

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

White River Campground Patrol Cabin

5. ORIGINAL USE

Ranger Patrol Station

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1927

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

White River Campground W-051

6. PRESENT USE

Same

4. CITY/VICINITY

White River Entrance

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

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 and log post and beam frame, one story, three room, rectangular cabin; medium pitched gable roof extends over log post and beam porch that spans the entire width of the front facade, and over a recessed side porch; front and rear facade log trusses; log ridge beam; projecting eaves and verges; log rafters with whittled ends project beyond roof line; stone veneer brick chimney off gable ridge; split-log horizontal veneer siding nailed to studs; shower room addition has vertical board and batten siding; pivot-casement windows; unfinished interior fibreboard (celotex) walls; exposed ceiling beams; plywood floors; stone infill, log beam, and pier foundation.

With the construction of the White River Campground in 1923, there became a need for a ranger station at the site. Built in 1927 by the National Park Service, the White River Campground Ranger Station was regarded as a patrol cabin because it was on the Wonderland Trail (Thompson 1981). The cabin was remodeled in 1949: the interior walls were finished with celotex, and plywood was placed over the shiplap floor (Carper 1976). The structure measures 16.5' x 30.5', with a floor size of 495 square feet. The open front porch is 5' x 16.5', the recessed side porch is 5' x 6'4". The cabin is in poor condition: abandoned, filled with trash, and rodent infested. The exposed ends of the rafters are deteriorating and the roof is sagging.

14. CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)

YES

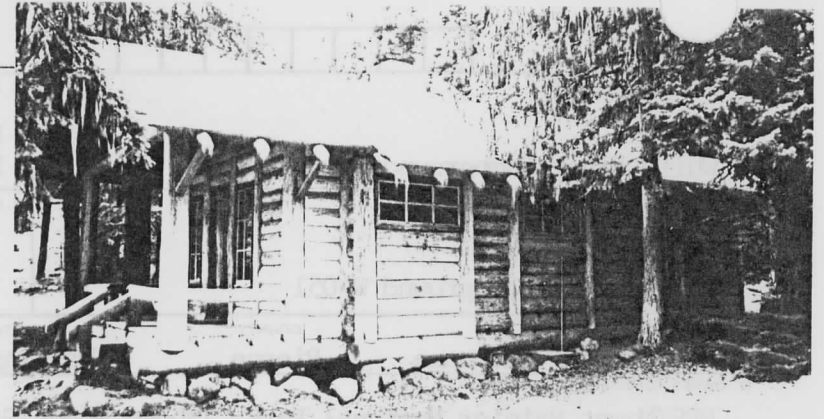
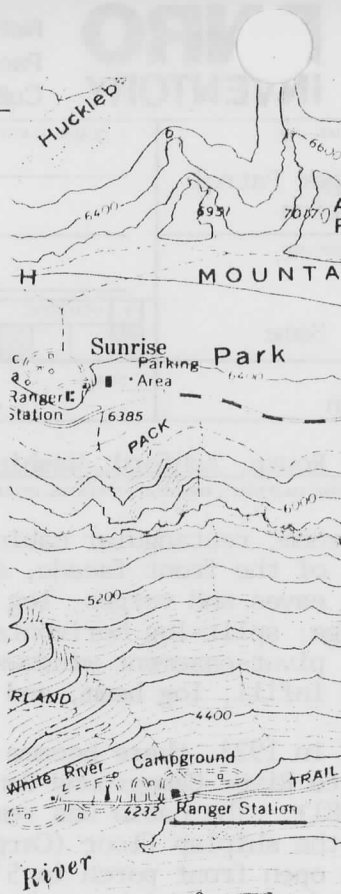
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UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

The cabin is the oldest structure in the White River area. It was one of the several backcountry patrol cabins 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 (1923-1941).

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

R.L. Carper, List of Classified Structures Inventory, Mount Rainier National Park (Denver: Historic Preservation Branch, Denver Service Center, 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).

Building File W-051, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park. Drawing and photos, 1962; L.M. Moe, 1949.

22. INVENTORIED BY

David Harvey

AFFILIATION

MORA Cultural Resources Survey

DATE

9/12/82

1/29/91

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National Park Service

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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 d Lee	3/13/91
24. Paradise Historic District		3/13/91
25. Shriner Peak Fire Lookout	x Autawelt d Lee	3/13/91
26. South Puyallup River Bridge	x Autawelt d Lee	3/13/91
27. St. Andrews Creek Bridge	x Autawelt d Lee	3/13/91
28. St. Andrews Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt d Lee	3/13/91
29. Summerland Trail Shelter	x Autawelt d Lee	3/13/91
30. Sunrise Comfort Station	x Autawelt d Lee	3/13/91
31. Sunrise Historic District		3/13/91
32. Sunset Park Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt d Lee	3/13/91
33. Sunset Park Trail Shelter		3/13/91
34. Tahoma Vista Comfort Station	x Autawelt d Lee	3/13/91
35. Tipsoo Lake Comfort Station	x Autawelt d Lee	3/13/91
36. Tolmie Peak Fire Station Lookout	x Autawelt d Lee	3/13/91
37. White River Bridge	x Autawelt d Lee	3/13/91
38. White River Entrance		3/13/91
39. White River Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt d Lee	3/13/91
40. White River Mess Hall and Dormitory	x Autawelt d 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 White River Patrol Cabin
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: 91000190

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:

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

RECOM./CRITERIA decent 1A+C
REVIEWER Autumnella Lee
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 _____



White River Campground Patrol Cabin (W-056)

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500707