

CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT  
(Attach 4" x 5" Black and White Photograph)

10/18/87

REGION RMRO PARK/AREA NAME Canyonlands Natl. Park PARK NUMBER 1340

STRUCTURE NAME Kirk's Cabin STRUCTURE NUMBER NEED - 28

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE Upper Salt Creek Canyon PARK LOCATION CODE -PG

NATIONAL REGISTER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE:  / / MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: (A) (B) (C) (D)

NPS LEGAL INTEREST Fee MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT: NO

Check all of the following categories for which NPS has treatment responsibility:

Stabilization  Cyclic Maintenance  Routine Maintenance  Approved Ultimate Treatment

(ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION USE ONLY)

APPROVED ULTIMATE TREATMENT OR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN, CULTURAL COMPONENT DESIGNATION:

Preservation	(PP)	Restoration	(RR)	Reconstruction	(CC)
Adaptive Preservation	(AP)	Adaptive Restoration	(AR)	Adaptive Reconstruction	(AC)
Neglect	(NG)	Remove	(RM)	No Approved Treatment	(NO)

Approval Document \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Document Date:  / /

Estimated Treatment Costs \_\_\_\_\_

Stabilization:	\$ _____	Date: <u> / /</u>	Level of Estimate:	(A) (B) (C)
Approved Treatment:	\$ _____	Date: <u> / /</u>	Estimator:	(Region) (DSC) (A&E)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Date of Construction: ca/ / 1890 Date of Alterations: / / none apparent  
 Architect/Designer: Kirk Lee Historical Theme(s): Farming Early/Ranching Late  
 History of Structure: This cabin, built by a (VI F4) (VII A4) homesteader, Lee Kirk during the late 19th century on his claim, was to have been the center of his farming operation. He was unable to keep his farm going and he abandoned the site after a few years. Since then it appears to have been used periodically by cowboys tending herds grazing in the area. Since the land was taken over by the NPS the cabin appears to have been used by hikers & backpackers as shelter.  
 Evaluation of Structure: Historic Theme Contributing  Non-Contributing \_\_\_\_\_  
 National Register Criteria: Ax B\_ C\_ D\_ (Include integrity statement)  
The cabin retains both locational and a high degree of physical integrity. In association with it is a wagon frame Kirk reportedly hauled in to use to carry his farm products to market.  
 Bibliography: C/S Mehls. Canyonlands, Arches & Natural Bridges Historic Resource Study, BLM Land Records, BLM, Utah State Office, Salt Lake City, Utah  
 Representation in Other Surveys: 1975 LCS (not visited)

If structure has been removed, how? N/A Date: / /

Report prepared by: S. Mehls Date: 4/28/86

Condition: G  
 Documentation: F  
 Significance: L  
 Internal Impacts: L/WEA/POP  
 External Impacts: L/WEA/POP

LOCATION: Section 20 State Utah USE: CURRENT INTERIOR USE (NPS 28 CODE) 00  
 Township 32S County San Juan Original Use Homestead/Residence  
 Range 20E Intermediate Uses \_\_\_\_\_  
 PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NPS 28 CODE) HI

OWNERSHIP: Present Owner: NPS DRAWING NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Owner: Lee Kirk NEGATIVE NO. CAB 8, # 8, 9, 10, 11  
 Intermediate Owner(s): BLM

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TYPE OF STRUCTURE (NPS 28 CODE): BU CHIMNEYS: fieldstone & fieldstone fireplace

ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER (STYLE): vernacular log

SITE (INCLUDE ORIENTATION OF STRUCTURE):  PORCHES: n/a

OVERALL BUILDING PLAN (FOOTPRINT): rectangle WINDOWS: 1 opening - square

OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 18'x22'4"

COMPOSITION (NPS 28 CODE): WD

STORIES: 1 DOORS: 1 opening, metal hinges in door frame

FOUNDATION: random and rough cut fieldstone ADDITIONS: None

WALLS: hewn log, false cornered notches, mud & pole daubing & chinking, partially held together with 1" diameter wood pegs INTERIOR PLAN: open

ROOF: low end gabled, 2 center ridge poles, pole & soil INTERIOR FINISHES: rough hewn log/dirt floor ceiling is inside of pole roof

SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES:

Hikers & camper use of interior may potentially damage or destroy this resource.  
 NOTE: The structure may have been significantly rebuilt and altered by volunteer stabilization efforts in 1976. Also, post-survey NPS patrols indicate that two walls have been severely damaged by visitors during 1986.

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REGION RMRO PARK/AREA NAME Canyonlands Natl. Park PARK NUMBER 1340

STRUCTURE NAME Kirk's Corral STRUCTURE NUMBER NEED - 29

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE Upper Salt Creek PARK LOCATION CODE PG

NATIONAL REGISTER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE:  / / MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: (A) (B) (C) (D)

NPS LEGAL INTEREST FEE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT: NO

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APPROVED ULTIMATE TREATMENT OR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN, CULTURAL COMPONENT DESIGNATION.

Preservation (PP) Restoration (RR) Reconstruction (CC)  
Adaptive Preservation (AP) Adaptive Restoration (AR) Adaptive Reconstruction (AC)  
Neglect (NG) Remove (RM) No Approved Treatment (NO)

Approval Document \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Document Date:  / /  
Estimated Treatment Costs \_\_\_\_\_

Stabilization: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  / / Level of Estimate: (A) (B) (C)  
Approved Treatment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  / / Estimator: (Region) (DSC) (A&E)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Date of Construction: ca / / 1890 Date of Alterations:  / / none apparent  
Architect/Designer: Lee Kirk Historical Theme(s): Farming, Early/Ranching/Late  
History of Structure: This corral was built by (VI E4) (VII A4)  
Lee Kirk as an improvement to his homestead and probably was used to contain his riding & draft horses. Later it may have been used by cowboys tending livestock grazing in the area. It appears to have been abandoned before the NPS took control of the area with the creation of Canyonlands National Park in 1964.

Evaluation of Structure: Historic Theme Contributing  Non-Contributing \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register Criteria:  B  C  D (Include integrity statement)  
The site retains integrity of location, but is badly deteriorated. Its function is only marginally apparent from the physical remains.

Bibliography: C/S Mehls, Canyonlands, Arches & Natural Bridges Historic Resource Study; BLM Land Records, BLM, Utah State Office, Salt Lake City, UT.  
Representation in Other Surveys: NO

If structure has been removed, how? N/A Date:  / /

Report prepared by: S. Mehls Date: 4 / 28 / 86

Condition: P  
Documentation: P  
Significance: L  
Internal Impacts: M/POP/WEA  
External Impacts: M/POP/WEA

LOCATION: Section 20 State Utah USE: CURRENT INTERIOR USE (NPS 28 CODE) 00/77  
 Township 32S County San Juan Original Use Stock Tending  
 Range 20E Intermediate Uses \_\_\_\_\_  
 PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NPS 28 CODE) HI

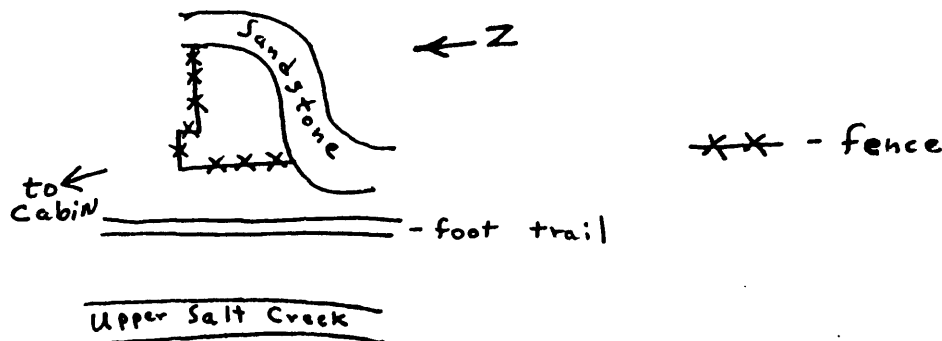
OWNERSHIP: Present Owner: NPS DRAWING NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Owner: Lee Kirk NEGATIVE NO. CAB 8, # 12, 13  
 Intermediate Owner(s): BLM

\*\*\*PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION\*\*\*

(DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.)

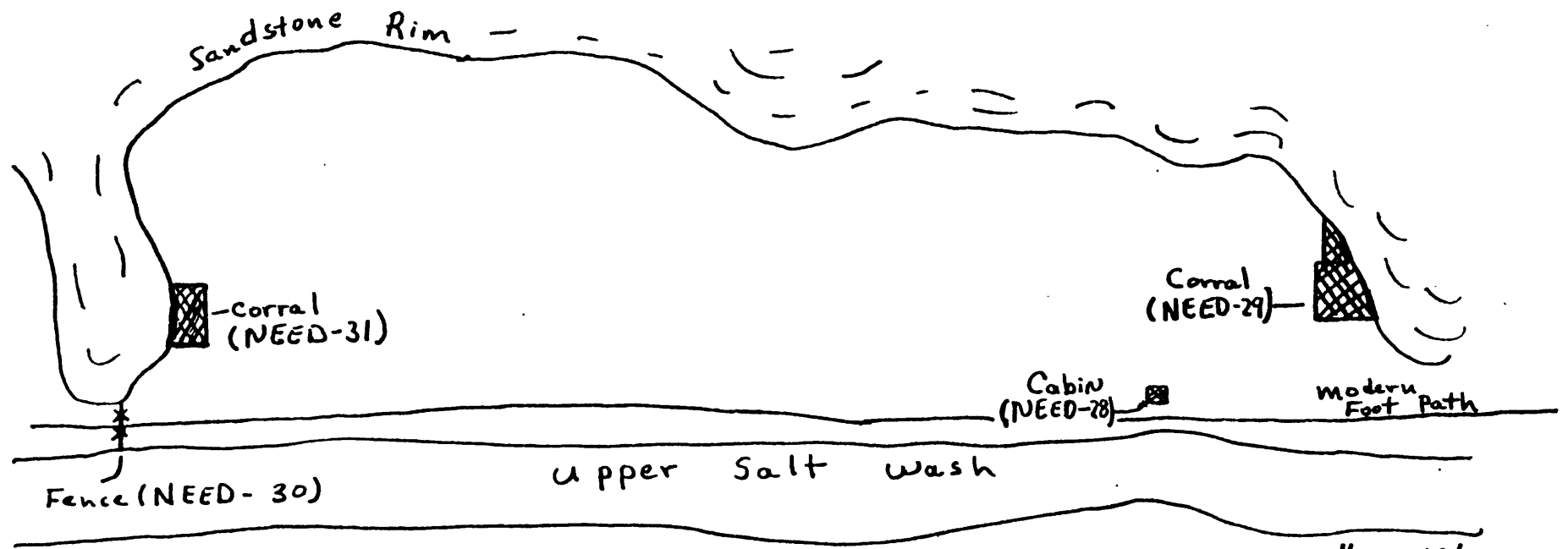
Type: FE  
 Materials: WD  
 Dimensions: 120'x150' approx.

The site is a corral built by constructing two post and pole fences and using natural sandstone walls for the other two sides. The posts are made of 2 poles pegged together and the fence was of horizontally laid poles.



SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES:

# Kirk's Cabin Complex Canyonlands National Park



LOCATION:  
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1" = 250'

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STRUCTURE NAME Kirk's Fence STRUCTURE NUMBER NEED - 30

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE Upper Salt Creek Canyon PARK LOCATION CODE PG

NATIONAL REGISTER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE:  / / MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: (A) (B) (C) (D)

NPS LEGAL INTEREST Fee MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT: NO

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APPROVED ULTIMATE TREATMENT OR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN, CULTURAL COMPONENT DESIGNATION:

Preservation (PP) Restoration (RR) Reconstruction (CC)  
Adaptive Preservation (AP) Adaptive Restoration (AR) Adaptive Reconstruction (AC)  
Neglect (NG) Remove (RM) No Approved Treatment (NO)

Approval Document \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Document Date:  / /

Estimated Treatment Costs \_\_\_\_\_

Stabilization: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  / / Level of Estimate: (A) (B) (C)  
Approved Treatment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  / / Estimator: (Region) (DSC) (A&E)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Date of Construction: ca/ / 1890 Date of Alterations:  / / unknown  
Architect/Designer: Lee Kirk Historical Theme(s): Farming/Early/Ranching/Late  
History of Structure: This fence was built (VI E4) (VII A4)  
soon after Kirk settled his claim & it denotes a boundary for his attempted  
farm. After Kirk abandoned his claim it was used by ranchers grazing in  
the area. Grazing ceased after it became part of Canyonlands National Park  
in 1964.

Evaluation of Structure: Historic Theme Contributing x Non-Contributing \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register Criteria: AX B C D (Include integrity statement)

The fence, due to erosion, which has removed a portion of it, and later  
modifications by grazers, no longer has more than marginal physical  
integrity other than its location.

Bibliography: C/S Mehls, Canyonlands, Arches & Natural Bridges Historic Resource  
Study; BLM Land Records, BLM, Utah State Office, Salt Lake City, UT,  
Representation in Other Surveys: NO

If structure has been removed, how? NP (partially) Date:  / / unknown

Report prepared by: S. Mehls Date: 4 /28/ 86

Condition: F  
Documentation: P  
Significance: L  
Internal Impacts: M/ERO/POP  
External Impacts: M/ERO/POP

CONTINUATION FROM FRONT SHEET - STRUCTURE NAME Kirk's Fence

LOCATION: Section 20 State Utah  
 Township 32S County San Juan  
 Range 20E

USE: CURRENT INTERIOR USE (NPS 28 CODE) 00/ZZ  
 Original Use Farming  
 Intermediate Uses Stock Tending  
 PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NPS 28 CODE) HI

OWNERSHIP: Present Owner: NPS  
 Original Owner: Lee Kirk  
 Intermediate Owner(s): BLM

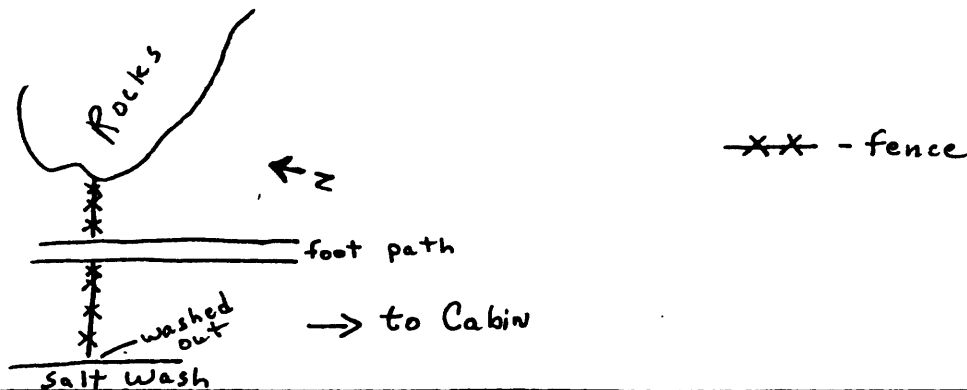
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\*\*\*PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION\*\*\*

(DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.)

Type: FE  
 Materials: WD/MT  
 Dimensions: 1'x185' approximate

This is a fence built to denote the edge of Kirk's pasture in the same twin post and pole manner he built his corral (NEED - 29). It was later partially remade into a standard single post barbed wire fence.



SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES:

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REGION RMRO PARK/AREA NAME Canyonlands Natl. Park PARK NUMBER 1340

STRUCTURE NAME Kirk's Second Corral STRUCTURE NUMBER NEED - 31

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE Upper Salt Wash PARK LOCATION CODE PG

NATIONAL REGISTER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: / / MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: (A) (B) (C) (D)

NPS LEGAL INTEREST FEF MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT: NO

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Stabilization  Cyclic Maintenance  Routine Maintenance  Approved Ultimate Treatment

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APPROVED ULTIMATE TREATMENT OR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN, CULTURAL COMPONENT DESIGNATION

Preservation (PP) Restoration (RR) Reconstruction (CC)  
Adaptive Preservation (AP) Adaptive Restoration (AR) Adaptive Reconstruction (AC)  
Neglect (NG) Remove (RM) No Approved Treatment (NO)

Approval Document \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Document Date: / /

Estimated Treatment Costs \_\_\_\_\_

Stabilization: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / / Level of Estimate: (A) (B) (C)  
Approved Treatment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / / Estimator: (Region) (DSC) (A&E)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Date of Construction: ca / / 1890 Date of Alterations: / / unknown  
Architect/Designer: Lee Kirk Historical Theme(s): Farming, Early/Ranching, Late  
History of Structure: This corral, while similar (VI E4) (VII A4)  
to the fences and other corral built by Kirk, may date to a later period.  
It was probably used by cowboys tending herds grazing in the area. Grazing  
was halted in the area after the creation of Canyonlands National Park  
in 1964.

Evaluation of Structure: Historic Theme Contributing X Non-Contributing \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register Criteria: A\_X B\_C\_D (Include integrity statement)

The structure retains locational integrity and enough physical integrity to  
make its function apparent. However, it appears to have been modified  
and expanded at various times.

Bibliography: C/S Mehls, Canyonlands, Arches & Natural Bridges Historic Resource  
Study; BLM Land Records, BLM, Utah State Office, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Representation in Other Surveys: NO

If structure has been removed, how? N/A Date: / /

Report prepared by: S. Mehls Date: 4/28/86

Condition: F  
Documentation: P  
Significance: L  
Internal Impacts: M/VEG  
External Impacts: M/VEG/POP



LOCATION: Section 20 State Utah  
 Township 32S County San Juan  
 Range 20E

USE: CURRENT INTERIOR USE (NPS 28 CODE) 00/ZZ  
 Original Use Stock Tending  
 Intermediate Uses \_\_\_\_\_  
 PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NPS 28 CODE) HI

OWNERSHIP: Present Owner: NPS  
 Original Owner: Lee Kirk  
 Intermediate Owner(s): BLM

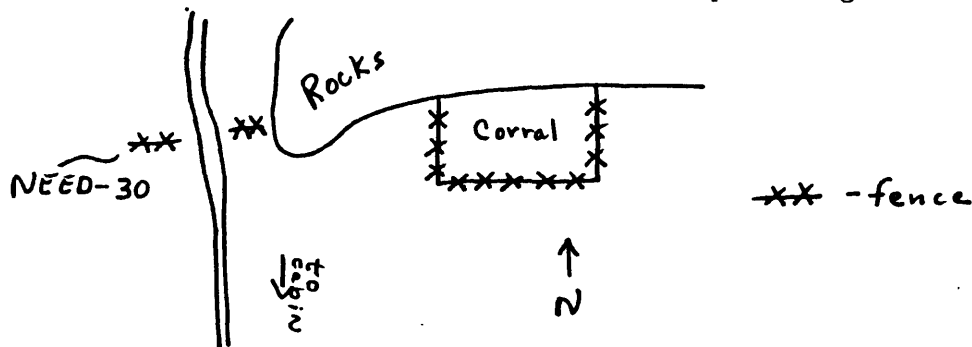
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 NEGATIVE NO. CAB 8, # 16, 17

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Type: FE  
 Materials: WD/MT  
 Dimensions: 45' x 110' (approx.)

This is a twin post and pole corral with fences on three sides and a rock wall for the fourth. Its construction is similar to the other Kirk's corral and Kirk's fence, except that no pegs were used. Instead, wire held the posts together.



SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES:

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Kirk's Cabin Complex(ranching theme):

- Kirk's Cabin
- Kirk's Corral
- Kirk's Fence
- Kirk's Second Corral

The buildings presently located at the Kirk's Cabin Complex are of a vernacular log ranch style, based on log building materials that were secured from locally available sources. All the resources exhibit a craftsmanship slightly higher than that typically associated with pioneer log building, particularly the use of drilled holes and wooden pegs in their construction. All are in their original locations and have a high degree of physical integrity. Near the cabin are the remains of a wagon and other machinery dating to the late nineteenth century. The cabin has been maintained by the National Park Service, through volunteer help. However, the work was done using the same types of materials and the same techniques used historically. The building lines have not been changed. Only the fence has lost some of its physical integrity due to erosion of the creek bank at one end. The interior of the cabin is not considered significant because of recent graffiti put on the walls by visitors.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88001252 Date Listed: 10/7/88

Kirk's Cabin Complex	San Juan	UT
Property Name	County	State

Canyonlands National Park MRA  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrus  
Signature of the Keeper

10/7/88  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Resource count should be one building and 3 structures. This issue has been discussed with Mary Shivers Culpin of the Rocky Mountain Regional Office.

DISTRIBUTION:  
National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)