

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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RECEIVED MAR 22 1976

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MAR 8 1978

DATA SHEET

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Fort Keogh

AND/OR COMMON

U. S. Range Livestock Experiment Station

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Box 790 - Approximately 2.5 miles SW-Miles City

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Miles City

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

VICINITY OF

STATE

Montana

CODE

30

COUNTY

Custer

CODE

017

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Western Region

STREET & NUMBER

2850 Telegraph Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Berkeley,

STATE

California

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
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CITY, TOWN

Hyattsville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Montana State Inventory

DATE

September 1968

_FEDERAL _XSTATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Recreation & Parks Division, Montana Department of Fish & Game

CITY, TOWN

Helena

STATE

Montana

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

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No archeological work has been done on the building sites.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1877 to 1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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A	13	431860	5136640	B	13	432100	5136590
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	13	431860	5136310	D	13	431660	5136500

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

O. F. Pahnish, Location Leader & J. W. Ash, Realty Officer

ORGANIZATION

U. s. Range Livestock Station/USDA, ARS, WR, Administrative Office

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 790 / 2850 Telegraph Avenue

TELEPHONE

406-232-4970
418-449-3763

CITY OR TOWN

Miles City / Berkeley

STATE

Montana / California

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Paul H. Holiday

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property Fort Keogh

State Montana Working Number 3.22.76.2808

TECHNICAL

UTM incorrect

CONTROL

Photos 8

CM
4.7.76

Maps 1

cont sheets

This is one of those delapidated properties that probably will fall down before they are renovated. But the site is also significant, so I say accept.

HISTORIAN
J. ACCEPT
L. Woodward
23 Dec 76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Return accept.
M. Hurley
David Cook
23 Dec 76

45-77 ARCHEOLOGIST

It appears that there are 2 sections being nominated - the diamond shaped fort, and then Bldg. 35 as a ~~discontiguous~~ area - but this should be specified (if this is the case, I assume Bldg. 35 is no less than 1 acre and the fort is approximately 10 acres - this should also be more specific.) Although it's not mentioned, there may be significant historic-archeological potential. Level of significance is not checked, but it is probably National, since the fort was involved in an important aspect of U.S. - Indian relations in the late 19th c. 4/4/77 - demolition of Bldg. #35 removes poss. of discontiguous district.

OTHER
accept of program
info
S. Grovener
2/24/77

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Return
Cole
4/27/77

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back 5.2.77 Entered _____
Federal Register Entry _____ Re-submit 7.12.77

INT:2106-74

NAME OF PROPERTY Fort Keogh

Print and back

STATE Montana

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7 Description: Because of the demolition of bldg 35, the nomination appears to now include only the diamond-shaped original fort area. Explain which bldgs + sites of bldgs are contained in this area. Has any archeological work been done on the bldg sites? Were most of the bldgs demolished? If so when? See 7 of Nomination

8 Statement of Significance: _____

9 Bibliography: _____

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: Please be more specific about the number of acres included.
UTM Reference(s): appear to be incorrect - please ^{OK} recompute See 10 of Nomination
Verbal Boundary Description: If nomination covers more than 10 acres, please supply verbal boundary description - See 10 of Nomination.

12 Certification: _____

Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: IF available, a copy of a historic map indicating location of fort structures would be helpful. National Archives, Washington, D.C. has Maps + Records. USDA has none. J. Ash

Other: Needs signature of Federal Representative + level of significance
checked.

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Hickey Lutz
on the National Register staff, telephone 202-523-5483

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Watrous H. Cole
Chief, Branch of Registration

Date: 4-27-77

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Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12 Certification: Please send letter of authorization for Jamison's signature.
Photographic Coverage: _____
attached

Map Coverage: _____

Other: _____

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Bill Lebovich
on the National Register staff, telephone 202 523 5483

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Bill Lebovich for
Chief, Branch of Registration

Date: 2/14/78

INT:2105-74

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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_____ INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

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INITIALS _____

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With the exception of Buildings 2AB and 5AB, all of the original sixty buildings have been destroyed. These buildings were destroyed over the years as they deteriorated and became useless and/or dangerous. Buildings contained in the original diamond-shaped fort area were those used as living quarters for officers and enlisted men and buildings such as the hospital, bakery, storehouse, library, and billiard hall.

No archeological work has been done on the building sites.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES: 1877 to 1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On July 22, 1876, Congress approved construction of Fort Keogh near what is now Miles City, Montana. Fort Keogh was one of two such forts authorized by Congress for construction in Montana to protect settlers and emigrants from Indian attack. Construction materials were hauled up the Yellowstone River by steamboat and construction started in 1877 and continued through 1878.

The fort served the purpose for which it was intended and the soldiers of the fort were used to put down Indian uprisings including the final defeat of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians in 1877. This was the last major Indian War in Montana.

The fort stood as a symbol of the government's determination to eliminate the Indian menace. Hundreds of Indians, including scouts, warriors and their families, trailed into Keogh and surrendered. The Indians were taught agriculture by George Youkam, an Illinois farm boy, who was an army recruit. The Indians raised an enormous garden at Keogh in 1877, harvesting 1,000 bushels of potatoes, 1,000 melons, 1,000 heads of cabbage and 4,000 summer squash.

Fort Keogh was, for a time, Montana's largest fort. In 1878, some 36 officers and 754 enlisted men were stationed there. The fort served until 1900, at which time it became a remount station. The location was ideal with Miles City, one of the horse centers of the world.

Milestown sprang up next to Tongue River Barracks and the small settlement stayed when the post moved a mile away. The town was named for Colonel Miles, the Post Commander. Milestown later became Miles City and grew to be one of the legendary cowboy towns of the West. Miles City is now a cattle and horse center of great importance.

After 1908, Fort Keogh was converted to a livestock experimental station of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and remains so at this time.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Military Posts of Montana. Michael J. Roury, 1970. The Old Army Press, 2202 Victoria, Bellevue, Nebraska 68005, P. 55-62

Billings Gazette, May 11, 1963.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approximately 10 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The precise size and location of the fort site are not known. Over the years the demolition of the buildings and disturbance of the land surface by farming have erased all reference points. The location has been established as accurately as possible and the size is believed to have been approximately 10 acres. No records or maps exist in the Department of Agriculture covering the original fort. We have been advised that records and maps do exist in the National Archives, Washington, D. C.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

O. F. Pahnish, Location Leader & J. W. Ash, Realty Officer

ORGANIZATION

U. S. Range Livestock Station / USDA, ARS, WR, Administrative Office

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 790 / 2850 Telegraph Avenue

TELEPHONE

406-232-4970

8-449-3761

CITY OR TOWN

Miles City / Berkeley

STATE

Montana / California

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Ron Hoodley

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Charles J. Purica

TITLE

Acting Director of Recreation

DATE

7/8/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. M. ...

DATE

3.8.78

ATTEST:

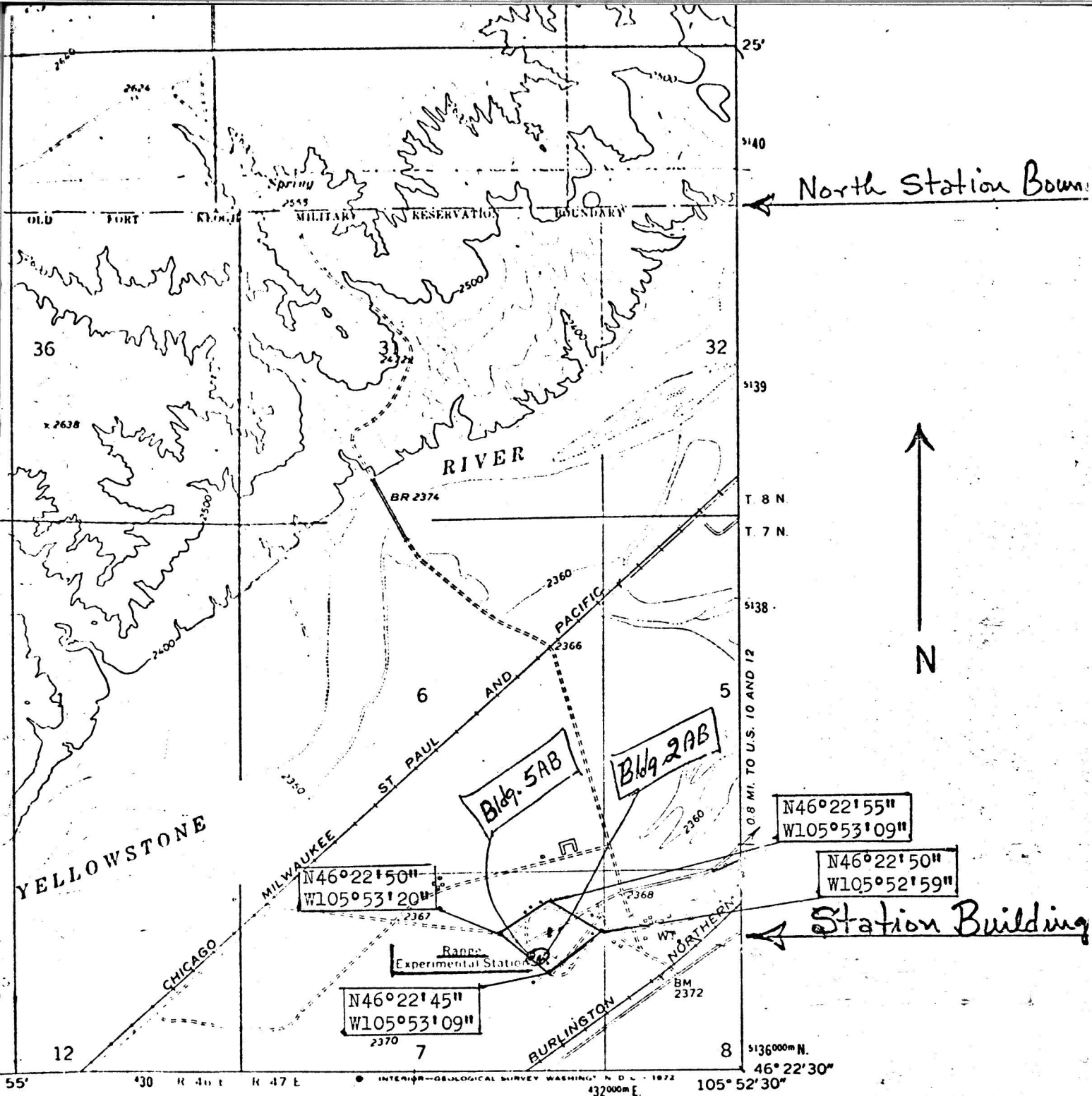
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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9.7.78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface

Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

○ State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

BIG HILL, MONT.
N4622.5-W10552.5/7.5

1968

AMS 4876 IV NW-SERIES V804

20242

(PADDY FAY CREEK)
4876 IV SE

MAR 8 1978

Property Fort Keogh

State Montana Working Number 2.22.76. 2828

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TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 2

F.P. signature?

CONTROL
2.22.78
pl
OK 7.14.77

After review think call should be made re status of bldgs since they're so deteriorated

HISTORIAN
Accept
Franklin
12.15.77

Agree with Tracy. Although the buildings are no prizes, the area does seem to have considerable associative values. - Would like Marcella's opinion.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
accept
Pratt
12.22.77

A resource is more than wall listing. But nomination indicating lack of agency knowledge - is unacceptable. Keogh was built as a direct result of Battle of Little Big Horn. Secondary source photos & maps alone would document some of historically/arch. significant areas.

ARCHEOLOGIST

With our new DOE regs - I suggest a call to Service in agriculture & soil conservation with clear indication that resource is eligible. - See phone report to Al Thompson. Usage as to list as is - I concur

OTHER
Shelby
accept 12-21-77

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

In 1973, we determined the two buildings eligible, this nomination covers these two buildings and ~~at~~ 10 acres representing parade grounds. We cannot determine them eligible ^{again} (under new procedures) and despite problems with nomination (lack of research), I cannot see returning.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Waltovich
2/6/78

Not sent, but add in context of Montana

BRANCH CHIEF

Shelby
3.7.78

KEEPER

Pratt
3/8/78

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 4.4.78

Send-back 2.13.78
Re-submit 2.22.78

Entered MAR 8 1978

INT:2106-74

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

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DATE ENTERED MAR 8 1978

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH PHOTOGRAPH

1 NAME

HISTORIC Fort Keogh

AND/OR COMMON U. S. Range Livestock Experiment Station

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

STATE

Miles City

Custer

Montana

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT U. S. Range Livestock Expt. Station DATE OF PHOTO Sept. 26, 1973

NEGATIVE FILED AT U. S. Range Livestock Expt. Station, Miles City, Montana

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

Front view, Residence 2AB, NE Direction

Rear view, Residence 2AB, SW Direction

Front view, Residence 5AB, NE Direction

Rear view, Residence 5AB, SW Direction

PHOTO NO.

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INT: 2983-7



JUL 12 1977

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Residence 2AB
Front View. Facing NE
U.S. Range Livestock Expt. Sta.
Miles City, Montana
Sept. 1973

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(Former Ft. Keogh
Miles City, Montana)

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Residence 2 AB

Rear View. Facing SW

U.S. Range Livestock Expt. Sta.

Miles City, Montana

Sept. 1973

Custer County

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104

Former
(Old Ft. Keogh - Miles City)

MAR 8 1978



JUL 12 1977

3

Residence 5AB

Front View. Facing NE.

U.S. Range Livestock Expt. Sta.

Miles City, Montana

Sept. 1973

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

(Former Ft. Keogh - Miles City
Montana)

MAR 8 1978



JUL 12 1977

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Residence 5AB
Rear View Facing SW
U.S. Range Livestock Expt. Sta.
Miles City, Montana
Sept. 1973

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Custer County

(Former Ft. Keogh - Miles City,
Montana)

MAR 8 1978

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Form 10-301
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE	
Montana	
COUNTY	
Custer	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: U. S. Range Livestock Experiment Station
AND/OR HISTORIC: Fort Keogh

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 790 - Approximately 2.5 miles SW, Miles City

CITY OR TOWN:
Miles City

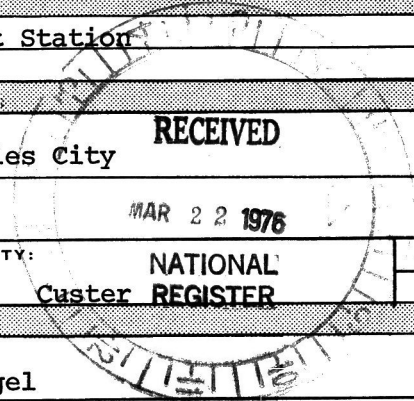
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Montana

CODE
30

COUNTY:

Custer NATIONAL REGISTER

CODE
017



3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
USGS - 7.5 Series - Big Hill quadrangel

SCALE: 1:24000

DATE: 1968

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

Points of Diamond

LATITUDE

LONGITUDE

- Property boundaries where required.
- North arrow.
- Latitude and longitude reference.

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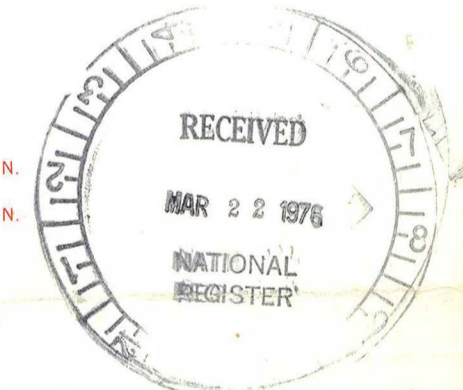
UNITED STATES
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

BIG HILL QUADRANGLE
MONTANA-CUSTER CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



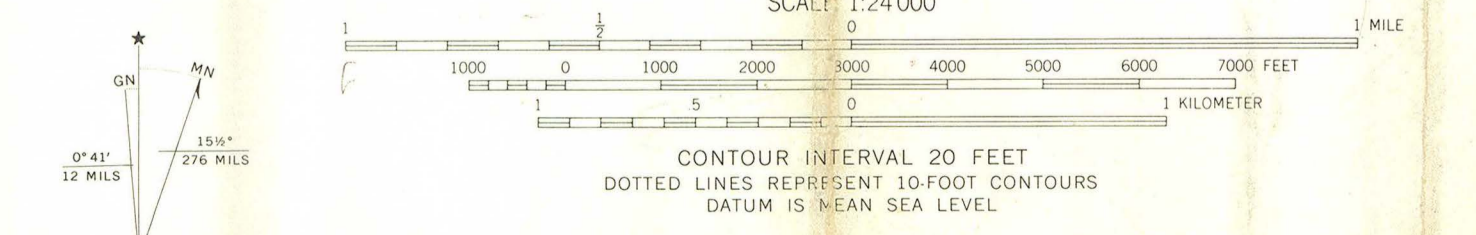
West Station Boundary

North Station Boundary



Station Buildings

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1968
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Montana coordinate system, south zone
3,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 13, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather	State Route



BIG HILL, MONT.
N4622.5-W10552.5/7.5

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

1968
AMS 4876 IV NW - SERIES V894



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MAR 22 1973

Mr. William H. Mahoney, Jr.
Realty Center
Agricultural Research Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Room 531, Federal Center Building #1
Hyattsville, Maryland

Dear Mr. Mahoney:

In accordance with Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11593, the Department of the Interior has conducted an investigation to determine the significance of the remaining "Old Fort" buildings at Fort Keogh, Montana.

With the assistance of Mr. Ashley C. Roberts, Montana State Liaison Officer for historic preservation, we have determined that the buildings are likely to meet the criteria for nomination to the National Register and should therefore be considered subject to the other provisions of Section 2(b) of the Executive Order. You may wish to consult the Montana State Liaison Officer concerning the nomination of the buildings.

We appreciate your cooperation in implementing Executive Order 11593.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Utley

Robert M. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

Enclosure

cc:

Mr. Ashley C. Roberts, Administrator, Recreation and Parks Division,
Department of Fish and Game, State of Montana, Mitchell Building,
Helena, Montana 59601

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
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2850 TELEGRAPH AVENUE
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94705

April 12, 1973

Colonel Herbert M. Hart, USMC
Secretary, Council on Abandoned
Military Posts--U.S.A.
Post Office Box 194
Quantico, Virginia 22134

Dear Colonel Hart:

Dr. Pahnish, our Station Superintendent at the U.S. Range Livestock Experiment Station, Miles City, Montana, has sent me a copy of your February 21 letter concerning the two remaining officers' quarters of interest to your organization.

As you know, I had instructed Dr. Pahnish to delay demolition of these two structures until May 1. As previously indicated, we would be happy to work out arrangements with your organization or other interested groups for donation of these old officers' quarters if you can arrange for their removal for off-site preservation. I sense that you have not as yet been able to develop such an arrangement.

Accordingly, while we are proceeding to clear a few other condemned structures at the Fort Miles station, I have instructed Dr. Pahnish to further delay demolition of the two original officers' quarters in which you are interested until November 1, 1973. Anything you can do to arrange for removal of the buildings before that date will be very helpful to our group in carrying out the orderly development of the station headquarters area at Miles City.

Sincerely,

H. Rex Thomas

H. Rex Thomas
Deputy Administrator

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
Washington, D. C. 20250

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APR 16 1973



Colonel Herbert M. Hart
U. S. Marine Corps
P. O. Box 194
Quantico, Virginia 22134

Dear Colonel Hart:

This is in response to your letter of March 15 inquiring about the status of historic buildings on lands with Agriculture Research Service status at Fort Keogh, Montana.

In my capacity as the Department of Agriculture's representative for Executive Order 11593, I have discussed your question with representatives of the Agriculture Research Service. They inform me that historic values at Fort Keogh will be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Executive order. Also, that those values will then be afforded the protective features of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. In other words, the May 1, 1973, deadline you refer to is rescinded and any future programs to affect the historic values of the buildings will follow the process described in that Act.

Sincerely,

LEROY BOND
Director of Recreation

**ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

April 16, 1973

Mr. Edward H. Stone II
Chief Landscape Architect of the
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Mr. Stone:

The Advisory Council has been apprised by the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service, that, in accordance with Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment", the Department of the Interior has conducted an investigation to determine the significance of the remaining "Old Fort" buildings at Fort Keogh, Montana. We understand this investigation determined that the buildings were likely to meet the criteria for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The Department of Agriculture is to be commended for this timely action to implement national historic preservation policy as set forth in the provisions of Executive Order 11593.

As you are aware, the Order further provides that, prior to any proposal to transfer, sell, demolish, or substantially alter the property, the Advisory Council shall be afforded the opportunity to comment on the undertaking. The Council will appreciate your investigation of activities at Fort Keogh and a report on steps being taken to assure continuing compliance with the Order and compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 when these properties are entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely yours,

Ken Tapman
Compliance Officer

Per Hart



Council on Abandoned Military Posts - U. S. A.

REPLY TO OFFICER
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Mr. H. Rex Thomas
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for your letter of 12 April advising me that you have directed delay in demolishing the Ft. Keogh, Mt., officers quarters until 1 November 1973, thereby providing the opportunity for these historic structures to be moved and preserved elsewhere.

Unfortunately, I am of the impression that Presidential Executive Order 11593 provides for greater care by Federal agencies of historic structures than is suggested by your letter. It is my understanding that the Department of Agriculture now is charged by law with the responsibility of protecting and preserving these structures until a determination is reached on their future, in accordance both with this order and section 106, National Historic Preservation Act (1966).

Hopefully, the structures that your letter notes are being demolished will not be within the purview of these regulations and will not affect this historic scene at Old Ft. Keogh. Having visited Ft. Keogh several times, however, I am aware of the many out-buildings from Army times and am concerned that the Department may be doing major harm to preserving the memory of this most historic post.

Finally, in regard to moving the officers quarters, I invite your attention to the attached letter from Mr. Jerry Rogers of the National Register regarding the significance of moving buildings from their original locations.

Sincerely,

Herbert M. Hart
Herbert M. Hart
Secretary

cc: Mr. Utley, Gilluly, Dent,
Bond, Roberts, Mahoney,
Pohnish, Miller, Tapman,
Rogers, Lay, Edmunds, Meyer

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AUG 16 1973

Mr. F. Leroy Bond
Director
Division of Recreation, Forest Service
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250


Dear Mr. Bond:

We acknowledge with thanks your letter of July 5 asking that the protection of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 be extended to Fort Keogh, Montana.

As you know, in our letter of March 20, 1973, to Mr. Mahoney, we made an official determination that Fort Keogh is likely to meet the criteria for the National Register. Under the terms of Section 2 (b) of Executive Order 11593, Fort Keogh therefore falls under the protection of Section 106.

We appreciate your taking this positive action to preserve a valuable historic property, and we look forward to receiving the official National Register nomination form as soon as it has been prepared.

Sincerely yours,


Jerry L. Rogers
Chief of Registration
National Register

cc:

Mr. Ashley C. Roberts, Administrator, Recreation & Parks Div., Dept. of
Fish & Game, State of Montana, Mitchell Bldg., Helena, Montana 59601
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Washington, D. C. 20250

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JUL 5 1973



Mr. Jerry L. Rogers
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Rogers:

The attached Inventory Form of Historic Places (NPS) was completed by the Agricultural Research Service in the Department of Agriculture. It identifies Fort Keogh, a Government-owned real property in the State of Montana, administered by ARS - as seemingly having characteristics to qualify for the National Register of Historic Places.

Formal nomination forms will be processed through the Montana State Historic Preservation Officer as opportunities permit. In the meantime please advance-list Fort Keogh as being afforded the protective features of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. Leroy Bond".

F. LEROY BOND
Director of Recreation

Enclosure

INVENTORY FORM OF HISTORIC PLACES (NPS)

Agency: USDA-ARS, WR

Date: June 20, 1973

1. Name of property: Residences 2A,B and 5A,B
2. Location of property:
 - A. State and County: Montana, Custer County
 - B. Latitude and Longitude: Lat. $46^{\circ} 22' 46''$; Long. $105^{\circ} 53' 12''$
 - C. Township, Range & Section: T7N R47E Sect. 7
 - D. Other legal description:
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 - E. Map Reference: U.S. Geological Survey Map (7.5'), 1968.
3. Nature of Property:
 - A. District () Site () Buildings (x) Object ()
 - B. Description, present condition and use:
Two duplex residences of same design and located side by side.
No longer used.
Bldg. 2,A,B - 49'x59', Wings 14'x16', 2-story. Built 1879.
Bldg. 5,A,B - 49'x59', Wings 10'x24', 2-story. Built 1877.
4. Importance of Property:
These were Officer's quarters on the Fort Keogh Military Reservation.
A like structure was moved to the museum site at Miles City, Montana
and restored to original characteristics.
5. Names and addresses of persons preparing this inventory:
O. F. Pahnish
U.S. Range Livestock Experiment Station
Box 790
Miles City, Montana

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING INVENTORY FORM

1. Name of property: For a prehistoric site with no name, use State numbering system or consult the State Historic Preservation Officer. If an historic place has no formal or local name, enter "No Name".
2. Location by State and County is mandatory. Latitude and longitude should be used for property (s) of less than 10 acres. Township, Range and Section should be to nearest 1/4 of 1/4 Section for property (s) of more than 10 acres. Identify map used, preferably U.S. Geological Survey, 7.5 minute quadrangle series (topographic).
- 3a. Check appropriate block
A historic or prehistoric district is defined as:
A geographically definable area, urban or rural, possessing a significant concentration of linkage of sites, buildings, structures, or objects unified by past events or aesthetically by plan or physical developments.
- 3b. Under description list the size of the property (length) width, height), if a building, the number of stories, etc. List any unusual features. Give probable date (s) of construction/occupation/event.
4. Importance of property - why is it significant enough to be recorded? Tell what historical events (or prehistoric) took place there, or the importance of the site in local and regional history (or prehistory).
5. Business or agency address is desired, as well as telephone number with area code.

Text
From 4/24/74

March 29 1974

Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton
Secretary of the Interior

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This Department continues to cooperate in implementing Executive Order 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment."

We wish to continue with the Director of the Division of Recreation, Forest Service, as our representative (Liaison Officer). However, in the past it has been interpreted by personnel heading the National Register of Historic Places that the incumbent Director of Recreation must personally approve and sign nomination forms for that Register. It is our hope that the position, rather than the specific individual, be designated so that in the Director's absence his "acting" can legally represent him. To do otherwise makes for many unnecessary delays in conducting this important program.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

PAUL A. VANDER MYDE
Deputy Assistant Secretary

FSPJ-13
lcc Sec. Records
FS-RN-GRSAINFORD:1f:x73520:3/25/74
File Desig. 2360

Thomas C. Nelson
Deputy Chief 3/27/74



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

In Reply Refer To:
H34-PR
SCSO-14460

APR 18 1974

Dear Mr. Vander Myde:

On behalf of Secretary Morton, thank you for your letter concerning the Department of Agriculture's Federal Representative for Executive Order 11593.

We are pleased to know that you wish to continue with the Director of the Division of Recreation, Forest Service, as your Federal Representative. As you wish, we have noted that the Department of Agriculture nominations may be signed by either the Director of the Division of Recreation, Forest Service, or any other individual designated as "acting" in this position in his absence.

We appreciate your cooperation in the implementation of Executive Order 11593.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Douglas P. Wheeler

Acting
Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Honorable Paul A. Vander Myde
Deputy Assistant Secretary of
Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

TELEPHONE REPORT

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

J.W. Ash

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Realty Officer
USDA, Berkeley CA
415-486-3498

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Ft. Keogh, Montana

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Bldg 2AB + 5AB are still standing

Bldg 35 was tan down, apparently with the blessing of the SHPO. (He will send copies of the correspondence) #35 was a health hazard-

They feel that 2AB + 5AB are also dangerous; there is no \$ available for rehabilitating them and neighborhood kids are getting hurt playing in them- They would like to tear them down.

They are expecting this back - at least for signatures

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

M J Hertz

TITLE

OFFICE

WASO-166
(August 1971)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATE

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

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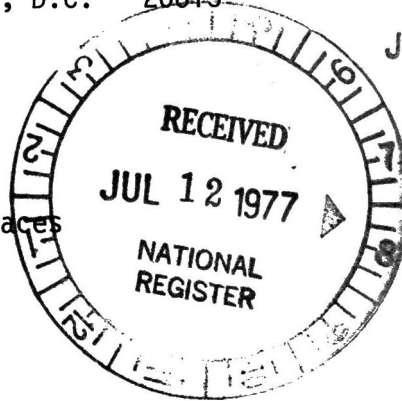
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

P.O. Box 2417
Washington, D.C. 20013

2360

JUL 8 1977

Mr. Charles R. Herrington
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Mr. Herrington:

Enclosed is National Register nomination material for Fort Keogh in Montana, a property owned by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This nomination was returned by your office on April 27, 1977, for clarification of several items. These clarifications have been effected. Please continue processing this nomination.

Questions on the nomination should be addressed to Mrs. Laurie Foulkes of this office. Her telephone number is 447-2150.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Owen T. Jamison".

OWEN T. JAMISON
Acting Director, Recreation
Management

Enclosure

2-3-78

TELEPHONE REPORT

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

Al Thompson

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

906 - 449 - 2694

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Fair Keogh

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Told him of our difficulty in getting information - 2
our concerns about boundary - archaeological
potential - Especially about condition of
buildings

2 buildings are still standing - good enough shapes
to restore

They & the paved ground retain enough
integrity to be used, good resources -
very characteristic of appearance & sense of part

He corroborated my judgment that Fair Keogh
was indeed ~~so~~ historically one of Mentores
most significant parts - in Indian war campaigns

He encouraged us to take 10 acres as a
good starter - to save what exists

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

Shoff

state now has historian - so if we have
to have more info - they might be able to
help — and later after this is registered
can work - if appropriate to expand.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MONTANA**

Date Entered **MAR 8 1978**

Name

Location

Fort Keogh

**Miles City vicinity
Custer County**

Also Notified

Hon. John Melcher

Hon. Paul Hatfield

Hon. Ronald C. Marlenee

**Mr. Zane G. Smith, Department of
Agriculture**

Regional Director, Rocky Mountain Region

**State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Kenneth L. Korte
Director, Montana Historical Society
225 North Roberts Street
Veterans' Memorial Building
Helena, Montana 59601**

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Mott/js

3/15/78

Custer Co. Montana

January 17, 1979

Mr. H. C. Cox
Acting Regional Administrator
Federal Research, Western Region
Science and Education Administration
2850 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California 94705

Dear Mr. Cox:

This is in response to your letter of December 22, 1978, regarding the Science and Education Administration's proposed demolition of the two remaining buildings of Fort Keogh at your research station at Miles City, Montana, properties included in the National Register of Historic Places. We appreciate the positive steps which your agency is now taking to comply with Executive Order 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment" of May 13, 1971. However, the supporting documentation provided in the Science and Education Administration's Preliminary Case Report is inadequate.

Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11593 directs Federal agencies to reconsider their undertakings which would result in the transfer, sale, demolition, or alteration of properties eligible for inclusion in the National Register in the light of national preservation policy, as stated in Section 1 of the Executive Order. That policy states that Federal agencies "shall (1) administer the cultural properties under their control in a spirit of stewardship and trusteeship for future generations, [and] (2) initiate measures necessary to direct their policies, plans and programs in such a way that federally owned sites, structures, and objects of historical, architectural or archeological significance are preserved, restored and maintained for the inspiration and benefit of the people . . ."

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January 17, 1979

Should an agency determine after reconsideration that it must proceed with the proposed transfer, sale, demolition, or alteration of the property then it is required to obtain the comments of the Council. While such reconsideration may have taken place, the documentation provided to us does not demonstrate that fact. For that reason we request that the following additional information be provided to enable us to complete our review of your proposal:

1. A statement as to what work is carried on at this research station.
2. An explanation of the facilities at this research station and their relationship to the historic structures, including a map showing the relationship.
3. An explanation of any proposed construction at the research station.
4. An explanation why it would be impractical to adapt the two historic structures to the functions carried out at the research station.
5. A copy of the National Register form for the two structures.
6. The status of this project in your agency's approval process.
7. The status of this project in your agency's National Environmental Policy Act compliance process.
8. The comments of the Montana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on your proposal. The SHPO is Mr. Kenneth Korte, Montana Historical Society, 225 North Roberts Street, Helena, Montana 59601.

In addition, the Science and Education Administration should be aware that it will be required to comply with Section 2(c) of Executive Order 11593, if it is determined that demolition is the proper disposition of these two cultural properties.

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This will require the Science and Education Administration to record the two structures prior to demolition in accordance with the standards for such recordation established by the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20243, telephone number (202) 343-6217. To determine the level of documentation that would be required you should contact HABS at this time.

To expedite compliance with Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11593 and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, we would appreciate receiving this material as soon as possible so that we may complete our review of your proposal.

Pending receipt of the Council's comments, you should refrain from taking any action that would foreclose Council consideration of alternatives that would avoid or satisfactorily mitigate any adverse effects on the properties in question.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please call Brit Allan Storey of the Council's Denver Office at (303) 234-4946, an FTS number.

Your continued cooperation and assistance are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Signed

Louis S. Wall
Chief, Western Office
Review and Compliance

cc: Chairman
SHPO:MT
FLO:AG
HCRS:NR
ORC:STOREY
FILE:MT/FORT KEOGH/106/USAG/Demolition
BAS:DRS 01-17-79

Advisory
Council On
Historic
Preservation

Custer Co.

1522 K Street NW.
Washington D.C.
20005

November 30, 1979

Mr. H. C. Cox
Regional Administrator
Science and Education Administration
1333 Broadway, Suite 400
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Mr. Cox:

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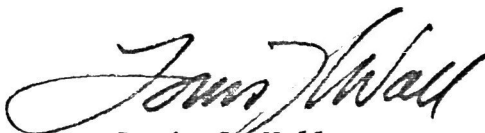
This is in response to your letter of November 23, 1979, and your telephone call of November 26, 1979, regarding Fort Keogh, Miles City, Montana, a property included on the National Register of Historic Places.

We are confirming our request that an on-site inspection of Fort Keogh be held, and we have tentatively set aside January 15, 1980, for that meeting in Miles City. Should there be any change in that schedule we will appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

We understand that the Department of Agriculture has designated you the responsible official for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 in accordance with the Council's regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). We have, however, invited Mr. Barry Flamm of the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture to participate in this on-site inspection. Mr. Flamm is the Secretary's designee to the Council, and as the Department of Agriculture's Federal Liaison Officer for Historic Preservation we feel that his participation in the on-site will be useful to the Council and the Department of Agriculture in more general concerns.

We hope to resolve the matter of Fort Keogh as expeditiously as possible, and we look forward to receiving a schedule and lodging suggestions for the meeting.

Sincerely,



Louis S. Wall
Chief, Western Division
of Project Review

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1522 K Street NW.
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November 30, 1979

Mr. Barry Flamm
Environmental Coordinator
Office of the Secretary
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear ~~Mr. Flamm~~ ^{Barry}:

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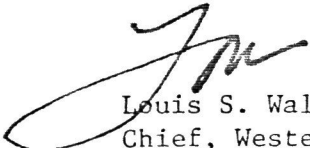
I wish to confirm our telephone invitation that you participate in an on-site inspection with the Council, the Montana State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Science and Education Administration (SEA). That on-site inspection is for Fort Keogh at Miles City, Montana, and it has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 1980. This on-site inspection will be carried out in accordance with Section 800.6(b)(2) of the Council's regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800).

We understand that Mr. H. C. Cox, the Regional Administrator of the SEA, has been designated the responsible official by the Department of Agriculture for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. We do, however, think that your participation will be useful to the Council and your Department in the future.

We believe that this date is now firm, but Brit Storey of this office will notify you of any changes which occur. We hope that your schedule will permit you to join this on-site inspection.

Thank you for your assistance in moving this case to this stage in the consultation process.

Sincerely,


Louis S. Wall
Chief, Western Division
of Project Review

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January 28, 1980

Mr. H. C. Cox
Regional Administrator
Science and Education Administration
Suite 400
1333 Broadway
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Mr. Cox:

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I am writing to follow-up the on-site inspection of Fort Keogh, attended by Dr. Brit Storey of this office, staff of the Science and Education Administration (SEA) and the Montana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on January 15, 1980, at Miles City, Montana. I understand from Dr. Storey that agreement was reached on the following:

1. SEA will conduct an engineering-architectural study to determine the cost of "mothballing" the two remaining duplex officers quarters at Fort Keogh. SEA will provide the necessary engineering expertise and the Montana SHPO will contract with an historical architect for the necessary architectural expertise. The study will determine: A. What minimal steps are needed to secure the buildings in a stabilized condition; and, B. Estimated cost of carrying out the steps determined to be necessary. Conduct of this study will be coordinated by Chester Reder of your office in Oakland for SEA and by Edrie Vinson of the Montana SHPO's office in Helena.
2. An interpretive plan for Fort Keogh will be developed and implemented to assure adequate marking of the site and interpretation to the public. This interpretive plan will be developed through consultation with local preservation interests and Edrie Vinson. In addition, professional interpretive planners may be utilized from the National Park Service or the Forest Service.

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Mr. H. C. Cox
Fort Keogh
January 28, 1980

Mr. Barry Flamm of the Secretary of Agriculture's Office of Environmental Quality can assist you in contacting the appropriate Forest Service personnel. An appropriate contact in the National Park Service is Mr. Glen Bean, Regional Director, Rocky Mountain Region, National Park Service, P. O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80225.

We understand that the feasibility study will be completed in the summer. Once the study is complete SEA should utilize it to develop a proposal for carrying out its responsibilities in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320) and Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment." Once this planning basis for the SEA's decision regarding these cultural properties has been developed we look forward to working with the SEA for early resolution of this matter.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Dr. Storey at (303) 234-4946, an FTS number.

Sincerely,



Louis S. Wall
Chief, Western Division
of Project Review

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 23 DEC 76
 Reviewer INITIALS: *D.W. Losh*
 (NR) DOE MAR 8 1978

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: FORT KEOGH

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER APPROX. 2.5 MILES ^(4 km) SW - MILES CITY

CITY, TOWN _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2
 STATE MONTANA VICINITY OF MILES CITY COUNTY CUSTER code

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline) FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME) DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
 SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
- Substantially intact-1	- Substantially intact-2	- Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 4	- unknown - 5	- unknown - 6
- not applicable - 7	- not applicable - 8	- Not applicable - 9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -	- EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	- UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
	- GOOD	- RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	- MOVED
	- FAIR	- UNEXPOSED	- Reconstructed	- Unknown
		- Unexcavated	- Excavated	

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- FORT

now- GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL
 agriculture, livestock experiment station

SIGNIFICANCE:

- | | | | | |
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Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder: NA

engineer: NA

landscape/garden designer: NA

artist/artisan: NA

interior decorator: NA

builder/contractor: NA

ETHNIC GROUP: NATIVE AMERICAN- NEZ PERCE

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal GEORGE YOUKAM - TAUGHT GARDENING TO INDIANS
COL. MILES - POST COMMANDER
CHIEF JOSEPH

events DEFEAT OF CHIEF JOSEPH & NEZ PERCE 1877

institutional —

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1877-1908

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: —

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): - 1877

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre) 10 ACRES

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

FT. KEOGH ORIGINALLY WAS ONE OF FEW DIAMOND SHAPED FORT, WITHOUT STOCKADE. TODAY, ONLY 2 FORMER OFFICER QUARTERS & ~~A WAREHOUSE IN~~ ~~DETERIORATED CONDITION~~ REMAIN

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

SOLDIERS OF FORT KEOGH PUT DOWN INDIAN UPRISINGS INCLUDING THE FINAL DEFEAT OF CHIEF JOSEPH & THE NEZ PERCE INDIANS IN 1877; AFTER 1908, FORT KEOGH WAS CONVERTED TO A LIVESTOCK EXPERIMENTAL STATION OF THE U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE AFTER 1908; FOR A TIME, MONTANA'S LARGEST FORT.