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NATIONAL REGISTER

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printers in 12 pitch. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property

historic name Twin Sisters Lookout

other names/site number Twin Sisters Radio Shack; HS-23

2. Location

street & number N/A

N/A not for publication

city, town Estes Park

X vicinity

state CO

code CO

county Larimer

code 069

zip code 80517

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	contributing	noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Rocky Mountain NP Historic Resources

No. of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Edmond C. Beards 10/19/92  
Signature of certifying official Date

State or Federal agency or bureau

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

[Signature] August 5, 1992  
Signature of commenting or other official Date  
State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register Antonieth Price 12/24/92  
See continuation sheet  
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register  
 other, (explain:)  
for Signature of the Keeper Date

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions  
(enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions  
(enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/  
Camp

OTHER/  
Fire Cache  
OTHER/  
Communication

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials  
(enter categories from instructions)

Other/Utilitarian

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foundations Stone

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walls Stone

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roof Wood and asphalt

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other \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This is a small, stone walled building, used presently as a radio repeater station and fire cache to store fire fighting equipment and supplies. The exterior is of uncoursed fieldstone and mortar. The stone used in the building came from the site. The roof is arched on five beams and covered with wood and rolled asphalt roofing. There is one door and a roof access trap door, both of wood. The interior is one room. The interior has a concrete floor with stone walls, no ceiling and exposed wood beams and roofing boards. There is one former stove pipe opening that is now used for cable support. There have been a number of changes to the building's function over the years that led to changes in physical appearance and character of the building. The most dramatic have been the closure of the windows and removal of the heating and cooking stove and other interior appointments after the conversion of the building to a radio repeater station during the early 1970s. From 1914 through 1969 the building was used as housing for crews that manned a nearby fire lookout tower. In 1969 the lookout was abandoned and removed.

— See continuation sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: \_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_ statewide L locally

Applicable National Register Criteria \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B X C \_\_\_ D  
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
<u>Rustic Architecture</u>	<u>1915-1941</u>	<u>1925</u>
_____	_____	<u>1949, 1969</u>
_____	_____	<u>1973</u>
_____	Cultural Affiliation	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Significant Person \_\_\_\_\_ Architect/Builder  
USFS Design Staff

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

171 This building, originally built in 1914 by the United States Forest Service, is not considered to be an example of the National Park Service Rustic design philosophy as it was practiced at Rocky Mountain National Park during the early twentieth century. However, the opportunistic use of nearby stone, when combined with the arch roof, an early twentieth century vernacular roof treatment for small sheds and utility buildings, argue for this building being representative of trends in general rustic and vernacular architecture as it was practiced in much of Colorado during the World War I period. In particular, the arched or box-car roof represents an important trend in Colorado architecture during the period when the Forest Service constructed this building. Other known, contemporary examples have been recorded throughout much of the Colorado front range and piedmont from extreme southern Colorado north to Wyoming.

The building, built by the Forest Service in 1914, was acquired by the National Park Service in 1925. The Forest Service and National Park Service used the building as a seasonal housing facility for crews that manned a fire lookout tower on Twin Sisters Peak. The original lookout was used until 1949 when a replacement tower was built. That lookout remained active until 1969. The 1969 fire season was the last time Twin Sisters was used as a lookout. In 1973 the building was converted to a fire cache and radio repeater station. Since its construction the building has experienced a number of modifications. These reflect the functional changes that the building has gone through over the years. The most dramatic have been the closure of the windows and removal of the heating and cooking stove and other interior appointments after the conversion of the building to a radio repeater station as mentioned above. Despite the changes, all modifications have been in a manner consistent with the materials, character and fabric of the historic exterior and interior. Thus, it is felt that the building retains enough integrity to be considered as an important example trends in local architecture. The roof and the use of locally available stone for a rustic building above timberline, show the basic philosophy of the rustic philosophy by being built in a manner consistent with the local environment.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Park Building Files, Rocky Mountain National Park.  
C.W. Buchholtz, Rocky Mountain National Park, A History, (Boulder: Colorado Associated University Press, 1983).

Previous documentations on file (NPS): \_\_\_ See continuation sheet  
\_\_\_ 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  
X Federal agency:  
\_\_\_ Local government  
\_\_\_ University  
\_\_\_ Other  
Specify Repository:  
Rocky Mountain NP

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property less 1 acre

UTM References

A	<u>1/3</u>	<u>4/5/6/0/2/0</u>	<u>4/4/5/9/7/8/0</u>	B	<u>/ / / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>
	Zone	Eastng	Northing		Zone Eastng	Northing
C	<u>/ / / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>	D	<u>/ / / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>
	Zone	Eastng	Northing		Zone Eastng	Northing

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The property boundary is defined as a circle 50 feet in diameter centered on UTM point 13/456020/4459780.

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary as described encompasses the resource and a small area of it natural setting. It does not include a large buffer zone or unnecessary lands.

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92001670

Date Listed: 12/24/92

Twin Sisters Lookout  
Property Name

Larimer  
County

CO  
State

Rocky Mountain National Park MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*for* *Antoinette Albee*  
Signature of the Keeper

12/24/92  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

**Location:**

For properties within the National Park system, the name of the park should be noted under location [Bulletin 16A p.10]. The address is amended to read: Rocky Mountain National Park (ROMO)

**Period of Significance:**

The period of significance should begin with the date of construction/first use. The period is amended to read: 1914-1941.

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County**

**CO  
State**

**Rocky Mountain National Park MPS  
Multiple Name**

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**Amended Items in Nomination:**

**Significant Date:**

The block for Significant Dates is amended to read: 1914 and 1925. These dates reflect the resource's date of construction and the date of its NPS acquisition. The original dates provided (1949, 1969, and 1973) are deleted since they fall outside of the period of significance. In addition, 1949 refers to the nearby fire tower structure and not the nominated lookout building.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92001669

Date Listed: 12/24/92

Vaille, Agnes Shelter  
Property Name

Larimer  
County

CO  
State

Rocky mountain National Park MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Andrew J. Lee*  
for \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper

12/24/92  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

**Location:** For properties within the National Park system, the name of the park should be noted under location [Bulletin 16A p.10]. The address is amended to read: Rocky Mountain National Park (ROMO)

**Classification:** This resource is classified as a building.

**Significant Date:** The Significant Date is recorded as 1927, corresponding to the date of construction [Bulletin 16A p.43].

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