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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
Hockett Meadow Ranger Station
AND/OR COMMON
Buildings 75 and 139

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Not Applicable

CITY, TOWN
Sequoia National Park

STATE
California

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
17th

VICINITY OF
Hockett Meadow

CODE
06

COUNTY
Tulare

CODE
107

S. of Silver City on SRP

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<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

STATE
California

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Tulare County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
Mooney and Mineral King Boulevards
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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hockett Meadow Ranger Station complex consists of two buildings: the Ranger Station (a residence) and a smaller "storage barn" or tack room. Both structures stand in Hockett Meadow at an elevation of 8,500 feet. A dense conifer forest surrounds the meadow.

The Ranger Station is a one-story log cabin with exterior measurements of 23 by 33 feet. The log walls rest on a concrete foundation which is veneered with stone. The gable roof, which was originally shaked but is now covered with aluminum, is supported by log rafters. A stone-floored porch measuring 7 by 12½ feet is attached to the front of the structure. A log framed roof shelters the porch. The interiors consist of three rooms: two bedrooms and a combined kitchen-living room. 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 in the battered pattern of the corners joints. In construction detail, the storage barn is quite similar to the adjoining residence, being constructed of logs with a stone foundation and a shake roof (unaltered). The interior is finished with 3/8" by 4" tongue and groove. The two buildings stand together in the open meadow, with the barn to the northeast of the residence.

Both structures are in good condition. They are essentially unaltered except for the metal roof on the ranger station.

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 checked="" 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 1934

BUILDER/ARCHITECT National Park Service

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hockett 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 of the buildings in question and from their association with the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The Hockett Meadow Ranger Station complex, consisting of a ranger residence and a separate storage barn structure, was erected by the National Park Service during the summer of 1934. (A small amount of detail finish work was completed on the residence during 1935.) 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 design facets into the structure was often another part of "NPS-rustic." All these facets of rustic styling were present at Hockett Meadow. The exterior of the two structures consisted almost entirely of materials obtained in the immediate vicinity. The concrete foundation was veneered with native granite. The walls were composed of lodgepole pine logs cut in the surrounding forest, while the roof consisted of handcut shakes supported by log rafters and brackets. The rectangular nature of the building was partially masked by the uncoursed nature of the foundation masonry and by the staggering of the roof shakes. With their log walls and shake roof, the two buildings resembled the early pioneer structures of the Sierra Nevada region.

Not only were all these qualities present in these two structures, but the final composite product was (and is) a highly successful rustic complex. 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 this type of architecture and the landscape architecture profession. In the National Park Service of the 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 the Civilian Conservation Corps, by far the most concerted social program ever to occur in the region in question.

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

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Historic Resource File, "Hockett Meadow," National Park Service, Western Regional Office, San Francisco, California.
2. Tweed, Soulliere, and Law, National Park Service Rustic Architecture: 1916-1942, National Park Service, San Francisco, 1977.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	1 1	3 5, 1	5, 1, 0	4 0	2, 6	8, 3, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING				NORTHING
C							D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point 40 feet south of the southwest corner of the Hockett Meadow Ranger Station, proceed east 150 feet; thence north 150 feet; thence west 150 feet; thence south 150 feet to point of beginning.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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) 565-3391

CITY OR TOWN

Three Rivers

STATE

California

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Heever Rhodes

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

AUG 30 1977

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. Hall

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. H. ...

DATE

4/27/78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: Walt ...

DATE

4-13-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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setting. Both exteriors should maintain their historical appearance. When change has previously occurred (as in the case of the metal roof on the residence), the original appearance should be restored. The interior of the residence may be modified only in such ways as to not significantly alter the tone and feeling of the structure. The interior of the storage barn is not considered significant.

(Ranger Stations at Horseshoe Lake, Lassen Volcanic National Park (1934) and Redwood Meadow, Sequoia National Park (1938) are very similar to the Hockett Meadow Station. Both have been nominated to the National Register.)