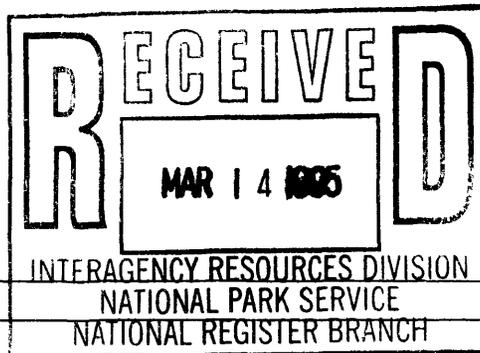


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Loop C Comfort Station

other name/site number: HS-36

2. Location

street & number: North Campground, Bryce Canyon National Park

not for publication: n/a  
vicinity: X

city/town: Bryce Canyon

state: Utah code: UT county: Garfield code: 017 zip code: 84717

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 nominatio.. 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.)

[Signature] 3/14/95  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

National Park Service

State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.

[Signature] 2-21-95  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

Utah State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

entered in the National Register  
\_\_\_ see continuation sheet  
determined eligible for the  
National Register

[Signature]

4/25/95

\_\_\_ see continuation sheet  
determined not eligible for the  
National Register

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\_\_\_ see continuation sheet  
removed from the National Register

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\_\_\_ see continuation sheet  
other (explain):

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**5. Classification**

<b>Ownership of Property:</b> Public-Federal	<b>Number of Resources within Property</b>		
<b>Category of Property:</b> Building	Contributing	Noncontributing	
<b>Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register:</b> None	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	building(s)
<b>Name of related multiple property listing:</b> Bryce Canyon National Park Multiple Property Submission	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

**6. Function or Use**

<b>Historic Functions:</b> Domestic; secondary structure	<b>Current Function:</b> Domestic; secondary structure
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**7. Description**

<b>Architectural Classification:</b> Rustic	<b>Materials:</b> foundation: Concrete, stone walls: Wood, log roof: Wood, shingle other:
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**Narrative Description**

**Summary and Setting**

The North Campground occupies a half-mile long area west of the plateau rim, between the Visitor Center to the north and the Bryce Inn to the south. The campground consist of four loops, each of which contains a centrally located comfort station surrounded by a number of campsites. Beginning at the north end, the loops are lettered A, B, C and D. The area is typified by gently rolling topography, and is covered with a stand of pine with sparse understory vegetation.

**Description**

The Loop C Comfort Station (HS-36) is a one-story, rectangular log building. The logs are joined at the corners with ventral saddle notches with flush ends. The daubing between the logs on the exterior is cement mortar. The side-facing gable roof is covered with wooden shingles that are doubled every fifth course, and has exposed rafter ends. There are two metal pipe vents in the northeast slope of the roof and one in the southwest slope of the roof. An entry leading to the utility area in the center of this building contains an original door, which is constructed of vertical tongue and groove boards. The entry doors to the men's and women's bathrooms are modern solid core wood flush. Windows throughout the building are hopper style with frosted glass. The log surface on the north exterior wall has been flattened to accommodate the installation of a porcelain sink; a bulletin board is also attached to the north elevation.

The interior contains two large lavatories (one for men and one for women) separated by a utility room which includes a sink and storage area. The interior of the public space has been remodeled. Modern materials have been used to finish all interior surfaces, and new bathroom fixtures have been installed. Both lavatories have metal stalls, ceramic tile floors, and vinyl board walls and ceilings.

The building originally had chopper cut log ends which have since been sawn off. Also, historical photographs show the original windows with multiple clear glass panes. Currently, the windows have one frosted light. Another modification includes the addition of plywood to enclose the gable end. As originally designed, the ends were open, probably to facilitate ventilation. With the exception of these few modifications, this building possesses integrity of materials, workmanship and design, location and setting.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

Applicable National Register Criteria: A and C

Areas of Significance: Architecture, Recreation

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: 1934-1944

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1934

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: NPS

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### Narrative Statement of Significance

The Loop C Comfort Station has local significance under National Register Criterion A, for its association with the development of NPS administrative infrastructure in BRCA. It also has local significance under criterion C, for its representation of NPS rustic architecture. The period of significance for this building extends from its date of construction through the historical period as currently defined. The building continues to serve the function for which it was originally designed. This building is included in the property types defined as "Resources Associated with NPS Administrative Development", included in the Bryce Canyon National Park Multiple Property Submission.

The North Campground represents the first formal campground developed and administered by the National Park Service during the historical period. Prior to this time, an area immediately south of the NPS Administration building (now referred to as the Nature Center) had been set aside for tent camping, but no services or formal campsites had been provided. The first plans for the North Campground are dated 1934. These plans originated from the Branch of Plans and Design in San Francisco, and include the development within the area now referred to as Loop D and the campfire circle. A handwritten notation on the bottom of this drawing indicates that it was a "CCC project completed in 1935."

A 1937 Campground Development Plan, part of the Master Plan for BRCA (Drawing No BCNP 3028-B), shows Loop D including the Comfort Station (HS-37) as existing, and Loop C as proposed. Review of the General Development Master Plan of 1938 (Drawing No NP 3014) reveals that both loops C (including HS-36) and D had been constructed by 1938.

Further expansion of the campground does not appear to have taken place until the 1950s. A 1947 basemap updated in 1956 shows all four loops (A,B,C, and D), however the comfort stations located within Loops A and B, are shown as "proposed" rather than existing. The architectural drawings for the Loop A and B Comfort Stations (Drawing No. NPBC 3106:A) are dated 1956. Furthermore, a photograph at BRCA Library, and labeled "Campground extention [sic]" is dated 1956. This photograph shows a distinctive area of Loop B (in the vicinity of campsite #35), where stone retaining walls form parking areas, and stone steps lead downslope to the camp site.

Judging from the available information, it appears that only Loops C and D (and their associated comfort stations, HS-36 and HS-37 respectively) within the North Campground date to the historical period. Loops A and B (which contain the majority of the stone retaining walls and culverts) date to the modern period.

To summarize, the North Campground was part of the BRCA Master Plan, a component designed to extend services to park visitors who would not have been accommodated by the concessioner's infrastructure. Although the historical component of the campground as a whole could be considered for eligibility, a variety of modern effects, including paving of the main campground access road, the addition of modern concrete guard rails, and the removal of the original site furnishings, have adversely affected the integrity of the campground as originally designed. However, the two Comfort Stations located within the Loop C and D, possess both historical and architectural significance and are considered individually eligible. Both buildings are constructed in a simple rustic style that is typical of the building styles originating from the NPS Branch of Plans and Design during the 1930s. Although some irreversible modifications have occurred to compromise the design integrity of the comfort stations, for the most both retain their critical design features.

Loop C Comfort Station

Name of Property

Garfield County, Utah

County and State

**9. Major Bibliographic References**

"Bryce Canyon National Park Campground" plan dated 1935, illegible number; Drawing No. BCNP/3028-A; Drawing No. BCNP/3028-B; Drawing No NP- 3014; and Drawing No. NPBC 3106:A. All documents available from BRCA active maintenance files.

**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
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

**10. Geographical Data**

Acres of Property: less than one acre

*Map 1*

UTM References:

Zone	Easting	Northing
A 12	397200	4165880

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for HS-36 incorporates the area occupied by the building, as shown on the accompanying site plan.

**Boundary Justification**

The comfort station is a component of the North Campground. The boundary has been drawn to incorporate only the building and its immediate vicinity.

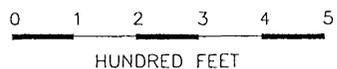
**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title: Janene Caywood  
organization: Historical Research Associates, Inc. date: December 31, 1994  
street & number: P.O. Box 7086 telephone: 406 721-1958  
city or town: Missoula state: MT zip code: 59807-7086

**Property Owner**

name/title: Bryce Canyon National Park  
street & number: telephone: 801 834-5322  
city or town: Bryce Canyon state: UT zip code: 84717

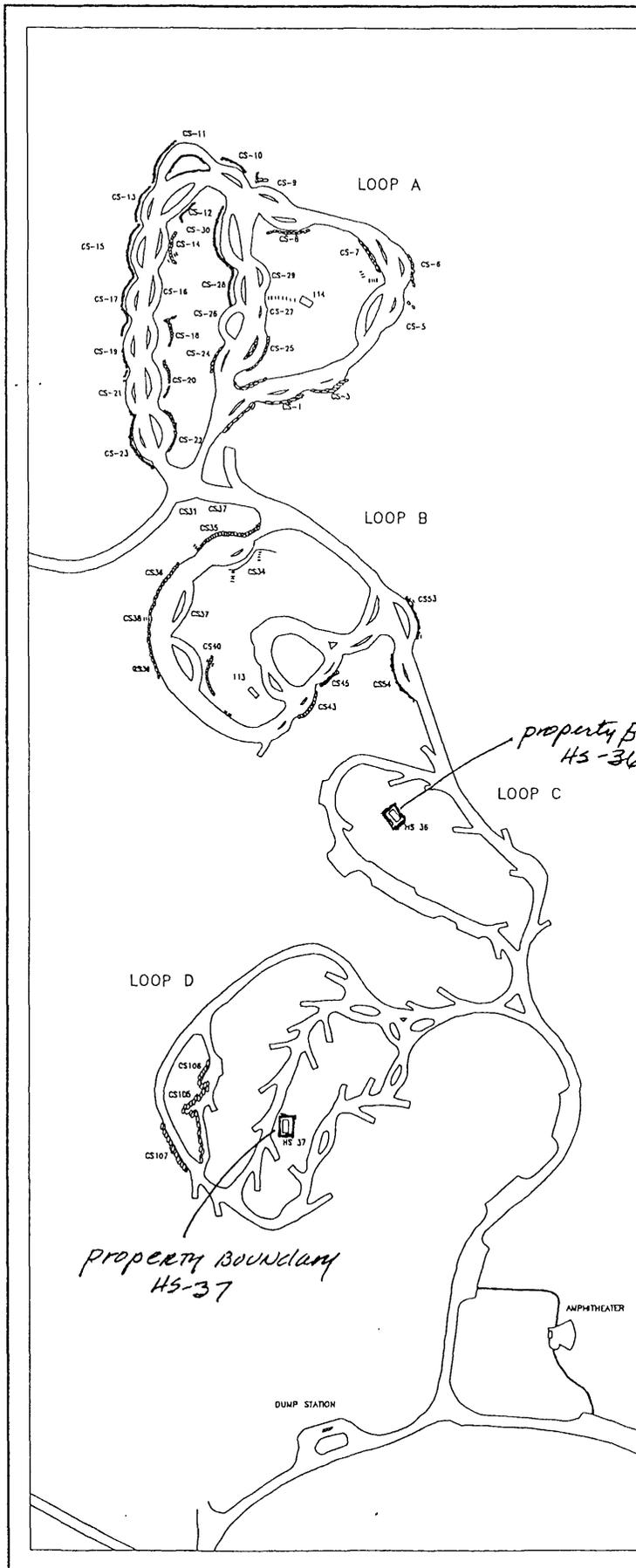
# NORTH CAMPGROUND BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK



} Rock retaining wall

||||| Stairs

CS = Campsite





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3. J. Caywood (HRA, Missoula MT)
4. June 1992
5. NPS RMRU, Denver CO
6. Looking NW to South + East Elevations
7. Photo #1



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6. Looking NW to South and East Elevations
7. Photo #2