REGION RMR PARK/AREA NAME ROMO PARK NUMBER

STRUCTURE NAME Comfort Station STRUCTURE NUMBER HS-157

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE Bear Lake PARK LOCATION CODE BL

NATIONAL REGISTER 5 DATE: 11/17/81 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 (X) Cyclic Maintenance (X) Routine Maintenance (X) Approved Ultimate Treatment (X)

(ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION USE ONLY)

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

Preservation (PP) Restoration (RR) Reconstruction (CC)
Adaptive Preservation (AP) Adaptive Restoration (AR) Adaptive Reconstruction (AC)
Neglect (NG) Remove (RM) No Approved Treatment (NO)

Approval Document __________________________________ Document Date: __/__/____

Estimated Treatment Costs

Stabilization: $________ Date: __/__/____ Level of Estimate: (A) (B) (C)
Approved Treatment: $________ Date: __/__/____ Estimator: (Region) (DSC) (A&E)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Date of Construction: __/__/1940 Date of Alterations: __/__/____
Architect/Designer: W. C. Hill Historical Theme(s): NPS Rustic Architecture
History of Structure: Built at an estimated cost of $6,000, plans for Building #157
were designed by W. C. Hill, working under Howard W. Baker, Regional Landscape
Architect, Branch of Plans and Design, Second Regional Office. The structure
demonstrates excellent use of native materials to blend in with the natural
surroundings. THE STRUCTURE WAS DETERMINED ELIGIBLE ON NOVEMBER 11, 1981

Evaluation of Structure: Historic Theme Contributing X Non-Contributing ___
National Register Criteria: A_ B_ C_ D_ (Include integrity statement)
This wood frame structure's use of native materials and its construction techniques
demonstrate a continuum of the "NPS Rustic" architectural style into the 1940's.
There are no records of any alterations.

ROMO.

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

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

Report prepared by: Carl and Karen McWilliams Date: 8/1/1985
CONTINUATION FROM FRONT SHEET - STRUCTURE NAME

HS-157 Comfort Station

LOCATION: Section ___________ State ___________ CO
Township ___________ County ___________
Range ___________

USE: CURRENT INTERIOR USE (NPS 28 CODE) QT-Comfort Stati
Original Use ______ Same
Intermediate Uses ______ Same

PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NPS 28 CODE) ______

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

DRAWING NO. RMNP 2023 B
NEGATIVE NO. Roll 10 Negative 10

***PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION***

TYPE OF STRUCTURE (NPS 28 CODE): BU
ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER (STYLE): NPS Rustic Architecture
SITE (INCLUDE ORIENTATION OF STRUCTURE): Pine and fir forest. Large boulders. Slope N. to S. Asphalt path to W. and S. Facade to S.
OVERALL BUILDING PLAN (FOOTPRINT): Rectangular Bays: 2 by 1; Pile: 1
OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 31'5" by 13'3"
COMPOSITION (NPS 28 CODE): WD
STORIES: One
FOUNDATION: Low to high, 0'4" to 5'2", of buttressed, uncoursed fieldstone forming a plain watertable.
WALLS: Brown. Wood frame with lapped siding.
ROOF: Gable. Green wood shingles doubled every fifth course. Exposed half log rafter ends.

CHIMNEYS: One - of uncoursed fieldstone, located centrally on ridge. Three - Metal vent pipes.

PORCHES: None

WINDOWS: Eight - 2-ganged, 6-light, hoppers. Rectangular, gold wood frames, flat arches.

DOORS: Three - Single, gold, vertical wood boards, on E., W., and S. elevations.

ADDITIONS: None

INTERIOR PLAN: Three rooms used as men's and women's lavatory and utility.

INTERIOR FINISHES: Walls: Plaster.
Ceiling: Exposed log framing.
Floors: Poured concrete.

SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES:
# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
## INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
### FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS**

**TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**

### 1 NAME

**HISTORIC**

Bear Lake Comfort Station

**AND/OR COMMON**

### 2 LOCATION

**STREET & NUMBER**

Bear Lake Rocky Mountain National Park

**CITY, TOWN**

Estes Park

**STATE**

Colorado

**NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Fourth

**CODE**

08

**COUNTY**

Larimer

**CODE**

069

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

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### 4 AGENCY

**REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (if applicable)**

National Park Service

**STREET & NUMBER**

655 Parfet Street

**CITY, TOWN**

Denver

**STATE**

Colorado

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**COURTHOUSE**

**REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC**

Subject site within the boundaries of Rocky Mountain National Park, created from the public lands by Act of Congress of January 26, 1915.

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**TITLE**

List of Classified Structures Inventory

**DATE**

1976

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**

National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Regional Office

**CITY, TOWN**

Denver

**STATE**

Colorado
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bear Lake Comfort Station is sited at the west end of the Bear Lake Parking Area in a mixed forest of spruce, fir and lodgepole pine.

The frame structure, 13'4" x 29', sits on a concrete foundation on the sloping terrain. The exterior is faced with a masonry wall of uncoursed rubblestone to a height of 5' and the upper portion of the exterior wall is of horizontal lapped siding.

The roof is supported by a log ridgepole and log plates. Wood shingles lie on a decking which is in turn supported by a continuous course of pole rafters, each sawed in half lengthwise so as to provide a smooth surface to support the decking.

The interior walls are of plaster and lath construction. The concrete foundation forms the floor of the structure, and the pole rafters form the interior finish of the ceiling.
The Bear Lake Comfort Station is significant for its architectural responsiveness and compatibility with its site. This structure typifies the demise of the rustic architecture of the CCC era.

The drawings for the Bear Lake Comfort Station are on file at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office of the National Park Service in Denver, Colorado.
9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES
Building Foldi, Rocky Mountain National Park
Superintendent's Monthly Reports, Rocky Mountain National Park.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One

UTM REFERENCES

ZONE   EASTING   NORTING
A  1,3   44,51,8,1   41,6,2,4,1,5
B   D
C   E

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A square, approximately 208.5 feet on a side, with the Bear Lake Comfort Station at its center.

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

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
D. Ferrel Atkins, Ranger-Technician

ORGANIZATION
National Park Service

ADDRESS
Rocky Mountain National Park

CITY OR TOWN
Estes Park

STATE
Colorado

DATE
July 28, 1981

TELEPHONE
(303) 586-2371

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
YES___ NO___ NONE___

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is ___National ___State ___Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE
DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER