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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Polebridge Ranger Station Historic District (addendum), Flathead County, MT

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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.)

Signature of certifying official/Title — Date: 12.5.95

National Park Service
State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property ~~meets~~ ____ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official — Date: SEP 29 1995.

Montana 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 ____ see continuation sheet		
____ determined not eligible for the National Register ____ see continuation sheet		
____ removed from the National Register ____ see continuation sheet		
✓ other (explain) additional documentation	Gunyon. Lapsley	1/19/96

Additional Documentation Accepted

Building Interiors

The following buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places as contributors to the Lake Polebridge Ranger Station Historic District. Additional documentation is provided below for the purpose of describing and evaluating building interiors for integrity and significance.

7. Narrative Description

The Polebridge barn, garage, oil house, and fire cache burned in the Red Bench Fire of 1988. Only the two residential units described below escaped the blaze.

Ranger Station residence (#97), 1922

The original component of this substantial log residence includes a small entry area, living room, kitchen, and two bedrooms (one of which originally served as an office). A bathroom, accessed through the kitchen and the south bedroom, was added in 1940.

The entry features varnished 4" wood floors; this flooring extends to the living room area where it is currently covered with a large remnant of shag carpeting. The exterior walls are chinked log. Interior walls are covered with modern wood paneling, presumably covering the historic painted celotex. A wood stove is mounted on a metal hearth; a Z-brick panel protects the adjacent wall. Two-inch hardwood flooring, varnished, covers the floor of the north bedroom. The walls and ceilings are sheetrocked. The south bedroom features 4" fir floors, a sheetrocked ceiling, and both modern paneling and rough-cut 10" boards on the walls.

Extensive cupboard units, featuring paneled doors and clear plastic knobs, are the dominate design feature of the kitchen. Modern vinyl tiles cover the floor and modern formica forms the counter and backsplash surfaces. The walls and ceiling are sheetrocked, finished with modern quarter-round molding.

The hallway/wood-storage area connecting the kitchen with the bathroom and south bedroom addition is finished with horizontal siding, suggesting that it may have been constructed as the rear porch. Rolled vinyl covers the bathroom floors and the walls and ceilings are sheetrocked. The toilet and bathtub are of recent vintage; the porcelain sink and fixtures may be original to the bathroom addition. Plumbing is exposed.

Door and window surrounds throughout the residence are 4", varnished or painted. With the exception of the kitchen and bath, all baseboards are 8", varnished. Interior doors are five-panel, painted white, and retain the historic black porcelain knobs. The interior of the primary entrance is constructed of rough-cut 10" vertical tongue and groove, painted white. Electrical conduit, a relatively new addition, is hidden throughout the building, suggesting that the paneling and sheetrock date to electrification of the building.

Checking Station (#353), 1935

Constructed as an entrance station and wood shed, this building has been converted to a seasonal housing unit, with a central room containing a sink. Linoleum covers the floor. The walls and ceiling are sheetrocked. The sink is mounted in a modern oak vanity and is paired with a stainless steel wall-mounted medicine cabinet.

An historic one-light, one-panel door provides access. Door and window surrounds and baseboards are constructed of 3" wood, painted. This building retains few historic features and presents a modern appearance.

8. Statement of Significance

The interior of building #353 features no historic finishes and does not contribute to the building's significance.

Like most buildings within the park, the interior of ranger station #97 has been modified. However, the original floorplan is intact, as are the wood floors, built-in cupboards, paneled doors with original hardware, and historic molding. The interior contributes to the building's significance. (Nonhistoric finishes include the wood paneling and sheetrock that replaced wallboard (celotex) and the rolled vinyl and vinyl tiles that replaced linoleum.)

Photographs

1) Photographer: Ann Hubber and Nancy Niedernhofer
2) Date of Photographs: September 1992
3) Location of Negatives: National Park Service, RMR-RC, Denver, Co.

PHOTO NUMBER	BUILDING NAME AND NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	Ranger Station Residence (#97)	Interior - kitchen cupboards
2	Ranger Station Residence (#97)	Interior - bathroom (note exposed pipes)
3	Ranger Station Residence (#97)	Interior - log interior wall of living room
4	Checking Station (#353)	Interior
5	Checking Station (#353)	Interior

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION, GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

REGION: Rocky Mountain PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Polebridge Ranger Station Residence HD STRUCTURE NUMBER: 97

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: E½ SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 22, T35N R21W QUADRANGLE NAME: Polebridge, MT
Zone Easting Northing QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute
UTM A: 11 699895 5406740

CLASSIFICATION:

OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY:	CATEGORY:	NUMBER OF RESOURCES: CONTRIBUTING	NONCONTRIBUTING	
___ Private	x Building(s)	1	___	Buildings
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___ Mixed/private & public	___ Object	1	___	TOTAL

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

The building is a rectangular, one-story log structure with an asphalt-covered gable roof extended to form a full front porch with log posts. The structure features grooved logs with saddle notching, a concrete foundation, vertical two-over-two double-hung windows, pole rafters and purlins, and louvered vents in the gable ends. The condition of the structure is good. The ranger residence is one of the pivotal buildings at the Polebridge Ranger Station. It is located near the northeast end of Henshaw Bridge, yet its location among fir and pine and its low, shadowed front elevation successfully underplay the size of the residence. It is a good example of early rustic Park Service architecture and the later, front porch addition enhances the building and its site. The building is architecturally significant and is a contributing element of the site.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1922

The Polebridge ranger station was a direct result of year-round private interest activity in the valley of the North Fork of the Flathead River. Before Glacier National Park was created in 1910, resource exploration and the opening of the North Fork to homesteading lured gas and oil companies and homesteaders to the area. The Butte Oil Company had built a crude wagon road from Apgar to Lower Kintla Lake by 1901. The company's Kintla Lake well never proved to be an exceptional strike, but the road provided an access route to the open prairies on the east side of the North Fork. By 1905, the oil company abandoned their North Fork ventures. Yet the opening of the valley to homestead settlement in 1906 brought far greater numbers to the area. Estimates place a population as high as 350 from Howe Ridge to the Canadian border between 1910 and 1920. The late 1920s witnessed more area development with concession-owned tourist accommodations, guest and dude ranches, and fishing and camps. However, because of the valley's relative inaccessibility, these facilities never equaled the Lake McDonald concessions in scale or popularity. Because of consistent visitor use, permanent area settlement, and international boundary proximity, the Park Service constructed the Polebridge, or Henshaw Bridge ranger station where Route 7 meets the west bank North Fork Road. The site, located at the confluence of Bowman Creek and the river, monitored traffic entering the park from Forest Service land on the west shore. Thus the ranger station residence is a significant element of an important administrative site in Glacier National Park.

STRUCTURE NAME: Polebridge Ranger Station Residence STRUCTURE NUMBER: 97

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Polebridge ranger station is both architecturally and historically significant. The log buildings, which parallel the access road, and the ranger cabin, barn, and fireguard cabin represent typical Park Service rustic design. Other buildings, of log and frame, contribute to the architectural variety of the site. Historically, the Polebridge ranger station illustrates decisions to locate administrative/management sites at certain strategic locations within the park. The ranger station residence is significant both architecturally and historically and would be a contributing element to the potential Polebridge Ranger Station Historic District.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE:

Historical Research Associates, "Historic Resources Study, Glacier National Park, and Historic Structures Survey," Part 1, pp. 28-33, prepared for National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Region, Denver, Colorado, 1979.

FORM PREPARED BY: DATE: May 1984

NAME/TITLE:

ORGANIZATION: Historical Research Associates, P.O. Box 7086, Missoula, MT 59807-7086

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION, GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

REGION: Rocky Mountain PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Polebridge Ranger Station Seasonal Cabin STRUCTURE NUMBER: 98

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: E½ SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 22, T35N R21W QUADRANGLE NAME: Polebridge, MT
Zone Easting Northing QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute
UTM A: 11 699895 5406740

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

This one-story, rectangular log cabin has double saddle-notched logs on a rubblestone foundation, with a rear rubblestone chimney through the gable peak. The wood-shingled roof originally extended to form an open porch, but the area has been enclosed with lapboard siding and multi-light casement windows. The roof features log purlins and rafters with 1-in. decking. Enclosing the original, open porch area with wide lapped board walls has compromised the architectural integrity of this cabin. Because of this alteration, the cabin is considered a non-contributing element of the site.

HISTORICAL EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1934

This cabin was constructed between November and December 1934 by local contractor Harry Doverspike for approximately $800. Plan NP/G3074 provided the design for this fireguard cabin. Two other fireguard cabins were also constructed by Doverspike at Logging Creek and Upper Lake McDonald ranger stations in 1934 and 1935. Funding for the project came from Public Works Project monies. The Park Service provided all material at the building site.[1]

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The historic integrity of this property has not been retained due to change in original design, materials, and use. However, the scale, materials, and design of this cabin are compatible with the more significant buildings of the ranger station. It would be a non-contributing element in the proposed Polebridge Ranger Station Historic District.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE:

"Final Construction Report, Fireguard Cabins," File: D-34, Final Construction Reports, 1928-1935, GNPLA.

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REGION: Rocky Mountain PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Polebridge Ranger Station Barn STRUCTURE NUMBER: 352

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: E½ SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 22, T35N R21W QUADRANGLE NAME: Polebridge, MT
Zone Easting Northing QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

The Polebridge barn is an excellent example of log architecture. It was constructed in 1926 and used for storage of horses, hay equipment, and as a blacksmith shop. The structure is rectangular in plan, 22x41', with a 21x22' frame and board-and-batten addition on the right side and a high-pitched, cedar-shingled gable roof above the entire structure. The first 41 ft. of the structure is constructed of logs on a sill foundation, with concrete and oakum chinking and a ½-loft and a dirt floor beneath. The entire roof and loft are framed with poles and 1-in. decking. The left upper gable end is covered with board-and-batten, and the shingles are 10 in. to the weather. The barn is in poor condition. The barn is a dominant component of the Polebridge Ranger Station. Its large scale, materials, workmanship, and design make it both an individually significant structure as well as a contributing element of the site.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1926

The horse barn is a pivotal building at the Polebridge ranger station. Constructed in 1926, it illustrates the variety of functions and duties of a working ranger station in a mostly roadless area.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The building is architecturally and historically significant and would be a contributing element of the proposed Polebridge Ranger Station Historic District.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION, GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

REGION: Rocky Mountain PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Polebridge Ranger Station Checking Station STRUCTURE NUMBER: 353

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: E½ SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 22, T35N R21W QUADRANGLE NAME: Polebridge, MT
Zone Easting Northing QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

This attractive, small, pole-framed and board-and-batten structure was constructed in 1935 to be used as a woodshed. It was converted into a checking station and ranger office, and is still used in this capacity. The scale, materials, and design of this checking station are compatible with the more significant buildings of the ranger station. It contributes to the overall architectural significance of the site.

HISTORICAL EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1935

The checking station was constructed in 1935 to be used as a woodshed. It was converted to a checking station at an unknown date.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The building would be a contributing element in the proposed Polebridge Ranger Station Historic District.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE:

List of Classified Structures (Oliveri 1975), Glacier National Park, Rocky Mountain Region, Denver, CO.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION, GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

REGION: Rocky Mountain PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Polebridge Ranger Station Garage STRUCTURE NUMBER: 354

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: E½ SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 22, T35N R21W QUADRANGLE NAME: Polebridge, MT
Zone Easting Northing QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

This garage is a one-story log structure, measuring approximately 12x18 ft., with saddle-notched corners and cement chinking between the logs filled up with a piece of lath. The gable roof has an extended front point and is supported by seven purlins. The logs extend at different distances at each of the corners. The outside purlins are supported by a wall log, which then supports the roof edge. The shingled roof has a metal chimney. The garage features two rough cedar wood doors on the front with a wood ramp leading into the structure. The sill logs rest on the ground and are rotting, but the remaining logs, including the crown ends, are in good condition. The building is painted brown. The scale, materials, and design of this garage are compatible with the more significant buildings of the ranger station. It contributes to the overall architectural significance of the site.

HISTORICAL EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Unknown

Research has not yielded any significant historical information concerning persons or events associated with this building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

As a prominent feature of a ranger station complex, the garage exhibits good integrity and would be a contributing element in the proposed Polebridge Ranger Station Historic District. The garage became an essential element in the ranger station complex as park attendance increased and the park's transportation network improved. Rangers were required to travel greater distances to monitor visitors and to attend to other administrative responsibilities. Although the date of construction for this garage is unknown, the structure is an essential element in the overall integrity and continuity of the station complex.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION, GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

REGION: Rocky Mountain PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Polebridge Ranger Station Generator House STRUCTURE NUMBER: 357

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: E½ SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 22, T35N R21W QUADRANGLE NAME: Polebridge, MT
Zone Easting Northing QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

This structure is attached to the barn at the Polebridge Ranger Station. The generator house is a one-story, rectangular frame building with a metal-clad gable roof, louvered wall vents, vertical board walls, and a concrete foundation. The building is attached to the north gable end of the barn and is of recent construction. The condition of the building is good. This metal building does not contribute to the architectural significance of the site.

HISTORICAL EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Unknown

Research has not yielded any significant historical information concerning persons or events associated with this building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This building does not meet the age criteria for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. It is a noncontributing element in the proposed Polebridge Ranger Station Historic District.

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REGION: Rocky Mountain PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Polebridge Ranger Station Oil House STRUCTURE NUMBER: 358

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: E½ SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 22, T35N R21W QUADRANGLE NAME: Polebridge, MT
Zone Easting Northing QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

This is a small log structure constructed of double saddle-notched logs with sapling and oakum chinking on a sill log foundation. The steep gable roof extends to form a porch area with vertical log boards in the gable ends and corrugated metal roofing. The building has a solid wood door and no windows, and is in good condition. The scale, materials, and design of this oil house are compatible with the more significant buildings of the ranger station. It contributes to the overall architectural significance of the site.

HISTORICAL EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1926

Research has not yielded any significant historical information concerning persons or events associated with this building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The oil house is a unique log building at the Polebridge ranger station, with its steeply gabled roof and generous eave extension. It would be a contributing element to the proposed Polebridge Ranger Station Historic District.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION, GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

REGION: Rocky Mountain PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Polebridge Ranger Station Storage Shed STRUCTURE NUMBER: 359

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: E½ SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 22, T35N R21W QUADRANGLE NAME: Polebridge, MT
Zone Easting Northing QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

The building is a small, corrugated metal storage shed with no windows, a solid door, a gable roof, and a concrete foundation. The shed is unobtrusively located at the east edge of the Polebridge Ranger Station and is in good condition. This building is compatible with the more significant buildings of the ranger station and is a neutral, noncontributing element of the site.

HISTORICAL EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Unknown

Research has not yielded any significant historical information concerning persons or events associated with this building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is not architecturally or historically significant. It would be a noncontributing element in the proposed Polebridge Ranger Station Historic District.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION, GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

REGION: Rocky Mountain PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Polebridge Ranger Station Fire Cache STRUCTURE NUMBER: 361

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: E½ SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 22, T35N R21W QUADRANGLE NAME: Polebridge, MT
Zone Easting Northing QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

This small, 14x18 ft. log structure was ruggedly constructed in 1927. It still serves its original function for the ranger station district as a fire cache for fire-fighting equipment. It was constructed by Austin Weikert, whose excellent examples of log craftsmanship are located throughout the Park. The cache is rectangular in plan, with a pole-constructed cedar shingle roof, sapling and oakum chinking between the logs, and placed on a sill log foundation. The structure is in poor condition. A central vertical board door is on the front facade and a single fixed four-light sash window is on each upper gable end. The very slight battering of the lower log courses gives this building the substantial, ground-hugging appearance popular with the Craftsman movement in architecture. The fire cache is a significant component of the ranger station.

HISTORICAL EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1927

The fire cache is a pivotal element of the Polebridge ranger station. It serves a necessary function in providing storage for firefighting and other equipment.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The building is architecturally and historically significant and would be a contributing element of the proposed Polebridge Ranger Station Historic District.

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REGION: Rocky Mountain PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Polebridge Ranger Station Washhouse/Laundry STRUCTURE NUMBER: 775

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: E½ SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 22, T35N R21W QUADRANGLE NAME: Polebridge, MT
Zone Easting Northing QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

This is a one-story, gable-roofed frame structure with clapboard siding and rolled asphalt roofing. The scale, materials, and design of this washhouse/laundry are compatible with the more significant buildings of the ranger station. However, the structure was moved to the site in 1955 and no longer maintains its integrity of setting.

HISTORICAL EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Unknown; moved 1955

This frame building was moved to the Polebridge ranger station after being purchased from private ownership within the Park. Research has not yielded any significant historical information concerning persons or events associated with this building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The historic integrity of this property has not been retained due to change in original location. This building is compatible with the more significant buildings of the ranger station and is a neutral, noncontributing element of the proposed Polebridge Ranger Station Historic District.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE:

"Draft Cultural Resources Management Plan, Glacier National Park," p. 65. Glacier National Park, 1983.

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REGION: Rocky Mountain PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Polebridge Ranger Station Cabin STRUCTURE NUMBER: 776

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: E½ SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 22, T35N R21W QUADRANGLE NAME: Polebridge, MT
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

One of four identical cabins at the Polebridge Ranger Station, this structure is a rectangular, one-story cabin with vertical log slab walls, six-over-six double-hung and casement windows, frame rafters, a rolled asphalt-covered gable roof, and a concrete chimney. This small cabin is compatible with the more significant ranger station buildings in scale, setting, materials, and design. However, the building was moved to the site in 1955 and no longer retains its integrity of setting.

HISTORICAL EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Unknown; moved 1955

This cabin was purchased from private inholdings within the Park and moved to the Polebridge ranger station in 1955. Research has not yielded any significant historical information concerning persons or events associated with this building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The historic integrity of this property has not been retained due to change in original location. This building is compatible with the more significant buildings of the ranger station and is a neutral, noncontributing element of the proposed Polebridge Ranger Station Historic District.

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REGION: Rocky Mountain PARK/AREA NAME: Glacier National Park PARK NUMBER: 1430

STRUCTURE NAME: Polebridge Ranger Station Cabin STRUCTURE NUMBER: 777

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: E½ SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 22, T35N R21W QUADRANGLE NAME: Polebridge, MT
Zone Easting Northing QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute
UTM A: 11 699895 5406740

CLASSIFICATION:

OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY:	CATEGORY:	NUMBER OF RESOURCES: CONTRIBUTING	NONCONTRIBUTING	
___ Private	x Building(s)	___	1	Buildings
___ Public-Local	x District	___	___	Sites
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x Public-Federal	___ Structure	___	___	Objects
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HISTORICAL EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Unknown; moved 1955

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

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HISTORICAL EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Unknown; moved 1955

This cabin was purchased from private inholdings within the Park and moved to the Polebridge ranger station in 1955. Research has not yielded any significant historical information concerning persons or events associated with this building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

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STRUCTURE NAME: Polebridge Ranger Station - Strissel Residence STRUCTURE NUMBER: 1265

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: E½ SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 22, T35N R21W QUADRANGLE NAME: Polebridge, MT
Zone Easting Northing QUADRANGLE SCALE: 7.5-minute
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

Once a private residence, the one-story rectangular structure rests on a concrete block foundation, has walls of machined logs, and a gable roof with corrugated metal surface and dimensional rafters. The windows are double-light casements, both sliding and double-hung. The gable ends are shingled, and the structure has a half-light paneled door. The structure is in good condition. The scale, materials, and design of this residence are compatible with the more significant buildings of the ranger station. However, the structure was moved onto the site in 1975 and therefore it does not retain its integrity of setting.

HISTORICAL EVALUATION: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Unknown; moved 1975

This building was purchased from private inholdings within the Park and moved to the Polebridge ranger station in 1975.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The historic integrity of this property has not been retained due to change in original location. This building is compatible with the more significant buildings of the ranger station and is a neutral, noncontributing element of the proposed Polebridge Ranger Station Historic District.

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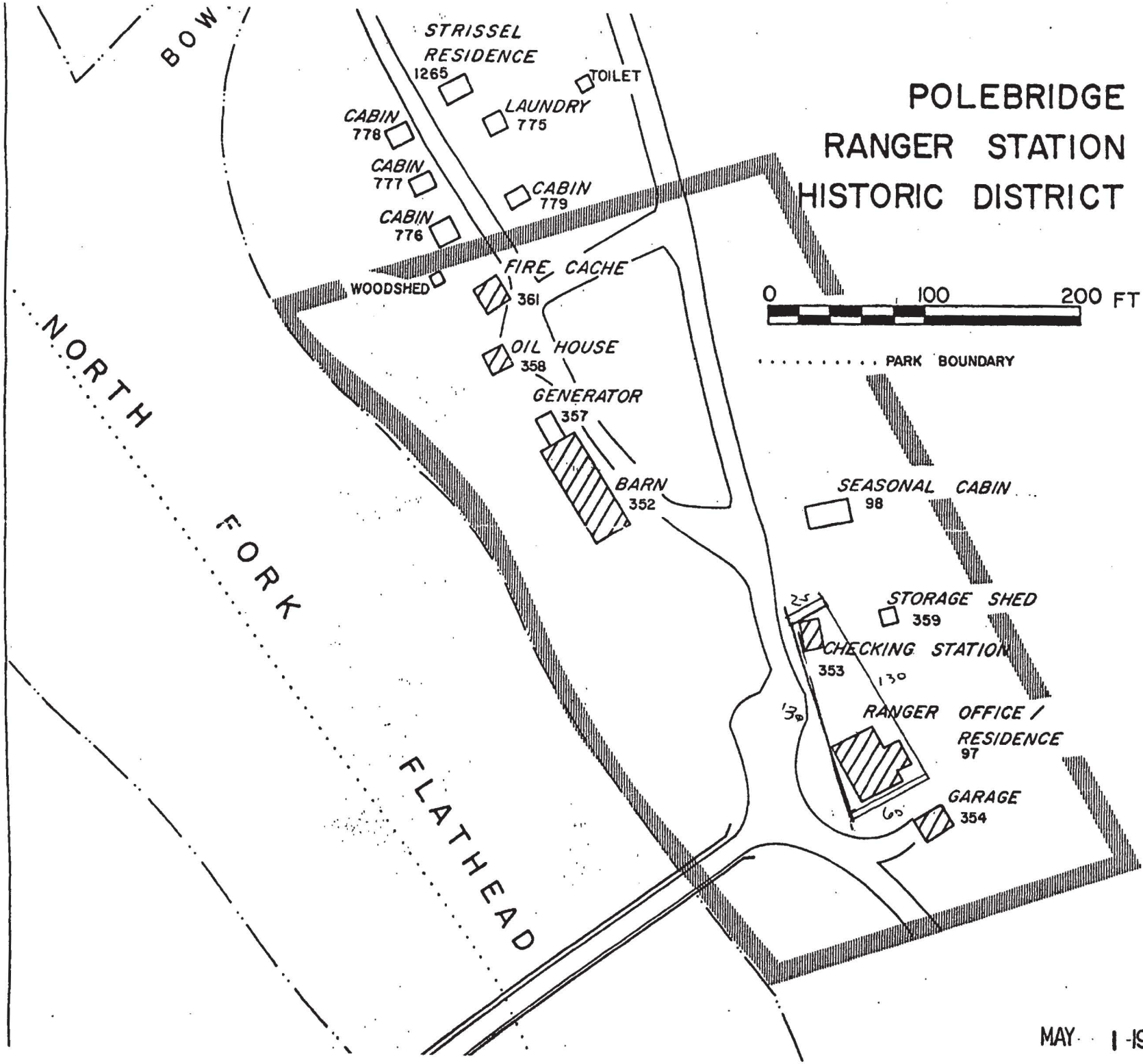
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