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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Idaho
COUNTY:	Blaine
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ENTRY DATE:	APR 4 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Sawtooth City

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: [REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN: [REDACTED] CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: [REDACTED]

STATE: [REDACTED] CODE: [REDACTED] COUNTY: [REDACTED] CODE: [REDACTED]

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>recreation</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: [REDACTED]

STREET AND NUMBER: [REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN: [REDACTED] STATE: [REDACTED] CODE: 16

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: [REDACTED]

STREET AND NUMBER: [REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN: [REDACTED] STATE: [REDACTED] CODE: 16

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Idaho State Historic Preservation Plan

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Idaho State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 610 North Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Boise STATE: Idaho CODE: 16

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The site of old Sawtooth City is high in the Sawtooth Mountains
 [REDACTED] The
 townsite was laid out [REDACTED] in the fall of 1879, after
 the rush to that area began. By August 1881, Sawtooth City was a
 typical mining town, boasting 25 substantial houses, a meat market,
 assay office, blacksmith shop, Chinese laundry, general store, two
 restaurants and three of the ever-present saloons.

At this point in time, the mines in Beaver Canyon were just
 starting to develop, and the town had good prospects. The Columbia
 and Beaver Company began extensive development of the area, including
 a toll road from Sawtooth City to Ketchum, a ten-stamp quartz mill
 built just above camp, and a large sawmill. Numerous problems plagued
 the area, however, and the development never really took off. With
 the exception of the Silver King mine which was still being worked on
 a small scale, Sawtooth City was deserted by 1888. From a peak
 population of close to 600, the town followed many other mining camps
 into oblivion. Today, the only visible remains are the mill foundations,
 one old log cabin and the crumbling remains of many other buildings.
 It holds good potential as an historical archaeological site, however.
 The town is reached fairly easily and thus has been dug by bottle
 hunters, but it could still yield a great deal of information through
 a complete archaeological project.

The district commences in the NE corner of section [REDACTED] runs

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] The district [REDACTED]

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1879-1888

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sawtooth area was first explored by Levi Smiley, who led his party into the region in the spring of 1878. They located a rich outcropping of quartz, but further exploration was halted by a courier bearing the news of the Bannock uprising. The group retreated to Challis, but Smiley and T. B. Mulkey returned the next October and staked out claims. They kept their discoveries quiet for a while, but when they led another party into the region in the spring of 1879, new finds were made and the stampede began. Three campsites were laid out in Beaver, Smiley and Lake canyons, and boom towns quickly sprang up in the first two.

Sawtooth City was formally organized in a miners' meeting on November 29, 1879. This camp grew fast, as did Vienna in Smiley's Canyon, and a hostile rivalry soon arose between the two towns which serviced the same general area. Sawtooth City was developed the earliest, however. In 1880 the L. C. Cartwright Company of New York purchased for \$12,000 the Columbia and Beaver prospects in Beaver Canyon, and incorporated into the Columbia and Beaver Company. On the strength of a few tons of rich ore, assayed in New York, the company began extensive development of the area. A toll road was laid out from Sawtooth City to Ketchum; a ten-stamp quartz mill, costing \$50,000, was erected above the camp; and a large sawmill was constructed. Over \$100,000 was poured into the camp before a single run of ore was made. Only \$10,000 of this was spent on improving and working the mines, and consequently, when the mills were finished, there was no ore to process. Although the quartz mill was completed in 1882, it did not begin continuous operation until the season of 1886. A combination of difficulties--ores which were so expensive to process that only high grade ores were profitable; bad weather making the region practically inaccessible; and ill-management by company supervisors--cursed the area and the mill remained idle. In 1885, the company was reorganized into the Sawtooth Milling and Mining Company. Under the supervision of W. S. Venum, the mill was renovated and in 1886, for the first time, ran successfully all season. However, the mill never reopened after this run.

In spite of the difficulties of the Columbia and Beaver Company, several mines in Beaver Canyon were successfully exploited. The Pilgrim produced much of the early rich ores which caused the Sawtooth area to boom. The Silver King began extensive production in 1886, and operated profitably under the guidance of Major William Hyndman. With the exception of the Silver King, the Sawtooth area was nearly dormant

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wayne Sparling, Southern Idaho Ghost Towns, Caldwell, Idaho: Caxton Printers, Ltd., 1974, pp. 83-84.

Nancy Miller, "Mining in the Sawtooths", Idaho Yesterdays, Vol. 9:1 (Spring 1965), pp. 11-16.

Idaho State Historical Society Reference Series #207.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW				° ' "	° ' "	
NE						
SE						
SW						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **161.45 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Nancy F. Renk, Site Survey Staff

ORGANIZATION: **Idaho State Historical Society** DATE: **29 March 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
610 N. Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN: **Boise** STATE: **Idaho** CODE: **16**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *Merle W. Wells*

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date 1 April 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. R. ...
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/4/75

ATTEST:
W. ...
Keeper of The National Register

Date **APR 3 1975**

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STATE Idaho	
COUNTY Blaine	
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No. 8 Significance

and deserted by 1888. A disastrous fire in this mine in 1892, however, ended large-scale mining at Sawtooth. The total production of the area is estimated at \$250,000.



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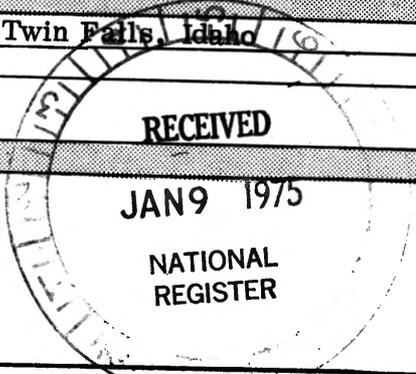
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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COMMON:		Sawtooth City	
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
T7N, R14E, 8 miles from Vienna in Beaver Canyon			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Sawtooth City			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Idaho	16	Blaine	013
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Negative Sawtooth National Forest, Twin Falls, Idaho			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1970			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
Sawtooth National Forest			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
View of Sawtooth City, toward the south.			
# 1061			



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Description

SAWTOOTH CITY CABIN SUPPORTED BY LODGEPOLE PINE
GROWING ON EACH SIDE

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER