

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION, GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

REGION: Rocky Mountain PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Employee Garage/Woodshed STRUCTURE NUMBER: 474

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Sherburne Ranger Station QUADRANGLE NAME: Lake Sherburne, MT
 Historic District

Zone Easting Northing QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute
 UTM A: 12 310720 5410780

CLASSIFICATION:		NUMBER OF RESOURCES:	
OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY:	CATEGORY:	CONTRIBUTING	NONCONTRIBUTING
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

This structure is situated behind the ranger cabin (#171), and is an L-plan with exterior pole frame and vertical board walls. The intersecting gable roof has cedar shingles and log purlins. The structure rests on a concrete pad foundation and is in fair condition. The scale, materials, and design of this exterior log-framed garage are compatible with the more significant buildings of the ranger station. Despite the fact that the structure is less than 50 years old, it should be considered as a contributing element in the Sherburne Ranger Station Historic District because it is reflective of the architectural values of the other significant buildings.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1936

The garage was constructed in 1936 at a cost of \$332.86 by the Civilian Conservation Corps.¹ Research has not yielded any significant historical information concerning persons or events associated with this building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

As a prominent feature of a ranger station complex, the garage exhibits good integrity and contributes to the overall significance of the site. The garage/woodshed was an essential element in the operation of the ranger station. Similar structures were essential for ranger stations after the advent of the automobile and prior to reliance on fuels other than wood. Although the structure is less than 50 years old, it is a cohesive element in the complex, both historically and architecturally, and should be considered as a compatible structure.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE:

¹"Buildings Built by CCC Since 1935 to December 1937," File: 620, General, GNPLA.

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REGION: Rocky Mountain PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Entrance Checking Station STRUCTURE NUMBER: 476

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Sherburne Ranger Station QUADRANGLE NAME: Lake Sherburne, MT
 Historic District; entrance of Swiftcurrent or Many Glacier Valley
 Zone Easting Northing QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute
 UTM A: 12 310720 5410780

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

The structure has double outrigger wings or "port cochere" with a central, rectangular office. There is a newer, enclosed checking station at the north end. The structure is log-on-log construction with reverse saddle notches, staggered end cuts, half sapling chinking, and squared sill log. The intersecting gable roof has pole rafters and asphalt shingles. The structure is in good to fair condition. Rustic, old-style entrance stations like the Sherburne Station are no longer plentiful in the national parks. The double porte-cochere of this standard plan allowed the ranger access to incoming and outgoing traffic while sheltered in a spacious, central office. Today, campers and trailers unable to pass beneath the canopies have caused the alteration of the north wing with a small, manned booth to serve incoming oversized vehicles. The Sherburne-Many Glacier entrance station, although somewhat altered, is an excellent example of the rustic style of architecture once dominant in the National Park System. It epitomizes the synthesis of buildings designed to complement and harmonize with the natural environment while meeting functional requirements. The building is architecturally significant and is a contributing element of the site.¹

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1928

The Sherburne ranger station/Many Glacier entrance checking station is the last remaining building of its type in the Park. According to the Final Construction Report, James Brown received the contract to build the checking station for \$450. However, Brown only completed the foundation and piers for the structure and then refused to finish the job. The Park Service built the remainder of the structure. An identical building constructed for the Two Medicine checking station from the same plan no longer exists.² The Sherburne ranger station was an essential element in the administration of Glacier National Park and represents an important development in the evolution of the Park's history.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This tamarack log checking station is both architecturally and historically significant. Under these criteria, it is individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under criteria a and c and is a contributing structure of the proposed Sherburne Ranger Station Historic District.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE:

- ¹Henry G. Law, "Historic Resources Study Phase II, Glacier National Park, Montana," (1977), p. 104.
- ²Final Construction Report, Checking Station: Sherburne," File: D-34, Buildings, Checking Stations, GNPLA.

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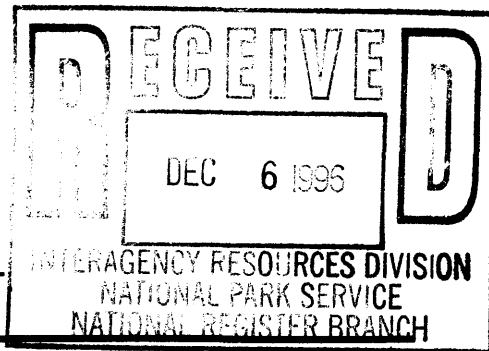
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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 80. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official/Title

12.5.95
Date

National Park Service
State or Federal agency or bureau

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

[Signature]
Signature of commenting or other official

SEP 29 1995
Date

Montana State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

- entered in the National Register
 see continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the National Register
 see continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the National Register
 see continuation sheet
- removed from the National Register
 see continuation sheet
- other (explain) additional documentation

[Signature]
Signature of the Keeper

1/19/96
Date of Action

Additional Documentation Accepted

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Building Interiors

The following buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places as contributors to the Sherburne Ranger Station Historic District. Additional documentation is provided below for the purpose of describing and evaluating building interiors for integrity and significance.

7. Narrative Description

Ranger Station (#171), 1925

Like the ranger stations at Belly River and Upper Lake McDonald, this station was constructed as a seasonal office and residence. The building contains two bedrooms (one of which originally served as an office), a living room, a kitchen, a bathroom, and a small eating area. All interior surfaces, including the log walls and exposed log purlins, have been painted white. Doors are five-panel wood or vertical-board and all molding is four-inch. All light fixtures are modern.

The office/southwest bedroom features 4" fir floors, a drop ceiling covered with painted 6" shiplap, and 3" shiplap, painted, on the north and west walls. Wallboard with 1" battens covers the south and west "exterior" walls. The wallboard represents a post-construction modification: log, exposed during the historic period, remains exposed in the west wall of the built-in closet. An exterior door in the south wall testifies to the room's original use as an office space with separate entrance. A second door leads to the living room.

As in the office, south and east walls are finished with plywood-with-battens and the north and west walls are finished with 6" shiplap. Shiplap atop exposed log purlins (painted white) forms the drop ceiling. A fireplace constructed of uncut roughly coursed stone dominates the north wall, between the entrance to the northwest bedroom and the entry to the kitchen. A heavy mantel, approximately 4" thick by 12" deep, runs the length of the fireplace, approximately four courses from the top. The scored-concrete hearth is extensively chipped. The fire box has been infilled and replaced with a modern gas heating unit, vented through the chimney.

Northwest bedroom finishes are identical to those in the southwest room, with the exception of the exterior door.

The bathroom, accessed through both the northwest bedroom and the kitchen, is finished with rolled linoleum flooring, plywood-with-battens on the north wall, and 6" shiplap on the east and west walls. The parged and painted back of the stone chimney forms the south wall. All fixtures are modern and plastic electric conduit is exposed.

The kitchen floor is covered with rolled linoleum and the ceiling is dropped (shiplap over exposed purlins). Plywood-with-battens covers the west and south walls. In contrast to the wood-frame interior walls elsewhere in the house, the north and east walls are log; log ends are hewn flat to accommodate door surrounds. The lower kitchen cupboard units feature the unpaneled, enameled cupboard doors with stainless-steel pulls found

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Photographs

- 1) Photographer: Nancy Niedernhofer
- 2) Date of Photographs: September 1992
- 3) Location of Negatives: National Park Service, RMR-RC, Denver, CO.

PHOTO NUMBER	STRUCTURE NAME AND NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	Ranger Station (#171)	North wall living room. Note fireplace and dropped ceiling
2	Ranger Station (#171)	East wall kitchen. Note door surround construction and paneled cupboard
3	Ranger Station (#171)	SW bedroom closet. Note unpainted exposed log
4	Ranger Station (#171)	East wall NW bedroom. Note bathroom and five-panel door
5	Mess Hall (#173)	North wall of kitchen. Note modern loft space
6	Mess Hall (#173)	Detail of shower
7	Barn (#473)	Stall detail
8	Barn (#473)	Detail of log wall. Note evidence that a stall partition has been removed
9	Employee Garage/Woodshed (#474)	Ceiling detail
10	Employee Garage/Woodshed (#474)	Interior walls, woodshed component
11	Employee Garage/Woodshed (#474)	Garage component. Note ceiling
12	Entrance Station (#476)	Detail of chimney. Note pole-frame desk
13	Entrance Station (#476)	Safe on concrete pad
14	Entrance Station (#476)	Detail of door