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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000723

Date Listed: 5/17/90

Summit Lodge  
Property Name

Lewis and Clark  
County

MT  
State

N/A  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrus  
Signature of the Keeper

5/17/90  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

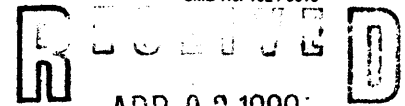
The period of significance should be 1920 to correspond to the construction date of the contributing building. The nomination is officially amended to reflect this change.

Verified by telephone with Pat Bick of the Montana SHPO, 5/16/90.

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National Register property file  
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Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Summit Lodge  
other names/site number T.A. Marlow Summer House

2. Location

street & number 30 miles northwest of Helena  n/a not for publication  
city, town Helena  vicinity  
state Montana code 030 county Lewis and Clark code 049 zip code 59601

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: n/a  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.  See continuation sheet.

Maudie Sheffer 3-14-90  
Signature of certifying official Date  
MT SHPO

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Gwen J. DeBlois 3-27-90  
Signature of commenting or other official Date  
USDA Forest Service

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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.

other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Patrick Andrews 5/12/90  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

domestic: single dwelling

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Other: Rustic

foundation log pier and stone

walls frame

roof asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Summit Lodge is located at the edge of the Helena National Forest in the upper drainage of the North Fork of the Little Prickly Pear Creek. The property is composed of two buildings and two ancillary structures: the main cabin, the dining hall, a generator shed and a woodshed. The later two structures are not included in the building count due to their insubstantial size and scale.

**Main Cabin, built 1920, contributing.** The cabin is of wood frame construction with exterior board and batten siding fashioned from rough-cut 1" x 4" and 1" x 12" planks. The building is set on a log pier foundation on a fairly steep, east-facing slope and measures 60' by 25' overall, with a 5' wide jog at the north end. A stone retaining wall serves to stabilize the soil beneath the cabin on the east elevation. The walls and roof of the building are framed with simple 2" x 4" dimension lumber. The roof structure appears to have been shored up at some point early in the history of the cabin with extra supporting struts and cross-bracing. The roof is covered with rolled green asphalt.

The most outstanding feature of the cabin is its full width front porch that extends the length of the east elevation. The porch roof is held up with log supports, and decorative unpeeled log railings lend an overall Rustic style impression to the cabin. At the center of the porch railing, the letter "M" was fashioned in log pieces. A massive stone chimney rises from the ground level underneath the porch and pierces the porch roof at the northern end of the cabin. The distinctive double fireplaces of the cabin open onto the exterior porch and the interior living room. The stones used for the construction of the chimney and fireplaces include interesting representative examples of the unusual and colorful geologic formations found in the immediate vicinity of the cabin.

Windows are simple 6-light wooden sliding sash units. A large plate glass window at the north end of the building was installed during the early 1970s and likely replaced an original sliding sash unit. The five-panel doors are of fir, as is the

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tongue-and-groove flooring used throughout the cabin. The kitchen facilities and pantry area were installed ca. 1935 when the summer kitchen that was located adjacent to the cabin was abandoned. In addition to the large living room and kitchen, the interior partitions separate two small bedrooms, which are both outfitted with a small sink, and a full bathroom.

**Dining Hall, built ca. 1924, noncontributing.** The dining hall/summer kitchen for the Marlow family was partially dismantled and the remaining portion was moved from its original location adjacent to the main cabin to a site near the creek approximately 150' to the south during the early 1980s. There, the building was renovated for use as a guest house. The dining hall is of frame construction with a gable roof covered with wooden shingles. The sidewalls are finished with wide clapboard siding while the end walls are vertical board and batten. Similar to the main cabin, the windows are 6-light wooden sliding sash units, although the original windows appear to have been 1-over-1 double hung units. A large wooden deck has recently been constructed on the north side of the dining hall. Due to the relocation and renovation of the dining hall, the building no longer accurately reflects its original function and does not make a position contributing to the historic feeling and association of Summit Lodge.

Also located on the property are a small generator house and wood shed. Both of these buildings were constructed during the historic period, but are of a scale and size that they are not included in the building count. The generator house is of frame construction with vertical board and batten siding, and sets on an unmortared stone foundation. The structure has a shed roof covered with black rolled asphalt. The three-sided, open wood shed is also of frame construction with a shed roof covered with rolled asphalt.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

1920-1938

1920

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Significant Person

n/a

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Summit Lodge, the summer home of the Thomas A. Marlow family of Helena, Montana, is a significant distinctive representative example of a Rustic style recreational cabin built during the 1920s. The cabin has been well maintained over the years and continues to possess a high degree of historic architectural integrity. The most outstanding design feature of the cabin is the full width Rustic style porch with its unpeeled log support columns and balustrade. The unusual stone chimney is also worthy of particular note due to the use of unusual crystallized rocks in the construction of the two fireplaces. One fireplace opens to the interior living room and the other faces the exterior porch.

Summit Lodge also represents a past recreational lifestyle for families of means during the 1920s and 1930s. The entire Marlow family, with their Chinese cook, moved to the mountains for the summers during the 1920s and 1930s. Thomas Marlow was driven into town (approximately 30 miles) by his chauffeur each weekday morning, and he returned to Summit Lodge each evening.

Thomas A. Marlow was a prominent and highly respected banker in Helena during the early 20th century. The nephew of the wealthy entrepreneur Col. Charles A. Broadwater, Marlow came to Montana in 1881 to work with at the sutler's store at Fort McGinniss. In 1890, Marlow went to Helena at the behest of his uncle to help reorganize Broadwater's failing bank. Making it a success, Marlow became president of the institution, beginning a long and prosperous career in finance. Marlow played an important role in organizing and managing the Helena branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis that opened in 1921. He developed two programs - the War Finance Corporation and the Montana Livestock Finance Corporation - that were instrumental in helping numerous ranchers stay in business through the very difficult depression

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years, which began in Montana at the close of the First World War and extended through the 1920s and 1930s. In addition to his involvement on the executive boards of over a dozen financial institutions in the western region, Marlow was on the board of directors of the Great Northern Railway Co. and the Montana Flour Mills of Great Falls, he owned a large ranch in the Big Sandy area and he invested heavily in the construction of the Marlow Theater, Placer Hotel and Canyon Ferry Dam.

Summit Lodge was the summer home for the Marlow family from 1920 until 1938 when Thomas Marlow died. The property then passed to Marlow's son, Arthur, whose family continued to use the property until 1976.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Brief History of Thomas Arthur Marlow of Helena, Montana," compiled at the request of the Last Chance Corral of the Westerners of Helena, Montana by Peggy Marlow Guthrie, granddaughter of T.A. Marlow, February 16, 1989. Unpublished manuscript, copy available at the SHPO.

Fergus County Argus, April 4, 1938.

Helena Independent, March 29, 1938.

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 #
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

Specify repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of property approximately 8 acres

UTM References

A 12 389120 5183450
Zone Easting Northing

B Zone Easting Northing
D Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The southern boundary for the nominated property is the southern section line of the NW1/4NW1/4 section 14 (T12N;R7W). The eastern boundary is the right-of-way of the North Fork of the Little Prickly Pear Creek Road. The northern boundary follows the right-of-way of the McQuithy Gulch road. The western boundary follows the western boundary of the U.S.F.S. special use permit #2720. See attached survey map for the approximately measurements.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes portions of the NE1/4NE1/4 of section 15 and the NW1/4NW1/4 of section 14, Township 12N, Range 7W. Included within the boundaries for Summit Lodge is the land area historically granted to the Marlow family under a special use permit form the U.S.F.S. as well as a small portion of privately owned land that historically was used as part of the Marlow family's summer camp.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Historical photograph of the T.A. Marlow Summer Cabin (Summit Lodge)  
taken ca. 1928

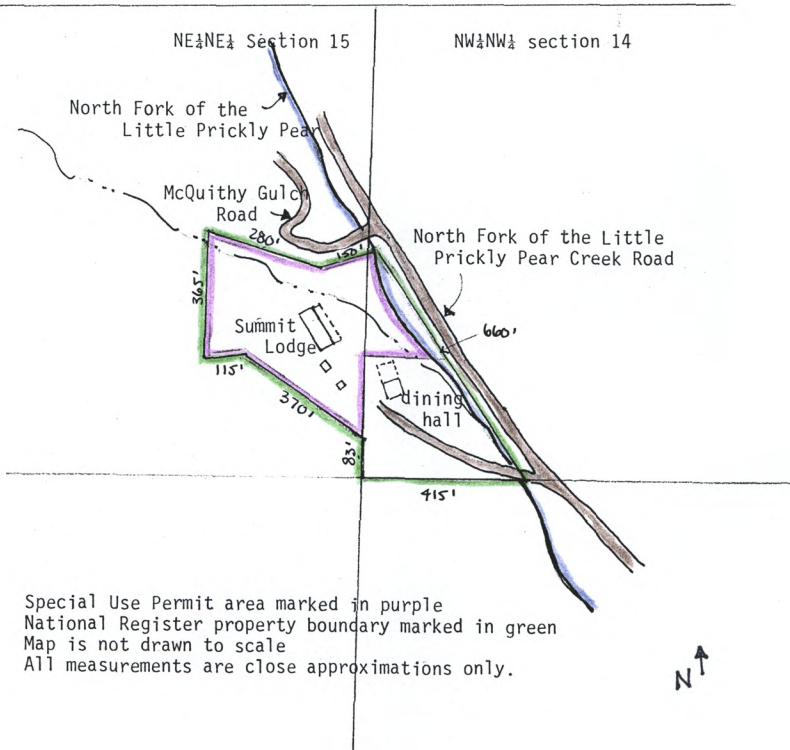
Looking southwest at the main cabin.

Photographer unknown.

Negative in the possession of Carla Cronholm, 1020 Flowerree, Helena, Montana 59601



Summit Lodge  
vicinity of Helena, Montana  
Lewis and Clark County  
T12N; R7W



Special Use Permit area marked in purple  
National Register property boundary marked in green  
Map is not drawn to scale  
All measurements are close approximations only.