

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE: Idaho Second District	
COUNTY: Lemhi	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
FEB 23 1972	

1. NAME			
COMMON: Charcoal Kilns			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: T11N, R29E			
CITY OR TOWN: six miles west of State 28, about halfway between Salmon and Idaho Falls.			
STATE Idaho		CODE 16	COUNTY: Lemhi
			CODE 059
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP	
District ☐ Building ☐ Site ☒ Structure ☐ Object ☐		Public ☒ Public Acquisition: Private ☐ In Process ☐ Both ☐ Being Considered ☐	
		STATUS	
		Occupied ☐ Yes: Unoccupied ☒ Restricted ☐ Preservation work in progress ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No: ☐	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park ☐ Transportation ☐ Comments ☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Private Residence ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious ☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific ☐			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: U.S. Forest Service			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Lemhi County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Salmon		STATE Idaho	CODE 16
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 10 Six			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE

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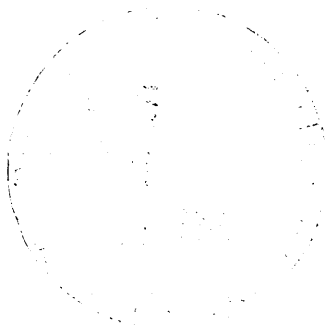
7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The kilns are ~~about~~ ^{21 1/2} 20 feet high and ~~twenty~~ feet in diameter. They are at an attractive site in Targee National Forest, and the surrounding country has changed very little since the time that the district was active.

The walls are 14 inches thick, and their outside circumference is 73 feet. Of the four left, three are close together and the fourth is ~~2~~ 290 feet away. The Forest Service has enclosed the site with a fence. It is identified as site 8-22 in the the Dubois ranger district of Targee National Forest.



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8. 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☒Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐MiningArt ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Charcoal for a smelter, active from 1885-1889 across the valley at Nicholia, was produced in 16 kilns. Discovered in 1881 the Viola mine became an important source for lead and silver from 1886-1888. Ore also was hauled from Gilmore to the Viola mine until 1889, when the hoisting works burned. ~~Low~~ prices for lead and silver kept the smelter shut down after 1889, and charcoal production ceased.

Charcoal kilns were built for smelters in a number of Idaho mining areas of that time, but not very many are left. Most of the Viola kilns were hauled off for construction materials many years ago. These kilns are of special significance because the United States Forest Service has developed an interpretative program for the site.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

William S. Pettite, Memories of Market Lake (1965).

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 ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	44°	18'	40"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	113°	10'	44"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

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: Merle Wells, State Liaison Officer		
ORGANIZATION Idaho State Historical Society	DATE Sept. 2, 1971	
STREET AND NUMBER: 610 North Julia Davis Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Boise	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

Merle Wells

State Liaison Officer

Title

September 2, 1971

Date

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

Ernest A. Pennington
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

FEB 23 1972

Date

ATTEST:

William H. Hargrave
Keeper of the National Register

Date

JAN 27 1972

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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Idaho	16	Lemhi	059
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
United States Geological Survey: Topographic sheet: Nicholia			
SCALE: 1:62,500			
DATE: 1956			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



Sal Kilns

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: United States Forest Service			
DATE OF PHOTO: Contemporary			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Targhee National Forest Headquarters, Salmon, Idaho			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Looking northwest at the remaining kilns.			