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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name
other names/site number NISQUALLY ENTRANCE HISTORIC DISTRICT

2. Location

street & number MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK
city, town
state WASHINGTON code WA county LEWIS; PIERCE code 041; 053 zip code

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal
Category of Property: building(s), district, site, structure, object
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing (7), Noncontributing (1), Total (8)

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Mount Rainier National Park
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: [Signature] Date: 1/21/90
State or Federal agency and bureau: [Signature] NPS

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
[X] entered in the National Register.
[] See continuation sheet.
[] determined eligible for the National Register. [] See continuation sheet.
[] determined not eligible for the National Register.
[] removed from the National Register.
[] other, (explain:)

for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC/Institutional Housing
GOVERNMENT/Office; Administrative facilities

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC/Institutional Housing
GOVERNMENT/Office; Administrative facilities

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER-RUSTIC STYLE

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone; Concrete
walls Wood/Log; Lap siding; Shingle
roof Wood/Shake; Shingle
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The first official government entrance to Mount Rainier National Park, and still the most heavily used, the Nisqually Entrance makes an immediate and important first impact in shaping the visitor's perceptions of the park. Visitors entering the park pass under the massive log entrance arch and pull up to the log frame Ranger Checking Station. Built in 1926 from plans drawn by the National Park Service Landscaping Division (predecessor of the Western Division Branch of Plans and Designs), the entrance station, and the comfort stations and equipment shed designed during the same period, are typical of the "non-intrusive" or Rustic Style practiced throughout the park as part of a conscious effort to minimize the impact of these manmade structures on the natural environment. The older structures in the district, including the Oscar Brown Cabin (1908) and the Superintendent's Residence (1915), pre-date National Park Service administration of the park. However, their log or wood-frame construction, siting on the land and "NPS-brown" color schemes blend well with the heavily forested setting.

See the attached PNR Inventory Cards for additional information regarding the buildings and structures located within the proposed Nisqually Entrance Historic District.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Politics/Government (Federal administration)

Period of Significance

1908 - 1934

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Nisqually Entrance Historic District is significant for its association with federal administration, management, and development of Mount Rainier National Park, beginning in 1893 (National Register Criterion A). This entrance was the first formal entrance developed for the park. The oldest surviving government structure in the park, the Oscar Brown Cabin (N-103), is located within the district. It was named for the first permanent ranger assigned to the park in 1906, and functioned as a permit station for arriving visitors. This was the first of a complex of administrative and residential structures built at the Nisqually Entrance to facilitate management and operation of the national park.

Structures and buildings within the historic district are also significant as excellent examples of the Rustic Style of architecture, a style which espoused non-intrusive design and a blending of the built with the natural environment (Criterion C). All of the structures reflect the basic tenets of the Rustic: purposeful and consistent use of indigenous materials such as stone and wood in forms close to their natural state, the use of dark forest paint colors, and architectural details such as log framing, stone chimneys and foundations, and shingled gabled roofs. The rustic Nisqually Checking Station (N-001) became the model for other such stations in the national park.

A total of seven buildings and one structure (the arch) comprise the historic district. See the attached PNR Inventory Cards for additional information regarding the properties within the Nisqually Entrance Historic District.

9. Major Bibliographical References

SEE MULTIPLE PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION FORM

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Approximately 15 acres

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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USGS Quad: Randle, Washington, 1:62,500

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

A rectangle, starting on the park boundary line at the mid-point of the entrance arch, then due north along the boundary line for 400 feet, then due east for 800 feet, then due south 800 feet, then due west for 800 feet, then due north along the boundary line for 400 feet to the point of beginning.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary was drawn to include all significant structures comprising the historic complex and land associated historically with the complex in order to convey the historic setting.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Seattle state Washington zip code 98104

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NPRO INVENTORY

National Park Service
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Westin Building, 1920
2001 Sixth Avenue
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1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Womens Comfort Station

5. ORIGINAL USE

Comfort Station

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1927

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Nisqually Entrance N-302

6. PRESENT USE

Storage

8. UTM ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

11. REGION

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD
NAME

4. CITY/VICINITY

Nisqually Entrance

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, WA. 98304

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

Wood frame, one-story, one-room, rectangular plan; low-pitched, cedar shingle gable roof with projecting eaves and verges; log rafters; horizontal rough lapped siding, door and window openings framed with whole logs; stone foundation; fixed sashes; finished plywood/wallboard interior; suspended ceiling; concrete floor.

This timber frame building was constructed by the National Park Service in 1927 and originally served as a womens comfort station. The original exterior was comprised of vertical half-log slabs with door and window openings framed with Whole logs. At an unknown date (perhaps the late-fifties or early-sixties) the log slab veneer was replaced with roughed lapped Douglas Fir siding (1x12's). The comfort station was subsequently converted to a storage facility (c.1970).

14. CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)

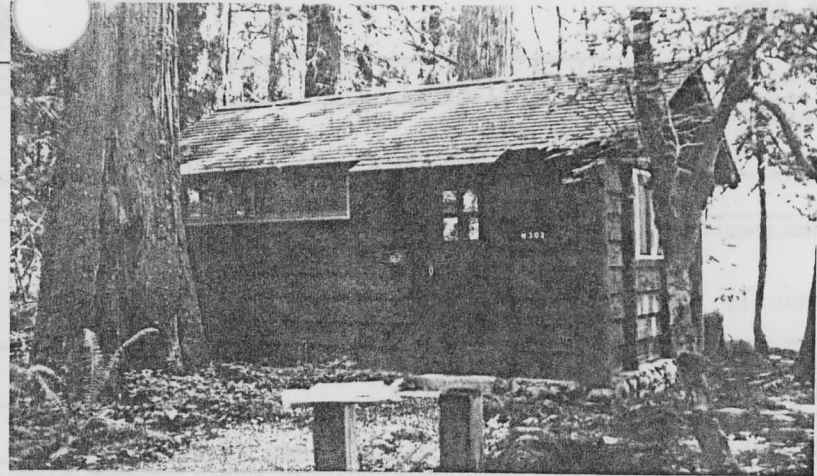
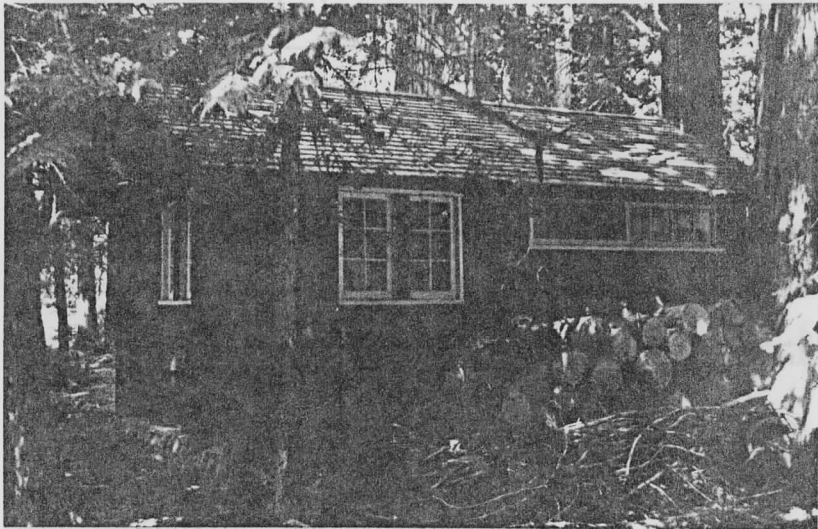
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NO

UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

YES NO NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED
 NO UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS

NR NHL HABS HAER-1 HAER NPS STATE
 COUNTY LOCAL OTHER

21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Building File N-302, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park, prepared by L. M. Moe, 1949; Sketch plan by J. Best, 1/3/64; photos c.1949 and 1964.

22. INVENTORIED BY

Gray Fitzsimons

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MORA Cultural Resource Survey

DATE

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1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Men's Comfort Station/Storage Shed

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Nisqually Entrance N-301

5. ORIGINAL USE

Comfort Station/
Radio Telephone
Room

6. PRESENT USE

Employee Laundro-
mat and Storage

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1927

11. REGION

8	UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
SCALE	1:24	1:62.5	QUAD NAME
	OTHER		

4. CITY/VICINITY

Nisqually Entrance

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

Wood frame, one story, two room, rectangular structure; low pitched cedar shingle gable roof; projecting eaves and verges; log rafters; horizontal rough lapped and log post and beam siding; quarter-cut log veneer gable ends; stone foundation; entrances at gable ends; fixed windows; finished plywood-wallboard interior; suspended ceiling; concrete floor.

Constructed in 1927 by the National Park Service, this structure was originally a comfort station and a radio room facility. Measuring 11' x 20.7', the building is presently used as an employee laundromat and storage.

14. CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)

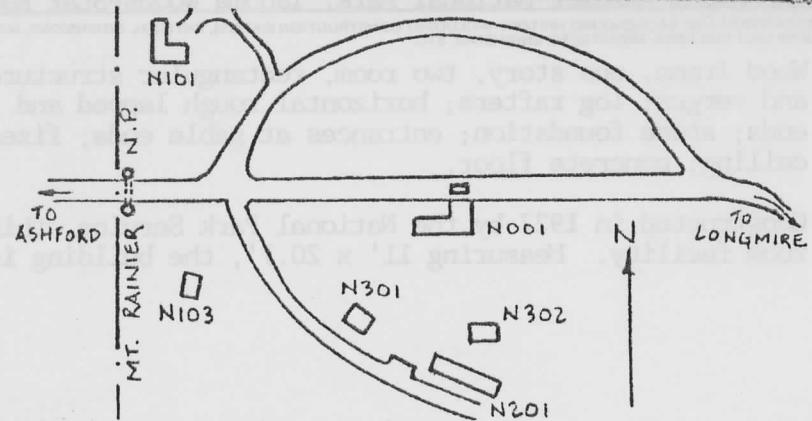
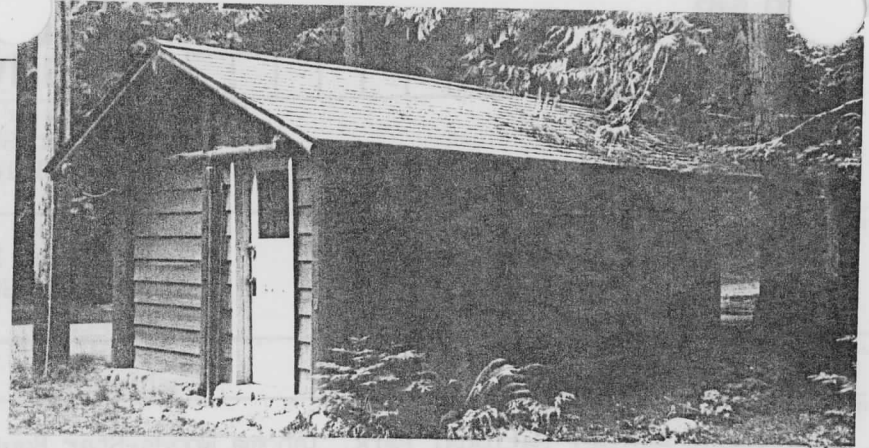
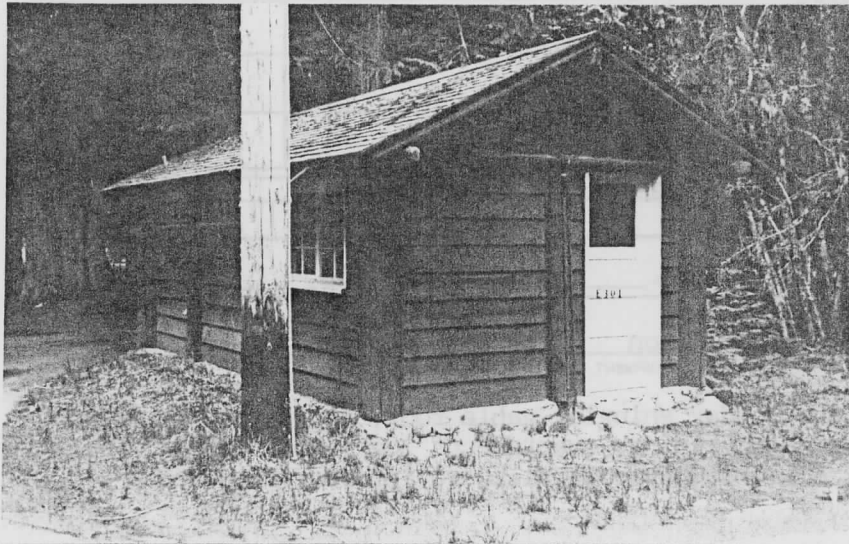
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NO

UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED NO UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS NR NHL HABS HAER-1 HAER NPS STATE COUNTY LOCAL OTHER

21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Building File N-301, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park. Prepared by L.M. Moe, 1949; J. Best, sketch plan, 1/3/64; photo, no date.

22. INVENTORIED BY

David Harvey

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1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Equipment Building

5. ORIGINAL USE

Utility Storage

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1934

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Nisqually Entrance N-201

6. PRESENT USE

Same

8. UTM ZONE EASTING NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

Nisqually Entrance

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

Wood frame, one story, two room, rectangular structure; modified "saltbox"-medium pitched cedar shingle gable roof over a workshop and six bays-stalls (with wood overhead doors); brick chimney off gable ridge; 1 x 12 rough lapped horizontal exterior siding; concrete foundation; unfinished interior with wood columns and trusses; 1 x 4 interior walls; asphalt floor.

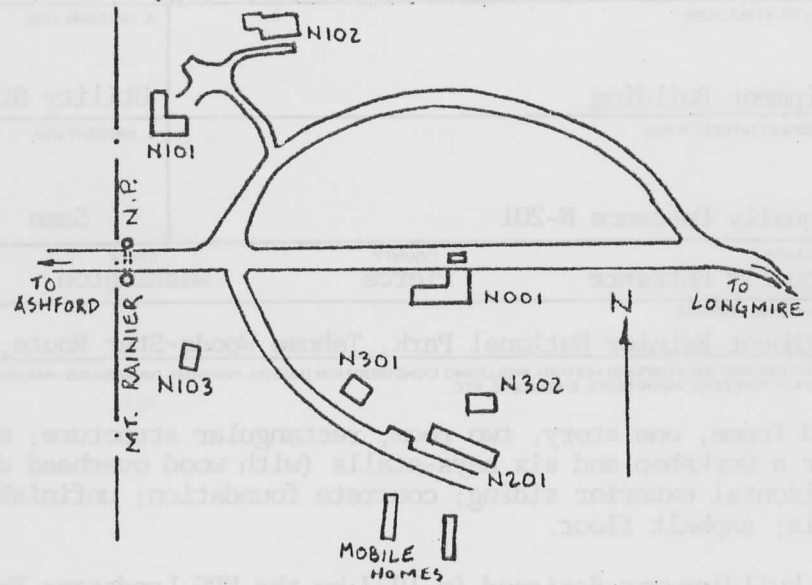
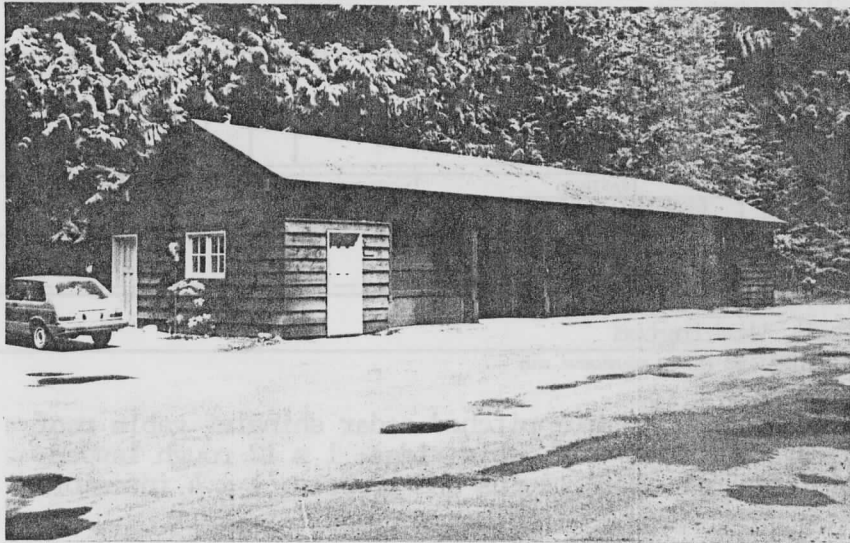
The building was designed in 1927 by the NPS Landscape Engineering Division, under the supervision of D.R. Hull (MORA Drg. No.18). The original plan called for a half log exterior frame with vertical cedar slab infill. Measuring 22.2' x 78.8', the building was constructed in 1934 by the C.W.A. (Civilian Work Administration). The bays were framed with regular grade lumber posts and beams.

14. CONDITION

 EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?/
(SPECIFY THREAT) YES NO UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED NO UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS NR NHL HABS HAER-1 HAER NPS STATE COUNTY LOCAL OTHER

21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Building File N-201, Maintenance Division, Mt. Rainier National Park. Prepared by L.M. Moe, 1949; J. Best, sketch plan, 1/3/64; photo, no date.

Original Drawing, "Storage Garage-Nisqually Entrance," rec. by D.R. Hull, NPS Landscape Engineering Division, 3/12/27 (MORA Drg. No.18).

22. INVENTORIED BY David Harvey AFFILIATION MORA Cultural Resources Study DATE 9/28/82

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1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(CARD 2 of 2)

Oscar Brown Cabin

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Nisqually Entrance N-103

5. ORIGINAL USE

Residence and
Park Headqtrs.

6. PRESENT USE

Residence

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1908

4. CITY/VICINITY

Longmire

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

8. UTM ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD
NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

headquarters. A one-story timber frame addition (c.1909) off the east side may have served as a kitchen. A second addition (c.1910) to the building's rear allegedly served as the superintendent's office. It measured 15' x 16' and contained a medium-pitched gable roof and exterior siding all covered with cedar shingles. This wing was later expanded with the addition of a bathroom and porch. The cabin further served as the superintendent's quarters during the winter months.

Activities at the Nisqually Entrance and Oscar Brown Cabin were, however, greatest during the summer seasons. "Almost at the geographic southwest corner of the Rainier National Park, the road makes its entry from the outer reserve. Here a huge log gate has been erected and through this gate alone, may comfortable entry be had to the mountain park. Just inside the gate is a lodge for the visitor to register and become apprised of the rules; then on and on the road plunges,..." (General Information, Season 1912).

In 1915, Park Superintendent DeWitt L. Reuben had constructed a new residence for himself at the Nisqually Entrance. The following year a new park headquarters was completed at Longmire thus relieving the Oscar Brown Cabin of its

14. CONDITION

 EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT) YES NO UNKNOWN~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

administrative functions. It probably served as a ranger residence immediately thereafter. Recently, (c.1980) renovation work was carried out. An interior stairway to the upper floor was installed and new bathroom and kitchen fixtures added. The exterior appears largely returned to its original condition. New thin timber members were constructed along the railing of the second-story porch. Though not original to the cabin's front facade, they harmonize well with the decorative woodworking under the gable end. The remodeled cabin currently serves as a VIP cottage.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED NO UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS NR NHL HABS HAER-1 HAER NPS STATE COUNTY LOCAL OTHER

21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

22. INVENTORIED BY

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(CARD 1 of 2)

Oscar Brown Cabin

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Nisqually Entrance N-103

5. ORIGINAL USE

Residence and
Park Headqtrs.

6. PRESENT USE

Residence

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1908

11. REGION

8. UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

SCALE 1:24 1:62.5 OTHER _____

QUAD NAME _____

4. CITY/VICINITY

Longmire

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

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13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

Log construction and timber frame; 1-1/2-story; rectangular plan; steeply-pitched cedar-shingle gable roof with whole log rafters; projecting eaves and verges; brick chimney; 2-story front porch; whole log walls with wood chinking and corner saddle notching; front off center entrance; casement sashes; exposed log interior walls and ceilings; rear kitchen wing addition (date unknown).

In 1908, Acting Superintendent G.F. Allen requested funds from the Secretary of the Interior to construct a residence for the district ranger at the Nisqually Entrance. The previous year, private automobiles were permitted entry into the park. Among the duties of the ranger residing in the cottage was the issuing of permits to vehicles. Approval was granted and the cabin was completed during the summer of 1908. Allen was pleased with the log construction claiming it "well designed and finished." Known as the Oscar Brown Cabin, it was named after its first occupant, one of the early permanent rangers assigned to the park. Originally measuring 16' x 22', the cabin contained a two-story porch 6' wide, extending along the front facade. A finely-crafted decorative element was installed under the front gable consisting of a curved log with spidery timbers radiating along its circumference. The interior contained wood floors, exposed log walls and exposed log ceiling joists (4-1/2" diameters, spaced 26" on centers). The upper floor containing a bedroom was (probably) accessible by means of a ladder. The one room first floor subsequently served as the park

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EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)

YES

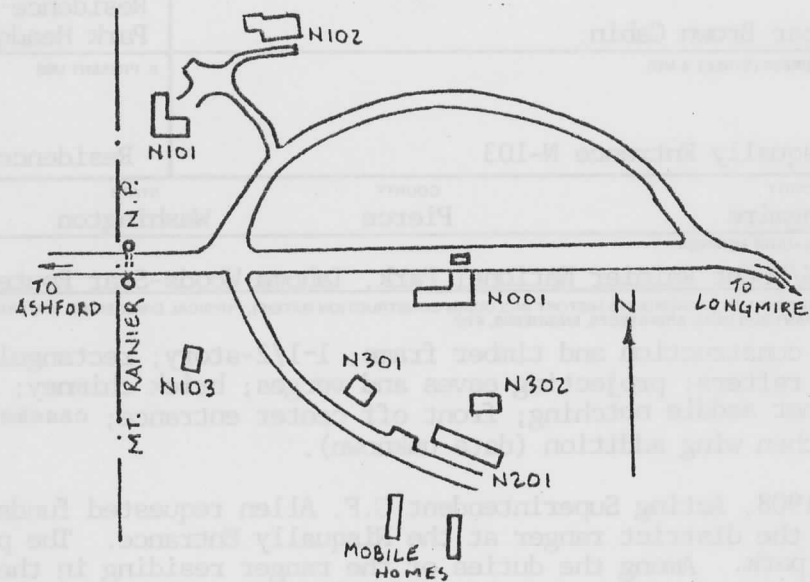
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16. SIGNIFICANCE

The Oscar Brown Cabin, named after one of the early permanent rangers assigned to the park, is the oldest remaining government-constructed building in the park. The finely-crafted log construction with ornamented wood elements along the front facade, served as a residence and park headquarters until 1916 when a new administrative facility was built at Longmire. It is associated with the early administration of Mount Rainier National Park prior to the formation of the National Park Service (1916). Additionally, the cabin served as the park superintendent's winter residence until 1915. Though recently renovated, the exterior (particularly the distinctive front facade) remains largely unaltered.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



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19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED NO UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS NR NHL HABS HAER-1 HAER NPS STATE COUNTY LOCAL OTHER

21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Building File N-103, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park; prepared by L.M. Moe, 6/20/49.

Erwin N. Thompson, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington: Historic Resource Study, (Denver, CO: NPS, 1981) p.142.

Robert L. Carper, List of Classified Structures Inventory, (Denver, CO: NPS, 1976).

Robert N. McIntyre, "Short History of Mount Rainier National Park" (1952), unpublished manuscript, Archives, Mount Rainier National Park, pp.205-210.

Archival photographs No.909A and 909B, Print File Card, Form 10-30, Archives, Mount Rainier National Park.

22. INVENTORIED BY GGF AFFILIATION MORA Cultural Resources Survey DATE 7/14/82

DO 6/82

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1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Ranger's Residence

5. ORIGINAL USE

Chief Ranger's
Residence

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1915

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Nisqually Entrance N-102

6. PRESENT USE

GSI Residence

8	UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

Nisqually Entrance

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

SCALE

1:24

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QUAD

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

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13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

Wood frame, 1 1/2 story, 8 room (and two bath), modified rectangular "split level" plan; main unit has steeply pitched wood shingle gable roof, west end of house are two additions, one with a shed roof, the other gabled, both one story; wood shingled exterior walls; contemporary sliding aluminum windows; recessed front porch; concrete foundation; interior walls insulating board (painted); wood floors.

Built in 1915 by the National Park Service, the main (original) unit measures 20' x 32', with a floor size of 1280 square feet. Repairs and remodeling have occurred in 1958, 1960, 1963, and 1964. A new roof was installed in 1964.

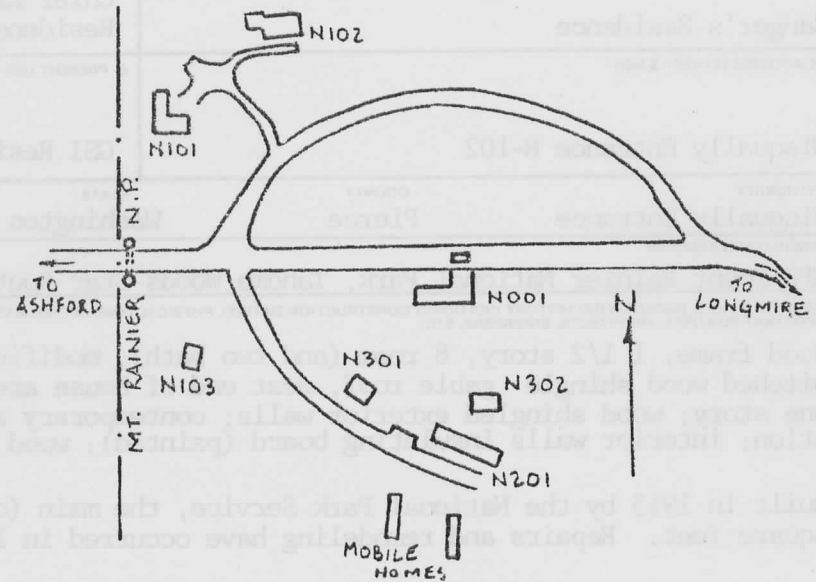
14. CONDITION

 EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT) YES NO UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

One of the earliest residences in the park, the Chief Ranger's House was constructed the same year as the Park Superintendent's residence (see N-101) at Nisqually Entrance. The superintendent in 1915 was DeWitt L. Reaburn; with his appointment, park management at Mount Rainier took on a degree of professionalism. Both structures are associated with the early administration of Mount Rainier National Park prior to the formation of the National Park Service in 1916.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

YES NO NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED
 NO UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS

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NPRO INVENTORY

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Westin Building, 1920
2001 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98121

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(CARD 2 of 2)

Superintendent's Residence

5. ORIGINAL USE

Residence

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1915

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Nisqually Entrance N-101

6. PRESENT USE

Residence

8. UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

Longmire

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

SCALE

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QUAD

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

superintendent to drive to park headquarters. The new function of the former superintendent's quarters at Longmire is uncertain though it probably remained a residence. In 1945, the 1-1/2 story log construction with ornamented woodwork, similar to the Oscar Brown Cabin (see other entry), was torn down.

The Nisqually Entrance residence underwent periodic alterations and additions, the most extensive occurring in 1965. A new carport was built with a covered walkway leading to the house. New sliding glass windows replaced the existing double hung sashes. The interior was remodeled; wood paneling and drywall installed, new bathroom and kitchen fixtures added, and new partitions erected. A new sliding glass door was installed through the south facade. At an unknown date whole log posts supporting the front veranda were replaced with standard timbers. Although the residence has been greatly altered, the original roof lines and siding remain. It continues to serve as the superintendent's year round residence.

14. CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)

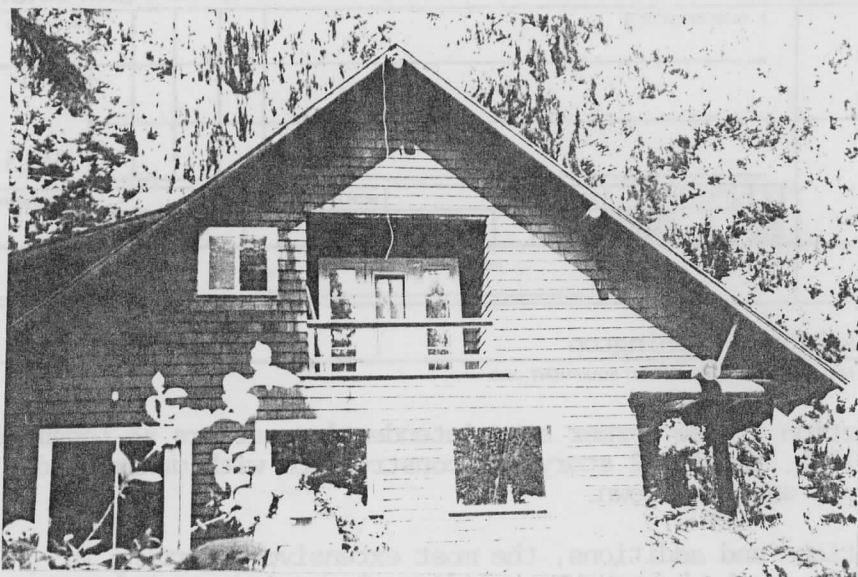
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UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

YES NO NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED
 NO UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS

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6. PRESENT USE

Residence

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11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

Longmire

COUNTY

Pierce

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SCALE

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QUAD

OTHER

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12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park Service, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

Timber frame; 1-1/2-story; rectangular plan with several additions; steeply-pitched, cedar shingle gable roof with projecting eaves and verges; front shed dormer; rear shed roof extension; brick chimney; recessed balcony on second floor, south facade; cedar shingled siding; 1 story front porch; front off center entrance; sliding glass windows; wood floors; wood paneled interior; concrete and concrete block foundation; garage addition and covered walkway (1965).

Construction of a timber frame winter residence for the park superintendent was carried out at the Nisqually Entrance in 1915 under the direction of DeWitt Reaburn. He described his completed residence as having four rooms on the first floor, and a log veranda extending across the front facade. The building originally measured 30' x 45' with the veranda measuring 8' x 30'. Also in front was a shed dormer erected on a steeply pitched gable roof. The roof was built with slender whole log rafters, tongue and groove sheathing and cedar shingles.

Between 1915 and 1923 park superintendents resided at Longmire in the summer and the Nisqually entrance in winter. Superintendent O.A. Tomlinson chose to live year round at the Nisqually Entrance beginning in the winter of 1923-24. The road between Longmire and the entrance was kept open year round for the first time, thus permitting the

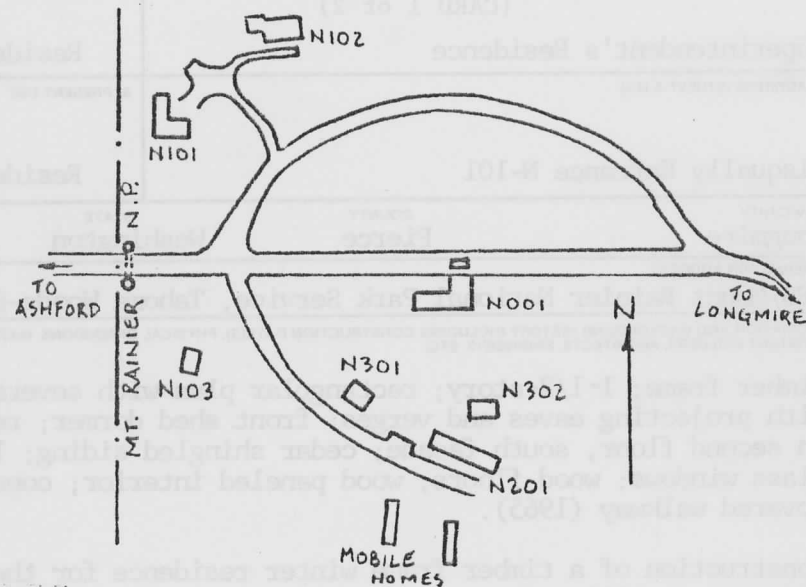
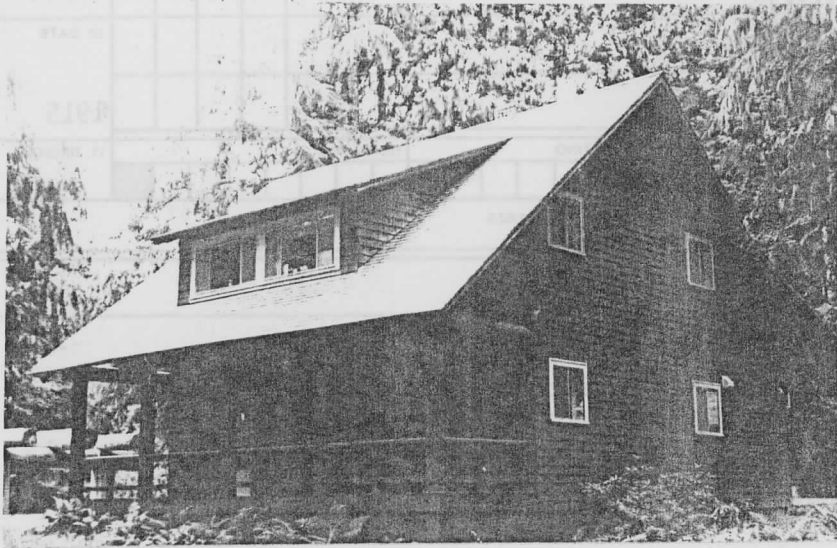
14. CONDITION

 EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT) YES NO UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

Built to serve as the superintendent's winter quarters in 1915, the building has undergone numerous renovations. It has housed the park superintendents and their families year round since 1923.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO NAME _____

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED NO UNKNOWN

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(CARD 2 of 2)

Nisqually Ranger Checking
Station and Residence

5. ORIGINAL USE

Ranger Station

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Nisqually Entrance N-001

6. PRESENT USE

Same

4. CITY/VICINITY

Nisqually Entrance

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

A year later, the CCC constructed a porte-cochere extending over the entrance road from the office" (Thompson 1981: 161), with a log and stone frame checking booth (kiosk) built under the outer edge of the porte cochere. The kiosk measured 4' x 8', with flagstone walkways adjacent to the structure. The porte cochere was similar to the one constructed at the White River entrance ranger station. In 1946, the kiosk was destroyed by an errant bus (Carper, 1976). In 1962 a new checking booth^{was} constructed on an "island" in the middle of the road "to handle an everincreasing number of recreation vehicles that were too large to pass under the porte cochere." (Thompson 1981: 161). The main unit of the ranger station measures 22' x 44', the office is 12' x 16', and the porte cochere is 12' x 16'. An attached wood shed was razed in November, 1959. The office has a floor size of 168 sq. ft., while the floor size for the entire building is 1044 sq. ft. There is an enclosed shed extension off the rear facade entrance. Seasonal quarters were remodeled by the NPS in 1966. Much of the fine original detailing was altered during remodeling in 1937, 1966, and 1973 (Carper, 1976).

14. CONDITION

 EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT) YES NO UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

- YES NO NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

- YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED
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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(CARD 1 of 2)

Nisqually Ranger Checking
Station and Residence

5. ORIGINAL USE

Ranger Station

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1926

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Nisqually Entrance N-001

6. PRESENT USE

Same

8	UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

Nisqually Entrance

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

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NAME

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Log-frame, one-story, nine-room, "L" shape structure; intersecting medium-pitched cedar shake gable roofs with a porte-cochere extension; two stone chimneys off-set from gable ridge; log rafters; shed roof over private entrance with horizontal beam and angular braces; shed roof over office entrance with roughly hewn log columns; whole log walls; saddle notch cornering; stone foundation; interior walls are plasterboard (painted insulation board), painted trim, fir floors with linoleum and tile finish.

Built in 1926 by the National Park Service, the structure replaced the Oscar Brown Cabin as the official ranger station for the Nisqually Entrance. The Brown Cabin would continue to function as a residence. The new station "contained an office-registration room...and quarters for three bachelor rangers in the main 22' x 44' unit. The building was located adjacent to the road so that cars could drive immediately to the porch in front of the registration room" (Thompson 1981: 169). In 1936, a CCC crew placed a new masonry foundation under the station. They also replaced the roof and remodeled the interior into two separate residences while maintaining the office space from the rear." The interior of the building was gutted during the remodeling. All walls and ceilings were lined with insulating wallboard and 1 x 4 tongue and groove fir wood floors were installed. New wooden doors replaced the original log ones. All the remodeling was to conform as closely as possible to the original construction.

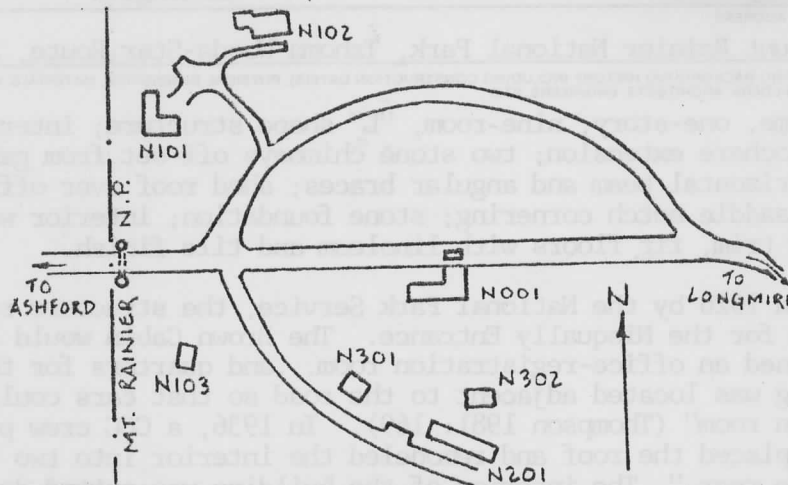
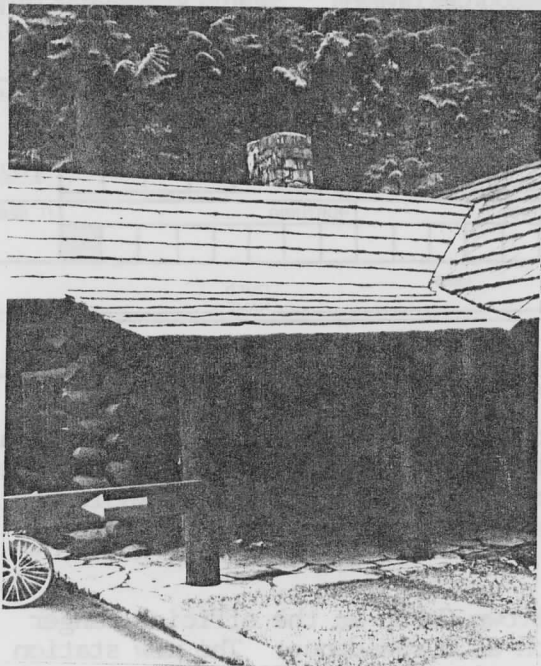
14. CONDITION

 EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT) YES NO UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

The Nisqually Entrance Ranger Station was one of the numerous park structures constructed under Major O.A. Tomlinson's superintendency. The station was built from plans drawn by the NPS Landscape Engineering Division, under the supervision of Dan R. Hull. The plans for the 1937 remodeling, and porte-cochere addition, were drawn by the NPS Branch of Plans and Design in San Francisco, under the supervision of Acting Chief Architect, W.G. Carnes. The entrance station became a model for others constructed later in the park.

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED NO UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS NR NHL HABS HAER-1 HAER NPS STATE COUNTY LOCAL OTHER

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National Park Service

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Mt. Rainier National Park MPS

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24. Paradise Historic District		3/13/91
25. Shriner Peak Fire Lookout	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
26. South Puyallup River Bridge	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
27. St. Andrews Creek Bridge	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
28. St. Andrews Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
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30. Sunrise Comfort Station	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
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39. White River Patrol Cabin	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91
40. White River Mess Hall and Dormitory	x Autawelt & Lee	3/13/91

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Nisqually Entrance Historic District
NAME:

MULTIPLE Mt. Rainier National Park MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: WASHINGTON, Pierce

DATE RECEIVED: 1/29/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/12/91
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/28/91 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/15/91
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91000172

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL NPS

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: Y

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/13/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Nisqually Entrance Historic District is significant as an embodiment of the Federal government's administration of Mount Rainier National Park. It was the first of a complex of administrative and residential buildings intended to facilitate operations of the park. In addition, the property is significant as an example of Rustic Style architecture in the park.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept 1A+C
REVIEWER Antonietta Lee
DISCIPLINE History
DATE 3/13/91

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

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

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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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

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Date _____



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Misqually River Suspension Bridge (CS-5)

Photo 77



Nisqually Entrance Arch
#1

Photo 1



WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL PARK
RESTROOMS TO THE LEFT
CAMPING TO THE RIGHT

Nisqually Entrance Checking Station

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Photo 2



Superintendent's Residence
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Photo 3



Nisqually Ranger Residence

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Photo 4



Oscar Brown Cabin

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Photo 5







Nisqually Equipment Building (N-201)

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Photo 8 Fa

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
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