

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HST-6 REV 6/83

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
(203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Town No.:		Site No.:	
UTM 18	671440	4652610	
QUAD:	West Granville CT MA		
DISTRICT		IF NR, SPECIFY	
<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <i>(Historic)</i>		Tunxis Forest Ski Cabin		Tunxis Forest Ski Cabin	
	2. TOWN, CITY		VILLAGE		COUNTY	
	Hartland		East Hartland		Hartford 003	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)					
	Western end of Balance Rock Road					
	4. OWNER(S)					
	Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> Private
DESCRIPTION	5. USE (Present)		<i>(Historic)</i>			
	Recreational		Recreational			
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		open structure	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING				DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Rustic				1937	
	8. MATERIALS (Indicate use or location when appropriate)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard		<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding		<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>log</u>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten		<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco		<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding		<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____						
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM						
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame		<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam		<input type="checkbox"/> balloon		
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry		<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Log</u>						
10. ROOF (Type)						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable		<input type="checkbox"/> Flat		<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel		<input type="checkbox"/> Shed		<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Hip		<input type="checkbox"/> Round		
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Built up		<input type="checkbox"/> Slate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tile		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS				
1		17' x 25'				
12. CONDITION (Structural) <i>(Exterior)</i>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent		<input type="checkbox"/> Good		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair		
<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent		<input type="checkbox"/> Good		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair		<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated				
13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN? <i>(Alterations)</i> IF YES, EXPLAIN						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
14. RELATED BUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES						
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn		<input type="checkbox"/> Shed		<input type="checkbox"/> Garage		
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house		<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) <u>None</u>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Shop		<input type="checkbox"/> Garden				
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT						
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodland		<input type="checkbox"/> Residential		
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial		<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial		<input type="checkbox"/> Rural		
<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site		<input type="checkbox"/> High building density				
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS						
Isolated in woods south of former ski trail. Access by dirt road.						

(OVER)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Well-constructed saddle-notched 3-bay-by-2-bay log lodge set on concrete pier foundation. Log length staggered to produce pyramidal affect at corners. Original casement windows removed, now open. Exterior fieldstone chimney laid up with recessed mortar on rear (northeast elevation). Roof trussing exposed on the interior and exposed rafter ends under overhanging eaves. Well-preserved.

18. ARCHITECT: Unknown BUILDER: Civilian Conservation Corps

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The cabin was built as a ski cabin by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) of Camp Robinson in 1937. Open downhill ski slopes were developed at both Mohawk and Tunxis state forests in the 1930s. The cabin, heated by the massive stone fireplace, was located to the south of the slope, which is now completely overgrown and unrecognizable. The building is important as a record of the recreational development of the parks and forests by the CCC during the Depression. It has been said that its efforts sped park development by fifty years. The log structure also represents the high standards of design and craftsmanship of the CCC. The building is nicely proportioned and detailed with pyramidal corners and exposed roof trussing. It is remarkably well-preserved considering its isolated location and (see continuation sheet)

SOURCES

Park & Forest Commission. Biennial Report to the Governor. 1924-44. DEP. Bureau of State Parks & Recreation. Historical File: Tunxis Forest.

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE	Place Photograph Here
	Mary E. McCahon	5/85	
VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE		
Exterior	CHC DEP 85:21/8-14		
COMPILED BY	NAME	DATE	
	Mary E. McCahon	6/85	
	ORGANIZATION	Connecticut Historical Commission	
	ADDRESS	59 S. Prospect Street Hartford, CT 06106	

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other _____

Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning
 Explanaton _____

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limited use as a trailside pavilion. The dirt road to the cabin is lined with some stone walls and cul-de-sacs, also built by the CCC. No early ski facility survives in Mohawk State Forest, making the Tunxis Forest Ski Cabin one of the oldest, if not the oldest, structures associated with downhill skiing in the state.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

The cabin is located in a 8,634-acre state forest. The nominated acreage includes the structure situated in the center of a circle with a radius of 400' which provides a representation of its historic wooded setting.

surrounding the structure is included in the nomination.

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Item number 19 Date: August 21, 1986

Addendum: Connecticut State Park and Forest Depression-Era Federal Work Relief Programs Structures Thematic Resource

Hartland: Tunxis Forest Ski Cabin

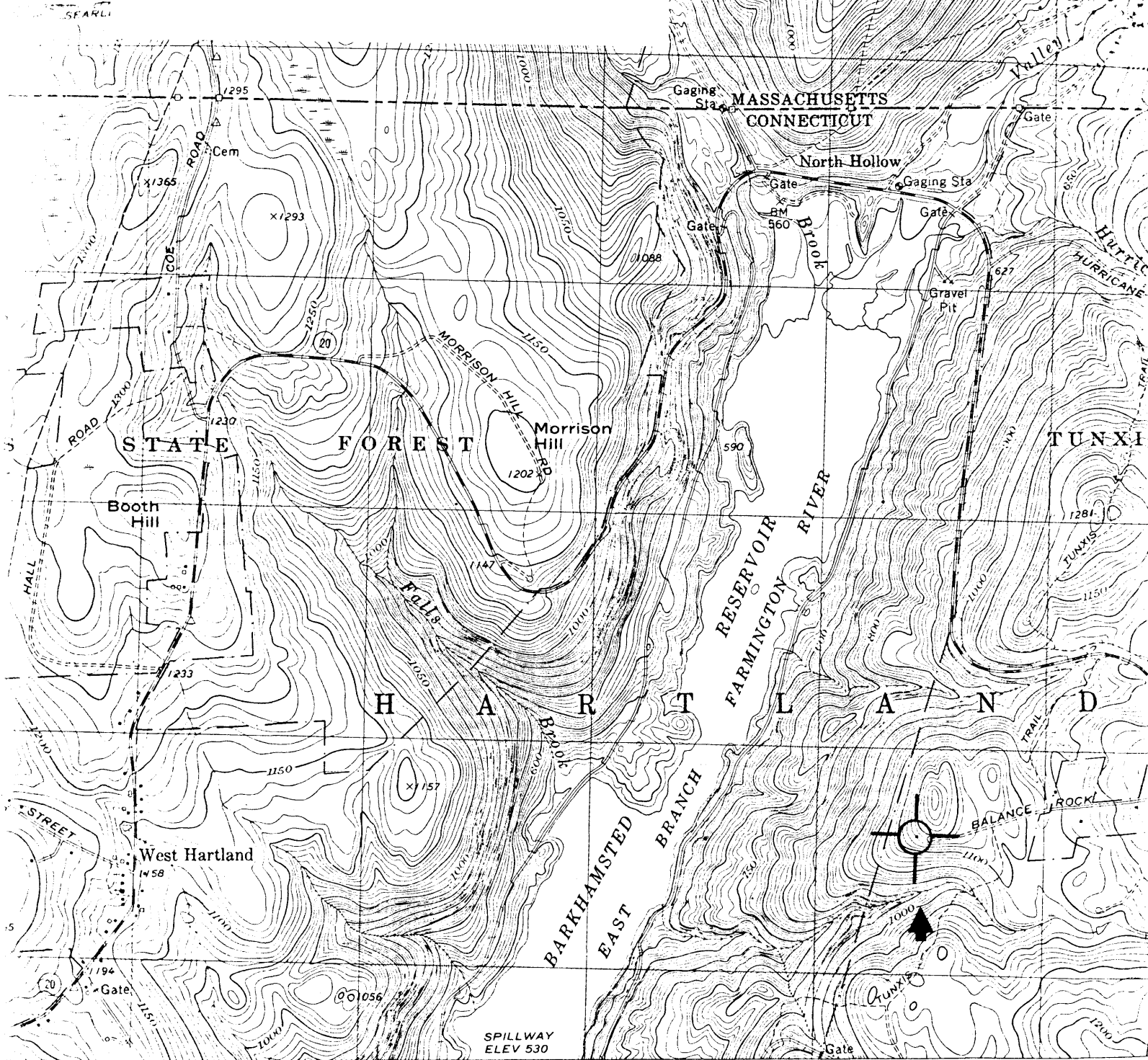
Acreage: 6.5 acres

Correction: Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The cabin is located in a 8,634-acre state forest. The nominated acreage includes the structure situated in the center of a circle with a radius of 300' which provides a representation of its historic wooded setting.

This correction has been made because it was determined that the reduction of acreage would adequately represent the historic setting of the subject property.

Tunxis Forest Ski Lodge
 Hartland, CT
 West Granville, CT MA Quad
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Survey
 Photographs
 and 1944
 checked 1971
 system.

200 000 FEET (MASS.) 57° 30' 670 (NEW HARTFORD) 6467 IV NW 872

SCALE 1:24 000

1 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET
 1 5 0 1 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

13½° 240 MILS
 1° 23' 25 MILS