

STATE:
Montana

COUNTY:
Carbon

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ENTRY DATE
OCT 29 1978

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
(Sioux Trail)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Bad Pass Trail

2. LOCATION Bighorn Canyon NRA

STREET AND NUMBER:
parallel to unimproved road to Barry's Landing on northern end
latitude 45° 07' 25" longitude 108° 14' 46", southern end latitude 44° 58' 48",
longitude 108° 17' 19"

CITY OR TOWN:
Warren, Wyo.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
#2

STATE: Montana CODE: 30 COUNTY: Carbon CODE: 009

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. AGENCY

National Park Service

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Rocky Mountain Region

CITY OR TOWN:
Denver

STREET AND NUMBER:
655 Parfet St. P.O. Box 25287

STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Carbon County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Red Lodge

STATE: Montana CODE: 30

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
"History Basic Data, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area"

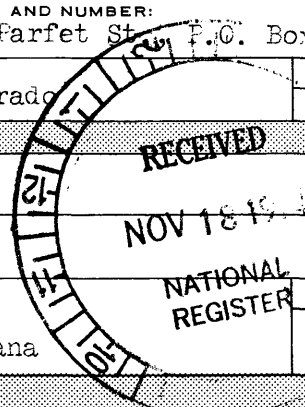
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Office of Park Historic Preservation

STREET AND NUMBER:
10th and C Streets, NW

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: DC CODE: 0010



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

It is thought that the placement of a rock upon a rock cairn by a passing Indian was also a token of "wishing well" to those who followed. According to tradition, it is also believed that the passing Indian occasionally tossed a small artifact such as a bead or some other small personal item on these rock cairns as a means of pleasing the "great spirit" and of communicating with him.

Segments of the Bad Pass Trail were obliterated years ago when the existing road was constructed to provide access to ranches in the area. However, portions of the trail are also clearly visible as it parallels in places the present roadbed. The rock cairns stand out in stark relief and it has been estimated that perhaps as many as 300 still exist. Numerous examples of these formations may be found between the Devils Canyon Overlook and Barry's Landing. However, there are, as well, notable instances where the Bad Pass Trail has disappeared.

These portions of the Bad Pass Trail that do survive are largely in their original state. Several rock cairns have been archeologically investigated and reconstructed stone by stone as they were. The level of treatment proposed for preservation of this trace is to maintain it in its present state and to prevent any further deterioration. The proposed level of treatment also envisions interpretive exhibits to the extent practicable at key points along the Bad Pass Trail as a further means of informing the visiting public of its significance and discouraging vandalism.

The approximate location of the Bad Pass Trail is shown within a defined rectangular sensitive area on the three accompanying U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Maps. If later determinations resulting from study of the trail indicate minor modifications of the trail route are needed, this will be accomplished by amendment of the present forms.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

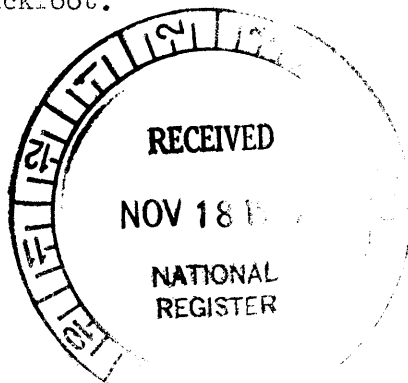
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On the basis of archeological investigations during the summers of 1973 and 1974, it has been determined that aboriginal peoples occupied these Northwest Plains from at least as early as 7000 B.C. The Bad Pass Trail may date from these earliest times or be a somewhat later representative example of foot trails followed by an early Indian population, pioneers, trappers and early explorers. The records do establish that the Bad Pass Trail was much travelled by many peoples from pre-Columbian times up to the middle 1830's.

For the Indians who lived in the Bighorn Basin it was their access to the Grapevine area where the bison herds were more plentiful than in the area from which they came. Thus, for the Indians the Bad Pass Trail was an important factor in sustaining their everyday way of life.

During the years that the fur trade was at its apogee, as cited on pages 59, 85, and 86 of the Bearss study, the Indian trail leading across Bad Pass was frequented by the mountain men. On three occasions, following the rendezvous of 1824, 1825, and 1833, the beaver packs were sent to St. Louis by way of Bad Pass and the Bighorn, Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers. Major Henry pioneered the route in 1824; in 1825 General Ashley packed pelts valued in the amount of \$50,000 over the pass; and in 1833 three companies, travelling together, negotiated this route. Bad Pass was also used by the trappers in their movements to and from the Bighorn Basin to the land of the Crow and Blackfoot.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. "The Correspondence and Journals of Captain North and J. Wyeth, 1831-36," F.G. Yound, editor, Sources of History of Oregon, Eugene 1899.
2. Gillette, E., "The First Trip Through Bighorn Canyon," Magazine of the American Society of Civil Engineers, 24, July 1891.
3. Bearss, E. C., "History Basic Data," Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Washington, 1970.

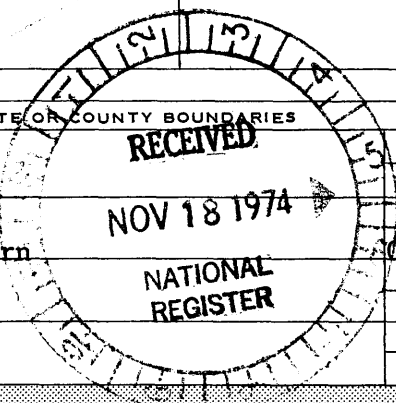
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	45° 07' 25"	108° 15' 23"	° ' "		° ' "	
NE	45° 07' 25"	108° 13' 31"	° ' "		° ' "	
SE	44° 58' 49"	108° 16' 06"	° ' "		° ' "	
SW	44° 58' 49"	108° 17' 56"	° ' "		° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **5,372.29**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Wyoming	56	Big Horn	033



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: George C. Mackenzie, Historian		DATE: August 1, 1974
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Rocky Mountain Region, National Park Service		
STREET AND NUMBER: 655 Parfet Street, P.O. Box 25287		PHONE: 303-234-4943
CITY OR TOWN: Denver	STATE: Colorado	CODE: 80225

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

<p>State Liaison Officer recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><i>Paul H. Shrestutt</i> <i>Adley C. Roberts</i> State Liaison Officer Signature</p> <p>In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local</p> <p><i>Robert W. Wood</i> Federal Representative Signature Deputy Assistant Secretary Title</p> <p>SEP 5 1975 Date</p>	<p>NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><i>Sam L. Rogers</i> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>10/29/75</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><i>Ronald M. Greenberg</i> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>10/21/75</u></p>
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7. DESCRIPTION, continued:

Much of the Bad Pass Trail has been obliterated. That portion of it as drawn within the defined elongated rectangle was based upon identification of rock cairns along the route it followed and as such it represents an identifiable segment of an original trail of much greater length. It has been drawn in accordance with the recommendations of Dr. Lawrence Loendorf who has completed extensive archeological investigations within Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. A verbal boundary description of the land area encompassed in the nomination would state: All the acreage within the delineated yellow rectangle on the three accompanying U.S.G.S. quadrangle maps.