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# INVENTORY

National Park Service  
Pacific Northwest Region  
Cultural Resources Division

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

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(CARD 1 of 2)

Shriner Peak Fire Lookout

5. ORIGINAL USE

Fire Lookout

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1932

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Shriner Peak 0-052

6. PRESENT USE  
Fire Lookout  
and Backcountry  
Assistance

8. UTM ZONE EASTING NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

COUNTY

STATE

Ohanapecosh

Lewis

Washington

SCALE 1:24 1:62.5  
OTHER QUAD 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, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC

Timber frame, two-story, square plan; hip roof, cedar shingles, projecting eaves; wrap around balcony, fixed sashes, rough lapped (Douglas Fir) exterior siding; wood floors, tongue-and-groove interior walls and ceilings; concrete foundation.

In 1931 Superintendent O.A. Tomlinson reported that three fire lookouts were being manned by park personnel; Colonnades, Anvil Rock and Shriner Peak. Although it is not known what kind of lookout existed then on Shriner Peak, in 1932 a private contractor (engaged in road construction on the East Side Road) erected a new timber frame lookout. Measuring 14' x 14', it was built according to a standard design drafted by the National Park Service, Landscape Division (Branch of Plans and Design) in 1932. Thomas E. Carpenter, Landscape Architect recommended the design.

Typically, the ground floor was used for storage and the one-room upper floor contained the fire finder, charts, supplies, a bed and cooking facilities. The large fixed glass windows afforded an unobstructed view of the southeast corner of the park. Access to the upper floor was provided by a timber stairway. Again, as was standard in the design, a balcony (2' - 8" wide) extended around the lookout.

14. CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?  
(SPECIFY THREAT)

YES

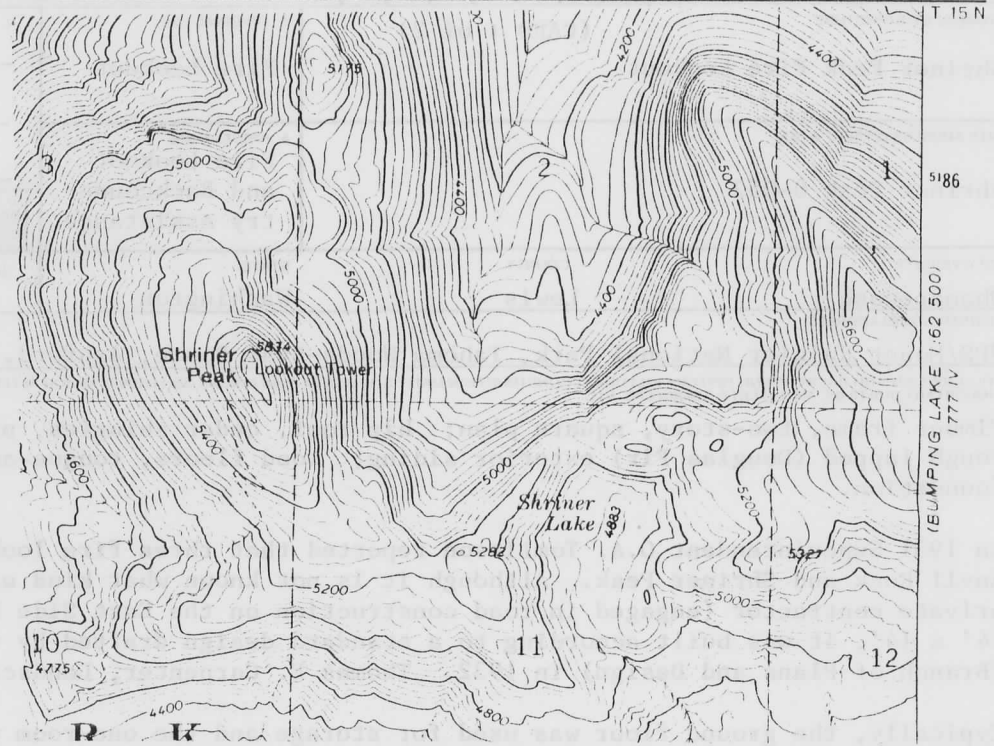
NO

UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

The Shriner Peak lookout is one of four similarly designed lookouts built in the park between 1932 and 1934. Located approximately in each corner of the park, these structures are the remnants of a once extensive lookout system at Mount Rainier.

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 0-052, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park. Prepared by Waterhouse, 1932 Report on Construction Activities (with photos); drawing and photos, 1962.

Original Drawing, "Standard Lookout Tower—Type No. 1, For All Parks," rec. by Thomas E. Carpenter, Chief Landscape Architect, NPS Landscape Division, 6/14/32 (MORA DRG. NO. 95-B).

Robert N. McIntyre, "Short History of Mount Rainier National Park," unpublished manuscript, 1952, Archives, Mount Rainier National Park, p. 148.

22. INVENTORIED BY  AFFILIATION  DATE

Gray Fitzsimons and David Harvey MORA Cultural Resources Survey 9/10/82

# NPRO INVENTORY

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Pacific Northwest Region  
Cultural Resources Division

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (CARD 2 of 2) Shriner Peak Fire Lookout	6. PRESENT USE Fire Lookout and Backcountry Assistance	10. DATE 1932	11. REGION <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>
3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO) Shriner Peak 0-052 (formerly HX-1)	4. CITY/VICINITY Ohanapecosh	COUNTY Lewis	STATE Washington
12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS NPS / Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, WA. 98304		8. UTM ZONE      EASTING      NORTHING SCALE      1:24      1:62.5      QUAD NAME OTHER: _____	

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Shriner Peak Lookout undoubtedly saw a great deal of activity in July of 1934 when a large fire burned 630 acres of park land. Communications were carried out by telephone to the fire central center at Longmire. Superintendent O.A. Tomlinson commended the Emergency Conservation Works (ECW) personnel for their labors in containing the blaze.

In the mid-thirties, radios were installed in all the lookout stations. During the peak of their operation, Mount Rainier National Park was served by seven lookout buildings. With the advent of aerial surveillance after the second world war, the importance of the lookout stations declined. Shriner Peak is one of few remaining lookout buildings in the park. It is currently used for backcountry assistance and as emergency backup for fire watching. The lookout remains fully equipped for fire detection.

14. CONDITION <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION? (SPECIFY THREAT) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> 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

WASHINGTON

Signature and Date Listed

22. Nisqually Entrance Historic District		3/13/91
23. North Mowich Trail Shelter	x Autawelt dlee	3/13/91
24. Paradise Historic District		3/13/91
25. <b>Shriner Peak Fire Lookout</b>	x Autawelt dlee	3/13/91
26. South Puyallup River Bridge	x Autawelt dlee	3/13/91
27. St. Andrews Creek Bridge	x Autawelt dlee	3/13/91
28. St. Andrews Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt dlee	3/13/91
29. Summerland Trail Shelter	x Autawelt dlee	3/13/91
30. Sunrise Comfort Station	x Autawelt dlee	3/13/91
31. Sunrise Historic District		3/13/91
32. Sunset Park Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt dlee	3/13/91
33. Sunset Park Trail Shelter		3/13/91
34. Tahoma Vista Comfort Station	x Autawelt dlee	3/13/91
35. Tipsoo Lake Comfort Station	x Autawelt dlee	3/13/91
36. Tolmie Peak Fire <del>Station</del> Lookout	x Autawelt dlee	3/13/91
37. White River Bridge	x Autawelt dlee	3/13/91
38. White River Entrance		3/13/91
39. White River Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt dlee	3/13/91
40. White River Mess Hall and Dormitory	x Autawelt dlee	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: Shriner Peak 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: 91000194

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:

*Shriner Peak Fire Lookout is significant as representative of  
the firelookouts thematic group in Mount Rainier National  
Park.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept / A  
REVIEWER Autumneth Que  
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  
 UTM's               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 County, State</b>	<b>Multiple Property Name</b>	<b>Reference Number</b>
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Shriner Peak Fire Lookout Pierce, WA	Mt. Rainier National Park MPS	91000194
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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