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NAME: La Wis Wis Guard Station #1165

- LOCATION: Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Packwood Ranger District; Congressional District 3, Vicinity of Packwood, Washington (53); Lewis County (041)
- ADDRESS: USDA Forest Service Gifford Pinchot National Forest 500 West 12th Street Vancouver, WA 98660

CLASSIFICATION/CATEGORY: Building

DESCRIPTION:

Condition

<u>x</u> Excellent <u>x</u> Unaltered <u>x</u> Original Site

La Wis Wis Guard Station #1165: Rectangular; 11/2 story; wood-framed; poured concrete foundation; wood-shingled high gable roof, eaves project, rafters exposed, verges project very slightly, adjoining gable extends laterally to right from main block; exterior end chimney of broken coursed rubble masonry with vaulted cap slightly offset on right (north) gable end, random rubble interior chimney, vaulted cap, centered on main ridgeline. Exterior walls are horizontal clapboard, vertical board with plain batten on gable ends. Windows are 6-over-6 double-hung sash, singly and in combinations of two and three with mullions. Vertical board shutters, with simple tree logo cutout, flank windows on main (east) facade. Main entry, offset to right on east facade, is recessed in lateral gable: extending roof, supported by heavy square-timber posts with curving brackets, forms porch. Single-leaf vertical plank door is accessed by one stone step, open flagstone platform. Rear entry offset on west elevation, covered by small shed roof porch supported by squared timber posts with curving brackets. No apparent structural additions or alterations, no obvious material modifications.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The La Wis Wis Guard Station typifies the construction projects undertaken by the Civilian Conservation Corps and signifies the aid to the local community provided by the emergency work-relief program through employment of youth and experienced craftsmen, purchase of building materials and camp supplies, and personal expenditures of enrollees. The property represents the Forest

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Service's presence in the locality, as intradistrict 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 La Wis Wis Guard Station 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. Possessing very high qualities of design and execution, the Guard Station is a very good example of an architectural location invested with special aesthetic and associative values by the agency that created it.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

UTM Reference:

Point	Zone	Easting	Northing
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Verbal Boundary Description:

La Wis Wis Guard Station (#1165)

La Wis Wis Guard Station is located in a portion of the E1/2 SE NW 1/4 of section 29, T 14N, R 10E, Willamette Meridian. The property is less than one acre, and is that which immediately surrounds the structure. Included herein are the stone walkways in the front and back of the Guard Station.

From the eastern-most corner of the La Wis Guard Station, the arbitrary point of beginning is established 35 feet at 293°. From the point of beginning the boundaries are delineated as follows: Southeast at 249° 35 feet, thence southwest at 152° 50 feet, thence northwest at 240° 50 feet, thence northeast at 152° 50 feet, thence southeast at 241° 15 feet to the point of beginning.

