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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**  
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Redwood Meadow Ranger Station  
AND/OR COMMON  
Buildings 102 and 205

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER *NE of Visalia in SVP*  
Not Applicable  
CITY, TOWN  
Sequoia National Park  VICINITY OF Three Rivers 17th  
STATE California CODE 06 COUNTY Tulare CODE 107

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*  
National Park Service, Western Regional Office  
STREET & NUMBER  
450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36063  
CITY, TOWN  
San Francisco VICINITY OF STATE  
California

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Tulare County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
Mooney and Mineral King Blvds.  
CITY, TOWN  
Visalia STATE  
California

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
List of Classified Structures  
DATE  
1976  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
National Park Service, Western Regional Office  
CITY, TOWN  
San Francisco STATE  
California

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Redwood Meadow Ranger station complex consists of two buildings: the Ranger Station (a residence) and a smaller "storage barn" or tack room. Both structures stand near Redwood Meadow at an elevation of 6,100 feet. A dense mixed conifer forest (including giant sequoia trees) shades the site.

The Ranger Station is a one-story log cabin with exterior measurements of 23 by 33 feet. The peeled log walls rest on a foundation of blocks of giant sequoia wood. The gable roof, which is covered with shakes, is supported by log rafters. A wooden-floored front porch, measuring 7 by 12 feet, is attached to the front of the structure. The porch is roofed with a small gabled roof which is supported by log pillars. The interior consists of four rooms: two bedrooms, a combination living room-kitchen, and a bathroom. The interior is finished with plywood paneling. A stone chimney rises from the center of the roof, providing ventilation for the wood-burning cooking range.

The storage barn is a one-room log cabin with exterior measurements of 17 by 26 feet. The interior room measures 13 by 17 feet. The sizeable difference between interior and exterior measurements is accounted for by the battered pattern of the corner joints. In construction detail, the storage barn is quite similar to the adjoining residence, being constructed of logs with a redwood foundation and shake roof. The interior is finished with 3/8-inch by 4-inch tongue and groove lumber.

The two buildings stand on opposite sides of the Redwood Meadow Trail. The barn is within a fenced pasture.

Both structures are in good condition. The water system for the house is no longer serviceable. The two structures and their setting are unaltered.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1938

BUILDER/ARCHITECT National Park Service

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Redwood Meadow Ranger Station complex, Sequoia National Park, California, is of local significance in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, and social/humanitarian endeavor. These values of significance result from the rustic design and construction of the buildings in question and from their association with the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The Redwood Meadow Ranger Station complex, consisting of a ranger residence and a separate storage barn structure, was erected by the National Park Service during the summers of 1938 through 1941. (The residence was constructed in 1938 and 1939, while the storage barn was built in 1939, 1940, and 1941). Built of logs, both structures are excellent examples of National Park Service rustic architecture. "NPS-rustic" was a philosophy of architectural design which sought a harmonious relationship between a structure and its natural setting. Usually, this relationship was achieved through the use of natural materials and through the omission of overly straight lines or smooth surfaces. An attempt to incorporate local pioneer construction designs into a structure was often another part of "NPS-rustic". All these facets of rustic styling are present at Redwood Meadow. The exterior of the two structures consists almost entirely of materials obtained in the immediate vicinity. The foundation is composed of massive hewn blocks of sequoia wood. The walls are composed of pine and fir logs cut in the surrounding forest, while the roof consists of handcut shakes supported by log rafters and brackets. The rectangular nature of the building is partially masked by the battering of the corners. With their log walls and shake roofs, the two buildings resemble the pioneer architecture of the Sierra Nevada region.

The significance of these structures lies not only in the presence of these various design details, but also in the visually pleasing appearance of the resulting structure. It is this quality of design and construction which earns the structures their significance in terms of architecture. The landscape architecture significance results from the strong relationship between "NPS-rustic" architecture and the landscape architecture profession. In the National Park Service building program of the 1920's and 1930's, these two professions merged for a time. The result was the emergence of the type of architecture commemorated in this nomination.

The significance in terms of social/humanitarian endeavor results from the fact that the two buildings in question were erected by enrollees of the Civilian Conservation Corps, which was by far the most concerted social program ever to be undertaken in the region in question.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Historic Resource File, "Redwood Meadow," National Park Service, Western Regional Office, San Francisco, California.
2. Park Building Files, Maintenance Office, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.
3. Tweed, William, Laura Soulliere, and Henry Law, National Park Service Rustic Architecture: 1916-1942, National Park Service, San Francisco, Calif., 1977.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the center of the large sequoia snag, located approximately 40 feet east of the ranger station, proceed east 200 feet, thence south 200 feet; thence west 400 feet; thence north 300 feet, thence east 200 feet, thence south 100 feet to point of beginning.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

William Tweed, Park Technician

ORGANIZATION

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

DATE

May 20, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Ash Mountain Headquarters

TELEPHONE

(209) 565-3341

CITY OR TOWN

Three Rivers

STATE

California

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

AUG 30 1977

*Heber Rhodes*

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is \_\_\_ National \_\_\_ State  Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*D. H. Jones*

TITLE Deputy Assistant Secretary

DATE NOV 10 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*W. M. Smith*

DATE

*4/27/78*

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Walter C. Cole*

DATE

*4-13-78*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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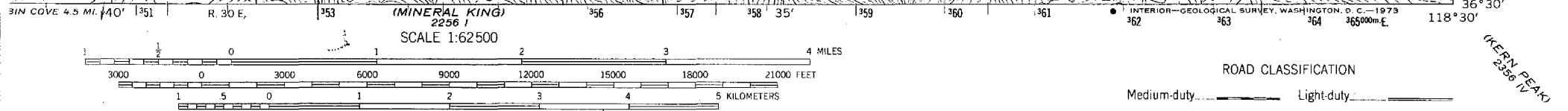
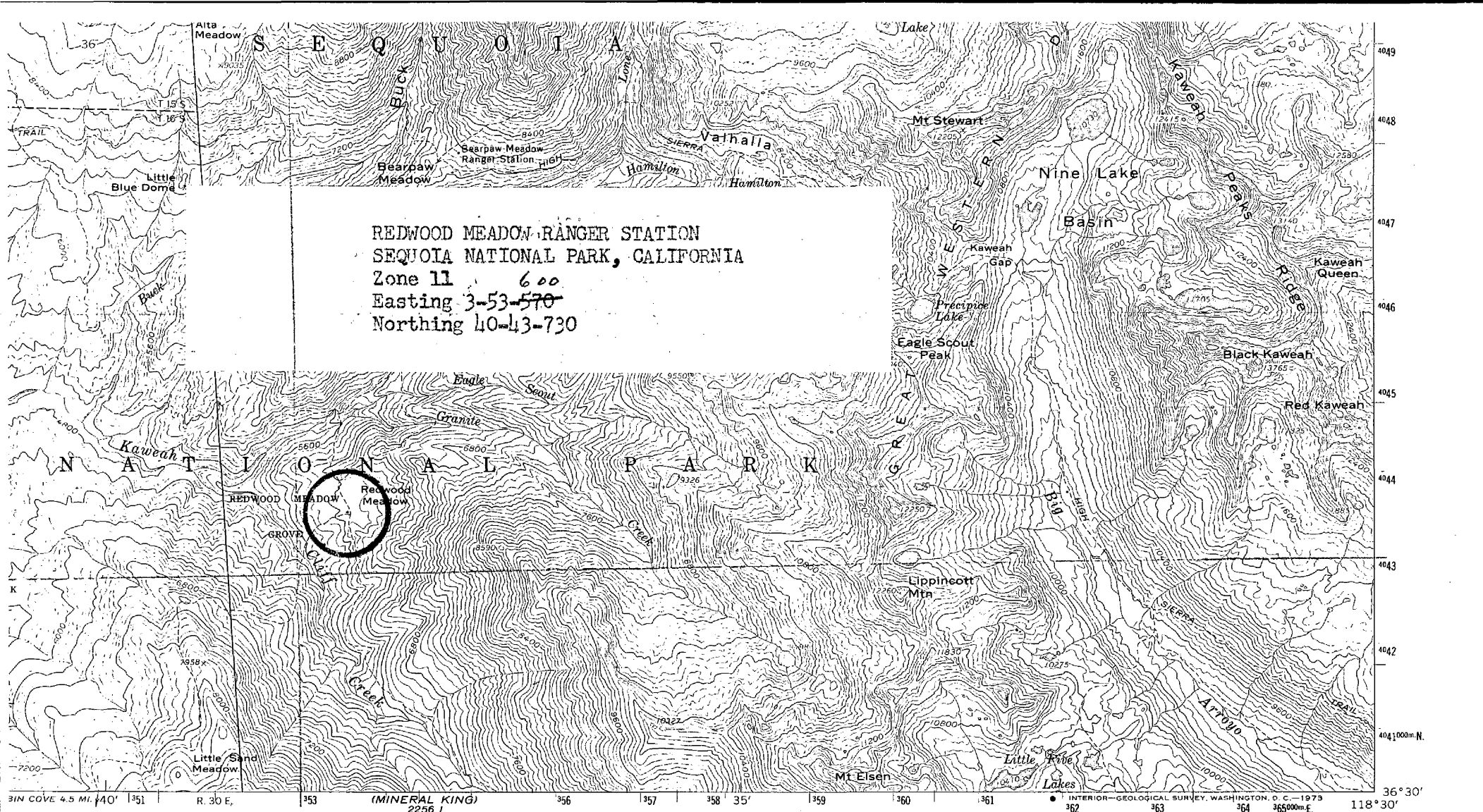
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Significant values requiring management protection in these two structures relate to the architectural integrity of the two structures and to the integrity of their natural setting. Both exteriors should maintain their historical appearance. The interior of the residence should not be modified in such ways as altering the feeling and tone of the interior. The interior of the storage barn is not considered significant. The preservation of the Historic Scene does not necessarily entail the maintenance of corrals and other fencing, if these features are no longer needed.

(Ranger Stations at Horseshoe Lake, Lassen Volcanic National Park (1934) and Hockett Meadow, Sequoia National Park (1934) are very similar to the Redwood Meadow Ranger Station. Both have been or will be nominated to the National Register).



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