1 NAME

HISTORIC

Summit Lake Ranger Station

AND/OR COMMON

Summit Lake Ranger Station; Patrol Cabin; Ranger Residence

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(Lassen Volcanic National Park)

Not applicable

CITY, TOWN

Not applicable

STATE

California

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICTORY OF Mineral

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

INFORMATION

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

OTHER

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

National Park Service - Western Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

450 Golden Gate Avenue - Box 36063

CITY, TOWN

San Francisco

STATE

California

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Shasta County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 880

CITY, TOWN

Redding

STATE

California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE
DESCRIPTION

The Summit Lake Ranger Station is a log cabin about 20 by 30 feet in size, not counting the porch on the north end. It consists of horizontal logs with notched, overlapping corner joints, and a gable roof finished with cedar shakes. The ridgepole of the gable roof is offset from the center some distance toward the west side, so that the rear slope of the roof is longer and extends lower than the front slope.

In the northwest corner the building contains a living room 12 by 16 feet, in the southwest corner, a bedroom 10 by 14 feet, in the southeast a bedroom ten by fourteen feet, and in the northeast a kitchen originally 8 by 11, but altered by elimination of a partition and expansion into a porch to its present 8 by 16 feet.

There is a stone fireplace and chimney in the wall common with the kitchen, with the fireplace flue being used as a stove flue from the other side. The living room has a door and window on the west and a window on the north; the west bedroom is entered from the living room, and a second floor leads from it into the east bedroom. The west bedroom has a west window, the east bedroom an east window, and the partition between them splits a window on the south end so that it serves both. The kitchen has a window on the east and a door to the north. An enclosed porch and entranceway, with shower, was added to this portion of the building in 1957, replacing an interior back porch and allowing the kitchen to be enlarged. Running water was piped to the kitchen sink from a spring and, after 1957, also to the shower on the porch. Heat was supplied by the fireplace and a wood stove, the latter serving also for cooking purposes. The building cost $2,000 and encompasses 600 square feet not counting the added porch.

In addition to the alteration of the added porch, a section of the shakes was removed and replaced by translucent corrugated plastic roofing over the kitchen to provide a skylight. Furthermore, over the windows on the northeast side (kitchen and bedroom), the overhanging rafters and shakes were cut back to allow more light to enter. These constitute alterations to the original design, but are not so extensive that the original configuration could not be restored.

The significance of the building lies in its historical associations with the early development of Lassen Volcanic National Park, and should not be significantly altered in either interior or exterior.
The Summit Lake Ranger Station is of local historical significance in the field of conservation because it was one of the first three buildings erected by the young National Park Service in Lassen Volcanic National Park in 1926, along with ranger stations of different styles at Warner Valley (subject of another National Register nomination) and Butte Lake (demolished some years ago). The Summit Lake Ranger Station was either the first or second to be completed—evidence at present is incomplete.

This ranger station was located on the newly developed loop road through the center of Lassen Volcanic National Park on the eastern flank of Mount Lassen. It was the most centrally located ranger station in the park.

The building was altered by construction of an added-on enclosed porch and entranceway in 1957, replacing an interior porch and allowing enlargement of the kitchen. At an unknown date, but probably even more recently, a section of the cedar shake roof over the kitchen was replaced with translucent corrugated plastic roofing, and also at an unknown date, the rafters over the windows on the eastern side, together with the roofing and shingles, were shortened to allow more light in the windows. The original cedar shake roof is in poor condition, and in replacing the roof the original configuration could easily be restored and the skylight eliminated; removal of the intrusive exterior enclosed porch would complete the restoration of the building to its original appearance.

The significance of this building lies in its representation of early development of Lassen Volcanic National Park. Preservation and continued use, coupled with restoration of its original exterior appearance, is recommended treatment of this structure.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .5
UTM REFERENCES

ZONE EASTING NORTHING
A[1,0] 6[3,3] 3[0,0] 4[4,1] 8[4,0] 0, 4, 0
B
C
D
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
The boundary is a rectangle centered on this building containing ½ acre.

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

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CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
YES ☐ NO ☐ NONE ☐

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE Deputy Assistant Secretary

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