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INVENTORY SHEET FOR GROUP NOMINATIONS: IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BOISE, IDAHO

NOMINATION: Kootenai County Rural Schools thematic group

SITE NAME: Bayview School II

SITE NUMBER: 3

LOCATION: On south side of Careywood Road, about 1/2 mile west of Scenic Bay.

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Bayview Fire Protection District
Bayview, ID 83810

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Bayview, 7/5' ACREAGE: .09 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes the Bayview School II and the property on which it stands, commencing at a point 30' due south of the NE corner of the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of Section 34, T54N, R2W, B.M.; thence running due south 242.6 feet to an iron stake; thence south 89° 34' west 159.7 feet to an iron stake; thence due north 242.6 feet to an iron stake; thence north 89° 34' east 159.7 feet to the point of beginning. All in Section 34, T54N, R2W, B.M.

UTM(S): 11/532630/5314370

DATE OR PERIOD: ca. 1911

ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: unknown

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture, exploration/settlement

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: local

CONDITION: fair, altered, original site

NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORY BUILDINGS: 1

DESCRIPTION:

Bayview School II is one of the large and expressively designed schoolhouses in the thematic group. It is a square wood-frame building, about 45 by 45 feet, with a front (north) gable-roofed wing measuring approximately 18 by 36 feet. The building is clad with painted clapboard siding and the exterior corners are finished with plain vertical boards.

The main building incorporates several Colonial Revival features, including a truncated hipped roof trimmed at the crest with a low-profile belvedere-like structure. There is a pyramidal-roofed open belfry near the north end of the gable-roofed wing. Banks of double-hung sash windows cover large portions of the building's north, east, and west facades. The building sits on a mortared rubble stone foundation.

The building has two brick chimneys: one centered on the south interior wall of the main building, and a second offset toward the southeast side of the north wing. The interior floor plan is divided into a main entry hall and two large classrooms in the main part of the schoolhouse and a smaller room in the north wing that was sometimes used as a teacher's residence.

Originally the building's northeast and northwest front entry porches were covered with open hipped roofs. The northeast porch and roof have been removed and the northwest porch roof has been replaced by a simple asphalt-shingled shed roof. The schoolhouse roof was originally covered with wood shingles, but the westerly facing slopes are now surfaced with asphalt shingles. These alterations have not significantly affected the building's massing or appearance. The building is in fair condition.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Bayview School II is significant for its association with the period of early community development in the Bayview area and its representation of the Colonial Revival features found on many Kootenai County rural schools.

Bayview School II is situated in the North Prairie study unit. Of nine schools that have been identified in the study unit, only this building and Cedar Mountain School have survived with sufficient architectural integrity to be eligible for the National Register.

Bayview School II is located on Careywood Road, about one half mile west of Scenic Bay at the south end of Lake Pend Oreille. Bayview is about two miles north of the site of Pend Oreille City, a steamboat-landing settlement during the mining rush of the mid-1860's. Apparently the present site of Bayview escaped any lasting mark from the early days of the mining excitement, and it was not until about 1894 that a permanent settlement was established. Known previously--and often confusingly--as Scenic Bay, Squaw Bay, and Idlewilde, the unincorporated community of Bayview was initially attractive as a logging and small resort area. In 1911, a spur of the Spokane International Railroad was extended to the settlement to serve, among other things, a lime kiln operation that had recently been established in the area. Both the kiln and the spur line were abandoned in the mid-1930's. During World War II the Bayview area underwent a tremendous but short-lived upheaval when the Farragut Naval Training Station was built in the vicinity to accommodate a camp-city of over 50,000 inductees. By the mid-1950's Bayview had returned to its previous status as a quiet resort community.

The first schoolhouse in the Bayview area was a one-room log building constructed about 1900. In about 1911 classes were discontinued in the log structure when Bayview School II was erected. Classes were discontinued in Bayview shortly after World War II and the buildings were turned over to the Bayview Chamber of Commerce.