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DEPRESSION-ERA BUILDINGS

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| NAME: Randle Ranger Station (Work | Center) | | | |
| LOCATION: Gifford Pinchot Nationa | l Forest, Randle Ra | nger District; | | |

Congressional District 3, Randle, Washington (53); Lewis County (041)

x Altered

ADDRESS: USDA Forest Service Gifford Pinchot National Forest 500 West 12th Street Vancouver, WA 98660

CLASSIFICATION/CATEGORY: Buildings/Site

DESCRIPTION:

Condition

x Good

x Original Site

Randle Work Center, Office #2050: 1935; 30' x 35'; Rectangular, 11/2 story wood frame, poured concrete foundation, high gable floor, major offset gable on north (main) facade. Main entry, offset and recessed in northoff set gable, porch suported by one 10 x 10 post; open flagstone platform, three straight stone steps. Horizontal clapboard exterior, vertical boards, corner notched, on all gable ends. Six-over-six double-hung sash windows, single and in combinations with mullions. No decoration. Textured metal roof material. Original flagpole and base, to north and east of office on lawn. Bronze plaque mounted on native basalt base set into lawn; Inscription: "Planted in Memory Of - Robert Fechner - 1933-1939 - By Company 2919 CCC Camp Lower Cispus F34 -Randle, Washington."

Randle Work Center, Shop Building #2150: 1936; 52' x 82'; Rectangular, 11/2 story wood frame, poured concrete foundation, medium gable roof, center gable, two offset gables, north (main) facade, two triangular dormers, each north and south roof slopes. Single brick interior chimney, off-set south roof slope. Horizontal clapboard exterior, vertical boards corner notches, all gable ends. Seven bays in length, seven vertical lift vehicle doors on north facade, large center door four panels in width, each panel has ten-light window, on west gable end. Mullion windows with four and eight divisions, six and nine lights on east, west and south elevations. Single large complex pine tree cut out, edges serrated, with base, on each gable end on north facade. Certain of vehicular doors on north facade are modern replacements. Textured metal roof material, replaces original fabric.

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Randle Work Center, Warehouse #2251. 1935; 20 x 167; Cruciform, 11/2 story wood frame, poured concrete foundation, medium gable roof with intersecting center cross gable, verges bracketed, anterior (east) wall of center gable recessed to form porch covering concrete loading dock, supported by four 10 x 10 posts. Horizontal shiplap exterior, end boards. Six-light sashes in combinations with mullions. Eight bays, excluding center gable, on east elevation; four outer bays are enclosed by vertical boards with diagonal battens to resemble slide opening doors of four inner bays. Center gable has similar slide-opening door, at center, accessed by loading dock, second vertical board door, diagonal battens centered, upper level, east gable end. No decoration. Textured metal roof material; one of vertical board doors on east elevation replaced by plywood enclosure with laminated flush door set in. 11/2 story wood-shingled addition to west gable end, gabled roof with hipped, wood-frame cupola astride ridgeline.

Randle Work Center, Fire Control Warehouse #2250: 1935; 28 x 48; Rectangular, 1½ story, wood frame, concrete piers, medium gable roof, verges bracketed. Narrow, rounded horizontal shiplap exterior, end boards vertical boards to water table level. Six-light sash windows. Two leaf vertical board slide opening doors, center, west gable end, single leaf door set into right door. Shed roof porch, raised plank platform off-set on south elevation, covers slide-opening loading door. No decoration. Textured metal roof material.

Randle Work Center. Open vehicle storage: 1935, ca 50' x 80'; Rectangular, 1 story, wood framed, poured concrete foundation, medium gable roof, open on east (main) facade, six bays in length, interspaced with squared timber posts with straight brackets, northern-most bay in enclosed; horizontal clapboard exterior, vertical boards, ends rounded, on gable ends; mullion window with three divisions, 12 lights each in vertical placement, center north gable end; two-leaf vertical board door, center enclosed bay. No apparent structural addition or alteration; textured metal roof material placed over wood shingles. No decoration.

Randle Work Center, Barn #2450: 1935; 50 x 52; Rectangular, wood frame, split shake gambrel roof, bellcast eaves, hipped roof extensions on north, south, and west elevations, original design and fabric. Hipped roof wood frame cupola centered in ridgeline, formerly had brass mule weather-vane. Horizontal shiplap exterior, end boards; four panels, horizontal shiplap, outlined by 1 x 4, offset on east and west gable ends are slide-opening doors; north extension is enclosed, with door openings at each end--e.g., dog-trot; south extension is enclosed on gable ends but open, five bays, on south elevation to access stalls. No decoration. No obvious alterations. Form No. 10-300a (Rev. 10-74)

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Randle Work Center, Gas and Oil House #2550: 1936; 10 x 10; Square, wood frame, poured concrete foundation medium gable roof. 1 x 12 horizontal clapboard exterior, vertical boards, corner notched, gable ends. Anterior (south) wall recessed, extended gable covers pumps. Six-light sash windows. Slide opening, vertical plank door, center south facade, two large complex pine tree cut out above center. Single large complex tree centered on each gable end, cut from two boards. Textured metal roof material.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Randle Ranger Station (now Work Center) typifies the construction projects undertaken by the Civilian Conservation Corps and signifies the aid to the local community provided by the emergency work-relief program through employment of youth and experienced craftsmen, purchase of building materials and camp supplies, and personal expenditures of enrollees. The property represents the Forest Service's presence in the locality, as the headquarters for field operation, and denotes, via the physical facilities required to carry out the agency's expanding responsibilities, the critical transition in the Service's development from custorial superintendence to extensive resource management. The Randle Ranger exemplifies the rustic architectural idiom developed by the Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region, to impart Forest Service identity and to represent its purposes and ideals, and signifies the agency's particular interpretation of a singular expression of early twentieth century American architectural thought. Possessing standards qualities of design and execution. the Ranger Station is a good example of an architectural location invested with special aesthetic and associative values by the agency that created it.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Randle Ranger Station (Office #2050, Gas and Oil House #2550, Barn #2450, Shop #2150, R&T Warehouse #2251, Fire Warehouse #2250, Lumber Shed #2850)

Randle Ranger Station is located in a portion of the W1/2 SW SE 1/4 of section 9, T 12N, R 7E, Willamette Meridian. The property is approximately five acres, and is basically that which surrounds the buildings proposed for nomination. Included are walkways, flagpole, and historic plaque associated with the Office (2050).

From monument (Coast and Geodetic Survey marker 217 W El. 904.81 1949), which is located on the north side of the old state highway, the boundaries are delineated as follows: southwest at 287° 160 feet, thence southwest at 222° 520 feet, thence southeast at 344° 260 feet, thence northeast 253° 510 feet, thence north 227° 260 feet, thence northwest at 349° 100 feet to the point of beginning.

