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INVENTORY SHEET FOR GROUP NOMINATIONS: IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BOISE, IDAHO

NOMINATION: Historic Resources of Challis (Partial Inventory: Architectural Properties)

SITE NAME: Bux's Place SITE # 15

LOCATION: 321 Main Avenue, Challis, Idaho

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Willis and Syvilla Buxton, c/o Charlie Harvie, Box 371, Challis, Idaho

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Challis, 15 minute ACREAGE: less than one

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nomination includes Bux's Place and the property on which it stands, block 25, the east half of lot 4, Challis, Idaho.

UTM(S): 11/7,19,800/49,31,450

DATE OR PERIOD: 1880's? EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture

fair condition                      altered                      original site

DESCRIPTION:

Bux's Place is a two-story horizontal log structure with a shiplap and clapboard false front covering its north gable facade. The round log walls, left unpeeled, have been chinked with lime over adobe. Several rechinkings are apparent. The logs are joined with very rough half-dovetail notching, and at the front corners the log ends are nailed to a large hewn corner timber. The storefront has attached corner posts and a simple cornice. The lower story has a tripartite arrangement of transomed door and windows under a molded entablature. The windows are covered with aluminum storm windows, but from the interior they appear intact. The present lower fenestration is an alteration from the 1930's. Attached to the upper facade is a neon sign with a beer glass, reading "Bux's Place."

SIGNIFICANCE:

Bux's Place is a good representative of the log commercial building with a frame false front, several of which appear in an 1881 lithograph of Challis. This building is the only eligible example we can definitely identify as log on Main Avenue in Challis. The upper storefront remains unaltered, and alterations to the lower front are in keeping with the building's style. The use of columns, cornice, and entablature represent the general style of Challis commercial buildings of the period. On the interior, wall murals and a period bar enhance the building's atmosphere.