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# NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

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National Park Service  
Pacific Northwest Region  
Cultural Resources Division

Westin Building Room 1920  
2001 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98121

NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE/SITE <i>(Building)</i> SWAMP CABIN/MEADOW CABIN (West)			DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1912 or earlier		SITE ID. NO.						
SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION Approx. 10 miles from Thunder Creek trailhead towards Park Creek Pass, down spur trail leading to Thunder Creek			ADDITION(S)		SCALE 1:24000		QUAD NAME Forbidden Peak				
DISTRICT Skagit			COUNTY Skagit		STATE Washington		UTM ZONE 10	EASTING 6461805382310		NORTHING 10	
OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS National Park Service			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTING <input type="checkbox"/> NON-CONTRIBUTING		CROSS REFERENCE NOCA Bldg. #1217 / III-6						
DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.					CURRENT USE Vacant		DANGER OF DEMOLITION? (SPECIFY THREAT) Deterioration				
<p>Two-room cabin. Log construction set on log foundation; rectangle (16' x 22'); 2 bays wide; 1 1/2-stories; 16" round logs with round hewn ends and square-notched corners; wood-shaked gable roof extended on east 10' to form porch overhang; off-center wood door on east. Exterior features include rectangular and square window openings (sash missing) on all sides, some boarded-up; 2-pane horizontal sliding sash (glass missing); round log purlins; plain fascia board on east; loft area accessible through 3' x 5' opening on west beneath gable; rear entrance opening on west; remains of porch (split boards, cut logs) on west; split wood used as chinking between logs. Ridgepole lying in loft area.</p> <p>The date of construction for this cabin is not known. It is associated with early mining operations in upper Thunder Creek but does not appear on a 1913 or 1922 Washington National Forest Map (first appears on Mt. Baker National Forest Map, 1936). It is believed that the North Coast Mining and Milling Company built this structure and one nearby and used them as headquarters for assaying, storage, etc. The company was large and financed by an English outfit. They hired a man from Marblemount for the axe work on both log buildings. Supplies to the cabins and mines were brought in by packtrain. The company had a substantial warehouse in Marblemount where they kept supplies and mules. The round-trip to the mines usually took five days. After mining subsided (c. 19-teens) the cabins were used as shelters by various people including Jack Durand (builder of Middle Cabin-razed) and John Dayo (trapper) in the 1920s.</p>					ORIGINAL USE Office/living quarter/shelter		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN				
PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY			EXISTING SURVEYS		<input type="checkbox"/> YES, LIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> NHL		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LCS <input type="checkbox"/> NPS		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, UNLIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN			<input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY		<input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED		
LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NAME			SIGNIFICANCE Eligible under Nat. Reg. Criterion A: for its association with mining developments in the North Cascades; and under Criterion C: as a distinct type and method of construction. This structure is a fine example of square-notched log construction in the North Cascades. It is one of the few intact early log cabins remaining. It is associated with the early mining efforts in the Thunder Creek Mining District, serving as an important stop-over for miners and horsepackers, and later, USFS personnel, trappers, and hikers. It possesses integrity of location, design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association.								

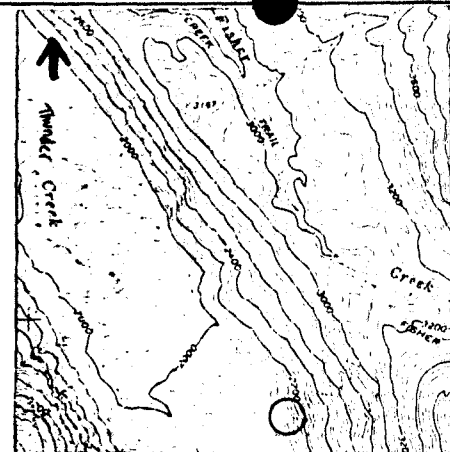
PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



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YES

NO

REFERENCES

- Berry, Fred. *Personal interview*, 2 May 1984.  
 Dayo, John. *Taped interview*, 3 January 1974.  
 Thompson, Erwin. *History Basic Data*, 1970.  
 Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Rocky. *Taped interview*, 21 April 1970.

*Recent information reveals the Meadow Cabins may date to the early 1910s at the latest, as evidenced by the age of trees recently removed from the site (76 yr. old trees adjacent to the bldgs.)*

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