

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Upper Granite Canyon Patrol Cabin

other name/site number: Granite Canyon Patrol Cabin; Granite Forks Ranger Station/Smithsonian # 48TE1436

2. Location

street & number: Extreme southwest corner of park, @ Granite Canyon/Rendezvous Pass

not for publication: n/a  
vicinity: X

city/town: Moose

state: Wyoming code: WY

county: code: 039

zip code: 83012

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 60. In my opinion, the property    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.)

*Ronald M. Greenberg*

*7-9-98*

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Department of Interior, National Park Service

State or Federal agency or bureau

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

*Shirley Buckley-Wade*

*5-15-98*

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

Wyoming 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)

*Laura P. Walker* *5/20/98*

Name of Property

County and State

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Building

Number of contributing resources previously  
listed in the National Register: N/AName of related multiple property listing: Grand Teton National Park Multiple  
Property Listing

	Number of Resources within Property		
	Contributing	Noncontributing	
	1	_____	building(s)
	_____	_____	sites
	_____	_____	structures
	_____	_____	objects
	1	_____	Total

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions:

Transportation/pedestrian related

Current Function:

Transportation/pedestrian related

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification:

Other

Materials:

foundation: log

walls: log

roof: asphalt

other:

**Narrative Description**

The Upper Granite Canyon patrol cabin is located in the extreme southwestern corner of Grand Teton National Park, deep in Granite Canyon, and northwest of Teton Village. The building sits on a small knoll immediately north of Granite Creek. The clearing is vegetated sparsely with native grasses and wildflowers, and is surrounded by a thick coniferous forest. Dense stands of trees block the view in all directions. The cabin is adjacent to the steep, narrow Granite Canyon Trail, approximately 100 yards west of the Granite Canyon/Rendezvous Pass trail junction, and seven trail miles from the Moose-to-Wilson Road.

**Upper Granite Canyon Patrol Cabin (#55), constructed 1935**

This is a simple one-story log building constructed on a log-sill foundation. Only a small wood-frame addition to the north elevation disrupts the nearly-square floorplan. The large (approximately 14" diameter) logs, harvested from the adjacent forest, are crudely dressed, saddle notched and feature chopper-cut (chevron) ends that extend 18"-24" beyond the notching. Pole stops secure mortar daubing. Logs are partially hewn, to accommodate the 6"-8" rough-cut door and window trim, and were once oiled; the oil finish remains only in the gable ends. Rolled roofing and new plywood sheeting cover the front-gable roof, which features wide (20") eaves, exposed chopper-cut log purlin ends, exposed flush-cut pole rafter ends, and a metal stove pipe located low in the west gable slope. (A 1968 file photo of the building shows board-and-batten roofing.)

The front (south) elevation contains a board-and-batten double-leaf door offset to the east; the door is trimmed with 8" boards cut into 3' lengths, presumably to fit a pack saddle for the long journey from the front country to the cabin site.

See continuation page.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Applicable National Register Criteria:** A, C**Criteria Considerations (Exceptions):** N/A**Significant Person(s):** N/A**Cultural Affiliation:** N/A**Areas of Significance:** Conservation; Architecture**Period(s) of Significance:** 1935-1948**Significant Dates:****Architect/Builder:** NPS Branch of Plans and Design/Civilian Conservation Corps for the National Park Service

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**Narrative Statement of Significance**

Although GRTE Fixed Property Records indicate that CCC crews constructed the Granite Canyon Patrol Cabin in 1935, as part of the larger backcountry trail/cabin network, cabin construction is not listed in landscape architect reports for the E.C.W. Fifth Period, May-October, 1935.<sup>1</sup> However, the chevron ends are typical of CCC construction; CCC crews from Camp NP-3 initiated construction of the Granite Canyon Trail during the Fifth Period (Project #29) and may have completed the cabin as part of that construction project. Like the cabins at Death Canyon, Cascade Canyon, and Moran Bay, the Upper Granite Canyon Patrol Cabin is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C, for its association with Grand Teton National Park Administration and Development and its association with NPS Rustic architecture. (Please see the Park Administration and Development Context, GRTE MPS, for a more complete discussion of the need for and characteristics of backcountry infrastructure.) The cabin's period of significance extends from construction in 1935 until the end of the historical period as defined by the National Register (1948), or until the cabin is no longer an important component of the park's backcountry administrative system. The interior contributes to the building's significance.

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<sup>1</sup> Philip W. Kearney, "Report to Thomas C. Vint, Chief Architect, Through The Superintendent - Grand Teton National Park, From May 1 to October 15, 1935, E.C.W. Fifth Period," n.d., File: 1935 Report (1), Box D37, Yellowstone National Park Research Library and Archives, Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyoming.

Name of Property

County and State

**9. Major Bibliographic References**

McClaren, Doug. Telephone interview with Ann Hubber, Historical Research Associates, December 1995.

NPS, *Fixed Property Records*, Property Office, GRTE Headquarters, Moose Wyoming.

NPS, Monthly and Yearly reports of the Resident Landscape Architect and his assistants, 1934-1937, Box D37, Yellowstone National Park Archives, Mammoth Hot Springs, Wy.

**Previens 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 Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other - Specify Repository:

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

**UTM References:**

Zone	Easting	Northing
A 12	508302	4828759

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundaries parallel the foundation of the barn, 10' beyond the eaveline. See attached site map.

**Boundary Justification**

These boundaries incorporate only the cabin. The historic GRTE trail system, connecting front-country administrative facilities with the patrol-cabin loop, may be added to the site boundaries at a later date, creating a backcountry administration/tourist trail historic district.

**11. Form Prepared By**

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 city or town: Moose state: WY zip code: 83012

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### 7. Narrative Description, continued

The door is secured to an interior Z-brace frame and features the original wrought-iron hardware. Large granite slabs form the door stoop and a standard NPS sign reading "Granite Canyon Forks Patrol Cabin" rests atop the door.

West elevation features are limited to a centered two-light fixed-sash window, covered with bear bars and framed with worn 6" butt-joint trim.

North elevation features are limited to a small wood-frame shed-roof addition, centered within the wall. The addition is sided with board-and-batten siding, stained dark brown. Features are limited to a three-quarter height board-and-batten door, centered in the north elevation.

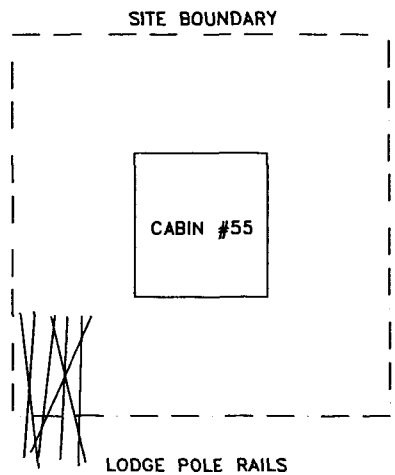
There are no features in the east elevation.

### Interior

Short (3') lengths of 8" boards (cut to fit a pack saddle) cover the floor of this one-room cabin. The southeast corner floorboards are badly buckled and the lower half of the double-leaf door no longer opens without great force). Walls are log, finished with split-pole chinking, and the ceiling is open, exposing log rafters, purlins, and the ridgepole. The window is trimmed with unfinished rough-cut 5" boards while the door is trimmed with 8" boards. The door latch, handle, and hinges are original. Fixed furnishings include a new plywood rodent-proof cupboard, the upper door of which is bottom hinged and folds down to form a table. Open shelving units line the walls and a wood burning stove is located along the west wall. Two coleman lanterns hang from ceiling hooks.

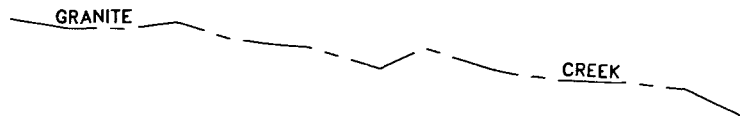
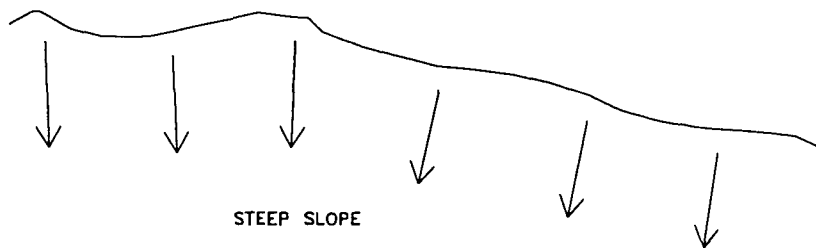
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UPPER GRANITE CANYON PATROL CABIN

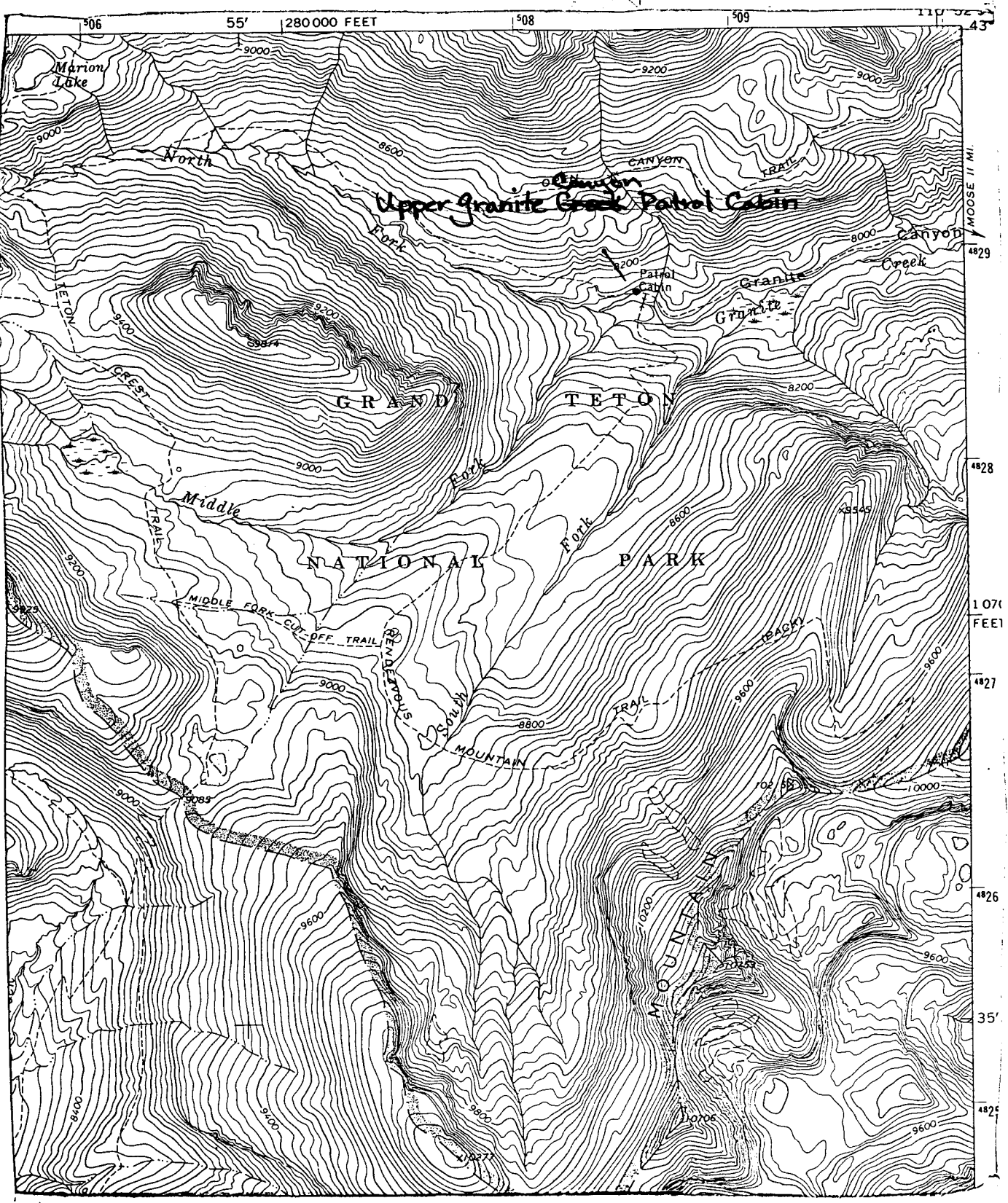
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HITCHING POST





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 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ Twp. \_\_\_\_\_ Rng **unsurveyed**  
 County **Teton County, WY**

