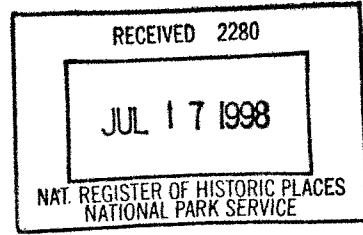


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Double Diamond Dude Ranch Dining Hall

other name/site number: Climbers' Ranch Headquarters (modern); Smithsonian Number 48TE1024

2. Location

street & number: About 5 miles north of Moose, west side of Teton Park Road and Cottonwood Creek. not for publication: n/a
vicinity: X

city/town: Moose

state: Wyoming code: WY

county: code: 039

zip code: 83012

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Ronald M Greenberg

Signature of certifying official/Title

7-9-98

Date

Department of Interior, National Park Service

State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Shirley Buckey-wade

Signature of commenting or other official

5/15/98

Date

Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

entered in the National Register
___ see continuation sheet

___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ see continuation sheet

___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ see continuation sheet

___ removed from the National Register
___ see continuation sheet

___ other (explain)

Ronda McCullum

8/18/98

Name of Property

County and State

Owneership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Building

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Grand Teton National Park Multiple Property Listing

Number of Resources within Property		
Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		building(s)
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:
Commerce; Recreation and Culture

Current Function:
Commerce; Recreation and Culture

7. Description

Architectural Classification:
Other: Dude-Ranch Rustic

Materials:
foundation: concrete
walls: log
roof: asphalt
other: stone

**Narrative Description
Summary**

The Double Diamond Dude Ranch is located on an open bench at the base of the Teton Range, near Taggart and Bradley lakes. Most buildings within the complex are log. All are stained dark brown, with teal green door and window trim. This unifying paint palette lends a physical coherence to the complex that belies the incoherent assortment of buildings from different sites and different eras. In a standard dude ranch site design, the log dining hall is located near the center of the building complex where it was easily accessed by dude ranch patrons and where it commands a view of the Teton Range.

The dining hall is a one-story log building constructed on a concrete-pier foundation. Only a short gabled mudroom/entry, centered within the west elevation, disrupts the U-shaped footprint. The "U" opens to the south; mountain views are available through north- and west-elevation windows. The saddle-notched logs are finished with 1/4-pole chinking, stained the same dark brown as the logs. New rolled roofing covers the intersecting gable roof, which features exposed log purlins and modern 2"x4" braces. The large exterior fireplace, composed of fieldstone over a wide base of cut limestone, is a dominant design element. Windows are multiple-light, trimmed with 6" butt-joint trim painted a deep teal green. Exterior doors -- constructed of tongue-and-groove, knotty-pine planks, secured over an interior "X" brace -- are similarly trimmed.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: C
 Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A
 Significant Person(s): N/A
 Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture
 Period(s) of Significance: ca. 1945
 Significant Dates:
 Architect/Builder: Unknowns

Narrative Statement of Significance

Summary

The Double Diamond Dude Ranch Dining Hall is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C, for its association with Rustic architecture, as defined in the Tourism Context of the GRTE Multiple Property Submission. Significant design features include the log construction, massive stone fireplace, ranch-style floorplan, eave brackets, extensive fenestration, and the interior floorplan and finishes. The building's period of significance is limited to the year of construction: ca. 1945.

Frank Williams (a westerner and an experienced guide) and Joseph Clark Jr. (a wealthy easterner enamored of Jackson Hole) opened the Double Diamond Dude Ranch in 1924 on a small 14-acre parcel of land. Initial infrastructure included a log kitchen/dining room cabin, a log lounge cabin, a small commissary cabin, and "about a dozen" tent cabins. The land base was expanded in 1928, when Williams and Clark purchased 40 acres of the adjacent Manges homestead. The ranch provided tent accommodations and a wilderness experience for teenage boys until 1943 when Williams constructed cabins tailored to tourists in search of more comfortable quarters.

A 1940s brochure describes the cabins as well built, "well separated" ("a few hundred feet to a quarter mile from the main building"), with unobstructed views of the mountains. Amenities included "private outdoor toilets" and hot and cold water at the main ranch house; in their simplicity, the cabins "conformed to ranch life as a whole." Tent cabins remained available "for those desiring them" and "good home-cooked meals" were served in the dining room. Recreational opportunities included pack trips "along primitive trails into the big timber and game regions," short hikes along "good trails ... to spots of unsurpassed beauty," and swimming in the swimming hole on Cottonwood Creek. Harry Brown, who, with his wife Nola Williams Brown, assumed half ownership and management responsibilities of the ranch in 1948, remembers that families stayed for three to six weeks. Frank Williams' heirs operated the dude ranch until 1964, when they sold to the National Park Service. The American Alpine Club now leases the property from the NPS and uses the facilities as a hostel for climbers. Much of the historic dude ranch was destroyed by the Taggart Lake Fire that swept across the south edge of the complex in 1985.¹

Of the 15 historic buildings on site in 1985 (14 cabins and a dining hall), only 5 cabins and the dining hall survived the fire. The burned cabins have been replaced with an eclectic assortment of buildings moved from other park sites. These see **continuation page**

¹ Louis O. Williams, "The Double Diamond Ranch of Jackson Hole," no date; Harry Brown and Jo Anne Byrd, interviewed October 1983 (interviewer not identified), p. 4; "Double Diamond," undated brochures (ca. 1945). All in the Dude Ranching/Double Diamond subject file, Teton County Historical Society, Jackson, Wyoming.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bolsing, Ruth. Interview with Janene Caywood of Historical Research Associates, June 28, 1995.

Brown, Harry and Jo Anne Byrd, interviewed October 1983 (interviewer not identified), Dude Ranching/Double Diamond subject file, Teton County Historical Society, Jackson, Wyoming [TCHS].

Clerk and Recorder's Office, Teton County Courthouse, Jackson, Wyoming.

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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 # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other - Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than 1 acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries correspond to the historic foundation line and exclude the modern deck (see attached floor plan).

Boundary Justification

These limited boundaries correspond to National Register recommendations for architecturally significant properties where integrity of setting has been compromised.

11. Form Prepared By

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Property Owner

name/title: National Park Service
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7. Narrative Description, continued

North elevation features include the imposing exterior chimney, sharply offset to the west at the junction with the west wing; a small four-light window located just east of the chimney; and a large 2-light by 2-light sliding-sash window sharply offset to the east, near the intersection with the east wing. East-elevation features are limited to a 4-by-4-by-4 sliding-sash window offset to the north, and a 6-by-6 window offset to the south; the protruding log ends of an interior bearing wall divide this elevation into two equal bays.

Features within the south elevation of the east wing are limited to a vertical-plank door, accessed by a new deck (constructed summer of 1995) and protected by the slight (3.5') extension of the gable end. A cork bulletin board is located just east of the door. A 2-light by 2-light sliding-sash window is offset to the east within the south elevation of the east-west wing. Features within the south elevation of the west wing are limited to a centered 2-light by 2-light sliding-sash window.

A gabled entry/mud room is centered within the west elevation of the west wing. This entry is flanked to either side by 2-light by 2-light sliding-sash windows. Porch features are limited to a vertical-plank door centered within the north elevation, and a six-light by six-light sliding-sash window centered within the south elevation.

Interior Description

The interior appears to be relatively unaltered, although room use has changed since the days of the dude ranch. What was once a small private dining room located at the south end of the east wing is now used as an office. The large commercial kitchen is now a communal kitchen shared by those staying at the hostel. The large dining room -- the entire west wing -- is now a library and lounge.

Interior finishes remain remarkably standard, suggesting that interior modifications have been minor. New 2.5" varnished oak flooring covers the office and library floors; floors were originally 4" fir, covered with linoleum in the 1970s. Rolled linoleum in a vintage pattern covers the kitchen and mudroom/entry floors. Both interior and exterior walls are constructed of logs, finished with 1/4-pole chinking. Ceilings are open, exposing the log purlins and ridgepoles, which are faced with painted plywood (kitchen), 12" planks (mudroom and office), or new 8" planks (dining room). Interior and exterior doors are constructed of vertical tongue-and-groove knotty pine, secured over an "X" brace; these doors are identical to those found at the nearby Highlands Ranch. All light fixtures are modern and metal conduit is exposed.

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8. Statement of Significance, continued

"new" buildings were placed in approximately the same location as the cabins that were burned. (To add to the confusion, replacement cabins were assigned the historic structure number of the buildings that they replaced.) Additional threats to integrity of setting and of association include construction of a modern cook shelter, a modern pumphouse, a modern shed, and a modern showerhouse in the center of the complex.

The larger Double Diamond Dude Ranch is associated with western dude ranch development -- a historically significant theme. However, the complex as a whole retains too little integrity of setting to convey this association and has not been nominated to the National Register under criterion A. Although relatively unmodified, the extant historical cabins, when evaluated outside their association with dude-ranch development, have also not been evaluated as significant representations of non-NPS rustic architecture.²

9. Major Bibliographic References, continued

"Double Diamond," undated brochures (ca. 1945), Dude Ranching/Double Diamond subject file, TCHS.

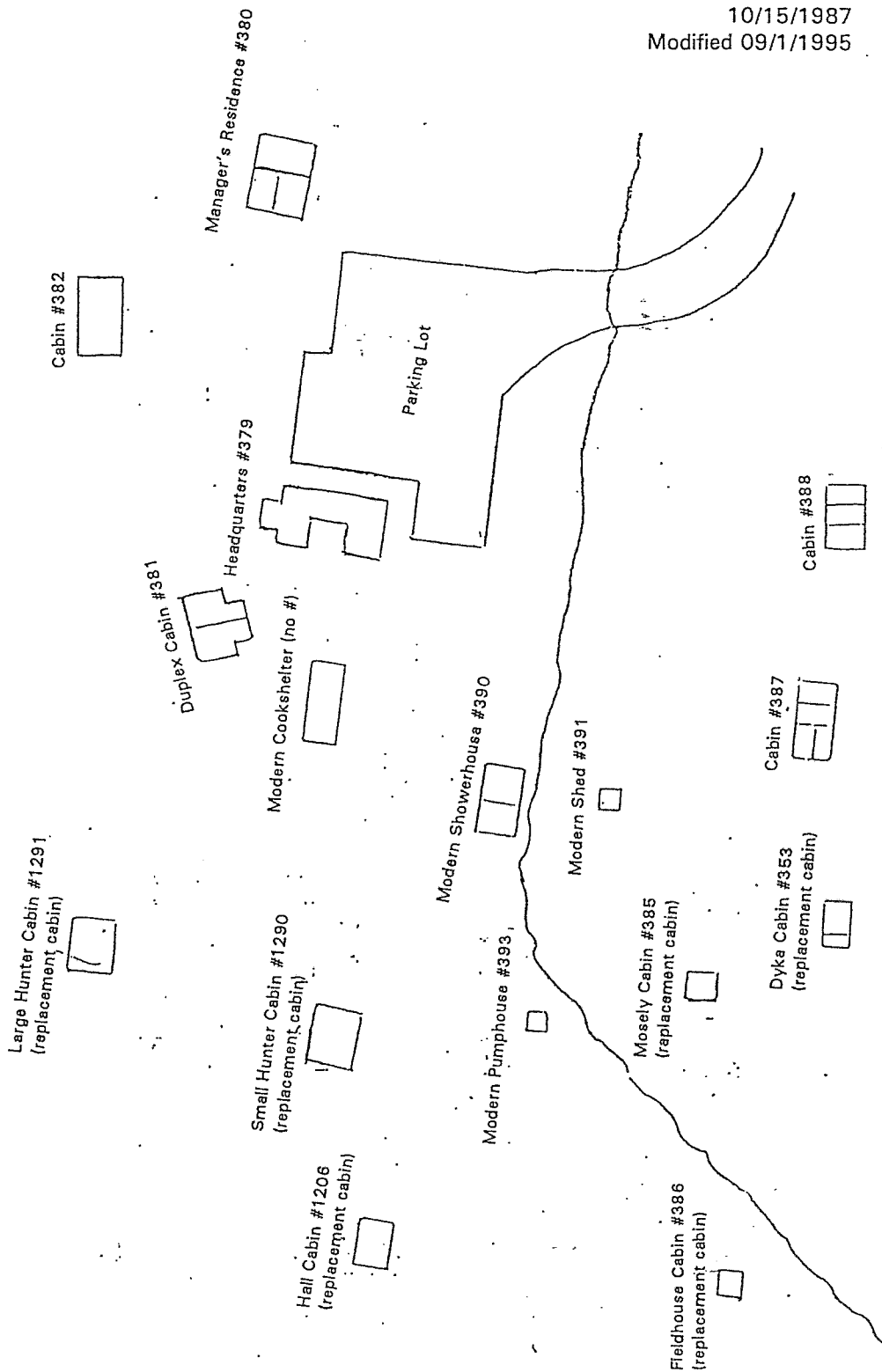
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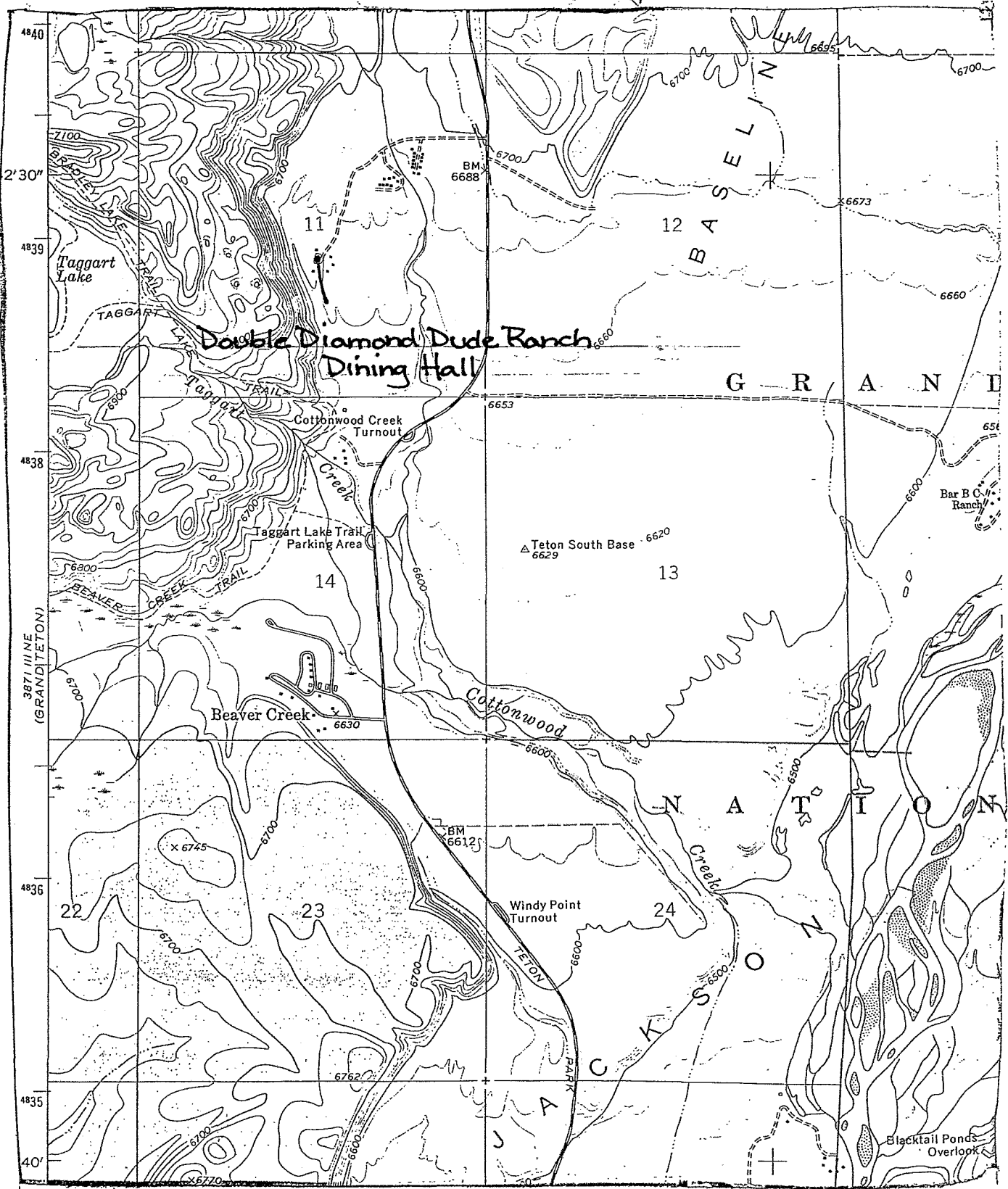
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² Two cabins (HS-1290 and HS-1291), moved from the Hunter Hereford Ranch in 1990, are architect designed (Eber Piers). Although the Hunter cabins retain physical integrity, their architectural significance was dependent in large part upon their physical similarities to, and functional association with, the primary Hunter residence. This association has been severed, e.g. the new setting is not consistent with the historic setting, and the cabins have been evaluated as ineligible to the NRHP. Moreover, the cabins' current placement within a circle of dude-ranch cabins conveys a false impression of their historic function and of Piers' design intent.

Double Diamond Ranch/Climbers' Ranch

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Sec. 11 Twp. 43N Rng. 116W

County Teton County, WY

