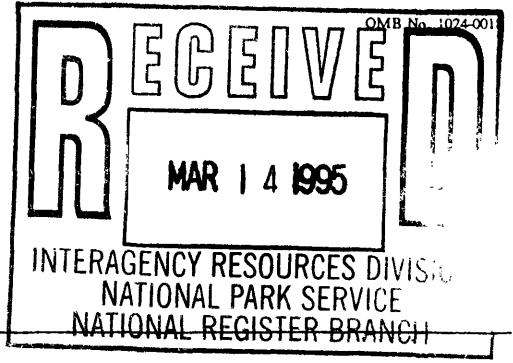


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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

### 1. Name of Property

historic name: Rainbow Point Comfort Station and Overlook Shelter

other name/site number: HS-58 and HS-59

### 2. Location

street & number: Bryce Canyon National Park

not for publication: n/a  
vicinity: X

city/town: Bryce Canyon

state: Utah code: UT county: Garfield code: 017 zip code: 84717

### 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.)

[Signature] 3/14/95  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
National Park Service  
State or Federal agency or bureau

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

[Signature] 2-21-95  
Signature of commenting or other official Date  
Utah State Historic Preservation Office  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. 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
- see continuation sheet
- removed from the National Register
- see continuation sheet
- other (explain):

for Signature of the Keeper  
[Signature]

Date of Action  
4/25/95

**Rainbow Point Overlook Shelter  
and Comfort Station**

**Kane County, Utah**

Name of Property

County and State

**5. Classification**

Ownership of Property: Government-Federal Category of Property: Buildings	Number of Resources within Property		
	Contributing	Noncontributing	
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: None	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	building(s)
Name of related multiple property listing: Bryce Canyon National Park Multiple Property Submission	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions:	Current Function:
Government, Recreation	Government, Recreation

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification:	Materials:
Other; "Exaggerated Rustic"	foundation: Concrete
	walls: Wood, weatherboard
	roof: Wood, shingle
	other: Wood, log

**Narrative Description**

Rainbow Point is located at the highest elevational point within Bryce Canyon National Park (BRCA), at the southern terminus of the Rim Road. Here, Douglas fir forest and native shrubbery forms a relatively dense vegetative cover. The Overlook Shelter (HS-59) is located directly adjacent to the plateau rim, and overlooks Black Birch Canyon. The Comfort Station (HS-58) is set back from the rim, within the timber. Pathways (both paved and unpaved) lead from a parking area to both buildings, however the Comfort Station is not readily visible from the parking area.

**Comfort Station (HS-58):** This one-story, rectangular, wood frame building rests on footings of native stone. The exterior walls are finished with horizontally placed "V-joint" shiplap siding, with vertical half logs used to cover the joints in the shiplap. The hip roof is covered with unpainted wood shingles and has a metal vent extending from the interior storage area. The log rafters have exposed ends. Windows throughout the building are wooden, six-light hopper, which open inward in order to accommodate the fixed exterior screens.

The north elevation contains an entry (with a tongue and groove plank door), flanked on the east side by two windows. The east elevation contains a central entry flanked on either side by two windows. This entry has a tongue and groove plank door with one small light. It provides access to a storage area that runs the width of the building. The south elevation has another entry (with a solid tongue and groove door) that is flanked on the west side by three windows.

The building is divided into two major components which correspond to the men's and women's lavatories. A small storage area divides these two spaces. The interiors of the lavatories have been remodeled with new finishing materials. Originally, the walls were finished with lath and plaster. However, the current interior is finished with ceramic tile and new linoleum.

In 1987, National Park Service (NPS) personnel replaced the roof. As originally constructed, both the men's and women's entries to the buildings had two-sided privacy screens that obscured the entries from view. The screens had

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

Applicable National Register Criteria: **A and C**

Areas of Significance: **Architecture; Recreation; Government**

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): **n/a**

Period(s) of Significance: **1939-1944**

Significant Person(s): **n/a**

Significant Dates: **1939 and 1940**

Cultural Affiliation: **n/a**

Architect/Builder: **NPS Branch of Plans and Design**

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### Narrative Statement of Significance

The Rainbow Point comfort station and overlook shelter have local significance under National Register criteria A for their association with NPS administrative development, and under criterion C as examples of NPS rustic building design. National Register areas of significance include government, recreation, and architecture. The period of significance for these buildings extends from 1939 until 1944, the end of the historical period as defined by the National Register. Since the time of their construction, the NPS has continuously used these buildings to provide lavatory services and to present interpretive material to park visitors. Historic contexts with which the Rainbow Point buildings are associated include: 1) the development of recreation and administrative facilities within BRCA; and 2) the development of NPS rustic architecture. They are included in the property type that contains resources associated with NPS administrative development, and are part of the Bryce Canyon National Park Multiple Property Submission.

The NPS constructed the buildings at Rainbow Point towards the end of the New Deal era. Rainbow Point, located at the southern end of the rim road, was the last area of the park to be developed for public use prior to the end of the historical period. Its isolation from other BRCA facilities, necessitated the construction of sanitary and interpretive facilities. CCC crews participated in the construction of the buildings, the plans for which originated from the Branch of Plans and Design. The rustic style of the buildings is similar to that of other, earlier public facilities, built by the NPS in BRCA and other western parks. Both are good examples of the "exaggerated" rustic architecture reserved for public buildings.

**Rainbow Point Overlook Shelter  
and Comfort Station**

**Kane County, Utah**

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**9. Major Bibliographic References**

Drawing Nos.: NPBC 2008A (2 sheets); NP-BC 2005A (and supplemental); NP-BC 2005B (and revision Sheet), and NP-BC 4999. All available from BRCA maintenance file labeled "NPS Buildings."

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of Property: Approximately 2 acres

*MAP 3*

UTM References:

Zone	Easting	Northing
A 12	390410	4148120

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The plateau rim forms the east boundary of this property. The north east and south boundaries include the buildings and their immediate setting.

**Boundary Justification**

The nominated property includes the buildings that have historically been part of the Rainbow Point Overlook and that have integrity.

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title: Janene Caywood  
organization: Historical Research Associates, Inc. date: December 31, 1994  
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city or town: Missoula state: MT zip code: 59807-7086

**Property Owner**

name/title: Bryce Canyon National Park  
street & number: telephone: 801 834-5322  
city or town: Bryce Canyon state: UT zip code: 84717

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#### Description (continued)

log frameworks and were filled with horizontally placed 1X4" louvered boards. These have been removed. The interior was remodeled in 1980, when new tile and metal stalls were added.

This building possesses integrity of setting and location. With the exception of the removal of the entry screens, the exterior possesses integrity of materials, workmanship and design. Although this detracts from the historical appearance of the building, the major structural components and distinctive architectural features of the building remain in place. However, the interiors of the two lavatories lack historical integrity and do not contribute to the significance of the building.

**Overlook Shelter (HS-59):** This rectangular, one-story building is constructed on a concrete and stone foundation. The open structure has a hip roof covered with wooden shakes. The structural system for the roof, including the truss work, rafters, and vertical columns, are formed with peeled logs. Rafter ends are exposed. A board and batten ceiling currently obscures the underside of the roof system. The northwest, northeast, and southeast elevations are enclosed only with a horizontal log railing. Built-in seats, made from a large (21"-diameter) log line these sides of the building, with the exception of a centrally placed opening in the northeast elevation, which provides direct access to the plateau rim.

The southwest elevation contains two display bulkheads, one on each side of a central opening into the shelter. The bulkhead walls are constructed with 8" vertical boards and 1X4" battens. The interiors of the bulkheads are accessed via separate entries located on the interior of the building. Both entries have tongue and groove plank doors. There are two recessed display areas in each bulkhead, which are meant to be viewed from the exterior of the building. The north display area is enclosed behind plate glass set in a 1X2" wood frame. The interior of the storage areas are unfinished.

The overlook shelter possesses integrity of materials, workmanship and design, setting and location.

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BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

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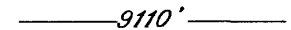
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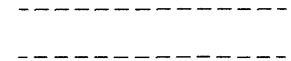
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CONTOUR LINE



ROAD



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Station

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Overlook  
Shelter

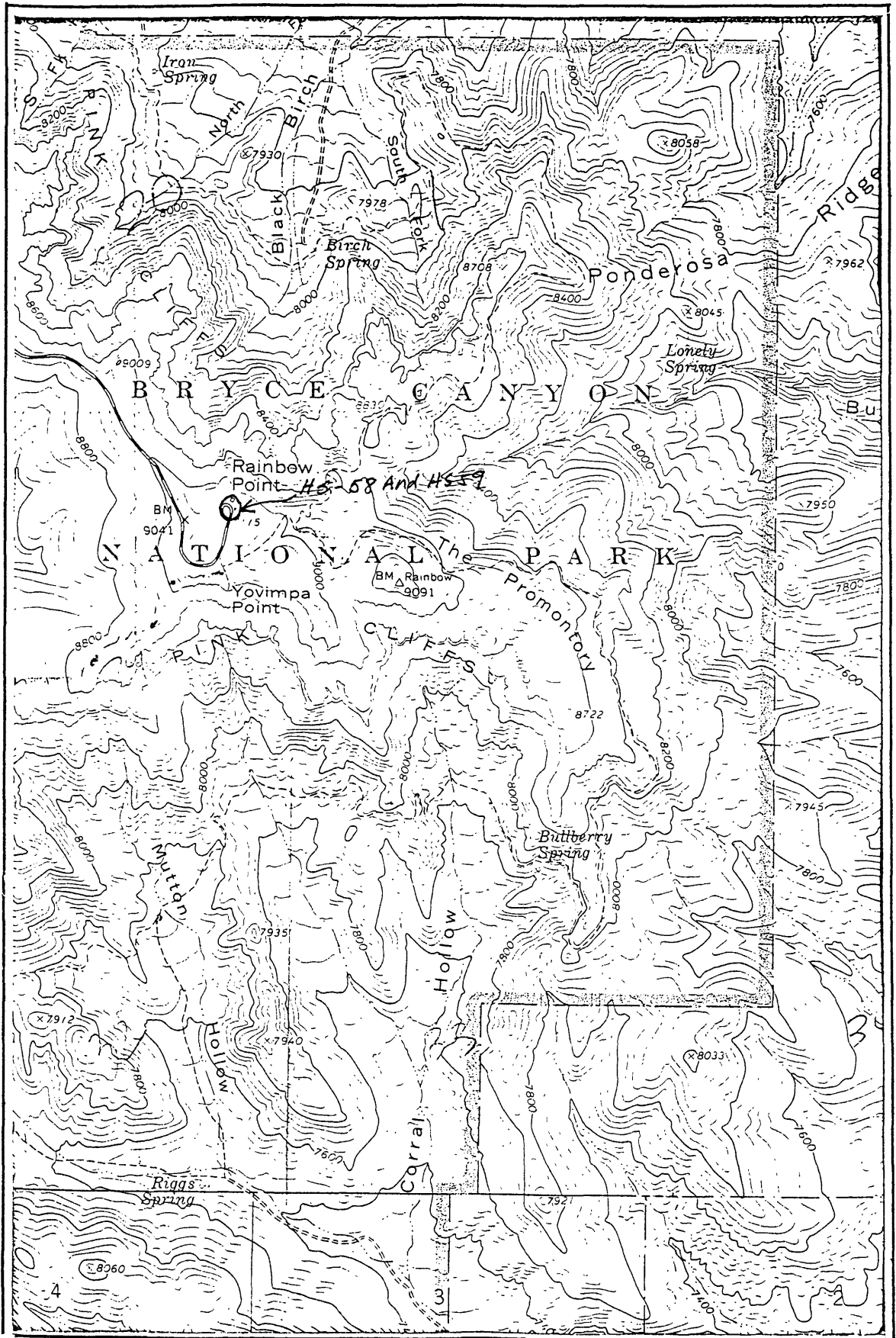
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9110'

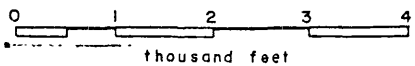
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POOREM Boundary

HS-58:  
Comfort  
Station



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USGS 7.5' Quad Rainbow Point  
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1. Rainbow Point Comfort Station and Overlook Shelter
  2. Kane County, Utah
  3. Janene M. Caywood (HRA, Missoula MT)
  4. June, 1992
  5. NPS Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Denver, Colorado
- (Information in items 1-5 applies to all photos of Rainbow Point Comfort Station and Overlook Shelter)

Photo #1

HS-58 Comfort Station. Looking southwest to east and north elevations of building.

Photo #2

HS-58 Comfort Station. Looking southeast to north and west elevations of building.

Photo #3

HS-59 Overlook Shelter. Looking southeast to northeast elevation of building.

Photo #4

HS-59 Overlook Shelter. Looking east to northwest and southwest elevations of building.

Photo #5

HS-59 Overlook Shelter. Looking northwest to southeast elevation of building.