

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Day, Ivan W., House

and/or common Doc Day Cabin

2. Location

street & number Section 21, T11N, R13E, Boise Meridian N/A not for publication

city, town N/A ☒ vicinity of Stanley

state Idaho code 016 county Custer code 037

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
☐ district	☐ public	☒ occupied	☐ agriculture
☒ building(s)	☐ private	☐ unoccupied	☐ commercial
☐ structure	☒ both	☐ work in progress	☐ educational
☐ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	☐ entertainment
☐ object	☐ in process	☐ yes: restricted	☐ government
	☒ being considered	☒ yes: unrestricted	☐ industrial
		☐ no	☐ military
			☐ museum
			☐ park
			☒ private residence
			☐ religious
			☐ scientific
			☐ transportation
			☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Erik F. Storlie AND U.S. Forest Service

street & number 3217 Humboldt Avenue South

city, town Minneapolis N/A vicinity of state Minnesota 55408

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Custer County Courthouse

street & number Main Avenue

city, town Challis state Idaho 83226

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1982 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Idaho State Historical Society

city, town Boise state Idaho

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
N/A moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Ivan W. Day House is a one-and-one-half-story building constructed of peeled horizontal timbers left in the round and joined at the building corners with square notching. Interstices between logs are filled with concrete daub. The L-plan building has a tar-papered gable roof broken by shed dormers on the front and rear elevations. A shed-roofed kitchen of similar construction is attached and offset on the north side wall.

The house has single-pane windows framed with wooden slabs. These are set in continuous horizontal bands of two to four sections. Door frames, exterior and interior, and the interior window frames are also fashioned of wood slabs. The east wall of the house has a large mortared stone chimney, which extends about to the height of the roof peak. On the interior, a brick and native stone fireplace, with a rustic wood slab mantle, dominates the living room.

Other Rustic Style features of the house include the unfinished interior walls, which are chinked with split poles, exposed ceiling joists and roof members of round logs, simple tongue-and-groove flooring, and a stairway of poles and rough dimensional lumber.

The only known alterations to the building do not significantly affect its architectural integrity. They are the reglazing of windows and removal of a shed enclosing the rear door. The latter change occurred in about 1970, and it was done by the current owner. The reglazing may have occurred soon after 1940, as the current owner has heard that the original multi-paned windows were removed then.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400-1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600-1699	☒ architecture	☐ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☐ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☒ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☒ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1936 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Ivan W. Day House is architecturally significant as a well-preserved and nearly unaltered example of Depression era log housing in the Stanley Basin-Sawtooth Valley region. The building represents the influence of the Rustic Style, which used log construction in a self-conscious attempt to create a countrified atmosphere, upon vernacular construction. The Day house was constructed as a result of a 1935 Stanley placer promotion in an era when there was increased interest in gold all over the Idaho mining country. With its use of round logs, exposed pole and log roof and joist timbering, wood slab door and window frames, large native stone chimney and shed dormers and fireplace, the Day house is an excellent vernacular example of the Rustic Style. Numerous examples of this style can be found in the upper elevations all over Idaho, principally associated with recreation, but sometimes associated with ranching, dude ranches, or mining. In the Stanley Basin-Sawtooth Valley region, log construction seems to have had continuous use from the early settlements of the late nineteenth century through the later mining speculation and ranching era from 1912 to 1940. The use of the Rustic Style in this and other area buildings can be seen as the continuation of folk building practices, modified to satisfy the urge for a stylish but rustic-looking building. In comparison with other local examples, the Day house survives in very good and nearly unaltered condition. It has exceptional significance because of its association with an extraordinary mining promotion and rarity of examples of mining dwellings maintained ~~for~~ any length of time in that area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Yarber, Esther, and Edna McGowan. Stanley-Sawtooth Country. Salt Lake City, Utah: Publisher's Press, 1976, pp. 58-62; 315.

Choate, Raoul. Geology and Ore Deposits of the Stanley Area. Pamphlet 126, Idaho Bureau of Mines and Geology. Moscow, Idaho, July 1962.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.5 acres

Quadrangle name Basin Butte

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nomination includes the Ivan W. Day House and the property on which it sits: the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, all in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ section 21, T11N, R13E, Boise Meridian; and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, all in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ section 21, T11N, R13E, Boise Meridian, an area comprising 2.5 acres.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

11. Form Prepared By

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date February 14, 1985

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state Idaho 83702-7695

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Merle Wells

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 2 August 1985

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

for *William B. Buckong*
Keeper of the National Register

date 4/9/86

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet

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Captain John Stanley's party of prospectors discovered gold in Stanley Basin in 1863, but only a very limited production came between 1870 and 1899, when dredging began there. Lode discoveries (1897 and 1902) led to mining expansion there, and attempts at dredging resumed after 1930, when gold mining became more attractive during a depression era of low costs and higher product prices. Mine promotions like Ivan Day's were typical of that time, and his cabin represents an important era in Idaho mining history.



Day, Ivan W., House
Section 21, T11N, R13E, Boise Meridian
Vicinity of Stanley, Custer County, Idaho

Photograph by Erik F. Storlie
August 30, 1984

Negative in Erik F. Storlie private collection

View from south

Photograph 1 of 1