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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

**

Lochsa Historical Ranger Station

AND/OR COMMON

Lochsa Ranger Station

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

[REDACTED]

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

[REDACTED]

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

[REDACTED]

STATE

[REDACTED]

VICINITY OF
CODE

[REDACTED]

COUNTY

[REDACTED]

CODE

[REDACTED]

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

[REDACTED]

STREET & NUMBER

[REDACTED]

CITY, TOWN

[REDACTED]

STATE

[REDACTED]

VICINITY OF

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

N/A

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lochsa Historical Ranger Station consists of the buildings and site used for administration of the Lochsa Ranger District (earlier, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]) from 1922 to 1957.

Facilities with historical value include the Ranger dwelling, the combination building, the alternate dwelling, and Boulder Creek cabin. Associated facilities of later vintage include the barn and corral, bathhouse, administrative site buildings, parking area, and restroom facilities.

Specific data on the historically significant buildings follows:

1. Ranger Dwelling - Construction of this building was begun in 1932. House logs were cut [REDACTED] and floated down [REDACTED] to the administrative site. Erection began in the fall of 1933 and was completed the same year except for minor finishing. The roof is of cedar shakes.

The building is a two-story log structure approximately 28'x28', plus a large front porch and basement. There is a living room, kitchen, and bedroom on the main floor. A bedroom, bathroom, and storage room are upstairs.

All deteriorated exterior logs were replaced in 1975. The interior was restored during 1975 and 1976. Color scheme followed the original as much as possible. New hardwood floors were installed.

Some of the original furnishings are still displayed. Other furnishings from the same era have been added to complete display needs.

2. Combination Building - The building consists of four rooms that were constructed as individual cabins in separate years. During the final phase of construction, the cabins were joined under a common roof. The construction was done in this way because there was a \$1,500.00 limit on individual projects, and also to make quick completion of priority rooms feasible.

Floor space of each room is approximately 17'x15'. Facing the building from left to right, the rooms are the kitchen, office, toolroom, and commissary. Construction dates were commissary, 1927; office, 1928; toolroom, 1930; and the kitchen, 1933.

The foundation was reconstructed in 1968 by Job Corps crews. New hardwood flooring has also been installed. Exterior construction is log with cedar shake roof. Rooms have been furnished to illustrate their function. Many items are original.

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3. Alternate Ranger Dwelling - The alternate's dwelling, a log cabin with cedar shake roof, was constructed in 1931. External dimensions are approximately 24'x12'. A shake roof porch was added during ensuing years.

The cabin has been completely restored, including a stone-faced concrete foundation, replacement of deteriorated logs and hardwood flooring.

This building now serves as the office for the visitor information activities. One side of the single interior room has photos and historical displays, while the other side serves as the work area for the interpreter.

4. Boulder Creek Cabin - This building has not been restored, and its appearance is little changed since its construction at the site. Dimensions are approximately 16'x18', with a small shake roof porch.

This cabin was originally constructed [redacted] 1 mile up [redacted] from its present site, in 1922. In 1926, it was dismantled and the logs floated down [redacted]. Horses dragged the logs up the hill to the site where it was reassembled and still stands.

A number of logs are rotting and should be replaced. The cedar shake roof is intact, but not in good condition. Preservation or restoration work is needed on the entire structure.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Historical develop- ment of Forest Svce.
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1922 & 1932

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Forest Service Personnel

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lochsa Ranger Station served as administrative headquarters from 1922 to 1957 for the Lochsa Ranger District. The District was originally on the Selway National Forest which later was combined with the Clearwater and Nezperce National Forests.

Management of the National Forests changed markedly between 1922 and 1957. In 1922, the Station was accessible only by trail. The duties of the Forest Ranger were primarily custodial. Fire control was the most important job. Trail construction, telephone communications, and other work contributed to the fire control effort. On a limited basis, work was also done in the areas of timber inventories, surveying, game count, recreation surveys, and other areas.

Today, the Lewis and Clark Highway passes by the Station. Fire management still includes prevention and suppression, but goes further to include the use of planned fire for beneficial uses. The resources of timber, range, watershed, wildlife habitat, and recreation are intensively managed for their local, regional, and national values.

The Lochsa Station and many similar isolated stations played a significant role in protection and development of the National Forests. Because of its location on a major cross-country highway, in an area high in recreational values, the Lochsa Station offers a significant opportunity to acquaint the American public with the evolution of management of the National Forests.

Dedicated in July 3, 1976, in excess of 4,000 visitors toured the Station during its first year of operation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hartig, Lou; History of the Lochsa Ranger Station (Unpublished manuscript)

Space, Ralph; The Clearwater Story, USDA Forest Service, Missoula, Montana

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6.16 hectare

UTM REFERENCES

CA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	DB	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
Es	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Fd	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A [REDACTED] B [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jon B. Bledsoe, District Ranger

ORGANIZATION

Lochsa Ranger District, Kooskia Ranger Station

STREET & NUMBER

CITY OR TOWN

Kooskia

DATE

TELEPHONE

208-926-4275

STATE

Idaho 83539

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Merle Wells

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Gene Smith

TITLE

Director for Recreation Mgmt.

DATE

9-1-77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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DATE

6/9/78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

W. S. ...

DATE

6-5-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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JUN 9 1978

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Rear and east side of alternate ranger dwelling
Water fountain shown at NW corner.

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Rear and westside of Boulder Creek Cabin, photo taken
from interpretive trail.



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Rear view of combination building, looking to S.W.



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Front view of combination building, looking NW.
Chairs are set up for dedication ceremony later in day.



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Looking SE across fenced garden plot to rear of ranger dwelling.



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Front view of ranger dwelling, photo looking NE.

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VISITOR
INFORMATION

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Close view of porch and east side of alternate ranger dwelling
Note log purlins in porch roof, rock work in foundation, snug
dove tail corner joints.



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View of front and west side of Boulder Creek Cabin.