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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in <u>Guidelines</u> for <u>Completing National Register Forms</u> (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printers in 12 pitch. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property

historic name White G	rass Ranger Station Histo	oric District	
other names/site number	N/A	······	
2. Location			
street & number N/A		N/A not	for publication
city, town Moose		X vi	cinity
state Wyoming	code WY county Teton	code 039	zip code
3. Classification			
Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resource	s within Property
private public-local public-State X public-Federal	building(s) district site structure object	contributing <u> -1</u> <u> -1</u> -1 -4	noncontributing 0 buildings 0 sites 0 structures 0 objects 0 Total
Name of related multiple	e property listing:	No. of contribu previously list	ting resources
Grand Teton National Park Historic		National Regist	

4. State/Federal Agency Certification As the designated authority under the Na as amended, I hereby certify that this of eligibility meets the documentation the National Begister of Historic Places professional requirements set forth in property meets does not meet the Na See continuation sheet.	nomination request for det standards for registering prop s and meets the procedural and n 36 CFR Part 60. In my opi:	ermination perties in
CA	2 ALA	
Signature of certifying official		<u></u>
Signature of certifying official	Date	
State or Federal agency or bureau	-Lez	
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In my opinion, the property $\chi$ meets criteria See continuation sheet.	does not meet the National Regi	ster
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Signature of commenting or other officia	al Date	
State or Federal agency or bureau	······································	
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5. National Park Service Certification		
I, hereby, certify that this property is	s:	
<pre> entered in the National Register  See continuation sheet</pre>	Caral & Shull	4-23-90
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	Date
6. Functions or Use	·····	<u></u>
Historic Functions	Current Functions	<u></u>
(enter categories from instructions)	(enter categories from instruct	tions)
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Recreation and Culture	Recreation and Culture	
Outdoor Recreation	Outdoor recreation	

Architectural Classification	Materials	
(enter categories from instructions)	(enter categories from instructions)	
	foundations stone	
Other/Rustic	walls log, wood	
	roof wood	
	other covered wood porch on cabin	

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The White Grass Ranger Station Historic District was built using standardized plans of the National Park Service to be a backcountry ranger station for horse patrols during the early years of the Park's history. It was built at the western edge of the White Grass Valley southwest of Moose, Wyoming, near a number of trail heads into the Teton Mountains which rise west of the district. Both historically and today the district is set in amongst pine trees that are part of the forest belt that parallels the base of the mountains. The resources that make up the district include a cabin that functions as not only the ranger's office but also quarters, a fire cache shed, a tack room shed, and a corral. The district was built in the Rustic style, defined by the National Park Service. Clearly evident is the attempt by the National Park Service to achieve the feeling of preindustrial structures built of log with a high degree of craftsmanship. Rustic in the ranger station, as throughout Grand Teton is characterized by log construction with some other wood products, such as rough cut clapboard siding for the walls of the fire cache and tack room and batten type materials for doors. Trim is of rough cut "millwaste" type lumber and decoration is The building and structures are one story and have gabled wooden minimal. roofs to withstand snow loads. The design appears to be from a standard set of plans used by the National Park Service during the late 1920s and early 1930s. Earthtones are the predominate colors with brown stained walls and weathered wood shingles. Even through the maintenance operations to keep the building active the original or like materials have been used so the exterior feeling, design, and character have not been lost. The district still serves the same function that it did historically. The quality that sets the district apart from its surroundings is its rustic architecture and the fact that it is set in a small clearing in the pine forest. Post-World War II addition of a parking lot for visitor use at the trailhead is isolated from the ranger station by trees, preserving the historic setting. It is a manmade feature in a natural area.

8. Statement of Significance	
Certifying official has considered the relation to other properties: nation	significance of this property in onally
Applicable National Register Criteria Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	<u>A</u> B X C D <u>B</u> C D F G
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions) architecture	Period of Significance Significant Dates
	Cultural Affiliation
Significant Person N/A	Architect/Builder Branch of Plans and Design, Western Division, NPS

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The White Grass Ranger Station Historic District is significant under Criteria C because it remains as a clear statement of the NPS Rustic style of the 1930s at Grand Teton National Park. Further, the district is the only example of the horse patrol era station extant in the Park. It is also significant in that it is an example of rustic architecture at Grand Teton that predates those constructed by New Deal public works agencies. The district is associated with the Rustic Architecture context of the Grand Teton National Park Multiple Property form.

The ranger station complex was built during 1930 by the National Park Service using Service developed plans for natural parks. It was one of the first ranger stations to be built in the Park after its establishment by Congress in 1929 as Superintendent Samuel Woodring set out to establish a National Park Service presence there and develop a system of trails and ranger stations. The ranger station follows the practices typical of the era's rustic architecture as expressed in Grand Teton in that standard plans were used but with the Superintendent using premanufactured parts, in this case windows, rather than to have them individually crafted to keep costs down. The log building with its emphasis on harmony with its surroundings, fits the Rustic mold as outlined by National Park Service director Stephen Mather in 1918. The Ranger Station fulfills the registration requirements set forth in the multiple property documentation in that it is in its historic location and still maintains its setting to convey its feeling and character. The district resources are more than fifty years old and are of log and wood materials. The district is clearly rustic in style and conveys its design, materials, workmanship, and function/character. Interior remodeling and modernization have all but destroyed the interior fabric through impacts to the log walls and the interiors are not considered significant.

See continuation sheet

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

city or town Lafayette

Mehls, Steven F. and Drake, Carol J. "The Mirror of History: The Architecture of Grand Teton National Park Through Time." ms. prepared as part of National Park Service Contract CX-1200-7-B065, on file at Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Division of Cultural Resources, National Park Service.

Previous documentations on file (NPS): preliminary determination of individual listing ( 36 CFR 67) has been requested	See continuation sheet
previously listed in the National Register previously determined eligible by	Primary location of additional data: State Historic Preservation Office Other State agency
the National Register designated a National Historic Landmark	X Federal agency Local government University
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #	Other Specify Repository:
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	Grand Teton National Park, NPS
10. Geographical Data	
Acreage of property 5 acres	
UTM References A <u>1/2</u> <u>5/1/7/7/3/0</u> <u>4/8/3/3/4/4/0</u> Zone Easting Northing	B / //// ////// Zone Easting Northing
C / //// ///// Zone Easting Northing	D / //// ///// Zone Easting Northing See continuation sheet
UTM coordinate with a 200 yard radius.	is delineated by a circle centered on the Teton, Wyo., 7.5' U.S.G.S. quadrangle map.
	See continuation sheet
structures of the district and a por	as described includes the building and tion of the forest around it to include
historic setting of the district and station.	its feeling as a back country ranger See continuation sheet
11. Form Prepared By	
name/title Steven F. Mehls, Principal	Investigator
organization Western Historical Studies	

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List of Contributing Resources by Building Number at the White Grass Ranger Station Historic District

The following resources are considered contributing to the historic district: 37, 53, 81, and unnumbered corral

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Photogrpah List White Grass Ranger Station

Photo Number	View	Direction(to)	Photogrpaher
WGR-1	Ranger Station Front 3/4 (53)	Southwest	Steven Mehls
WGR-2	Fire Cache Front 3/4 (37)	East	Steven Mehls
WGR-3	Tack Room Front 3/4 (81)	Southeast	Steven Mehls
WHR-4	Corral	South	Steven Mehls

Negatives on file at Grand Teton National Park

White Grass Ranger Station Historic District Grand Teton National Park Parking Area Trail head ) Trees 6 Ranger Station 1 Fire Cache Tack Corral district boundary = contributing Approx scale 1"= 1501 7187