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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printers in 12 pitch. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property

historic name Old Administrative Area Historic District

other names/site number Beaver Creek Residential/Utility Area

2. Location

street & number N/A N/A not for publication

city, town Moose X vicinity

state Wyoming code WY county Teton code 039 zip code

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
		contributing	noncontributing
private	building(s)		
public-local	X district	15	2 buildings
public-State	site	0	2 sites
X public-Federal	structure	0	0 structures
	object	0	0 objects
		15	4 Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Grand Teton National Park Historic 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.

Edna Benson
Signature of certifying official 3/5/90
Date
National Park Service
State or Federal agency or bureau

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

Thomas E. Marceau DSHPO
Signature of commenting or other official 2/28/90
Date
State or Federal agency or bureau
WYOMING STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

5. 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:)

Carol Shull 4-23-90
Signature of the Keeper Date

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single family
Government/government office

Domestic/single family
Government/government office

7. Description	
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
Other/Rustic	foundations <u>concrete</u>
	walls <u>log</u>
	roof <u>wood</u>
	other <u>wooden, covered, deck porches on houses</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Old Administrative complex is a historic district consisting of five houses with associated garages, an office building, and three large office/warehouse buildings. The district is set on the eastern edge of forests that stretch west from there to the foot of the Tetons. On the other three sides the district is surrounded by relatively flat tablelands with a few trees that overlook the Snake River bottomlands. East of the district is Grand Teton Park Road that runs generally north to south through Grand Teton National Park.

The buildings are built in a style referred to as Rustic, defined by the National Park Service as being in harmony with the surrounding environment and at Grand Teton characterized by log construction with some other wood products, such as board and batten siding, used for additions. Trim is of rough cut "millwaste" type lumber and decoration is minimal. The buildings all are one or one and one-half stories and tend to be rectangular in shape. The designs of six (two sets of three) of the buildings are identical, except for the door placement and type on the three warehouses. The overall complex clearly evidences the attempt by the National Park Service to achieve the feeling of pre-industrial log structures built with a high degree of craftsmanship. Earthtones are the predominate colors with brown stained walls and green wood shingles. The buildings are organized around the central loop road with the housing area south and west of the loop and the warehouses north of it, with the administration building being the only contributing resource within the loop. The housing area is at a slightly higher elevation than the warehouses.

The district today appears much as it did during the period of significance, except that the buildings have been upgraded (mostly on the interior) for modern housing use causing the interior fabric and character to be changed, especially with the recent addition of wood stoves and other energy conservation related items. Those changes make the interiors insignificant. The exterior feeling, design, and character have not been lost. The contributing resources have not been altered on the exterior to any significant degree. The major changes have been the loss of one warehouse, evidenced by the concrete pad it once sat on remains in place and the attachment of one garage to one of the houses and small additions to the office building. It is not felt that those alterations have compromised either the character, design, workmanship, or feeling of the district. The quality that sets the district aside from its surroundings is the rustic architecture of the buildings in the district. There are ten contributing buildings, two non-contributing buildings, and two non-contributing sites within the district. The two non-contributing buildings are not rustic style and the two sites are the locations of removed buildings. Functionally all buildings but one house serve the same purposes today as they did historically.

See continuation sheet

8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria A B X C D
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
<u>architecture</u>	<u>1934-1939</u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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<u> </u>	Cultural Affiliation	
<u> </u>	<u>N/A</u>	
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	

Significant Person	Architect/Builder
<u>N/A</u>	<u>Branch of Plans and Design, Western Division, NPS; Keith Matson</u>

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

The Old Administrative Area Historic District is significant under Criteria C because it remains as a clear statement of the NPS Rustic style of the 1930s at Grand Teton National Park. Further, the houses, warehouses, and administrative building there are the only examples of those particular building plans in the Park. The Old Administrative Area Historic District is associated with the Rustic Architecture context of the Grand Teton National Park Multiple Property form.

The complex was built during the period 1934-1939 by the Public Works Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps for the National Park Service using Service developed plans for natural parks. Keith Matson of the Service designed the overall site. The district served as the headquarters and heart of Grand Teton National Park until completion of the newer headquarters complex a few miles away at Moose, Wyoming, during the 1960s. The buildings within the district follow the practices typical of depression-era rustic architecture with much use of labor intensive building techniques. The log buildings, with their emphasis on hand craftsmanship, and harmony with their surroundings, including front porch(house) orientations to view the Grand Teton, make them nearly planbook examples of the style as outlined by National Park Service director Stephen Mather in 1918, eleven years before Congress established the Park. All contributing resources within the historic district fulfill the registration requirements set forth in the multiple property documentation in that they are in their original or historic location, are fifty years old, and are of primarily log material. They are rustic in character. They convey their design, materials, workmanship, and function/character individually and within the district. The alterations have not impaired the historic fabric of the district. The setting, with the addition of trailers and other barracks type buildings after World War II just north of the district has altered the surroundings and district exterior, but the feeling of the district during the period of significance has not been lost by these changes. X See continuation sheet

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List of Contributing Resources in the Old Administrative Area Historic District

The following buildings and structures (by number) are considered contributing to the historic district:

1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 32

Note that more building numbers are listed here than on the nomination cover sheet because National Park Service property systems require each building to be numbered while for National Register counts buildings such as detached garages are not counted separately from the main house.

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Photograph List Old Administrative Area Historic District

Photo Number	View	Direction(to)	Photographer
OHQ-1	Superintendent's House Front (1)	East	Stephen Pettit
OHQ-2	Cabin Front 3/4 (6)	Southeast	Nancy Prichard
OHQ-3	Garage Front (21)	East	Stephen Pettit
OHQ-4	Chalet Front 3/4 (8)	North	Tai Kreidler
OHQ-5	Administrative Bldg. Front (10)	North	Stephen Pettit
OHQ-6	Warehouse End (16)	North	Stephen Pettit
OHQ-7	Warehouse Side (17)	Northwest	Tai Kreidler
OHQ-8	Warehouse Side 3/4 (18)	Northwest	Nancy Prichard

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In addition to the overall architectural significance of the district one structure is also associated with the conservation context and considered significant for that association. The Old Administrative Building, built during the 1930s, served as the headquarters and main offices of the Park for nearly thirty years. During that time crucial changes took place that led to the expansion of Grand Teton National Park to its present size. During that period the headquarters of the park served as something of a command post for local forces interested in the expansion of the Park. Because of that it is felt that this building does meet the significance requirements for a conservation property.

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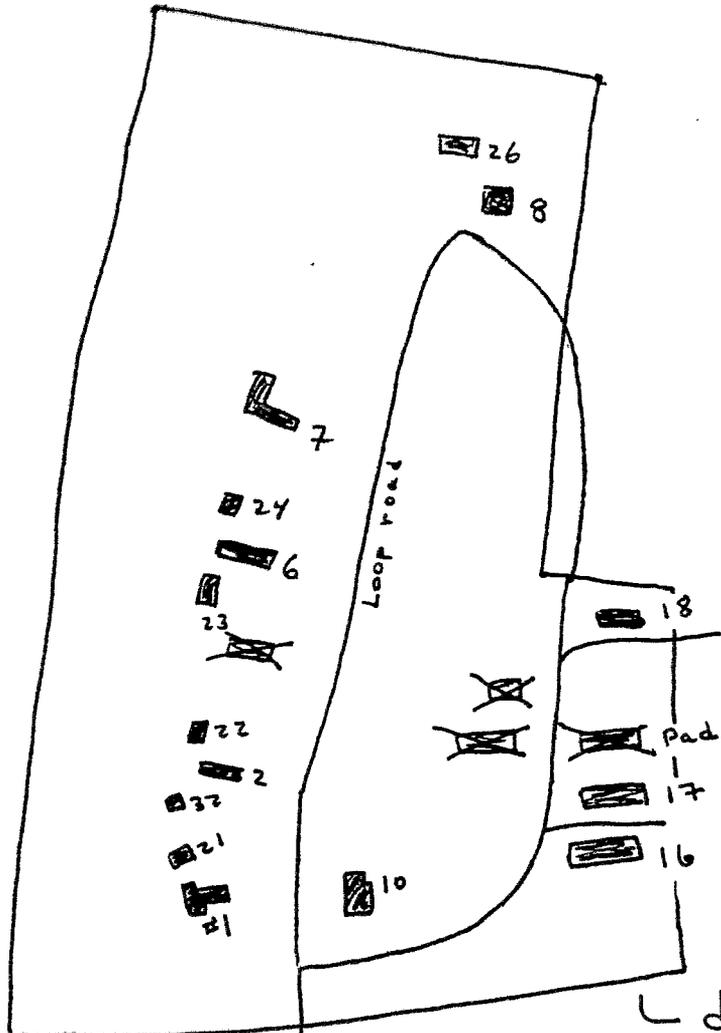
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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

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Key:

-  = contributing
-  = non-contributing
- XXX = NPS building number

└ district boundary



← moose → Jenny Lake

Approx. Scale 1" = 100'















