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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91000707 Date Listed: 6/7/91

<u>Silver Creek Ranger Station</u>	<u>Pierce</u>	<u>WA</u>
Property Name	County	State

USDA Forest Service Buildings in Oregon and Washington Built by the CCC
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Antoinette J. Lee
for Signature of the Keeper

6/11/91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

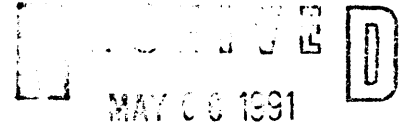
Classification: The Category of Property is amended to read building. (Site is deleted.)

This information was confirmed with Evan DeBloois of the USDA Forest Service.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name SILVER CREEK RANGER STATION

other names/site number Silver Creek Work Center/CR06-05-07-046

2. Location

street & number State Route 410 /NA/not for publication

city, town Crystal Mountain /XX/vicinity

state Washington code WA county Pierce code 053 zip code 98022

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	5	5 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		objects
		5	5 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

USDA Forest Service Administrative Buildings in the States of Oregon and Washington. Built by the C.C.C.

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Luan O. DeStoia
Signature of certifying official

3-28-91
Date

USDA Forest Service
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Robert E. [Signature]
Signature of commenting or other official

December 19, 1990
Date

Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
entered in the National Register.

See continuation sheet.
determined eligible for
the National Register.

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See continuation sheet.
determined not eligible for
the National Register.

removed from the National
Register.

other, (explain:)

for

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories
from instructions
GOVERNMENT/Government office

Current Functions (enter categories
from instructions)
GOVERNMENT/Government office

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)
OTHER: Rustic architecture of the USDA
Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest
Region

Materials enter categories from
instructions)
foundation CONCRETE
walls WOOD/Log; WOOD/Weatherboard
WOOD/Shingle
roof WOOD/Shingle; METAL
other STONE

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Silver Creek Ranger Station is located in a mature stand of Douglas-fir and Pacific silver fir, between Washington State Route 410 and the White River, and just north of the entrance to Mount Rainier National Park. The property includes an office, residence, garage, warehouse and equipment storage building constructed during the Depression, and five non-contributing buildings (a storage shed, two powder houses, and two outhouses). Minor non-contributing structures, such as an outdoor stone fireplace and a stock loading ramp, are also present, but not counted in item 3.

The Silver Creek Ranger Station was established following World War I. Opening of the station coincided with the development of a road to the locality. With the completion of the road and the growing popularity of automobiles, a Sunday trip from Seattle, Tacoma or nearby towns to Silver Creek or to White River Camp (in Mt. Rainier National Park) became a popular activity. The Ranger Station was conveniently situated to administer this growing recreation use. The station was occupied during the summer only, with winter administration conducted from Forest headquarters in Tacoma.

Initially, facilities consisted of a three-sided woodshed/garage and a frame building holding a one-room office, a tool and warehouse room, a kitchen, and sleeping quarters in an unfinished space on the second floor. The latter building burned to the ground in 1930, and a new office was constructed the following year. That office is the front portion of Building 1362. In 1941, winter operations were transferred to Enumclaw. Summer headquarters were moved to Enumclaw in 1943, and Silver Creek became a work center.

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A site plan from 1930 shows the office, a dwelling (Building 1060) with detached woodshed (possibly Building 1560), plus a barn, two bunkhouses, garage, powder house, oil house, and two toilets no longer extant. By 1942, the Station had expanded dramatically. Building 1362 had replaced the original office, Building 1560 occupied the site adjacent to Building 1060, Buildings 2260 and 2360 had been constructed, the barn, warehouse, gas house and powder house remained from 1930, and a second residence, bunk house, water tower, woodshed, loading dock and toilet were present. Civilian Conservation Corps labor had been used in the addition to Building 1362 and the construction of Buildings 2260 and 2360. A 1960 site plan shows the addition of three crew houses, a bath house, and a private barn under special use permit. By 1981, the Station had assumed its current plan, with Building 1761 (non-contributing) placed next to Building 2360, and other buildings except three toilets removed. Two powderhouses on wood skids have replaced the earlier building.

Extant Depression-era buildings at the Silver Creek Ranger Station include:

Office (current bunkhouse), Building 1362: 1930/1936; poured concrete foundation, L-shaped, 1-1/2 story, log walls, medium-gable shake roof. Centered porch on east (main) elevation; has gable roof with logs under the gable, peeled log supports with straight peeled-pole brackets, peeled-pole railing, flagstone floor. Accesses single-leaf door. Rear entry offset to left, accessed by concrete step. Concrete block chimney offset to left on rear slope of roof. Eight-over-one, four-over-one and four-over-four double-hung, eight-light fixed sash and twelve-light pivoting sash windows. Logs are saddle-notched with quarter-pole chinking. No obvious exterior alterations; interior has been remodeled several times and has lost integrity of design, materials and workmanship. One of only three log offices ever constructed in the Pacific Northwest Region. East portion of building represents original (1930) construction; west portion added in 1936. Hood added to chimney at unknown date. Nevan McCullough (1970: 58), Ranger at the time of construction, attributes the building to Olie Strom and Peter Brien, stating "they were exceptionally good workmen, taking pride in the joints."

Residence, Building 1060: Unknown construction date, but pre-1930; poured concrete foundation with basement, rectangular, 1-1/2 story, wood frame, shingle siding, medium-gable shake roof. Projecting gable-roofed porch centered on main (north) elevation; supported by four 4 x 4 posts, in pairs; poured concrete steps; accesses single-leaf door. Projecting gable with returns at west end, shelters dining room and side porch; porch accesses single-leaf door. Roof is extended on south to provide shelter for poured concrete steps leading to the porch. Bulkhead at west end of porch. Brick chimney offset to right on front slope of roof. Six-over-one and eight-over-one double hung sash, singly and in pairs and triplets with mullions; one one-over-one double hung sash at rear. No decoration, no obvious exterior alterations except for addition of bulkhead and alteration of chimney cap.

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Garage, Building 1560: 1933; poured concrete foundation, rectangular, 1-story, wood frame, shingle siding to match residence, low-gable shake roof with square brackets at apex and eaves. Double slide-opening garage doors of plywood. Single-leaf door offset to right in west side. Single pane fixed sash windows. No decoration. Garage doors replace original x-braced doors.

Warehouse, Building 2260: 1933; rectangular, 1-1/2 story, wood frame, shiplap siding, medium-gable metal roof. Projecting shed-roof porch/loading dock at left end of south (main) elevation; roof supported by 8 x 8 posts, porch by 8 x 8 piers. Accessed by wood stairs with dimension-lumber railing. Porch accesses single slide-opening door. Single slide-opening vehicle door offset to left on east elevation. Nine-light fixed-sash window under east gable; remaining six-light fixed sash windows removed and filled with plywood panels. No decoration, no obvious exterior alterations except aforementioned window replacement and replacement of porch piers. Constructed with E.R.A. funds.

Shop/warehouse, Building 2360: 1933; rectangular, 1-1/2 story, wood frame, shiplap siding, medium-gable metal roof. Projecting shed-roof porch at left end of east (main) elevation. Porch is enclosed with metal siding of same type as roof and accesses single-leaf door. Eight bays, accessed by vertical-board sliding doors. Twelve-light fixed sash single windows, including two under gables. No decoration. Enclosed porch is an alteration of unknown date. Constructed by C.C.C. labor.

Non-contributing buildings: These include a storage building (Building 1761) constructed in 1933 but moved to its current location adjacent to Building 2360 at some time after 1958, two wood-frame gable-roof outhouses and two metal powder houses. Also present are several non-contributing minor structures, not counted in section 3, including a masonry campstove, log benches, stock loading ramps, and comparable features not documented on either 1930 or 1958 site plans. Their age and association with the Depression-era compound design cannot now be determined. A metal telephone booth is also located north of the office.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
<u>POLITICS/GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>1933-1942</u>	<u>1936</u>
<u>ARCHITECTURE</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>CONSERVATION</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>

	Cultural Affiliation
	<u>N/A</u>

Significant Person	Architect/Builder
<u>N/A</u>	<u>Regional Office Architecture Group:</u>
	<u>L. A. Forrest, H. L. Gifford, Ward</u>
	<u>Gano, J. Pollack, E. U. Blanchfield;</u>
	<u>also O. Strom, P. Brien</u>

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The buildings of the Silver Creek Ranger Station typify Civilian Conservation Corps and Economic Recovery Act construction projects and signify the aid provided by these emergency relief programs through employment of youth and experienced craftsmen, purchase of building materials and camp supplies, and personal expenditures of enrollees. The property represents the Forest Service's presence in the locality, as the headquarters for field operation, and denotes, via the physical facilities required to carry out the agency's expanding responsibilities, the critical transition in the Service's development from custodial superintendence to extensive resource management. The design of Silver Creek buildings exemplifies the rustic architectural idiom developed by the Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region, to impart Forest Service identity and to represent its purposes and ideals, and signifies the agency's particular interpretation of a singular expression of early twentieth century American architectural thought (Throop 1984). In one case, Building 1362, the design is rare. Only three log Depression-era offices are known in the Pacific Northwest Region (Throop, E. Gail. Conversation with author, 1989). The use of native woods and traditional craftsmanship are well-reflected at the Station, rendering it a particularly fine example of the Rustic idiom (Garfield, Leonard. Letter to author, October 9, 1990).

9. Major Bibliographical References

X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State hist. preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie N. F.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 24

UTM References

A 110 16111380 15205000
Zone Easting Northing

C 110 16111530 15204600
Zone Easting Northing

B 110 16111660 15205000
Zone Easting Northing

D 110 1611320 15204600
Zone Easting Northing

N/A See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description That part of the SW 1/4, NW 1/4, NW 1/4 and NW 1/4, SW 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 3; and that part of the SE 1/4, NE 1/4, NE 1/4 and NE 1/4, SE 1/4, NE 1/4, Sec. 4, T. 17N, R. 10E, W.M. (unsurveyed); lying east of the White River and west of Washington State Route 410.

N/A See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification This tract has not been withdrawn for administrative use. The boundaries are drawn to include those buildings and spaces that describe the Forest Service administrative use, as well as sufficient surrounding land to allow for consideration of undertaking effects upon the setting of the property.

N/A See continuation sheet

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McCullough, R. Nevan

1970 Interpretive study of the White River drainage. Photocopy of typescript, on file, USDA Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Cultural Resource staff, Seattle.

Throop, E. Gail

1984 USDA Forest Service administrative buildings in the State [sic] of Oregon and Washington built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region, Portland.

USDA Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Engineering and Recreation staff files, Mountlake Terrace.

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The following information is the same for all photographs:

Name of property: Silver Creek Ranger Station
Location: Crystal Mountain, WA vicinity
Location of negatives: Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie N.F. Recreation staff files,
Mountlake Terrace.

1. Office, Building 1362. Oblique view of northeast corner and east (main) elevation, including intrusive telephone booth. James A. McDonald, photographer; August, 1990.
2. Office, Building 1362. Oblique view of southeast corner and east (main) elevation. James A. McDonald, photographer; August, 1990.
3. Office, Building 1362. Rear (west) elevation. James A. McDonald, photographer; August, 1990.
4. Office, Building 1362. East (main) elevation. R. L. Fromme, photographer, 1937.
5. Office, Building 1362. Oblique view of southeast corner and east (main) elevation. R. N. McCullough, photographer; April, 1936.
6. General view, residence and garage, Buildings 1060 and 1560, looking approximately southwest. James A. McDonald, photographer; August, 1990.
7. Residence, Building 1060. North (main) elevation. James A. McDonald, photographer; August, 1990.
8. Residence and garage, Buildings 1060 and 1560. Oblique view of west elevation of Building 1060 and north (main) elevation of Building 1560.
9. Residence, Building 1060. North (main) elevation. Photographer and date unknown.
10. Garage, Building 1560. Oblique view of northwest corner and north (main) elevation. Photographer unknown; April 1942.
11. General view of shop and warehouse, Buildings 2360 and 2260. Looking approximately west. James A. McDonald, photographer; August 1990.
12. Shop and warehouse, Buildings 2360 and 2260, looking approximately northwest. James A. McDonald, photographer; August 1990.
13. Shop, Building 2360. East (main) elevation. Building 1761 (noncontributing) located to left. James A. McDonald, photographer; August 1990.
14. Shop, Building 2360. Oblique view of southeast corner and east (main) elevation. Photographer unknown; April, 1942.

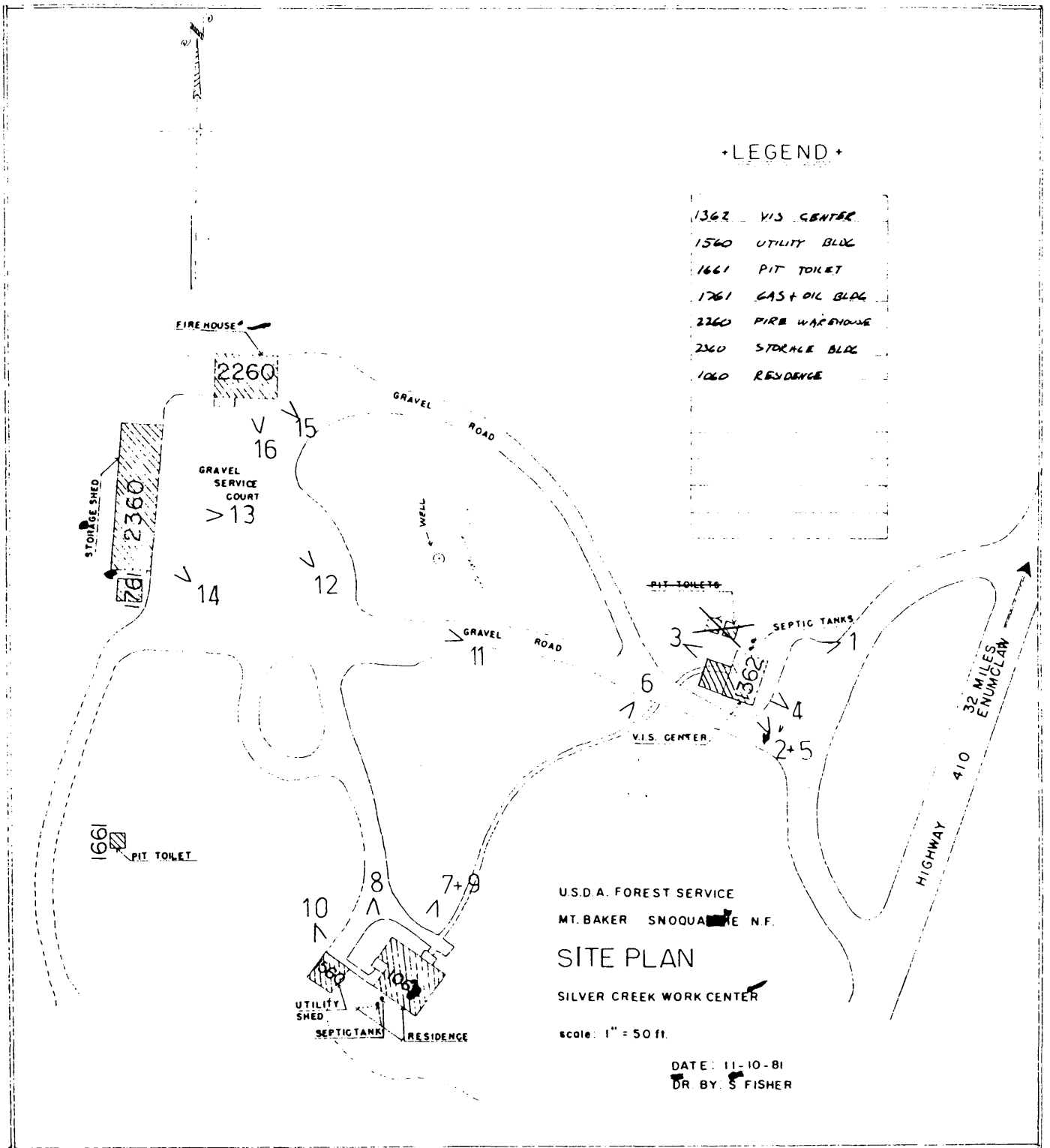
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15. Warehouse, Building 2260. Oblique view of southeast corner and south (main) facade. James A. McDonald, photographer; August 1990.

16. Warehouse, Building 2260. South (main) elevation. R. N. McCullough, photographer; April, 1936.



1 ← Photograph location & view

Silver Creek Ranger Station
 Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie N.F.
 Pierce County, WA
 See USGS map for boundary