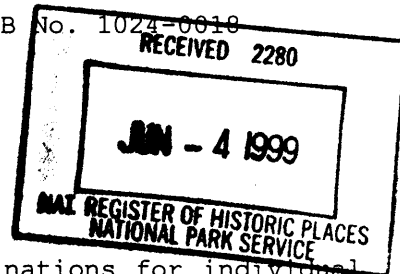


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United States Department of the Interior  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for 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.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Cattle Queen Snowshoe Cabin

other names/site number Cattle Queen Patrol Cabin; Mineral Creek Patrol Cabin; Building Inventory #575

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2. Location

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street & number McDonald Subdistrict, Glacier National Park not for publication  
city or town West Glacier vicinity X  
state Montana code MT county Flathead code 029  
zip code 59936

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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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.)

Jan For R Greenberg 6-2-99

Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Director, Nat'l Center for C.R. Stewardship & Partnership Prog.  
National Park Service, ~~Glacier National Park, Montana~~  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

USDI/NPS NRHP Registration Form

Cattle Queen Snowshoe Cabin

Flathead County, MT

Glacier National Park Multiple Resource Submission

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In my opinion, the property        meets        does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*[Handwritten Signature]*

4-19-99

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

Montana State Historic Preservation Office, Helena, MT

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

*[Handwritten Signature: Eason A. Beall]* 7.1.99

entered in the National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the

National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the

National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

*[Handwritten Signature]*

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>      </u>	<u>  1  </u>	buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	objects
<u>      </u>	<u>  1  </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register   0  

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Glacier National Park Multiple Resource Submission.

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 log  
roof metal  
walls log

other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description

The Cattle Queen Snowshoe Cabin is a small, fairly primitive structure located in a dense, tangled forest at the bottom of the deep Mineral Creek Canyon. Mineral Creek flows approximately 75 yards from the structure. A primitive trail, abandoned north of the cabin and largely obscured by flooding to the south, traverses the canyon. Visitation to the area is very low. The cabin is a single-level structure constructed of lap-notched logs with pole and cement chinking. It has a log-framed gable roof with extended purlins sheltering a large front porch. The original roof surface (apparently shingles) has been covered by corrugated metal. There are two wood-framed windows, both shuttered, as well as a solid wood entry door. Little sign of a foundation is evident. The building was painted brown. It is very highly weathered.

The structure's interior consists of a single room with a wood floor, and unfinished walls and roof. A trap door in the floor provides access to a small cellar food cache. Furnishings include a bed, table and chairs, and wood cabinetry. Tools, cooking and lighting equipment, and other items are also present. Many interior items and fixtures are historic; others, such as the stove, are modern versions of earlier equipment. The woodstove has a metal chimney that exits through the building's back wall.

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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.

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 1923-29

Significant Dates 1923

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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

"Superintendent's Annual Report for the Year 1923." Glacier National Park Records Collection 1910-1984; Records File 10, Folder 2; Glacier National Park Archives.

"Superintendent's Annual Report for the Year 1929." Glacier National Park Records Collection 1910-1984; Records File 10, Folder 3; Glacier National Park Archives.

\*\*Additional References are noted in the Multiple Resource submission.\*\*

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

\_\_\_ 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

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property Less than one acre.

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

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	12	292900	5410010	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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11. Form Prepared By

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organization National Park Service

date September 5, 1998

street & number Glacier National Park

telephone 406 888 7943

city or town West Glacier

state MT

zip code 59936

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Cattle Queen Snowshoe Cabin  
name of property  
Flathead County, MT  
county and State  
Glacier National Park MRS  
name of multiple property listing

The cabin has received little maintenance in recent years, and a fair amount of decay is evident. The ridgepole and purlins were cracked by a deadfall in the 1970's; vertical interior braces currently support these logs at the fracture. The porch is in poor condition, and considerable dry rot is present. In part due to this limited maintenance, the level of historical integrity is relatively high. The site also includes a modern hitchrack and traces of the access trail (there is no outhouse). These items are not considered part of the historical listing.

Architect/Builder NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

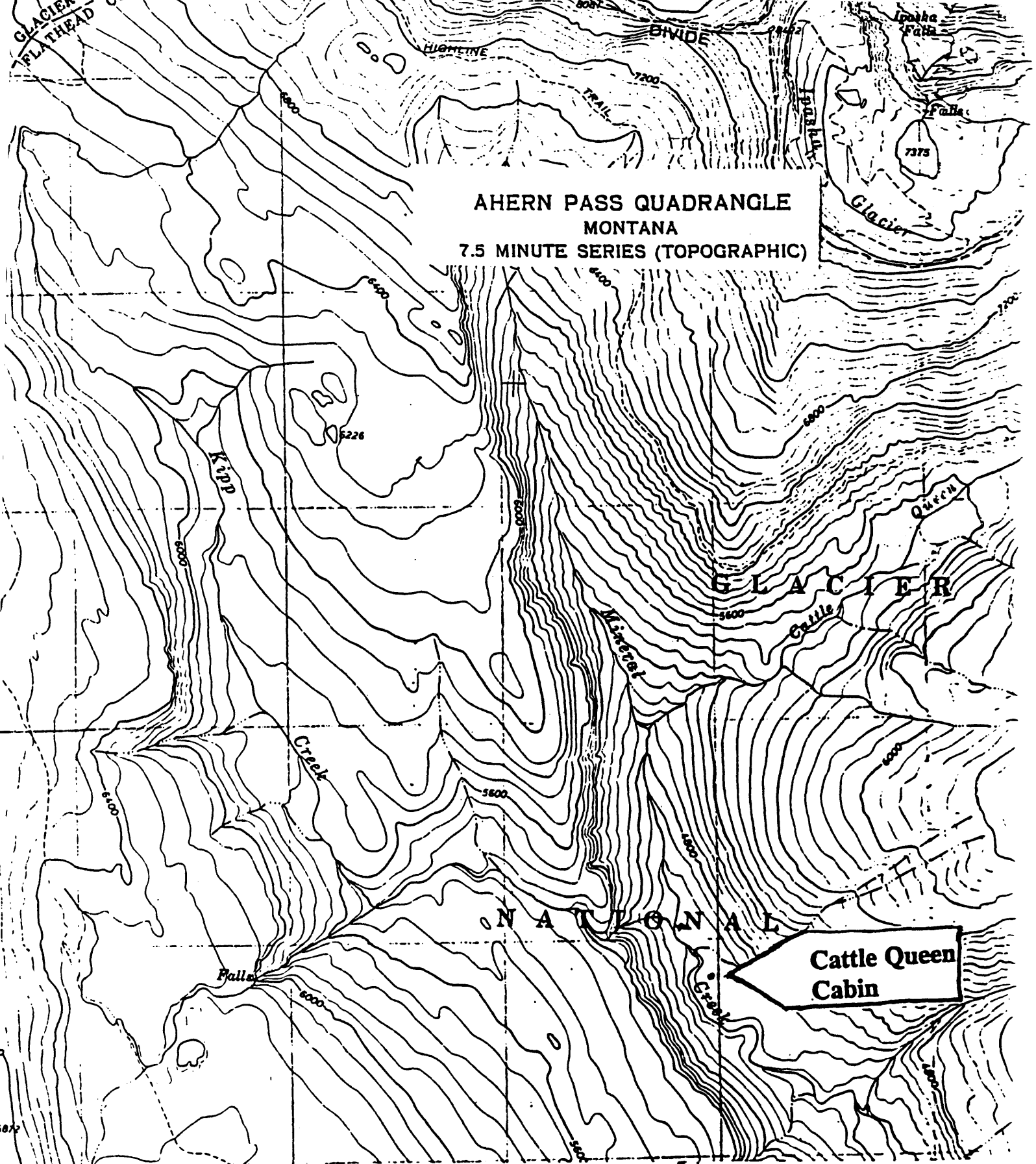
The Cattle Queen Cabin is one of the oldest surviving backcountry patrol cabin in Glacier National Park. This is reflected in the structure's unrefined, non-standard design and relatively primitive construction. The building is both indicative of its wilderness setting and of the earliest efforts of NPS administrators to "protect" the park's backcountry. For many years, in common with some three dozen other backcountry structures, the Cattle Queen Cabin was an important overnight stop for rangers on backcountry patrol, winter and summer. Trail reroutings and changes in patrol procedure have significantly reduced the cabin's use in recent decades; this is reflected in decay caused by limited maintenance, but has also resulted in retention of much of the cabin's historic fabric. In its design and continued use, though, the Cattle Queen Cabin reflects over seventy-five years of NPS resource protection philosophies and activities in Glacier National Park.

Park records indicate that the Cattle Queen Snowshoe Cabin was erected during the 1923 construction season; The 1923 Superintendent's Annual Report mentions building "six patrol cabins in the remoter sections of the park." The Cattle Queen Cabin was located in the heavily-forested canyon of Mineral Creek, on the main trail route from McDonald and Granite Park to Flattop (Fifty Mountain) and Goat Haunt. The site's name came from the area's historical association with Mrs. Nat Collins, the "Cattle Queen of Montana," who prospected nearby.

The Mineral Creek Trail lost much of its importance in 1929 when the Highline Trail was completed from Granite Park to Flattop; this spectacular route allowed travelers on the North Circle route to bypass Mineral Creek and Cattle Queen entirely. The Mineral Creek route was maintained as a fire trail until it was severely damaged by the 1964 floods. Today, the trail is minimally maintained only as far as the Cattle Queen Cabin. This bypassing of the structure greatly lessened its administrative importance and use; the cabin itself has seen little maintenance in recent decades, and it has been damaged somewhat by decay and deadfalls. It still receives occasional visitors, primarily during winter snow course surveys and ski expeditions from Goat Haunt to Lake McDonald.

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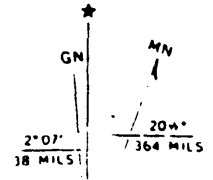
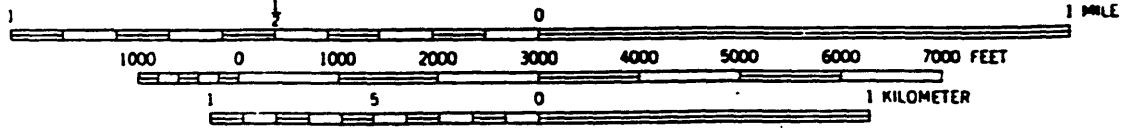
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**MONTANA**  
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