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DEPRESSION-ERA BUILDINGS



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NAME: Imnaha Guard Station

LOCATION: Rogue River National Forest, Butte Falls Ranger District;
Congressional District 2; Vicinity of Butte Falls, Oregon (41);
Jackson County (029)

OWNER: USDA Forest Service
Rogue River National Forest
333 West 8th St., P.O. Box 520
Medford, Oregon 97501

CLASSIFICATION/CATEGORY: Building

DESCRIPTION:

Condition

 x Excellent x Unaltered x Original Site

Imnaha Guard Station: 1939; T-shaped, 1 story wood frame, poured concrete foundation, wood-shingled medium gable roof, offset cross gable; inset gable forms front (west) porch roof, supported by 10x10 squared timber posts with curving brackets, affixed; rear entry is covered by a small projecting gabled porch, enclosed. Single coursed rubble interior chimney straddles ridgeline of main gable, centered. Horizontal clapboard exterior to eaveline, vertical boards, corner notches, on all gable ends. Six-over-six double-hung sash windows, singly and in combinations with mullions. Single well-shaped pine tree symbol centered on single board beneath peak of roof on each gable end. No obvious structural or material alterations to exterior. In excellent condition. Cable-wrapped wood stave water tank on raised platform supported by post and beam constructed tower, adjacent to cabin.

Imnaha Guard Station Garage: Rectangular, 1-story, wood frame, poured concrete foundation, wood-shingled medium gable roof. Horizontal clapboard exterior, vertical boards, corner notches, on gable ends. Eight horizontal light sash windows. Large slide opening door offset main facade, single leaf door offset of east gable end. Slender elongated pine tree cut from single board centered below peak of roof on each gable end. No obvious structural or material alterations to exterior.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Imnaha Guard Station typifies the construction projects undertaken by the Civilian Conservation Corps and signifies the aid to the local community provided by the emergency work-relief program through employment of youth and experienced craftsmen, purchase of building materials and camp supplies, and personal expenditures of enrollees. The property represents the Forest Service's presence in the locality, as intradistrict for field operation, and denotes, via the physical facilities required to carry out the agency's expanding responsibilities, the critical transition in the Service's development from custodial superintendence to extensive resource management. The Imnaha Guard Station exemplifies the rustic architectural idiom developed by the Forest Service identity and to represent its purposes and ideals, and signifies the agency's particular interpretation of a singular expression of early twentieth century American architectural thought. Possessing superior qualities of design and execution, the Guard Station is an outstanding example of an architectural location invested with special aesthetic and associative values by the agency that created it.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: 1.0

UTM Reference:

<u>Point</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Easting</u>	<u>Northing</u>
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Imnaha Guard Station

The property is located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF Section 15, Township 33 South, Range 4 East, Willamette Meridian. The boundaries are delineated as follows:

Beginning at the established one-quarter corner common to Sections 15 and 16, T. 33 S., R. 4 E., W.M., thence North 67° East 2,840 feet (calculated) to the True Point of Beginning (being a point located 30 feet south of the southwest corner of the Imnaha Guard Station wooden fence enclosure); thence North (0°) 208.71 feet; thence North 90° East 208.71 feet; thence South (0°) 208.71 feet; thence South 90° West 208.71 feet to the True Point of Beginning, said parcel of land comprising 1.0 acre.