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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Idaho
COUNTY:	Franklin
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JUL 25 1974	

1. NAME

COMMON: Weston Canyon Rockshelter (10 FR 4)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: [REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN: Congressional District:

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

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments National Forest

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: [REDACTED]

STREET AND NUMBER: [REDACTED]

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



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: [REDACTED]

STREET AND NUMBER: [REDACTED]

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Idaho State Historic Preservation Plan

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970, 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

STATE: Idaho

COUNTY: Franklin

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Weston Canyon rockshelter, excavated in 1969 and 1970, is situated [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. The narrow and steep canyon, with peaks rising over 6000 feet [REDACTED] and the valley floor ranging in elevation from 5200 to 5500 feet [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is one of the corridors in southeastern Idaho [REDACTED] flows through the canyon [REDACTED].

Weston Canyon is near the western extremity of the middle Rocky Mountains, on the edge of the Great Basin. The canyon comprises the southern part of the Bannock Range and northwestern part of the Malad Range.

From the time that John C. Fremont traversed and described the canyon in 1843, until the present, the flora has changed considerably from the "fine verdure of smooth grass spread...to the bare sides of the rocky walls" to dense stands of sagebrush with little grass interspersed.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca. 7000 years ago to 19th century

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input 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 Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A number of significant archaeological conclusions have been demonstrated by the excavation of Weston Canyon rockshelter. Manifestations of the Great Basin, northwestern Great Plains and Rocky Mountain cultures are all present at Weston Canyon rockshelter. The big-game hunting subsistence and the lack of a significant gathering economy by the people that occupied the rockshelter during its use makes it an important site within the limits of the Great Basin, since the normal subsistence economy for the Great Basin is one dependent on small game hunting and gathering.

Two intense periods of occupation have been delineated. The date of the earliest occupation, approximately 7000-3500 years ago, is based on the similarity of the Bitterroot projectile points at Weston Canyon with those at Birch Creek. The second, and latest period of intense occupation, dates from 3500-800 years ago. Evidence indicates that the rockshelter was inhabited continuously into the last century.

Although Weston Canyon lies with the northern limits of the Great Basin, the cultural similarities existing between the Great Plains and northwestern Rockies precludes calling it a manifestation of the Great Basin or Desert culture. This fact makes the site, and area in general, significant in terms of archaeological theory; i.e., it exhibits new and important data in terms of distinguishing borderline cultures that incorporate the most beneficial elements of the surrounding culture areas to suit the immediate environment.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Delisio, Mario P., "The Natural and Cultural Stratigraphy of the Weston Canyon Rockshelter, Southeastern Idaho". M.A. Thesis, Idaho State University, 1970.

HR
[Redacted]

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
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **B. Robert Butler, Curator of Archaeology**

ORGANIZATION: **Idaho State University Museum** DATE: **22 January 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Idaho State University**

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Made Wells

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date 22 January 1974

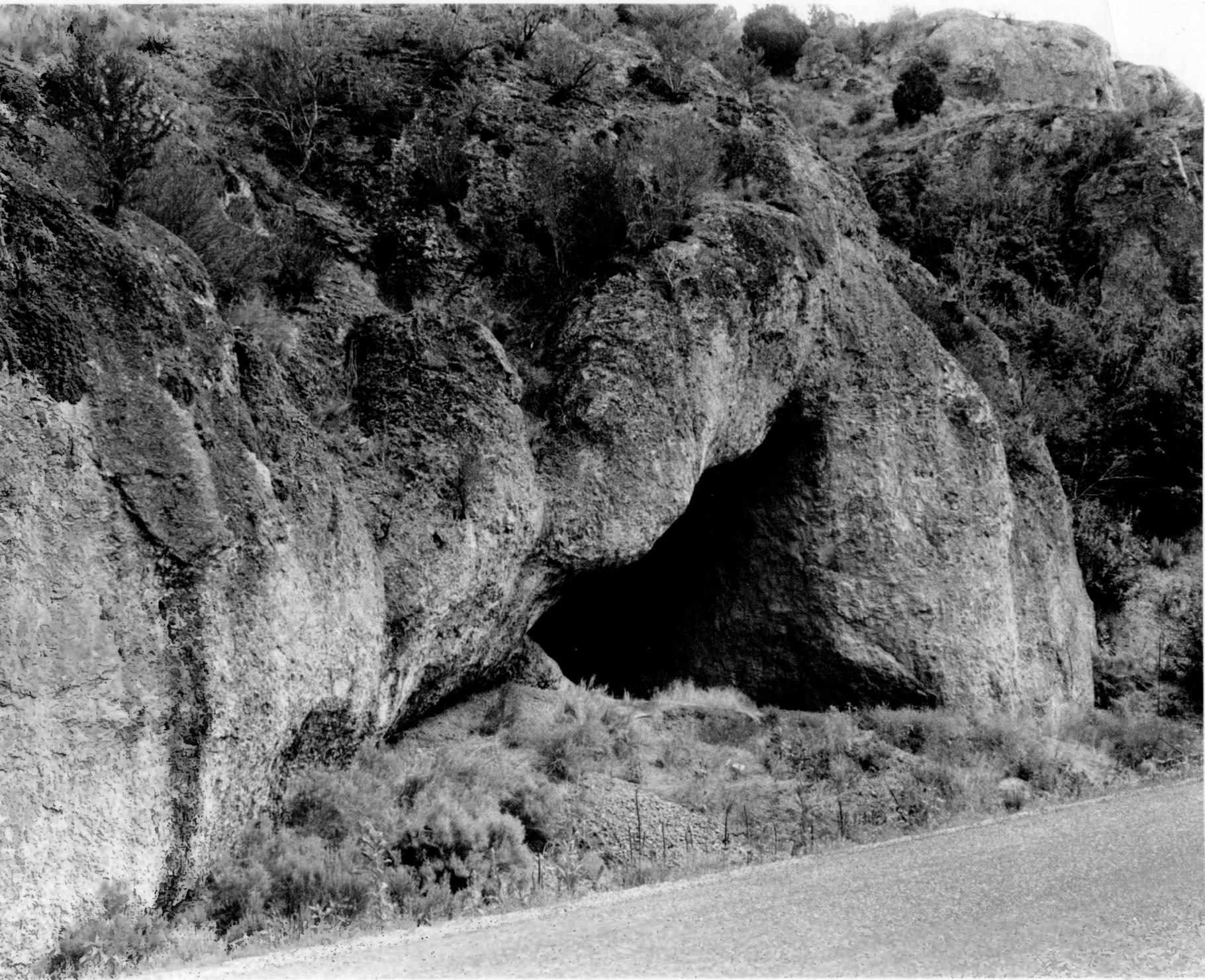
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A R Mortensen
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/25/74

ATTEST:
Ronald M. Henberg
Keeper of The National Register

Date 7/22/74



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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

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2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 25, T15S, R37E

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

Idaho

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16

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041

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Mario P. Delisio

DATE OF PHOTO: 1968

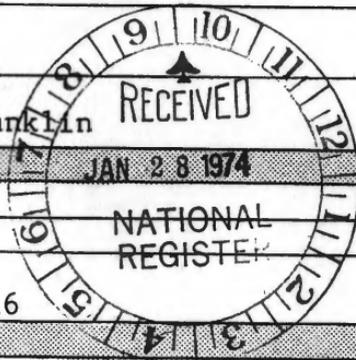
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Mario P. Delisio

Rt. 1 Homer Rd., Eagle, Idaho 83616

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View southeast toward rockshelter prior to excavation.



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