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The apartments on South Platte Street are built in the Swiss Chalet style. It is a one-story building with a hip roof. There is an ell to the rear and a projecting entry porch. The structure has composition roofing, a wood frame with horizontal wood siding, and a timbered porch. The building is painted.

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SPECIFIC DATES 1934

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Johnson, Drake & Piper

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The apartments now occupy the former camp hospital. The former occupants, the hospital and staff, served the construction camp by supplying medical facilities to the employees and contractors. This building is associated with "events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history", namely the construction of Fort Peck Dam and Lake (Criterion A). Fort Peck represented the New Deal in Montana at the close of the 1930's. The hospital was a vital part of the construction of Fort Peck.

The apartments/hospital also meets Criterion C. It possesses "distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction." This building was built in the Swiss Chalet style, popularized in the West by the National Park Service in the early 1900's. The Swiss Chalet style is rustic and lends itself nicely to the Montana countryside. Adaptive reuse of the hospital is evident. After the 50,000 construction workers finished their work, a hospital was no longer necessary. The hospital was then converted to apartments, with minor interior alterations.

The hospital, specifically, and the town of Fort Peck, in general, helped bring Montana out of the depression years. The construction of Fort Peck employed tens of thousands of construction workers, engineers, teachers, nurses, doctors, and other service-related professions. Fort Peck Dam and Lake have become the symbol of the New Deal in Montana. The dam construction had an impact on the State of Montana. Employing so many workers helped bring Montana out of the Depression.

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