

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Gobbler's Knob Fire Lookout

5. ORIGINAL USE

Fire Lookout

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1933

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Gobbler's Knob N-111

6. PRESENT USE  
Visitor Interpretation/  
Fire Lookout

8. UTM ZONE EASTING NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

Nisqually Entrance

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD

OTHER

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

Wood frame, two-story, two-room, square plan structure; hip cedar shake roof with wide overhang and rafters; 1 x 8 horizontal lap siding; 2nd floor 2'8" balcony on all sides with 2 x 4 decking supported by brackets; exterior stairs from ground floor to balcony; fixed windows predominant on all four sides; poured concrete foundation; heavy support cables connected to deadmen; first story is storage, dirt floor, tongue and groove walls; second floor living quarters and fire finder, suspended ceiling, painted tongue and groove walls; varnished 1 x 2 oak floors.

Constructed from plans drawn by the NPS Branch of Plans and Design under the supervision of Acting Chief Architect Edwin A. Nickel, this lookout was one of the four fire lookouts of similar design constructed in the park between 1932 and 1934 (MORA DRG. NO.95). The lookout measures 14' x 14', with a floor size of 200 square feet for each story. The lookout is presently manned on weekends during the summer season for visitor assistance and interpretation.

14. CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?  
(SPECIFY THREAT)

YES

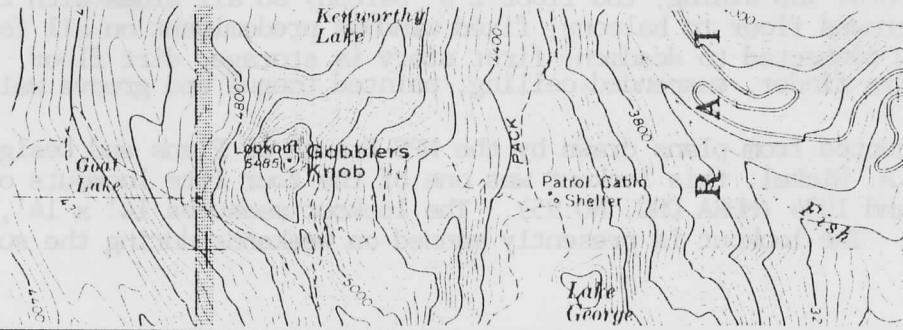
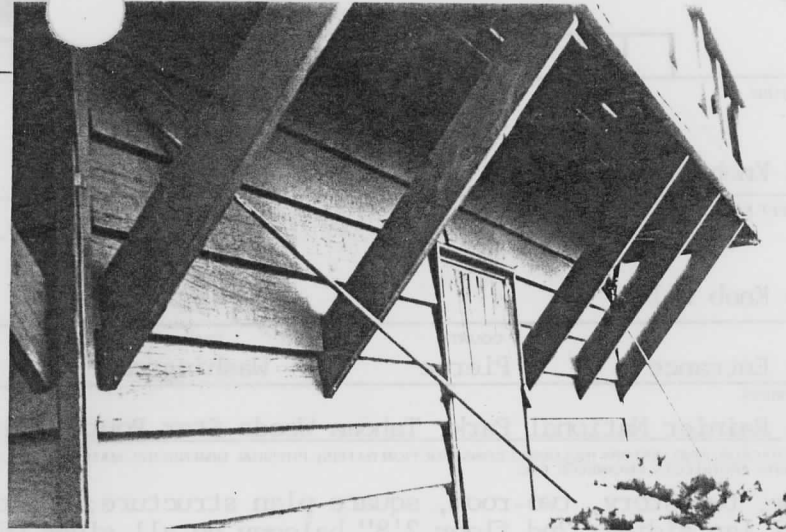
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UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

Gobbler's Knob is one of the four remaining fire lookouts at Mount Rainier. They are all of similar design and constructed between 1932 and 1934. These lookouts have played a significant role in the protection of natural resources in the park and in the surrounding national forest lands. Although aerial fire detection has somewhat reduced the importance of lookouts in recent years, they still play a significant role in visitor interpretation and assistance, as a backcountry patrol base, and during extreme fire danger periods.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES  NO  NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY  YES, LIMITED  YES, UNLIMITED  NO  UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS  NR  NHL  HABS  HAER-1  HAER  NPS  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  OTHER

21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Building File N-111, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park, building data, sketch plan, and photo, 1962.

Robert L. Carper, List of Classified Structures Inventory, (Denver: National Park Service, 1976).

Erwin N. Thompson, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington: Historic Resource Study, (Denver: Historic Preservation Branch, Denver Service Center, National Park Service, 1981).

Original Drawing, "Standard Lookout House - Type No.1, For All Parks," NPS Branch of Plans and Design, rec. by Edwin A. Nickel, Acting Chief Architect, 4/24/34 (MORA DRG. NO.95).

22. INVENTORIED BY

David Harvey

AFFILIATION

MORA Cultural Resources Survey

DATE

9/30/82

1/29/91

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
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Mt. Rainier National Park MPS Lewis and Pierce Counties, WASHINGTON

Substantive Review

Signature and Date Listed

COVER

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|---|--------------------------|
|   | <u>3/13/91</u>           |
| 1. Ohanapecosh Comfort Station No. 0-302          | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 2. Ohanapecosh Comfort Station No. 0-303          | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 3. Three Lakes Patrol Cabin                       | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 4. Camp Muir                                      | <u>3/13/91</u>           |
| ✓ 5. CInook Pass Entrance Arch                    | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 6. Christine Falls Bridge                         | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 7. Edith Creek Chlorination House                 | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 8. Gobbler's Knob Fire Lookout                    | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 9. Huckleberry Creek Patrol Cabin                 | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 10. Indian Bar Trail Shelter                      | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 11. Indian Henry's Patrol Cabin                   | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 12. Ipsut Creek Patrol Cabin                      | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 13. Lake George Patrol Cabin                      | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 14. Longmire Campground Comfort Station No. L-302 | <u>3/13/91</u>           |
| 15. Longmire Campground Comfort Station No. L-303 | <u>3/13/91</u>           |
| 16. Longmire Campground Comfort Station No. L-304 | <u>3/13/91</u>           |
| 17. Longmire Historic District                    | <u>3/13/91</u>           |
| 18. Mowich Lake Patrol Cabin                      | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 19. Mt. Fremont Fire Lookout                      | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 20. Narada Falls Bridge                           | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |
| 21. Narada Falls Comfort Station                  | X Autaweltz qlee 3/13/91 |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Gobbler's Knob Fire Lookout

MULTIPLE NAME: Mt. Rainier National Park MPS

STATE & COUNTY: WASHINGTON, Pierce

DATE RECEIVED: 1/29/91      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/12/91  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/28/91      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/15/91  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91000191

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL *NPS*

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: Y    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    3/13/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Gobbler's Knob Fire Lookout is significant as representative of the fire lookouts thematic group in Mount Rainier National Park.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept / A  
REVIEWER Autawicki / Bee  
DISCIPLINE History  
DATE 3/13/91

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period              Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates                      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

\_\_\_summary paragraph  
\_\_\_completeness  
\_\_\_clarity  
\_\_\_applicable criteria  
\_\_\_justification of areas checked  
\_\_\_relating significance to the resource  
\_\_\_context  
\_\_\_relationship of integrity to significance  
\_\_\_justification of exception  
\_\_\_other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage              \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs                  \_\_\_boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps      \_\_\_USGS maps      \_\_\_photographs      \_\_\_presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Gobbler's Knob Five Lookout

Photo 73

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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