



# NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

# PNRO INVENTORY

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NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE/SITE <i>(Site)</i> INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY: U.S./CANADA		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1906-7	SITE ID. NO.
SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION 49th Parallel (North Latitude), U.S.- Canada Boundary Monument 72, east of Ross Lake, near Hozomeen		ADDITION(S)	SCALE 1:24000
DISTRICT <i>Skagit</i>	COUNTY <i>Whatcom</i>	STATE <i>Washington</i>	QUAD NAME <i>Hozomeen Mt., et al</i>
OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS <i>National Park Service International Boundary Commission</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTING <input type="checkbox"/> NON-CONTRIBUTING	UTM ZONE EASTING NORTHING 10 6081005 428400
DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC. <i>Remnants: 20 foot wide path cut through forested land; stumps remain; cast aluminum-bronze monument.</i>		CROSS REFERENCE <i>/II-1</i>	
		DANGER OF DEMOLITION? (SPECIFY THREAT) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	
		CURRENT USE <i>Boundary-marker</i>	ORIGINAL USE <i>Boundary-marker</i>

In 1846 Great Britain and the United States agreed with the Treaty of Washington that the boundary between Canada and the U.S. would be at the 49th parallel. But complications arose and disagreement prevented the boundary to be unequivocally determined until 1856 when the U.S. Congress authorized a North West Boundary Commission to survey the 49th parallel. Between 1858-60 this rugged terrain was surveyed and marked. The first monuments consisted of loose rock cairns, 6-8' in height: 8 would have been located within the present day park. None of these remain today. In 1906-1907 the present monuments were erected as an on-going boundary verification effort, and 17 of these can be found across the park's northern boundary.

PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY <input type="checkbox"/> YES, LIMITED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, UNLIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	EXISTING SURVEYS <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> LCS <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> NHL <input type="checkbox"/> NPS <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NAME	CONDITION <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED

**SIGNIFICANCE** *Eligible under Nat. Reg. Criterion A: significant for its association with early exploration in the North Cascades and the cooperation between two countries to establish an international border. These early survey efforts were accomplished by explorers who recorded information about this unknown territory for the first time. The visible boundary and the extant monuments across the northern boundary of the park delineating the 49th parallel are tangible evidence of the joint efforts by Great Britain and the USA. They possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.*

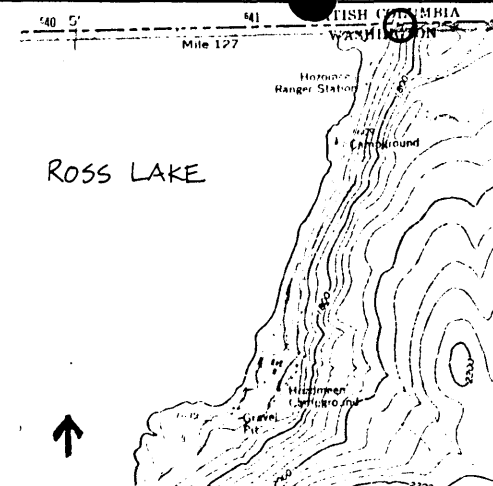
PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



FROM E.



FROM W.



NEGATIVE NO. *GL11-4-8*

HABS/HAER QUALITY

YES

NO

REFERENCES

*Thompson, Erwin. History Basic Data, 1970.*

*Thompson, Erwin. "National Register Nomination", International Boundary, 19 June 1970.*

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AFFILIATION

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DATE

*Summer 1984*