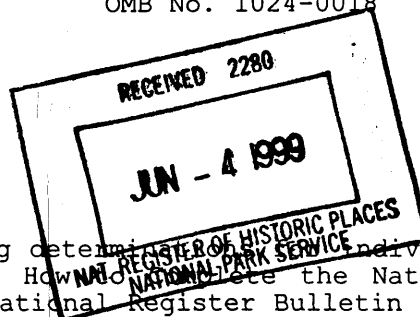


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination of individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Sun Camp Fireguard Cabin

other names/site number Baring Cabin; Baring Creek Cabin; Building Inventory #167.

2. Location

street & number Going-to-the-Sun Road not for publication N/A
city or town Glacier National Park, St. Mary vicinity X
state Montana code 30 county Glacier code 035
zip code 59411

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

J. P. MacL... for Ron G. Neberg

6-2-99

Superintendent

Date

Ass't. Director, Nat'l Center for C.R Stewardship and Partnership Programs

National Park Service, ~~Glacier National Park~~

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: GOVERNMENT: National Park Sub: ADMINISTRATIVE
Service

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: GOVERNMENT: National Park Sub: ADMINISTRATIVE
Service

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: NPS rustic architecture

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
roof Wood Shingle
walls Log
other _____

Narrative Description

The Baring Creek (Sun Camp) Fireguard Cabin was constructed with Public Works Project funds by local contractor Harry E. Doverspike in 1935. According to the final construction report, Plan NP/G3074 was used for this cabin as well as for fireguard cabins at Polebridge, Lake McDonald, Many Glacier, and Logging Creek, also constructed in 1935.

This structure is a single-room, single floor cabin, measuring 20x25', including an 11' front porch which is covered by the extended roof. The cabin has longitudinal purlins, 1" decking, cedar shingles, and log-on-log full-scribed walls with saddle-notched corners. There is a stone chimney at the rear of the cabin. This fireguard cabin was built according to cabin specifications provided by the Park Service's Division of Landscape Architecture. The only apparent dissimilarity is the center-wall placement of the entry. Other facsimiles of the plan are located within Glacier National Park in back-country locations and at other ranger stations. There is no indoor plumbing and heat is provided by a wood stove whose stovepipe exits through the back log wall to the stone chimney.

An outhouse is associated with the site but is not nominated as part of this listing.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- N/A
- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- past G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE
GOVERNMENT

Period of Significance 1935 - 1948

Significant Dates 1935

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Baring Creek Fireguard Cabin is the sole remaining building of the Sun Camp Ranger Station complex of buildings, which at one time included a ranger station, barn, and woodshed located near the mouth of Baring Creek. The Going-to-the-Sun Ranger Station, Building #166, also known as Sun Camp Ranger Station, was built in 1928 to house a ranger close to the Going-to-the-Sun Chalet, or Sun Camp, which was located on Sun Point on St. Mary Lake. The personnel housed at this location were to provide services and protection to the visitors and resources near Sun Camp, including hikers and boaters. The Ranger Station was located about a mile west of the Chalet, just to the east of the mouth of Baring Creek near the shore of the lake. The Ranger Station was built before the Chalet could be accessed by road, as the Going-to-the-Sun Road was not opened until 1933. The Fireguard Cabin (Building #167) was added as a satellite to this complex in 1935. Having personnel stationed in the area was important, for communication and commuting time from the foot of the lake did not easily allow timely response to visitor and resource management needs.

The opening of the Going-to-the-Sun Road in 1933 lessened the management need for a ranger station in the area, but the Sun Camp Ranger Station continued to be staffed through 1941. During World War II, it was not regularly staffed. After the war, park visitation patterns had changed and the Going-to-the-Sun Chalet had fallen into disrepair. The Chalet was removed in 1948, but Glacier National Park continued to use the Ranger Station as quarters until the early 1960's. When adequate housing was developed at the foot of the lake, near the park boundary at St. Mary, the old Sun Camp Ranger Station was no longer needed and it was removed. The Fireguard Cabin began to be called "Baring Creek Cabin" and it is still used to house personnel as needed.

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

"Final Construction Report of Fire Guard Cabins, Glacier National Park, 1937." Glacier National Park Records Collection: Box 143, folder 2; Glacier National Park Archives.

"Individual Building Data File: Patrol Cabins." Glacier National Park Records Collection 1910-1984: Box 150, Folder 2: Glacier National Park Archives.

"The Master Plan for Glacier National Park: 1931-1941." Branch of Plans and Design, National Park Service, Record Group 79, Cartographic Branch, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

"Superintendent's Report of the Year 1936." Glacier National Park Records Collection 1910-1984: Box 11, folder 3; Glacier National Park Archives
Additional references are noted in the Multiple Resource submission.

- Previous documentation on file (NPS) N/A
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
 - previously listed in the National Register
 - previously determined eligible by the National Register
 - designated a National Historic Landmark
 - recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 - recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

- Primary Location of Additional Data
- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other

Name of repository: Glacier National Park Archives

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>12</u>	<u>309600</u>	<u>5395600</u>	3	_____	_____
2	___	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is a square measuring 100 feet by 100 feet, centered on the building.

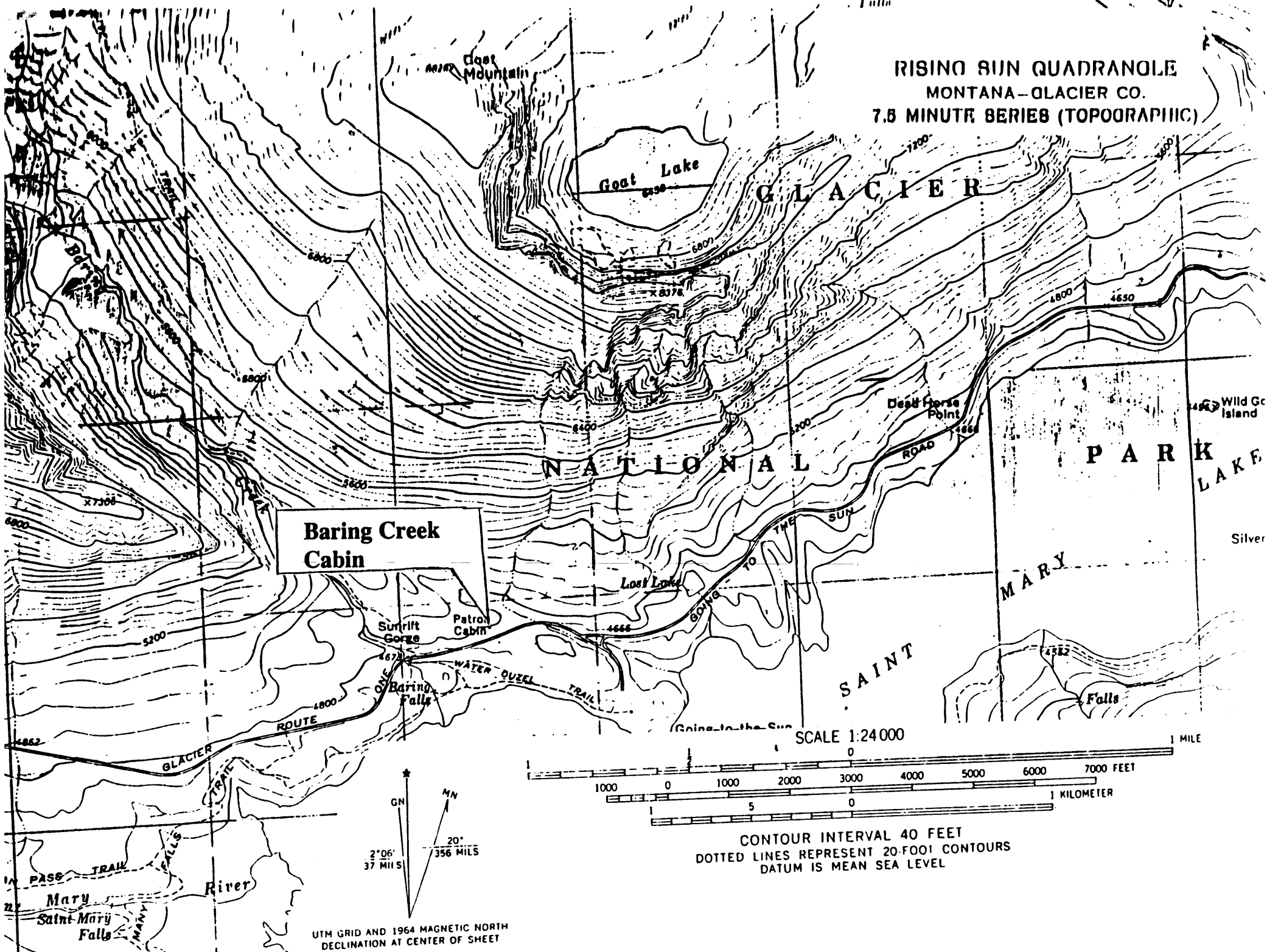
Boundary Justification

The resource consists of a single, isolated structure; the boundary is drawn to include the structure and its immediate site.

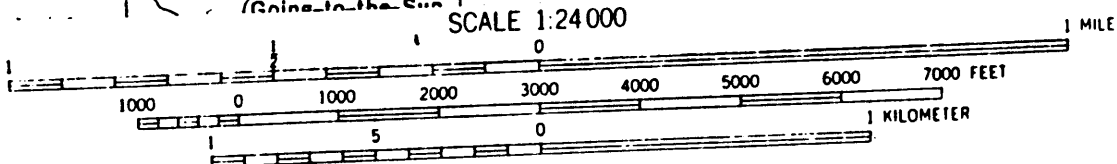
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Baring Creek Cabin



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