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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Old photographs leave little doubt that the ranch cabin is authentic. Human testimony further corroborates the indications of the building's historic nature. After 1934, the cabin was occupied by Herb and Lois Crisler who filmed the Walt Disney classic on the Olympic elk. They may have made minor alterations in the cabins but photographs, news accounts and human testimony indicate that the structure is fundamentally original.

The cabin consists of one room constructed of dovetailed logs approximately 15'X18' long, and a kitchen to the rear (south) the same width and approximately 9 to 10 feet deep, constructed with a sapling frame and vertical cedar weatherboarding. The roof of the log section is cedar shakes secured to purlins bearing on the gable end walls with the additional support of rafters at mid-section.

A porch six feet deep with hipped roof extends the width of the cabin front and a similar porch extends south off the kitchen. A larder is built in one corner of the kitchen. The log section contains a north door and one 5'X2' window facing west.

The cabin was restored to its original exterior appearance by the National Park Service in 1970. A chimney and picture window added by the Crislers were removed, the bottom logs, foundation and flooring replaced, the roof repaired, and duplicates of original missing doors fabricated. The original planed lumber ceiling and loft above, now gone, were not replaced.

Still standing in front of the cabin are a plum tree, a pear tree and several apple trees. These were planted by Humes and still bear fruit.

The sheds, barn and other out structures are not now in existence.

Recommended level of treatment: Preservation, Annual cost: \$1,000

Boundary

The cabin occupies the southern extremity of a gently sloping natural mountain terrace comprising approximately one half acre on the easterly side of the narrow Elwha River Valley. This terrace is situated 100 feet or more above the flood plane where crops were planted and domestic animals grazed, and which was reached by a crude roadway (now reduced to a trail) cut into the rather steep embankment. The terrace is served by a spring emanating from the mountainside. A small dam empounding water (now silted in) is situated at an elevation which would provide a flow of water by pipe or wood flume to the cabin.

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The Humes Ranch is of local significance but of primary importance historically because it is one of the few remaining structures representing pioneer life in the Olympics. The cabin was built by William Humes around the turn of the century. He was an easterner who joined his brother, Martin, and cousin, Ward Sanders, on a trip to the gold fields of Alaska. An early winter stalled their plans and by the following year they had settled in the Olympics. Grant Humes joined his brother a few years later and became the sole proprietor of the Humes Ranch. Grant Humes was a recluse who earned his living by hunting and packing. He acted as a guide in the early mountaineering ventures. He scouted the trails for the earliest authenticated conquest of Mount Olympus and personally scaled a

Actually, the period of settlement in the Elwha drainage was itself of late vintage. Few settlers preceded the Humes brothers to this area.

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The Humes Ranch cabin is both significant and authentic. It would be a fitting vehicle with which to convey an important chapter in the history of the Olympics.

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