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**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 4 Lazy F Dude Ranch

other names/site number N/A

**2. Location**

street & number N/A N/A not for publication

city, town Moose X vicinity

state Wyoming code WY county Teton code 039 zip code

**3. Classification**

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
		contributing	noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>17</u>	<u>2</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>1</u>	<u>0</u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>18</u>	<u>2</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Grand Teton National Park Historic

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.

Elmer Beaman 3/15/90  
Signature of certifying official Date  
National Park Service  
State or Federal agency or bureau

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

Thomas E. Marcea DSHPO 2/28/90  
Signature of commenting or other official Date  
State or Federal agency or bureau

WYOMING STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register  
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:)

Carol Shull 4-23-90  
Signature of the Keeper Date

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions  
(enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions  
(enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/hotel  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Domestic/hotel  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials  
(enter categories from instructions)

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Other/Dude Ranch Vernacular

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foundations stone/concrete/log  
walls log

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roof asphalt and wood

other wooden, covered, deck porches

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The 4 Lazy F Dude Ranch is a historic district consisting of 7 cabins, a lodge/dining hall; service/laundry buildings, barn, shed, and corral on the western bank of the Snake River above Moose, Wyoming. The bottomlands stretch out to the west of the ranch and the ranch is on the river banks. The tablelands of Jackson Hole and the Teton Range rise west of the ranch. Running roughly north and south along the western edge of the ranch and then turning east-west is a one lane road that acted as boundary and central axis of the district ending at a parking area near the main lodge. The district buildings all are built in a style referred to as dude ranch vernacular, characterized by log construction with some other wood products, such as board and batten siding, used for additions or in specialized service buildings. The buildings all are one or one and one-half stories and tend to be rectangular in shape. The design of the individual buildings and the overall complex fits the typical pattern of other local dude ranches. The walls are dressed, varnished log with gable roofs in an effort to resemble pioneer log construction techniques. Earthtones are the predominate colors, except for the roofs in which red and green rolled asphalt roofing were used adding dashes of color. The cabins and other buildings show a pattern to the overall district with the main lodge and horse corrals and sheds as the centers of activity within easy access of the road and the cabins all lying between the lodge(east) and barns(west) and on either side of the road. Other dude ranches of the area also had similar arrangements. The 4 Lazy F uses the river bank to define the east edge of the ranch, similar to the ways other dude ranches used topographic features for definition.

The district today appears much as it did during the period of significance, except that garages have been added as an accommodation for auto storage. But the feeling, design, and character have not been lost. The cabins and other contributing resources have not been altered except to add bathrooms on their rears and other minor changes associated with maintenance such as replacement of windows with newer, but wood framed ones. It is not felt that those alterations have compromised either the character, design, workmanship, or feeling of the cabins. The same can be said for the other buildings in the district as well. The interiors of the cabins continue the pioneer spirit with the extensive use of logs for walls and wood flooring. The interior finishes contribute to the feeling of the district. Within the district boundaries, as drawn, there are eighteen contributing resources and two non-contributing resources that are less than fifty years old. The characteristic that sets the ranch apart from its surroundings is the fact that it is a man-made complex in a natural area.

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

Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

entertainment/recreation

Period of Significance

1927-1938

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Frew, William

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

The 4 Lazy F Dude Ranch Historic District is significant under Criteria A because as a dude ranch it exemplifies the later period and evolution of the dude ranches as vacation spots in the area. The 4 Lazy F is associated with the Dude Ranching and Tourism context of the Grand Teton National Park Multiple Property form. It represents an example of complexes built strictly to be dude ranches, not one that evolved from a cattle ranch.

The ranch was built in 1927 as a dude ranch and summer home for its owners, the William Frew family of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They operated the ranch as a guest facility by invitation from the family to the present. Throughout the late 1920s and early 1930s, as the Frews expanded the facilities, the ranch developed into a small, but typical property type. The district was built to convey the western feeling that constituted much of the attraction of dude ranches. The buildings, as well as the spatial arrangement of those elements within the district, follow the practices typical of dude ranch log architecture. The log buildings have a horizontal rather than vertical emphasis. The buildings considered contributing within the 4 Lazy F historic district fulfill the registration requirements set forth in the multiple property documentation in that they are in their original or historic location, are fifty years old and are of primarily log material. They convey their design, materials, workmanship and function/character individually and within the district. The alterations have not impaired the historic fabric of the buildings or the district. The interiors of the contributing resources are also considered contributing because the modifications that they have experienced have not damaged the feeling or character of the interiors. The setting is as it was during the period of significance so the feeling of a dude ranch is still conveyed by the 4 Lazy F.

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List of Contributing Resources at the 4 Lazy F Dude Ranch

The following buildings are considered contributing at the 4 Lazy F Dude Ranch:

399, 400, 401-02, 404, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 412, 413, 414, 415

The following structure is considered contributing at the 4 Lazy F Dude Ranch:  
404A

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Photograph List 4 Lazy F Dude Ranch

Photo Number	View	Direction (to)	Photographer
4LF-1	Lodge Front 3/4(399)	Northeast	Steven Mehls
4LF-2	Ice House Front 3/4(406)	Southeast	Steven Mehls
4LF-3	Cabin Front 3/4(400)	Southeast	Steven Mehls
4LF-4	Cabin Front 3/4(410)	North	Steven Mehls
4LF-5	Cabin Front 3/4(409)	Southwest	Steven Mehls
4LF-6	Barn Front 3/4(413)	Northwest	Steven Mehls
4LF-7	Caretaker House Front 3/4(412)	Southeast	Steven Mehls

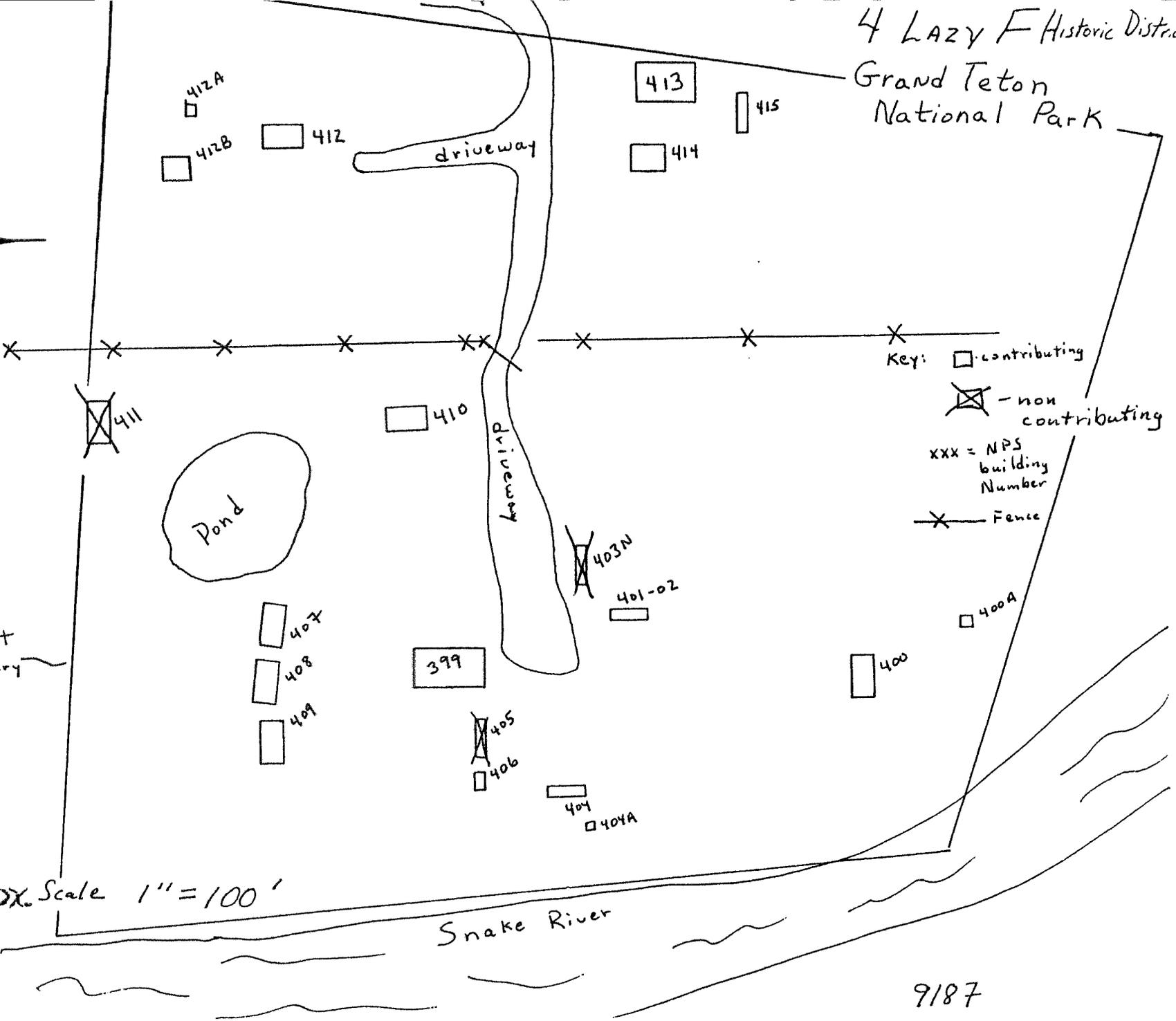
Negatives on file at Grand Teton National Park

4 Lazy F Historic District  
Grand Teton National Park



district boundary

Approx. Scale 1" = 100'



- Key:
- contributing
  - X non contributing
  - xxx = NPS building Number
  - X - Fence