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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any 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.

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1. Name of Property

Historic name: James Martin Baggs Log Barn

Other names/site number: _____

Name of related multiple property listing:

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: West Side of N4480 Road, 0.062 Miles South of Baggs Trail Road

City or town: Pickens State: Oklahoma County: Pushmataha

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

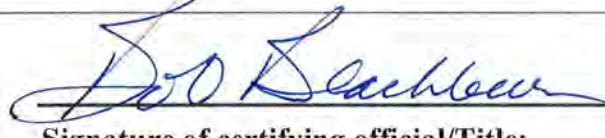
I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

 A B X C D

	<u>July 20, 2015</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
_____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
_____ Signature of commenting official:	_____ Date
_____ Title :	_____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

for Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

9-8-15
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Agriculture/Subsistence

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Agriculture/Subsistence

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Other: Log Transverse

Crib Barn

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Wood

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

Located west of the community of Pickens, the James Martin Baggs Log Barn is located near the intersection of N4480 and Baggs Trail on the southwest corner. It faces east onto N4480 and is surrounded by open fields to the south and west. The log transverse crib barn rests on a stone pier foundation. Located in the center of the barn, aligned with the ridge axis, is an aisle with cribs on either side. Shed roof loafing sheds extend from the north, west and south elevations. Due to its excellent condition, the barn maintains its historic integrity.

Narrative Description

The east gable-end elevation of the barn faces onto N4480 Road. This elevation serves as the façade of the barn. It contains a rectangular opening, centered on the gable axis. Located on either side of the aisle are the cribs constructed of logs with a modified half dove tail. The gable end has shiplap wood siding. The only other opening on this elevation is on the east wall of the south crib. It is a small rectangular opening that has the appearance of a window but is really a loading portal for the cribs.

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The north and south elevations are identical. Each elevation is concealed by a shed roof loafing shed. The crib walls are constructed of logs with a modified half dove tail. The roof structure is supported by vertical logs.

The west elevation contains a rectangular opening, centered on the gable axis. Located on either side of the aisle are the cribs constructed of logs with a modified half dove tail. The gable end has shiplap wood siding. The west elevation has a shed roof loafing shed that connects to both the south and north elevations. The west elevation of the loafing shed has horizontal wood boards that serve to contain animals in this area.

The interior of the barn is composed of two round log cribs. The ridge axis aisle is 10 feet 6 inches wide. The cribs are all un-chinked and thus were used for cob corn and peanut storage. The south cribs each have a batten door providing access to each individual crib. The cribs measure 15 feet long by 8 feet wide by 8 feet in height. The cribs store approximately 770 bushels. The north crib has three batten access doors providing access to stalls. The stalls measure 9 ½ feet long by 9 feet wide by 8 feet in height. The barn also has a partial haymow.

No significant modifications have been made to the visual appearance of the barn other than the application of corrugated galvanized steel sheeting to the roof. The final dimensions of the barn are 28 feet from north to south and 32 feet from east to west. The loafing sheds add 9 feet to the north, south and west elevations.

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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.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

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

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1909

Significant Dates

1909

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

James Martin and sons

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The James Martin Baggs Log Barn is significant at the local level under Criteria C for its architectural style. The period of significance is 1909 when the barn was constructed. The property is an exceptional log Transverse crib barn that remains in excellent condition. The Transverse crib barn replaced the four-crib barn plan to become the ubiquitous folk barn type of the Upland South however, in the survey of the State of Oklahoma, only two log examples were identified state-wide; the other is the Jerry Baggs log barn located in the Cloudy Vicinity. Prior to the comprehensive barn survey of Oklahoma, it was believed that this barn type did not exist in Oklahoma.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The James Martin Baggs Log Barn is an exceptional example of a Log Transverse Crib Barn representing early twentieth century farming and ranching in southeastern Oklahoma. After 1950 agriculture in Oklahoma had become largely mechanized and began to intensify and specialize enough that general-purpose barns, especially log barns, became increasingly obsolete. Unlike frame constructed barns, log barns could not be easily electrified or plumbed, and they were essentially useless for storing machinery. The James Martin Baggs Log Barn was never modernized, but it has remained in use for storage through modern times.

The transverse crib barn has been well-documented as an American barn type that originated around 1815 in southwestern Virginia and upper east Tennessee. A transverse crib barn has 1) gables facing front and rear, 2) a central runway beneath the roof ridge having wagon access at both ends, 3) four to ten cribs (typically six) on either side of the runway, 4) a loft positioned above the cribs, and 5) multipurpose functions (granaries, stalls, hay storage). The James Martin Baggs Log Barn exhibits all of these features.

After 1890, most transverse crib barns were built with sawn lumber rather than logs. The James Martin Baggs Log Barn is the exception to this as it was constructed in 1909 and was constructed of logs. However, it does exhibit one of the most common alterations to the traditional Transverse Crib Barn, the addition of flanking sheds to the eave sides.

The Baggs family came to the area in the early 1900s from Rocky, Arkansas. They purchased 240 acres from the Choctaw Nation. The barn functioned as part of the family farming operation where they grew seed crops such as peanuts, corn and sorghum for the livestock. They initially grew cotton, as many farmers did at that time, but that did not last long on this operation. As such, the barn was utilized for grain storage on the south side and livestock stalls on the north side. The stalls served as the interior area for horses. While the Baggs maintained a small herd of cattle and hogs, this barn was not utilized for them.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Bays, Brad. *Thematic Survey of Historic Barns in Southeastern Oklahoma*. For OK/SHPO 2014.

Glassie, Henry. "The Old Barns of Appalachia." *Mountain Life & Work* 40 (1965): 21-30.

Green, Michael D. *Historical Atlas of Oklahoma*, Fourth Edition, edited by Charles Robert Goins and Danney Goble, 104-05. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2006.

Jordan, Terry G. "Transverse-Crib Barns, the Upland South, and Pennsylvania Extended." *Material Culture* 30, no. Summer (1998): 5-31.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property less than 1 acre

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 1. Latitude: -95.064773 | Longitude: 34.402213 |
| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

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| 2. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 3. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 4. Zone: | Easting : | Northing: |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Extreme northeast corner of the east ½ of the northeast ¼ of Section 11, Township 2S and Range 21E.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The barn is the only building, structure, or object on the farm that maintains architectural integrity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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date: 5 May 2015

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: James Martin Baggs Log Barn

City or Vicinity: Pickens Vicinity

County: Pushmataha

State: Oklahoma

Photographer: Marilyn Tolbert

Date Photographed: 28 October 2014

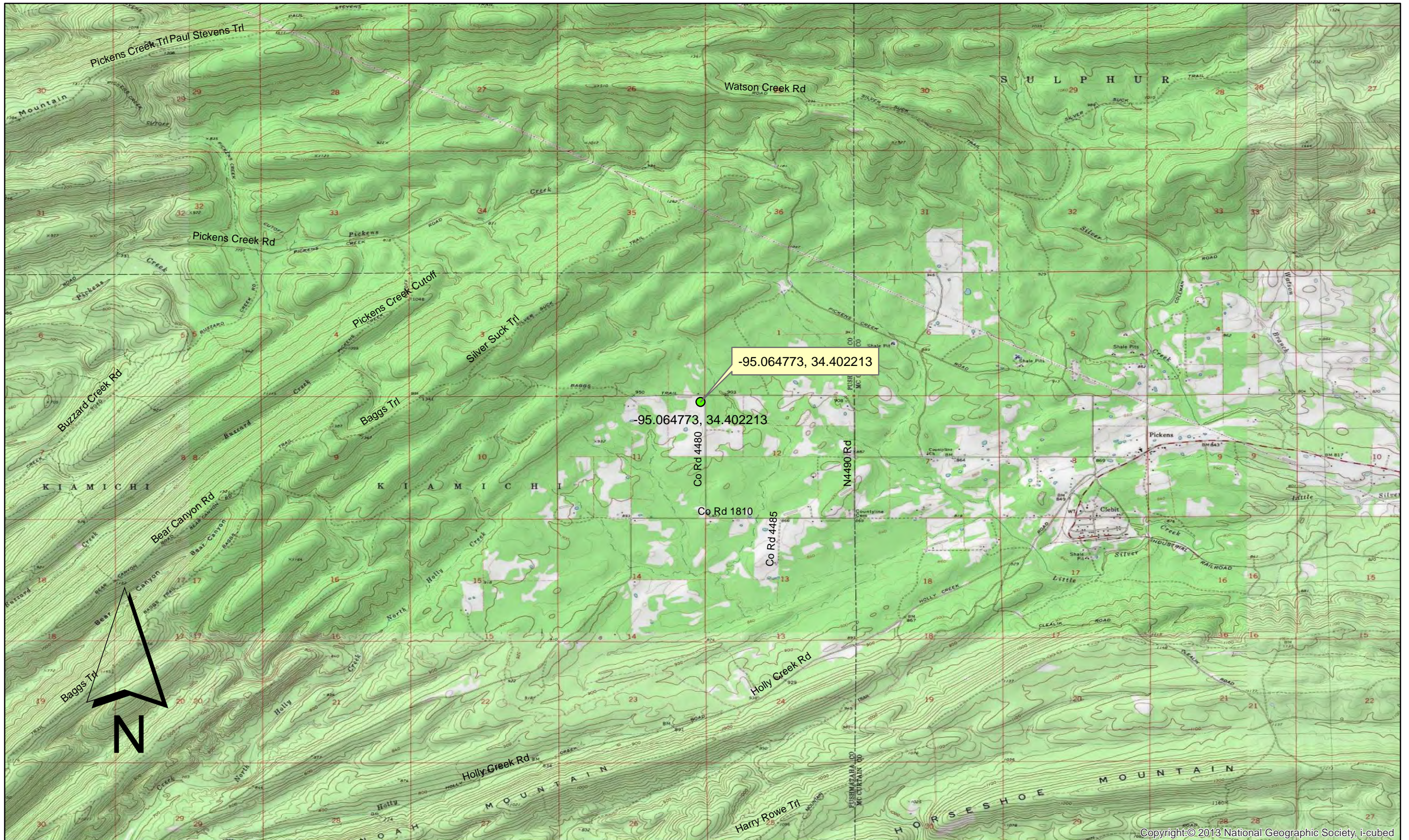
Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Photograph Number	Subject	Direction
0001	Façade and north elevation	Southwest
0002	Façade	West
0003	West elevation	East
0004	Interior aisle	West
0005	Detail	

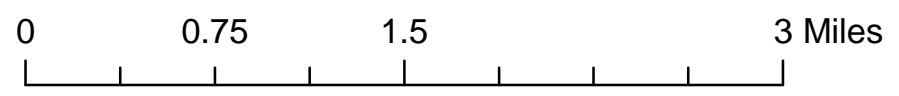
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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

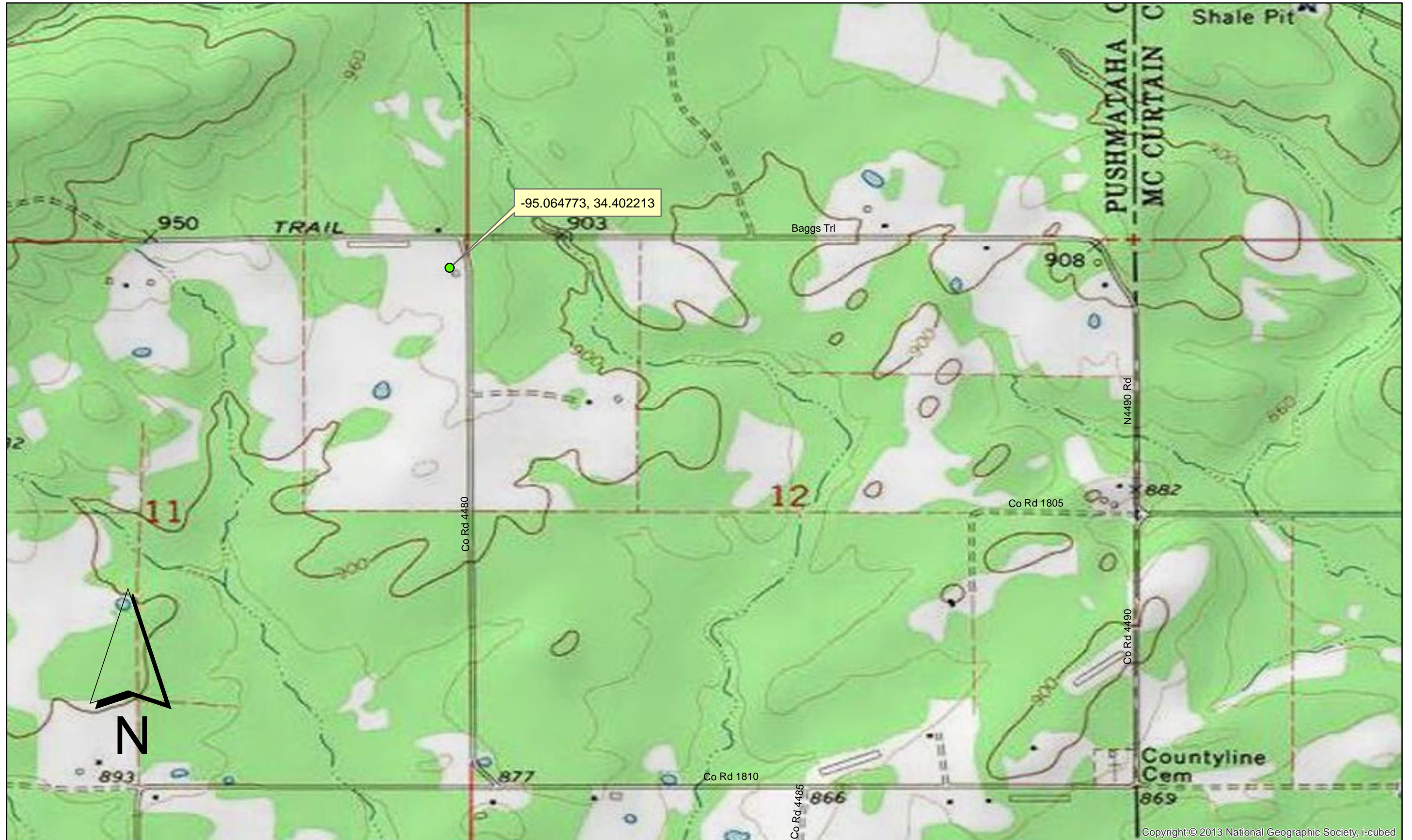
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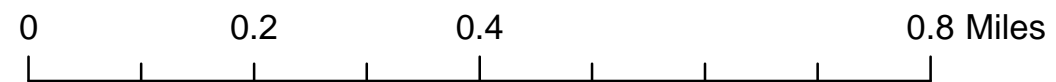
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James Martin Baggs Log Barn (detail)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Baggs, James Martin, Log Barn

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: OKLAHOMA, Pushmataha

DATE RECEIVED: 7/24/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/24/15
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/08/15 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/08/15
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 15000579

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9.8.15 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in
The National Register
of
Historic Places

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper and Chief
National Register and National Historic Landmark Programs
National Park Service 2280, 8th floor
1201 "I" (Eye) Street, NW
Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

We are pleased to transmit five National Register of Historic Places nominations for Oklahoma properties. The nominations are for the following properties:

Fuksa Portion of the Chisholm Trail, Bison Vicinity, Garfield County
Seminole Municipal Building, Seminole, Seminole County
Sally Ann Apartments, Tulsa, Tulsa County
James Martin Baggs Log Barn, Pickens Vicinity, Pushmataha County
KCS Railway Depot, Stilwell, Adair County

The members of the Historic Preservation Review Committee (state review board), professionally qualified in the fields of history and prehistoric archeology were absent from the public meeting at which each of these nominations was considered and the recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Officer was formulated. Therefore, the member possessing the requisite professional qualifications for evaluation of KCS Railway Depot, Seminole Municipal Building and Fuksa Portion of the Chisholm Trail was not present for the HPRC's formulation of its recommendation on the nomination. However, substantive review of this nomination is not requested because the SHPO staff member possessing the requisite professional qualifications participated in the HPRC's deliberations on this noncontroversial nomination.

We look forward to the results of your review. If there may be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Lynda S. Ozan of my staff or myself.

Sincerely,

Melvena Heisch
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

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Enclosures