Instructions

Use this form to enter a property into the Oregon Historic Sites Database or to request that staff evaluate a property for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Do not use this form for historic district or archaeological surveys or to comply with state or federal preservation laws.

To have a property evaluated for inclusion in the National Register, please complete all blanks and write neatly. Provide as much information about the interior and exterior as possible, such as the square footage, number of stories and rooms, under “General Description.” Under “Building History,” include any information about the architect, builder, original owners and subsequent occupants, and historic activities or events that occurred at the property. If available, attach historic photos, newspaper clippings, obituaries, and other documentation to help the reviewer better understand your property. Use additional sheets if necessary. Submit current exterior (all sides) and interior color photographs (entry, living room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom, hallway spaces, etc). If the property has outbuildings, include photos of these.

Completion of Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 and photographs of each of the outside wall and one of each outbuilding are required to enter a property into the Oregon Historic Sites Database; although, complete documentation is preferred.

Mail completed forms to National Register Program, Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, 725 Summer St. NE, Salem, OR 97301 or email them to tracy.zeller@state.or.us with “HRR” in the subject line. Emailed submissions must be under 15MB in size and include digital photos of the property. Mail submissions must include printed photographs. HRRs are reviewed within two to four weeks after submission. All materials submitted to the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office become property of the State or Oregon and are available as public records. Materials submitted to the SHPO will not be returned.

### Section 1: Applicant Information

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### Section 2: Property Information

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<td>Date of Construction</td>
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### Section 4: Application Type

- Add this property to Oregon Historic Sites Database
- Staff will enter the data submitted in the Oregon Historic Sites Database, file this application in archive and may make a determination of eligibility for the National Register, but will not respond to the applicant.

- Evaluate this property for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places
- Staff will enter the data submitted in the Oregon Historic Sites Database, file this application in our permanent archive, and will make a determination of eligibility for the National Register, and respond to the applicant specific instructions on how to nominate the property to the Register.
Section 5: Exterior Description

Siding material(s). Original or replacement?
The cabin was constructed using lodgepole pine logs that are still in place today.

Figure 1. Photo of log siding on south elevation. Photo, August 2013.

Window type(s) & material(s). Original or replacement?
28" wide by 24" high. One original window remains, the majority have been broken. The original wood sash has been preserved in order to have a template for custom window fabrication in the future.
Section 6: Exterior Description: Continued

General Description:
The one-room log cabin was constructed using native materials: lodgepole pines, cedar shakes, and field stone. There is a steep pitch roof (45%) that is covered with 32" cedar shakes. The walls are constructed out of "reversed" notched, peeled lodgepole pine logs. The corners of the building are vertically sawed. Joints between the logs are sealed with chinking poles and moss oakum. The foundation is made of east-west running log sills resting on fieldstone. There is a shed roof that helps to create a porch. See Figure 2 above.

Significant Architectural Features: How does your building stand out? The Olallie Meadows Cabin is a one room log structure which is situated directly west of Olallie Meadows, in the Olallie Lake Scenic Area. Significant features include the steep roof pitch of 45%, which served two purposes: one to hold a heavy snow load the other to provide a porch area. The Olallie Meadows Cabin is a significant and rare resource in the region because it is a largely intact building in the rustic style predating Depression Era and constructed for Forest Service administrative services. There are very few examples of this architecture remaining in national forest in Oregon and Washington.

The Olallie Meadow Cabin is eligible under Criterion C because it holds distinct characteristics of its time of construction as well as its method of construction and materials. It represents the vernacular construction favored during this period due to limited time and funds of Forest Service employees in regards to constructing buildings. It provides an example of early Forest Service buildings before it adopted a more architect-designed "rustic" style during the 1930s, with the help of the Civilian Conservation Corps.
Alterations and Approximate Dates: Construction Date: 1910

- Chinking poles and oakum were replaced in-kind with 1979.
- Porch supports (4x4s) were restored back to peeled poles 1984
- The floor has been replaced with new tongue and groove decking in 1960’s by snowmobile club. 1960s
- The ridge pole has been replaced as well as some of the purlins have been replaced with 1 x 6s. 1960s
- Front steps built in 1956.
- Sill logs and porch supports were replaced in 1984.
- Rafters varnished in 1950s by Forest Service person.

Section 7: Interior Description

Significant features: How does your building stand out?

The cabin is a one-room building with a partial attic and a dropped roof porch. The interior sidewalls are lodgepole pine, the partial attic flooring is plank decking. A metal plate (3' x 3') sits in the center of the room intended for a woodstove. There is a stovepipe hole directly above the metal plate in the interior where a stovepipe flue could fit through the roof.

There are window openings on the east and west ends of the cabin, two windows on the east end and two windows on the west end.
Figure 4. Interior of cabin with partial attic. Photo taken August 2013.

Alterations and Approximate Dates:
Original window sashes have been destroyed, but the original openings are unchanged. 1960-1980s
The front door was replaced in the 1960s with a plywood door.

Section 8: Building History

The Olallie Meadow cabin is the oldest extant building (and the only pre-Depression era ranger station) on the Clackamas Ranger District. The Olallie Meadow Cabin was constructed in 1910 in order to serve as a primary residence for Forest Service personnel who were in charge of protecting the Mt. Jefferson/Olallie Lakes area during the summer months. The cabin seems to be hastily and inexpensively constructed adding to its architectural uniqueness. In 1920 the first auto road in Clackamas was constructed and named the Skyline Trail. By 1925 it was able to reach Olallie Meadow, passing only 500 feet west of the cabin. This quickly brought more recreationists creating the need for the construction of the Olallie Guard Station. With the completion of Olallie Guard Station in 1932, the Olallie Meadow Cabin served as extra space for trail crews and other Forest Service personnel with places to sleep, cook, and work. Today, the cabin is the only pre-Depression era cabin on the Clackamas Ranger District, and is only one of two log cabin residing on the Mount Hood National Forest that are still standing.

The Olallie Meadow Cabin is eligible under Criterion A because its construction and use directly relates to the Forest Service’s history of administration and management of public land and natural resources. This cabin is associated with events pertaining to this rich history.
November 17, 1981

E R Hardman District Ranger
Clackamas Ranger District
Mt Hood National Forest
Star Route Box 330
Estacada OR 97023

Dear Mr. Hardman:

RE: Olallie Meadow (663 EA 32)
   Determination of Eligibility
   Marion County

The evaluation and site report for the Olallie Meadow cabin is rather vague in terms of compliance with 36 CFR 800. We assume you are requesting our opinion concerning the eligibility of the cabin to the National Register of Historic Places. Our staff did review the material sent to our office and agree the building is National Register-eligible.

They feel it is significant because intact log buildings in the rustic style predating the Depression era and constructed for Forest Service administrative services are comparatively rare. It is their opinion, however, that the National Register staff would probably like to see comparative data from beyond the Clackamas Ranger District if a determination of eligibility is sent to Washington D.C.

In the opinion of our staff, management alternative B would be the preferred alternative.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Leland Gilson at 378-5023, or Elisabeth Potter at 378-5001.

Sincerely,

D. W. Powers III
Deputy SHPO

DWP:LG:kc
Jan 20 1982

Mr. Robert C. McQuown
Recreation and Lands Staff
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Mt. Hood National Forest
2955 N.W. Division Street
Gresham, Oregon 97030

Dear Mr. McQuown:

Thank you for your letter requesting a determination of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register pursuant to Executive Order 11593 or the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Our determination appears on the enclosed material.

As you understand, your request for our professional judgment constitutes a part of the Federal planning process. We urge that this information be integrated into the National Environmental Policy Act analysis in order to bring about the best possible program decisions. This determination does not serve in any manner as a veto to uses of property, with or without Federal participation or assistance. Any decision on the property in question and the responsibility for program planning concerning such properties lie with the agency or block grant recipient after the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has had an opportunity to comment.

We are pleased to be of assistance in the consideration of historic resources in the planning process.

Sincerely yours,

Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the
National Register

Enclosure