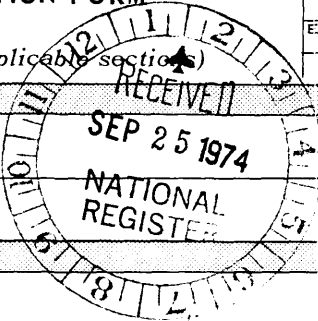


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Idaho
COUNTY:	Bingham
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ENTRY DATE	NOV 20 1974



1. NAME	
COMMON:	Blackfoot Railway Depot
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: N.W. Main Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Blackfoot		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: District 2	
STATE Idaho	CODE 16	COUNTY: Bingham	CODE 011

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☐ Object ☒ Building ☐ Structure	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☒ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☒ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Union Pacific Railroad Company			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1416 Dodge Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Omaha		STATE: Nebraska	CODE 31

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Bingham County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Blackfoot		STATE: Idaho	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 N. Julia Davis Drive			
CITY OR TOWN: Boise		STATE: Idaho	CODE 16

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7. DESCRIPTION

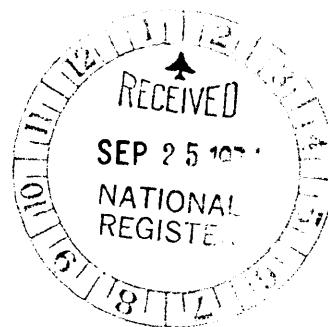
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☒ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1913, this long, low building is a fairly typical railway station of the bungalow style. The basic rectangular shape is broken by a small gabled ell that projects out along the track side. Simple stone finials trim the gable corners and peak, and a stone block with the station name of Blackfoot is set in the gable above the windows. The station is built of rusticated stone, with lighter stone quoins decorating the corners and openings. A lighter stone band encircles the building just under the wide, overhanging eaves and provides the lintels for the windows. The windows in the ell are topped with lintels of stone set in a keystone pattern. The stone is backed with common brick. All windows are double hung sash, and the original entrance and exit doors are oak, designed in double sets to enclose the vestibule.

The basically rectangular station measures approximately 42' x 132'. The floor plan, as called for in the original plans, commences at the southwestern end with the express office (20'3" x 34' 6"), the baggage room (34'8" x 34'6"), the men's smoking room (16'3" x 20'9"), the men's toilet and lavatory, the general waiting room (38'10" x 31'7"), the newsstand, ticket office, and drinking fountains and the women's toilet.

Both the exterior and interior are essentially original, with only a few changes made on the inside. The original steam heating plant in the basement has been recently replaced with a natural gas blower furnace. No additions have ever been made to the depot, and it is still in use today--not for passenger service, however.



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1. 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) 1912-1913

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Philosophy | ☐ Other (Specify) _____ |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | ☐ Science | _____ |
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Sculpture | _____ |
| ☒ Architecture | ☐ Landscape | ☐ Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| ☐ Art | ☐ Architecture | ☐ Theater | _____ |
| ☐ Commerce | ☐ Literature | ☒ Transportation | _____ |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Military | | |
| ☐ Conservation | ☐ Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The long-awaited new depot of the Oregon Short Line railroad was finally begun in October, 1912, but it was not completed for use until August 15, 1913. Much thought and consideration went into the choice of a final site which would benefit the town and the railroad. Coming at a time when the railroads were extremely conscious of public relations and had a great deal of influence on land promotions, the Oregon Short Line decision to appropriate \$27,000 for a new passenger depot at Blackfoot took priority over several other towns who requested depots.

The bungalow style building itself is a fine example of railroad architecture so familiar to residents and travelers alike. In 1913, this depot was considered to be equal to any in the state and to possess an interior design superior to all others in the state. All of the pink and gray stone was quarried at nearby Rexburg, and hauled to Blackfoot where the builder used it as fast as it came in.

The long-inadequate 1895 frame structure which it replaced was moved to another location in town and served as a freight station for a time. The new depot was badly needed and was welcomed both by the railroad and the townsfolk. In May, 1913, for example, 600 tickets were sold, averaging one every six minutes day and night. Eight passenger trains daily came and went on the mainline at Blackfoot. Today, the old freight depot is gone and the Blackfoot station now serves in that capacity.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Idaho Republican, 3 May 1912, p.1, c.4; 23 August 1912, p. 1, c.4;
11 October 1912; 25 April 1913, p. 5, c. 3; 22 August 1913,
p. 1, c. 3-4.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <u>Thomas B. Renk, Site Survey Staff</u>	
ORGANIZATION <u>Idaho State Historical Society</u>	DATE <u>11 March 1974</u>
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>610 N. Julia Davis Drive</u>	
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Boise</u>	STATE <u>Idaho</u> CODE <u>16</u>

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 Mende 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.

AR Mortensen
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/20/74

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

Date 11-20-74

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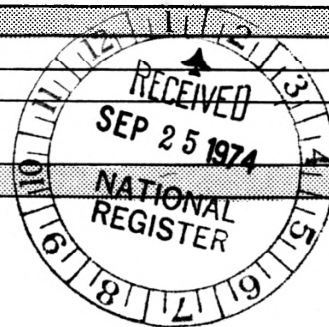
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NEGATIVE FILED AT: Idaho Historical Society			
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. View - looking west. #1 of 1			



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