

MONTANA HISTORICAL*ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1 Reference #	285	Date:	July 1981
2 Photo #	Direction N NE E SE S SW W NW		
3 Historic Name:	Madison Hotel and Cafe and Gift Shop		CONTACT PHOTO
3a Common Name:			
4 Address:	137 Yellowstone Avenue, West Yellowstone, MT		
5 Program Area:	Gallatin County	6 County Code	031 State Code 030
7 Legal Description:	Lots 9-10, Block 27, West Yellowstone Townsite		
8 Owner & Address:	Hadley Estate Inc., 139 Yellowstone Avenue, W. Yellowstone, MT		
9	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

10 Year Built:	1912 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Factual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimate	11 Location	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Moved
12 Architect (if known):			
13 Builder/Original Owner (if known)	Jess Pierman		
14 Exterior Materials:	<input type="checkbox"/> Stone <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Log <input type="checkbox"/> Terra-cotta <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Shingle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Materials (specify):		
15 Condition:	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> In Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> No Longer Exists		
16 Retention of Original Design:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
17 Present Use:	Retail	18 Original Use:	Hotel
19	<p>Please describe the present general physical appearance of the structure and site. To the extent possible, please also describe changes that have occurred to the property over the years, noting the approximate dates at which they occurred.</p> <p>Two story, rectangular log building. Saddle notch corner timbering, neatly trimmed log ends. 6/1 paired windows on second floor. All windows, with log framing are original. East, West and North elevations covered in wood shingle. A second story porch has been removed although porch canopy and support columns set in concrete remain. Interior includes original log support columns, beams, wood floors, light fixtures, cut stone fireplace and room furnishings. A cinder block addition covered with cedar siding has been constructed to the rear of the building, ca 1970. (see continuation sheet)</p>		

SIGNIFICANCE

20a Reason for significance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Associations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architectural and Engineering design and appearance <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of historic or prehistoric information
20b Please justify the historical significance; noting important persons, events and/or historical patterns associated with structure, site and surrounding area.	<p>Built by Jess Pierman in 1912, the Madison Hotel is the only remaining early hotel in West Yellowstone. The building has retained a high degree of architectural integrity. Although not the first and certainly not the only hotel in West Yellowstone, the Madison is now the <u>only</u> hotel remaining which dates back to the period when West Yellowstone was an entrepreneur's dream during the summer tourist months. Very few businesses in West Yellowstone have been able to weather the economic changes and physical changes which have drastically affected the community's tourist industry and for this reason, the Madison is of singular importance.</p> <p>Prior to the establishment of the Union Pacific RR's dormitory facilities in 1925-6, summer tourists and railroad employees relied primarily upon local entrepreneurs to provide lodging. The Madison Hotel represents an early response to this need.</p>

20c Please justify how the location, design, details, materials, and/or workmanship contribute to the property's significance.

Located directly across the street from the Union Pacific depot, the Madison Hotel provided essential overnight accommodations for tourist en route to Yellowstone National park. Excellent example of rustic architecture.

20d Please note if the extant structure/site may demonstrate or yield information about its historic use or construction.

21 Neighborhood Context: Unrelated Compatible Integral element
 Major component of the neighborhood

21a If the structure/site contributes to the value of a larger grouping of structures and sites, please describe the visual or historic relationships that the individual structure/site has to that grouping.

Fire has swept through the business section of West Yellowstone numerous times. The Madison Hotel and Kennedy Building are the only two original buildings remaining on this block. Original set backs and building scale have been respected in new construction, and the Madison Hotel remains a very prominent integral structure along the main street in West Yellowstone.

22 Environmental/Economic threats to survival: Private Development Zoning
 Public Works Projects Vandalism Deterioration Other (specify):

23 Recognition in existing historical surveys: West Yellowstone Hist. & Arch. Survey

1980

24 Sources of Documentation:

SIGNIFICANCE continued

25 Agency Prepared For: West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce

26 Name/Address Rick Mayfield, Associates, Inc.

Phone # (406) 587-0443

Date: August 1981

Organization:

PREPARED BY:

27 Staff Evaluator: Patricia Bick Date: 11/30/81 Permission to Nominate Yes No

28 National Register Status: Listed Currently nominated
Appears to meet NR Criteria A B C D Does not appear to meet NR Criteria
Eligible Yes No As part of a district Yes No Individually Yes No

29 UTM References: Zone 12 Easting 492074 Northing 4944775

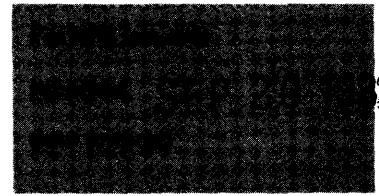
30 Please Return to: State Historic Preservation Office Less than one acre
Montana Historical Society
225 N. Roberts St.
Helena, Montana 59601

31 SHPO Comments:
Madison Hotel is historically significant as one of the first hotels to be constructed in West Yellowstone, Montana, a community where economic livelihood has been gained from tourism since its inception. Architecturally significant as an example of early rustic architecture especially designed for tourist appeal

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Continuation sheet

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Sam and Ed Eagle, West Yellowstone's 70th Anniversary
(1908 - 1978)
Eagle Co. Inc., Box 280, West Yellowstone, MT 59758
2. Original drawings of Stanley Gilbert Underwood --
City Offices
3. Union Pacific Railroad correspondence

Personal Interviews:

Sam and Ed Eagle (sons of S. P. Eagle)
Walt Stuart (son of Alex Stuart)
Donna Spainhower (early resident and postmaster)
Herklas Righterhour (owner and operator of first sawmill)
Mrs. Hoadley (Owner, Madison Hotel)
Mrs. Betty (Eagle) Luther (daughter of S. P. Eagle)
Mrs. Peterson (early resident)
Jan Dunbar (Historical Society - West Yellowstone)
Gallatin County Court House records
Chamber of Commerce records
Various property owners
Vertical file M.S.U. Library
John DeHaas - Architect

966 #1 46 Built 1920
 1 1/2 log cabin
 21 Gable roof, met. cover
 1 BATH, oil stove HEAT
 Cellotex ceiling, 3 Rms.
 NO foundation

47
 1 1/2 Conc. BIK.
 6 unit motel 26
 Built 1965
 38 1/2 FLAT Roof, Built-up
 1567 #3
 38

Good Cond.
 12-16-76 Arc

Good Cond.
 12-16-76 Arc
 S.U. #107
 1 1/2 fm, 2 BATHS
 Gable roof, met. cover
 Rolled Roofing

1 1/2 log 1/2 fm, Built 1920s
 cont. BIK. found.
 wood flr., elect. wall heat
 sh. BATH ea. unit
 Gable roof met. cover
 wd. PAVING int. finish
 fair cond 12-16-76 Arc

21 #4 1 1/2 fm motel unit
 23 1 1/2 fm 414 18 motel units 2 single units
 27 4 DBI units 7 motel units 23

Madison Hotel and Cafe and
 Gift Shop
 137 Yellowstone Ave.
 West Yellowstone, MT
 County Assessor plat of lots
 9 and 10 of Block 27, Original
 Townsite of West Yellowstone
 scale: 1"=20'

- some storage AREA
 2 story - 6 Rms (ea. w/ Bath Rm)
 106 int. finish, carpet and wd flr.
 No Heat, Insul. Roof

conc BIK wall 1740 S
 warehouse
 Conc floor
 NO INTERIOR FIN Class
 low cost
 SUMP P13
 6.64

NO found.
 Gable roof, metal cover
 Drooping, fin fls, min. elect.
 Poor cond.
 S.U. #50 Remove
 8/18/80
 BR

Boundary of
 Nominated Property

Good Cond.
 12-16-76 Arc

AIR GOOD

lots 9 & 10

E-203

Good Cond. 12-16-76
 858 26 1 1/2 Pt. B, Conc. BIK
 Built 1967
 Flat roof, Built-up
 liv. class.
 33 1 Bath 33
 Drywall int.
 elect. B.B. HEAT
 PART of wd flr.
 33 x 22' unit, BENT

Good Cond. 12-16-76
 975 26 1 1/2 Pt. B, Conc. BIK
 Built 1961
 Flat roof, Built-up
 Retail sales Area
 106 int. finish wd flr.
 37 1/2 x 21' unit, BENT

770 26 1 1/2 Conc. BIK
 Built 1924
 Good-fair cond.
 "Madison Gift Shop"
 Retail sales
 106 int. finish
 27

31 2 story w/ attic 106
 Built 1919
 14' ext. wall
 fair cond.
 2185 #1

1 1/2 log int. fin.
 wd. flr., carpet
 forced air heat
 Back 33' is APT;
 Rest is Retail area

fair cond.
 12 story w/ attic 106
 Built 1912
 17' ext. wall
 "old Hotel"
 38 1216

346 18 1 1/2 fm
 shack APT;
 10 18

ROOF
 CONC
 CONC BIK wall

2662 21 1 1/2 log & Conc. BIK
 Built 1910 & 1970
 2 Tail. Rms
 Cellotex ceiling
 64

"TIMBERLINE Cafe"
 CARPET & linol. on
 wd flr.
 forced air HEAT
 FLAT Roof, Rolled Roofing

27 AC

