

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

Glacier Ranger Station

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mt. Baker Highway

CITY, TOWN

Glacier

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Washington

CODE

98244

COUNTY

Whatcom

CODE

98244

2 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) U.S.D.A. Forest Service Region 6

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 3623

CITY, TOWN

Portland, Oregon

STATE

VICINITY OF

97208

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Whatcom County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

311 Grand Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Bellingham

STATE

Washington

98225

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Glacier Ranger Station is a detached structure. The single building floorplan has a central rectangular block with wings extending from the long sides. It is referred to as a four room station on standard Forest Service plans. The single story Alpine Bungalow style building is primarily of basalt masonry construction with wood frame wings on the east and west sides. The exterior masonry resembles shale but is thick enough to be near ashlar in appearance. The stone has a natural rustic texture. The sections of the wall not of masonry are sided with weatherboard. There is an exposed masonry chimney on the west side of the central block, just forward of the wing. It is offset by a six foot extension opposite it on the east side. Together the chimney, extension, and square masonry columns flanking the main front entrance and at the end of the wings give the building a very solid cozy appearance.

All of the main exterior walls have 6 over 6 sash windows totalling 14. The north facing main entrance is flanked by windows and is covered by the main gable end which extends 5 feet to support columns in portico fashion. The gable end itself is decorated with scroll work and cut out tree designs. The roof shape is basically a central high gable met on each side by gabled wings which drop to sheds on the east and west ends. The roof covering is cedar shingle. The basalt masonry is repeated in the curbing and fencing used on the grounds of the station.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1938

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Glacier Ranger Station is the main office for the Glacier Ranger District one of six administering the Mt. Baker National Forest in Whatcom and Skagit counties Washington. It remains as one of the best examples of the type of projects taken on by the federal government to combat the depression of the 1930's. Though Washington state was also home of more dramatic Works Progress Administration projects such as the Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia River during those economically difficult times, it was one of the first states to establish Civilian Conservation Corps camps. Camp Glacier(F-12), which was responsible for building the Glacier Ranger Station, was one of seventy such camps set up in Washington. It was established in June of 1933, only ten weeks after Franklin Roosevelt took over the Presidency and began his New Deal.

The existing Glacier Ranger Station is the second to serve as headquarters for the district in the town of Glacier. The site for the station was originally withdrawn from public land use by the Secretary of the Interior on March 16, 1908. The first station(1908-1931) was demolished when the Mt. Baker highway was constructed along it's present route. Two of the wood frame buildings which were part of the old complex are still in use today by the district though they have been moved and altered.

The ranger station, as it presently stands, was completed in 1938 as one of the later projects done by the men of C.C.C. camp Glacier. There was a complement of 200 C.C.C. enrollees and 45 local experienced men(LEMS)at the camp working under 5 army officers. Several of the building constructed for use at the camp, which was some distance from the station, are still in use as a summer church camp on the Mt. Baker highway.

The actual work on the station took several months. The biggest part of the project was the masonry. Under the supervision of a journeyman mason, one of the LEMS, the columnar basalt used was quarried during the summer season from deposits near Heather Meadows at the head of the Mt. Baker highway. It was then trucked to the construction site where most of the actual laying was done by the mason. The framing, roofing, and finishing was done by men from the crew.

Although the building does not follow them exactly, the plans for the station were from a series of standard building plans done during 1936 for the Forest Service and initialed L.A.F. The fact that the building did not go up following the standard plan is consistent with the innovative nature of C.C.C. projects in Washington. It is an excellent example of the way designs and material were improvised to limit expenses and utilize a vigorous labor force.

Very few changes or improvements have been made to the Glacier Ranger Station beyond the necessary maintenance of the building. The interior did undergo some remodeling in 1967 but the exterior was not altered at that time nor since.

The Glacier Ranger Station, though young by national historic site standards, is a crafted example of C.C.C. projects which demonstrate a high degree of skill. Unlike road building or forest work, the ranger station displays an expertise which is not usually associated with the Civilian Conservation Corps.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Roth, Lottie Roeder, History of Whatcom County. 1926 Pioneer Historical Publishing, Seattle
 Bellingham Herald
 Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, Canada House, Western Washington University
 Whatcom Museum of History and Art, The Mount Baker Book (Rare Book Collection)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A | 10 | 578050 | 5415300 |
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 C | | | | | | | | | |

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

B | | | | | | | | | |
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 D | | | | | | | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property, not including outbuildings, is a lot approximately 100 feet by 100 feet. The northern boundary is the Mt. Baker highway and the building faces north on the lot (Mt. Baker highway).

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Michael Sullivan

ORGANIZATION Private

DATE 4/16/79

STREET & NUMBER 1717 Eldridge Avenue

TELEPHONE 671-3525

CITY OR TOWN Bellingham

STATE Washington

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES X NO _____ NONE _____

James M. Welch
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE [Signature]

TITLE X [Signature] DATE 7/15/80

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<u>W. Ray Luce</u> DIRECTIONS OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	<u>[Signature]</u> KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
ATTEST: <u>Emmeline Sage</u> KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER <u>for Regional Coordinator</u>	DATE <u>9/17/80</u> DATE <u>9-16-80</u>

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That portion of land lying within the S.W. 1/4 of the N.W. 1/4 of Section 8, T39N, R7E, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN in the County of Whatcom, State of Washington, herein described:

Commencing at the N.W. corner of Section 8 (Common corner to Sections $\frac{6}{7} \frac{5}{8}$) T39N, R7E, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN. Taking a backsite on the bearing tree in Section 5, T39N, R7E, W.M. finding the bearing to be N38°E (original of bearing from Section Corner to B.T. Tree). Thence along projected Section line between Sections 7&8, T39N, R7E, (S0°05'E) 684 $\frac{814}{}$ feet (calculated) to a point, thence a deflection angle of 90° to the left and in an Easterly Direction of 271 $\frac{105}{}$ feet (calculated) to the True Point of Beginning. Thence S77° 55'28"E, 67 $\frac{576}{}$ feet to a point, thence S11° 02'13"W, 52 $\frac{945}{}$ feet to a point, thence N77° 57'33"W, 71 $\frac{532}{}$ feet to a point, thence N15°18'43"E, 53 $\frac{065}{}$ feet back to the True Point of Beginning.

Said piece of land contains 0.08 acres - more or less.