

NORTH IDAHO 1910 FIRE SITES THEMATIC GROUP

Name: ~~Saint Maries 1910 Fire Memorial, site number 6~~

Location: Saint Maries Cemetery, Benewah County, Saint Maries, Idaho

Owner: City of Saint Maries, 602 College Avenue

Map: USGS Saint Maries 24000

Acreage: 2 1/2

Boundary: SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 21 T46N R2W

Coordinates: 11/531 280/5240 120

Date: 1910, 1924

Significance: Conservation  
State

Condition: Excellent

Description: Completed in 1924 with a Forest Service bronze plate, 13" x 19" on a six-foot granite slab, this memorial also includes a flag pole and a burial plot for 54 fire fighters lost on August 20, 1910. A double circle designed to accommodate 62 graves was occupied in 1912 when 28 Big Creek and 26 Setzer Creek victims were reburied in this memorial. Red granite headstones set in concrete bases identify each site by name, date (August 20, 1910), and Big or Setzer Creek locations. Two treated posts support a 30-foot flag pole central to one of Idaho's early examples of landscape architecture. Norway spruce, arborvite, and low shrubbery were incorporated into a carefully planned memorial design, 80 x 90 feet in size.

This site is of exceptional importance in Forest Service history because of its design and its 1910 fire association. It commemorates a major epoch in conservation history that was subject in 1960 to a special fiftieth anniversary observance.