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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

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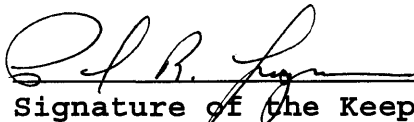
Fish Lake Shelter  
Property Name

Jackson  
County

OR  
State

U.S. Forest Service Historic Structures  
on the Rogue River National Forest, MPS  
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

12/29/00  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Significance:

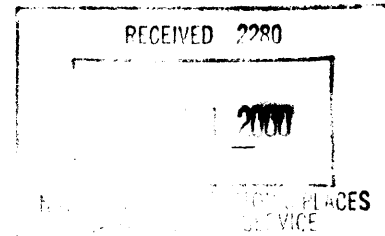
*Architecture* is added as an area of significance under Criterion C.

These revisions were confirmed with the Forest Service.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Fish Lake Shelter

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street & number South of State Hwy 140, approx. 25 mi. n.e. of Ashland  not for publication

city or town Ashland (Rogue River National Forest)  vicinity

state Oregon code \_\_\_\_\_ OR county Jackson code 029 zip code 97520

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State of Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Sara Hamrick March 10, 2000  
Signature of certifying official/Title /Deputy SHPO Date

Oregon State Historic Preservation Office  
State or Federal agency and bureau

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper Paul R. Ferguson Date of Action 12/29/00

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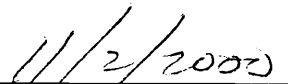
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U. S. Forest Service  
Historic Structures on the  
Rogue River National Forest  
MPS

**SECTION 3: FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that the nominations listed below meet the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meet the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the properties meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that these properties be considered significant locally.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/FPO

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Federal Agency and bureau: *U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region*  
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**Administrative**

Star Ranger Station Building/"Tack Room" (1911)  
Willow Prairie Cabin (1924)  
Big Elk Guard Station (1929)

**Fire Lookouts**

Hershberger Mountain Lookout (1924)  
Dutchman Peak Lookout (1927)  
Mt. Stella Lookout (1933)  
Squaw Peak Lookout (1943)

**Snow Survey Cabins**

Whaleback Snow-Survey Cabin (1937)  
Honeymoon Creek Snow Cabin (1943)

**CCC/FERA Recreation Facilities**

McKee Bridge Campground (1935-1936)  
Wrangle Shelter (1935-36)  
Dead Indian Soda Springs Shelter (1936)  
Fish Lake Shelter (1936)  
Parker Meadows Shelter (1936)

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- Ownership options: private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal (checked)

- Category options: building(s), district, site, structure (checked), object

Table with 3 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing, and Resource Type (buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total). Values: buildings (0,0), sites (0,0), structures (1,0), objects (0,0), Total (1,0)

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) U.S. Forest Service Historic Structures on the Rogue River National Forest

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE:

Outdoor recreation

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE:

Outdoor Recreation

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY

AMERICAN MOVEMENTS

Rustic

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls WOOD: Log

roof WOOD: Shake

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Please see continuation sheets

Name of Property

County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- Criteria A through G with checkboxes and descriptions.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION - POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Period of Significance

1936-1942

Significant Dates

1936; 1942

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown (CCC)

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- Documentation checkboxes: preliminary determination, previously listed, National Register, National Historic Landmark, Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record.

Primary location of additional data:

- Location checkboxes: State Historic Preservation Office, Other State agency, Federal agency, Local government, University, Other.

Name of repository:

Rogue River National Forest

Fish Lake Shelter

Jackson

Oregon

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing
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Zone Easting Northing
4

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Katherine C. Atwood
organization (for) USDA Forest Service date November 6, 1999
street & number 365 Holly Street telephone 541-482-8714
city or town Ashland state Oregon zip code 97520

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name USDA Forest Service Rogue River National Forest
street & number P.O. Box 520 telephone 541-858-2200
city or town Medford state OREGON zip code 97501

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Fish Lake Shelter

Section number 7 Page 1**Description**Setting:

The Fish Lake Shelter, constructed in 1936 by Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) crews, is located in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 35, Township 36 South, Range 4 East W.M., on the north shore of Fish Lake. The shelter is adjacent to a post-1960 Forest Service campground on the south side of Highway 140 and is reached by the Fish Lake Resort Access Road. Fish Lake, a raised impoundment of a formerly smaller natural lake once surrounded by meadows and marsh, drains into the North Fork of Little Butte Creek. The shelter stands very near the contact between older Pleistocene andesites and the quite recent (ca. 20,000 B.P.) andesitic basalt flows of Brown Mountain. Vegetation is mixed-conifer community dominated by Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, sugar pine, western white pine, white fir, Pacific yew, and chinquapin. The understory is composed primarily of snowbrush, manzanita, kinnickinick, and grasses. Fish Lake Resort, lying east of the shelter, consists of a lodge/ store, over a dozen guest cabins, a boat rental office mobile-home residence public trailer park, and miscellaneous storage buildings and minor structures.

The Fish Lake Shelter, resting on a concrete slab foundation, has a rectangular floor plan with the long axis oriented east-west and the single entrance facing north, away from the lake. The building measures 26.5' long and 19.5' wide. In height, the building measures 17' from the top of the peak to the top of the foundation and 7' from the top of the foundation to the eaves. The side wall railings are 2.4' in height.

The shelter is of massive, peeled post-and-beam construction, (probably employing Douglas-fir), with vertical members measuring approximately 18" in diameter. The building has a steeply pitched gable roof with a notched-out ridgepole covered by a double layer of 3-foot long sugar pine shakes with staggered ends on the upper layer, laid to give a purposely rustic appearance. Early photographs reveal a roof shake pattern identical to the present one, and suggest that the original roof may remain on the structure. Details of the Fish Lake Shelter include random beveling simulating rough axe-cuts on the exposed ends of roof beams and rafter poles, and knee braces on all support posts (connected with steel bolts that are countersunk and concealed beneath cylindrical wooden plugs). Additional details include gable ends and enclosing skirts covered with rough split shakes (painted brown) and an entire south wall which encompasses a central fireplace flanked by two integral stoves and a large chimney,

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which is built of mortared lava boulders. As originally constructed, the east and west sides of the shelter were enclosed with boards. These board walls, which reduced most of the light on the interior, were removed early in the structure's history, probably just after World War II (LaLande, August 2, 1999).

The Fish Lake Shelter is in good structural condition and continues to receive a great deal of use. In 1977 the Ashland Ranger District repaired and re-mortared the stoves and replaced the cast iron stove doors. The shelter undoubtedly once contained the typical CCC half-log picnic tables but these have been replaced with more recent tables. In 1989 agency workers felled a large hazard tree, the roots of which were buckling the concrete floor, removed lichen and treated the original shake roof, and replaced buckled portions of the original concrete floor with a new floor to match the original CCC design. Additional projects included re-grading ground around the shelter to drain water away from it and judicious sanding of carved graffiti on the building. The original CCC wooden plaque, mounted in the lava-stone chimney over the fireplace was replaced with an exact replica made by a Butte Falls Ranger District employee. The building has been painted dark brown in past decades, although it may not have been painted originally. The paint provides some protection and mitigates the effect of graffiti.



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## Significance

The Fish Lake Shelter, built in 1936 by the Civilian Conservation Corps on the Ashland Ranger District of the Rogue River National Forest, is significant for its association with the CCC activities in recreational development in southern Oregon as part of the federal government's response to national economic plight brought on by the Great Depression. Submitted as part of a multiple property submission, "U.S. Forest Service Historic Structures on the Rogue River National Forest, Oregon," the Fish Lake Shelter represents its historic context, "CCC/NERA and Recreation Development on the Rogue River National Forest 1933 to 1942." The building meets the registration requirements outlined for rustic recreational shelters in the registration document. Constructed in 1936, it was established during the historic period. The Fish Lake Shelter retains its integrity of setting, design, and materials, and it evokes direct historic associations with its historic context. The building is eligible to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as an important, tangible representative of CCC/NERA recreational development projects in southwestern Oregon. The Fish Lake Shelter is one of five "community kitchen" structures on the Rogue River National Forest. Others are located at McKee Bridge Campground, Wrangle Gap, Union Creek, and Dead Indian Soda Springs.

Additionally eligible to the National Register under Criterion C as an excellent representative of CCC-built rustic recreational structures on the Rogue River National Forest, the Fish Lake Shelter embodies the characteristics of its type through its setting, design, and materials. It exemplifies the rustic style employed by the CCC used for Depression-era Forest Service recreational structures.

## History

Jackson County's booming orchard industry during the early years of the twentieth century encouraged the development of several large-scale irrigation projects. The Fish Lake Water Company began one important project as early as 1897. The company improved the Fish Lake Road, secured a government concession for a reservoir at Fish Lake and built a cribbed-log dam. In its natural state, the spring-fed lake was a small body of water at the head of North Fork Little Butte Creek (LaLande 1980: 136).

Although many Depression era recreational projects involved New Deal employment programs such as the Emergency Relief Administration and the Civilian Conservation

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Corps, the Fish Lake Resort complex was a private operation. Fish Lake, known for fine fishing opportunities, attracted scores of camper to its shores. Between 1928 and 1930, the Fish Lake Road was widened and improved. In the fall of 1929 the Crater National Forest surveyed a resort tract on the northeast end of the lake and the construction of a store/lodge and several rental cabins began in 1930. A retired Crater National Forest supervisor operated the Fish Lake Resort for many years and eventually sold it to other private owners in 1935. During ensuing years a summer home tract, eventually containing over a dozen summer homes, was developed along the northwest shore of the lake (LaLande 1980: 146).

The "rustic"-style Fish Lake Shelter, or "community kitchen" was constructed as part of a larger Forest Service campground complex by Company 1682 of the Civilian Conservation Corps (headquartered at Camp South Fork, near Butte Falls) in the summer of 1936. Over sixty men worked on the campground development over a four-month period. (Brown 1971, Review of CCC work projects, 1936). The picnic shelter served the increasing number of people who traveled to Fish Lake during the summer months. Just prior to the CCC's beginning work on the Fish Lake Shelter, Rogue River National Forest Supervisor Karl Janouch reported:

Recreational development has received special consideration in the work program to meet the fast-growing demands of the public who are turning to the forested areas of the Pacific Coast for summer outings and vacations. A total of 136 acres of public campgrounds have been cleared and improvements consisting of community shelters, individual camp stoves and tables and sanitation facilities have been installed... (Ashland Daily Tidings, April 16, 1936, 1:1;4:3-4).

The Fish Lake Shelter, built by the CCC as part of the New Deal government programs of the Great Depression, retains its structural integrity. In addition to its direct association with the broad patterns of forest conservation and with CCC recreational development projects on the Rogue River National Forest, the Fish Lake Shelter represents the "rustic"- style recreational architecture utilized by the Forest Service, National Park Service, and others during the historic period.

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LaLande, Jeff

1982 Cultural Resource Reconnaissance and Evaluation Report for the Grasshopper Timber Sale Planning Area (C.R. Job RR-111), Ashland Ranger District, Rogue River National Forest.

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Rogue River National Forest

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A USGS map of the Mt. McLoughlin quadrangle is included with this nomination. A photocopied section of this map with the site location indicated by an arrow, is also contained within the nomination document.

**Boundary Description**

The Fish Lake Shelter is situated on National Forest land in the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 35, Township 36 South, Range 4 East, W.M., in Jackson County, Oregon. The property is further identified on USGS map Mt. McLoughlin Quadrangle, 7.5 minute series, included with this nomination.

**Boundary Justification**

For purposes of this nomination, the area includes only the Fish Lake Shelter. Although situated in an appropriate setting, the structure alone constitutes the discrete, identifiable location associated with the historic Civilian Conservation Corps activities which took place there.

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**Photographs**

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- 1) Fish Lake Shelter
- 2) SW ¼ Section 35, T 36 South, Range 4 East, W.M. Jackson County, Oregon
- 3) Photographer: Katherine Atwood
- 4) Date of Photograph: August 1999
- 5) Negative holder: Rogue River National Forest  
P.O. Box 580  
Medford, Oregon 97501
- 6) View of north and east elevations
- 7) Photograph number 1 of 4

Photograph No. 2

- 1) Fish Lake Shelter
- 2) SW ¼ Section 35, T 36 South, Range 4 East, W.M. Jackson County, Oregon
- 3) Photographer: Katherine Atwood
- 4) Date of Photograph: August 1999
- 5) Negative holder: Rogue River National Forest  
P.O. Box 580  
Medford, Oregon 97501
- 6) View of west elevation
- 7) Photograph number 2 of 4

Photograph No. 3

- 1) Fish Lake Shelter
- 2) SW ¼ Section 35, T 36 South, Range 4 East, W.M. Jackson County, Oregon
- 3) Photographer: Katherine Atwood
- 4) Date of Photograph: August 1999
- 5) Negative holder: Rogue River National Forest  
P.O. Box 580  
Medford, Oregon 97501
- 6) View of south elevation
- 7) Photograph number 3 of 4

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Photograph No. 4

- 1) Fish Lake Shelter
- 2) SW ¼ Section 35, T 36 South, Range 4 East, W.M. Jackson County, Oregon
- 3) Photographer: Unknown
- 4) Date of Photograph: 1939
- 5) Negative holder: Rogue River National Forest  
P.O. Box 580  
Medford, Oregon 97501
- 6) Historic View
- 7) Photograph number 4 of 4

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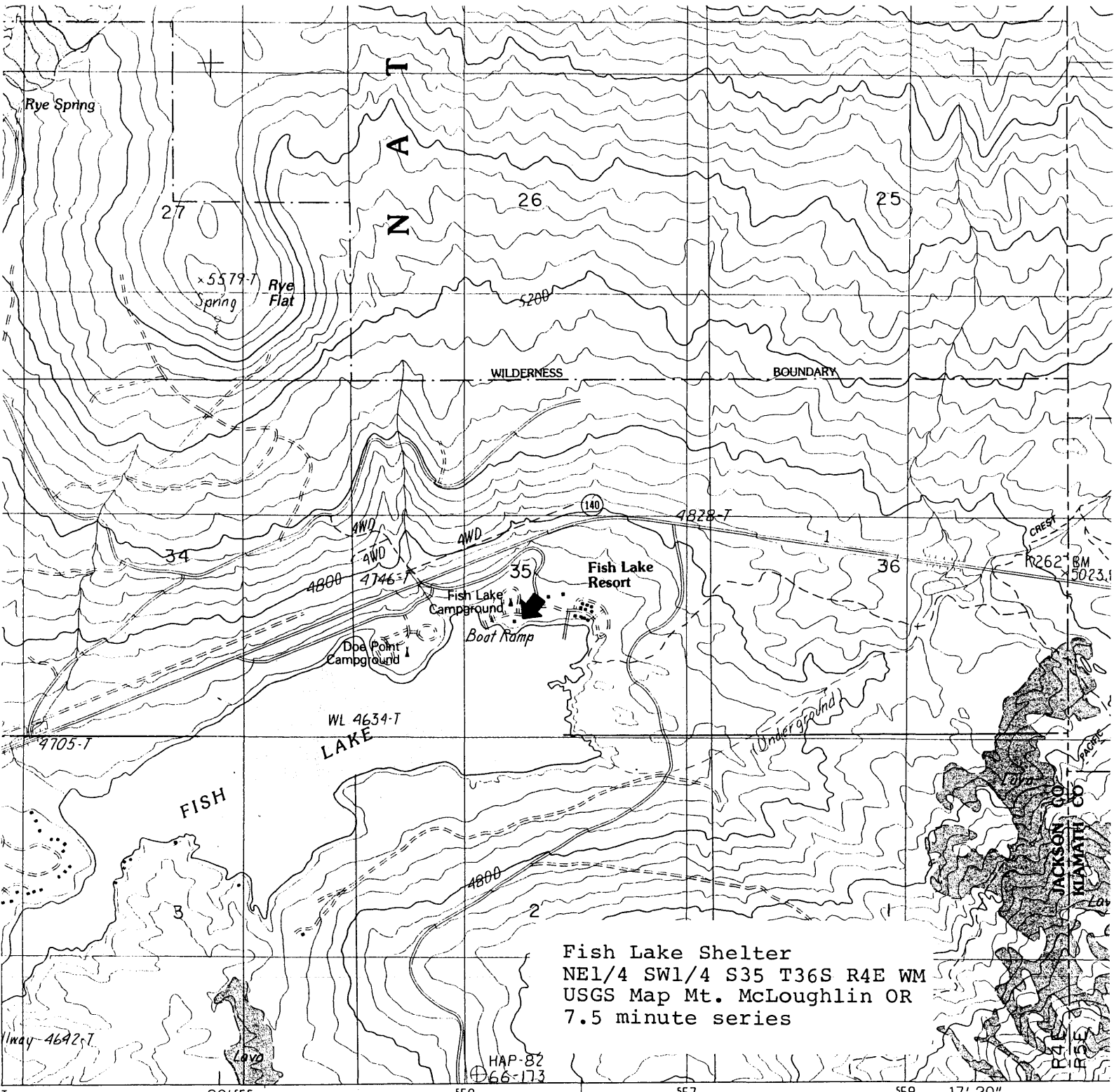
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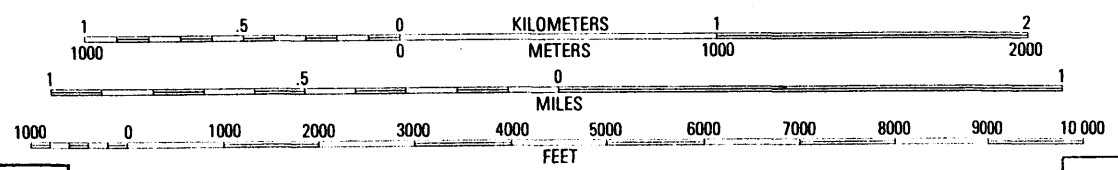
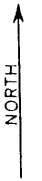
**Property Owner Notification**

U.S. Forest Service  
Rogue River National Forest  
J. Michael Lunn, Forest Supervisor  
Jeff LaLande, Forest Archaeologist  
P.O. Box 520  
Medford, Oregon 97501



Fish Lake Shelter  
 NE1/4 SW1/4 S35 T36S R4E WM  
 USGS Map Mt. McLoughlin OR  
 7.5 minute series

SCALE 1:24 000



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**PROVISIONAL MAP**  
 Produced from original manuscript drawings. Information shown as of date of photography.

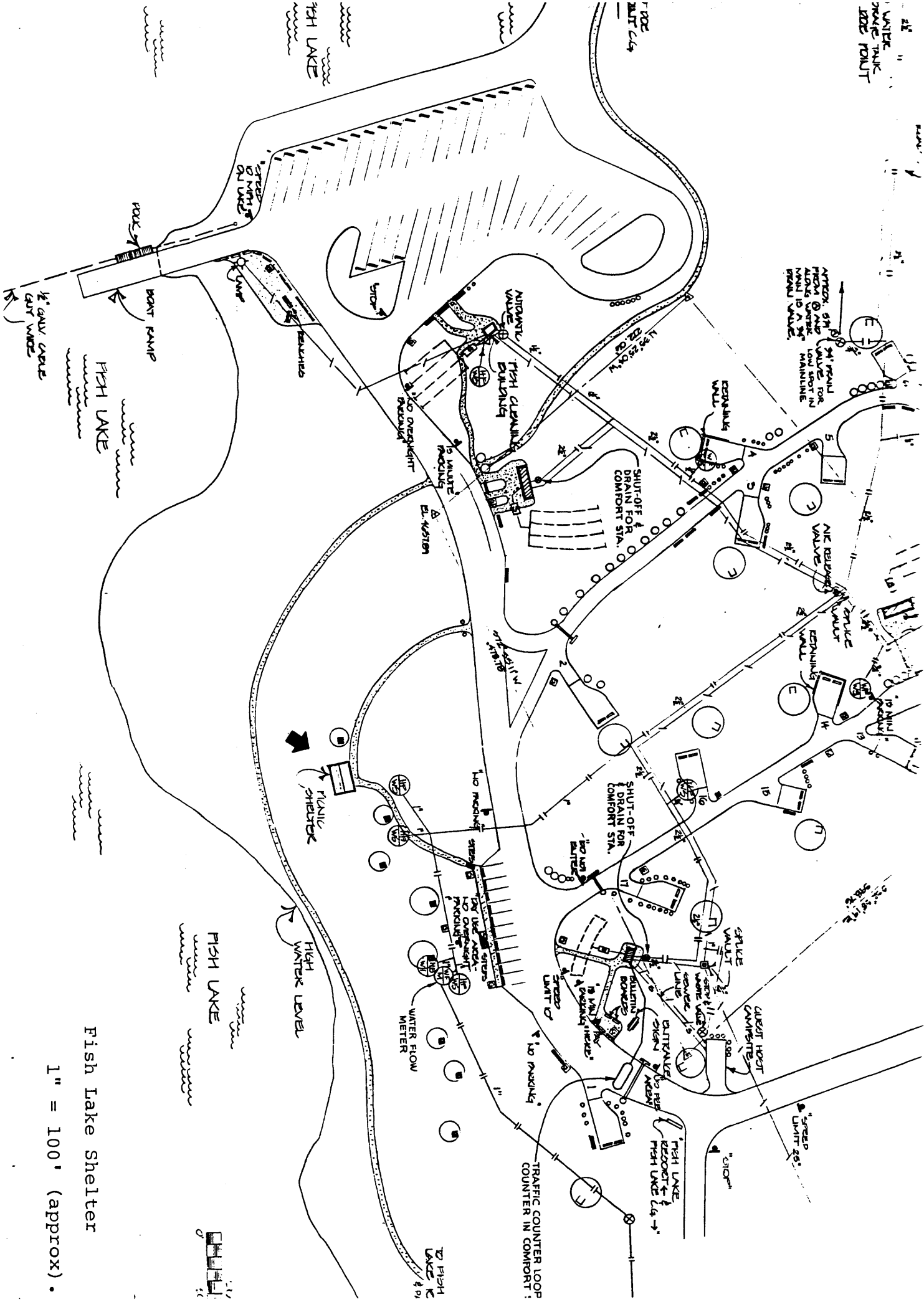
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 FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092

ADJOINING 7.5' QUADR



1. WHITE TANK  
2. WHITE TANK  
3. WHITE TANK  
4. WHITE TANK



Fish Lake Shelter

1" = 100' (approx).