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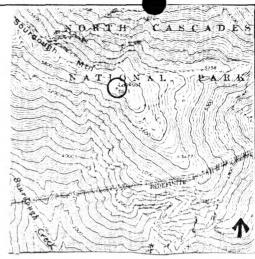
Westin Build Room 1920 2001 Sixth Avenue Seattle, Washington 98121

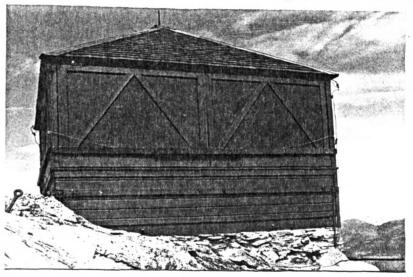
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NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE/SI (Building)	TE SOURDOUGH MOUNT	AIN LOOKOUT		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	SITE ID. NO.		
SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION	On Sourdough Mounta			1933	SCALE 1:24000		NAME Lake
	feet, 5 miles from	trailhead at	Diablo	ADDITION(S)	UTM ZONE EASTING NORTHING		
DISTRICT	COUNTY	STATE			CROSS REFERENCE NOCA Bldg. #1226 /I-5		
Skagit	Whatcom	Washingt	on	CONTRIBUTING	DANGER OF D	EMOLITION?	☐ YES
OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS	National Park Servi	ce		NON- CONTRIBUTING	(SPECIFY THREAT) NO UNKNOWN		□no
DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, IMPORT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC. Cabin. Wood frame set on rock foundation; square (14'3"x14')				CURRENT USE	ORIGINAL USE Firewatch/lookout		
				Vacant			
5 bays wide; 1-story; sh Exterior features includ	iplap siding; wood-sh	ingled hip ro	of; off-ce	enter door on e inged shutters	east with wor with diagon	od panel ar al bracing.	nd glass door.
The U.S. Forest Service erected fire lookouts as part of their fire protection system for the forests. Most of the lookouts were built between 1920-1935. W.W.II brought a perceived threat from across the Pacific and this led to the manning of some lookouts as part of the military's Aircraft Warning System. After the war, aerial surveillance and other technological advances rendered the old lookouts obsolete. Many were torn down in the 1960s. The first lookout on this mountain was erected in 1917 by Glee Davis (early upper Skagit Valley resident). He hand-split shakes and siding at his homestead at Cedar Bar and packed the materials up the mountain with horses. His father-in-law was the first lookout (Campbell). The structure was about 10' x 10' with a 6' x 6' cupola. The present lookout was erected by the CCC's in 1933, replacing Davis' building. This lookout is no longer used on a regular basis. It is a popular destination for day hikers. A new roof was installed in 1980.							
PUBLIC YES, LIN ACCESSIBILITY NO	MITED YES, UNLIMITED	EXISTING SURVEYS	□NR	□HABS □NHL		□STATE	□LOCAL □OTHER
LOCATED IN AN YES			CONDITIO	N ☐ EXCELLI		IR TERIORATED	RUINS
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SIGNIFICANCE Eligible under Nat. Reg. Criterion A: for its association with USFS stewardship of National Forests, and under Criterion C: as an example of a distinct type of construction and architectural expression. Of the 43 lookouts erected by the USFS in the Mt. Baker National Forest since 1915, only three are extant within NOCA. This is a good example of the type of structure designed by the USFS in the 1930s for their fire protection system, and Sourdough Lookout is the site of the first such structure to be built in the North Cascades. It possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

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HABS/HAER QUALITY

□YES

NO

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