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# MONTANA HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1 Reference #	Date: Winter 1980	CONTACT PHOTO
2 Photo # 8	Direction N NE E <u>SE</u> S SW W NW	
3 Historic Name: Reese Creek School		
3a Common Name:		
4 Address: Belgrade, Montana		
5 Program Area: Gallatin County	6 County Code 031	State Code 030
7 Legal Description: 200' x 200' lot, S boundary is right-of-way of Springhill Rd.		
8 Owner & Address: Gallatin County Superintendent of Schools		
9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private 301 West Main Street, Bozeman, MT		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

10 Year Built: 1906 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Factual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimate	11 Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Moved
12 Architect (if known):	
13 Builder/Original Owner (if known):	
14 Exterior Materials: <input type="checkbox"/> Stone <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Log <input type="checkbox"/> Terra-cotta <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Other Materials (specify):	
15 Condition: <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> In Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> No Longer Exists	
16 Retention of Original Design: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	
17 Present Use: Community Center	18 Original Use: school
19 Please describe the present general physical appearance of the structure and site. To the extent possible, please also describe changes that have occurred to the property over the years, noting the approximate dates at which they occurred. The Reese Creek School, built in 1906, is a rectangular, balloon framed schoolhouse with a central recessed door on the southern wall. The south end of the gable is terminated by a large enclosed cupola. The building has recently been placed on a concrete block foundation with an access stair opening onto the souther wall which leads to the basement. The building is still in its original location and the modification have not altered it integrity. The building is in good condition and is presently used as a community center.	

SIGNIFICANCE

20a Reason for significance: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Associations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architectural and Engineering design and appearance <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of historic or prehistoric information
20b Please justify the historical significance; noting important persons, events and/or historical patterns associated with structure, site and surrounding area.  The Reese Creek School is representative of the rectangular balloon frame type (D) with a recessed entrance in the evolution of the school house. Like the Dry Creek School, the recessed entrance provides protection from a harsh enviornment. The large cupola again is representative of the increasing importance of the school as a focal point in the community and in this instance, the cupola is brought to the front of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE continued

20c Please justify how the location, design, details, materials, and/or workmanship contribute to the property's significance.

20d Please note if the extant structure/site may demonstrate or yield information about its historic use or construction.

21 Neighborhood Context:  Unrelated  Compatible  Integral element  
 Major component of the neighborhood

21a If the structure/site contributes to the value of a larger grouping of structures and sites, please describe the visual or historic relationships that the individual structure/site has to that grouping.

22 Environmental/Economic threats to survival:  Private Development  Zoning  
 Public Works Projects  Vandalism  Deterioration  Other (specify):

23 Recognition in existing historical surveys:

24 Sources of Documentation: Annual Trustees Report 1896-1934

PREPARED BY:

25 Agency Prepared For:

26 Name/Address Dave Minor and Paul Bishop

Phone #

Date:

Organization: School of Architecture, MSU, Bozemen, MT

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27 Staff Evaluator: Date: Permission to Nominate  Yes  No

28 National Register Status:  Listed  Currently nominated  
Appears to meet NR Criteria  A  B  C  D  Does not appear to meet NR Criteria  
Eligible  Yes  No As part of a district  Yes  No Individually  Yes  No

29 UTM References: Zone 12 Easting 493825 Northing 5079910

30 Please Return to: State Historic Preservation Office  
Montana Historical Society  
225 N. Roberts St.  
Helena, Montana 59601

31 SHPO Comments: