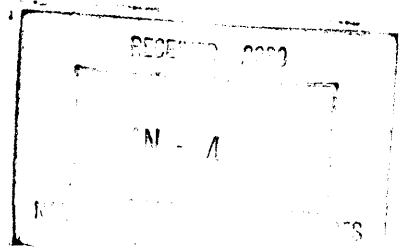


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(Rev. 10-90)

OMB No. 1024-0018

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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.

1. Name of Property

historic name Lincoln Creek Snowshoe Cabin

other names/site number Lincoln Creek Cabin; Building Inventory #617

2. Location

street & number US Highway 2 not for publication N/A  
city or town Glacier National Park, West Glacier vicinity X  
state Montana code MT county Flathead code 029 zip code 59936

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.)

for Denis Davis  
Superintendent

12/28/2000  
Date

National Park Service, Glacier National Park  
State or Federal agency and bureau

Walter Reed Brown  
Signature of Certifying Official

1/25/01  
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Mark F. Zaunber, SHPO \_\_\_\_\_ 12/12/2000  
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

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall

other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ 2/2/2001  
Date of Action

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>1</u>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
_____	_____ 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

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6. Function or Use  
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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

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: National Park Service rustic  
architecture

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

roof metal

walls log

other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description

The Lincoln Creek Snowshoe Cabin is a small, rustic building located on a low bluff overlooking Lincoln Creek near its confluence with the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. The site has a mixed forest cover, generated in the years following a 1929 forest fire. The park boundary and U.S. Highway 2 are less than ½ mile away, but the Middle Fork of the Flathead river acts as a barrier, keeping visitation at a very low level. The cabin is a single-level building constructed of reverse saddle-notched logs with axe-cut ends. Oakum chinking was placed between logs, and covered with wood poles nailed to the exterior. The log - framed gable roof is surfaced with wood shakes. The roofline extends 10 feet in front of the cabin, creating a large log-framed covered porch. Sill logs rest on a series of stone piers. No foundation exists. The solid entry door is composed of vertical wood members without fenestration, and there are two small wood-framed windows. The cabin's exterior has a stained brown finish.

The building's interior consists of a single room with a wood floor, and unfinished walls and roof. A trap door in the floor accesses a small cellar food cache. Furnishings include a bed, table, chairs, and wood cabinetry. Tools, cooking utensils, and other items are also present. Many interior items and fixtures are historic; others are modern versions of earlier equipment.

The cabin exhibits good integrity overall and retains its historic appearance. The site also includes the access trail, although its significance has not been evaluated and it is not considered part of this listing.

8. Statement of Significance

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 1931-1948

Significant Dates 1931  
1936

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 Lincoln Creek Snowshoe Cabin is significant at the local level for its association with the construction of over three dozen backcountry cabins erected throughout Glacier National Park during the 1920's and early 1930's. The cabin's simple, straightforward design well represents the philosophy of "rustic architecture" employed by the National Park Service prior to World War II. It is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places with significance in history and architecture (Criterion A and C). The cabin is a component of the Minor Developed Areas property type as defined in the Glacier National Park Multiple Property Listing.

The Lincoln Creek Snowshoe Cabin has served as a stopping place for Glacier National Park backcountry and boundary patrols for nearly seventy years. It stands today as a reminder of ranger activities of the 1930's: year-round poaching patrols, predator control, and game survey and feeding programs. It is also reflective of a time when the Boundary Trail was a major administrative travel route, connecting the park's Belton headquarters with a series of permanent ranger stations and providing access to the trails that penetrate Glacier's backcountry. The Lincoln Creek Cabin was built as one of several shelters for the use of rangers making year-round trail patrols from the Nyack Ranger Station, located several miles to the East along the Boundary Trail.

The first snowshoe cabin in this vicinity was constructed during the 1920's. The cabin site was a convenient stopover point halfway between the Belton headquarters and Nyack Ranger Station. It also served as a base for patrols up Lincoln Creek, then known as "Little St. Mary's." This cabin was destroyed by the Half Moon Forest Fire in August, 1929.

That winter, Congress authorized a special appropriation to replace park buildings destroyed by the fire, and bids were opened on May 5, 1930. The low bidder on the cabin was Cheatham Brothers of Spokane, Washington; They refused to sign a contract for the work, however, and the contract was awarded to Austin Weikert, who had submitted the next lowest bid. Weikert built a number of log buildings in the park, and was awarded several contracts during 1930. Park officials provided Weikert with a prioritized listing of his contracts, placing the Lincoln Creek Cabin near the bottom of the list.

Weikert suffered a severe injury that fall, and was unable to construct the cabin until late September, 1931. Weikert received \$350.00 for his labor, and the National Park Service provided materials valued at \$132.84. The cabin was stocked that October and first used during the winter of 1931-32.

In 1930 the construction of U.S. Highway 2 along the park's southern boundary was completed. Over time this resulted in much less travel on the Boundary Trail. As a result of this reduced trail use the Nyack Ranger Station was abandoned in 1936. This abandonment reduced the number of trail patrols in the area and reduced the use of the Lincoln Creek Cabin. The cabin is seldom utilized today except by trail maintenance crews.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Report of Construction Done Under the Appropriation 49/0405 Emergency Reconstruction and Fight Forest Fires 1929-1931". Glacier National Park Records Collection 1910-1984: Box 144-6; Glacier National Park Archives.

"Individual Building Data File: Patrol Cabins." Glacier National Park Records Collection 1910-1984: Box 150-4; Glacier National Park Archives.

"Ranger Station Logbooks: Nyack Ranger Station, 1929-1931." Glacier National Park Archives.

\*\* Additional references are noted in the Multiple Resource Nomination.\*\*

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 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	12	287381	5375443	3	—	—
2	—	—	—	4	—	—

Legal description: NE1/4SW1/4SE1/4, Section 27, Township 32 North, Range 18 West, MPM, Flathead County, Montana

Verbal Boundary Description

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

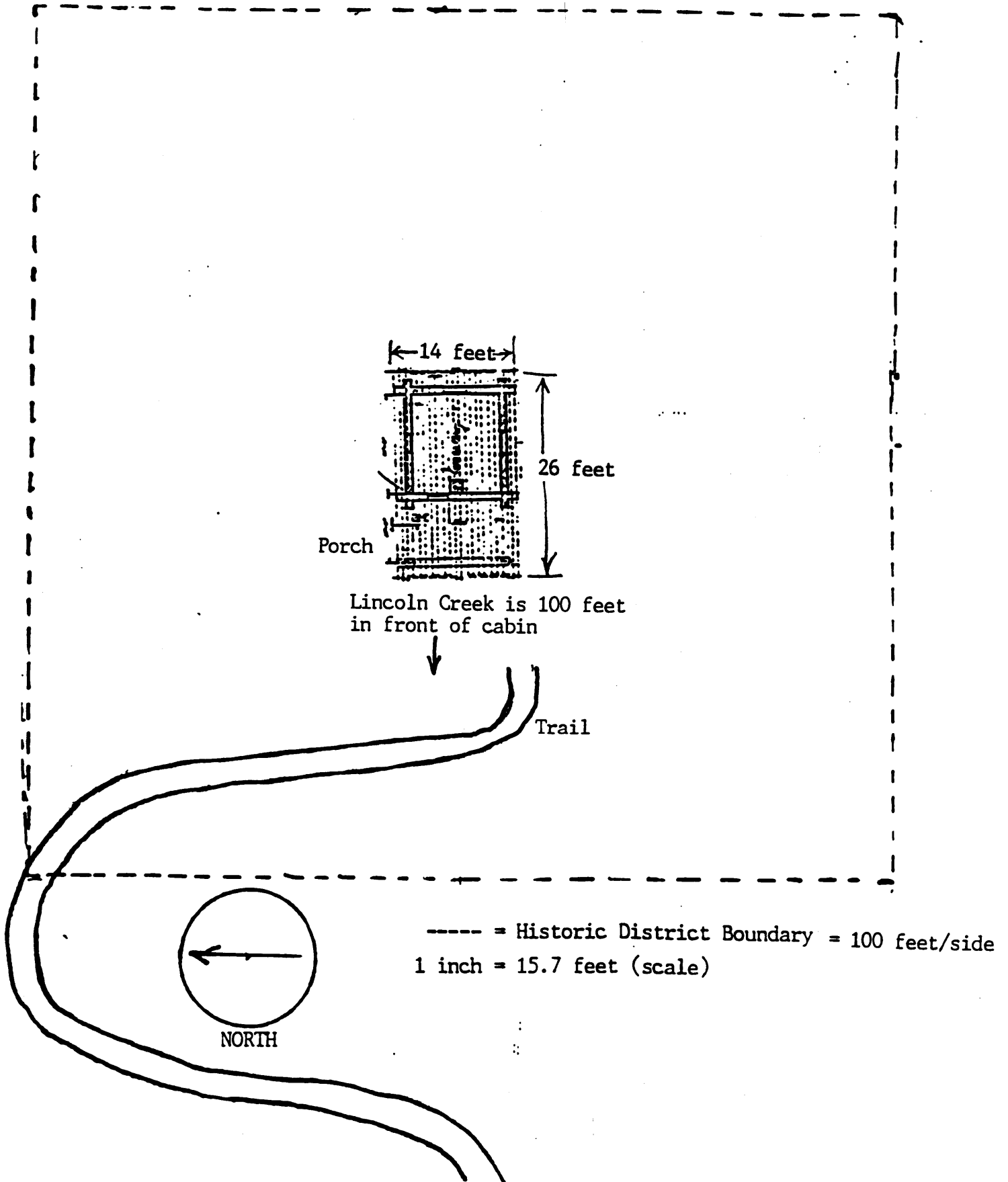
Boundary Justification

The resource consists of a single, isolated building; the boundary includes the building and its immediate surroundings which evoke its integrity of feeling and association.

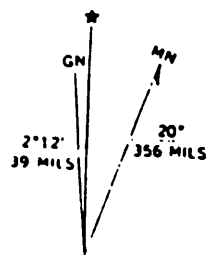
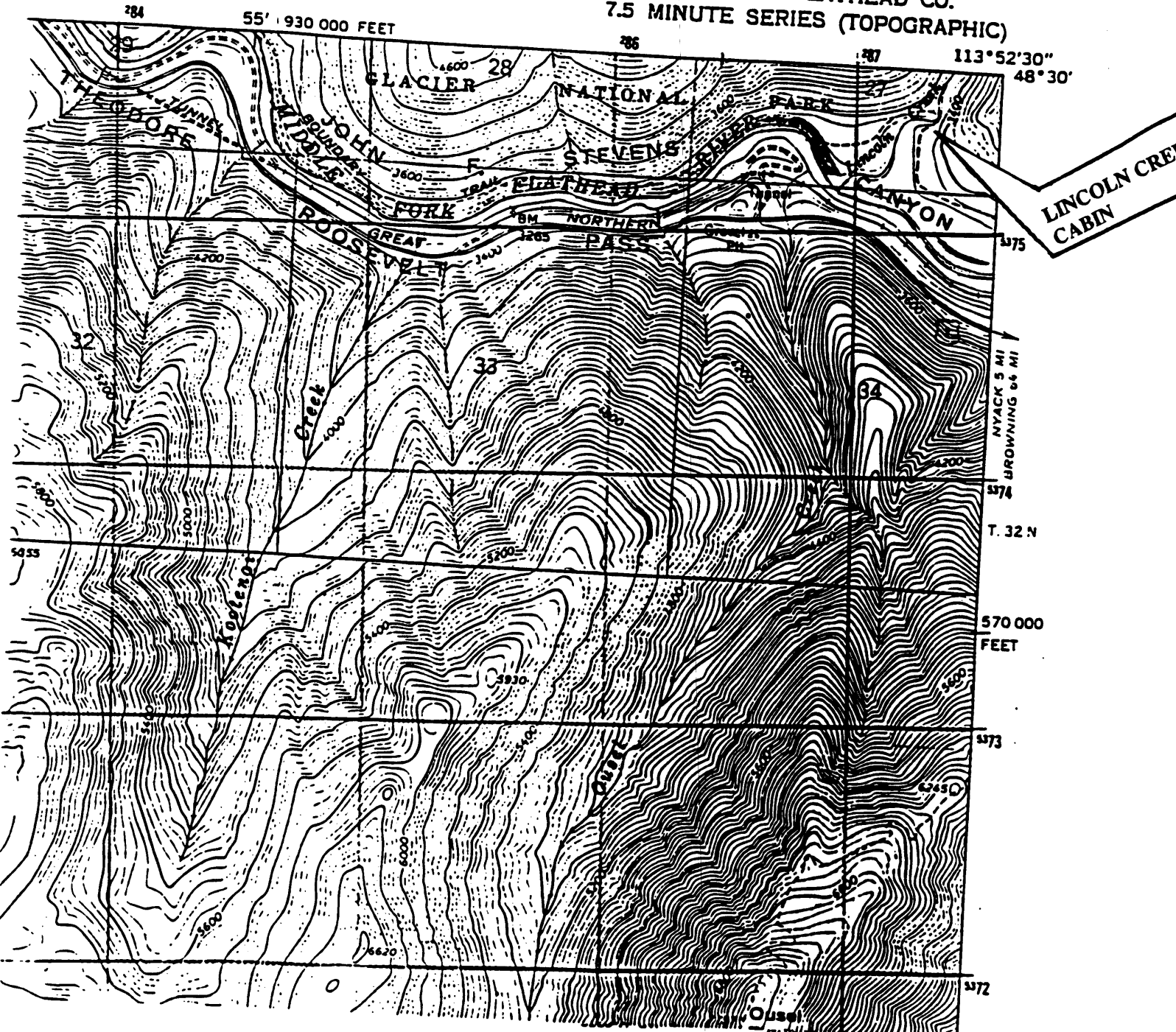
11. Form Prepared By

name/title Bruce Fladmark/Cultural Resources Manager  
organization National Park Service date August 17, 1998  
street & number Glacier National Park telephone 406 888 7943  
city or town West Glacier state MT Zip Code 59936

LINCOLN CREEK SNOWSHOE CABIN  
SITE MAP



WEST GLACIER QUADRANGLE  
 MONTANA - FLATHEAD CO.  
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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