

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
HUCKLEBERRY MOUNTAIN FIRE LOOKOUT
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *146 US 89/287*
~~Bridger~~-Teton National Forest
CITY, TOWN
STATE Wyoming
VICINITY OF SOUTH ENTRANCE, YELLOWSTONE NAT'L PARK
COUNTY Teton
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #1 At Large
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<i>NA</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: FOREST

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*
U.S. Forest Service, Region 4, Intermountain Region
STREET & NUMBER
324 - 25th Street
CITY, TOWN Ogden
STATE Utah
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
STATE
Within the boundaries of Teton National Forest - Created from Teton Forest Reserve by Executive Order 872 of July 1, 1908.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Wyoming Recreation Commission, Survey of Historic Sites, Markers & Monuments
DATE
1967 (revised 1973)
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
604 East 25th Street
CITY, TOWN Cheyenne
STATE Wyoming 82002
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1930's

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Huckleberry Lookout (elevation 9615 feet) is a fifteen foot by seventeen foot, 20 foot high two-story structure located near the summit of Huckleberry Mountain. This location was the most feasible from the nearest road (7 miles) yet afforded the view needed for a fire lookout operation. From the Lookout, its occupant was able to survey the lodgepole pine forests predominant in the northern portion of the Teton National Forest, and Grand Teton National Park, and the southern portion of Yellowstone National Park for possible forest fires during the summer and fall months.

The fire detection tower which rests on level ground is of log construction. The first floor, used as a storage room, is entered at the west elevation through a board and batten door. The interior has a dirt floor. There are no windows in this room.

The upper story is reached by an exterior stairway at the northeast corner of the building. The stairway's handrail, balusters, and stringers are of log construction. The second floor and observation area is entered at the east elevation through a wooden door with windows. Windows, double-hung and fixed in 1/1 sash, are present in all four walls of the observation room giving all-around visibility. The windows have hinged wood shutters which serve to protect more than 200 window panes when the building is not in use. The observation room has a hardwood floor and is surmounted with a wood-shingled pyramid roof. Interior support for the roof is provided by exposed, hand-hewed logs.

There are no other buildings within the nominated site at this location. Only the trail to the Lookout from Sheffield Creek and U.S. Highway 287, seven miles away, remain as evidence of man in this area.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1938 BUILDER/ARCHITECT U.S. Forest Service and
 Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Huckleberry Mountain Lookout is the only remaining fire detection building in the northern portion of the Teton National Forest. The Lookout, which is presently abandoned, is representative of the early fire protection methods and policies of the United States Forest Service, and is a significant example of rustic design employed by the United States Forest Service and built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the first half of this century.

Early United States Forest Service policy dictated that all fires, whether natural or man-caused, be immediately suppressed. That policy required the early detection of forest fires, and therefore a means of accomplishing that task - fire lookouts.

The construction of six such lookouts in the northern portion of Teton National Forest was begun in the 1930's, and they were situated at strategic points: Huckleberry Mountain, northern part of the National Forest; Deer Creek; Munger Mountain, Baldy Mountain; Signal Mountain and Blacktail Butte.

Construction of the Huckleberry Lookout, like all fire detection towers, was a difficult task. The logs for the first floor portion of the structure were of native material obtained from local sources on or near the top of the mountain ridge. The heavy work of moving logs to the site was done by a small dozer tractor. The logs for the second floor are numbered and it is surmised that these logs were "pre-fabricated" at the base of the trail or at the camp area and transported to the site and installed. Most of the materials such as cement, cut boards, hardware, shingles, and glass panes were packed on mules to the site, although it is assumed that the tractor was probably used to transport some of these items. Construction of the Lookout by personnel of one of the CCC camps probably took most of the summer, being completed by 1938.

The Lookout was used for fire detection for forest fires during the summer and fall months and was first manned in 1939. In 1940, during the 1500 acre Sheffield Creek Forest fire, Forest Lookout Dave Adams was forced to leave the structure and retreat to safer ground. Communication was by grounded telephone line to the Jackson Lake Ranger Station and later the Blackrock Ranger Station. Later, a battery operated radio was installed for direct communication with the Forest Service dispatcher in Jackson.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Jackson Hole Courier", Jackson, Wyoming' 15 August, 1940 Edition; Teton County Library, Jackson, Wyoming 83001

General Information File on Huckleberry Lookout; located at Forest Supervisor's Office, 340 N. Cache Street, Jackson, Wyoming 83001 (File Code 2360)

Please see attached letter from Reid Jackson

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	12	532250	4880900	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

1 acre square with the Lookout Building being the center.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES:

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert N. Perkins, Jr. Recreation/Lands Staff

ORGANIZATION

Bridger-Teton National Forest

DATE

7/15/81

STREET & NUMBER

340 North Cache Street (PO Box 1888)

TELEPHONE

307-733-2752

CITY OR TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Wyoming 83001

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Jan L. Wilson
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Evan T. Dubois

TITLE AGENCY PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

MAY 26 1983

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Jan L. Wilson
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

7/8/83

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The development of new fire policies; new methods of fire detection, such as the reporting done by public and private aircraft; and the use of modern radio repeater stations all contributed to the decline of fire lookouts; and after the 1957 summer season, the Huckleberry Lookout was abandoned for regular lookout service.

Today, the Huckleberry Lookout is boarded-up but stands available to be used in monitoring the Forest's natural fire policy decisions if forest fires are allowed to burn in this area. Although not yet 50 years old, it is felt that this structure is eligible for the National Register and it possesses integrity of workmanship for this type of facility, as it is the only remaining fire detection tower in this area.

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CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST

Yellowstone Park Timber Land Reserve
Established - 3/30/1891 - PROCLAMATION

Teton National Forest
Established - 2/22/1897 - PROCLAMATION

Teton National Forest
Boundary Redescribed - 5/22/1902 - PROCLAMATION

Wyoming National Forest
Established - 7/1/1908 - EXECUTIVE ORDER
 (from Yellowstone Timber Land Reserve)

Bonneville National Forest
Established - 7/1/1908 - EXECUTIVE ORDER
 (from Yellowstone Timber Land Reserve)

Bridger National Forest
Established - 6/30/1922 - PROCLAMATION
 (from portion of the Bonneville National Forest)

Bridger National Forest
 7/1/1916 - PROCLAMATION
 (added lands from the Washakie National Forest)

Wyoming National Forest
 5/13/1923 - EXECUTIVE ORDER
 (added entire Bridger National Forest) - deleted name

Teton National Forest
 2/26/1929 - ACT OF CONGRESS creating Grand Teton National Park
 (certain lands of Teton National Forest transferred to Park Status)

Bridger National Forest
 3/10/1941 - EXECUTIVE ORDER
 (changed entire Wyoming National Forest to Bridger National Forest)

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CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY CONT.

Teton National Forest
3/15/1943 - PROCLAMATION
(lands deleted from Teton National Forest and added to Jackson Hole National Monument)

Teton National Forest
9/14/1950 - PUBLIC LAW 81-787
(lands added to Teton National Forest from Grand Teton National Park)

Teton National Forest
certain lands of the Forest transferred to the administration of the National Park Service forming the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway - 1972

Bridger National Forest and Teton National Forest
7/1/1973 - ADMINISTRATIVELY CONSOLIDATED