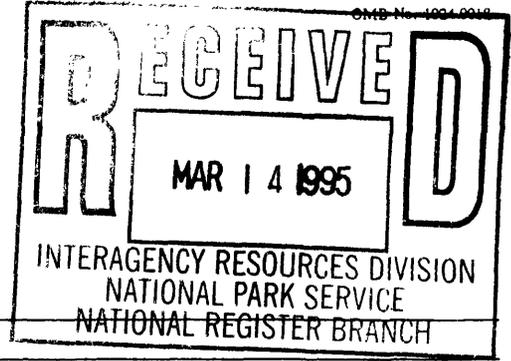


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Loop D Comfort Station

other name/site number: HS-37

2. Location

street & number: North Campground, Bryce Canyon National Park

not for publication: a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 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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

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

Max J. Kern 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:

	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register ___ see continuation sheet	<u>Autawell A. Lee</u>	<u>4/25/95</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register ___ see continuation sheet		
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register ___ see continuation sheet		
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register ___ see continuation sheet		
<input type="checkbox"/> other (explain):		

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal	Number of Resources within Property		
	Contributing	Noncontributing	
Category of Property: Building			
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: None	1	0	building(s)
Name of related multiple property listing: Bryce Canyon National Park Multiple Property Submission	0	0	sites
	0	0	structures
	0	0	objects
	1	0	Total

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:	Current Function:
Domestic; secondary structure	Domestic; secondary structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification:	Materials:
Rustic	foundation: Concrete, stone
	walls: Wood, log
	roof: Wood, shingle
	other:

Narrative Description

Summary and Setting

The North Campground occupies a half-mile long area west of the plateau rim, between the Visitor Center to the north and the Bryce Inn to the south. The campground consist of four loops, each of which contains a centrally located comfort station surrounded by a number of campsites. Beginning at the north end, the loops are lettered A, B, C and D. The area is typified by gently rolling topography, and is covered with a stand of pine with sparse understory vegetation.

Description

The Loop D Comfort Station (HS-37), is a one-story, rectangular log building constructed on a concrete foundation. The logs are joined at the corners with ventral saddle notches and have flush cut ends. The daubing between the logs on the exterior is portland cement. The side-facing gable roof is covered with wood shingles that are double every fifth course. There are four metal pipe vents in the northeast slope of the roof and one in the southeast slope. Gable ends have been enclosed by nailing plywood to the rear of the vertical log supports.

The east elevation contains an entry (which accesses a central utility area), and four hopper windows. This entry has an original vertical tongue and groove door. The north and south elevations each have entries with modern, solid core wood flush doors, that are protected by small privacy screens. These elevations also have two hopper windows. The west elevation contains four hopper windows. Some of the windows have screens. This building contains two lavatory areas divided by a central utility area. The lavatories have been remodeled with new wallboard, metal stalls and new bathroom fixtures.

Originally, the building had chopper cut log ends which have since been sawn off. The windows in the building are replacements; original windows were clear glass, multi-pane hopper windows. Also the sink (and the splash board behind it) located on the rear exterior wall is new. Historical photographs indicate that the building originally possessed an exterior sink however the addition of the splash board behind it is a modern alteration. With the exception of the modifications noted, this building has integrity of materials, workmanship and design, setting and location.

8. Statement of Significance

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, Government, Recreation

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: 1934-1944

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1934

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: NPS

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Loop D Comfort Station has local significance under National Register Criterion A, for its association with the development of NPS administrative infrastructure in BRCA. It also has local significance under criterion C, for its representation of NPS rustic architecture. The period of significance for this building extends from its date of construction through the historical period as currently defined. The building continues to serve the function for which it was originally designed. This building is included in the property types defined as "Resources Associated with NPS Administrative Development", included in the Bryce Canyon National Park Multiple Property Submission.

The North Campground represents the first formal campground developed and administered by the NPS during the historical period. Prior to this time, an area immediately south of the NPS Administration building (now referred to as the Nature Center) had been set aside for tent camping, but no services or formal campsites had been provided. The first plans for the North Campground are dated 1934. These plans originated from the Branch of Plans and Design in San Francisco, and include the development within the area now referred to as Loop D and the campfire circle. A handwritten notation on the bottom of this drawing indicates that it was a "CCC project completed in 1935."

A 1937 Campground Development Plan, part of the Master Plan for BRCA (Drawing No BCNP 3028-B), shows Loop D including the Comfort Station (HS-37) as existing, and Loop C as proposed. Review of the General Development Master Plan of 1938 (Drawing No NP 3014) reveals that both loops C (including HS-36) and D had been constructed by 1938.

Further expansion of the campground does not appear to have taken place until the 1950s. A 1947 basemap updated in 1956 shows all four loops (A,B,C, and D), however the comfort stations located within Loops A and B, are shown as "proposed" rather than existing. The architectural drawings for the Loop A and B Comfort Stations (Drawing No. NPBC 3106:A) are dated 1956. Furthermore, a photograph located at the BRCA Library, and labeled "Campground extension [sic]" is dated 1956. This photograph shows a distinctive area of Loop B (in the vicinity of campsite #35), where stone retaining walls form parking areas, and stone steps lead downslope to the camp site.

Judging from the available information, it appears that only Loops C and D (and their associated comfort stations, HS-36 and HS-37 respectively) within the North Campground date to the historical period. Loops A and B (which contain the majority of the stone retaining walls and culverts) date to the modern period.

To summarize, the North Campground was part of the BCNP Master Plan, a component designed to extend services to Park visitors who would not have been accommodated by the concessioner's infrastructure. Although the historical component of the campground as a whole could be considered for eligibility, a variety of modern effects, including paving of the main campground access road, the addition of modern guard rails, and removal of the original site furnishings, have adversely affected the integrity of the campground as originally designed. However, the two Comfort Stations located within the Loop C and D, possess both historical and architectural significance and are considered individually eligible. Both buildings are constructed in a simple rustic style that is typical of the building styles originating from the NPS Branch of Plans and Design during the 1930s. Although some irreversible modifications have occurred to compromise the design integrity of the buildings, for the most part they retain their critical design features, and are recommended eligible under criteria A and C.

Loop D Comfort Station

Name of Property

Garfield County, Utah

County and State

9. Major Bibliographic References

"Bryce Canyon National Park Campground" plan dated 1935, illegible number; Drawing No. BCNP/3028-A; Drawing No. BCNP/3028-B; Drawing No NP- 3014; and Drawing No. NPBC 3106:A. All documents available from BRCA active maintenance files.

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: less than one acre

10/27/95

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
	A 12	397100	4165730

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for HS-36 incorporates the area occupied by the building. as shown on the accompanying site plan.

Boundary Justification

The comfort station is a component of a larger district that has lost integrity. Therefor only the individual building is considered eligible. The boundary has been drawn to incorporate only the building and its immediate vicinity.

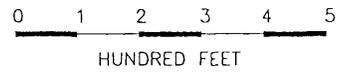
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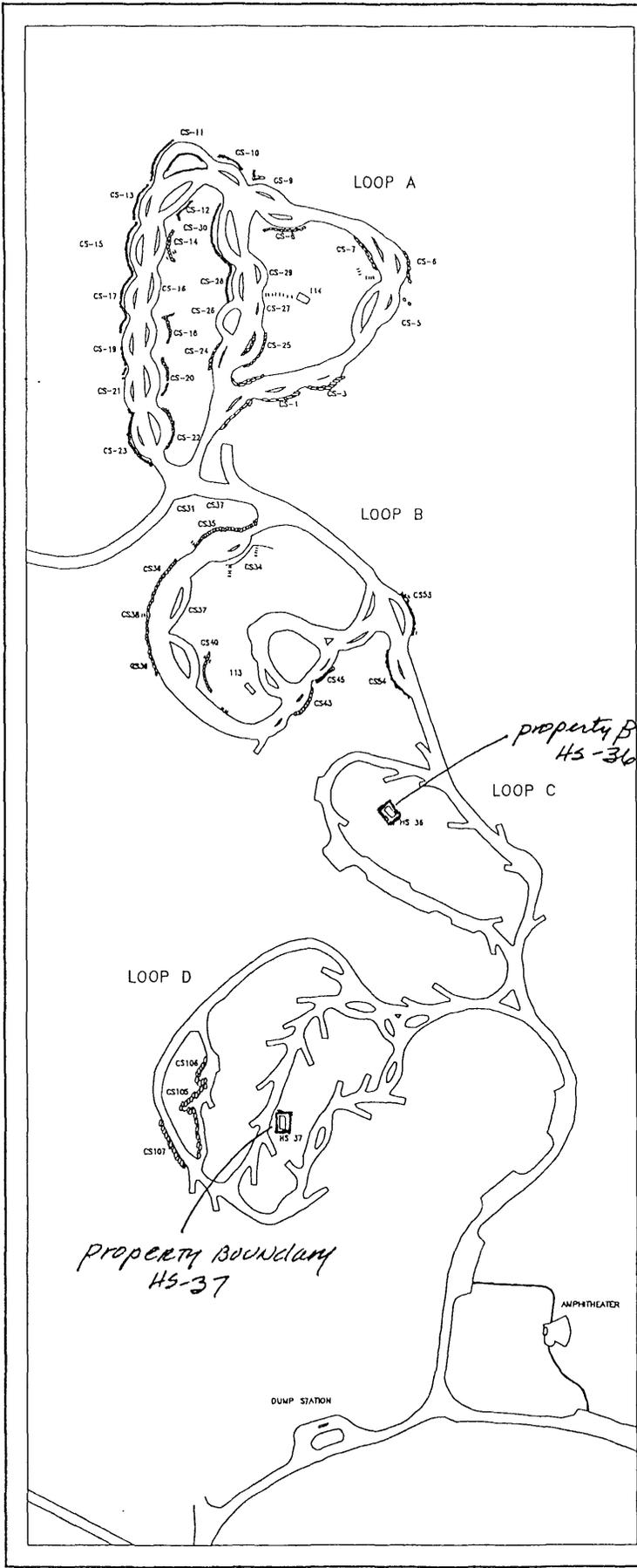
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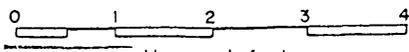
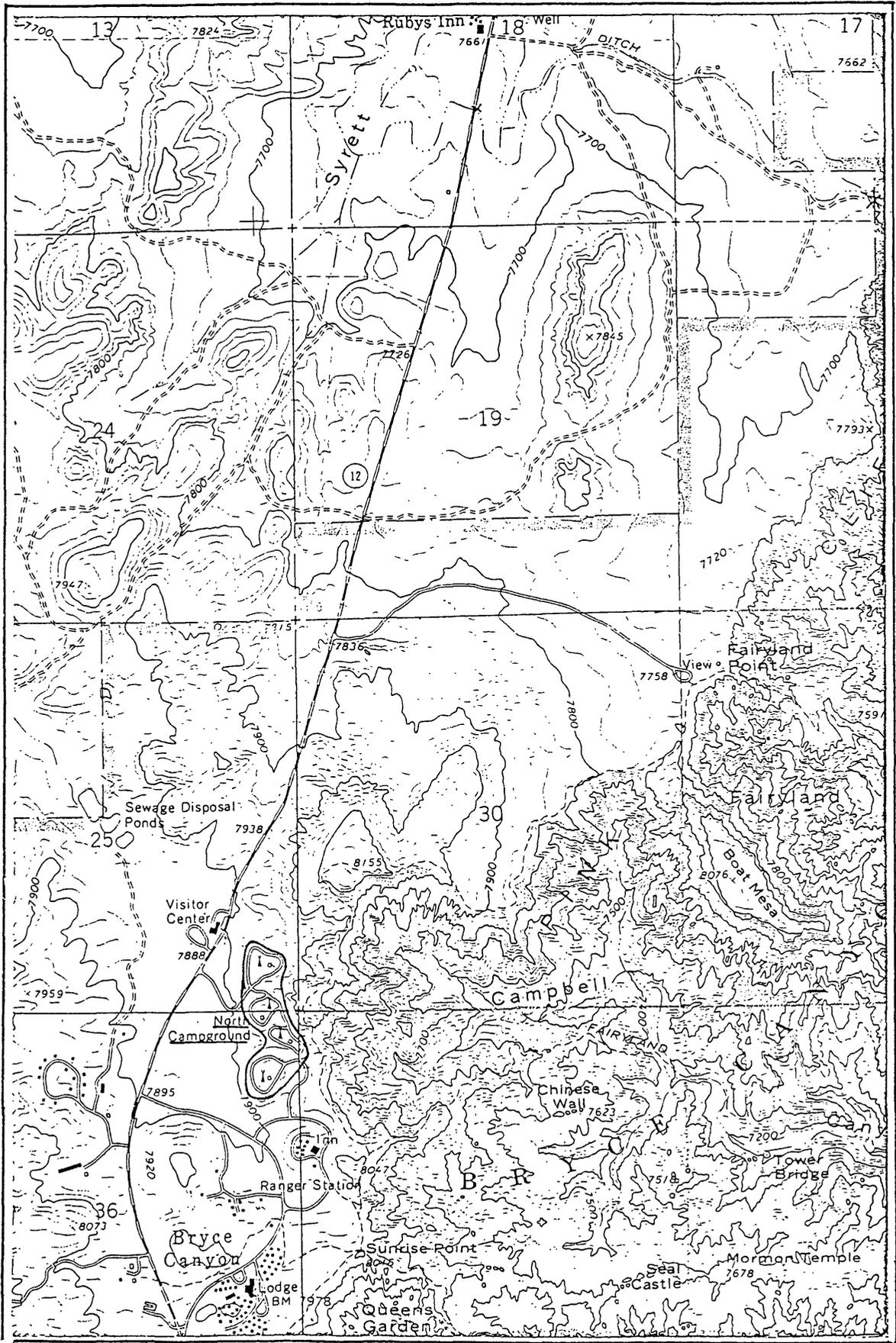


} Rock retaining wall

||||| Stairs

CS = Campsite





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