This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

**historic name Harrison Lake Patrol Cabin**

**other names/site number** Harrison Lake Snowshoe Cabin; Building Inventory #618

2. Location

**street & number** US Highway 2

**city or town** Glacier National Park, West Glacier

**state code** MT

**county code** 029

**zip code** 59936

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant __ nationally __ statewide X locally. ( __ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Superintendent

National Park Service, Glacier National Park

Federal Preservation Officer

National Park Service

State or Federal agency and bureau
USDI/NPS NRHP Registration Form
Harrison Lake Patrol Cabin
Flathead County, MT
Glacier National Park Multiple Resource Submission

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

______________________________ Date
Mark F. Baumber
Montana State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification
I, hereby certify that this property is:

✓ entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the National Register
See continuation sheet.

☐ determined not eligible for the National Register

☐ removed from the National Register

☐ other (explain):

______________________________ Date
Signature of Keeper
of Action

5. Classification
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

☐ private

☐ public-local

X public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

X building(s)

☐ district

☐ site

☐ structure

☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

1 buildings

___ sites

___ structures

___ objects

1 Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Glacier National Park Multiple Resource Submission.
6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: GOVERNMENT: National Park Sub: ADMINISTRATIVE

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: GOVERNMENT: National Park Sub: ADMINISTRATIVE

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: National Park Service rustic

architecture

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

roof wood

walls log

other

Narrative Description

The Harrison Lake Snowshoe Cabin is a small rustic building resting in a climax forest overlooking the upper reaches of Harrison Lake. The attractive site is largely unspoiled and lightly visited; access to the cabin requires a river ford followed by a five mile hike. The cabin is a single-level structure constructed of square-notched logs with pole chinking. The log-framed gable roof is surfaced with wood shingles; the roofline extends forward to shelter a large front porch running the width of the structure. There appears to be a partial concrete foundation beneath the sill logs. The entry door is composed of vertical wood members without fenestration. It opens onto a small concrete stoop. Two small wood-framed windows are also present. The exterior has a dark brown finish.

The cabin’s interior consists of a single room with a wood floor, and unfinished walls and roof. A small cellar food cache is reached by a trap door. Furnishings include a bed, table and chairs, and wood cabinetry. Lanterns, tools, cooking equipment and survival items are present. There is also a woodstove with a metal chimney.

The cabin is in generally good condition today, and largely retains its historic fabric and appearance. Dry rot is present in some log ends, and a few log ends have been sawed off over the years. The site also includes an outhouse, log hitchrack, and the access trail. All are visually compatible with the cabin, but are not considered part of this historic listing.
8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- removed from its original location.
- a birthplace or a grave.
- a cemetery.
- a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- a commemorative property.
- less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

GOVERNMENT

Period of Significance c. 1928-1936

Significant Dates c. 1928

1936

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A
Narrative Statement of Significance
The Harrison Lake Patrol Cabin is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criterion A and C (history and architecture). It is significant on a local level for its association with the construction of over three dozen backcountry cabins erected throughout Glacier National Park during the 1920’s and early 1930’s. In design, the cabin reflects the philosophies of National Park Service rustic architecture throughout; its design and material produced a structure highly compatible with its unspoiled natural setting. Although representative in many respects of other Glacier backcountry structures, the cabin achieves distinction in its locally unusual use of square corner notching. The cabin is a component of the Minor Developed Areas property type as defined in the Glacier National Park Multiple Property Listing.

The cabin was constructed as an overnight stopping place for rangers on extended backcountry patrols from the Nyack Ranger Station approximately 15 miles to the south by trail. Little documentary evidence is available concerning the construction of the Harrison Lake Patrol Cabin. Park records show a 1928 construction date; however, log books of the Nyack Ranger Station indicate that the cabin was used for patrols as early as January, 1928, making an earlier construction date certain. The building survived the 1929 Half Moon fire which ravaged the area.

With the completion of construction of U.S. Highway 2 through Marias Pass in 1930, use of the trails in this area declined. The Nyack Ranger Station was abandoned in 1936 due to this decreased use. With the abandonment of Nyack Ranger Station, the use of Harrison Lake Patrol Cabin declined, but the cabin is still in use today both as a patrol cabin and by trail maintenance crews. The cabin has retained this pattern of significant historic use for over seventy years. The building is a reminder of the park’s history of conservation management.
9. Major Bibliographical References
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)


**Additional references are noted in the Multiple Resource submission.**

Previous documentation 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
X Federal agency
__ Local government
__ University
__ Other

Name of repository: Glacier National Park Archives

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

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Legal Description: NW^SEHSWH, Section 15, Township 32 North, Range 17 West, MPM, Flathead County, Montana.

Verbal Boundary Description
The boundary is a square measuring 100 feet by 100 feet centered on the building.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)
The resource consists of a single, isolated building; the boundary is drawn to include the building and its immediate surroundings which evoke its integrity of feeling and association.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization National Park Service date August 17, 1998
street & number Glacier National Park telephone 406 888 7943
city or town West Glacier state MT Zip Code 59936
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Section 10  
Great Northern Railway Depot and Division Office
, Flathead County, MT
HARRISON LAKE SNOWSHOE CABIN
SITE MAP

Trail
Hitchrack
Outhouse

Porch

14 feet
26 feet

Harrison Lake
100 feet from front of cabin (south)

--- = Historic District Boundary = 100 feet/side
1 inch = 15.7 feet (scale)

NORTH