

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

North Mowich Trail Shelter

5. ORIGINAL USE

Public Trail Shelter

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1934

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

North Mowich River C-253 (MX-301)

6. PRESENT USE

Same

8. UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

North Mowich River

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, WA 98304

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-room, one-story, square plan trail shelter; "saltbox" (lean-to) design; cedar shake roof over projecting whole log purlins; open front facade; whole log walls; post, beam, and bracket supports at front corners; rear corner saddle notching; log sill foundation; unfinished interior; 1-1/2 x 6 tongue and groove floor.

A 1924 map of Mount Rainier National Park shows a trail shelter between the North and South Forks of the Mowich River. The structure is no longer extant. This trail shelter, built in 1934 by the CCC (Thompson, 1981), is located on the Wonderland Trail on the north bank of the North Mowich River. Two other shelters constructed more recently are in the vicinity of this shelter. The supervisory landscape architect said, "It is a model of good log construction" (Thompson 1981:17). The shelter measures 14' x 14', with a floor size of 210 square feet. Floor to ridge beam is eight feet. The open front facade is 6'4" x 14'. Structural condition is one of deterioration. There is excessive log rot, especially on the projecting log ends at the corners. There is need for new base logs, especially on the east (rear) and north facades. The interior is very dirty. The wood floor has numerous holes, and there is need for a new roof.

14. CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)

YES

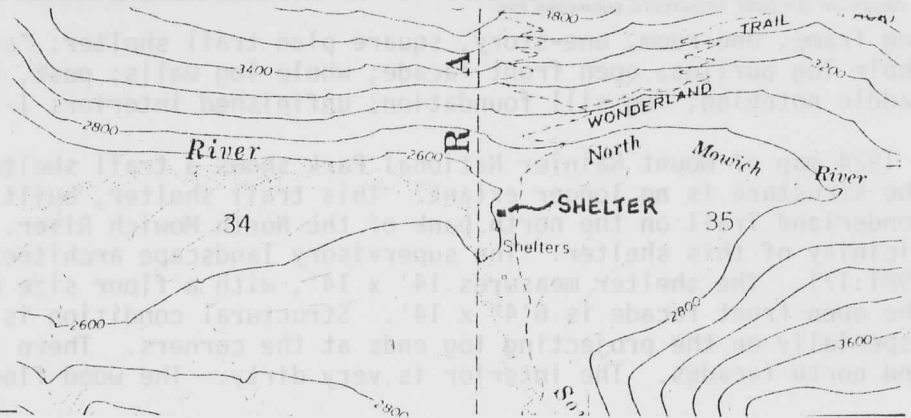
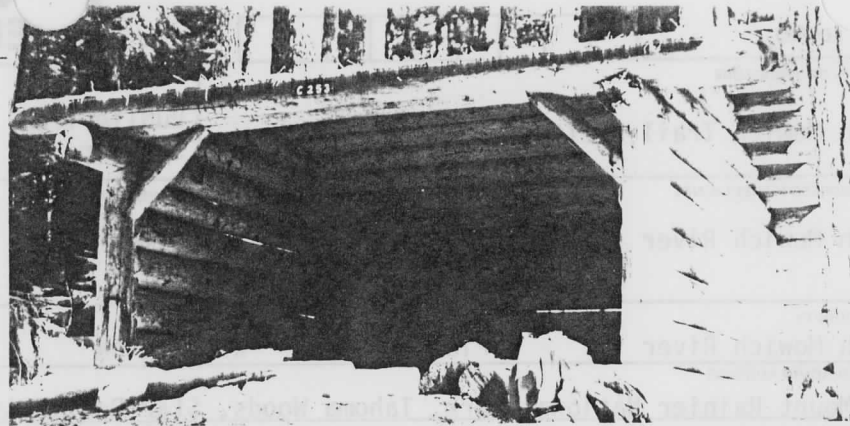
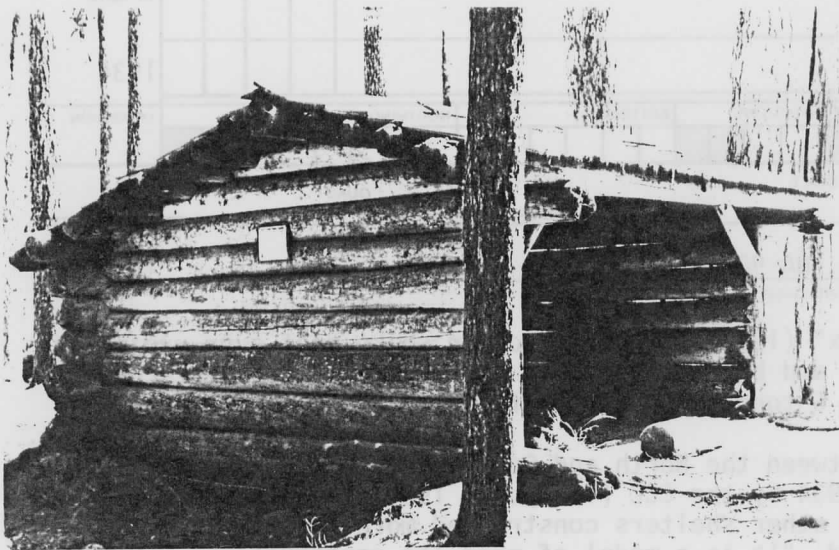
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UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

The North Mowich River trail shelter (C-253) is one of the oldest backcountry shelters in the park and one of the numerous structures built by the CCC. It is one of the numerous trail shelters constructed on the popular Wonderland Trail, a policy begun under Superintendent Roger W. Toll (1919-20) and expanded during the superintendency of Major O. A. Tomlinson (1932-41).

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 MX-301, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park. Building data--photos 1954, 1962; Drawing, 1962.

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

22. INVENTORIED BY

David Harvey

AFFILIATION

MORA Cultural Resources Survey

DATE

9/ 1/82

1/29/91

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Mt. Rainier National Park MPS

WASHINGTON

Signature and Date Listed

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24. Paradise Historic District		3/13/91
25. Shriner Peak Fire Lookout	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
26. South Puyallup River Bridge	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
27. St. Andrews Creek Bridge	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
28. St. Andrews Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
29. Summerland Trail Shelter	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
30. Sunrise Comfort Station	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
31. Sunrise Historic District		3/13/91
32. Sunset Park Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
33. Sunset Park Trail Shelter		3/13/91
34. Tahoma Vista Comfort Station	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
35. Tipsoo Lake Comfort Station	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
36. Tolmie Peak Fire Station Lookout	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
37. White River Bridge	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
38. White River Entrance		3/13/91
39. White River Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
40. White River Mess Hall and Dormitory	x Autawelt & Lee	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: North Mowich Trail Shelter

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: 91000184

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:

*North Mowich Trail Shelter 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 Glee
DISCIPLINE History
DATE 3/13/91

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

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Missing Core Documentation

Property Name County, State	Multiple Property Name	Reference Number
North Mowich Trail Shelter Pierce, WA	Mt. Rainier National Park MPS	91000184

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