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NPS ORGANIZATION  
CODE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REGION RMR PARK/AREA NAME ROMO

STRUCTURE NAME Thunder Lake Patrol Cabin STRUCTURE NO. 239

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National  State  Local

TREATMENT RECOMMENDED: Est. Cost of Treatment Recommended: \$ 2000

Preservation Date of this Estimate: 7/1976  
 Restoration  
 Reconstruction Est. Interim Cost (other than routine maintenance)  
 Partial Reconstruction pending completion of Recommended Treatment:  
 Adaptive Restoration \$ -

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Wild Basin  
UTM REFERENCE: A 13 445 1810 44 512 4110 CLASS VI LAND ACREAGE (if not  
part of a complex or district: \_\_\_\_\_ acres.  
Zone Easting Northing  
USGS map: Isolation Peak, Colo. 7.5 min.

STUDIES REQUIRED: KEY:  
 Historical Studies Plan N - not needed  
 Historic Resource Study P - programmed  
 Historic Structure Report C - completed  
 Historic Furnishing Study U - underway  
 Historic Structure Preservation Guide R - required, but not yet scheduled

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: cabin, log

Physical Description: This patrol cabin may have been built originally as a shelter cabin. It is a picturesque little log cabin; one-room, approx. 12' x 16', with gabled roof. It dates to 1930. Foundation is rubblestone masonry, as is the outside-wall fireplace chimney. The logs are chinked with cement. Pole rafters support the gabled roof, which is covered with cedar shingles. A shed roof forms a porch cover.

Significance: Criterion (c)  
The structure is an excellent representation of the NPS-Rustic Architectural style. The saddle notched log construction, with log crowns extending beyond the corner notching, wood shingle roof and rubblestone foundation typify the NPS-Rustic style within Rocky Mountain National Park.

(continue on reverse if necessary)

PRESENT CONDITION: Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated   
Ruins  Unaltered  Altered  Original Site  Moved

Report prepared by: Lance R. Williams

Lance R. Williams  
Signature

JUN 5 1987 June 30 1976 Date

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Boulder Co., COLORADO 87001124

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL

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INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

This is a small, log walled patrol cabin, used sporadically during the summer as a ranger station and shelter for rangers on patrol in the back country of Wild Basin. It is not used during the winter and can not be reached because of snow drifts. The interior is one multi-purpose room. The interior has a plywood floor, with log walls, no ceiling and exposed log rafters and roofing boards. There is one wood stove/fireplace with chimney of uncoursed fieldstone and mortar in the corner of the cabin. The exterior is of square notched log walls with a gable roof that has exposed rafter tips and is covered with wood shingles. The exterior and interior have been maintained over the years, but the materials and techniques used in the maintenance are in keeping with the Rustic architectural character of the cabin.

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INTERIOR SIGNIFICANCE

This cabin, originally built in 1930, stands as a good example of the National Park Service Rustic design philosophy as it was practiced at Rocky Mountain National Park during the 1930s. Howard R. Baker of the NPS Design Staff and Thomas C. Vint, a landscape architect, were responsible for the development of facilities at Rocky Mountain National Park and this building, along with others clearly shows the influences of the Rustic design philosophy that those two individuals employed for the projects there. Since its construction the building has experienced a number of routine maintenance activities. However, these have not effected the Rustic character of the building, either on the inside or the outside. The present exterior and interior bear a striking resemblance to the original and exhibit the key characteristics of the Rustic architecture school. The building has already been listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its Rustic exterior. The interior is considered to be a significant example of the NPS Rustic design philosophy. The interior displays a Rustic flavor with key elements such as the exposed interior roof framing, log walls and stone fireplace/chimney. These are typical Rustic interior treatments as described in the context. As a result the interior is felt to be a significant example of Rustic architecture at Rocky Mountain National Park.