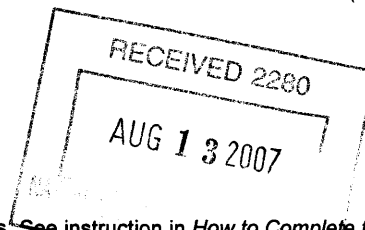


# United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties and districts. See instruction in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Lake Agnes Cabin

other names/site number 5JA1716

## 2. Location

street & number 2.5 miles from Colo. Hwy. 14 near Cameron Pass [N/A] not for publication

city or town Gould [X] vicinity

state Colorado code CO county Jackson code 057 zip code 80480

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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.)

Maria Wolfe Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer 6/22/07  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Colorado Historical Society  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  
( [ ] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register
  - See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
  - See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register
  - See continuation sheet.
- other, explain
  - See continuation sheet.

Edson M. Beall Signature of the Keeper 9.26.07 Date of Action

Lake Agnes Cabin  
Name of Property

Jackson County, Colorado  
County/State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not count previously listed resources.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing.**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Function**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Not in use  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
American Movements  
Other: Rustic  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone  
walls Log  
roof Shingle  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Name of Property

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

**Periods of Significance**

1925

**Significant Dates**

1925

**Significant Person(s)**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Poley, Frank

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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

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- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

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**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Colorado Historical Society

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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Section number 7 Page 1**DESCRIPTION**

The 1925 Lake Agnes Cabin stands at the end of a dirt road accessing Lake Agnes in State Forest State Park. The road forms a turn-around just north of the cabin. The area around the cabin is heavily timbered except for the open area along the stream to the west. Jagged peaks rise precipitously to the east and south. Lake Agnes lies eight-tenths of a mile farther up the valley, nestled in a cirque.

The rectangular plan, 22' x 18.5', one-story, lodge pole pine peeled log cabin has channel or "hog trough" type corners. The spaces between logs are chinked and daubed. The cabin rises from square notched sill logs supported by rubble stone corner supports. The gently sloped side-gabled roof has exposed dimension lumber rafter ends, log purlins, and wood shingles. A metal flue rises through the roof. A 20' x 6' wood plank deck runs the full width of the cabin's south side. The south side contains a centered wood battened door. The other three sides each contain a single wide but short opening with a fixed Plexiglas window.

The interior walls are of exposed log. The flooring is of pine wood planks. The log trusses and purlins as well as the dimensional lumber rafters and roof boards are all exposed.

From 1925 to 2000 the cabin was occupied seasonally by forest and park rangers and, in recent years, as a rental cabin. The cabin has been closed since 2000. The overall condition of the Lake Agnes Cabin is good. Park personnel have maintained the building since the early 1970s.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

The 1925 Lake Agnes Cabin is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C as a good local example of Rustic style architecture. Rustic style architecture is characterized by its natural setting and its use of native materials, most often log and stone. Designed to blend in with the natural environment, these structures are usually vacation homes, hunting lodges, dude ranches, tourism-related buildings or administrative facilities in national and state parks. The Lake Agnes Cabin reflects the design characteristics with its simple form, log walls, rubble foundation, gently pitched roof with wood shingles, and its exposed log interior.

**Rustic Style Architecture**

Rustic style architecture is characterized by its natural setting and its use of native materials, often log and stone. Designed to blend in with the natural environment, traditional building techniques emphasizing hand craftsmanship were often employed in the construction of Rustic structures. The majority of these structures in Colorado were built after 1905, though early examples date to the last years of the nineteenth century. Rustic structures are primarily of log construction with stone foundations, battered walls, overhanging roofs, and multi-paned windows. Interior and exterior ornamentation often consist of bent and twisted logs and branches.

Rustic style cabins differ from pioneer log structures which were generally built during initial settlement periods and often exhibited crude construction. Rustic cabins generally have stone chimneys while pioneer log cabins utilized metal flues attached to iron stoves. Rustic buildings have more commercially manufactured hardware and materials, such as window frames, doors, and interior paneling. Rustic buildings may also employ hip roofs, a form virtually never found on pioneer log structures.

The National Park Service played an early role in popularizing the Rustic style. Many buildings throughout its park system employed the design philosophy, ranging from large guest lodges, to visitor centers, to the lowly comfort station (privy). Rustic design even figured into road and trail construction, attempting to minimize the visual impacts through the use of native materials in retaining wall and bridge construction. Stephen T. Mather, the first National Park Service director, and Thomas Vint, NPS chief architect, both supported the concept of naturalist design and its architectural expression in the Rustic style.

The U.S. Forest Service also adopted the Rustic style for many of its ranger stations and campground facilities. Arthur Carhart was one of the early USFS proponents of public access and recreations planning in the nation's forests and promoted Rustic designs for public facilities.

During the depression years of the 1930s, federal relief programs put many of the unemployed to work in national, state and municipal parks building trails, retaining walls, bridges, picnic shelters, comfort stations, and other structures. The Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration were particularly active in these projects. Often working under the direction of National Park and Forest Service planners, the Rustic style became a hallmark of their projects. The Rustic style carried over to projects outside of parks and often miles away from the mountain environment so associated with its use.

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Many private Rustic buildings were the product of their owners, both in design and construction. Others reflect the skilled hands of a local craftsman. John Spence, a native of Scotland and a skilled carpenter and mason, designed and built the National Register-listed Hiwan Homestead in Evergreen. A number of private architects created Rustic style designs for public and private projects. J.J.B. Benedict designed shelters and buildings for the Denver Mountain Parks system, in addition to Baehr Lodge for a private party. The project portfolios of Burnham Hoyt, William E. and Arthur A. Fisher, and the Iowa architect J. Christopher Jensen include Rustic style Colorado buildings.

The Rustic style remains popular and it continues to influence design in public parks and private construction in the Rocky Mountain West.

**Lake Agnes Cabin**

Frank Poley, formerly a forest ranger for the Arapahoe National Forest, constructed the cabin as part of a boys camp in 1925. The death of a little boy who drowned in Lake Agnes resulted in the permanent closure of the camp. The planned use of the building as part of a youth camp made Rustic construction a logical design choice by providing simple accommodations in keeping with the natural environment of its mountain setting.

The Lake Agnes cabin illustrates Rustic construction at its most basic. The rectangular plan, single pen or one-room interior, simple gable roof, and basic door and window openings are all of utilitarian design. The front porch provides basic access to the entry but lacks the roof and decorative balustrade more typical in Rustic construction aimed at resort tourism. The use of dimensional lumber in the roofing system typifies the use of manufactured materials in Rustic construction to supplement the rougher log and stone that forms the bulk of the building.

The construction method avoided the use of notched and interlocked logs at the cabin's corners by employing a channel or hog trough corner system. This technique involves the use of heavy corner planks abutting the horizontal log ends by steel spikes (as is the case here) or by wood pegs. When left uncovered, each corner forms an indented "V." Boxed corners were sometimes formed by adding two additional planks to enclose the corner. The use of the channel corner eliminates the need to carefully match log sizes to ensure a tight fit between logs as necessitated in a notched corner cabin. Generally, the channel corner cabin can be erected quicker than the notched corner type. It does require access to milled lumber planks and steel spikes, and for this reason is seldom found in earlier Pioneer Log construction.

The placement of the door on the long wall as opposed to the gable end is unusual in an area subject to heavy snowfall. Placed as it is here, snow loads on the roof will drift and slide off over the door opening. Winter access can be improved by the use of a small front gabled roof shelter or larger porch cover. The intended use of the Lake Agnes cabin only as part of a summer camp likely made winter accessibility a minor consideration in the cabin's original design.

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Report #9, 1984***GEOGRAPHICAL DATA****VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The nomination boundary is a rectangle including the land on which the cabin stands and the land extending out from the exterior cabin walls for 12 feet in each direction.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The nomination includes the land historically associated with the cabin.



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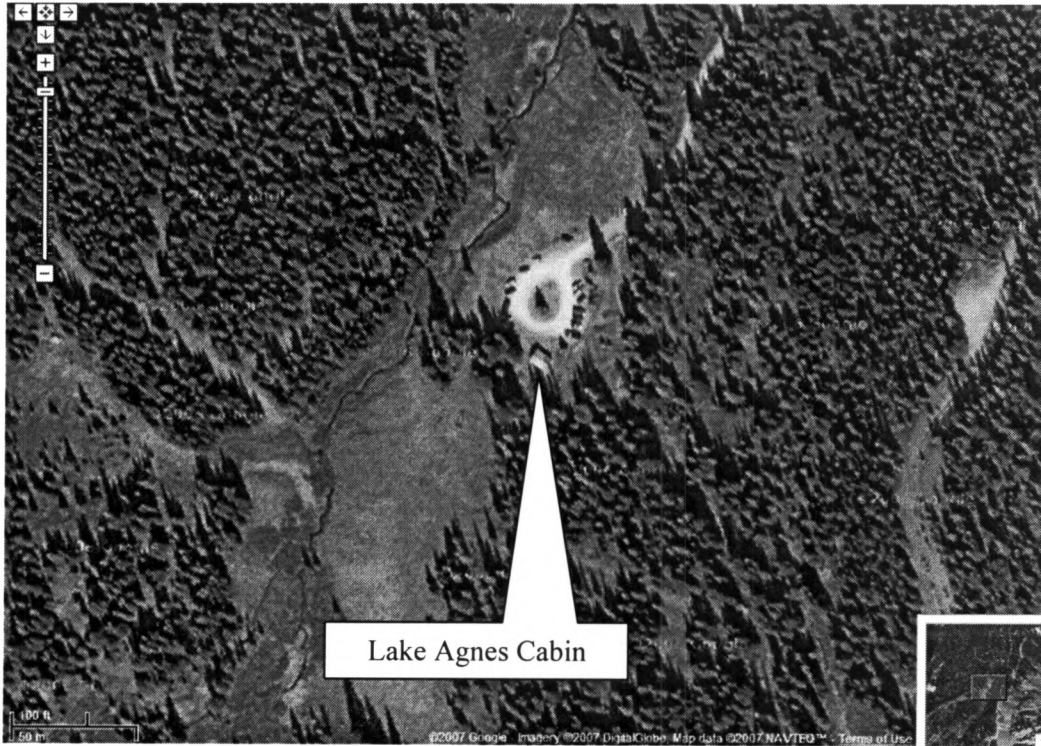
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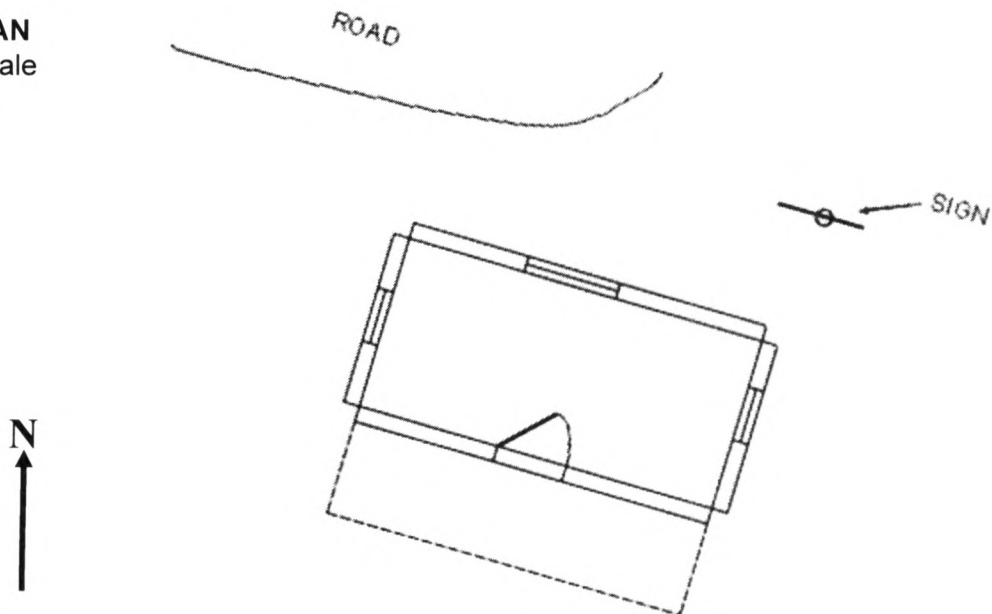
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## SATELLITE IMAGE



## SITE PLAN Not to Scale



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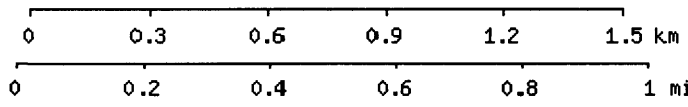
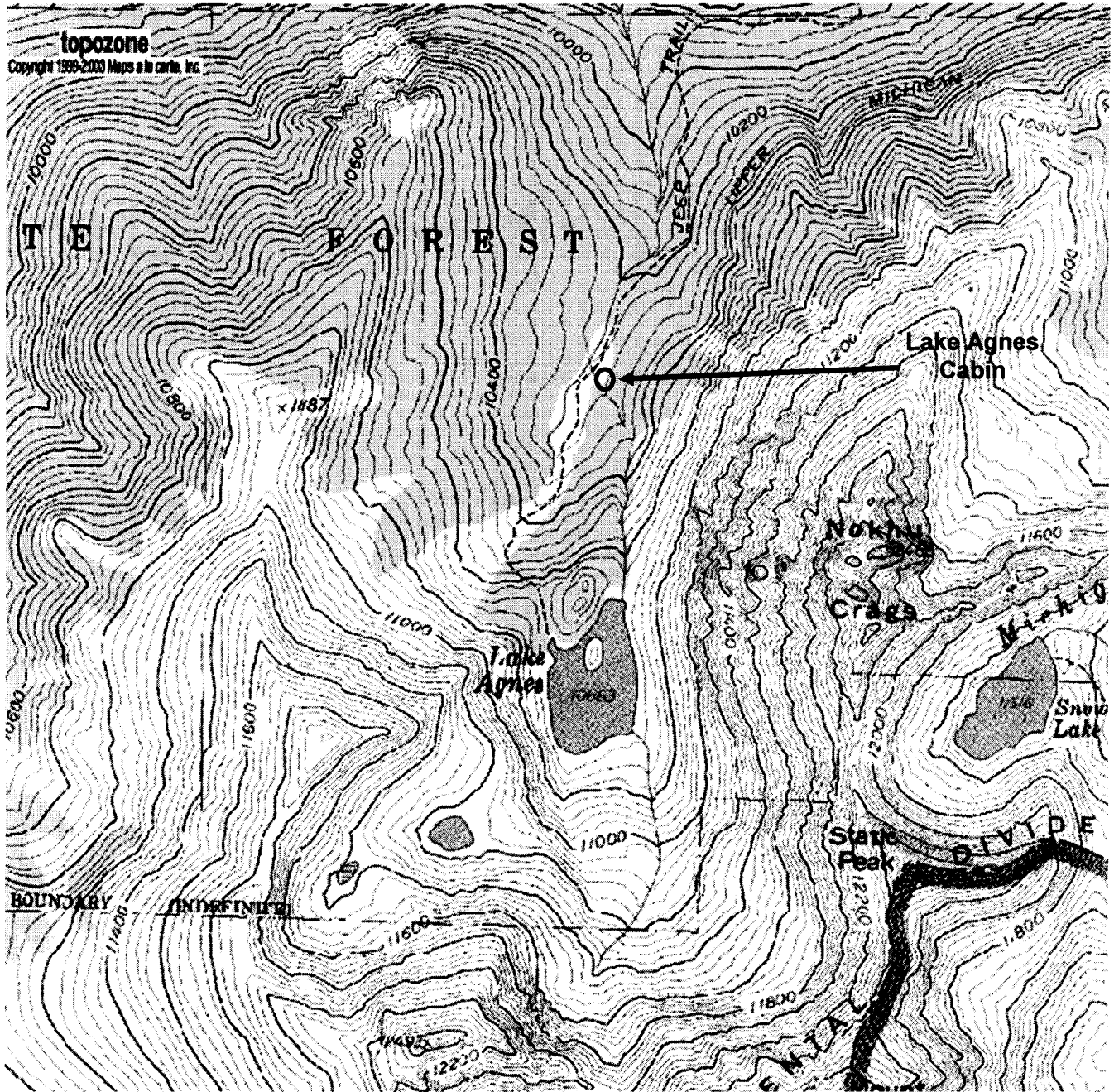
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**USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP**  
Mount Richthofen Quadrangle, Colorado  
7.5 Minute Series

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PLSS: 6<sup>th</sup> PM, T6N, R76W, Unsectioned  
Elevation: 10,280 feet Site Number: 5JA1716



USGS Mount Richthofen (CO) Quadrangle  
Projection is UTM Zone 13 NAD83 Datum

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G=-0.587

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The following information pertains to photograph numbers 1-10:

Photographer: Deborah McLachlan  
Date of Photographs: 10/25/2005  
Negatives: State Forest State Park

<u>Photo No.</u>	<u>Photographic Information</u>
1	South side; view to the north.
2	East and north sides; view to the southwest.
3	North side; view to the south.
4	West side; view to the east.
5	Southwest corner detail; view to the northeast.
6	Interior view of south wall; view to the south.
7	Interior roof structure.