

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION, GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

REGION: Rocky Mountain      PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park      PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Logging Creek Ranger Station Historic District      STRUCTURE NUMBER: 88

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: NE 1/4 Sec. 20, T34N R20W      QUADRANGLE NAME: Demers Ridge, MT  
 Zone Easting Northing      QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute  
 UTM A: 12 706655 5397470

CLASSIFICATION:		NUMBER OF RESOURCES:	
OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY:	CATEGORY:	CONTRIBUTING	NONCONTRIBUTING
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

The Logging Creek Ranger Station is a one-story, lap-notched log structure with a gable roof, log rafters, and full 1/2-hip front porch which was enclosed in the 1930s with lap-board siding to create a radio and work station. The floor plan from front to back is as follows: porch (office), main activity room, kitchen and dining, and storage. The pole rafter roof system runs laterally with 1" decking and cedar shingles. Windows are four-over-four horizontal double-hung sash. The interior logs have been covered with a soft particle board and a similar hung 8' ceiling surface is not covering the once exposed roof structure. The weight of the building rests on a submerged perimeter sill log supplementing a stone, brick, or concrete foundation. The floor is constructed of 2x8 joists and 1" subflooring with linoleum. The Logging Creek ranger station/office, constructed in 1907, predates the formation of Glacier National Park. The building originally served as a U.S. Forest Service ranger station. Although it has been altered by the construction of a front, frame addition, the building still represents the type of functional log building constructed by early settlers of the North Fork. The building contributes to the architectural significance of the site.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION:      DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1907 (remodeled 1930s)

The history of the Logging Creek ranger station pre-dates the establishment of Glacier National Park. It is significant as the oldest, continually operating administrative site within the Park. The creation of the "Flathead River Road" in 1901 to access potential mineral deposits and the opening of the North Fork Valley to legal homesteading in 1906 necessitated an administrative/management site to protect the surrounding national forest lands.<sup>1</sup> This building represents the continued safeguarding of the wildlands and animals in Glacier's North Fork area prior to and after the passage of legislation establishing Glacier National Park.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Logging Creek ranger station is both architecturally and historically significant, and therefore is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under criteria a and c. Logging Creek is the oldest ranger station still functioning in the Park. The site's many buildings are outwardly representative of early park ranger life and duties. The main structure, built in 1907, predates the formation of Glacier National Park. Thus, the building is one of the few structures remaining in the park that illustrates the adaptive reuse of structures that was requisite after the formation of Glacier National Park in 1910. The building is historically significant and is a contributing element in the proposed Logging Creek Ranger Station Historic District.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE:

<sup>1</sup>Curtis W. Buchholtz, Man in Glacier (West Glacier, MT: Glacier Natural History Association, 1976), pp. 33-36.

FORM PREPARED BY:

DATE: June 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

This structure is a single-room, single floor cabin, measuring 20x22', with a large extending front roof forming the front porch. The cabin has longitudinal purlins, 1" decking, cedar shingles, and log-on-log reverse saddle-notched walls. There is a stone fireplace at the rear. This fireguard cabin was built according to cabin specifications provided by the Park Service's Division of Landscape Architecture. The only apparent dissimilarity is the center-wall placement of the entry. Other facsimiles of the plan are located within Glacier in back-country locations and at other ranger stations. The scale, materials, and design of this cabin are compatible with the other ranger station buildings. It is a contributing element of the site.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1935

The Logging Creek fireguard cabin was constructed with Public Works Project funds by local contractor Harry E. Doverspike in 1935. According to the final construction report, Plan NP/G3074 was used for this cabin as well as for fireguard cabins at Polebridge, Lake McDonald, Many Glacier, and Sun Camp, also constructed in 1935. The Logging Creek building was begun in November 1934 and completed in February 1935.<sup>1</sup>

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The building is architecturally significant and is a contributing component of the proposed Logging Creek Ranger Station Historic District.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE:

<sup>1</sup>"Final Construction Report, Fireguard Cabins," File D-34, Buildings, GNPLA.

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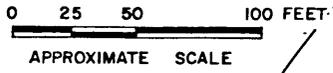




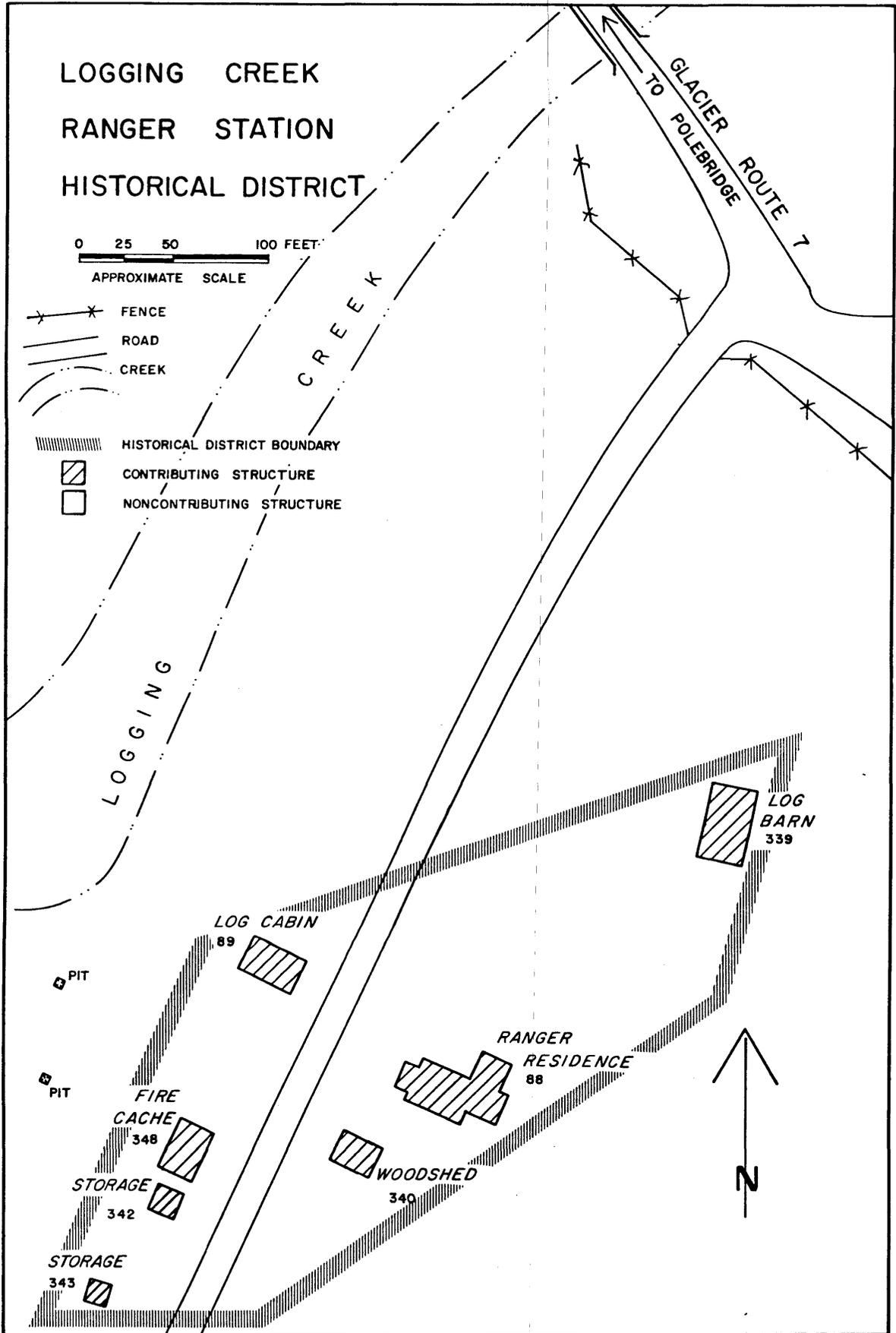




LOGGING CREEK  
RANGER STATION  
HISTORICAL DISTRICT



- FENCE
- ROAD
- CREEK
- HISTORICAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE
- NONCONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE



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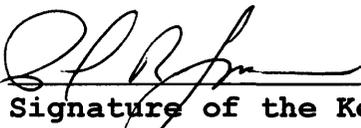
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Logging Creek Ranger Station  
Historic District  
Property Name

Flathead                      MT  
County                              State

Glacier National Park MRA  
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.

  
Signature of the Keeper

12/4/02  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Resource Classification:

The Resource Classification for the nominated property is: *district*

These revisions were confirmed with the NPS staff.

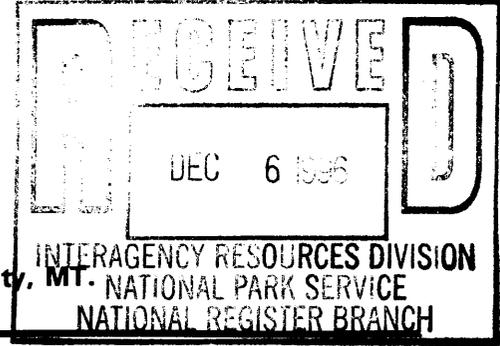
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#### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets    does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant    nationally    statewide X locally. (    See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*[Signature]*  
Signature of certifying official/Title

12.5.95  
Date

National Park Service  
State or Federal agency or bureau

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

*[Signature]*  
Signature of commenting or other official

SEP 29 1995  
Date

Montana State Historic Preservation Office  
State or Federal agency and bureau

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:	for Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<u>  </u> entered in the National Register <u>  </u> see continuation sheet	_____	_____
<u>  </u> determined eligible for the National Register <u>  </u> see continuation sheet	_____	_____
<u>  </u> determined not eligible for the National Register <u>  </u> see continuation sheet	_____	_____
<u>  </u> removed from the National Register <u>  </u> see continuation sheet	_____	_____
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*[Signature]* 1/19/96

Additional Documentation Accepted

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### Building Interiors

The following buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places as contributors to the Logging Creek Ranger Station Historic District. Additional documentation is provided below for the purpose of describing and evaluating building interiors for integrity and significance.

#### 7. Narrative Description

##### **Ranger Station (#88), 1907**

This residential unit was not accessible at the time of survey and the interior has not been evaluated.

##### **Fireguard Cabin (#89), 1935**

This simple one-room seasonal housing unit appears to be unmodified. The original 3" fir floor, painted grey, remains exposed. Walls are peeled log and the ceiling is open to the roof, exposing the log rafters and the central ridge pole. Windows and doors are set within the log walls; the narrow rough-cut lumber casings are exposed but there are no window surrounds. The building is not equipped with plumbing or with electricity: the refrigerator is propane powered, the sink supplied either by bucket or by a pumped spring system. The fixed furnishings in the cabin generally conform to those on standard cabin blueprints and to those found in backcountry cabins throughout the park. The cupboard mounted on the rear (west) wall is open (in contrast to those with bottom hinged doors that fold down to form a table top. However, the general design has been appropriated in a side-hinged table top located in the northwest corner. Built-in cupboard units along the south wall are constructed of vertical rough-cut 3" tongue and groove, varnished, and appear to be historic. An enameled sink is set within the lower cabinet unit and currently drains to a plastic jug. A pump line extends to the exterior but is not currently in use. Spike antler pulls alternate with the historic forged hardware. The vertical tongue-and-groove entry door also retains the original latch pull.

##### **Barn (#339), 1930**

The interior of this small log barn, containing a central room with stalls, a tack/feed room, and a hay loft, appears to be unmodified. In the central room 8" pine planks cover the ground floor and the interior walls are log. (A 1954 maintenance report describes the floors as 6" larch; the current floorboards, however, do not appear to be replacements.) The drop ceiling (the floor of the hayloft) is composed of log purlins topped with new 8" tongue-and-groove floorboards and new dimensional-lumber rafters. Pole frames, infilled with horizontal planks, form the stall walls and the feed troughs. A non-bearing frame wall, sided with horizontal shiplap, divides the tack room from the central space. The associated door is constructed of rough-cut vertical 4" tongue and groove, sandwiched over a central frame. The tack room floor is finished with 4" fir, painted, and all walls and the ceiling are finished with shiplap, painted white.

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A newly constructed dimensional lumber ladder provides interior access to the hayloft. Frame rafters/floor joist are set below the initiation of the gable slopes of the roof line, creating short interior log walls. New 8" flooring covers these joist. The ceiling is open to the roof, exposing the log truss system and roof boards. Loft features are limited to hay doors centered within each gable end. These doors are constructed of vertical boards secured with interior cross bracing.

### Woodshed (#340), 1935

This woodshed is constructed of an exposed pole framing system, infilled with rough-cut 10" vertical siding. This siding, further supported with interior milled-lumber braces, also forms the interior walls. Substantial 10" x 1½" pine planks cover the floor. Surprisingly, these represent a modification: the 1954 maintenance report describes the floor as dirt. The ceiling is open to the roof, exposing the pole and milled-lumber truss system.

### Toolhouse (#342), 1937

This building is constructed of an exposed pole framing system, infilled with 6" and 4" horizontal shiplap siding. This siding also forms the interior walls. As during the historic period, 4" fir covers the floors. The ceiling is open to the roof, exposing the wood-frame truss system. A large work bench/tool cupboard runs the length of the west wall. Substantial 12" by 2" planks form the countertop. The numerous drawers and the single cupboard door (paneled) appear to be constructed of pine, now well aged and honestly "distressed." Slightly tapered wood legs, approximately 8" long, support the structure. The simple drawer pulls, wide hinges, and latch appear to be original.

### Oil Shed (#343), 1939

This small building is unique among park oil and gas houses in that it is sided in wood, rather than corrugated iron. Its utilitarian function is more evident on the interior, however, where worn concrete forms the floor and narrow rib corrugated iron covers the walls. The ceiling is open to the roof, exposing a new wood-frame truss system.

### Fire Cache (#348), 1930

This small one-room log building provides seasonal employee housing. Four-inch fir planks, painted grey, cover the floor. Peeled logs, chinked with saplings, form the interior walls. The ceiling is open to the roof, exposing the simple wood-frame truss system. Multi-light windows, located near the eave line due to the low ceiling, form a dominant design element in the small space. Fixed furnishings include an enamel sink set in a simple plywood cupboard unit, and a wood stove paired with a sheet-metal surround and hearth. A small bed is secured to the northeast interior corner, high on the wall. The door is constructed of tongue-and-groove, secured with cross braces.

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### 8. Statement of Significance

Without exception, the interiors of those buildings surveyed retain physical integrity and contribute to the buildings' significance.

### Photographs

- 1) Photographers: Ann Hubber and Nancy Niedernhofer
- 2) Date of Photographs: September 1992
- 3) Location of Negatives: National Park Service, RMR-RC, Denver, CO.

PHOTO NUMBER	STRUCTURE NAME AND NUMBER	DIRECTION OF VIEW
1	Fireguard Cabin (#89)	Interior - facing north
2	Fireguard Cabin (#89)	Interior - facing south
3	Fireguard Cabin (#89)	Interior - cupboard detail, south wall
4	Barn (#339)	Interior - hayloft door
5	Barn (#339)	Interior - wall between tack room and central room
6	Woodshed (#340)	Interior - facing northwest
7	Woodshed (#340)	Interior - facing southeast
8	Woodshed (#342)	Interior - west wall detail
9	Woodshed (#342)	Interior - facing southwest
10	Oil Shed (#343)	Interior - facing northwest
11	Fire Cache (#348)	Interior - facing southwest
12	Fire Cache (#348)	Interior - facing northeast