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NATIONAL REGISTER

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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printers in 12 pitch. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property

historic name Murie Residence

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number N/A

N/A not for publication

city, town Moose

X vicinity

state Wyoming

code WY county Teton

code 039 zip code N/A

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
		contributing	noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	2	0 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	0	0 sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	0	0 structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	0	0 objects
		2	0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Grand Teton National Park Historic

No. of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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.

Ed [Signature] 3/5/90
Signature of certifying official Date
National Park Service
State or Federal agency or bureau

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

Thomas E. Marcey DSHPO 2/28/90
Signature of commenting or other official Date
State or Federal agency or bureau

WYOMING STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

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. See continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register
- other, (explain:)

Carol L. Skell 4-23-90

Signature of the Keeper Date

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/multiple dwellings
Commerce/trade/professional

Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(enter categories from instructions)

Other/vernacular

foundations concrete or on grade

walls log

roof metal, asphalt shingles

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Murie residence is made up of two associated log buildings. The main house and studio. These are set at the northeast corner of what was a guest camp. The house is the larger of the two buildings and is south of the studio. The house is primarily built of log and its most distinguishing characteristics are its large, inset porch; the use of grooved (lengthwise/kerfed) logs for closer mating of wall pieces; and its log ceiling. Both the house and studio have saddle notched walls. The studio is similar to the house in roof and other aspects such as color, but much smaller in size. It has a fairly high window to wall area ratio. The studio is immediately north of the residence. The two buildings have forest on two sides (north and east) and the cleared land of the former guest camp to the south and west. The only other structure in close proximity to the house is a woodshed. The walls of both buildings are of dressed log coated with clear varnish, giving them a natural wood color (tan). The house is "T" shaped with overall dimensions of 45' x 65', there are two intersecting gable roofs, 32 windows, of which, 29 are 1-over-1 light double hung and the other three are 1 light casements. There are four doors and two chimneys (one exterior random fieldstone with flat cap and one brick interior with flat cap). There are eight interior rooms including living, dining, bath, and bedrooms, all with plasterboard and wood interiors. Aside from the log ceilings in the main house the interiors have little to distinguish them from other buildings completed between forty and fifty years ago. The interiors do not appear to have been modified, with only routine maintenance and the addition of more modern wiring and plumbing. They should be considered significant. The studio is a rectangle of 16' x 26' and as with the house, one story. It has a gable roof, the eave of which also covers a three-bay entry. There are four 1-over-1 light double hung windows and one 1-by-1 light sliding sash window. The building has one door and one large room finished in log. Both are in their original locations. Decorative trim on both buildings is minimal.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: X nationally ___ statewide ___ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ___ A X B ___ C ___ D
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F X G

Areas of Significance
(enter categories from instructions)
Conservation

Period of Significance Significant Dates
1945-1963

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
Olaus and Mardie Murie

Architect/Builder
N/A

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

Conservation has been an important part of the history of the United States for the past one hundred years. During that time many ideas and leaders have left their mark on the conservation cause. Among the groups espousing the preservation of American wilderness during the early and mid-twentieth century, the Wilderness Society has frequently been in the fore of the struggle. During 1945, as the Second World War was coming to an end, a new leader emerged and took over the job of executive director of the Society, Olaus Murie, who moved to the residence near Moose, Wyoming, that same year. Before becoming a leader in the wilderness preservation movement Murie had made a reputation for himself as a professional naturalist. After retiring from federal service with the Biological Survey, Murie and his wife and partner, Mardie, purchased the then defunct STS Ranch, a former guest camp and took over the present house that year. The ranch had been built during the 1920s and the house added during the 1930s. From there the naturalist turned preservationist directed the Society through a number of changes and efforts to find direction in the post-war world. Murie and the Society lobbied Congress on behalf of a number of issues. Interestingly, one of the first causes that Murie helped direct the lobbying for was the expansion of Grand Teton National Park, an effort that bore fruit in 1950. From there he helped halt the Bureau of Reclamation's plans to build a dam in the heart of Dinosaur National Monument in 1950-53 and a similar project, Glacier View Dam. During the late 1940s and into the 1950s Murie lobbied for the creation of designated wilderness areas within national forests. He and the Wilderness Society watchdogged the activities of the Department of the Interior through these years, ever suspicious of changes in the Bureau of Reclamation and National Park Service. He was instrumental in the creation of the Arctic National Wildlife Range (1960) and also preservation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal that garnered national publicity on the fight to save the canal due to the participation of

X See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Daugherty, John. "Grand Teton National Park Historic Resource Study." ms. on file, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, National Park Service, 1986.

Kendrick, Gregory D. "An Environmental Spokesman: Olaus J. Murie and a Democratic Defense of Wilderness," The Annals of Wyoming, 50(Fall, 1978): 213-302.

Previous documentations on file (NPS): _____ See continuation sheet
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
[X] Federal agency
Local government
University
Other
Specify Repository:
Grand Teton National Park, NPS

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 10 acres

UTM References

A 1/2 5/2/2/0/2/0 4/8/3/2/8/1/5 B / / / / / / / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing
C / / / / / / / / / / / / D / / / / / / / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The property is defined by a circle 200 yards in diameter around UTM point: 12 522020 4832815. The property is located on the Moose, Wyo., 7.5' U.S.G.S. quadrangle map.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary as drawn includes the residence and its associated outholdings as well as part of the surrounding forest to maintain the setting.

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List of Contributing Resources Murie Residence

The following resources are considered contributing at the Murie Residence(NPS building numbers): 972, 973

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List of Photographs Murie Residence

Photo Number	View	Direction(to)	Photographer
MH-1	Residence Front	East	Steven Mehls
MH-2	Studio Front 3/4	Northeast	Steven Mehls

Negatives on file at Grand Teton National Park

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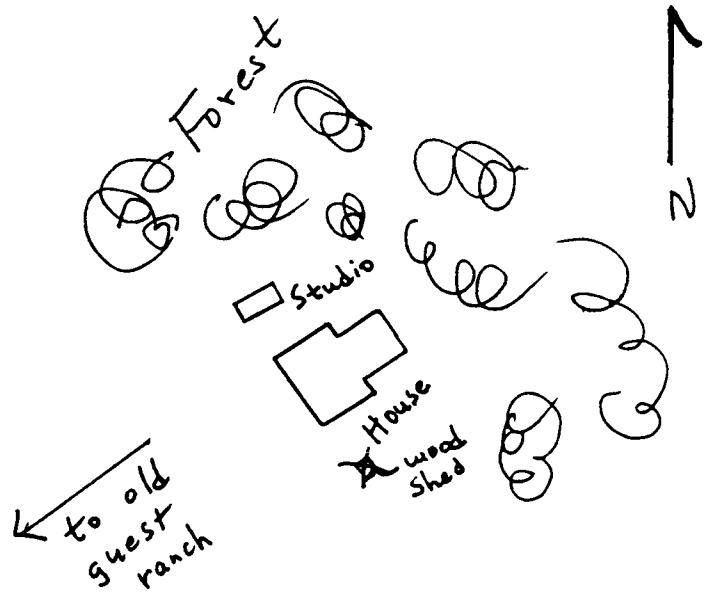
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U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas as well as Murie. Murie headquartered his work at his base in Moose over the years. In addition to his widely publicized canal walk and frequent testimony before Congress, he did a great deal of other work to popularize the wilderness issue in the public's mind. Murie worked closely not only with interested members of Congress, but with various local chapters of the Wilderness Society to garner support for preservation issues. He spent a good deal of time on speaking tours and other ventures that took the words of preservation to the people. His efforts, with help from others, culminated in passage of the Wilderness Act in 1964, a year after Olaus' death. During those eighteen years the house at Moose was the scene of many debates and decisions that set the tone of Wilderness Society, and in many ways that of the entire American conservation community, activities for the twenty crucial years that followed World War II.

The Murie residence and studio meet all the registration requirements for a house as a conservation resource and the many-faceted career of Murie as a conservation leader of national stature meet the criteria for an exception as outlined in the Conservation context registration requirements for a conservation house complex property type, including the interiors.

The complex had been a combination of campground, cabins, lunchroom and trails rides operation before the Muries purchased it. Its mixed functions and lack of significant contributions to the evolution of the local tourism industry led to the conclusion that the rest of the complex, outside of the Murie house and studio, does not have the associations needed to be considered as significant under the dude ranching and tourism context for Grand Teton National Park.



□ = Contributing

X = Non Contributing

Murie Residence
 Grand Teton National Park

Scale 1" = 100' Approx

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000616

Date Listed:

Murie Residence
Property Name

Teton
County

WY
State

Grand Teton National Park MPS
Multiple Name

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.

Carol Shull

4-23-90

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Classification: Under the number of resources within the property, the wood shed should be listed as a non-contributing building.

Statement of Significance: The level of significance should be changed from national to local and reevaluated when the property reaches the 50 year mark.

Geographical Data: The acreage of the property should be corrected to read 6.49 acres.

This information was confirmed with Mike Schene, Regional Historian, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, NPS.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)