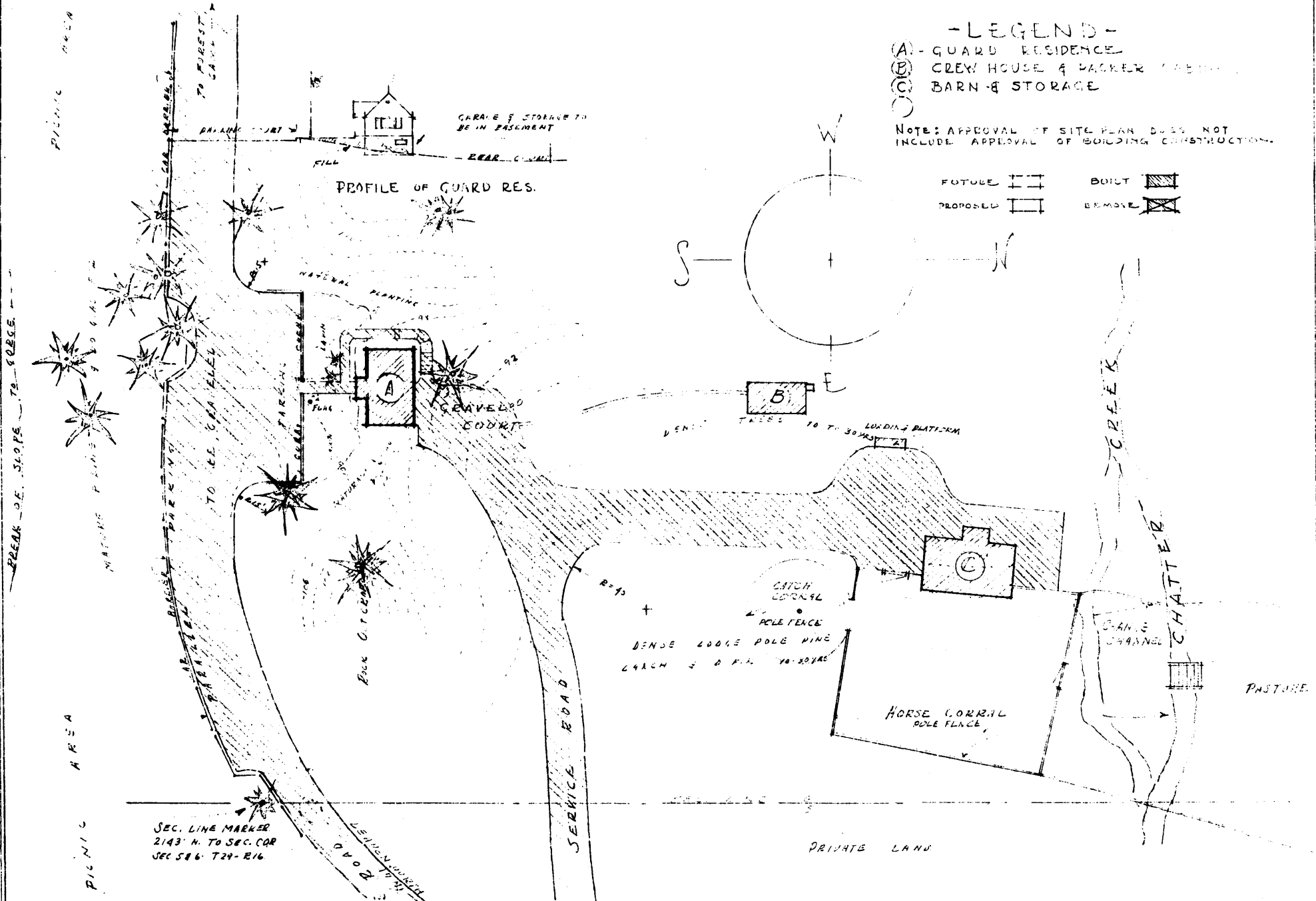
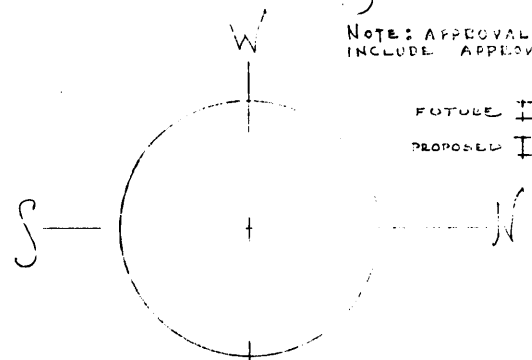
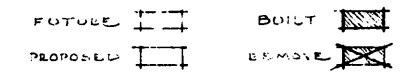
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The Chatter Creek Guard Station is situated in Lots 1, 2, 7, and 8 of Section 6, T. 24 N., R. 16 E., W.M. To develop a metes and bounds description would require a formal survey to develop the boundaries of said government lots. However, within this administrative site, the Guard Station buildings are described by a rectangular area 320 feet deep (north to south) and 270 feet wide (east to west). The southern boundary of the property as described is the Icicle Road 2451, and the eastern boundary is the property line between Sections 5 and 6. These boundaries delineate a defineable geographic area in which are situated all of the structures and features of the Chatter Creek Guard Station and encompass that portion of the natural setting necessary to protect the immediate environmental context of the buildings.

U - PLANS  
LANDSCAPE  
CHATTER CR. ADM. SITE  
ICICLE RIVER UNIT

- LEGEND -  
 (A) - GUARD RESIDENCE  
 (B) - CREW HOUSE & PACKER SHEDS  
 (C) - BARN & STORAGE

NOTE: APPROVAL OF SITE PLAN DOES NOT  
INCLUDE APPROVAL OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.



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 DESIGN BY G.W.D.  
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 APPROVED [Signature] DATE 10/28/50

U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE  
 FOREST SERVICE  
 WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST  
 REGION VI  
 DATE OCT 28-50

CHATTER CR. GUARD STATION  
 SEC. 6 T29N. R. 16 E. WIL. MER  
 SCALE 1" = 25' 0"  
 CONT INT = 2' MAG. DEC. 29° 30'

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