REGION: RMR PARK/AREA NAME: ROMO PARK NUMBER: 1520

STRUCTURE NAME: Barn STRUCTURE NUMBER: HS-241

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Timber Creek Road Camp PARK LOCATION CODE: TC

NATIONAL REGISTER: 0 DATE: / / MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: (A) (B) (C) (D)

NPS LEGAL INTEREST: Fee MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT: NO

Check all of the following categories for which NPS has treatment responsibility:

- Stabilization
- Cyclic Maintenance
- Routine Maintenance
- Approved Ultimate Treatment

(ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION USE ONLY)

APPROVED ULTIMATE TREATMENT OR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN, CULTURAL COMPONENT DESIGNATION:

- Preservation (FP)
- Restoration (RR)
- Adaptive Preservation (AP)
- Adaptive Restoration (AR)
- Neglect (NG)
- Remove (RM)
- No Approved Treatment (NO)

Approval Document: ( ) Document Date: / /

Estimated Treatment Costs:

Stabilization: $ Date: / /

Approved Treatment: $ Date: / /

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Date of Construction: / /1930 Date of Alterations: / /

Architect/Designer: Unknown Historical Theme(s): NPS Rustic Architecture

History of Structure: Constructed by the NPS in 1930 at an estimated cost of $6,000, Structure #241 was designed by personnel in the San Francisco Office of Design and Construction, under the supervision of Thomas C. Vint, Chief Architect. The building is currently used for storage. The exposed log frame construction characterizes the NPS-Rustic style within Rocky Mountain National Park.

Evaluation of Structure: Historic Theme Contributing X Non-Contributing __

National Register Criteria: A B C D (Include integrity statement)

This log frame structure is typical of the NPS style of "Rustic Architecture" developed in the 1920's and 1930's, and contributes to the historical and architectural character of the park. There are no records of any alterations.

Bibliography: ROMO Building Maintenance Files.

Representation in Other Surveys: LCS David Adams 1/14/82

If structure has been removed, how? N/A Date: / /

Report prepared by: Carl and Karen McWilliams Date: 8/40/1985
**LOCATION**

Section 19  
Township 5N  
Range 75W

**OWNERSHIP**

Present Owner: U.S. Govt.  
Original Owner: U.S. Govt.  
Intermediate Owner(s): None

**USE**

CURRENT INTERIOR USE (NPS 28 CODE) OT-Barn  
Original Use Same  
Intermediate Uses Same

**PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NPS 28 CODE)** HI

**DRAWING NO.** RM 4933; RM 4931

**NEGATIVE NO.** Roll 21 Negative 14

***PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION***

**TYPE OF STRUCTURE (NPS 28 CODE):** BU  
ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER (STYLE): NPS Rustic Architecture

**SITE (INCLUDE ORIENTATION OF STRUCTURE):** Open, native pines, aspens, grasses and soils. Gravel drive and facade to N.

**OVERALL BUILDING PLAN (FOOTPRINT):** Rectangular

**OVERALL DIMENSIONS:** 56'0" by 20'0"

**COMPOSITION (NPS 28 CODE):** WD

**STORIES:** One

**FOUNDATION:** Low, averaging 1'0", of poured concrete, and poured concrete piers.

**WALLS:** Brown, board and batten with exposed undressed log frame.

**ROOF:** Saltbox. Brown wood shingles with exposed log rafter ends.

**CHIMNEYS:** None

**PORCHES:** None

**WINDOWS:** Ten - 2-ganged, 4-light, fixed pane. Rectangular, brown wood frames, flat arches.

**DOORS:** One - Double, brown, board and batten, slider, on facade.

**ADDITIONS:** None

**INTERIOR PLAN:** One large room containing eight stalls.

**INTERIOR FINISHES:** Walls and ceiling: Exposed wood frame. Floor: Tongue and groove wood flooring.

**SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES:**
The purpose of this amendment is to request the approval of the relocation of the Timber Creek Barn (5GA1158) in Rocky Mountain National Park, Timber Creek Road Camp, Grand Lake vicinity, Grand County, Colorado. The barn was listed in the National Register on January 29, 1988. The barn is located approximately 180 yards east of the Timber Creek Campground and approximately 120 yards east of U.S. Highway 34 (Trail Ridge Road).

LOCATION

After the proposed move, the barn will be located at the following location:

Street & number: U.S. Highway 34 (Trail Ridge Road)
City or town: Grand Lake (vicinity)
State: Colorado       Code: CO  County: Grand       Code: 049  Zip code:

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant [ ] nationally [ ] statewide [ ] locally. ([ ] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title: ____________________________  Date: ____________________________

State or Federal agency and bureau: State Historic Preservation Office, Colorado Historical Society

In my opinion, the property [X] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. ([ ] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title: ____________________________  Date: 6/21/01

State or Federal agency and bureau: Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Colorado Historical Society
MOVE PROCEDURE

The Timber Creek Road Camp Barn was inspected in 1999 as part of a park wide Condition Assessment Program. The program was established to evaluate the conditions of Rocky Mountain National Park’s historic structures. The inspection found that the Timber Creek Barn was in poor condition. The Timber Creek Barn is a good example of the construction techniques that are characteristic of the “NPS Rustic” architectural style. There is severe damage to the structure and resource lose is occurring and continuing; integrity is being compromised. The wood shingles on the roof are well beyond their life cycle and water is penetrating to the interior finishes. Rafters are deteriorating, roof support logs are rotting and fly rafters are rotting. The sill logs are resting on concrete and are beginning to deteriorate. The log framing on the north elevation and the lower portions of logs on the east and west elevations are starting to rot. In areas, the lower portions of the board and batten siding have deteriorated. The foundation, made up of concrete piers and concrete footings, has cracked and started to crumble away. Action is urgently needed to prevent loss of the resources integrity.

The park would like to move the structure and stabilize it at the new location. The shingle roof of the building requires total replacement. The park would remove the shingles and evaluate the condition of the sheathing boards and rafters for repairs and/or “in-kind” replacement. After the removal of the shingles all of the remaining sound materials of the roof structure would be labeled, and documented of existing location (on the structure), to insure the proper reinstallation at the barns new location. The roof structure components would then be removed, bundled and transported to the new location. The ceiling joists, wall panels, log framing members, floor planks and floor joists would be approached with the same care of labeling and documentation prior to their removal and the transport to the new location to insure proper reinstallation.

Prior to the disassembly of the barn, new concrete footings and piers would be poured at the new location. The orientation of the barn at this location would mirror the historic location. The Park’s Exhibit Specialist in Restoration would supervise the work. The team members doing the hands-on work would be lead and assisted by two trained Preservation Specialists. All replacement materials will be “in-kind” and the work will follow “The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.”

NEW LOCATION

The park would like to move the Timber Creek Barn approximately six miles south to a location approximately 250 yards west of Highway 34. The new setting closely resembles the historic site setting in terms of its lodgepole pine and aspen forest canopy. The orientation of the barn's new location would mirror the historic location.
Timber Creek Barn

Grand County, Colorado

REASONS FOR THE MOVE

The current location of the barn leaves it inaccessible up to five months of the year due to snowfall. The relocation would allow the park to maintain and use the structure throughout the entire course of the year.

Timber Creek Barn is in poor condition and needs immediate stabilization. The wood shake roof is rotting, loose, and moss covered. The roof structure is deteriorating. The exposed rafter tips, common of the rustic style buildings in the park, are rotting. Both the frame and the board and battens are in a similar state of deterioration. Sill logs are rotting. The concrete foundation and concrete footers are crumbling. The interior of the structure, however, is in good condition. The original floor is in tact. Windows and doors need repair work. Moving the barn would require stabilization of the structure's critical components, upgrading its condition, and improving the overall condition the historic structure.

At the new location the barn would function as an intricate part of the new trail and stable operation. This function for the barn would closely resemble its original purpose. The barn is currently used as a storage facility for the Never Summer Ranch, utilizing only about one-quarter of the available space. The new location would be considerably closer to the Never Summer Ranch and would thereby facilitate research and use of the park collections.

INTEGRITY OF RESOURCE AFTER THE MOVE

The Timber Creek Barn currently sets on its original concrete foundation (footings and piers). A new concrete foundation will be put into place at the new location replicating the original foundation. With exception of the new foundation, the structure's architectural details would not be changed in any way. The structure would retain all of its architectural values and retain integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.
SIGNIFICANCE OF PROPERTY AFTER MOVE

The National Park Service built the Timber Creek Barn in 1931 as part of a road camp established to house, feed, and support construction crews building Trail Ridge Road. Timber Creek Barn is the only surviving structure built solely to provide for the crews during the construction of Trail Ridge Road and one of few buildings associated with a National Park Service road project designed and built during the New Deal era. The structure is also an excellent example of NPS rustic architecture, featuring a "studs-out" log framing with reverse board and batten siding. On the National Register of Historic Places Evaluation/Return Sheet, dated June 5, 1987, the Reviewer’s comments states, “This property is being accepted on the basis of its association with the Rustic Architecture theme, one of five significant themes in Rocky Mountain National Park history.”

EFFECTS OF MOVE TO HISTORIC RESOURCES AT THE NEW LOCATION

The proposed site for the placement of the Timber Creek Barn was surveyed for archeological resources in 1998 and no archeological resources were found. The proposed area is not in any National Register District, does not contain any National Register structures, and cannot be seen from any other structure or public area in the vicinity. The Colorado SHPO has concurred by letter of June 18, 1998 that the placement of the new corral will have no effect on cultural resources.

Butler, William B.
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM REFERENCES

Zone:13  Easting: 428960  Northing: 4457365

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The land included with the barn consists of the barn’s footprint plus 10 feet out from the barn in each direction.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

As the barn is a relocated resource, only the land forming its immediate setting is included.
PHOTOGRAPH LOG

The following information pertains to photograph numbers 1-__ except as noted: **SEE ATTACHED**

Name of Property: Timber Creek Barn
Location: Grand County, Colorado
Photographer:
Date of Photographs:
Negatives:

Photo No. 1

Photographic Information:

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Grand County, Colorado

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP
Fall River Pass Quadrangle, Colorado
7.5 Minute Series
United States Department of the Interior
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Timber Creek Barn
Grand County, Colorado

AMENDMENT PREPARED BY:

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June 15, 2001
On July 31, 2002, Rocky Mountain National Park moved the Timber Creek Barn to a new location near the Kawuneeche Visitor's Center. The park completed the restoration in September 2003.

The barn was moved about 8 miles to the south of its original location on Timber Creek in the Kawuneeche Valley to the NPS Grand Lake Entrance Utility Area. The building sits approximately 200 yards south of Columbine Lake Road, 450 yards west of the Kawuneeche Visitor Center. The barn sits in an opening of lodgepole pine forest and once again serves as a barn for park operations.

**New acreage:** less than one acre

**New verbal boundary description:** The new boundary consists of the footprint of the building and 10 feet out in all directions.

### References:


*Colorado Cultural Resource Survey Form 1405, Re-evaluation Form*, on file, Rocky Mountain National Park Timber Creek Barn move compliance file and Colorado State Historic Preservation Office.
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Timber Creek Barn
Grand County/ Colorado
Rocky Mountain National Park MPS

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP
Grand Lake Quadrangle, Colorado
7.5 Minute Series

UTM: Zone 13 / 428919E / 4457261N
PLSS: 6th PM, T4N, R75W, Sec. 31
SE¼, NW¼, SE¼, NW¼
Elevation: 8680 feet
TIMBER CREEK BARN
Existing Conditions 1999

North elevation – existing conditions

East elevation – existing conditions
East elevation - existing conditions

West elevation - existing conditions
NEW PROPOSED LOCATION

New site location (looking south) – barn would set back against trees facing north.

Photo taken looking east – west elevation of barn would be facing the camera.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Timber Creek Road Camp Barn

MULTIPLE NAME: Rocky Mountain National Park MRA

STATE & COUNTY: COLORADO, Grand

DATE RECEIVED: 4/19/05
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/02/05
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/02/05

REFERENCE NUMBER: 87001134

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT ______ RETURN ______ REJECT ______ 6/21/05 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Accepted

RECOMMENDATION

REVIEWER: ______ DISCIPLINE: ______ DATE: ______

TELEPHONE: ____________________

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.
On July 31, 2002, Rocky Mountain National Park moved the Timber Creek Barn to a new location, near the Kawuneeche Visitor’s Center. The park completed the restoration in September 2003.

The barn was moved about 8 miles to the south of its original location on Timber Creek in the Kawuneeche Valley to the NPS Grand Lake Entrance Utility Area. It once again serves as a barn for park operations.

**New UTM:** 13 NAD 428919mE/4457261nN, new elevation 6699 feet (2042 meters).

**New acreage:** less than one acre

**New boundary description:** The new boundary consists of an area measuring 76 by 40 feet, centered around the 31 foot by 57 foot 4 inch building. The building sits approximately 200 yards south of Columbine Lake Road, 450 yards west of the Kawuneeche Visitor Center. The boundary consists of the barn and the immediate land around it. The barn sits in an opening of lodgepole pine forest.

**Attached:** photos of the move and restoration, new map

**References:**


*Memorandum of Understanding*, on file Rocky Mountain National Park Timber Creek Barn move compliance file and Colorado State Historic Preservation Office.

*Colorado Cultural Resource Survey Form 1405, Re-evaluation Form*, on file Rocky Mountain National Park Timber Creek Barn move compliance file and Colorado State Historic Preservation Office.
Move and Restoration

On 31 July 2002, the park moved the Timber Creek Barn to its new location near the Kawuneeche Visitor Center and maintenance yard. The project was completed in September 2003 when the restored windows were put back in place. The project cost $80,800.

Removing shingles, July 2003, photo by Debbie Mason

Loading, 31 July 2002, photo by Debbie Mason

Loading, 31 July 2002, photo by Debbie Mason
Driving down Trail Ridge Road, 31 July 2002, photo by Debbie Mason

Reroof, May 2003, photo by Debbie Mason

Exterior restoration nearing completion, June 2003, photo by Cheri Yost

Exterior restoration nearing completion, June 2003, photo by Cheri Yost
Familiar habitat, June 2003, photo by Cheri Yost

Using the barn as a barn, June 2003, photo by Cheri Yost

Restored windows, September 2003, photo by Isabel Erickson