1. Name of Property

Historic name: Agnes Vaille Shelter

Other names/site number: Memorial Shelter; HS-204

2. Location

Street & number: N/A

City, town: Estes Park

State: CO

Code: CO

County: Larimer

Code: 069

Zip code: 80517

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Building(s)

No. of Resources within Property:

Contributing: 1

Noncontributing: 0

Total: 1

Name of related multiple property listing: Rocky Mountain NP Historic Resources

No. of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0
4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

[Signature and date]

State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

[Signature and date]

State Historic Preservation Officer

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

[Check box and enter details]

[Signature and date]

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

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This is a small, stone walled building, used presently as a shelter for climbers and hikers on Longs Peak. The exterior is of coursed fieldstone and mortar. The stone came from the site. The roof is conical and also of native, coursed stone. There is one door opening, but the door has been removed. There are two 4-light fixed windows and one smaller, filled in opening. The interior is one room. The interior has a stone floor and walls with no ceiling, just the interiors of the stone roof pieces.

The Agnes Vaille Shelter is located near the Summit of Long’s Peak, less than 100 yards south of the Keyhole. The Keyhole is a critical landmark for hikers approaching the summit from the northeast across the Boulder Field. The shelter is above timberline at over 13,400 feet elevation. As a result of its location above timberline and being made of local stone, the shelter blends into its surroundings very well. It overlooks the Boulder Field, Mount Lady Washington, Chasm Lake and the other approaches on the east side of Long’s Peak. From the shelter’s vantage point hikers look down on the eastern escarpment of the central and northern Colorado Rockies and the eastern plains of Colorado. If the sky is clear portions of Wyoming, western Nebraska and western Kansas can be seen on the horizon farther east. Looking west from the shelter is a rocky, sharply defined ridge line. On the far (west) side of the ridge the central ranges of the Colorado Rockies come into view including vistas of much of the Continental Divide in Colorado as well as North and Middle Parks.
### Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally

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#### Areas of Significance
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#### Cultural Affiliation

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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This building, built in 1927 by the National Park Service, replaced an earlier concession building that was farther down the mountain as a shelter for hikers trapped on Longs Peak by weather or fatigue. The building offers a non-traditional example of the National Park Service Rustic design philosophy as it was practiced at Rocky Mountain National Park during the early twentieth century. The shelter, built of native stone, exemplifies the Rustic ideal of blending with the surroundings in that the building sites on a rock slope near an area known as the Boulder Field (AKA Boulderfield). The stone shelter blends so well into its native surroundings that many hikers and climbers fail to see it from as little as 100 yards away.

The shelter was built in response to many climbing fatalities on Longs Peak and named for Agnes Vaille, the first woman to make a winter ascent of Longs Peak, even though she died of exposure on her way down from the summit. The disastrous climb took place on January 12, 1925, and two years later the shelter was built by NPS crews.

The present exterior is essentially in its original condition and exhibits a key characteristic of the Rustic architecture school, the designed blending with the native surroundings, as described in the context. It is also considered significant as an unusual example of the use of native materials in Rustic designs at Rocky Mountain National Park for its stone construction.

___ See continuation sheet ___
9. Major Bibliographical References

Park Building Files, Rocky Mountain National Park.  
Estes Park Trail, 16 January 1925.  

Previous documentations on file (NPS):  
____ preliminary determination of individual listing ( 36 CFR 67) has been requested  
____ previously listed in the National Register  
____ previously determined eligible by the National Register  
____ designated a National Historic Landmark  
____ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # ________  
____ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # ________  
Primary location of additional data:  
____ State Historic Preservation Office  
____ Other State agency  
____ Federal agency  
____ Local government  
____ University  
____ Other  
Specify Repository:  
____ Rocky Mountain NP

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property ______ less than one (1) acre

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Verbal Boundary Description  
The property boundary is defined as a circle 80 feet in diameter centered on UTM point 13/447190/4456660.

Boundary Justification  
The boundary as described encompasses the significant resource and a small area of its natural setting. It does not include a large buffer zone or unnecessary lands.

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