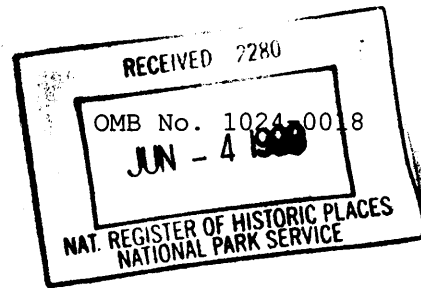


NPS Form 10-900  
(Rev. 10-90)

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. 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. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Kootenai Creek Snowshoe Cabin

other names/site number Kootenai Cabin, Kootenai Creek Cabin, Kootenai Creek Patrol Cabin; Building inventory #648.

2. Location

street & number N/A not for publication N/A  
city or town Glacier National Park, St. Mary vicinity X  
state Montana code 30 county Glacier code 035  
zip code 59411

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 X 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.)

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For Ron  
*Gronberg*

*6-2-99*

Superintendent

Date

Ass't Director, National Center for C.R. Stewardship and Partnership Prog.  
National Park Service, ~~Glacier National Park~~  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property   /   meets        does not meet the National Register criteria. (    See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

  4-19-99  

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

  Montana State Historic Preservation Office, Helena, MT    
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

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4. National Park Service Certification  
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

  Elsan H. Beall     7-1-99  

- entered in the National Register  
           See continuation sheet.
- 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 Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
of Action \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Classification  
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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

Number of Resources within Property

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

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

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)   Glacier National Park Multiple Resource Submission

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: GOVERNMENT: National Park Sub: ADMINISTRATIVE  
Service

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: GOVERNMENT: National Park Sub: ADMINISTRATIVE  
Service

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: NPS Rustic Architecture

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone  
roof Wood Shingle  
walls Log  
other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description

The Kootenai Creek Snowshoe Cabin is a small, rustic structure resting in a mature spruce forest deep in the Park's backcountry. The wild, pristine location is on a lightly-traveled, unmarked trail some eight miles from Goat Haunt Ranger Station. The cabin is single-level structure constructed of spruce logs with saddle notching and square-cut ends. There is concrete daubing (probably not original) between the logs. The log-framed gable roof is surfaced with wood shingles and extends to shelter a large front porch running the width of the structure. The porch is surfaced with flagstone; this is apparently a recent addition. A series of stone piers support the cabin's sill logs. The solid entry door is composed of built-up vertical wood members, and there are two wood-framed six-light windows. The cabin is painted dark brown.

The cabin's interior consists of a single room with a wood floor, and unfinished walls and roof. The interior walls are smoothed somewhat by wood chinking nailed in place. A trap door in the floor provides access to a small cellar food cache. Furnishings include a bed, table and chairs, and wood cabinetry. Lanterns, tools, cooking equipment, and survival items are present. Many interior items and fixtures are historic; others are modern versions of earlier equipment. There is a modern woodstove with a metal chimney extending through the roof of the building.

The cabin is in good condition with some log ends recently having been spliced and replaced. Appearance is little changed from historic, and a high level of integrity has been maintained. The recent but compatible hitchrail, access trail, and pit toilet are not part of this listing.

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.)

N/A

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

GOVERNMENT

Period of Significance 1926-1948

Significant Dates 1926

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder National Park Service

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Kootenai Creek Snowshoe Cabin has served as a stopping place for backcountry patrols for over 70 years. Built to serve as an overnight stop for two-day patrols from Goat Haunt Ranger Station, as well as longer trips through the Flattop region, the cabin sees a pattern of use today very similar to that of the 1920's. Its simple, straightforward design, typical of early park backcountry structures, is totally harmonious with its unspoiled environment. In its materials, lines, and mass, the cabin is the quintessence of National Park Service "rustic architecture" philosophy.

Documentation concerning the construction of this structure is relatively limited. It was apparently one of two snowshoe cabins built in the park's backcountry during the summer of 1926. As with most such building, it was probably built under contract by a local carpenter. Estimated cost was \$600.00. The chosen site was an easy day's journey from Goat Haunt Ranger Station, and at the base of the trail ascent to the Fifty Mountain-Flattop region. This type of siting--eight to ten miles upstream from a Ranger Station--was common in the park's 1920's snowshoe cabins.

Initially, the Kootenai Creek Snowshoe Cabin was located directly on the Flattop-Waterton trail, one of the park's main backcountry travel routes. In 1930, however, the trail was relocated to the ridge high above the cabin to provide a gentler grade. The trail to the cabin then became a little-used fire trail, and visits to the area dropped off considerably. The building apparently suffered several years of neglect; a 1955 inspection trip concluded that the cabin had become unsafe and was to be razed. Restoration work has been performed in recent years, however, and today the cabin is one of Glacier's more attractive backcountry structures. It is used for patrols throughout the year, and is a stopping place on winter ski trips from Waterton to Mineral Creek and Lake McDonald.

Kootenai Creek Snowshoe Cabin has been isolated from the park's main trail system for nearly all its history, and this isolation has helped the building retain an unusual amount of its historic appearance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Final Construction Report: Trails 1927-1930 Ahern to Gunsight (alphabetical)," Glacier National Park Records Collection 1910-1984: Records File 118, Folder 2; Glacier National Park Archives.

"Individual Building Data File: Patrol Cabins." Glacier National Park Records Collection 1910-1984: Records File 150, Folder 2: Glacier National Park Archives.

"Superintendent's Annual Report for the year 1926," Glacier National Park Records Collection 1910-1984: Records File 10, Folder 2; Glacier National Park Archives.

\*\* Additional references are noted in the Multiple Resource Nomination.\*\*

Previous documentation on file (NPS) N/A

\_\_\_ 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

Name of repository: Glacier National Park Archives

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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2	___	___	___	4	___	___

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is a square measuring 100 feet by 100 feet, centered on the building.

Boundary Justification

The resource consists of a single, isolated structure; the boundary is drawn to include the structure and its immediate site.

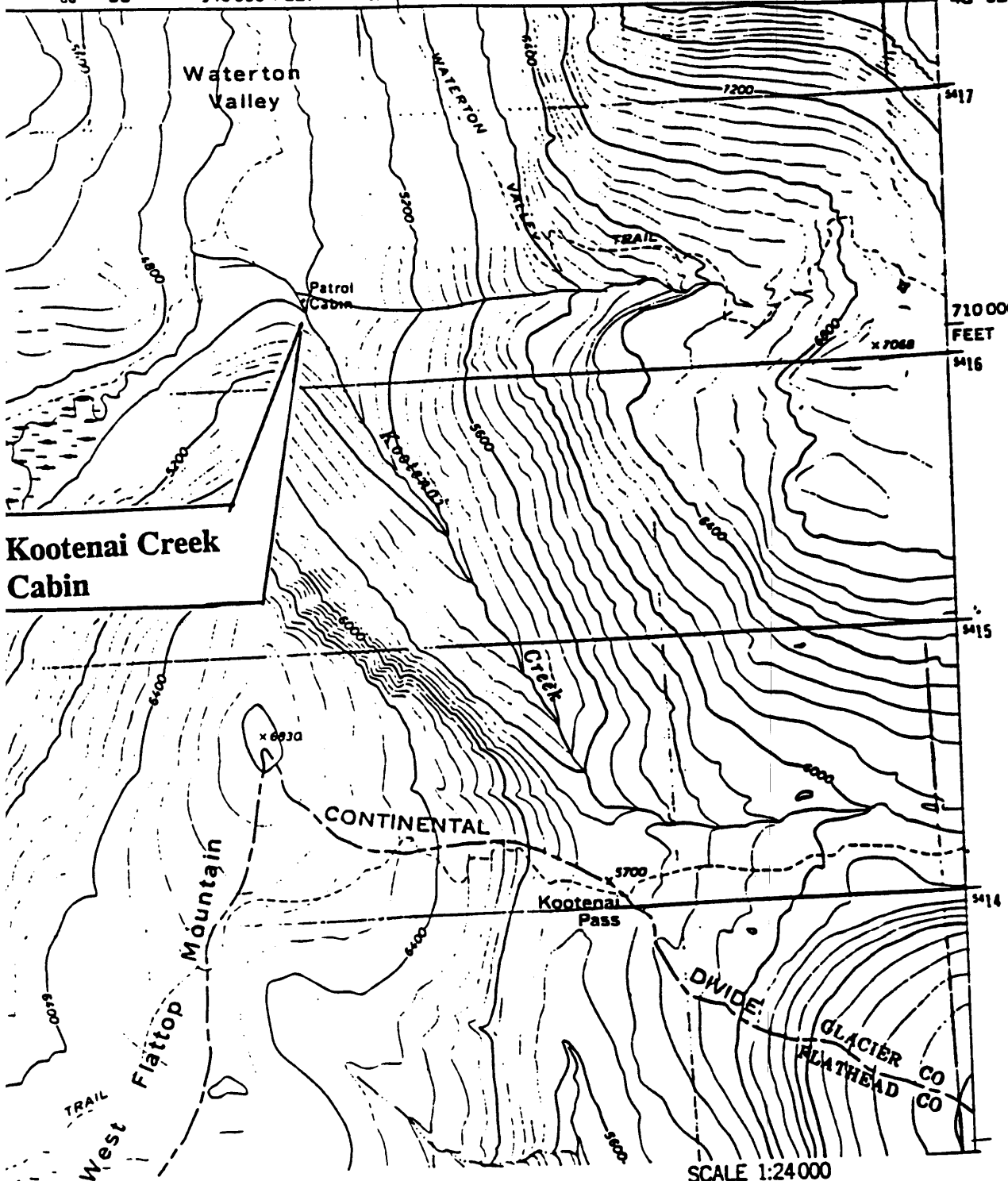
11. Form Prepared By

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organization National Park Service date August 17, 1998  
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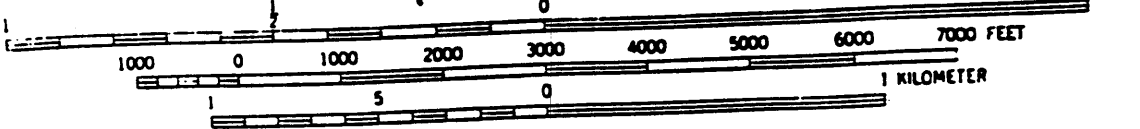
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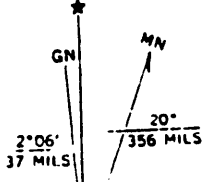


**Kootenai Creek Cabin**

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