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MONTANA HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1 Reference #	Date: Spring 1980	CONTACT PHOTO
2 Photo # 12	Direction N NE E (SE) S SW W NW	
3 Historic Name: Upper Madison School	(One Room Schoolhouses of Gallatin County TR)	
3a Common Name:		
4 Address: Three Forks, MT	Buffalo Jump Rd.	
5 Program Area: Gallatin County	6 County Code 031	State Code 030
7 Legal Description: 200' x 200' lot, W boundary right-of-way of Buffalo Jump Road		
8 Owner & Address: School District #24		
9 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Madison Buffalo Jump Road, Three Forks, MT		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

10 Year Built: 1900 <input type="checkbox"/> Factual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Estimate	11 Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Moved
12 Architect (if known):	
13 Builder/Original Owner (if known)	
14 Exterior Materials: <input type="checkbox"/> Stone <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Log <input type="checkbox"/> Terra-cotta <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Other Materials (specify):	
15 Condition: <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> In Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> No Longer Exists	
16 Retention of Original Design: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	
17 Present Use: dance hall	18 Original Use: school
19 Please describe the present general physical appearance of the structure and site. To the extent possible, please also describe changes that have occurred to the property over the years, noting the approximate dates at which they occurred. The Upper Madison School is a wood frame, gable ended school house with ship lap siding. An enclosed entry vestibule has been added to the east wall (date of the addition is unknown) and there is a band of windows on one side of the building only. Located to the west of the building are two outdoor privies. A new concrete foundation has since been added, but does not detract from the integrity of the building. in a significant way.	

SIGNIFICANCE

20a Reason for significance: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Associations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architectural and Engineering design and appearance <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of historic or prehistoric information
20b Please justify the historical significance; noting important persons, events and/or historical patterns associated with structure, site and surrounding area. The Upper Madison School is another gable ended, frame type of school house (E). Like the Pass Creek and Lower Bridger Schools, this building is characterized by the addition of the enclosed entry vestibule and window band side lighting. This evolved form marks the typical Gallatin County rural school form preferred during the 1920's and 30's.

SIGNIFICANCE continued

20c Please justify how the location, design, details, materials, and/or workmanship contribute to the property's significance.

20d Please note if the extant structure/site may demonstrate or yield information about its historic use or construction.

21 Neighborhood Context: Unrelated Compatible Integral element
 Major component of the neighborhood

21a If the structure/site contributes to the value of a larger grouping of structures and sites, please describe the visual or historic relationships that the individual structure/site has to that grouping.

22 Environmental/Economic threats to survival: Private Development Zoning
 Public Works Projects Vanadalism Deterioration Other (specify):

23 Recognition in existing historical surveys: 1980 - Survey of Gallatin Co. Schools, MSU

24 Sources of Documentation: Annual Trustees Reports 1896-1934

PREPARED BY:

25 Agency Prepared For: Montana State University & Montana SHPO

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STAFF USE ONLY

27 Staff Evaluator: Date: Permission to Nominate Yes No

28 National Register Status: Listed Currently nominated
Appears to meet NR Criteria A B C D Does not appear to meet NR Criteria
Eligible Yes No As part of a district Yes No Individually Yes No

29 UTM References: Zone 12 Easting 463550 Northing 5065475

30 Please Return to: State Historic Preservation Office
Montana Historical Society
225 N. Roberts St.
Helena, Montana 59601

31 SHPO Comments:
Representative of gable-ended, wood frame, one room schoolhouse form, typically constructed between 1900-1910 in Montana. The addition of the front entry vestibule/weather lock was a very common modification to this design and is a significant addition to building. Also significant for historic association with development

of stable rural communities and importance historically of establishment of educational facilities.

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