UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES



#### SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Visitor Center, Cedar Breaks National Monument, is located off Rim Road in the southeast corner of the monument. The building is a focal point for viewing the multi-colored amphitheater which is slowly being formed from the western 'edge of the rolling green alpine meadow.

Built in 1937 as a Civilian Conservation Corps project, the rustic style building is harmonious with the natural setting and retains its architectural and historical integrity.

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The one-story, 2-room rectangular shape building has 606 square feet with a 150 square foot covered porch. The log constructed building is on a stone masonry foundation. The walls are brown painted peeled log with saddlenotched corners and buttressed log crowning. A battered stone masonry chimney with a 12 foot base is on the east end. The wood shingled gable roof has exposed peeled log rafters and purlins. The porch columns are large peeled logs and the porch has a flagstone floor. A 29' x 6'6" porch addition was constructed in 1954. The porch extends the length of the north elevation. Both the porch and south elevations have plate glass windows. These windows replaced the original 6 light casement sash windows. During the 1954 renovation, a closet at the southeast corner of the building was converted into an office. These changes have not lessened the integrity of the building in conveying the expression of architectural design and construction technology. The building retains the essential physical features that makes it a good example of peeled log and stone construction for park buildings of the 1930's. The building is on its original location; it is in poor condition. The building is currently being used as the visitor center and museum, however, a larger facility is needed to meet visitor demands.

The survey of the Visitor Center, Cedar Breaks National Monument was completed by Lance Olivierri, a consultant on historic properties, and under the supervision of Supervisory Historical Architect Rodd L. Wheaton during March 1978. Mr. Olivierri used the criteria established by the National Register of Historic Places for his evaluations and the structure was entered on the Rocky Mountain Regional Office List of Classified Structures Inventory.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES 1937

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Civilian Conservation Corps National Park Service

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Visitor Center, Cedar Breaks National Monument, is regionally significant in the area of architecture." The peeled log and stone masonry construction was one style of rustic architecture used by the National Park Service during the significant park building program in the 1930's as a part of the Public Works Administration. Although, the actual construction of this building was completed by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the philosophy that required each building to be individually designed for its specific location was that of the National Park Service. The craftmanship of the log and masonry construction reflects the pioneer spirit of using native materials and exemplifies the "hearth and home" quality of rustic architecture. The design of the Visitor Center is a good example of a park structure which is harmonious with the natural setting and supports the "primary purpose in setting aside Park areas, which is to conserve them as hearly as possible in the natural state."

Wheaton, Rodd L. "Building for the National Parks in the Rocky Mountain West, 1872-1966."

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### **10**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre UTM REFERENCES



VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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The Visitor Center is at the Point Supreme Overlook and off the north side of Rim Road. The Visitor Center is mroe than a mile from the Monument's south entrance. The nominated area is approximately 850 sq. ft. and less than one acre.

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