

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION, GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

REGION: Rocky Mountain      PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park      PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Walton Ranger Station/Residence      STRUCTURE NUMBER: 126

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Vicinity of Essex, MT, on U.S. Hwy 2      QUADRANGLE NAME: Essex, MT  
 Sec. 14, T29N R16W

Zone Easting Northing      QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute  
 UTM A: 12 306890 5349710

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

The Walter Ranger Station/Residence measures 36x24', with a 7'6"x8'6" basement at the northwest corner. Stone and rubble masonry foundations allow a crawl space. The log-on-log structure has 2x8 floor joists and single saddle notches with log bottoms concavely hewn and oakum chinking. The roof features a single ridge pole and log rafters approximately 2' o.c., running laterally. There are 1" decking cedar shingles, painted green. The four-light, double-hung sash windows are painted white. There is a front corner areaway-type porch on the southeast corner. The floor is dry-laid slab with stepped-out or uneven log ends. There is a frame and plaster interior partition. The Walton Ranger Station/Residence is a unique log structure in Glacier National Park (although it is similar to the Cooke City Ranger Station in Yellowstone National Park). The precisely laid rubblestone foundation, tight-fitting, grooved logs, and recessed corner entry vestibule are features that enhance an otherwise austere building. The 24x36-ft. building was constructed in Spring 1932 to "Standard Ranger Station, GNP," plans approved by the Acting Director of the Service.<sup>1</sup> Fiscal funding allotted \$3,150 for the station's construction. With these funds and plans, the Director ordered the Superintendent at Glacier to construct the best building possible given funding restrictions.<sup>2</sup> The building is architecturally significant and is a contributing element of a potential historic district.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1932

Like other administrative and management sites in Glacier National Park, the location, size, design, and components of ranger stations were influenced by many factors. Plans for the construction of a year-round ranger station at Walton on the Roosevelt Highway (U.S. Route 2) were begun in 1931. The Park Service acted quickly on those plans due to the need for a station strategically located at this entrance to the Park, to replace the old Paola Ranger Station, that was located 6 miles downriver (northwest) from Walton. The purpose for Walton was to be close to the newly-constructed Highway 2. The prominent location near a well-traveled highway influenced the Walton Ranger Station's appearance perhaps more than most ranger stations. Chief Landscape Architect Thomas C. Vint remarked that the station would be viewed by not only park traffic but also by local cross-state and trans-continental travelers. He urged Park Superintendent E.T. Scoyen to use "more than usual effort in landscaping the surroundings of the station, while using the Standard all-year plan."<sup>3</sup>

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Walton ranger station represents Park Service rustic design at its standard best. By 1930, plans for small temporary, and larger year-round stations had proved satisfactory and were constructed within Glacier and other national parks with minor variations. Historically, the Walton ranger station illustrates a deliberate Glacier Park decision to locate the station at a strategic management site. Walton today serves the same function that it did originally, and the area has survived with minimum change, thus adding to its significance. The Walton ranger station is a significant and contributing element in the proposed Walton Ranger Station Historic District, which is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under criteria a and c.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE:

<sup>1</sup>"Glacier: Lands, Buildings, Roads and Trails; Buildings: Ranger Cabins and Stations," File: 620-063, Part One From October 1931 to February 1937, Glacier National Park, A.E. Demaray to Scoyen, April 27, 1932, National Park Service, Record Group 79, National Archives, Washington, DC.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., H.M. Albright to E.T. Scoyen, December 9, 1931.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., Thomas C. Vint to E.T. Scoyen, November 17, 1931.

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REGION: Rocky Mountain      PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park      PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Barn      STRUCTURE NUMBER: 382

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Walton Ranger Station Historic District      QUADRANGLE NAME: Essex, MT

Zone Easting Northing      QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute  
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

The barn is a two-story (main floor and loft), rectangular structure measuring 26x17', with a saddle room below the loft. The logs have concave bottoms and hacked end cuts. The structure rests on a concrete foundation, with a dirt floor except for the saddle room, that has a concrete floor. There are pole joists and 1" decking on hayloft; ridgepole and log rafters at 2' o.c., 1" decking cedar shingles; constructed by E.C.W. project #16 Glacier. The barn has dutch type board doors with typical barn criss-cross and perimeter bracing, strap hinges, and a loft door on the west facade. There is a sapling-fenced corral measuring 50x100'. It was constructed according to Park Service plans and is similar to the barns at the Kishenehn and Upper Lake McDonald Ranger Stations. The frequent use of this design suggests the successful combination of rustic architecture with the functional requirements of a horse barn.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION:      DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1937

Research has not yielded any significant historical information concerning persons or events associated with this building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The building is architecturally significant and its design and materials are compatible with the original structures in this complex. Despite the fact that the structure is only 48 years old, it is an essential structure to the integrity and continuity of the site. The Walton Ranger Station barn should be considered as a contributing element of the Walton Ranger Station Historic District.

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REGION: Rocky Mountain      PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park      PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Woodshed      STRUCTURE NUMBER: 383

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Walton Ranger Station Historic District      QUADRANGLE NAME: Essex, MT

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

The woodshed measures approximately 10x16', has exterior pole framing with 1" vertical board siding, and cedar shingles. The scale, materials, and design of this woodshed are compatible with the more significant buildings of the ranger station. It contributes to the overall architectural significance of the site.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION:      DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1932

Research has not yielded any significant historical information concerning persons or events associated with this building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is compatible with the architecturally significant components of the site and contributes to the architectural significance of the site.

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STRUCTURE NAME: Gas Shed      STRUCTURE NUMBER: 386

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Walton Ranger Station Historic District      QUADRANGLE NAME: Essex, MT

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

The metal walls and roof of this building are incompatible with the wood and log buildings of the site, although dark brown paint reduces this contrast somewhat. The structure is a non-contributing element of the ranger station complex.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1948<sup>1</sup>

Research has not yielded any significant historical information concerning persons or events associated with this building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is not architecturally or historically significant. Also, the metal used in its construction is not compatible with the fabric of the rest of the buildings at the site. The building is a non-contributing element in a potentially eligible Historic District.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE:

<sup>1</sup>"Draft Cultural Resources Management Plan, Glacier National Park," p. 92.

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REGION: Rocky Mountain      PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park      PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Sign Cache/Oil House      STRUCTURE NUMBER: 387

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Walton Ranger Station Historic District      QUADRANGLE NAME: Essex, MT

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

The metal walls and roof of this storage building are incompatible with the more significant wood and log buildings of the site, although dark brown paint lessens the intrusion. The sign cache is a non-contributing element of the Walton Ranger Station.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION:      DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1949<sup>1</sup>

Research has not yielded any significant historical information concerning persons or events associated with this building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is not architecturally or historically significant. Also, the metal used in its construction is not compatible with the fabric of the rest of the buildings at the site. The building is a non-contributing element in a potentially eligible Historic District.

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REGION: Rocky Mountain      PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park      PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Garage/Fire Cache      STRUCTURE NUMBER: 388

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Walton Ranger Station Historic District      QUADRANGLE NAME: Essex, MT

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

The structure is a one-story, exterior pole constructed building, measuring 12'6"x26'6", with 1" vertical boards, a sheet metal roof, salt box, log rafters, and 1" decking, small multi-light double-hung sash windows, and two overhead garage doors in front. This garage/fire cache combination probably originated from a design drawn by the Park Service's landscape architect. The materials used and the simple design are characteristic of many buildings constructed in the 1920s and 1930s by the National Park Service for administrative and management or maintenance purposes. The building contributes to the architectural diversity of the site.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION:      DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1934

Research has not yielded any significant historical information concerning persons or events associated with this building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

As a prominent feature of a ranger station complex, the garage/fire cache exhibits good integrity and contributes to the overall significance of the site.

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REGION: Rocky Mountain      PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park      PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Cookhouse      STRUCTURE NUMBER: 602

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Walton Ranger Station Historic District      QUADRANGLE NAME: Essex, MT

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

This building does not exhibit those qualities of design, materials, and/or workmanship that would make it architecturally significant. It is compatible with the more significant buildings of the ranger station and is a neutral, noncontributing element of the site.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION:      DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1937; moved<sup>1</sup>

Research has not yielded any significant historical information concerning persons or events associated with this building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is not architecturally or historically significant. It is a neutral, non-contributing element in the proposed Walton Ranger Station Historic District.

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REGION: Rocky Mountain      PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park      PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Ranger Station Office      STRUCTURE NUMBER: 1159

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Walton Ranger Station Historic District      QUADRANGLE NAME: Essex, MT

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

This building is compatible with the more significant buildings of the ranger station and is a neutral, noncontributing element of the Walton ranger station.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION:      DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1960; moved<sup>1</sup>

No information was discovered concerning this small, frame ranger office.

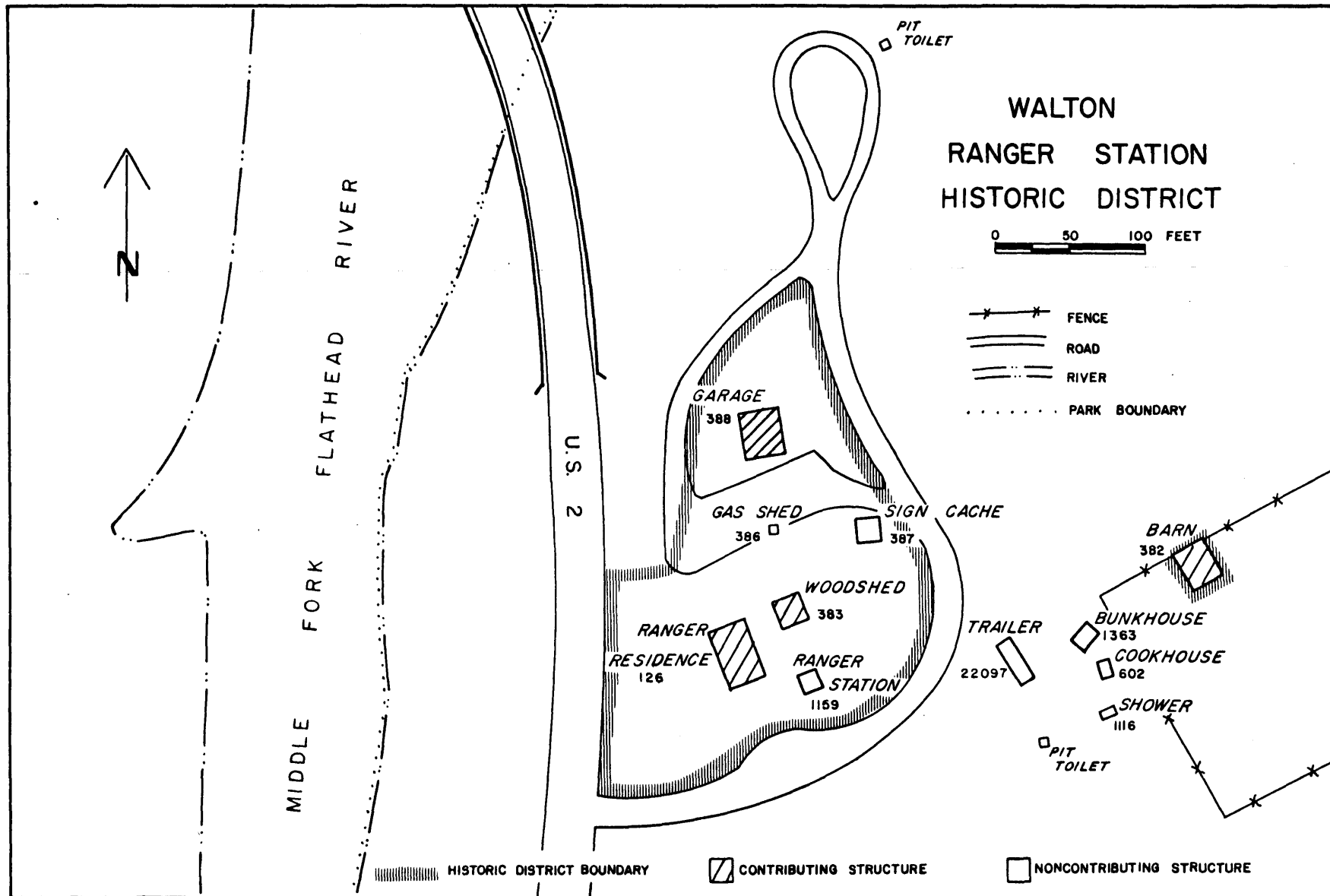
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is not architecturally or historically significant. Therefore, it does not meet the eligibility requirements for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The building is a non-contributing element in a potentially eligible Historic District.

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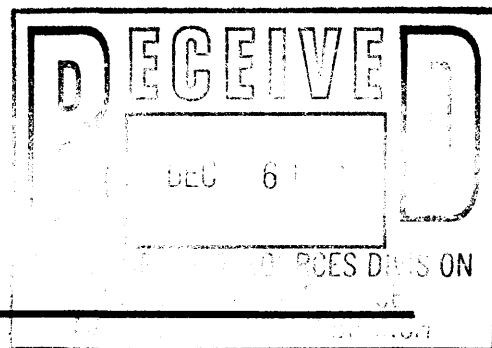


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#### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets    does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant    nationally    statewide X locally. (   See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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National Park Service  
State or Federal agency or bureau

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

*[Signature]*  
Signature of commenting or other official

SEP 29 1995  
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Montana State Historic Preservation Office  
State or Federal agency and bureau

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<u>  </u> entered in the National Register <u>  </u> see continuation sheet	_____	_____
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Additional Documentation Accepted

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The following buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places as contributors to the Walton Ranger Station Historic District. Additional documentation is provided below for the purpose of describing and evaluating building interiors for integrity and significance. Changes to the historic district since nomination are also addressed below and on the attached modified site map.

### 7. Narrative Description

#### Gas Shed (#386), 1949

This small building, evaluated as noncontributing in 1986, was removed from the historic district at an unknown date. A modified site map is attached.

### Building Interiors

#### Ranger Station (#126), 1932

This one-story residence, unique within the park, contains a living room, kitchen, pantry, two bedrooms, and a bathroom. The living room, directly accessed from the recessed corner entry vestibule, opens to the kitchen (north) and to a short narrow hallway (east). This hallway leads to the bedrooms and to the central bath that divides them. The south bedroom, historically used as an office, is also accessible from an exterior door offset within the east wall of the vestibule. Dominant interior finishes include painted celotex (wallboard) or sheetrock, stained 4" pine floors, vertical-board doors (now painted but once varnished), and 4" window surrounds, door surrounds, and baseboards (the baseboards are finished with a strip of quarter round at the floor junction). This molding is most-often painted green, in contrast to the white window frames, doors, and walls. All light fixtures are modern. Individual rooms are described below.

Exterior entrances to the living room and the office are constructed of vertical 5" tongue-and-groove pine planks, secured with horizontal interior braces, and featuring a one-light window. The doors are stained on the outside and painted on the inside. The handles and lock boxes are modern. Four-inch pine flooring covers the living room floor. Fiberboard, finished with texture rather than battens, covers the ceiling and untextured sheetrock covers the walls. Ceiling panels have begun to sag. A "Frontier" woodburning stove (patent date 1980), vented through a stove pipe, is located in the northeast corner of the room. The adjacent wall and floor are protected with sheet metal.

There are currently no doors in the entries between the living room and kitchen and the living room and hallway; painted hinges and latch holes remain. Celotex covers the hallway and bedroom walls and ceilings and 4" fir covers the floors. Each bedroom contains a closet, accessed through a painted vertical-plank door. Molding styles are standard.

Untextured sheetrock covers the bathroom walls and ceiling. All fixtures are modern. Rolled vinyl, in a "marble" pattern, covers the floors. A small trap door provides access to the crawl space.

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The same vinyl found in the bathroom covers the kitchen floor. Baseboards are modern painted 3" wood, with a strip of stained quarter round at the floor junction. Untextured sheetrock covers the walls and ceiling. Formica covers the countertops and forms the backsplash. Doors on the built-in cupboards have the same unpaneled enamel-painted doors and simple stainless steel hardware found throughout the park. The historic wood cookstove vent has been sealed off with a decorative metal plate mounted on what appears to be a sheetrock-encased chimney. This chimney may also vent the wood stove in the living room.

A painted five-panel door leads from the kitchen to the mudroom. Here, the 4" floorboards have been painted grey (apparently long ago). A trap door, secured with large external hinges and opened with a string handle, leads to the cellar. The south and east walls and the banks of built-in cupboards are constructed of tongue-and-groove planks, painted white. Shiplap planks form the north and west walls. A two-panel, one-light door, leads to the exterior.

Modifications to the interior include new wall and ceiling surfaces, new appliances, new vinyl flooring, and modern, incompatible light fixtures. Bathroom wainscoting, listed in ca. 1951 maintenance reports, has also been replaced. Although original wall and ceiling finishes are presumed to have been plaster, wallboard was in place by the early 1950s. The sheetrock is not a significant deviation from either the wallboard or the plaster. As elsewhere in the park, the cupboard doors do not alter the basic cupboard plan: wall-mounted cupboard bases appear to be original. The floorplan is unmodified and the wide molding and fir floors remain in place in all but the kitchen and bathroom.

### **Barn (#382), 1937**

Like the Cut Bank, Upper Lake McDonald, Nyack, and St. Mary Utility Area barns, this building was constructed from standard drawing NP-GLA 3077: "Log Barn for Ranger Stations." The barn retains its original floor plan, with the large lower level room divided into two stalls and a feed/tack room and the entire upper level devoted to hay storage. Door styles vary from barn to barn, suggesting that construction crews modified the plans to fit their skills and the materials at hand.

The 8' exterior door is constructed of two layers of t-and-g siding, sandwiched over a central frame. In contrast to similar barns in the park, the floor of the central room is gravel and dirt rather than wood plank. The walls are tightly notched log with no chinking (the base of each log is grooved to fit the log underneath). Five-inch planks spaced 1" apart form the stall partition. Feed troughs, centered along the exterior wall of each stall, are also constructed of dimensional lumber. Windows and doors are not finished with surrounds; the exposed wood frames are flush with the log walls.

A tall (7') door constructed of 5" tongue-and-groove secured with an exterior (6") frame and a diagonal cross brace, leads from the central room to the tack/feed room. This door retains the historic hinges, latch and handle. The interior walls and ceiling are constructed of 5" tongue-and-groove (or shiplap) planks secured to log corner posts (and painted bright "aquamarine" blue). The floor is concrete, cracked. Six saddle horns line the north wall and an open shelf and bridle peg board are located on the east wall. Feed is stored in secured garbage

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cans. The feed room floor is constructed of concrete and the exterior walls and ceiling are finished with unjointed planks.

A double layer of 7" shiplap planks, secured to exposed log purlins, form the dropped ceiling of the central space. The hayloft is accessed by an interior ladder extending through a 2' x 2' crawlspace. Two-inch x seven-inch planks (the upper "layer" of the lower-level dropped ceiling) form the floor and 8" shiplap covers the walls. Hay drops are strategically located in the loft floor, directly above each ground floor feed trough; these drops are covered with doors constructed of horizontal shiplap boards secured with a Z-brace. The ceiling is unfinished, exposing the log rafters and dimensional lumber tie beams of the roof structural system. Side-hinged 6" hay doors, centered within the east and west gable ends, are constructed of horizontal 7" shiplap planks sandwiched over a central frame.

The electric system consists of historic heavy button switches and glass and metal bulb cages. Although dated, this system is not historic: 1954 maintenance records report the barn did not have electricity.

### Woodshed (#383), 1932

The original component of this building was not accessible at the time of survey and has not been evaluated. A makeshift bedroom has been constructed under the extended south gable end (originally a large open porch). A three-panel, one-light door provides access. The floors are bowed 5" tongue-and-groove laid on a layer of 10" planks. Horizontal 6" shiplap planks cover the new north, east, and west walls. The south wall, the original exterior elevation, is covered with vertical 7" planks. A one-light fixed-sash window is offset within this elevation. Five-inch shiplap forms the ceiling.

### Garage/Fire Cache (#388), 1934

This utilitarian building contains a large garage space, partially divided by a central open shelving unit, and a fire cache, constructed in the northeast corner. The fire cache has a separate entry and is not accessible through the garage. A work area, located in the northwest corner of the garage, is not separated by an interior wall but is clearly defined as a separate space by the wood floor and by tool-storage units and a work table.

Two 2-light, paneled overhead garage doors, symmetrically placed in the south elevation, provide primary access to the garage space. The garage and fire cache floors are dirt and gravel over a cement base. Ten-inch wood planks cover the northwest corner work area. Metal sheets manufactured by the Milcor Steel Co. of Canton, Ohio, cover the exterior walls, the interior partition dividing the fire cache from the garage, and the dropped ceiling. Two log columns in the center of the interior space provide structural support for the building and for the tall shelving unit that divides the garage space. Tool racks and open shelving line the walls and a large eight-drawer workbench is located beneath the windows on the west wall, in the garage space. A large work table and numerous tool storage cabinets are also located in the northwest corner work area. A small storage loft, constructed of 7" shiplap planks atop 2" x 6" rafters, cuts across the northwest corner. A "Frontier" woodburning stove, vented through a cinder-block chimney located near the north end of the west

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wall heats the garage. Adjacent walls and flooring are protected with sheetmetal. Multi-light windows located within the east and west walls are a dominant design element of the small space.

### 8. Statement of Significance

#### Building Interiors

Although altered, the interior of residence #126 retains sufficient historic fabric to present an historic appearance. The sheetrock is not a significant deviation from the 1940s wallboard or from the plaster presumed to have covered the walls in the historic period (wood-plank wall surfaces in the park are generally reserved for log or backcountry buildings. In contrast, this residence fronted the Theodore Roosevelt Highway, was visible to and frequently visited by park visitors, and warranted special attention from the Landscape Division). The exterior entrance to what is now the south bedroom, but was historically the office, testifies to an era when ranger station buildings were both administrative and residential units. This era essentially passed when improvements in motorized transportation and in area highways made central administrative facilities more practical. Significant interior features include the wood floors, paneled and vertical-plank doors, wide molding, cupboard configuration (if not door design), and all finishes within the mudroom.

The barn retains a remarkable degree of physical integrity. The interior contributes to the building's significance. Although more prosaic, the interior of the garage/fire cache also possesses physical integrity and contributes to the building's significance.

The addition to woodshed #383 is modern and contains no historically or architecturally significant interior features. The woodshed component has not been evaluated.

The removal of noncontributing gas shed #386 did not adversely affect the district's integrity or significance.

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### Photographs

- 1) Photographer:                      Jason Wilmot
- 2) Date of Photographs:              September 1993
- 3) Location of Negatives:            National Park Service, RMR-RC, Denver, CO.

PHOTO NUMBER	BUILDING NAME AND NUMBER	DESCRIPTION/DIRECTION OF VIEW
1	Ranger Station Residence (#126)	Kitchen. Note cupboards and window surrounds.
2	Ranger Station Residence (#126)	Standard five-panel door. Note hinges.
3	Barn (#382)	Ladder to hay loft. Note log walls.
4	Barn (#382)	Tack room
5	Woodshed (#383)	Interior
6	Woodshed (#383)	Interior
7	Garage/Fire Cache (#388)	View to the Northwest
8	Garage/Fire Cache (#388)	Interior
9	Garage/Fire Cache (#388)	Interior