

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY Leek's Lodge  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: WYOMING, Teton

DATE RECEIVED: 2/28/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/16/14  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 75000216

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ACCEPT \_\_\_RETURN \_\_\_REJECT \_\_\_\_\_DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED  
from  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

TELEPHONE

DATE

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the  
nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



STATE:	Wyoming
COUNTY:	Teton
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	SEP 5 1975

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Leek's Lodge
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Leek's Lodge

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: On U.S. Highway 89-287, east shore of Jackson Lake			
CITY OR TOWN: Grand Teton National Park, 10 miles N. N.W. of Moran		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First	
STATE Wyoming	CODE 56	COUNTY: Teton	CODE 039

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress 	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No 
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment 	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum 	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific 	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments May not be used in 1974 season

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Leek's Lodge, Inc., Jim Sanderson, President			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Moran	STATE: Wyoming	CODE 56	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Supt. Office, Grand Teton National Park			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Moose	STATE: Wyoming	CODE 56	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Wyoming Recreation Commission Survey of Historic Sites, Markers & Mon.			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 (1973 revised) <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Wyoming Recreation Commission			
STREET AND NUMBER: 604 East 25th Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Cheyenne	STATE: Wyoming	CODE 56	

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# 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The natural setting is the paramount interest; fortunately it has suffered no catastrophic changes in the interval between earliest historic and latest contemporary times. Here, over a few acres, the immediate locality is comparatively flat and thinly forested. In truth it is almost if not quite a glade; small clumps of trees occur at random spacings while here and there, seemingly aloof in private separateness, stand venerable conifers. On three sides this semi-opening is hemmed by denser forest, on the fourth---to the west---it is bound by the shore of a lake.

He who comes on this place suddenly, bursting from the view restricting forest, is rewarded by an arresting scene of pristine wilderness---a scene sufficiently imposing to have caused some to stop and camp, to cause all to pause and admire. If historic the viewer followed a trail, if contemporary a road, but in either case he has arrived from the east so that his gaze ranges westward past scattering evergreens to blue waters of a broad lake and beyond to where dark green forests, taking up again on the opposite shore, commence to climb the abrupt slopes of a massive uplift.

It is at this point that the viewer whatever his era and status---aboriginal pedestrian, historic horseman or modern motorist---finds cause to crane his neck as his line of sight progresses through an upward sweeping arc, beyond the end of green at timberline, beyond white fields of snow and ice, beyond sheer walls of gray-brown granite, to the crag crested skyline of a mountain range unique for its unlikely combination of height and ruggedness with brevity. These are the mountains christened "Tetons" by bilingual mountain men who, having given them a French designation, switched to English and, in possessive case, named the lake "Jackson's" after David Jackson the fur trader then most frequenting that region.

There is no way of knowing for certain what man may first have encroached on this enchanting natural setting. No doubt he was an aborigine; surely he came, saw and sojourned some thousands of years gone by. Where he made his camp there also may have bivouacked, sometime during the winter of 1807-1808, a lone white man named Colter; and there, with his brigade of fur gatherers, may have camped David Jackson as long ago as 1825. But all of this is mere speculation; it is known fact that another camper, Mr. Steven N. Leek, sometimes used this place during the early years of the 20th century. In 1925, perhaps commencing in 1924, he established here a semi-permanent type camp for the comfort and enjoyment of his recreation oriented clientele---hunters, fisherman and pack horse trip enthusiasts.

Leek's camp was a success and so, starting in 1926 and finishing in 1927, he built the lodge that is the corporeal subject of this nomination and the building hereinafter described. Although other structures---boathouse, workshop, docks, guest cabins---were built around the lodge they are not of concern here. Only the lodge and its natural setting, including both its tangible and intangible qualifications, are subjects of the nomination.

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Physical Appearance - 2

Leek's Lodge is a log building structured to house the office, lounge, dining room and kitchen of an early 20th century resort complex catering to an outdoor recreation type clientele. The building is 29 feet wide by 58 feet long and is bordered across the front and along one side by a roofed porch seven feet in width, resulting in overall ground surface dimensions of 36 feet by 65 feet. In outside appearance it is a two-story structure but that appearance is deceiving since there is actually only a partial second floor, one that extends over no more than the kitchen area in the rear quarter of the building. It is partitioned into two bedrooms and a lavatory, evidently having been designed to serve as private quarters for kitchen personnel.

On entering the front door the dominant impression is one of space---both horizontal and vertical. Probably the height is most impressive, there existing in that combined office-lounge only space between the floor and the roof-tree some twenty feet above. However, since there is only a partial partition between this lounge and the dining area beyond, a sense of depth and breadth is also present. Holding central location is the room's single most commanding feature---a huge fireplace made of native stones. This rock-masonry construction measures about nine feet long by six feet high and is capped by a massive chimney, a yard wide and two-thirds as thick, rising another 14 feet to egress between sections of the ridgepole. The fireplace, although centrally located between sidewalls of the office-lounge, is placed adjacent to the wide entrance into the dining area. Thus, it provides heat for both areas.

There can be no question that this building was designed for summer and early fall living only, the absence of a ceiling in the office-lounge and the lack of any other insulation indicates as much. No winter habitation was planned herein, not in this region where outside temperatures sometimes plummet to 40 or 50 degrees below zero. Besides, in the 1920's, outdoor winter sports were not yet a commercially profitable occupation, at least not in such an isolated place as this.

The interior walls are of natural logs, no more finished within than are their opposite surfaces without. The floor, now commencing to sag, is supported by two by ten inch joists set on 24 inch centers; the subfloor is of one by eight inch boards, rough sawed, and the finished flooring is of one by six inch wood. The doors are homemade and fasten with homemade latches. Like the fireplace formed from lakeside rocks, all other structural features so far described were built of native materials, that is of materials native to the very locale. The sawed lumber was a product of pine and fir trees cut in the vicinity and fashioned in a mill brought to the premises and set up for that specific purpose.



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Physical Appearance - 3

However, windows apparently are one of the few manufactured rather than home-made features; they are wood sash, uninsulated and multi-pane. Plumbing and light fixtures, also, of course, brought in manufactured items, are limited---simple but serviceable. Both pipes and wiring are exposed to view; it is not determined if the electric utility was original with the lodge, but small private electric plants were becoming standard installations in this area at the time of its construction. Many of the furnishings are homemade, some of them might presently be classed as antiques and possess considerable market value.

There is no excavation beneath the lodge. Large boulders and rock pillars serve for a foundation. Exterior walls stand 13 logs high, each end gable is layed an additional 10 logs higher and, finally, a hip section slopes upward to the roofline which is supported by framework standing three or four feet higher than the final gable logs. The roof, then, is a semi-gable, semi-hip construction; the rafters are poles, the sheathing native boards, and the shingles---another of the few nonnative features---are asphalt. Some of the house logs, particularly bottom ones, are presently showing deterioration.

Standing partially sheltered by trees similar to ones used in its construction, offering a view from its porches as heretofore described, this lodge is not incongruous to its surroundings. In truth, it fits into the natural scene.



## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☒ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☐ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1898

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____   |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |  |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |   |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Leek's Lodge is primarily significant for the man who built it and who was its first owner. It is secondarily significant for the problems surmounted and techniques used during its construction, for resultant architectural features and for the use to which it was put and in which it has continuously served over the subsequent forty-seven years.

Born in 1858 in the Canadian Province of Ontario, the son of a Welsh emigrant farmer, Steven N. Leek came to the United States with his family while still a child. He went to school in Illinois receiving, presumably, no more formal education than the elementary one basic to that period of time. As a young man he went to Nebraska and there operated a small ranch. After a few years in that endeavor he sold his holdings and took up the life of a hunter-trapper. Following that roving profession he arrived in the course of time, 1888 to set a date, on the shores of Jackson's Lake, Wyoming Territory. There he found himself in the very center of almost the final extensive tract of completely wild country anywhere remaining along the old High Plains and Mountains Frontier.

As expressed, well on toward a century later, by a family member of the succeeding generation: "he knew this was to be his home and took to his heart the beauty of the scenery and the wonder of the abundant wildlife." Such, of course, was an understandable reaction, but it was also mandatory for a young Mr. Leek to consider man's physical needs as well as his aesthetic delights. So he traipsed on along the trail somewhat more than thirty miles toward the valley's southern and lower end. There he founded a ranch and in doing so became one of the very first settlers to establish a permanent residence in Jackson's Hole.

Here it becomes pertinent to repeat a part of the foregoing quote: "...and took to his heart the beauty of the scenery and the wonder of the abundant wildlife". Therein is found cause for reflection; it is in fact a tip-off to a man's character and an augury of resultant actions.

When, in 1888, S. N. Leek, a thirty year old hunter-trapper possessing no highly accredited formal education, stood on the shores of Jackson's Lake he was also standing, surely without realization, at the crossroads

# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Personal Communications October 14, 1971 and January 7, 1972 from Mr. Ed. Lloyd, P. O. Box 1004, Jackson, Wyoming.

Personal Communications March 11, 1974 from Mr. Gary Everhardt, Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park, Moose, Wyoming.

S. N. Leek, File Material, Western History Research Center, Coe Library, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.

S. N. Leek, File Material, Wyoming State Archives and Historical Department, State of Wyoming, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0	43°	55'	49"
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0	110°	38'	20"
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0			
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <u>Ned Frost, Chief, Historic Division</u>		DATE <u>6/26/74</u>
ORGANIZATION <u>Wyoming Recreation Commission</u>		
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>604 East 25th Street</u>		
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Cheyenne</u>	STATE <u>Wyoming</u>	CODE <u>56</u>

# 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name Paul H. Westedt  
Paul H. Westedt

Title Historic Preservation Officer

Date August 2, 1974

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/5/75

ATTEST:

SEP 4 1975  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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of a career and---if the choice was in keeping with the preservation of a valuable national heritage---the threshold of a life promising infinite personal satisfaction gained through doing a valuable service to posterity.

He was then already following in the footsteps of that colorful society of mountain men who had also---otherwise they would not have continued their occupation---found in their hearts a response to "the beauty of the scenery and the wonder of the abundant wildlife". But those ones had experienced their reactions at a time when wildlife was abundant over a far vaster area and when man himself, at least the European invader, was a much rarer species. Even so, and in despite of whatever love may have been secreted in their hearts, those mountain men had managed to gravely deplete certain forms of regional wildlife, particularly beaver. In the course of their business, contrary to their own personal long range welfare, they became the region's first despoiler of the natural ecology.

No doubt Leek had even then, sixty years past the famous hey-day of the mountain fur trade epic, established a concourse with others of that vanishing fraternity who still carried on in Jackson's Hole environs a shabby vestige of the old trade. Despite the continuing decline of their economic status, these trapper-hunters persisted as an element of advancing civilization committed, against their own inclinations and interests, to carry on a despoliation of nature even to the very brink of no return.

Whether Leek understood this fact or not, and the evidence is that he did, he made his choice when he abandoned the life of a foot loose trapper to establish his ranch at the lower end of Jackson's Hole valley. There he became a member of society dedicated to making his living within a prescribed range of activity. That living by the nature of the country's isolation was limited to livestock production, a commodity that could itself walk to the market place, and recreational hunting, a commercial enterprise catering to an exclusive and physically active clientele. Thereupon Steve Leek gave up the trade of a trapper but not that of a hunter. From henceforth, in addition to ranching and the production of beef, he concentrated on guiding only indoctrinated sportsmen in hunting the most worthy trophies of the chase. In following that procedure he was a leader, before his time, in the enactment of laws placing a proscribed limit on the activities of market hunters and trappers. Thus, he early found himself, or thrust himself, into a leadership position of the 1890's and the 1900's conservation movement.

In that conservation movement Steve Leek had made his final decision, he was no longer a representative of the old "free trappers society". He stood for controls designed to protect the status quo, the live wild animals and their environment. The difficulty of this position was that already environmental

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pressures were running ahead of the remaining wildlife, there was more wildlife around and about than the remaining winter ranges, though not the available high mountain summer ranges, could support.

The chief difficulty was that new settlers, their fields and their fences, had cut off the wildlife's established migration route to winter ranges---in addition the livestock belonging to these new settlers was using in the summertime the forage that nature had traditionally produced for winter maintenance of wild animals. A tragedy was in the making and to some extent materialized; but it would have been much worse if it hadn't been for S. N. Leek.

During the 1890's and the early 1900's Leek saw this winter starvation of wildlife building to a foredoomed climax and major calamity. First he himself provided and prevailed on other settlers to provide a portion of their hay harvest to the wintertime alleviation of otherwise moribund herds of wapiti (elk). Then, utilizing and improving on the limited formal education he had received, he began to write and to practice photography (he became one of the earliest adapters of motion pictures to educational uses) and to lecture (across the nation) on the plight of western wildlife. During the time when Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot were making their historic reputations by pushing through a reluctant Congress the acts which conserved nationally owned forest lands, S. N. Leek and others of his ilk---but Leek in the forefront---were performing like labors on behalf of the forest's denizens. So it came about that Leek, more than any other individual, was responsible for the nation's first great major wildlife refuge---The Federal Elk Refuge in Jackson's Hole. No man achieves such worth-while objectives without some compensation, Leek found his in friendships which included Presidents, U.S. Senators, Governors and, in the private sector, men like George Eastman the founder and president of a great photographic industry; Wm. H. Jackson, most famous of frontier photographers; and Gilbert Grosvenor, long time editor of the National Geographic.

There are many reasons why S. N. Leek should, and no reasons why he should not, have visited the shores of Jackson's Lake many times during the decades of the 1890's, the 1900's and the 1910's. During all of that time, in fact more---from 1888 to 1925, his living came from conducting vacationers to just such places as the lake. Further, his own interests in the conservation of wildlife would have brought him there from time to time even though he had no vacationers to guide. Yet, thirty-seven years of time slipped by before he got around to building a commercial lodge capitalizing on the recreational business for which his favorite lakeside setting was a natural magnet.

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Why did he wait so long before building a commercial establishment so plainly marked for success? Probably because he was also busy building a successful ranching operation and succoring regional wildlife. Also it was about the mid 1920's before good roads made it possible for enough vacationers to reach that place to justify such an operation as he planned.

By that time Mr. Leek was an elderly man, in his 67th year, but he was still young in appearance and evidently in physical ability. Moreover, this was to be a family operation and he had two strong, capable sons trained in frontier building craftsmanship. They felled their own building logs and layed them up. They brought a sawmill to the location and sawed their own lumber. They fashioned a platform between two boats and cruised some miles across the lake to bring back rocks suitable for construction of the great fireplace. They built Leek's Lodge. S. N. Leek was both the architect and the master builder.

Leek's name stands in a prominent place among the organizers and workers of the nation's earliest conservation efforts. It will remain so enrolled in any event. But this Lodge should also be preserved as a memorial to a man who, given only a limited formal education, became, in the interests of wild-life preservation, a self-educated biologist, an author, a lecturer, a photographer, a friend of other achievers and still remained a frontiersman. Truly, S. N. Leek was a man of many parts.







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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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## 3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S. Geological Survey, 7½ minute series

SCALE:

1:24000

DATE:

1968

## 4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

Lat. 43° 55' 49" Long. 110° 38' 20"





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<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: S. N. Leek			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1930's			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Western History Research Center, University of Wyoming			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  View is from the west, that is from a point between the lake shore and the building. Shows the lodge from the southwest corner. Porch steps on right lead, behind tree trunk, lead to front door.			

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: S. N. Leek

DATE OF PHOTO: August 25, 1937

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

Western History Research Center, University of Wyoming

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Photograph shows S. N. Leek seated before the fireplace in the lounge of Leek's Lodge. A corner of the dining area shows behind Mr. Leek.

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Steve Leek at Leek Lodge  
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4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Photograph shows S. N. Leek standing along the east wall of Leek's Lodge, posing with a shed Wapiti (elk) antler. Mr. Leek, born in 1858, would have been either 78 or 79 years old at the time this photograph was taken.			



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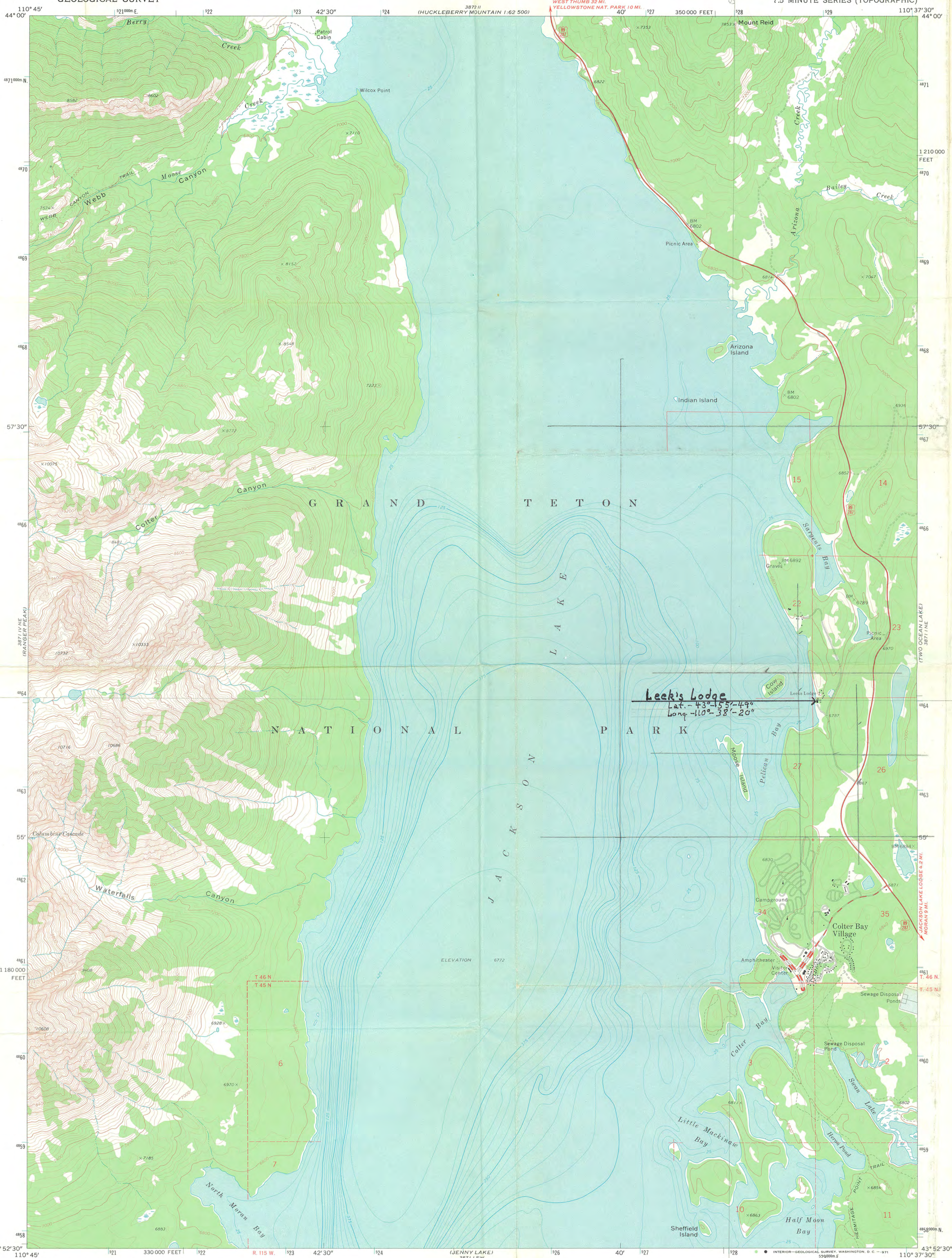
LEEK'S LODGE

ZONE 12

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Leek's Lodge  
Lat. - 43° 15' 57" - 49"  
Long. - 110° 38' - 20"

4864000

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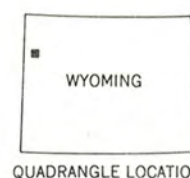
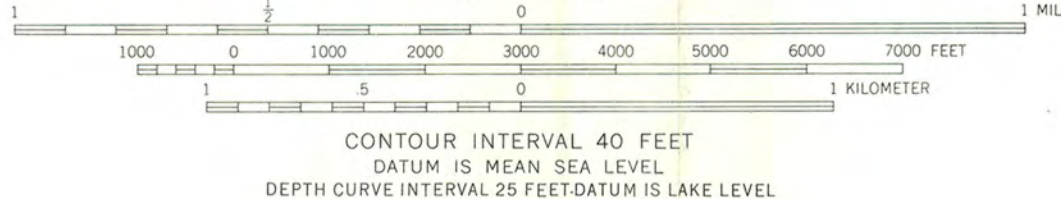
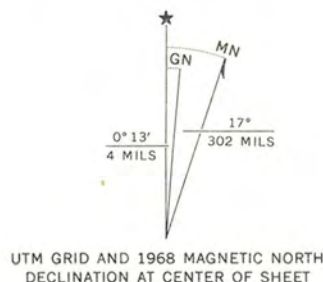
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Selected hydrographic data compiled by National Park Service. This information is not intended for navigational purposes

Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Wyoming coordinate system, west zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 12, shown in blue

Where omitted, land lines have not been established



ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
	U. S. Route



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National Register of Historic Places  
Memo to File

# Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

PROPERTY <u>Leek's Lodge</u>		STATE <u>Wyoming</u>	75000216
WORKING NUMBER <u>10.2.74.1600</u>			
TECH REVIEW	PHOTOS <u>3</u>	Teton	
	MAPS <u>1</u>		
5 continuation sheets (#7,8)			
CONTROL REVIEW			
HISTORIAN		10-4-77 CA	
50 yr. limit <del>can</del> should be waved. Think out buildings should be included. Some form! Return then <u>Accept</u>		Accept <u>W.R. Luce</u> Returns <u>LEBOVITZ</u>	
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN		10-21-74	
#10 not indicated. No justification for architectural significance. How much is being nominated? Why just the cabin? How about the whole site. Less than 50 years old, but should be waved.		ACCEPT <u>W.R. Luce</u> 11/8/74	
ARCHEOLOGIST		7-8-75	
No contemporary photo (all taken in the 130s) - which I think we should have. Architectural significance still needs addressing.		ACCEPT <u>w/ photo</u> 7-8-75	
REVIEW UNIT CHIEF		Return <u>COLE</u> 2/10/75	
BRANCH CHIEF		9/2/75 accept <u>Hungo</u> 9.3.75	
KEEPER		SEP 4 1975	

National Register Write-up	Send-back <u>3.18.75</u>
Federal Register entry <u>11-4-75</u>	Re-submit <u>6.26.75</u>
Entered	SEP 5 1975



NAME OF PROPERTY Leek's Lodge STATE Wyoming

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

7 Description: Are the outbuildings included? They should be, but it is not possible to tell extent of nominated area from the nomination.

8 Statement of Significance: Since you are asking for an exception to the general 50 year limit, please express why you feel the property is significant enough to warrant the exception.

9 Bibliography: \_\_\_\_\_

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: please fill in.

UTM Reference(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_\_\_

12 Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographic Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

Map Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to W. Ray Luce  
on the National Register staff, telephone 202/523-5483

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Charles H. Herring  
Chief, Branch of Registration

Date: 3.18.75

Wyo. Hist.  
Commission

INT:2105-74

THE STATE



OF WYOMING

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June 23, 1975



Mr. W. Ray Luce  
Registration Branch, Review Unit  
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18th and C Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Luce:

This is in reply to your questionnaire seeking further information to supplement the nomination of Leeks Lodge for enrollment in the National Register of Historic Places.

You ask if the outbuildings are included. The answer is no, they are not. The National Park Service, Grand Teton National Park, has not indicated any plans to save more than the lodge itself. I have no way of knowing for certain, but I think there was a practical reason for this decision regarding the need to redevelop (renew) the recreational facilities and the terrific expense involved in attempting to bring the old buildings up to a standard that would appeal to present day users and still keep rentals at a moderate rate. Anyway, the viewpoint of the Wyoming SHPO was that the important work was to save the lodge. We did not attempt to dissuade the NPS in their plans for future use and maintenance of the general area as long as those plans were compatible with the historic value.

You state that "you are asking for an exception to the general 50 year limit, please express why you feel the property is significant enough to warrant exception". The nomination contains six pages of single space typing which are intended to show why the property qualifies for enrollment to the National Register. And the property is either 48 or 49 years old, depending on whether its age is dated from the commencement or completion of construction. In 1967 or 1968, when both the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation and the

Mr. W. Ray Luce  
June 23, 1975  
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Wyoming Recreation Commission were attempting--within their respective authorities--to get the historic preservation program moving, we were told that the 50 year limit was a necessary arbitrary figure--but that it was elastic and should be viewed in that light, not as a rigid rule. Therefore, it never occurred to me to question the fact that this old log building, obviously so badly in need of immediate repairs and deteriorating as swiftly as only a log building can, should not be given the protection and prestige of the National Register without waiting another year or so until it crossed the magic age of half-century. I don't doubt that if Leeks Lodge was enrolled in the Register that the resulting prestige might bring its need for repair under quicker budgetary consideration.

The geographic data--acorage--you ask for has been filled in the proper space on the form. I regret that that narrow line was overlooked in the original preparation.

Sincerely

*Ned Frost*

Ned Frost, Chief  
Historic Division

NF/lml



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **WYOMING**

**SEP 5 1975**

Date Entered

Name

Location

**Look's Lodge**

**Moran vicinity  
Teton County**

Also Notified

**Hon. Gale W. McGee  
Hon. Clifford P. Hansen  
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**Regional Director, Rocky Mountain  
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Wyoming Recreation Commission  
604 East 25th Street  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001**

PR MMott/je 9/15/75

INT: 2950-75



# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 10-22-76  
 Reviewer INITIALS: nesbitt  
 NR DOE 9/5/75

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: ① Leek's Lodge

OTHER NAMES:

## LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER

10 mi. NW of Moran in Grand Teton National Park off U.S. 89/287

CITY/TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Wyoming

VICINITY OF

Moran

first

COUNTY

Teton

code

039

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC - MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

## FEATURES:

INTERIOR  
Substantially intact-1  
 - unknown - 4  
 - not applicable - 7

EXTERIOR  
Substantially intact-3  
 - unknown - 5  
 - not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS  
Substantially intact-3  
 - unknown - 6  
 - Not applicable - 9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact - 0

CONDITION -  
 - EXCELLENT  
 - GOOD  
 - FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 - RUINS  
 - UNEXPOSED  
 - Unexcavated

UNALTERED  
 - ALTERED  
 - Reconstructed  
 - Excavated

ORIGINAL SITE  
 - MOVED  
 - Unknown

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district?

YES

NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  
 IF YES, NAME:

YES

NO

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  
 IF YES, NAME:

YES

NO

ADAPTIVE USE:

YES

NO

Saved?

YES

NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- 1 Resort

now- Not in use

## SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
AGRICULTURE  
ARCHITECTURE -4  
ART  
COMMERCE  
COMMUNICATIONS

CONSERVATION -8  
ECONOMICS  
EDUCATION  
ENGINEERING  
EXPLORATION  
INDUSTRY  
INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
LAW/Gov't/politics  
LITERATURE  
MILITARY  
MUSIC  
PHILOSOPHY  
POLITICS-GOVERNMENT

RELIGION  
SCIENCE  
SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  
TRANSPORTATION  
OTHER (SPECIFY)

entertainment  
health  
recreation -28  
settlement -29  
socio/cultural  
urban & commun planning

## Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

## ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

## ETHNIC GROUP:

### NAMES:

(label role

&

appropriate date)

personal Steven N. Leek - builder, early conservation activist.

events

institutional

### DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): <sup>C.</sup> ~~ca.~~ mid-1920's

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

### SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

### ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre) less than 1 acre.

✓ **COMMENTS:** (include architectural information here) Log construction <sup>2</sup> 1½ stories, rectangular, hipped roof, interior chimney, front and side 1-story shed porch on stone piers, massive native stone fireplace, outbuildings. Built as a resort by Steven N. Leek, an early conservationist who activist in the area of conservation. An early settler in Jackson's Hole, Wyoming, he helped in Jackson Hole, WY. was instrumental in helping to establish the Federal Elk Refuge there.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** (maximum two sentences)



# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

P.O. DRAWER 170

MOOSE, WYOMING 83012

IN REPLY REFER TO:

1.A.2 (GRTE)



### Memorandum

To: Associate Director, National Park Service, Federal Preservation Officer,  
Stephanie Toothman

Through: Associate Regional Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service,  
Tammy Whittington *Tammy Whittington*

From: Acting Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial  
Parkway, Kevin Schneider *Michael A. Falk*

Subject: Petition for removal of Leek's Lodge from the National Register of Historic Places  
*75000216*

Grand Teton National Park would like to petition for the removal of Leek's Lodge from the National Register of Historic Places because it no longer meets the criteria for listing. In 1998, the recreational fishing lodge was demolished after several years' effort to sell it. A Memorandum of Agreement between the National Park Service and Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the removal of Leek's Lodge was submitted to and signed by the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation in 1996 (see enclosed).

Leek's Lodge was located on Jackson Lake in what is now Grand Teton National Park. It was constructed in 1926-27 and listed in the National Register in 1975 for its significance in the areas of conservation, architecture, and recreation. It was primarily significant for its association with its owner, Steven Leek. Leek's photographs of starving elk and his advocacy led to the establishment of the National Elk Refuge in Jackson Hole, WY. The lodge was also listed for its architectural significance. A log building, it measured 29' by 58' with a partial second story and prominent stone fireplace. The lodge served as the central office, kitchen, and gathering space at Leek's fishing lodge.

At the time of listing in 1975, the building's condition was extremely poor. By 1995, park staff determined that given the deteriorated condition, it was not a funding priority for scarce preservation funds and that its sale and removal was the best solution. With this decision, the park began consultation with local and state preservationists and in March 1996, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was completed between the National Park Service, the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The MOA was approved with three conditions, which were met by the park:

- 1) The property was to be advertised for sale to anyone who may be interested in restoring the property at another location outside Grand Teton National Park. In order to meet this stipulation, ads were placed in Historic Preservation News, the national publication of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and local newspapers.
- 2) If a buyer was not found, the park would salvage any useable materials for use in restoring other park-owned properties. The park determined that it had little use for the deteriorated logs, but salvaged the window sashes and glu-lam beams.
- 3) The third stipulation had to do with dispute resolution, which was never needed.



Despite attempts to sell the property between 1996 and 1998, no sale materialized and, in 1998, in view of the danger that existed with the public entering the building, the building was demolished by Grand Teton National Park firefighters and the site reclaimed. Once demolished, no further action was taken with the State Historic Preservation Office or the Keeper of the National Register to ensure the property be removed from the National Register.

Although the stone fireplace remains in ruins, the building no longer conveys its significance in the areas of conservation, architecture, or recreation. Because the building ceases to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, as outlined in CFR 36, Ch. 1, Part 60.15 "Removing properties from the National Register," Grand Teton National Park would like to have it removed from the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition. Should you have any further questions, please contact Katherine Wonson, Cultural Resources Specialist, at (307) 739-3671.



# United States Department of the Interior


NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20240

H32(2280)

## MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park

From: Chief, National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks, WASO 

Re: Confirmation of Leek's Lodge from the National Register of Historic Places

This memo is to confirm that Leek's Lodge, Teton County, Wyoming, located within the boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park was removed from the National Register of Historic Places on April, 4, 2014. This information was confirmed by Alexis Abernathy, National Register reviewer. If you have any questions please contact Alexis by phone at 202-354-2236 or email at [alexis\\_abernathy@nps.gov](mailto:alexis_abernathy@nps.gov)

Thank you



THE STATE OF WYOMING

Jim Geringer, Governor

October 17, 1995

# Department of Commerce

Celeste Colgan, Director

Division of Cultural Resources

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OCT 23 1995

Mr. Jack Neckels, Superintendent  
Grand Teton National Park  
P.O. Drawer 170  
Moose, WY 83012

RE: Grand Teton National Park, Disposition of Leek's Lodge; SHPO #0795TPT008

Dear Mr. Neckels:

Todd Thibodeau of our staff has received information concerning the aforementioned project. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment.

We have reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the disposition of National Register site 48TE900; the Leek's Lodge (Lodge). Since our last correspondence it has come to our attention that Grand Teton National Park (Park) is already in the process of developing a preservation plan for historic properties within the Park. We commend Park administration for taking the initiative to create the plan. In developing the plan, keep in mind that 36 CFR Part 800.2 defines a historic property as "any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register." In other words under the regulations there is no distinction between properties that have been determined eligible and properties that have been formally enrolled in the National Register. The aforementioned preservation plan should deal with both eligible and listed properties in a comprehensive manner.

Given that the Park is already producing a preservation plan, we concur that it would be inappropriate to combine the development of such a plan with mitigation for the Lodge. Since the plan will not be completed prior to implementation of this mitigative action, we recommend that Stipulation 2 of the MOA designate specific restoration projects for which the salvaged materials will be used for. Provided this is incorporated into the MOA we will concur with the terms of this agreement.

We would like to recommend that you forward the MOA to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council). It has been our experience that the agreement process works much more smoothly if the Council is provided an opportunity to review the MOA prior to submittal of the finalized document. The regulations found at 36 CFR Part 800 are clear that the Council should be an active participant in the Section 106 process.

Please refer to SHPO project control number #0795TPT008 on any future correspondence dealing with this project. If you have any questions contact Todd Thibodeau at 307-777-6694 or Judy Wolf, Deputy SHPO, at 307-777-6311.

Sincerely,

John T. Keck  
State Historic Preservation Officer

JTK:TPT:jh





# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Grand Teton National Park  
P. O. Drawer 170  
Moose, Wyoming 83102

IN REPLY REFER TO:

**H30 (GRTE)**

AUG 29 1995

Claudia Nissley  
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
Western Office of Project Review  
730 Simms Room 450  
Golden CO 80401

Dear Claudia,

Attached you will find correspondence between Grand Teton National Park and the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the removal of Leek's Lodge. As stated in our letter of June 9, 1995, to the SHPO, we believe the building has deteriorated beyond the feasibility of preservation. The lack of a solid foundation and the construction methods employed in the original construction have played a significant role in the building's current state of deterioration.

A draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding the building removal has been sent to the SHPO for concurrence. With SHPO approval of the MOA, it will be sent to your office for review and signature. Please contact Assistant Superintendent Melody Webb at 307-739-3410 or Cultural Resources Specialist Mike Johnson at 739-3491 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

*for* Jack Neckels,  
Superintendent

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# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Grand Teton National Park

P. O. Drawer 170

Moose, Wyoming 83102

IN REPLY REFER TO:

**H30 (GRTE)**

AUG 29 1995

**Mr. John T. Keck**  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
WY-SHPO, 2301 Central Avenue  
Cheyenne WY 82002

Dear John,

Attached you will find a draft of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the removal of Leek's Lodge at Grand Teton National Park. We have sent the Advisory Council copies of the correspondence related to the proposed action. We have not sent the Council the MOA; however, upon your concurrence and signature, we will forward it.

The MOA lists as stipulations Items #1 and #2 as requested in your letter of July 17, 1995. Item #3 is a request for the development and implementation of a historic preservation plan for the park's historic structures. Grand Teton began development of a management plan for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places in May of this year. We have completed the first draft, which has been reviewed by park management and returned to the park's Cultural Resources Specialist for further refinement. Due to the complexity of this plan and the addition of properties resulting from our current survey and evaluation project, we believe that it would be inappropriate to have the completion and implementation of the plan tied to removal of Leek's Lodge. Assistant Superintendent Melody Webb discussed this concern with you last week.

To afford potential purchasers the opportunity to view Leek's Lodge before snow flies, we would like to begin advertising the sale of the building as soon as possible. We anticipate the building would be removed this coming spring, so the need to begin an advertising

program in the immediate future is vital. Please contact Assistant Superintendent Melody Webb at 739-3410 or Cultural resources Specialist Mike Johnson at 739-3491 if you need to further discuss these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jack Neckels".

*for* Jack Neckels,  
Superintendent

Enclosures

cc:  
Cultural Resources Specialist, GRTE





# Department of Commerce

Celeste Colgan, Director

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Division of Cultural Resources

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July 17, 1995

Mr. Jack Neckels, Superintendent  
Grand Teton National Park  
P.O. Drawer 170  
Moose, WY 83012

RE: Grand Teton National Park, Disposition of Leek's Lodge  
SHPO #0795TPT008

Dear Mr. Neckels:

Todd Thibodeau of our staff has received information concerning the aforementioned project. Thank you for providing us the opportunity to comment.

We have reviewed the project report and find that the documentation meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation (48 FR 44716-42). Site 48TE900, the Leek's Lodge, is enrolled in the National Register of Historic Places. We concur that the building has been allowed to deteriorate to the point that restoration is no longer a feasible option, and that demolition will result in an adverse effect to this listed site.

To mitigate the adverse effect to the Leek's Lodge we would like to suggest the staff of Grand Teton National Park (Park) implement the following mitigative measures.

1. Advertise the property for sale to an individual or individuals that are interested in restoring it to its original condition.
2. In the event that a buyer cannot be located, salvage and store all materials from the lodge that can be reused on other historic properties.
3. Develop and implement a preservation plan for eligible and listed abandoned historic properties within the Park.

The specifics of this mitigation plan should be stipulated in a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to be signed by the Park, the Wyoming SHPO, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

We would like to voice concern that the Leek's Lodge and numerous other historic properties within the Park are being allowed to deteriorate to a condition of uselessness. Section 110 (a)(1) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (NHPA) states, "... each Federal agency shall use to the maximum extent feasible, historic properties available to the agency". It does not appear the Park is attempting to reuse many of its historic structures. We are aware there is a critical need for employee housing and administrative space within the Park, and that there is limited funding for new construction. Converting some of these abandoned structures to employee housing or other administrative uses could help to save money, improve employee moral, and generate positive publicity for the Park.

Mr. Neckels  
Mr. Keck  
Page 2

Additionally, the Snake River Valley's history is an interesting and important aspect of the Park which has long been neglected. Many of the historic structures within the Park offer unique opportunities for educating visitors about the events surrounding the development of the Park, the history of the conservation movement, and environmentalism in general. Adverse effects resulting from neglect to many eligible properties could be addressed through stabilization and interpretation of some of these sites. This approach can also assist the Park in directing visitors away from high use areas such as Jenny Lake and Colter Bay. Other uses for historic structures could include educational facilities, warming huts for winter back-country activities, or use by private organizations through partnerships with the Park.

We would like to meet informally with Park staff to discuss possibilities for adaptively reusing many of these historic properties. This meeting could also serve as the impetus to develop the aforementioned preservation plan. In accordance with Section 110 (2) of the NHPA, "Each Federal agency shall establish, in consultation with the Secretary, a preservation program for the identification, evaluation, and nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, and protection of historic properties". We are aware the Park is in the process of surveying and evaluating historic resources and we applaud this effort. However, there does not appear to be a plan to deal with these properties once they have been identified. We feel that a collaborative effort to develop such a plan will help to instill a spirit of trust and cooperation between our offices.

We know you are as concerned as we are with protecting our nation's invaluable cultural heritage and trust that you will be willing to work with us to prevent the loss of other historic properties under your stewardship.

Please refer to SHPO project control number #0795TPT008 on any future correspondence dealing with this project. If you have any questions contact Todd Thibodeau at 307-777-6694 or Judy Wolf, Deputy SHPO, at 307-777-6311.

Sincerely,



*for* John T. Keck  
State Historic Preservation Officer

JTK:tpt:rtw

cc: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Western Office of Project Review, 730 Simms, Room 450, Golden, CO 80401

Mr. Greg Kendrick, National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Regional Office,  
P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80225-0287



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H30

JUN - 6 1995

Mr. John T. Keck  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
WY-SHPO, 2301 Central Avenue  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear John,

Please consider this the official letter from Grand Teton National Park requesting your office's review of the National Park Service's assessment of finding for the following project:  
Removal of Leek's Lodge main building.

Leek's Lodge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination was prepared by Ned Frost of the Wyoming Recreation Commission in 1974. The nomination narrative begins with the natural setting of the lodge and stresses the pristine setting and "intangible qualifications" that the setting provides. The present day Leek's Lodge setting is now a busy boat launch facility and pizza restaurant. Frost's "arresting scene of pristine wilderness" has given way to large expanses of asphalt, and numerous loud boat engines. The main lodge and a couple of guest cabins are all that remain of the original complex. The subject of this action is limited to the main lodge building.

The building itself has deteriorated significantly, the lack of a solid foundation has allowed the rotting lower log courses to deform and distort the rest of the building. The west exterior log wall has a serious bow and deformation due to the structure being pulled down the slope of the hill by gravity. The roof of the structure is supported not by the log walls but glu-lam beams supported by posts on piers that were installed in 1979. The porches have begun to fall away from the building and the interior is filled with dung and debris. The building is almost beyond hope and the unfortunate setting is the biggest detriment to its rehabilitation. The park sees no future for this building in light of the tremendous cost of rehabilitation and the multitude of remaining needs for other historic structures located in Grand Teton.



With SHPO concurrence, we will advertise the building for sale, with preference given to a purchaser who will move the building to a new site and rehabilitate it. If there is a lack of interest in purchasing the building, the upper courses of logs will be salvaged for use in repairing other park structures. The attached Historic Structures Report from 1979 provides excellent documentation of the building. These drawings provide much better documentation of the structure than what photographs of the existing structure will document. We seek your concurrence that this adverse effect to this National Register Property is warranted given the building's present condition.

If you have any questions on this project, please contact Mike Johnson, Cultural Resources Specialist at 739-3491.

Sincerely,

**(Sgd) Jack Neckels**

Jack Neckels  
Superintendent

Enclosures

cc:

~~Cultural Resources Specialist, GRTE~~  
Concessions Specialist, GRTE



# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Grand Teton National Park  
P. O. Drawer 170  
Moose, Wyoming 83102

IN REPLY REFER TO:

D3415 (GRTE)

August 14, 1998

To: Superintendent

From: Natural Resource Specialist

Subject: CE (Categorical Exclusion), Removal by Burning of Leek's Lodge  
CE-98-15

Enclosed for your use is the environmental/cultural resource compliance for the removal of Leek's Lodge. A burn permit (attached) was received from the Department of Environmental Quality to allow the building to be removed through a structural fire training exercise. Prior to this, all materials such as electrical wiring, plumbing, linoleum, asbestos, and painted wood will be removed. The burn piles will be constructed away from the trees in front of the lodge; therefore, no mature trees should be killed.

The park attempted to have the building flattened and reused for its lumber, however no willing buyer was found. As it stands now, the building is severely deteriorated and is dangerous to enter. Therefore plans have been made for its removal and the rehabilitation of the site.

Following burning of the building, ashes and charred wood remains will be removed, and the site will be graded to a fine texture and recontoured. Then, pending the availability of staff and materials, native seed will be spread over the ground to enhance regrowth of vegetation. It would also be desirable to plant shrubs and seedlings on the site to help restore natural conditions.

Mike Johnson is preparing separate cultural resource compliance for the project and said the project will have no adverse effect on cultural resources.

The work is categorically excluded under the National Environmental Policy Act, citation 516 DM 6, Appendix 7.4 C(17), which states, "Construction or rehabilitation in previously disturbed or developed areas, required to meet health or safety regulations, or to meet requirements for making facilities accessible to the handicapped."

Please contact me if you have any questions about compliance for this project.

Sheri Fedorchak

Enclosure

cc: Tami DeGrosky  
Mike Johnson  
Mark Kelleher  
Rod Losson



## United States Department of the Interior

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Grand Teton National Park  
P.O. Drawer 170  
Moose, Wyoming 83012

IN REPLY REFER TO:

A44 (GRTE)

March 13, 1996

Ms. Claudia Nissley, Director  
Western Office of Review  
Advisory Council On Historic Preservation  
730 Simms Street #401  
Golden, CO 80401

Dear Ms. Nissley:

Attached is the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) concerning the removal of Leek's Lodge. Grand Teton has been in consultation with Jane Crisler of your staff and the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office to develop this document. We believe the MOA now meets all of the criteria and expectations of both organizations and submit it to you for your approval and signature. It has been signed by John Keck, Wyoming SHPO. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

If you have any questions on this project, please contact Mike Johnson, Cultural Resources Specialist at 739-3491.

Sincerely,

**(Sgd) Melody Webb**

**FOR** Jack Neckels  
Superintendent

Enclosures

cc:  
Cultural Resources Specialist, GRTE

MJOHNSON:lc:3/12/96



**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
AND THE WYOMING STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER REGARDING  
THE REMOVAL OF LEEK'S LODGE, SUBMITTED TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION PURSUANT TO 36 CFR 800.6(a).**

WHEREAS, Grand Teton National Park (the Park) has determined that the removal of Leek's Lodge will have an adverse effect upon this property which is included in the National Register of Historic Places, and has consulted with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Park, the Wyoming SHPO, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (the Council) agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the undertaking on this historic property.

**Stipulations**

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#### ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Claudia Nissley, Western Regional Director

#### GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

By: Jack Neckels Date: 2/13/96  
Jack Neckels, Superintendent

#### WYOMING STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

By: John T. Keck Date: 3/6/96  
John T. Keck, SHPO

# Advisory Council On Historic Preservation

The Old Post Office Building  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, #809  
Washington, DC 20004

Reply to: 730 Simms Street, #401  
Golden, Colorado 80401

A44

April 3, 1996

Mr. Jack Neckels  
Superintendent  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Grand Teton National Park  
P.O. Drawer 170  
Moose, WY 83102

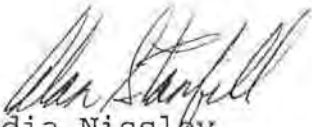
RE: *Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Removal of Leek's  
Lodge, Grand Teon NP, WY*

Dear Mr. Neckels:

The enclosed Memorandum of Agreement regarding the above referenced project has been accepted by the Council. This action constitutes the comments of the Council required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Council's regulations. Please send copies of the signed Agreement to the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer and your Federal Preservation Officer.

The Council appreciates your cooperation in reaching a satisfactory resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Claudia Nissley  
Director, Western Office  
of Review

Enclosure

Date Rec'd GRTE			
APR - 5 1996			
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	Chief Concessions		
	Chief Maintenance		
	Chief Naturalist		
	Chief Ranger		
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By: Robert D. Bush Date: 3/9/86

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By: Jack Neckels Date: 2/13/86  
Jack Neckels, Superintendent

#### WYOMING STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

By: John T. Keck Date: 3/6/86  
John T. Keck, SHPO

## Leeks Timetable

Mike Felt

1995 - Decision by park staff that given the deteriorated condition of the Leeks Lodge, it was not a good property to spend scarce preservation funds on. Loss of site integrity and other factors determined that sale and removal would be the best solution. Consultation with local and state historic preservationists was initiated.

March, 1996 - Memorandum of Agreement completed between the National Park Service, the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation approving removal of Leeks Lodge with three conditions-

1. Advertise the property for sale to anyone who may be interested in restoring the property at another location outside of Grand Teton National park.

Ads were placed in Historic Preservation News, the national publication of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the local newspapers. Copies attached.

2. If a buyer cannot be found, the park will salvage any useable materials for use in restoring other park owned properties.

The park plans to salvage the glu-lam beams and the window sashes for use elsewhere. The logs have little or no use to the parks preservation efforts.

3. The third stipulation has to do with dispute resolution, which so far has not been needed. SHPO staff are generally satisfied with our two-year attempt to find a buyer for the structure.

The sale documentation was sent to 55 prospective bidders...some who had responded to the national ad and some who were on our local bidders mailing list. After the advertising period, an inspection and open house was held on May 17, 1996. On May 23, 1996 the property was sold to Sarah Resor for \$1010, this was the only bid submitted.

Sarah Resor attempted to remove the structure for her own use, but was unable to complete the task. She then made several attempts to interest others to take the property, but was unsuccessful. Among those referred by Sarah were Gerry Spence, local attorney, and Virginia Dean, the daughter of Ms. Firestone who lives near the Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis.

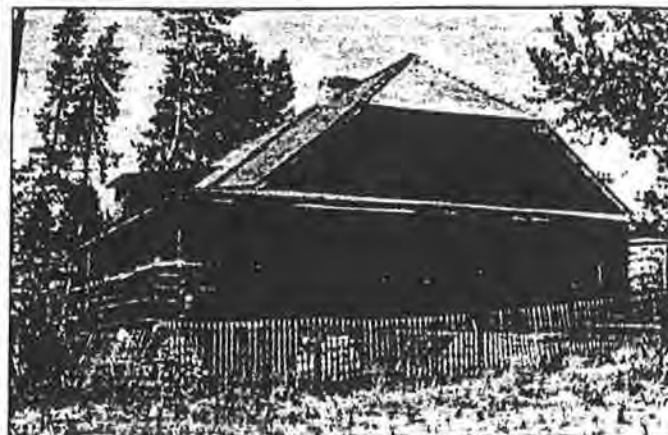
In the spring of 1997, the Teton County Historic Preservation Board was notified that the sale of the property had fallen through. Kurt Dubbe, Board President and a local architect, made attempts to interest persons building vacation homes in the area to take the building. His efforts were unsuccessful.



In March of 1998, Bob Armstrong, a property owner in the Poker Flats area, approached the park about purchasing the building. However, the Armstrongs decided that the property was not suited for their needs and elected not to proceed with the purchase.

In view of the danger that exists with the public entering a building which can not be secured to insure non-entry, and that numerous efforts to relocate the building have failed, it is recommended that materials be removed and the building be demolished.

## HISTORIC PROPERTIES



**MORAN, WY** Leek's Lodge for sale (building only), listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Located in Grand Teton National Park, building must be moved out of park. Deteriorated 29-x-58-ft. rustic lodge of 1920s fishing camp. Building exhibits serious rot on lower log courses. Bids due May 23, 1996. Must be removed by July 5, 1996. For information packet: Leek's Lodge, P.O. Box 170, Moose, WY 83012.

# 1996

## Advertising Deadlines

PRESERVATION NEWS  
MAY-JUNE 1996 ISSUE

WE PAY cash for real estate contracts, mortgages. **Creative Finance 1-800-999-4809.**

By Owner: Cozy log home with great southern exposure! 2BR, 2BA. Deck overlooks Snake River & Hoback Canyons. \$199,000. 733-1701.

### CROW HEART RANCH 120 acres

105 irrigated. Nicest place in Crow Heart. Right in front of the butte. Blue spruce windbreak; nice house. Direct highway access. \$300,000. Call George Hunker 307-332-3986 5-1

### WHAT A DEAL!

For \$5000 down 4 br, 2-car garage townhouse on creek. Purchase price \$200,000. 739-8874 or 739-9131 5-1

### BONDURANT POTENTIAL

Resort • Tourist Stop Sports Club, etc.

6 acres, commercial— Highway frontage—joins Nat'l Forest. Live stream through property and Hoback River at rear. Log, pine paneled cabins and main building, recently renovated. Equipped and ready to operate. Selling for health reasons. Owner financing possible.

307-856-4112 TFN

### QUICK LIST

#### RANCHES, LARGE LOTS & HORSE PROPERTY:

##### Working Cattle Ranches:

- 2000 deeded acres (more or less), Scenic-Fishing-Big game & wildlife - Private BLM lease, rated at 400 to 450 cow/calf pairs. List Price \$1.6 million.
- 610 deeded acres (more or less) - Swan Valley Idaho - Recreation - National forest grazing - Rated 225 cow/calf pairs. List Price \$997,500

##### Unimproved Lots:

##### BRING OFFERS.

- South Park, 20.36 acres, creek, views. List Price \$429,000
- South Park, 15.06 acres, views. List Price \$549,000.

##### Improved Horse &

##### Recreation Property:

- Unique, 27.61 acres, 5 bedroom home, guest house, barn, fishing, water fall, borders national forest lands. List Price \$2.19 million.

CONTACT: STEVE ROBERTSON  
TETON SHADOWS REALTY  
Phone

Nice, clean AFFORDABLE Jackson living. 2BR, 1BA, 14x62 mobile home/secure lot. New carpet, extra insulation. \$32,500. 734-0235.

2BR Trailer. Remodeled. Fenced yard. Pets OK. W/D. Secure lot. Possible partial financing. \$19,000 733-7837.

### BOZEMAN, MONTANA

#### Prestigious Bridger Canyon

4 miles from Bridger Bowl Ski Area. 40 acre parcels border Gallatin Nat'l Forest. Creek, trees, view. Starting at \$149,000. Nancy Oakes, Broker 1627 W. Main #264 Bozeman, MT 59715 406-586-7629 5-29

### SPACIOUS NEW CUSTOM BUILT 2250 SQ. FT. HOME

In Indian Trails Subdivision: 3 BR. 2.5 BA, wood floors, vaulted ceiling, 2 car garage and much more. Close to schools and town. With beautiful views.

\$295,000. 733-1644 TFN

### ASPEN LAKE SUBDIVISION,

Victor, Idaho. Four lots. Owner financing available.

Contact Steve  
733-1756 4-24

### FOR SALE BY OWNER

3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home on West Bank. Shed and garage. \$240,000. No agents, please. 733-0896 5-15

### MONTANA RANCH 5,554± acres

27 miles from Red Lodge Ski Resort. 3 miles from Yellowstone River. Beautiful, with scenic views of Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. \$4,000,000. Nancy Oakes, Broker (406) 586-7629 1627 W. Main # 264, Bozeman, MT 59715 5-29

### SNAKE RIVER FRONTAGE

Approx. 2 acres 7 miles south of Jackson. Includes 14'x70' mobile home. \$180,000. Some owner financing possible.

Call Mike Bishop  
Eagle Mountain Real Estate  
733-1991 5-1

### BY OWNER

Great privacy amongst huge willows bordered by two creeks. In town location. Two story cedar with river rock. 3 bedroom 2.5 bath.

Wood floor in kitchen, big master bedroom w/walk-in closet. 1650 sq. feet. 2 1/2 years old \$219,000 733-8577

BY OWNER. Attractive custom home on one of the nicest lots in Rafter-J 3BR/2BA, 2 car garage, 1/3 acre bordering common area and open ranch land, nice southern exposure. \$269,000. 733-3032.

### BUFFALO BASIN RANCH!

20+ ACRES from \$16,900. Open & wooded parcels w/ spectacular views! Abuts the Targhee Nat'l Forest with miles and miles of groomed snowmobile & cross country skiing close by. Located 8 miles from Island Park w/ great fishing on Henry's Fork of the Snake River. Truly a recreational paradise! Easy owner financing! Call now, they are selling fast, 1-800-252-5263. Yellowstone Basin Properties. PO Box 3027, Bozeman, MT 59772. A Blue-green Property.

2BR Mobile Home. New carpet, good condition. \$13,500. 733-1756

Handcrafted log home shell for sale. 1600sq.ft. Full scribe, 10" logs. \$42,000. 307-656-9298.

Quiet end unit, no stairs, great views, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, double-garage, below appraisal. 733-7406.

3BR 2BA home on 2/3 acre in Victor. Beautiful views, cedar siding, landscaping and double garage add to this 2-yr-old home. \$130,000. 208-787-2146.

New 1995 3/2 with great room, family room, and large attf on 1/3 acre. \$255,000. 739-9872.

For Sale: Historic Leek's Lodge. Log bldg to be removed from GRTE NP and restored. Call 739-3447 for info, 8-4 M-F.

FSBO 4.4 acres 11 miles South/Jackson. Spring water. Mature pine trees. Reduced. 734-0205.

Two mobile homes for sale in Victor mobile home park. 1993 Fleetwood \$22,000 and 1982 Montebello \$12,000. 733-2772.

1940's log cabin ready to move, old Lions Club Lodge, Swedish cope, solid oak floors excellent floor joists, 1500 sq. ft. - great condition! 733-2866 evenings. Cash offers only.

For Sale by Owner; Alpine Wy Super Good Cents & supereasy care 3 bedroom/2.5 bath. Reasonable. 307-654-7937.

MOVER INSPECTED. READY FOR LIFTOFF. House to be moved. Stick-built. 8 years old. \$50,000

Snake River Canyon view lot. 16 miles from town. Must sell! 307-733-4446. \$125,900/OBO.

No. 10-572 800 Acres, \$385,000. 800 acres, close to National forest. Only 25 miles from Dillon MT. Developed springs supplies 2 large ponds. Outstanding mountain and valley views from nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home (new in 1994), good barn, more! \$385,000. 1-800-685-1025 SEE OTHER PROPERTIES. 8 http://www.nwn-national.com/land/

BY OWNER: Townhouse w/convenient in-town location. 2BR, 1.75BA, 1-car garage. Owner financing available. \$146,800. Bob, 733-7286.

## RENTALS

### Apts&Condos

Like new 2BR, 1BA. New kitchen appliances. Storage units. Marked parking. No pets. 733-4666.

One or 2BR completely furnished, quiet area, short term, NS/NP. 733-5827.

2BR/2BA condo in Rafter J, furnished. First, last, deposit. \$1200/mo No Pets. 733-3069.

Creekside townhouse. 3BR, 2.5BA, 2-car garage. End unit. Excellent condition. NS, NP. No short-term. 733-5936.

2BR, 1BA secluded Victor apartment. Wrap-around deck, year-round creek, W/D, hot tub, 4WD necessary, pets OK. \$550/month. 208-787-2322.

In town location, suitable for 2 to 3 people. Available immediately. No smoking, no pets. Contact Sally, 4631.

In town, unfurnished 2 bdrm 1 BA, \$800/mo. Pets possible. 739-1698.

2BR 1BA in town, WD, furnished call Ted, Teton Shadows Realty 733-0940.

### Apartments/Condos FOR RENT

Roomy two bedroom apartments in town, unfurnished, washer/dryer hookups. No dogs. No smoking. Lease, references. \$700/mo. & up.

Spacious Cache Commons townhome, 1800+ sq. ft., unfurnished, washer/dryer hookups. No smoking. No pets. Lease, references. \$1200/mo. Call Sue Hoffman,



# DATA SHEET

Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Wyoming
COUNTY:	Teton
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	SEP 5 1975



1. NAME	
COMMON:	Leek's Lodge
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Leek's Lodge

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: On U.S. Highway 89-287, east shore of Jackson Lake			
CITY OR TOWN: Grand Teton National Park, 10 miles N. N.W. of Moran		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First	
STATE Wyoming	CODE 56	COUNTY: Teton	CODE 039

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Leek's Lodge, Inc., Jim Sanderson, President			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Moran	STATE: Wyoming	CODE 56	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Supt. Office, Grand Teton National Park			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Moose	STATE: Wyoming	CODE 56	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Wyoming Recreation Commission Survey of Historic Sites, Markers & Mon.			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 (1973 revised) <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Wyoming Recreation Commission			
STREET AND NUMBER: 604 East 25th Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Cheyenne	STATE: Wyoming	CODE 56	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE

COUNTY

ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE

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# 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The natural setting is the paramount interest; fortunately it has suffered no catastrophic changes in the interval between earliest historic and latest contemporary times. Here, over a few acres, the immediate locality is comparatively flat and thinly forested. In truth it is almost if not quite a glade; small clumps of trees occur at random spacings while here and there, seemingly aloof in private separateness, stand venerable conifers. On three sides this semi-opening is hemmed by denser forest, on the fourth---to the west---it is bound by the shore of a lake.

He who comes on this place suddenly, bursting from the view restricting forest, is rewarded by an arresting scene of pristine wilderness---a scene, sufficiently imposing to have caused some to stop and camp, to cause all to pause and admire. If historic the viewer followed a trail, if contemporary a road, but in either case he has arrived from the east so that his gaze ranges westward past scattering evergreens to blue waters of a broad lake and beyond to where dark green forests, taking up again on the opposite shore, commence to climb the abrupt slopes of a massive uplift.

It is at this point that the viewer whatever his era and status---aboriginal pedestrian, historic horseman or modern motorist---finds cause to crane his neck as his line of sight progresses through an upward sweeping arc, beyond the end of green at timberline, beyond white fields of snow and ice, beyond sheer walls of gray-brown granite, to the crag crested skyline of a mountain range unique for its unlikely combination of height and ruggedness with brevity. These are the mountains christened "Tetons" by bilingual mountain men who, having given them a French designation, switched to English and, in possessive case, named the lake "Jackson's" after David Jackson the fur trader then most frequenting that region.

There is no way of knowing for certain what man may first have encroached on this enchanting natural setting. No doubt he was an aborigine; surely he came, saw and sojourned some thousands of years gone by. Where he made his camp there also may have bivouacked, sometime during the winter of 1807-1808, a lone white man named Colter; and there, with his brigade of fur gatherers, may have camped David Jackson as long ago as 1825. But all of this is mere speculation; it is known fact that another camper, Mr. Steven N. Leek, sometimes used this place during the early years of the 20th century. In 1925, perhaps commencing in 1924, he established here a semi-permanent type camp for the comfort and enjoyment of his recreation oriented clientele---hunters, fisherman and pack horse trip enthusiasts.

Leek's camp was a success and so, starting in 1926 and finishing in 1927, he built the lodge that is the corporeal subject of this nomination and the building hereinafter described. Although other structures---boathouse, workshop, docks, guest cabins---were built around the lodge they are not of concern here. Only the lodge and its natural setting, including both its tangible and intangible qualifications, are subjects of the nomination.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☒ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1897

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Education

☐ Political

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Engineering

☐ Religion/Phi-

☐ Other (Specify)

☐ Historic

☐ Industry

losophy

Recreation

☐ Agriculture

☐ Invention

☐ Science

☒ Architecture

☐ Landscape

☐ Sculpture

☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-

☐ Commerce

☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications

☐ Military

☐ Theater

☒ Conservation

☐ Music

☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Leek's Lodge is primarily significant for the man who built it and who was its first owner. It is secondarily significant for the problems surmounted and techniques used during its construction, for resultant architectural features and for the use to which it was put and in which it has continuously served over the subsequent forty-seven years.

Born in 1858 in the Canadian Province of Ontario, the son of a Welsh emigrant farmer, Steven N. Leek came to the United States with his family while still a child. He went to school in Illinois receiving, presumably, no more formal education than the elementary one basic to that period of time. As a young man he went to Nebraska and there operated a small ranch. After a few years in that endeavor he sold his holdings and took up the life of a hunter-trapper. Following that roving profession he arrived in the course of time, 1888 to set a date, on the shores of Jackson's Lake, Wyoming Territory. There he found himself in the very center of almost the final extensive tract of completely wild country anywhere remaining along the old High Plains and Mountains Frontier.

As expressed, well on toward a century later, by a family member of the succeeding generation: "he knew this was to be his home and took to his heart the beauty of the scenery and the wonder of the abundant wildlife." Such, of course, was an understandable reaction, but it was also mandatory for a young Mr. Leek to consider man's physical needs as well as his aesthetic delights. So he traipsed on along the trail somewhat more than thirty miles toward the valley's southern and lower end. There he founded a ranch and in doing so became one of the very first settlers to establish a permanent residence in Jackson's Hole.

Here it becomes pertinent to repeat a part of the foregoing quote: "...and took to his heart the beauty of the scenery and the wonder of the abundant wildlife". Therein is found cause for reflection; it is in fact a tip-off to a man's character and an augury of resultant actions.

When, in 1888, S. N. Leek, a thirty year old hunter-trapper possessing no highly accredited formal education, stood on the shores of Jackson's Lake he was also standing, surely without realization, at the crossroads

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# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre.

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# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ned Frost, Chief, Historic Division

ORGANIZATION: Wyoming Recreation Commission DATE: 6/26/74

STREET AND NUMBER: 604 East 25th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Cheyenne STATE: Wyoming CODE: 56

# 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Paul H. Westedt  
Paul H. Westedt

Title Historic Preservation Officer

Date August 2, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

4/5/75

ATTEST:

SEP 4 1975  
Keeper of The National Register

Date

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Leek's Lodge

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Physical Appearance - 2

Leek's Lodge is a log building structured to house the office, lounge, dining room and kitchen of an early 20th century resort complex catering to an outdoor recreation type clientele. The building is 29 feet wide by 58 feet long and is bordered across the front and along one side by a roofed porch seven feet in width, resulting in overall ground surface dimensions of 36 feet by 65 feet. In outside appearance it is a two-story structure but that appearance is deceiving since there is actually only a partial second floor, one that extends over no more than the kitchen area in the rear quarter of the building. It is partitioned into two bedrooms and a lavatory, evidently having been designed to serve as private quarters for kitchen personnel.

On entering the front door the dominant impression is one of space---both horizontal and vertical. Probably the height is most impressive, there existing in that combined office-lounge only space between the floor and the roof-tree some twenty feet above. However, since there is only a partial partition between this lounge and the dining area beyond, a sense of depth and breadth is also present. Holding central location is the room's single most commanding feature---a huge fireplace made of native stones. This rock-masonry construction measures about nine feet long by six feet high and is capped by a massive chimney, a yard wide and two-thirds as thick, rising another 14 feet to egress between sections of the ridgepole. The fireplace, although centrally located between sidewalls of the office-lounge, is placed adjacent to the wide entrance into the dining area. Thus, it provides heat for both areas.

There can be no question that this building was designed for summer and early fall living only, the absence of a ceiling in the office-lounge and the lack of any other insulation indicates as much. No winter habitation was planned herein, not in this region where outside temperatures sometimes plummet to 40 or 50 degrees below zero. Besides, in the 1920's, outdoor winter sports were not yet a commercially profitable occupation, at least not in such an isolated place as this.

The interior walls are of natural logs, no more finished within than are their opposite surfaces without. The floor, now commencing to sag, is supported by two by ten inch joists set on 24 inch centers; the subfloor is of one by eight inch boards, rough sawed, and the finished flooring is of one by six inch wood. The doors are homemade and fasten with homemade latches. Like the fireplace formed from lakeside rocks, all other structural features so far described were built of native materials, that is of materials native to the very locale. The sawed lumber was a product of pine and fir trees cut in the vicinity and fashioned in a mill brought to the premises and set up for that specific purpose.

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However, windows apparently are one of the few manufactured rather than home-made features; they are wood sash, uninsulated and multi-pane. Plumbing and light fixtures, also, of course, brought in manufactured items, are limited---simple but serviceable. Both pipes and wiring are exposed to view; it is not determined if the electric utility was original with the lodge, but small private electric plants were becoming standard installations in this area at the time of its construction. Many of the furnishings are homemade, some of them might presently be classed as antiques and possess considerable market value.

There is no excavation beneath the lodge. Large boulders and rock pillars serve for a foundation. Exterior walls stand 13 logs high; each end gable is layed an additional 10 logs higher and, finally, a hip section slopes upward to the roofline which is supported by framework standing three or four feet higher than the final gable logs. The roof, then, is a semi-gable, semi-hip construction; the rafters are poles, the sheathing native boards, and the shingles---another of the few nonnative features---are asphalt. Some of the house logs, particularly bottom ones, are presently showing deterioration.

Standing partially sheltered by trees similar to ones used in its construction, offering a view from its porches as heretofore described, this lodge is not incongruous to its surroundings. In truth, it fits into the natural scene.



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Statement of Significance - 2

of a career and---if the choice was in keeping with the preservation of a valuable national heritage---the threshold of a life promising infinite personal satisfaction gained through doing a valuable service to posterity.

He was then already following in the footsteps of that colorful society of mountain men who had also---otherwise they would not have continued their occupation---found in their hearts a response to "the beauty of the scenery and the wonder of the abundant wildlife". But those ones had experienced their reactions at a time when wildlife was abundant over a far vaster area and when man himself, at least the European invader, was a much rarer species. Even so, and in despite of whatever love may have been secreted in their hearts, those mountain men had managed to gravely deplete certain forms of regional wildlife, particularly beaver. In the course of their business, contrary to their own personal long range welfare, they became the region's first despoiler of the natural ecology.

No doubt Leek had even then, sixty years past the famous hey-day of the mountain fur trade epic, established a concourse with others of that vanishing fraternity who still carried on in Jackson's Hole environs a shabby vestige of the old trade. Despite the continuing decline of their economic status, these trapper-hunters persisted as an element of advancing civilization committed, against their own inclinations and interests, to carry on a despoliation of nature even to the very brink of no return.

Whether Leek understood this fact or not, and the evidence is that he did, he made his choice when he abandoned the life of a foot loose trapper to establish his ranch at the lower end of Jackson's Hole valley. There he became a member of society dedicated to making his living within a prescribed range of activity. That living by the nature of the country's isolation was limited to livestock production, a commodity that could itself walk to the market place, and recreational hunting, a commercial enterprise catering to an exclusive and physically active clientele. Thereupon Steve Leek gave up the trade of a trapper but not that of a hunter. From henceforth, in addition to ranching and the production of beef, he concentrated on guiding only indoctrinated sportsmen in hunting the most worthy trophies of the chase. In following that procedure he was a leader, before his time, in the enactment of laws placing a proscribed limit on the activities of market hunters and trappers. Thus, he early found himself, or thrust himself, into a leadership position of the 1890's and the 1900's conservation movement.

In that conservation movement Steve Leek had made his final decision, he was no longer a representative of the old "free trappers society". He stood for controls designed to protect the status quo, the live wild animals and their environment. The difficulty of this position was that already environmental



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pressures were running ahead of the remaining wildlife, there was more wildlife around and about than the remaining winter ranges, though not the available high mountain summer ranges, could support.

The chief difficulty was that new settlers, their fields and their fences, had cut off the wildlife's established migration route to winter ranges---in addition the livestock belonging to these new settlers was using in the summertime the forage that nature had traditionally produced for winter maintenance of wild animals. A tragedy was in the making and to some extent materialized; but it would have been much worse if it hadn't been for S. N. Leek.

During the 1890's and the early 1900's Leek saw this winter starvation of wildlife building to a foredoomed climax and major calamity. First he himself provided and prevailed on other settlers to provide a portion of their hay harvest to the wintertime alleviation of otherwise moribund herds of wapiti (elk). Then, utilizing and improving on the limited formal education he had received, he began to write and to practice photography (he became one of the earliest adapters of motion pictures to educational uses) and to lecture (across the nation) on the plight of western wildlife. During the time when Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot were making their historic reputations by pushing through a reluctant Congress the acts which conserved nationally owned forest lands, S. N. Leek and others of his ilk---but Leek in the forefront---were performing like labors on behalf of the forest's denizens. So it came about that Leek, more than any other individual, was responsible for the nation's first great major wildlife refuge---The Federal Elk Refuge in Jackson's Hole. No man achieves such worth-while objectives without some compensation, Leek found his in friendships which included Presidents, U.S. Senators, Governors and, in the private sector, men like George Eastman the founder and president of a great photographic industry; Wm. H. Jackson, most famous of frontier photographers; and Gilbert Grosvenor, long time editor of the National Geographic.

There are many reasons why S. N. Leek should, and no reasons why he should not, have visited the shores of Jackson's Lake many times during the decades of the 1890's, the 1900's and the 1910's. During all of that time, in fact more---from 1888 to 1925, his living came from conducting vacationers to just such places as the lake. Further, his own interests in the conservation of wildlife would have brought him there from time to time even though he had no vacationers to guide. Yet, thirty-seven years of time slipped by before he got around to building a commercial lodge capitalizing on the recreational business for which his favorite lakeside setting was a natural magnet.



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Why did he wait so long before building a commercial establishment so plainly marked for success? Probably because he was also busy building a successful ranching operation and succoring regional wildlife. Also it was about the mid 1920's before good roads made it possible for enough vacationers to reach that place to justify such an operation as he planned.

By that time Mr. Leek was an elderly man, in his 67th year, but he was still young in appearance and evidently in physical ability. Moreover, this was to be a family operation and he had two strong, capable sons trained in frontier building craftsmanship. They felled their own building logs and layed them up. They brought a sawmill to the location and sawed their own lumber. They fashioned a platform between two boats and cruised some miles across the lake to bring back rocks suitable for construction of the great fireplace. They built Leek's Lodge. S. N. Leek was both the architect and the master builder.

Leek's name stands in a prominent place among the organizers and workers of the nation's earliest conservation efforts. It will remain so enrolled in any event. But this Lodge should also be preserved as a memorial to a man who, given only a limited formal education, became, in the interests of wild-life preservation, a self-educated biologist, an author, a lecturer, a photographer, a friend of other achievers and still remained a frontiersman. Truly, S. N. Leek was a man of many parts.





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2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
On U. S. Highway 89-287, east shore of Jackson Lake			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Grand Teton National Park, 10 miles North, Northwest of Moran			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Wyoming	56	Teton	039
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:		S. N. Leek	
DATE OF PHOTO:		1930's	
NEGATIVE FILED AT:		Western History Research Center, University of Wyoming	
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
View is from the west, that is from a point between the lake shore and the building. Shows the lodge from the southwest corner. Porch steps on right lead, behind tree trunk, lead to front door.			





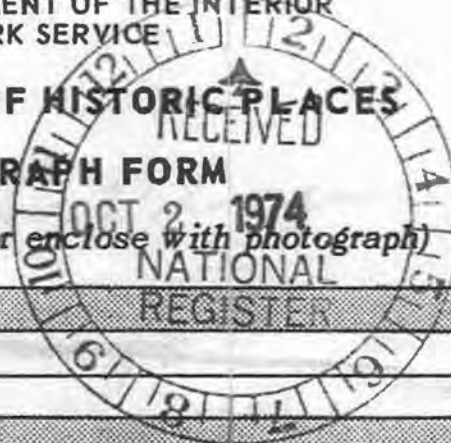


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DATE OF PHOTO:		August 25, 1937	
NEGATIVE FILED AT:		Western History Research Center, University of Wyoming	
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Photograph shows S. N. Leek seated before the fireplace in the lounge of Leek's Lodge. A corner of the dining area shows behind Mr. Leek.			



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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Photograph shows S. N. Leek standing along the east wall of Leek's Lodge, posing with a shed Wapiti (elk) antler. Mr. Leek, born in 1858, would have been either 78 or 79 years old at the time this photograph was taken.			



Existing Condition of Leek's chimney, photographs taken 2007.



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