

NORTH IDAHO 1910 FIRE SITES THEMATIC GROUP

Name: Wallace 1910 Fire Memorial, ~~site number 7~~

Location: Nine Mile Cemetery, Shoshone County, Wallace, Idaho *W of Wallace*

Owner: Nine Mile Cemetery Association, Wallace

Map: USGS Wallace 62500

Acreage: 5

Boundary: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 23, T48NR4E
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 26, T48NR4E

Coordinates: 11/581800/5259800; 11/581800/5259700

Date: 1910, 1921

Significance: Conservation
State

Condition: Excellent

Description: These plots consist of two cobblestone monuments and associated graves. These monuments built in 1921 are called the "lower" and "upper" monuments due to their different positions on the hill.

The lower monument is a "D"-shaped cobblestone wall about twelve feet across the front and seven feet from front to back. The wall is approximately one foot thick and varies in height from fifteen to thirty inches. The monument is located in the center of the back wall. It consists of a three foot six inch-by-one foot, eight inch base tapering to two feet six inches by one foot six inches at the top. The monument is constructed of large cobblestones set in concrete. It is four feet six inches high. In the center of the east face of the monument is a bronze plate. The Forest Service shield appears at the top of the plate, above the list "Unidentified Man, William Learmouth, Richard Woods, Joe Ferro, and August Berger. These men died on the West Fork of Placer Creek. Under their names are the words, "Died Fighting Forest Fires August 20, 1910"; "This memorial erected by the United States Forest Service" appears at the bottom. The plate is nineteen inches high and thirteen inches wide.

The upper monument has the same general shape and is approximately the same size as the Lower Monument. It is constructed of the same cobblestone and concrete. The differences between the monuments consist of a slight variation in dimensions, due to the irregularities inherent in cobblestone construction, and the names on the bronze plate. On the upper monument plate the names listed are Tom Welch, S.D. Adams, Arron Beerston, Louis Homes, Ernest Elgin, and Walter Beaman. The men in this plot died at the Bullion Mine.