

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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received **AUG 14 1985**  
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Hotel Buhl

and/or common Buhl Hotel

**2. Location**

street & number 1004 Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Buhl

N/A vicinity of

state Idaho

code 016

county Twin Falls

code 083

**3. Classification**

Number of contributory buildings: two

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Jerry J. Cahill

street & number 1004 Main Street

city, town Buhl

N/A vicinity of

state Idaho 83316

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Twin Falls County Courthouse

street & number Shoshone Street

city, town Twin Falls

state Idaho 83303

**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

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>    N/A    </u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Hotel Buhl is a three-story commercial building that stands on Main Street as part of a continuous streetscape of commercial buildings. The front wall of the hotel has two three-bay sections, each comprised of a central double-hung sash window flanked by sets of two double-hung sash windows. Constructed of brick masonry and reinforced concrete, the building's front wall has a brick veneer with sections of decorative stretcher courses that form panel-like designs. Portions of the side walls are hollow ceramic block in an orange color. The double-hung sash windows are eight-over-one light. They have concrete lintels, which are continuous across the third story windows. The building has an L-shaped plan.

On the interior the south half of the building retains a large, open first-story retail space with front and rear balconies. Historic interior materials that are still extant include, but are not limited to, balcony stairs and railings, structural support posts, and a pressed sheet metal-ceiling.

Built as an addition to the frame Hotel Buhl building that stood at the corner of Main Street and Broadway in downtown Buhl, the present hotel building has a second-story door, now visible on its northeast wall, that apparently made an internal connection between the frame and brick parts of the building.

Alterations to the building include some storefront remodeling. The configuration of two northern storefronts and one large southern storefront dates at least from the J. C. Penney occupancy of the 1930s, but materials masking the mezzanine lights, a large canopy, and a canopy support post are more recent, reversible changes. The property includes a one-story lava rock structure identified by townspeople as the village jail proposed for construction at an August 6, 1908, village council meeting. The building is in partial ruins, but its remaining lava rock walls are exemplary of this kind of masonry in south central Idaho; the building is contributory to the significance of the property. Also on the property, but not contributory to the significance of the site, is a post-World War II cold storage building of frame construction.

## 8. Significance

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

**Specific dates** 1908-1920 **Builder/Architect** unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Hotel Buhl is architecturally significant as one of several commercial buildings in the downtown core of Buhl that retain their historic character and represent the town's early commercial development. The Hotel Buhl is typical of most commercial buildings in Idaho's small towns, which are usually too modest to suggest a particular architectural style. In its symmetry and brick detailing the building has a vaguely Neoclassical character. The building was constructed in 1920 by owner and hotel proprietor Michael Koppelman, who "acted as his own architect and contractor," according to the Buhl Herald of 16 December 1920 (page 4). Most of the building's original fabric is extant, including its brick masonry walls; second- and third-story brick and concrete detailing, window frames, and sash; and some of the first-story interior retail space, balconies, support posts, and pressed metal ceiling.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Buhl

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

### UTM References

A 

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The nomination includes the Hotel Buhl, the ruins of a lava rock building behind the Hotel Buhl, and the property on which they stand: the southwest 15 feet of lot 23 and all of lots 24, 25, and 26, all in block 99, Buhl Townsite.

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

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

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Idaho State Historical Society date May 22, 1985

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city or town Boise 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 *Maria Wells*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 29 July 1985

### For NPS use only

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

*for Melissa Byers* **Entered in the National Register** date 9/12/85  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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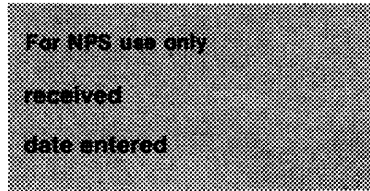
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The town of Buhl was platted in April 1905. The following year lots were sold and building began. The settlement of the town and surrounding agricultural land was part of general development in south central Idaho during this period. Carey Act irrigation projects made tilling the arid Snake River Plain profitable, creating a number of small agricultural supply and railroad towns like Buhl. The lava rock ruins on the hotel grounds apparently dates from this period of development and is exemplary of lava rock construction, which was commonly used in settlement of south-central Idaho. The Hotel Buhl was one of the earliest Buhl businesses; its expansion into a new brick building in 1920 was part of a general business boom just after World War I and before the agricultural depression of the mid-1920s.

Several other brick and stone masonry commercial buildings from this period are extant in Buhl, and together with this building they could comprise a group nomination of individually eligible buildings. The Hotel Buhl is being nominated at this time at the request of the owner and the current tenant, the West End Senior Citizens organization, which intends to purchase and restore the building.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

NO  
PARKING  
EXCEPT  
FOR  
LOADING  
UNLOADING  
OR  
REPAIRS

VENTURE  
AND

Hotel Buhl  
1004 Main Street  
Buhl, Twin Falls County, Idaho

Photograph by Jennifer Eastman Attebery  
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Negative on file at the Idaho State Historical  
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View from south

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