

1. SITE I.D. NO		5. ORIGINAL USE		7. CLASSIFICATION				9. RATING			
2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE		6. PRESENT USE						10. DATE			
Tolmie Peak Fire Lookout		Fire Lookout						1933			
3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)		8. UTM ZONE		EASTING		NORTHING		11. REGION			
Tolmie Peak C-251 (MX-1)											
4. CITY/VICINITY		COUNTY		STATE		SCALE					
Mowich River		Pierce		Washington		1:24		1:62.5		QUAD NAME	
12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS		OTHER									

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 overhang, rafters, and projecting ridge beams at the corners; 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, wood 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). No sooner were Mount Freemont and Tolmie Peak lookouts completed when a wind storm tore their roofs off. The lookout measures 14' x 14', with a floor size of 200 square feet for each story. The balcony decking needs to be replaced, and the wooden railing is very low. The entire lookout needs to be painted.

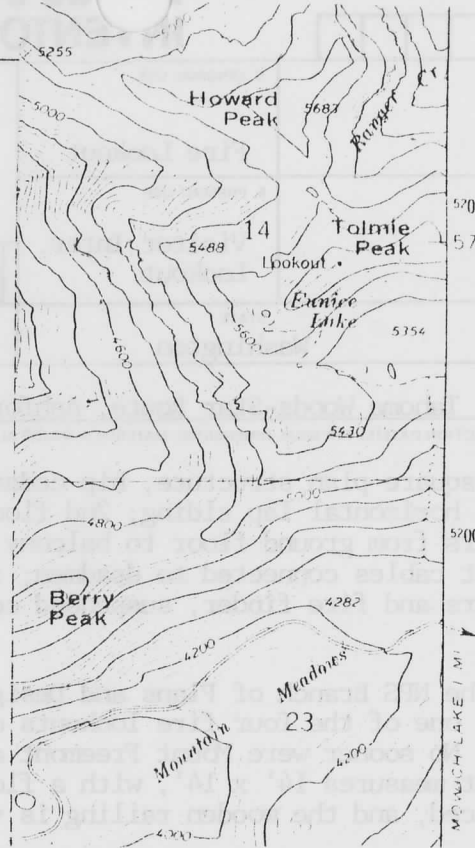
The lookout is presently manned on weekends during the summer season for visitor assistance and interpretation.

14. CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
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16. SIGNIFICANCE  
Tolmie Peak 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 MX-1 (C-251), 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, 4/27/34 (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  
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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 Blue	3/13/91
24. Paradise Historic District		3/13/91
25. Shriner Peak Fire Lookout	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
26. South Puyallup River Bridge	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
27. St. Andrews Creek Bridge	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
28. St. Andrews Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
29. Summerland Trail Shelter	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
30. Sunrise Comfort Station	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
31. Sunrise Historic District		3/13/91
32. Sunset Park Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
33. Sunset Park Trail Shelter		3/13/91
34. Tahoma Vista Comfort Station	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
35. Tipsoo Lake Comfort Station	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
36. Tolmie Peak Fire Station Lookout	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
37. White River Bridge	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
38. White River Entrance		3/13/91
39. White River Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91
40. White River Mess Hall and Dormitory	x Autawelt Blue	3/13/91



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Tolmie Peak Fire Lookout  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Mt. Rainier National Park MPS  
NAME:

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: 91000195

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:

*Tolmie Peak Fire Lookout is significant as representative  
of the fire lookouts thematic group in Mount Rainier  
National Park.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept 1A  
REVIEWER Autumnelli & Lee  
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 County, State</b>	<b>Multiple Property Name</b>	<b>Reference Number</b>
Tolmie Peak Fire Lookout Pierce, WA	Mt. Rainier National Park MPS	91000195

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