

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Idaho
COUNTY: Custer
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>MAR 15 1976</b>

### 1. NAME

COMMON: Bayhorse
AND/OR HISTORIC:

### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: <i>S of Challis off US 49</i> T12 N, R18E, Sections 2 and 3			
CITY OR TOWN: Bayhorse - Challis vic.		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: District 2	
STATE Idaho	CODE 16	COUNTY: Custer	CODE 037

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

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

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

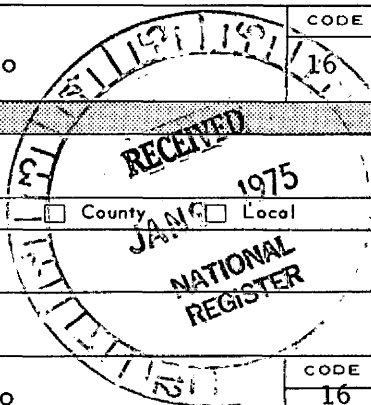
OWNER'S NAME: Fern Hurst, Mackay, Idaho; N. L. Industries, 5950 McIntyre St., Golden, Colo.		
STREET AND NUMBER: Ramshorn Mine Co. c/o Bayhorse Mines Inc., 20 E. 2nd. So., Suite 400,		
CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City, Utah.	STATE: Multiple	CODE 49

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Custer County Courthouse		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN: Challis	STATE: Idaho	CODE 16

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Idaho State Historic Preservation Plan		
DATE OF SURVEY: 1970, 1972	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Idaho State Historical Society		
STREET AND NUMBER: 610 N. Julia Davis Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Boise	STATE: Idaho	CODE 16



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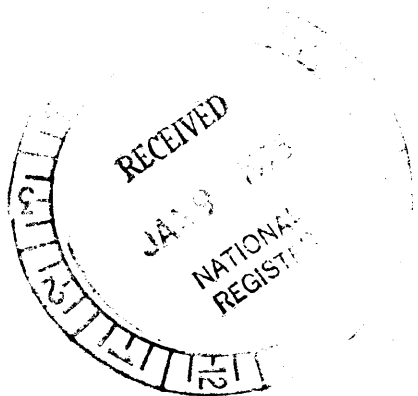
**7. DESCRIPTION**

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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The town of Bayhorse is situated next to Bayhorse Creek, more than 6000 feet above sea level, at the bottom of a narrow, deep canyon. In 1885, besides many dwellings, the town had three stores, one hotel, one restaurant, one meat market, one lodging house, and five saloons, with two more by 1889. Much of the original town survives in the form of log cabins, frame structures with clapboard siding and board-and-batten buildings. Some of the structures, including the old hotel, have wooden clapboard false fronts. Roofs are all steeply pitched, except for a few log buildings which utilize log purlins for strength. Most of the buildings line the single, narrow winding road and are grouped close together. There was a smelter supplied with charcoal from nine stone kilns which were fed large quantities of wood carried in by a long flume. Five or six of the kilns survive in good condition. A few people still live in Bayhorse and occasional mining activity occurs nearby.

The district commences in the center of Section 2 T12N, R18E, South 1/4 mile to the S. E. corner of the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 2, west 1 mile to the SW corner of the N 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 3, T12N, R18E, north 1/4 mile to the center of Section 3, east 1 mile to point of beginning.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Bayhorse                      Sections 2 and 3 of T12N, R18E and section 32 T13N, R18E

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An additional western segment of the district (east half of unsurveyed section 32, T13N, R18E) includes the Ramshorn mine and tram. This was the major producer at Bayhorse, and the tram is an excellent example.

**8. 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) **1877-1889**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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One of Idaho's better preserved mining camps, Bayhorse is part of a district which produced about \$10,000,000 by 1898. Bayhorse Creek was inspected at some length in 1864 when a prospecting party came through from Stanley Basin. A claim was located there in 1872 by W. A. Norton, but work did not begin there until March 1877, when a lead-silver property was discovered. Mines nearby, close to Clayton, were found in April, and a party from Bonanza located the major producer at Bayhorse--the Ramshorn--the same spring. A mining district which included Bayhorse and Clayton (about 15 miles apart) was organized October 1, 1877. This was one of the prominent central Idaho districts in the great expansion there after 1880.

By 1880, the new town had a water propelled smelter capable of handling over 30 tons per day. From July to September, 1880, the mill machinery and a dozen houses were built, and there were 75 people in town by the middle of September. A sawmill, also water powered, was installed. In 1885, the addition of steam power aided winter production and by then the Bayhorse Smelter was producing eighty tons of bullion per month, including 450 ounces in silver. A refinery was installed in the latter part of December, 1885 so silver could be shipped out in bars. At this time, the Bayhorse Smelting and Mining Company had 200 men about the works and its mines, which included the Post Boy, Utah Boy, River View, Beardsley and the Ramshorn.

Production increased until 1889. On May 14 of that year, a fire destroyed two dwellings, a stage barn, Sing Lee's wash house, and Charles Small's mess house for teamsters. Then in November 1889 within a two week period, the town was practically deserted due to Secretary Windom's ruling on Mexican silver lead ores. Over three hundred men were put out of work and work could not be resumed before the following summer. Bayhorse before this time had reached its peak population of around 400.

Today, some mining still occurs, and summer visitors are on the increase to this typical mining camp of the late 19th century. One of the great attractions is the aura of a real mining town, still complete with its original utilitarian cabins and shops left much as they were, preserving the architecture of a bygone Western era. Few ghost towns in the west compare with Bayhorse for unspoiled charm. The charcoal kilns there are about the best surviving in Idaho.

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 1 January 1885, p. 9, c. 7-8.  
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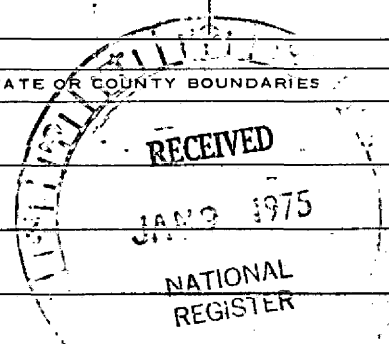
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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	
NW	44 ° 23 ' 56 "	114 ° 19 ' 20 "				
NE	44 ° 23 ' 56 "	114 ° 18 ' 08 "				
SE	44 ° 23 ' 43 "	114 ° 18 ' 08 "				
SW	44 ° 23 ' 43 "	114 ° 19 ' 20 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 160 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Thomas B. Renk, Site Survey Staff

ORGANIZATION: Idaho State Historical Society

DATE: 6 Feb. 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 610 N. Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Boise

STATE: Idaho

CODE: 16

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Merle W. Wells

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 1 April 1974

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

*Acting*  
[Signature]  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/15/76

ATTEST:  
Robert B. Pettig  
 Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3-14-76

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