

EXP. 12/31/84

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination FormSee instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections**1. Name**

historic Mountain Home Hotel

and/or common Bengoechea Block

2. Locationstreet & number 195 North ^{2nd} ~~Second~~ West N/A not for publicationcity, town Mountain Home N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Idaho code 16 county Elmore code 39

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	N/A in process	☐ yes: restricted	☐ government
	N/A being considered	☒ yes: unrestricted	☐ industrial
		☐ no	☐ military
			☐ museum
			☐ park
			☐ private residence
			☐ religious
			☐ scientific
			☐ transportation
			☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Randall E. Morris

street & number P. O. Box 732

city, town Mountain Home N/A vicinity of state Idaho 83647

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Elmore County Courthouse

street & number Fourth Street East and Jackson

city, town Mountain Home state Idaho 83647

6. Representation in Existing Surveystitle Idaho Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate 1972 ☐ 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☐ moveddate N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Mountain Home Hotel is a three-story rectangular commercial building of brick and stone. Detailing in the Second Renaissance Revival and Romanesque Revival styles includes the front and side entries, which are inset beneath stone arches with raised and contrasting keystone and entablature; an inset corner entrance behind a square stone column; stone quoins on the corners; segmental arches over the spired windows of the second and third stories; a corbelled brick cornice; and, breaking the uniformity of the roofline, an octagonal cupola and a half-circle parapet bearing the building's original name and date of construction. The first-floor storefront retains its original form, with large plate glass windows topped by a row of mezzanine lights.

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 1910 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The Mountain Home Hotel is significant as a representative of the seemingly ubiquitous influence of the Second Renaissance Revival and Romanesque Revival styles on the modestly scaled commercial architecture of Idaho towns during the first decade of this century. Locally, it is a well-preserved example that is nearly unaltered. Its size and detailing make it one of the most ambitious buildings in the town. The building's historical significance is largely due to its association with the Basque immigration to Mountain Home and to southern Idaho that generally began in the late nineteenth century. The hotel was the enterprise of a Basque immigrant, Joe Bengoechea, who had made his money in sheep and cattle ranching. He built the structure as a boarding hotel for Basque shepherders.

9. Major Bibliographical References

N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Mountain Home North

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nomination includes the Mountain Home Hotel and the property on which it stands, Tax number 82, which is part of lot 3, block 23A, South Addition to Mountain Home.

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

state N/A code county N/A code

state N/A code county N/A code

11. Form Prepared By

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date 20 September 1982

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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 20 September 1982

For NPS use only

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

10/29/82

Delores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



Mountain Home Hotel
195 North Second West
Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho

Photograph by Brian Attebery
July 1982

Negative on file at the Idaho State Historical
Society, Boise, Idaho

View from east

Photograph 1 of 1