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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Upper Green River Rendezvous Site

AND/OR COMMON Upper Green River Rendezvous Site

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
4 miles west of Pinedale on U.S. 187

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
001

CITY, TOWN Daniel  VICINITY OF

STATE Wyoming CODE 56 COUNTY Sublette CODE 035

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME A.E. Schwabacher, Jr., and Miller Land and Livestock  
Ms. Alice Harrower, President, Sublette County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Pinedale  VICINITY OF STATE Wyoming 82941

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Sublette County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Pinedale STATE Wyoming

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Historic Sites Survey

DATE 1961  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Historic Sites Survey, NPS

CITY, TOWN Washington STATE D.C. 20240

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Upper Green River Rendezvous were held in various places near Daniel, Wyoming from 1825 to 1840. The area they encompassed was river grassland from 15 to 20 miles long and from one to five miles wide. Five of the fifteen Rendezvous were held near the junction of Horse Creek and the Green River.

The area today is little changed. U.S. 187 connects the small towns of Daniel and Pinedale, and in between lies Trapper's Point. It overlooks the Rendezvous area, greener now with the advent of irrigation. Trapper's Point is the site of the plaque designating the Rendezvous as a National Historic Landmark. Each year in July a reenactment of the Rendezvous is held in Pinedale, at a rodeo stadium located there.

# 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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

1825-1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Of all the rendezvous sites connected with the Rocky Mountain fur trade, the most popular was that on the Green River. Of the 15 annual meetings held by the mountain men, 8 were at the Green River site, and 5 of them were held near the junction of Horse Creek and the Green River.

The Rendezvous was a colorful trading fair at which trappers, traders, and indians gathered. It was instituted in the Rocky Mountain fur trade by General William Ashley, and it effectively revolutionized the trade. Instead of a system of fixed posts to which indians and trappers came, the rendezvous was a previously established meeting place to which the great supply caravans from St. Louis brought trade goods which were exchanged for the furs. Each rendezvous lasted for a few days or at most a few weeks. The first rendezvous was held in 1825 and the last in 1840. To the meetings on the Green River came some of the foremost figures in the Rocky Mountain trade, including Ashley, Jim Bridger, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Kit Carson, Jedediah Smith, Lucien Fontenelle, James Beckwourth, the Sublettes, Andrew Drips, and Nathaniel Wyeth.

Samuel Parker and Marcus Whitman, the noted Protestant missionaries who played an important part in opening the Oregon country, came to the Green River Rendezvous of 1835 with the caravan of the American Fur Company. Father Pierre De Smet, the Belgian Jesuit missionary, accompanied an American Fur Company caravan to the Upper Green River Rendezvous in 1840, and continued on to the northern Rocky Mountain region where he carried on missionary work among the Indians for 30 years.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Devoto, Bernard, Across the Wide Missouri, 1947.

Sublette County Historical Society, "The Green River Rendezvous," information pamphlet.

Mattison, Ray H., "Upper Green River Rendezvous Site," Historic Sites Survey report 1959.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1200

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 2	5 8, 0 2, 2, 0	4, 7 4, 7 8, 5, 0	B	1, 2	5 8, 0 2, 9, 0	4, 7 4, 6 1, 9, 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	1, 2	5 7, 17 0, 12, 0	4, 7 4, 6 1, 2, 0	D	1, 2	5 7, 17 0, 14, 0	4, 7 4, 7 8, 18, 10
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Green River Rendezvous was a huge, sprawling event with no permanent structures or landmarks at its center. Grazing and hunting requirements forced the wide dispersal of trappers and traders even during their annual get-togethers. For example, Sir William Drummond Stewart, a friend of Jim Bridger's, would camp at Fremont Lake, some fifteen miles from Daniel, during the Rendezvous and ride to the Green River and back each day. (cont'd)

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Stephen Lissandrello, Historian, Landmarks Review Project

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey, National Park Service

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

1100 L Street NW

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C. 20240

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE     

LOCAL     

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

Boundary Certified:

DATE

Nov. 31, 1961

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

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

DATE

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

(NATIONAL HISTORIC  
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No trace of these rendezvous remains. The sites were varied, overlapping and not centralized. The boundary is therefore defined by the black line on the accompanying map, U.S.G.S. maps labelled "Daniel Wyo." and "Daniel Junction, Wyo.," and dated 1970. This 1200 acres contains the junction of Green River and Horse Creek, where five of the fifteen Rendezvous had their general nexus. It also contains much of the winding river and flat grassland topography which led the trappers to rendezvous here. The site is undisturbed except for a ranch house and its out-buildings, southeast of the river junction. These structures do not contribute to the national significance of the landmark.

**BOUNDARIES:**

As shown by the black line on the accompanying U.S.G.S. maps, the boundaries include all of section 36, R11W, T34N, and section 31, R11W, T34N, except for an 80 acre area south of a line running along the south bank of Todd Ditch.

The north 1/2 of Section 36 is owned by Miller Land and Livestock, Big Piney. The remaining area is owned by A.E. Schwabacher, Jr., Pinedale.