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| 1. SITE I.D. NO  |  | 5. ORIGINAL USE        |  | 7. CLASSIFICATION            |  | 9. RATING                   |  |
| 2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE<br>(CARD 1 of 2)<br>Mowich Lake Patrol Cabin |  | Ranger Patrol Cabin    |  |                              |  | 10. DATE<br>1922            |  |
| 3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)<br>Mowich Lake C-252                   |  | 6. PRESENT USE<br>Same |  | 8. UTM ZONE EASTING NORTHING |  | 11. REGION                  |  |
| 4. CITY/VICINITY<br>Mowich Lake                                      |  | COUNTY<br>Pierce       |  | STATE<br>Washington          |  | SCALE 1:24 1:62.5 QUAD 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.

Log frame, one story, one room (and loft), rectangular cabin; steeply pitched cedar shake gable roof extends over log post and beam frame front porch; stove pipe on front gable slope; whole log purlins with whittled ends; whole log walls with cedar slab chinking; saddle notch cornering with quarter split ends; cedar shakes on gable ends; dirt and wood chinking; log sill on rock foundation; varnished interior walls; radial "spoke" arrangement of support beams that run vertically from floor of loft to ridge beam; 1 x 6 tongue and groove wood floors; front porch and loft have 2 x 6 decking.

Prior to 1920, there were very few shelters for backcountry rangers and hikers. In 1919-20, Superintendent Roger Toll stated the need for backcountry shelters to be placed ten to fifteen miles apart along the Wonderland Trail. Toll's system evolved into the construction of both patrol cabins and trail shelters under Superintendent O.A. Tomlinson's administration (1923-41).

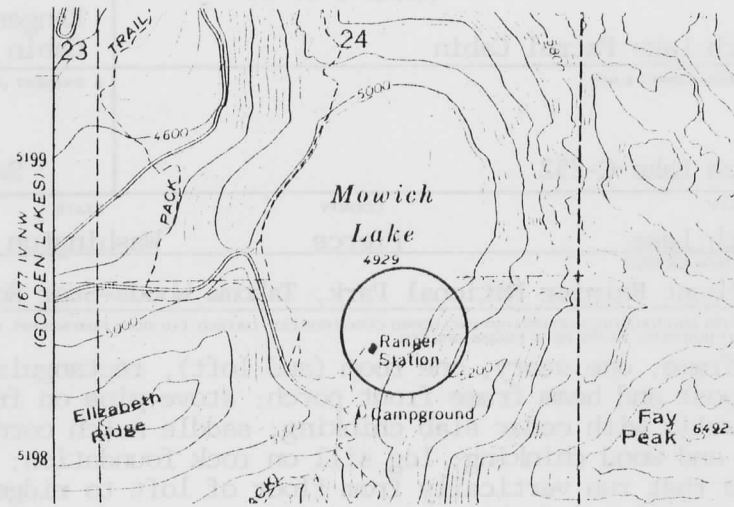
The Superintendent's annual report for fiscal year 1922 reported the construction by the National Park Service of three patrol cabins on the west side of the park at Mowich Lake, St. Andrews Creek, and at Sunset Park. The cabins were used as temporary headquarters by rangers on boundary patrol. Aspects of the cabin's log frame, rectangular

14. CONDITION  EXCELLENT  GOOD  FAIR  DETERIORATED  RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION? (SPECIFY THREAT)  YES  NO  UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE  
Mowich Lake Patrol Cabin is one of the oldest backcountry ranger stations in the park. It was intended as a temporary headquarters for rangers on patrol of the park's western boundary and the Wonderland Trail. Aspects of the cabin's log frame, rectangular design, with its steeply pitched cedar shaken gable roof, saddle notch cornering, and post and beam frame front porch, were incorporated into the construction of future patrol cabins in the park. This cabin was an early component of Superintendent Roger Toll's vision of a string of backcountry shelters to accommodate backcountry patrols, and provide shelter for the hiking public. This policy evolved and expanded under Superintendent Tomlinson's administration.

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 C-252, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park; sketch plan and photo, 1962; photo, 1977.

22 INVENTORIED BY

David Harvey

AFFILIATION

MORA Cultural Resources Survey

DATE

9/30/82

# BIRO INVENTORY

National Park Service  
Pacific Northwest Region  
Cultural Resources Division

Westin Building, Room 1920  
2001 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98121

1. SITE I.D. NO

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(CARD 2 of 2)

Mowich Lake Patrol Cabin

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Mowich Lake C-252

5. ORIGINAL USE

Ranger Patrol Cabin

6. PRESENT USE

Same

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1922

11. REGION

| 8. UTM ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
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SCALE 1:24 1:62.5  
OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_ QUAD NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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COUNTY

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design, with their steeply pitched cedar shake gable roofs, saddle notch cornering, and post and beam frame front porches, were incorporated into the construction of future patrol cabins in the park.

Mowich Lake Patrol Cabin, located on Mowich Lake near the Wonderland Trail, measures 15'7" x 17'5" (without porch), with a floor size of 267 square feet. The open porch is 5'9" x 17'5", extending the entire width of the front facade with roughly hewn whole log columns and rough board decking. The deck is elevated off the ground ten to twelve inches.

In 1974, a SCA group replaced the lower log sills, installed a new floor, sealed off the loft for heating purposes, and installed new shakes and ceiling sheathing. They dug a "trench" around three sides of the cabin to expose the lower log sills in an attempt to forestall the occurrence of log rot. Three middle logs on the rear facade need replacement. The front porch rests on deteriorated log sills and several of the log purlins are in need of replacement.

A contemporary shed addition to the south facade has a cedar shake roof with 1/2" x 7" tongue and groove and vertical

14. CONDITION

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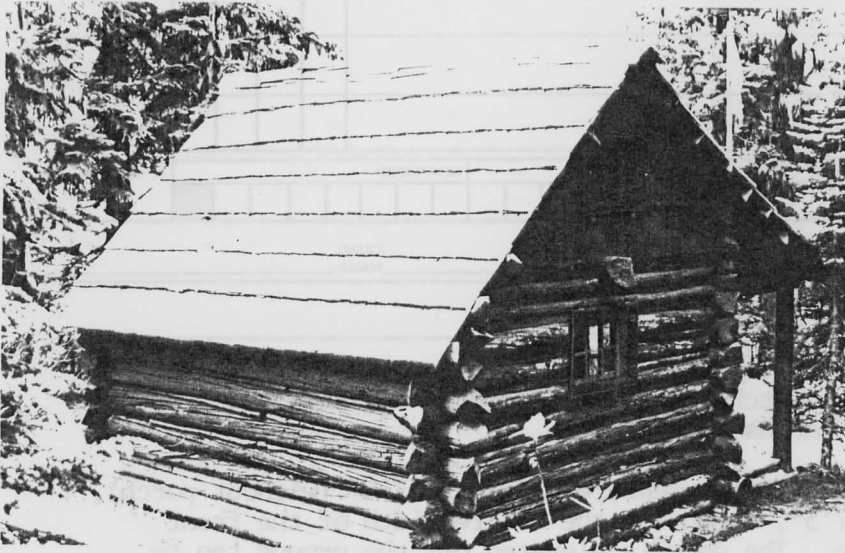
YES     NO     UNKNOWN

~~WOODWORK~~

plank siding. It is used for propane tank storage.

The cabin is occupied during the summer season by a backcountry park ranger.

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

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 COUNTY  LOCAL  OTHER

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22. INVENTORIED BY

AFFILIATION

DATE



1/29/91

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Mt. Rainier National Park MPS Lewis and Pierce Counties, WASHINGTON

Substantive Review

Signature and Date Listed

COVER

- |   |   |                |         |
|---|---|----------------|---------|
| 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  |   |                | 3/13/91 |
| ✓ 5. C̄inook 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 |   |                | 3/13/91 |
| 15. Longmire Campground Comfort Station No. L-303   |   |                | 3/13/91 |
| 16. Longmire Campground Comfort Station No. L-304   |   |                | 3/13/91 |
| 17. Longmire Historic District                      |   |                | 3/13/91 |
| ✓ 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: Mowich Lake Patrol Cabin

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: 91000183

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:

Mowich Lake Patrol Cabin is significant as representative of the thematic group of patrol cabins and trail shelters in Mount Rainier National Park.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept 1A & C  
REVIEWER Antoinette Giese  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Missing Core Documentation

| <b>Property Name<br/>County, State</b>    | <b>Multiple Property Name</b> | <b>Reference Number</b> |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mowich Lake Patrol<br>Cabin<br>Pierce, WA | Mt. Rainier National Park MPS | 91000183                |

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

Nomination Form

Photographs

USGS Map



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500707