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MONTANA HISTORICAL*ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1 Reference #	Date: Winter 1980	
2 Photo # 4	Direction N NE E SE S SW W NW	CONTACT PHOTO
3 Historic Name: Little Bear School		
3a Common Name:		
4 Address: Gallatin Gateway, Montana		
5 Program Area: Gallatin County, MT	6 County Code 031	State Code 030
7 Legal Description: 200'x200' lot, just off the corner from Bear Creek Road <i>See Chan</i>		
8 Owner & Address: F. I. Sabo		
9 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private 8 West Harrison, Bozeman, MT		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

10 Year Built: 1913 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Factual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimate	11 Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Moved
12 Architect (if known):	
13 Builder/Original Owner (if known) Martinez Colder	
14 Exterior Materials: <input type="checkbox"/> Stone <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Log <input type="checkbox"/> Terra-cotta <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Other Materials (specify):	
15 Condition: <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> In Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> No Longer Exists	
16 Retention of Original Design: <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	
17 Present Use: vacant	18 Original Use: schoolhouse
19 Please describe the present general physical appearance of the structure and site. To the extent possible, please also describe changes that have occurred to the property over the years, noting the approximate dates at which they occurred. The Little Bear School is a one story log building with a gable roof, built in 1913. There are two square windows on the east wall. The wood burning heater is located five feet inside the front door. The log construction, rendered by a local craftsman, is similar to that of Spanish Creek school. The logs are simply squared and overlapped, the joint being covered by a vertical board. Approximately 50 feet to the south of the building is a single outdoor privy. The building is in good condition and presently abandoned.	

SIGNIFICANCE

20a Reason for significance: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Associations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architectural and Engineering design and appearance <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of historic or prehistoric information
20b Please justify the historical significance; noting important persons, events and/or historical patterns associated with structure, site and surrounding area. The Little Bear School is representative of the gable ended log type (A) in the school house evolution. Unlike the Horseshoe Basin and Spanish Creek schools, this building was originally built as a school. It is unique in that the building utilizes a folk construction technique at a time when frame construction was predominant. The form of the building is the same as those using frame construction yet the log medium was more familiar to the local craftsman, Martinez Colder.
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20c Please justify how the location, design, details, materials, and/or workmanship contribute to the property's significance.

20d Please note if the extant structure/site may demonstrate or yield information about its historic use or construction.

21 Neighborhood Context: Unrelated Compatible Integral element
 Major component of the neighborhood

21a If the structure/site contributes to the value of a larger grouping of structures and sites, please describe the visual or historic relationships that the individual structure/site has to that grouping.

22 Environmental/Economic threats to survival: Private Development Zoning
 Public Works Projects Vanadalism Deterioration Other (specify):

23 Recognition in existing historical surveys:

24 Sources of Documentation: Annual Trustee Reports 1896-1934

SIGNIFICANCE continued

25 Agency Prepared For:

26 Name/Address Dave Minor and Paul Bishop

Phone # , Date:

Organization: School of Architecture, MSU, Bozeman, MT

PREPARED BY:

27 Staff Evaluator: Date: Permission to Nominate Yes No

28 National Register Status: Listed Currently nominated
Appears to meet NR Criteria A B C D Does not appear to meet NR Criteria
Eligible Yes No As part of a district Yes No Individually Yes No

29 UTM References: Zone 12 Easting 487100 Northing 5043425

30 Please Return to: State Historic Preservation Office
Montana Historical Society
225 N. Roberts St.
Helena, Montana 59601

31 SHPO Comments:

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