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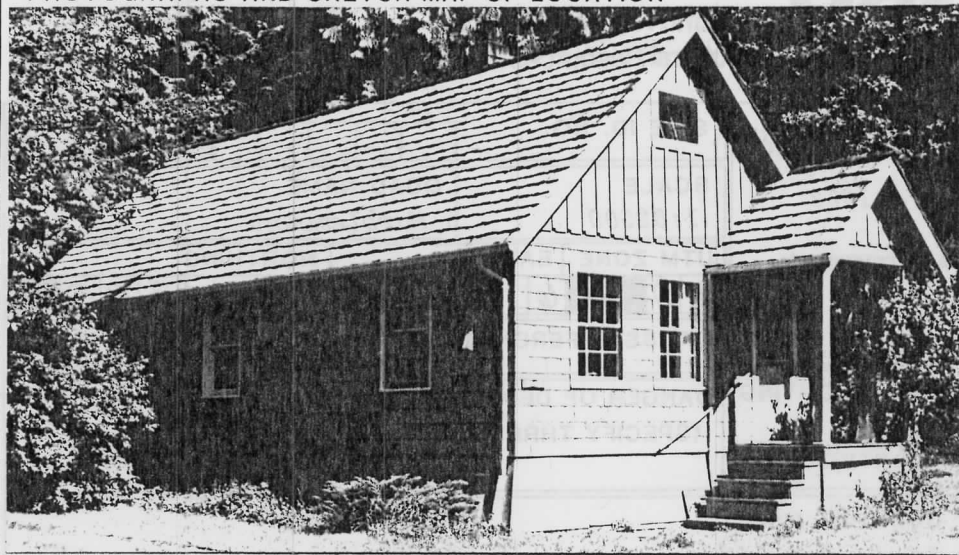
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Pacific Northwest Region  
Cultural Resources Division

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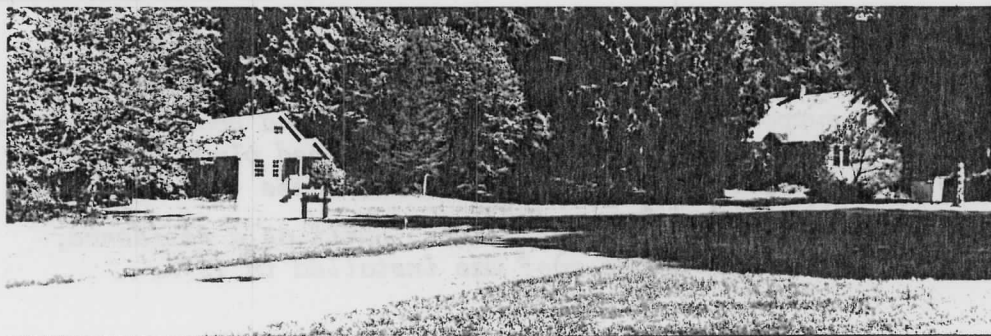
## NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE/SITE (Building) <i>BACKUS/MARBLEMOUNT RANGER STATION- RESIDENCE</i>		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>c. 1932</i>	SITE ID. NO.	
SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION <i>1 mile north of Highway 20, at end of Ranger Station Road, in Marblemount</i>		ADDITION(S)	SCALE <i>1:62500</i>	QUAD NAME <i>Marblemount</i>
DISTRICT <i>Skagit</i>	COUNTY <i>Skagit</i>	STATE <i>Washington</i>	UTM ZONE <i>10</i>	EASTING <i>614500</i>
OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS <i>National Park Service</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTING <input type="checkbox"/> NON-CONTRIBUTING	NORTHING <i>05377300</i>	CROSS REFERENCE <i>NOCA Bldg. #1009</i>
DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC. <i>Residence. Wood frame set on cement block foundation; rectangle (19' x 40'); 3 bays wide; 1 1/2-stories; wood shingle siding with decorative board and batten siding above at gable ends; wood-shaked gable roof with slightly extended eaves; off-center wood panel and glass door on east; off-center concrete chimney. Exterior features include 6/6 and 1/1 double-hung sash, 6-pane fixed and hinged sash, and single-pane fixed sash, all with simple molded surrounds gable-roofed entrance portico on east supported by plain squared posts and board and batten siding beneath gable; gable-roofed portico with entrance extending out on west; plain fascia boards; flared plywood skirting. Notable landscape features include wood frame outbuilding (storage) and concrete retaining wall behind house (west side). This is one of the early buildings constructed by the Forest Service at the Backus Ranger Station. Built as a residence, it serves in the same capacity today, and retains its original appearance. A new shake roof was installed in 1977.</i>			CURRENT USE <i>Seasonal residence</i>	ORIGINAL USE <i>Residence</i>
PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, LIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, UNLIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	EXISTING SURVEYS	<input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> NHL
LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NAME	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD
				<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED
SIGNIFICANCE <i>Eligible under Nat. Reg. criterion C: significant as an excellent example of 1930s-era residential Forest Service architecture in the North Cascades. Drawing on traditional models the USFS constructed buildings by their architects which utilized natural or native materials, combined different exterior materials, and successfully harmonized with the environment. This residence represents a distinct type of architecture and possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.</i>				

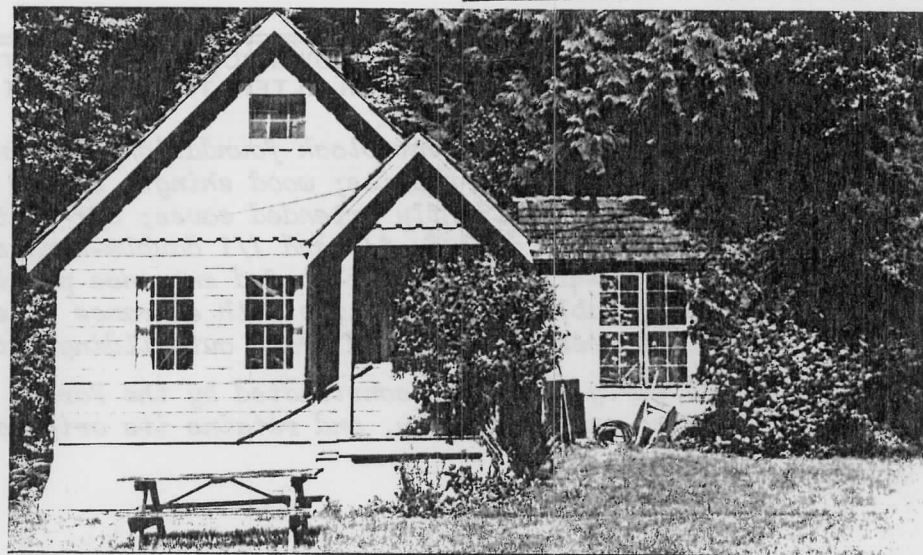
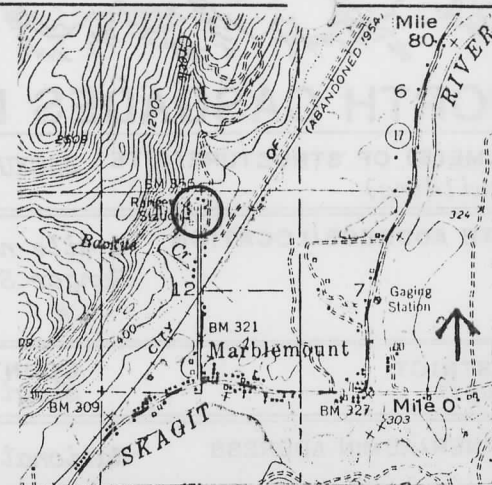
PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



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HISTORIC VIEW



FROM E

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HABS/HAER QUALITY

YES

NO

REFERENCES

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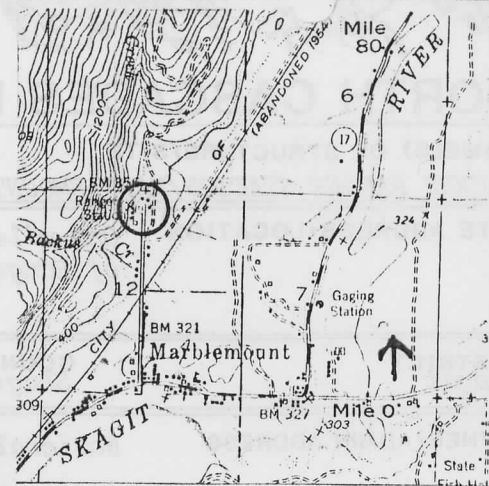
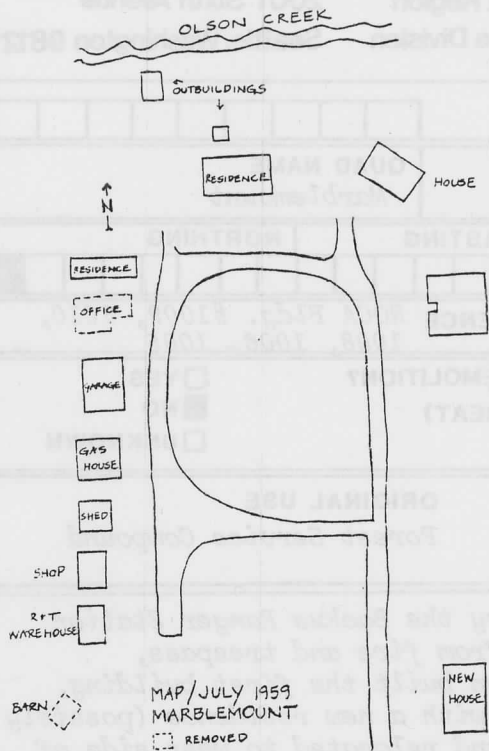
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BACKUS  
RANGER STATION,  
PRE-1916  
(photo. by N. Hicks)

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File)

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name North Cascades National Park Service Complex MRA  
State WASHINGTON

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
Cover <b>Substantive Review</b>	for Keeper <u>Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 2/10/87</u>
1. Backus--Marblemount Ranger Station House No. 1009 <b>Substantive Review</b>	for Keeper <u>Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 2/10/87</u> Attest _____
2. Backus--Marblemount Ranger Station House No. 1010 <b>Substantive Review</b>	for Keeper <u>Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 2/10/87</u> Attest _____
3. Beaver Pass Shelter <b>Substantive Review</b>	for Keeper <u>Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 2/10/87</u> Attest _____
4. Bridge Creek Cabin--Ranger Station <b>Substantive Review</b>	for Keeper <u>Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 2/10/89</u> Attest _____
5. Bridge Creek Shelter <b>Substantive Review</b>	for Keeper <u>Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 2/10/89</u> Attest _____
6. Buckner Homestead Historic District <b>Substantive Review</b>	Keeper <u>Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 2/10/87</u> Attest _____
7. Cooper Mountain Fire Lookout <b>Substantive Review</b>	for Keeper <u>Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 2/10/87</u> Attest _____
8. Deer Lick Cabin <b>Substantive Review</b>	for Keeper <u>Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 2/10/87</u> Attest _____
9. Desolation Peak Lookout <b>Substantive Review</b>	for Keeper <u>Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 2/10/89</u> Attest _____
10. Fish and Game--Hozomeen Cabin <b>Substantive Review</b>	Keeper <u>Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 2/10/87</u> Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Backus--Marblemount Ranger Station House No. 1009

MULTIPLE NAME: North Cascades National Park Service Complex MRA

STATE & COUNTY: WASHINGTON, Skagit

DATE RECEIVED: 12/29/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/10/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/26/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/12/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88003462

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: Y SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 2/10/89 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Architecturally significant example of US Forest Service residential design which pre-dates the establishment of the national park.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept - C  
REVIEWER Noble  
DISCIPLINE Historian  
DATE 2/10/89

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period                      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates                                      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage                       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's                       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Marblemount Residence #1009

#22

PNR #GL2-16A

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000907