

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

historic name Keystone Work Center
other names/site number 48AB725

2. Location

street & number Medicine Bow National Forest /NA/not for publication
city, town Albany /XX/vicinity
state Wyoming code 48 county Albany code 001 zip code 82070

3. Classification

Ownership of Property		Category of Property		Number of Resources within Property	
				Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/>	private	<input type="checkbox"/>	building(s)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	district	<u>4</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	public-State	<input type="checkbox"/>	site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/>	structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/>	object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
				<u>4</u>	<u> </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
DEPRESSION-ERA USDA FOREST SERVICE
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEXES ON MEDICINE BOW
NATIONAL FOREST, WYOMING

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

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Wanda J. DeBorja 2/9/94
Signature of certifying official Date
Federal Preservation Officer
USDA - Forest Service

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Shirley Buckner-Wade - Deputy SPD 1/24/94
Signature of certifying official Date
for John Keck
State Historic Preservation Officer

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.

See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.

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determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Mag M. W. 4/11/94
for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government: Government Office

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government: Government Office

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: USFS Rustic Architecture

Materials enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Wood: Log

Wood: Weatherboard

roof Wood: Shingle

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Summary

The Keystone Work Center is located in the Little Beaver Creek drainage on the southeastern slopes of the Medicine Bow Range in southern Wyoming. It was originally built as a remote ranger station and converted into a work center when the Keystone Ranger District was discontinued. It is situated in a grassy clearing surrounded by lodgepole pine. The USDA Forest Service Facility has four contributory historic buildings built from 1937 to 1947. Present at the site are an Office/Dwelling, Dwelling, Shop/Garage, and a Flammable Storage shed. The nominated property is a good example of a Forest Service ranger station built during the Depression-era. It retains all of its significant original buildings in their historic setting with no apparent intrusions and only minor modifications. The buildings illustrate the use of standard architectural plans typical of the construction of ranger stations during the Depression. The Keystone Work Center retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Setting

The Keystone Work Center is located on the southeastern slopes of the Medicine Bow Range at an elevation of 8863 feet. The buildings are surrounded by dense pine forest and are designed to blend with these surroundings. The Keystone Work Center buildings are located in a narrow drainage with a heavy pine forest cover. The buildings are in a a small clearing surrounded by pine trees with Little Beaver Creek located to the southwest of the site.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions) Period of Significance Significant Dates

<u>ARCHITECTURE</u>	<u>1938-1946</u>	<u>1941</u>
<u>SOCIAL HISTORY</u>		
<u>POLITICS/GOVERNMENT</u>		
<u>CONSERVATION</u>		
	Cultural Affiliation	
	<u>N/A</u>	

Significant Person	Architect/Affiliation
<u>N/A</u>	<u>USDA Forest Service, Region 2</u>

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Summary

The Keystone Work Center is significant under criterion "A" for its association with expansion of Forest Service administration from custodial superintendence to active resource management. With the exception of the Dwelling, it was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps and reflects the contribution of this Federal Works program to the expansion of Forests Service resource management during the 1930's. It is also significant under criterion "C" because it embodies a distinctive style of architecture developed by the Forest Service during the Depression-era. The use of standard plans was typical of remote Forest Service installations and the log building style conformed well with the forested surroundings. The buildings represent a distinctive Forest Service architectural design style and philosophy. The period of significance dates from 1937, when the first logs were cut to the completion of construction activities in 1944 when the dwelling was completed. The period spans the end of the Great Depression and the disbanding of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Historic Contexts/Background

The Keystone Work Center is significant for its association with expansion of Forest Service administration from custodial superintendence to active resource management. (See "Depression-Era USDA Forest Service Administrative Complexes in the enclosed Multiple Property Form" for additional information).

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Grasso, Dennis N., Scott Thybony, Robert Rosenberg and Elizabeth Rosenberg
1981 Class I Cultural Resource Overview of the Medicine Bow National Forest
Including Thunder Basin National Grassland. High Plains Consultants,
Laramie, WY.

Operation Records for the CCC, National Archives, Denver Colorado.

USDA Forest Service Withdrawal, Facilities, Real Property, and Historical files,
Medicine Bow National Forest, Laramie, Wyoming.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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 hist. preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Medicine Bow National Forest

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 20 acres

UTM References

1	<u>1 3 </u>	<u>3 9 5 1 9 5 </u>	<u>4 5 5 8 2 1 0 </u>	2	<u>1 3 </u>	<u>3 9 5 3 0 0 </u>	<u>4 5 5 8 2 1 0 </u>
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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of Keystone Work Center is delineated by the polygon whose vertices are marked by the following UTM references: 1 13 395195 4558210, 2 13 395300 4558210, 3 13 395300 4557950, 4 13 395195 4557950. The area surrounding the complex within the boundary is not considered a "buffer area," but is integral to the setting of the property. The boundary of the Keystone Work Center is shown as a solid line on the accompanying site plan.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes that land which was purchased on July 17, 1941 (Letter in Withdrawal Files) for the purposes of constructing the Keystone Ranger Station Administrative Site.

11. Form Prepared By

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Contributing Buildings

Office/Dwelling (#3527): The Office/Dwelling is a one-story, irregular shaped log structure with a rubble stone foundation and an open stone porch attached to the southeast side. The construction uses horizontal, saddle-notched logs. The roof is medium-gabled and is covered with wood shingles. A vertical-board wood door with one pane in the top leads from the porch into the interior of the structure. A wooden panel door with a 4-pane window is located on the northwest side of the building. Windows are either eight-pane casement type or six-pane casement type. The building originally contained a one-room office, one bedroom, a partial basement and a two-car garage. In 1964 the garage was walled in with log siding and converted to a kitchen (see photo). It was constructed from 1939 to 1941 with standard Forest Service plans.

Dwelling (#3539): The Dwelling is a one-story, rectangular shaped log structure with a rubble stone foundation and an open stone porch attached to the southeast side. The construction uses horizontal, saddle-notched logs. The roof is medium-gabled and is covered with wood shingles. A single panelled wood door with one pane in the top panel leads from the porch into the interior of the structure. A similar door is located on the northwest side. Windows are either eight-pane casement type or six-pane casement type. All of the appropriate windows have horizontal board shutters with the CCC tree emblem. The buildings contains a kitchen, two bedrooms, living room with stone fireplace and a full basement. The building was first proposed in 1941 and plans were submitted to the Regional Office at that time. Actual construction did not start until 1944 and it was completed in 1946. It was not built by the CCC, but rather by a carpenter hired by the Forest Service of the name of Glen Watson. He used the bridge crew from the Foxpark District as help to completed the most of the building in 1944. He did not return the next year and the inside of the building was finished by others in 1945 to 1946. It was built to standard Forest Service plans.

Garage (#3556): The Garage is a one-story, rectangular shaped log structure with a cement foundation and a full loft. It has two bays with overhead sliding doors and a two-room work space. The construction uses horizontal, saddle-notched logs. The roof is medium-gabled and was orginally covered with wood shingles, but is now covered with galvanized metal. It has a vertical board door on the southeast side. Windows are six-pane casement type that open inward. It was constructed in 1942 from standard Forest Service plans

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Flammable Storage (#3583): The Flammable Storage shed is a square shaped wood frame building. The shed roof is medium-gabled and covered with wood shingles. It has a single vertical-board door. The siding is horizontal-board. It has no windows and has a wood foundation sitting on rocks. The building was constructed in 1937 at the original Keystone Ranger Station and moved to its present location in the early 1940's.

Integrity

The Keystone Work Center has undergone only very minor alterations to the buildings since it was first constructed. The Office/Dwelling had the garage converted into a kitchen and the Garage had the shingle roof replaced with galvanized metal. There are no buildings or structures outside the property boundary that impact the visual integrity of the complex. The complex possesses integrity of design, workmanship, materials, setting, feeling, and association and, therefore, is a good representation of a USDA Forest Service administrative complex from the depression.

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Historic Contexts/Background

The Office/Dwelling and Garage at the Keystone Work Center were constructed in 1939-1942 by crews from the Chimney Park Side Camp (F-17-W, Plans of Work, 1939-1942). At the time the old Keystone Ranger Station (1913) was located about a mile away. A letter written by the Medicine Bow National Forest Supervisor to the Regional Forester in 1938 refers to logs being cut in 1937 for the combination building (Office/Dwelling). They were hauled to Chimney Park where they the building would be constructed on a false foundation and hauled to the site at a later date. The letter also refers to Ranger Graw's wife and the need for the new Ranger Station to be far enough away from tiehacks and their frequent celebrations, but close enough to Keystone to get supplies. The Dwelling was not constructed by the CCC. It was built by Glenn Watson, a carpenter hired by the Forest Service in 1944. He used Forest Service employees as help and completed all of the building except plastering and other inside work. That was completed in 1945 and 1946. It was built in the same style and with the same materials as the CCC constructed buildings. The Work Center is still being used presently by work crews from the Laramie Ranger District.

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