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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 Bar B C 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street & number N/A N/A not for publication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>35</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>2</u>	<u>1</u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>37</u>	<u>3</u> Total
Name of related multiple property listing:		No. of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register	
<u>Grand Teton National Park Historic</u>		<u>0</u>	

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.

Edna Beane 3/5/90  
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. Marcan 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/camp  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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 Bar B C Dude Ranch is a historic district consisting of 37 resources; cabins, a lodge, a dining hall, service/laundry buildings, barns, and corrals on the western banks of the Snake River above Moose, Wyoming. The bottomlands stretch out to the east of the ranch and the ranch is tucked up against a hillside that separates the bottoms from the upper tablelands of Jackson Hole and the Teton Range. Running roughly north and south through the ranch is a one lane road that acted as the central axis of the district with a dugway up to the tablelands near the north end of the district. 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 specialized service buildings. The buildings all are one or one and one-half stories. They tend to be rectangular in shape. The dining hall, lodge, and main houses have combination footprints due to additions, made both during and after the period of significance. Those alterations have not changed the character or feeling of the buildings.

The design of the individual buildings and the overall complex convey the attempt by the builders to capture the feeling of pioneer log structures with rough hewn timbers and naturally stained or finished dressed log exteriors. As a result 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 appear at first to be haphazardly scattered, but closer examination shows a pattern to the overall district with the main lodge, dining hall, and horse corrals and sheds as the centers of activity within easy access of the central path and the cabins all lying between the corrals(north) and barns(south) and on either side of the path. The Bar B C conforms its activity pattern to local topographic features, namely the river bottoms and tablelands.

The district today appears much as it did during the period of significance, except that lack of maintenance gives it a less used appearance than it had fifty years ago. But the feeling, design, and character have not been lost. The cabins and other contributing resources have not been altered too greatly. The cabin alterations generally are limited to the addition of bathrooms on their rears and other minor changes associated with maintenance. It is not felt that those alterations have compromised either the character, design, workmanship, or feeling of the buildings. The interiors, however, have lost their fabric through modernization and fixture removal. Within the district boundaries there are thirty-seven contributing resources and three non-contributing resources. The quality that sets the district aside from its surroundings is the fact that the ranch is a manmade complex in a natural area.

See continuation sheet

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   X   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 1912-1937 Significant Dates N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person  
Struthers Burt

Architect/Builder  
Burt, Struthers; Carncross, Horace

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

The Bar B C Dude Ranch Historic District is significant under Criteria A because as a dude ranch it helped define and set the standards for the local Jackson Hole industry. Secondly, the Bar B C was built and operated by Struthers Burt, a local author and industry leader of dude ranching. The Bar B C is associated with the Dude Ranching and Tourism context of the Grand Teton National Park Multiple Property form.

The ranch was built in 1912 as a dude ranch by its owners, Struthers Burt and Horace Carncross. They operated the ranch as a guest facility until Burt's and later Carncross' retirement, when it was operated by the Corse family through the period of significance, and until after World War II. It then became summer rental cabins and today is nearly abandoned. Throughout the Bar B C's period of significance the ranch functioned as a dude ranch. The district was built to convey the western feeling that constituted much of the attraction of dude ranches and the buildings. As well, the spatial arrangement of those elements within the district follow the practices that Burt identified as important to a successful dude ranch. He told others to use log buildings and emphasize the horizontal, open ranch feeling to convey the western atmosphere. His ideas were used by other local dude ranches, such as the White Grass. The buildings considered contributing within the Bar B C historic district fulfill Burt's conceptions and 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 setting is very similar to what it was during the period of significance so the feeling of a dude ranch is still present. Two of the non-contributing resources(1381, 1387) were moved to the property after 1937. The third no longer has the necessary integrity.      See continuation sheet



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List of Contributing Resources by number at the Bar B C Ranch

The following buildings are considered as contributing to the Bar B C Historic District

1365, 1366, 1367, 1368, 1369, 1370, 1371, 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375, 1376,  
1377, 1378, 1379, 1380, 1382, 1383, 1384, 1385, 1386, 1388, 1389, 1391,  
1392, 1393, 1394, 1395, 1396, 1397, 1398, 1399, 1400, 1401,  
a bridge, an outhouse, and a corral that have no numbers

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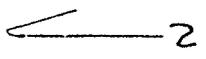
Photograph List for the Bar B C Dude Ranch

Photo Number	View	Direction(to)	Photographer
BBC-1	Site General	Southeast	Steven Mehls
BBC-2	Lodge Front 3/4(1365)	Northwest	Steven Mehls
BBC-3	Cabin Front 3/4(1396)	East	Steven Mehls
BBC-4	Lodge Front (1366)	Northeast	Steven Mehls
BBC-5	Cabin Front (1391)	West	Steven Mehls
BBC-6	Cabin Front 3/4(1377)	Northeast	Steven Mehls
BBC-7	Cabin Front 3/4(1379)	Southeast	Steven Mehls
BBC-8	Cabin Front (1374)	Northwest	Steven Mehls
BBC-9	Cabin Front (1373)	Northwest	Steven Mehls
BBC-10	Cabin Front (1369)	Southeast	Steven Mehls
BBC-11	Cabin Front (1368)	East	Steven Mehls
BBC-12	Barn Front 3/4(1367)	Northeast	Steven Mehls

Negatives on file at Grand Teton National Park

Bar BC Ranch Historic District  
Grand Teton National Park

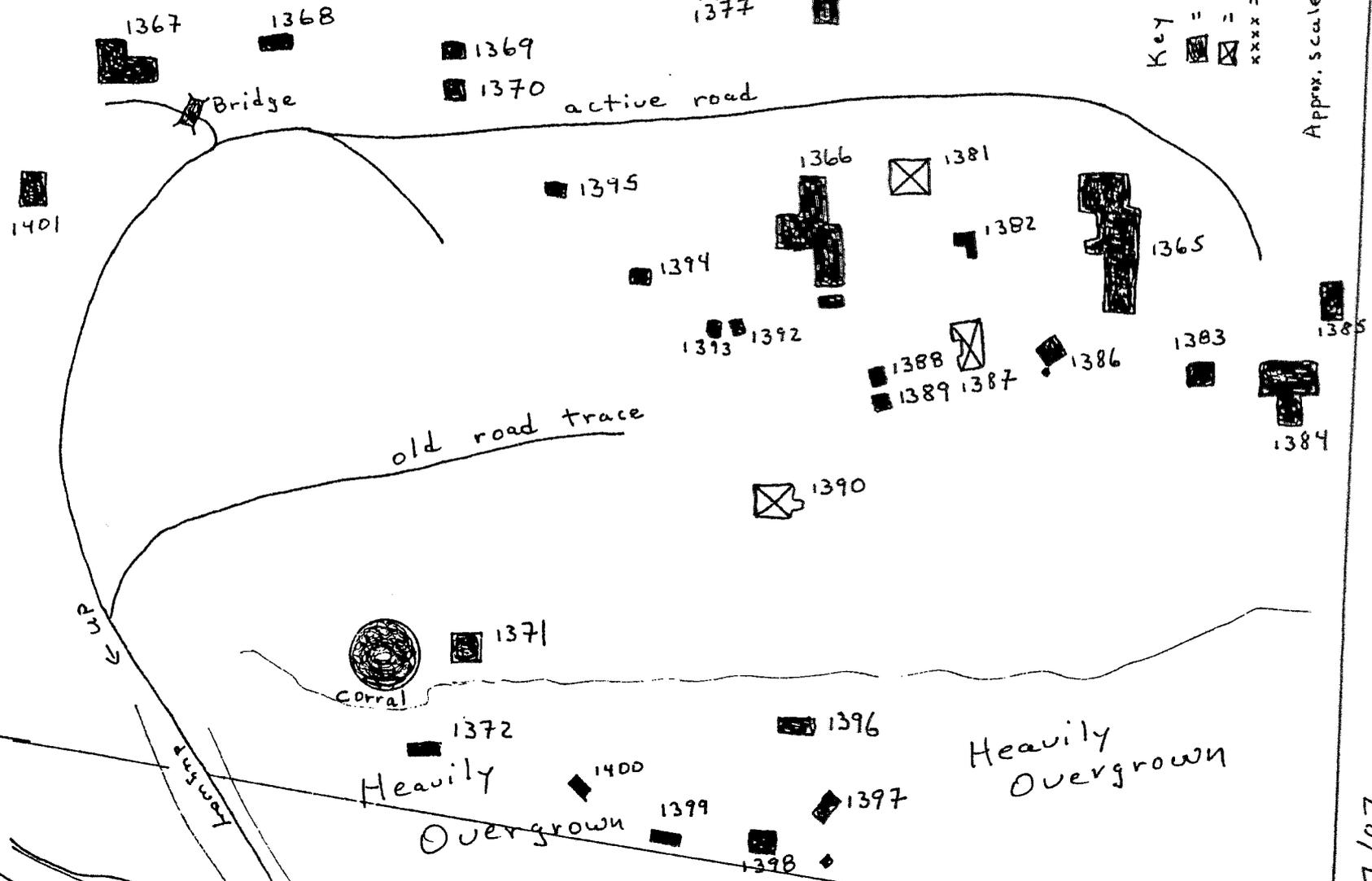
District Boundary



depressions (ponds?)

Key:  
■ = contributing  
□ = non-contributing  
xxxx = NPS building number

Approx. scale 1" = 125'



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