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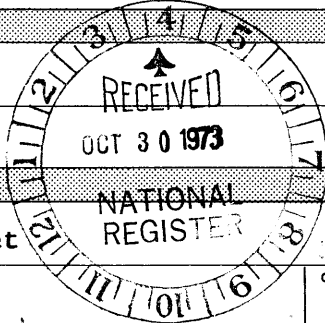
Form 10-306
(Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Oregon
COUNTY: Josephine
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ENTRY DATE SEP 5 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Whisky Creek Cabin

AND/OR HISTORIC:
same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
See Continuation Sheet

CITY OR TOWN:
Wolf Creek, Ore.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
4th

STATE:
Oregon

CODE
46

COUNTY:
Josephine

CODE
033

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted (See Cont. Sheet) <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. AGENCY

Department of the Interior - Bureau of Land Management

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Medford District Office

CITY OR TOWN:
Medford

STREET AND NUMBER:
310 West Sixth Street

STATE:
Oregon

CODE
46

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Josephine County Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:
Josephine County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Grants Pass

STATE:
Oregon

CODE
46

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The improvements consist of a cabin, woodshed, fruit room, and two small sheds. Most of these improvements are old. The original portion of the main cabin was reportedly built in 1880. The other sheds are of varying ages. Much of the material used in their construction came from the land while the manufactured items required a long haul to reach the site.

A more detailed description of the improvements follows:

Main cabin - 17½ feet by 31 feet - with two full length porches 8 feet wide on either side. It contains 542 square feet of area in the living quarters and 496 square feet in the porches. The exterior finish is of untreated vertical logs. The original portion of the cabin (about 21½ x 20) was of horizontal logs that have been covered with the vertical material. There is no foundation and the logs rest directly on the ground. Considerable rot is evident in the lower portions of the walls. The roof is covered with cheap roll roofing that is in good condition. Originally there was no floor but in later years a floor of rough fir planking was added. This lowered the head room making the doors of substandard height. The interior consists of two rooms. One is used as living quarters and the other as a storeroom. The living quarters are finished with ¼" plywood lining the walls. There is no ceiling. Cheap linoleum covers the floor in the portion used as a kitchen. There is no plumbing but water is run by gravity through a pipeline to an outside tap. There is a crude six volt lighting system. The building has had fair to good maintenance and the effective age is estimated to about 60 years.

Woodshed - 16' x 25', or 400 square feet, pole frame, mostly open sides, roof ½ covered with aluminum, the remainder with wood shakes. It is in fair condition.

Fruit room - 8½' x 8½' - Rough boards, double walls filled with sawdust for insulation. This room corners on main cabin.

Sheds - 16' x 12' - Pole frame, vertical boards, shake roof - only in fair condition. One small 4' x 4' shed roof covering a small 6 volt generating plant.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Constructed 1880**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Mining</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>General History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

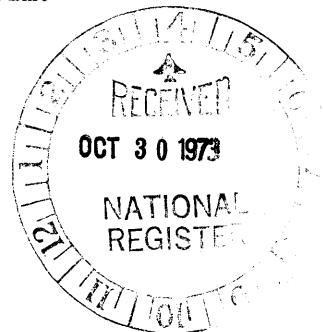
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Whisky Creek cabin was constructed around 1880 when men were attempting to mine and inhabit the remote regions of the Rogue River. The cabin is an excellent example of an early miner's cabin; the oldest known cabin still habitable in the Rogue Wild River Area. The cabin and surrounding area remain isolated and inaccessible except by river or trail, much like it was when the miners first inhabited the area. These historic miners' cabins are rare along the river. Flood, fire and vandalism have removed most of the cabins of significance.

The name of the original occupant is unknown. P. H. Rushmore filed the first recorded mining claim on January 5, 1917. He sold the claim to Hansom A. (Cy) Whiteneck on May 7, 1918. Mr. Whiteneck occupied the cabin from 1918 to 1954. From 1954 to 1972, Lou Martin lived in the cabin as caretaker for Mr. & Mrs. L. M. Nichols. The BLM purchased a Quitclaim Deed from Mrs. Nichols on February 27, 1973. Many of the tools and equipment used to sustain the miner's remote lifestyle were protected and still remain in or near the cabin.

This type of structure is of historical interest to the public in general. The cabin was mentioned in Zane Grey's book "Rogue River Feud" and in Mrs. Harriet Wheatley's book "Lady Angler". On March 24, 1973, Portland Channel 12, KPTV telecast the Rogue River Special on the American Adventure Program at 7:00 P.M. The Whisky Creek cabin and the plans to preserve it were an important part of this program.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Study Report on the Rogue River", Oregon - Wild Rivers Study Team - 1964, pages 9-15, History.

"Mineral Report - Peavine No. 1, No. 2 and Rounder Placer Claims" - H. F. Susie, Mining Engineer.

"Nichols Acquisition File SD-M-16Q" - Medford District Office.

All references are on file at the Medford District Office.

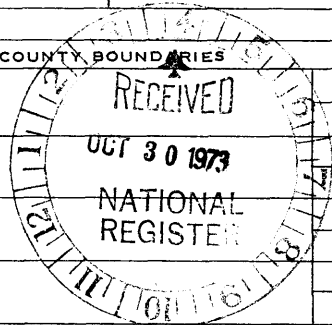
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
None			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Thomas J. Abbett - Recreation Planner** DATE: **June 10, 1973**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **Bureau of Land Management - Medford District Office**

STREET AND NUMBER: **310 West Sixth Street** PHONE: **779-2351**

CITY OR TOWN: **Medford** STATE: **Oregon** CODE: **41**

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes
 No
 None

George M. Baldwin
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

George L. Turcott 9/28/73
 Federal Representative Signature Date

Gregory P. Wheeler
 Deputy Assistant Secretary

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Arthur Jensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/5/75

ATTEST:

W. Brantley
 Keeper of the National Register

Date SEP 4 1975

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2. LOCATION

The cabin is located in the SE¹/₄NW¹/₄ of Section 34, Township 33 South, Range 8 West, Willamette Meridian, approximately 3 miles by trail downstream from Grave Creek, or approximately 37 river miles below Grants Pass, Oregon. The cabin is located within the boundaries of the Wild Section of Rogue River component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The cabin lies about 1000 feet north of the Rogue River. Whisky Creek flows past the cabin and joins the Rogue River at this point.

3. CLASSIFICATION - ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

Access is restricted to the public in that the cabin can be reached only by hiking trail or riverboat. Motorized vehicles and horses are not allowed in the Rogue Wild River Area.



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7. Description

The original cabin was constructed in 1880. We have not been able to obtain conclusive information about who built and occupied the cabin between 1880 and 1916.

Changes in the original cabin since 1900 are:

- 1) An attached flat roof shed on the southwest end of the cabin was removed and a storage room was added. The roof and porches were then extended to accomodate the storage room.
- 2) A floor of rough fir planking was added in the original cabin and porches. Linoleum now covers the floor in the cabin.
- 3) The posts holding up the porches were replaced.
- 4) The shake roof was replaced with cheap roll roofing.
- 5) Additional outbuildings such as a fruit room and shower room have been constructed near the cabin.
- 6) The original cabin has been finished inside with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch plywood.

8. Significance

In his book, Rogue River Feud, published in 1930, Zane Grey described the cabin in these terms: a "one room cabin, most comfortable wilderness quarters, with its rude furniture and trophies of the chase, its wide yellow stone fireplace and neat cupboard and shelves."

9. Major Bibliographic references

Grey, Zane
1930 Rogue River Feud.

