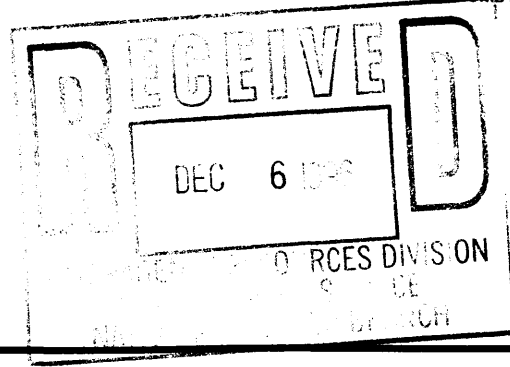


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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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 38 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.)

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

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Signature of commenting or other official

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Montana State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:	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	_____	_____
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Building Interior

The Fielding Patrol Cabin is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Additional documentation is provided below for the purpose of describing and evaluating the interior for integrity and significance.

7. Narrative Description

Summary

Beginning in the 1920s, patrol or "snowshoe" cabins were constructed from a standardized plan, modified to fit each site's unique terrain and the available building materials. Glacier National Park's cabins were of "substantially the same design" as those used in Yellowstone National Park. The Yellowstone cabins were, in turn, close replicas of USFS patrol cabins that mimicked the design of trappers' cabins. The patrol cabins were constructed one-day's travel (8-12 miles) apart, providing shelter for rangers patrolling the park's vast backcountry.

Due to their remote locations, the cabins were generally constructed of locally harvested log; interior walls were unfinished yet often chinked with saplings. The Slide Lake Cabin, only one and one half miles from a road along the sparsely timbered east flank of the Rocky Mountain Front, and the Fielding Cabin, one quarter mile from the Burlington Northern railroad tracks, are the only cabins of frame construction. Softwood shiplap planks of varied width (some as narrow as three inches, some as wide as twelve inches, most four to six inches) covered the floors. A trap door constructed of floor planks provided access to the requisite bear/rodent/frost-proof cellar, finished with poured concrete/mesh and stocked with a minimum supply of rations. Ceilings were open truss, exposing log purlins and heavy roof boards. Windows and doors were fitted wood frame, set within the log wall without surrounds; in part due to the small size of the units, the small multi-light windows were a significant design element. Doors were generally vertical-plank with cross-braces, constructed on site and secured with iron hinges, latches, and bolts. The easily accessed Fielding Patrol Cabin was fitted with a paneled door.

Furnishings were also standard, the result of similar use and space limitations. The door of the large frame wall-mounted cupboard was bottom hinged and fitted with two folding legs; when opened it provided a table. Metal hooks or shelves, strategically located, provided support for oil lamps. Bunk beds — the upper often of a "suspended fold-up design" — maximized the limited space. A single stove provided heat as well as a cooking surface.

Fielding Patrol Cabin (#389), 1936

A five-panel wood door, with modern hardware, provides direct access to this simple one room cabin, where 5" tongue and groove softwood planks cover the floor. Beveled 3" horizontal tongue-and-groove, painted the same aquamarine as the tackroom in the nearby Nyack barn, covers the interior walls and dropped ceiling. Door and windows surrounds are constructed of 4" trim, also painted blue. Both the floor and ceiling are

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buckled and dilapidated. One-inch crown molding (interrupted briefly by 2 1/2" molding along the east wall) lines the ceiling/wall junctions and the corners. A remnant piece of 1" grey molding along the north wall in the northwest corner suggests that the cabin may have once featured floor trim. A metal ring handle opens the tongue-and-groove trap door that accesses the root cellar.

Fixed furnishings include numerous wall-mounted shelves (some with hooks) and a new wood stove located along the north wall, paired with a chimney pipe (exiting through the ceiling), a metal shield base and a curved metal heat shield around the legs. Three-shelf food boxes are located to either side of the west window. The scalloped-edge exposed hinges suggest that these cupboards are historic. A modern sink/plywood cabinet located along the south wall has no faucet but drains through the wall and directly into the ground. Furnishings include a contemporary table, three antique wood chairs (one windsor style and two slat back), a wood desk, two wood boxes constructed of tongue-and-groove, and two metal bedframes.

8. Statement of Significance

This interior retains physical integrity and contributes to the building's significance. Of special note are those features that distinguish this as an almost-frontcountry cabin: the interior siding and five-panel door.

Photographs

- 1) Photographer: Jason Wilmot
- 2) Date of Photographs: June 1993
- 3) Location of Negatives: National Park Service, RMR-RC, Denver, CO.

PHOTO NUMBER	STRUCTURE NAME AND NUMBER	LOCATION/DIRECTION OF VIEW
1	Fielding Snowshoe Patrol Cabin (#389)	Interior
2	Fielding Snowshoe Patrol Cabin (#389)	Interior
3	Fielding Pit Toilet (#391)	View to the Northwest
4	Fielding Pit Toilet (#391)	View to the North