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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**HISTORIC Historic Resources of Yellowstone National Park: Partial Inventory Old  
Faithful Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Yellowstone National Park

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

At Large

STATE

Wyoming

N/A VICINITY OF

CODE

56

COUNTY

Teton

CODE

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**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (If applicable)

National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Region

STREET &amp; NUMBER

655 Parfet Street, P.O. Box 25287

CITY, TOWN

Denver

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Yellowstone National Park

STREET &amp; NUMBER

N/A

CITY, TOWN

Yellowstone National Park

STATE

Wyoming

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

List of Classified Structures

DATE

1978

☒ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Regional Office

CITY, TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado

Old Faithful Inn--Listed on National Register of Historic Places, July 23, 1973.

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Faithful Historic District of Yellowstone National Park is a portion of the Multi-Resource for Yellowstone National Park. The Old Faithful Historic District is on a low rise south of the Firehole River, surrounded on the northeast and east by lodgepole pines and volcanic cliffs, the northern boundary near and surrounding the Old Faithful Geyser is open to bare vegetation and west of the district is a wet meadowland. The district lies on the Grand Loop Road between Madison Junction and the West Thumb area.

The district, dominated by the Old Faithful Inn (listed on the National Register of Historic Places, July 23, 1973,) consists of the Old Faithful Lodge, 3 stores, 2 service stations, 5 dormitories, 10 support buildings, and the guest cabins behind the Old Faithful Lodge and the Snow Lodge.

The first 11 buildings listed are of similar architectural style to the Old Faithful Inn and retain their architectural and historical integrity. The following 11 buildings have historical significance as support buildings and they are compatible with the historic scene. The cabins have historical significance and do reflect the type of cabin construction in Yellowstone National Park. While the cabins in the Old Faithful Lodge still retain some architectural integrity, the cabins behind the Snow Lodge have been altered considerably and have lost their architectural integrity.

- Building #2337: Old Faithful Lodge. Construction began in 1923 with several additions made through 1927. The irregular plan building is of frame construction with stone masonry walls, wood shingled exterior siding, and half log decorative elements. The lodge is approximately 28' long with a 52' x 45' extension, a 36' x 96' extension, and a 51' x 122' extension plus another 100' x 136' wing along the east side. The windows are casement and double hung. Stepped stone masonry columns and large log poles support the porte cochere and other covered porches. Stepped stone masonry pilasters are used at some corners. The 19 room building has a wood shingled, gable roof with monitored roof over the recreation hall. Exposed log rafter ends and log brackets are used.
- Building #2306: Powerhouse and Laundry. Built in 1929 by the Yellowstone Park Company, the one-story, two-room L-shaped frame structure with wood shingle exterior siding on concrete foundation has a wood shingled gable roof with louvered type windows. The building has exposed log rafter ends. It is approximately 121' x 79' with the L extension being approximately 61' x 36'. This building is scheduled to be reduced in size if laundry facilities are park centralized.
- Building #2310: Caretaker's Quarters. Built in the late 1920's, the one-and-a-half-story building has four rooms. The approximately 24' x 18' rectangular frame structure on concrete foundation has wood shingle exterior siding and a wood shingled gable roof with a transverse hip at one elevation. The windows are both double hung and casement. The building has exposed log rafter ends. The building is now the winter keeper's residence.
- Building #2311: Laundry Manager's Residence. Built in 1926, the approximately 16' x 24' rectangular plan frame one-story structure has two rooms. The building has wood shingle exterior siding and a wood shingled gable roof with a transverse gable roof and casement window. The roof has exposed log rafter ends and large ridge poles which are compatible to the Old Faithful Inn.

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- Building #2302: Lower Service Station. This building was built by the Hamilton Store Company at an unknown date. It is a modified T-plan structure, approximately 80' x 24', with a 22' x 40' extension. The exterior walls are horizontal siding with vertical half-timbers. The roof is wood shingled and extends over the gas pumps. Hamilton Stores, Inc., and the National Park Service each have joint ownership of the building.
- Building #2503: Lower Hamilton Store. Built as Klamer Store in 1894 and sold to Charles Hamilton in 1914. Hamilton expanded the store over the years. The modified U-plan is two-story with 13 rooms plus baths. The building is approximately 152' x 30' with the two extensions being approximately 21' x 83' and 39' x 83'. The frame constructed building has novelty siding and a wood shingled gabled roof with several transverse gables. Burled branches and logs are used as brackets and decorative elements on the north and east elevations. An unusual element is the use of the burled wood in spelling out HAMILTON STORES which hangs over the entrance to the salesroom. The interior is typical store design of the time, but the second floor contains a small sitting room called "The Million Dollar Room," papered with canceled checks whose total is \$1,000,000. This fact is reportedly recorded in Ripley's Believe It or Not. Hamilton Stores, Inc., and the National Park Service have joint ownership of the building.
- Building #2780: Photo Shop. Built in 1927 by Haynes, Inc., the T-plan structure, approximately 44' x 36' with the leg being 61' x 27'. The two-story, 25-room store is of frame construction with half-log and shiplap siding. A porch extends across the front of the building. The wood shingled gabled roof has exposed log rafter ends. The store reflects the concession architecture in Yellowstone National Park during the 1920's and 1930's. The building was moved to its present location in 1971.
- Building #2326: Upper Hamilton Store. Built in 1929 by Hamilton Stores, Inc., as a store and employee dormitory. The two-story, 33-room structure is approximately 45' x 118', and in a U-shaped configuration. The windows are both casement and double hung sash. The walls are constructed of concrete laid to resemble hewn logs. The building is placed on a masonry stone foundation with stepped stone masonry pilasters and stepped stone masonry columns that support the two covered entrance porches. The eaves of the wood shingled gabled roof are wood shingled with exposed log rafter ends; log rafter purlins are used in the roof structure of the two covered entrance porches. The tips of the log rafter ends and the purlins are tapered and whittled to resemble beaver gnawings. The building was originally part of the Old Faithful Auto Camp. Hamilton Stores, Inc., and the National Park Service each have joint ownership of the building.



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- Building #2327: Upper Gas Station. Built in 1929 by Hamilton Stores, Inc., the Latin Cross plan structure has two rooms with three of the wings canopied over the gas pumps. The walls are of concrete construction laid to resemble hewn logs. Stepped stone masonry pilasters are used at the corners, similar stone columns support the canopies. The gabled roof has wood shingles and exposed log rafter ends. The structure has casement windows. Hamilton Stores, Inc., and the National Park Service each have joint ownership of the building.
- Building #2305: Old Faithful Inn. The Old Faithful Inn was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, July 23, 1973. Herein specifically, the nomination will be expanded to include the following interior spaces: the dining room, the lobby, Rooms 10, 127, 154, and 229. The rustic log quality of the exterior is carried throughout the interior. The lobby, a 64' square space rising 85' to the ridgeline, is encircled with tiers of balconies used as lounges for the guests. The use of exposed logs for the ceilings, walls, the purlins and rafters are further accented by the use of vertical log supports of the second and third floor balconies and for the small open room near the ceiling called the "Crow's Nest." In earlier days, the "Crow's Nest" was used by musicians as a place to assemble and entertain the guests far below. The lobby is further enhanced by the lighting effect produced by the many glass dormer windows placed in the steep gabled roof. An immense 16' square native stone fireplace with hearths on each of its four sides dominates one corner of the lobby. Tons of local stone were used in the construction of the fireplace. The fireplace towers to the ceiling. Suspended from the ceilings in the lobby and dining room are copper light fixtures designed by the Inn's architect, Robert Reamer. Imitation candlesticks, also designed by Reamer, are mounted on the log columns and form sconces on the log walls. The original log walled dining room is open to the roof with the log ceiling supported by log scissor trusses. A massive rock fireplace, modified after the 1959 earthquake, centers on the south wall. In 1921, the south wall ground level windows were removed to install doorways for a new dining room addition. In 1927, a multisided addition was made to the east wall of the original dining room. The original wall was removed and replaced with three support columns and panels. Interesting and significant elements of the room and the 1921 dining room addition are the arabesque on the fir panels, the spare columns, and the frieze. The etched design are of flora and fauna and are the only rustic touches in the room. The room was converted to "The Bear Pit" a more formal cocktail lounge in 1962. Room No. 10, off the west corridor on the first floor, is one of the original rooms with modified bathroom in tact. The log walled room, approximately 12' x 14', has original built-in light fixtures and call buttons. The ceiling has the original end to end shingle

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covering. The adjoining bathroom has the original high tank oak toilet, clawfoot bathtub, and red marble lavatory. Linoleum covers the original fir flooring. The bathroom is approximately 10' x 12'. Other typical hotel rooms with rustic qualities are No. 127 and No. 154, on the second floor, and No. 229, on the third floor. The walls and ceilings are rough sawn pine. Room No. 127 has an adjoining bath with tongue and groove walls and original high tank toilet, clawfoot bathtub and white marble lavatory. Room No. 154 has wooden casement windows and a seating nook on the north window. Room No. 229 is similar to Room No. 154, but larger size. Part of the room is the opening provided by the dormer window. All of the rooms have nonhistoric lavatories added in the 1930-1940's. The stairway in the west wing should be cited, the half-log stair and tread and gnarled railings.

Original furnishings in the Old Faithful Inn are significant components of the building and the collection is a good representation from the Arts and Crafts Movement. In the public spaces are two or three styles of loose cushioned settees, arm chairs, rockers, and wing back chairs. octagonal base tables with leather tops and brass studded trim, and writing desks and chairs. These pieces of Mission Furniture probably came from a manufacturer in upstate New York. The dining room is still furnished with the natural hickory side chairs of rustic style from the Old Hickory Furniture Company. The Bear Pit has leather topped tables with brass studs. Some bedrooms have iron bedsteads with a brass printed finish, dresser with drop front drawers and wash stand stained green with copper tops.

- Building #2312: Girl's Dormitory. Built in 1925, the L-plan building, approximately 170'x63', has two stories and 80 rooms. It is of frame construction with exterior wood shingle siding and wood shingled mansard roof. The building is similar in design to the 1913 addition of the Old Faithful Inn.
- Building #2307: Shop. Built in late 1920's, the one-room L-shaped frame structure on concrete foundation is approximately 28'x51' and has wood shingle exterior siding, and wood shingled gable roof.
- Building #2309: Shed. Built in late 1920's, the one-room 10'x14' frame structure has wood shingle exterior siding with wood shingled hip roof and exposed log rafter ends.
- Building #2313: Employees Laundry. Built in late 1920's, the rectangular 16'x55' two-room, frame structure has wood shingle exterior siding and wood shingled gable roof.
- Building #2314: U-Plan Dormitory. Built in 1913, the modified U-plan is approximately 200'x71'. The building is of frame construction with half-timber and shingle exterior siding. The one-story building has 8 rooms. The wood shingled gable roof has exposed log rafter ends.
- Building #2315: Engineers Dormitory. Built in 1913, the rectangular plan, approximately 30'x17', frame structure has one-story and four rooms. The structure has exterior wood shingle siding, exposed log rafter ends and a wood shingled roof with a transverse gable along its length.

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Building #2316: Employee's Dormitory. Built in 1926, the rectangular plan, approximately 25' x 49', frame construction is one-story with 8 rooms. The building has wood shingle exterior siding and a wood shingled gable roof with exposed rafter ends. The building reflects the design and construction of the Old Faithful Inn. The dormitory was built by the Yellowstone Park Company as a service building for the Inn; it is now used as a recreation facility for employees.

Building #2338: Linen Room. Built ca. 1930, the two-story frame constructed building is an L-plan, approximately 60'x 30' with the extension being 30'x 16'. The exterior has exposed log studs and shiplap siding; the gabled roof is wood shingled. The building is east of the Old Faithful Lodge's north wing. The upper floor is used as a dorm and the lower floor is used as a linen storage for the cabins in the lodge area.

Building #2339: Power Plant and Boiler House. The frame constructed L-plan buildings, approximately 57'x 52' with a 33'x 28' extension. The building has a half-timbered and wood shingled exterior and a wood shingled gable roof. The building is on a concrete foundation.

The two buildings shown on the site plan (just north of building #2338) are 4-plex facilities built ca. 1930.

Building #2343: Dormitory (Cinderella Dorm). Built in 1940, the rectangular plan building is approximately 112' x 38'. The exterior is half-timbered and plywood. The two-story structure, on concrete foundation, has a wood shingle gabled roof. The building is east of the lodge.

There are several different types and sizes of cabins in the Old Faithful area with the construction dates covering the period 1924-1942.

Between 1924-1942, one-story, one-room 13'x 11', 15'x 13', and 15'x 21', frame constructed cabins with wood shingled gable roofs were built by the Yellowstone Park Company. The cabins are on concrete foundations. They have 6 light wooden casement windows to the left of the front door. The walls are flush horizontal siding with both "logs out" and "studs out" construction.

In 1936-1937 three-room 29'x 13' "logs out" frame constructed cabins were built by the Yellowstone Park Company. They have wood shingled gable roofs and are on concrete foundations. These cabins have wood casement windows.

In 1936-1937 two-room 19'x 12½' "logs out" frame constructed cabins were built by the Yellowstone Park Company. They have wood shingled gable roofs; double 6 light wooden casement windows on either side of the front door and they are on concrete foundations.



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In 1940 four room (Quad-cabins) cabins  $27\frac{1}{2}'$  x  $27\frac{1}{2}'$  were built by the Yellowstone Park Company. The frame constructed buildings have plywood walls with vertical/diagonal cut lumber moulding that gives the impression of a half-lumbered building. The buildings have wood shingled hip roofs with brick fireplaces at the apex.

The following are noncontributing buildings which do infill the historic district, but have been built in the past 30 years.

Building #2776: Dormitory. Built in 1952, the two-story, rectangular plan, frame constructed building, on concrete foundation, is approximately 39' x 122'. The exterior is covered with alternate sections of horizontal and vertical board siding. The gabled roof is wood shingled. A dormitory of similar design is just to the south.

Building #2304: Shed. The 25' x 30' wood frame two-story structure has two rooms. The exterior walls are board siding and the gabled roof is wood shingled. The building is behind and between the lower store and the Old Faithful Inn.

Small building to the north of the Tailor Shop (Building #2311) and west of the Powerhouse and Laundry (Building #2306) is now the residence of the fire chief. The building has exterior wood shingle siding and a wood shingled hip roof.

South of the Old Faithful Geyser and between the Inn and the Lodge are three visitor center facilities built in 1972. Although of modern design, the roof lines and the use of exterior wood shingle siding relate them to the historic buildings. Other recently built structures are a post office, built ca. 1970, the Snow Lodge built in 1958, a Mission 66 built Four Seasons Restaruant, and a comfort station. These structures and the accompanying parking lots, roads, and sidewalks have an impact on the historic scene, but they reflect the evolutionary process of providing access and services to the visitors who come to view the Old Faithful Geyser.

The survey of the historic structures in the Old Faithful Historic District, Yellowstone National Park, was completed by James Muhn, a consultant on historic properties, and under the supervision of Regional Historical Architect Rodd L. Wheaton during July and August 1978. Mr. Muhn used the criteria established by the National Register of Historic Places for his evaluations, and those structures considered eligible or potentially eligible were entered on the Rocky Mountain Region's List of Classified Structures Inventory.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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SPECIFIC DATES 1903 - 1942 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Yellowstone Park Company  
Robert T. Reamer, Gilbert Underwood

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Faithful Historic District is both historically and architecturally significant. The historical aspect is its role in concessions development in the early 1900's, to accommodate the thousands of people who came to view the well-known symbol of the National Parks, the Old Faithful Geyser. The Old Faithful Inn, designed by Robert Reamer and built in 1903-04, is one of the premier rustic structures in the country and is considered one of America's grand old hotels. The adjacent support structures, the lodge, auto camp stores, and the gas stations which all addressed the new auto tourism, were designed to be compatible with the Inn. The use of the rustic log architecture represents the idea of enhancing rather than detracting from the spirit of the wilderness. This concept, the sensitivity of the architecture to the environment, would be a model for the National Park Service for succeeding decades.

The Old Faithful area has long been one of the most popular areas in Yellowstone National Park. Old Faithful Inn, built in 1903-1904, was the first established form of accommodation for guests in the Old Faithful area followed by the automobile camps, ca. 1916. These free public automobile camps provided a shelter for the automobiles, toilet facilities, cooking grates, and water for drinking and cooking purposes. The 60'x 32' automobile shed and toilet facilities no longer exists. The next phase of accommodations constructed was the Old Faithful Lodge area which met the needs of the middle income tourist who mainly traveled to the park by automobile.

The Old Faithful area developed rapidly during the 1920's. Not only was the lodge area developed, but service buildings were built behind Old Faithful Inn. During the 1930's and 1940's additional cabins were built.

The building program, beginning with construction of the Inn through the cabin construction period in the 1940's followed the aim of the National Park Service of blending the structures with the environment. This concept was followed throughout the National Park system in the West. Similar cabin construction was done at Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah and many other areas. More importantly, the adherence to rustic qualities was followed even in the most ordinary buildings such as service buildings. While all of the buildings in the Old Faithful area, except the Inn, do not have national significance in architecture, they do possess local and state significance.



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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 160 Acres

UTM REFERENCES

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary starts at Point A and goes 300 meters slightly southwestward to Point B then 1,150 meters southeastward to Point C, then 600 meters slightly northeastward to Point D, then 200 meters eastward to Point E from which the boundary follows the Firehole River to the north then westward approximately 900 meters to Point F. From Point F the boundary crosses the Geyser Field 250 meters southwestward to Point A.

(See continuation sheet for Boundary Justification)

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mary Shivers Culpin, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Revised 10/08/82

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STATE

Denver

Colorado 80225

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES ☒

NO ☐

NONE ☐

Jan S. Wilson

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

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 ☒ National ☐ State ☐ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

J. R. Hollander

TITLE Associate Director, Cultural Resources Management

DATE

7/30/88

### FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Linda McCullard

DATE

12-7-82

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

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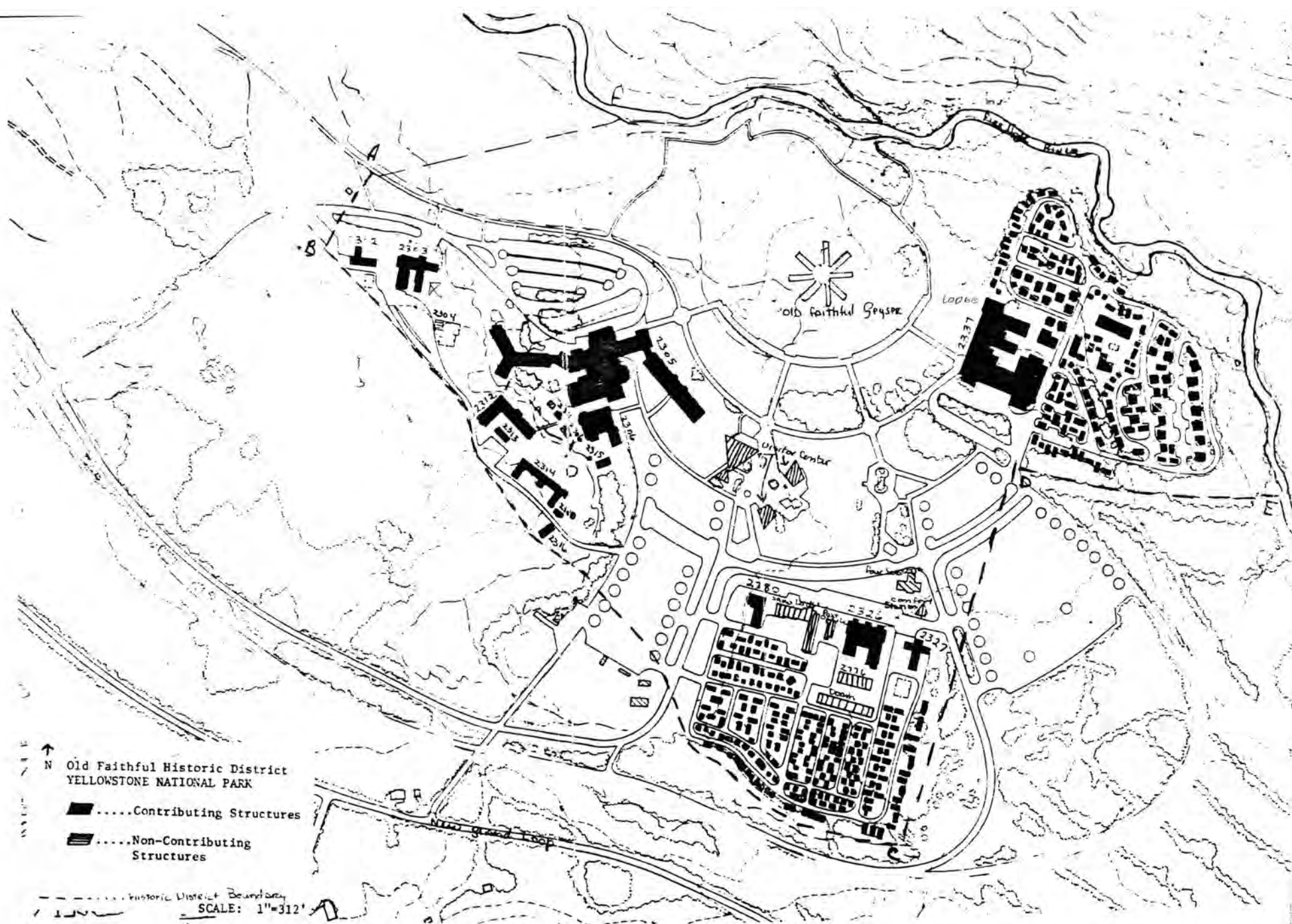
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The boundary of the Historic District includes the historic buildings and the Old Faithful Geyser. The district has three distinct units with the oldest buildings being in the Old Faithful Inn area, followed by the Lodge area, and the area with the most recent concentration of construction being the Snow Lodge.





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Old Faithful Historic District (Yellowstone National  
Park MRA)  
Teton County, WYOMING

Working No. 8/3/82-2153

Fed. Reg. Date:

Date Due: 9/2/82 - 9/17/82

Action: ☐ ACCEPT  
☒ RETURN 9/9/82  
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: NPS

- ☐ resubmission  
☐ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: *Nomination poses several problems. Only 11 of an unspecified number (but over 100) of buildings are described and significant. Period of significance ends in 1930, although there appears to be later development of significant and perhaps exceptional nature. Many of non-contributing buildings are auxiliary buildings contemporaneous with inn and lodge. Discussion of significance is weak.*

Recom. Criteria Return

Reviewer L. McClelland

Discipline ARCH. HIST.

Date 9/9/82

☐ see continuation sheet

Campground and cabins need description. Boundaries need justification.

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below  
☒ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
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<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> moved

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☒ summary paragraph  
☒ completeness  
☒ clarity  
☒ alterations/integrity  
☒ dates  
☒ boundary selection

*Please date and describe the cabins to the east of the Old Faithful Lodge and to the south of the Snow Lodge. Please date and describe the campground to the southeast of proposed district. Justify the boundaries in relationship to area's historic evolution and location of significant resources (Note: If campground reflects historic development of area, it should be included). Please reevaluate the contribution of buildings listed on pgs 7.3 and 7.4 as non-contributing, although not distinctive architecturally or historically, many reflect auxiliary roles and are contemporaneous with major buildings.*

## 8. 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

Please expand the statement of significance to describe the evolution of the area around Old Faithful geyser as a center of tourism and to discuss the area of buildings illustrating rustic park architecture. "Commerce" might be checked and discussed as an area of significance. Please explain further the statement that the concept of architectural illustrated here would be a model for park architecture for succeeding decades; does this imply that the origin of this style and concept was the completed Old Faithful? Please date and describe the various stages in the district's development, including the 1930s construction. Does the 1930s development there reflect the same (continued)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
USGS References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification

Map is a bit schematic but acceptable. Geographical data may need revision if campground is found to be significant and contributing to the development of the district, and therefore, is to be included.

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- ☒ Maps
- ☒ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Please label non-contributing buildings on the map. Please key photographs to sketch map. Please provide representative photographs of cabins and their surroundings. Photos of campground structures, if evaluated as significant, should also be submitted.

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to LINDA MCCLELLAND

Signed Linda McClelland Date 9/9/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

## Continuation Sheet

#8. principles of rustic architecture illustrated by the Old Faithful Inn and Lodge and by ~~park~~ 1930s structures in other national parks. Please assess the significance of the numerous cabins east of the Old Faithful Lodge and south of the Snow Lodge, and of the campground in the context of rustic park architecture and in the context of the district's evolution as a center for tourists services and concessions in the early 20th century.

Please assess the impact that modern improvements, such as the walkways and landscaping, and recent construction, such as the Snow Lodge and visitor facilities, have had on the district's sense of past time and place.



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

## Substantive Review

Old Faithful Historic District (Yellowstone  
National Park MRA)  
WY, Teton

Working No. 8.3.82-2153

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 12/17/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 12/27/82  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: NPS

- ☒ resubmission  
☐ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: Questions have been resolved. Cabins

and dormitories in rustic style have been  
shown to contribute. Although  
Snow lodge and landscaping  
are major modern improve-  
ments area needs to be set  
as a distinct. Campground no longer  
exists. Landscapes are acceptable.

Recom. / Criteria Accept A/C

Reviewer: J. McCulland

Discipline: A. Hist

Date: 12/7/82

— see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below  
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

## 1. Name

## 2. Location

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

## 4. Owner of Property

## 5. Location of Legal Description

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

## 7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☒ summary paragraph  
☒ completeness  
☒ clarity  
☒ alterations/integrity  
☒ dates  
☒ boundary selection

p. 7.2 expands discussion of  
Old Faithful Inn's significant  
features. It should be noted  
however, that entire building  
is listed on NR—not just individual  
rooms.

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area 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

Statement of significance is adequate but not particularly strong, showing how district reflects development of this area of park as major attraction and concessions center and as an ~~continued~~ illustration of park rustic design over several decades.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UMT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:  
\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- ☒ Maps
- ☒ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet









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## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL OFFICE

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

H32 (RMR)PN

MAR 25 1981

Mrs. Jan L. Wilson, Director  
Wyoming Recreation Commission  
604 East 25th Street  
Box 309  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

As the first installment of the Multiple Resource Nomination of Yellowstone National Park for the National Register of Historic Places, Architectural Historian Mary Shivers Culpin has completed the Old Faithful Historic District, a copy of which is enclosed. We seek your informal review and comment at this time. The original nomination will be submitted for your approval signature after it has passed through our internal Park Service review.

Please be advised that we are seeking consent for nomination from Hamilton Stores, Inc., which owns significant structures within the Park.

Sincerely yours,

Richard A. Strait  
Associate Regional Director,  
Planning and Resource Preservation

Enclosure

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WYOMING RECREATION COMMISSION  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE

*Interdisciplinary Staff Comments*

*Archeology • History • Historical Architecture • Recreation Planning*

TO: Mark Junge, Chief  
FROM: Sheila Bricher-Wade, National Register Historian  
DATE: May 7, 1981  
RE: Old Faithful Historic District Nomination

This nomination is not satisfactory and will need several corrections and additions before it can be forwarded to the Wyoming Consulting Committee for their review. There is no question as to eligibility of the district and it is hoped the requested changes will be made in a timely manner so that this area can be enrolled as soon as possible. I have listed specific problems in the nomination below:

1. The architectural descriptions are incomplete. Windows and doors are not mentioned, nor are chimneys and foundations. Architectural descriptions of all the buildings should be revised to include these elements.

2. The description of Old Faithful Inn, building #2305, states that, "the nomination will be expanded to include the following interior spaces. . . ." The reference is incorrect and should be stricken. It appears that the Park Service does not realize that the entire Old Faithful Inn is enrolled on the National Register. There is no need to "expand" the nomination because the whole building is already protected. Inclusion of this building in the district nomination is correct procedure, but it should be emphasized that the nomination of any building includes the whole building and not just convenient portions.

3. The nomination lists several buildings as "not architecturally significant", in spite of the statement that they "are architecturally compatible with the Old Faithful Inn and the other significant buildings and do in fill the historic [district]. . . ."

This indicates that the Park Service has not been well informed as to the function of a historic district and the meaning of "noncontributing". The advantage of this type of nomination is that support buildings, which contribute to the character and development of the district, but which may be less outstanding, can and should be included as part of the district. Only those structures which are-intrusive-should be singled out as noncontributing.

Mark Junge, Chief  
Sheila Bricher-Wade, National Register Historian  
May 7, 1981

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4. At one point the nomination discusses plans for "restoration of the Old Faithful area to a scenic day-use area with the land now occupied by the Old Faithful Lodge returned to a natural wildlife habitat." This reference should be noted and taken into serious consideration by all concerned. The Lodge would appear to be a pivotal building within the district, having played an important role in the development of this particular National Park, and plans for its destruction show little regard on the part of the Park Service for the integrity of the proposed historic district.

5. This statement of significance is totally inadequate. It lacks discussion of the historical development of Yellowstone National Park and the role that nominated structures played in that development. The brief mention of the concessions development is secondary historically to the importance of Yellowstone's growth as our first National Park.



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Mark Junge, Chief

Michael A. Massie, Historical Review & Compliance Officer

February 23, 1982

NPS, Fort Yellowstone-Mammoth Hot Springs Historic District and  
the Partial Inventory of Old Faithful Historic District

The Fort Yellowstone-Mammoth Hot Springs Historic District nomination suffers from the same problems found in the Yellowstone National Park historical overview. It lacks historical content and analysis, and the essay only recounts local events. Without appropriate historical context, this study does not justify the historical significance of this district.

The partial inventory of the Old Faithful Historic District does not yet contain an historical overview. I am confident that the Old Faithful District and the Fort Yellowstone-Mammoth District are National Register quality sites. The NPS should offer a professional and analytical study that documents these area's historical importance.

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Mark G. Junge, Chief

Eileen F. Starr, Architectural Historian

March 3, 1982

NPS, Historic Resources of Yellowstone National Park: Partial  
Inventory of Old Faithful Historic District

This NPS nomination is vastly different from others that I have reviewed. Marcy Shivers Culpen provides adequate architectural descriptions of the buildings represented in the inventory of the Old Faithful Historic District. Unfortunately, the photographs documentation is not quite as good as the written descriptions.

The historical and architectural importance of the district is not thoroughly examined in the statement of significance. There is no discussion of the area's architectural development in context to regional or national events. Perhaps a brief review of Robert Riamer and his influence on NPS design would help to enhance the statement of significance.

EFS:glb

Ms. L. Lorraine Mintzmyer  
National Park Service  
655 Parfet Street  
PO Box 25287  
Denver, Colorado 80225

July 26, 1982

Dear Ms. Mintzmyer:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Old Faithful Draft Environmental Assessment, Development Concept Plan. I prefer alternative B, for this plan best preserves the National Register nominated properties and offers the best interpretation of these buildings. If the girl's dormitory, caretaker's residence, and laundry manager's residence were not removed from the district, then alternative D would also be acceptable.

All alternatives specify the destruction of the cabins at Old Faithful. Some of these cabins are a significant part of the historic district and deserve preservation. I suggest that our staffs discuss this issue before the National Park Service makes a final decision.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jan L. Wilson, Director  
and State Historic Preservation Officer  
Wyoming Recreation Commission

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# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

H32(408)

**AUG 10 1982**

## Memorandum

To: Associate Director, National Register Programs  
From: Federal Preservation Officer, National Park Service  
Subject: Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places

Enclosed is the nomination "Historic Resources of Yellowstone National Park (Partial Inventory: Fort Yellowstone - Mammoth Hot Springs Historic District, Fort Yellowstone Powerhouse)," Rocky Mountain Region of the National Park Service, submitted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in compliance with Executive Order No. 11593. The property was determined eligible on April 17, 1980. There is no local official to notify for Yellowstone National Park.

*F. R. Holland*

Enclosure



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Reply to:

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44 Union Boulevard  
Lakewood, CO 80228

September 7, 1982

Ms. L. Lorraine Mintzmyer  
Regional Director  
Rocky Mountain Regional Office  
National Park Service  
P.O. Box 25287  
Denver, CO 80225



730 Simms Street, Room 450  
Golden, Colorado 80401

Dear Ms. Mintzmyer:

This is in response to your recent transmittal of the draft environmental statement (DES) for the Development Concept Plan for Old Faithful, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, for review in accordance with the Programmatic Memorandum of Agreement (PMOA), as amended September 11, 1981.

We note that the boundaries of the Old Faithful Historic District are quite large and include numerous properties which may not be of historic significance. We believe the DES should clearly state which properties have been determined eligible, which have not been determined eligible, and whether or not the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer and the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places have concurred in that assessment.

We have reviewed the DES and determined that the "No Action" alternative and Alternative B appear to us to have no adverse effect on the Old Faithful Historic District. It also appears to us that the documentation presented in the DES adequately justifies the implementation of either of these alternatives.

We have also determined that implementation of Alternatives A, C or D would have an adverse effect on the Old Faithful Historic District. Alternatives C and D would each require the removal of three historic structures in the Historic District, and Alternative A would require the removal of six historic structures. If one of these alternatives is chosen, we believe that the DES does not demonstrate that it is in the public's interest to lose any historic structures. This should be clarified. Further, the DES does not demonstrate the National Park Service's compliance with the requirement of Section 110(a)(1) of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. Section 470).

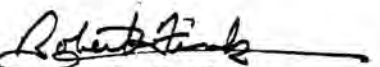
On the basis of our review and the documentation presented, the following is the ranking of the alternatives which appears to us to be appropriate in terms of historic preservation objectives. This ranking goes from most preferable to least preferable:

Alternative B or the No Action alternative  
Alternative D (because structures might be reused in a different location)  
Alternative C (loss of three structures)  
Alternative A (loss of six structures)

We look forward to further consultation with your staff as the Park Service's planning process progresses.

You may contact Brit Storey of my staff for further consultations. His telephone number is 234-4946.

Sincerely,

*for*   
Louis S. Wall  
Chief, Western Division  
of Project Review



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Mr. Jerry Rogers, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

October 7, 1982

Dear Mr. Rogers:

On July 15, 1982, at the National Park Service's urgent request, my office returned the Old Faithful Historic District nomination to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office of NPS. Our state review board, the Wyoming Consulting Committee, approved the nomination on May 11, 1982, with reservations. They felt the eleven buildings listed were eligible but they were critical of the district because so few structures were included in the nomination. In the past my policy has been to endorse nominations that the Consulting Committee approves. Therefore, I signed the Old Faithful Historic District nomination. I feel the structures are eligible yet, I believe that a few of the eligible buildings might have been omitted.

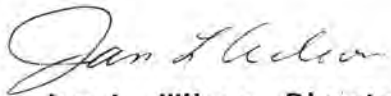
Verbal and written communication between my office and the Rocky Mountain Regional Office has always indicated that we believe the nomination is inadequate. I understand the Regional Office is currently rewriting the nomination because one of your reviewers found the Old Faithful nomination inappropriate. According to NPS, the new nomination will be substantially different from the nomination approved on May 11, 1982. My staff and the Consulting Committee are quite concerned about

Mr. Jerry Rogers  
Page Two

the Old Faithful area and would appreciate the opportunity to review the forthcoming nomination. Our next Consulting Committee meeting is scheduled for December 3, 1982.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,



Jan L. Wilson, Director  
and State Historic Preservation Officer  
Wyoming Recreation Commission

JLW:EFS:glb

cc: Carol Shull, Chief of Registration, Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D.C.  
Linda McClelland, National Register Advisor for Wyoming, Washington, D.C.  
James Thompson, Acting Regional Director, National Park Service, Denver



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October 13, 1982

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Mr. Jerry Rogers, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Recently the Wyoming Consulting Committee, our state review board, met on May 10, 11, 1982. At that time we considered four nominations that were written by the National Park Service. We discussed, at great length, the Old Faithful Historic District and Mammoth Hot Springs Historic District, multiple resource nominations for Yellowstone National Park. We want you to be aware of our opinions.

When we reviewed the Old Faithful Historic District nomination, we noticed that many fifty year old buildings are excluded from the nomination. Of course, the Old Faithful area is an older tourist attraction in Yellowstone and Wyoming so there are numerous buildings at the site. If the Park Service is going to the trouble of writing a district nomination, we think the National Park Service should include more than eleven buildings. We believe that many of these out-buildings such as cabins and dormitories should be considered because they are historically important. Possibly, some of them should be preserved. We are also concerned about the interior of structures such as the Old Faithful Inn. Does the historic district nomination alter the original Old Faithful Inn nomination so that portions of the Inn are excluded?

We have some of the same types of questions about Mammoth Hot Springs Historic District. Is the National Park Service only concerned about the exterior of the Mammoth buildings? Are all the buildings within the Mammoth District boundaries going to remain intact?

In the future when we review National Park Service nominations, it would be helpful if we have more historical background on the sites. We are anxious to hear from you and appreciate your help in these matters.

Sincerely,

  
John P. Albanese, Chairman  
Wyoming Consulting Committee

JPA:EFS:glb

cc: Carol Shull, Chief of Registration, Dept. of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240  
Linda McClelland, National Register Advisor for Wyoming, Washington, DC 20240  
James Thompson, Acting Regional Director, National Park Service, Denver, CO.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

H32 (RMR-PN)

OCT 13 1982

### Memorandum

To: Associate Director, Cultural Resources Management, WASO

From: *Acting* Regional Director, Rocky Mountain Region

Subject: Resubmission of a National Register nomination of Historic Resources of Yellowstone National Park: Partial Inventory Old Faithful Historic District, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

Enclosed is the nomination of Historic Resources of Yellowstone National Park: Partial Inventory Old Faithful Historic District, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, resubmitted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in compliance with Executive Order No. 11593. The nomination was returned by your office for additional information which has been provided.

C. D. LEWIS, JR.

Enclosure

cc:

Supt., Yellowstone NP w/c enc.



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Ms. Linda McClelland  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

October 15, 1982

Dear Linda:

As I promised, I am sending you a copy of the first nomination for Yellowstone National Park's Old Faithful Historic District. Our office received the first nomination as a draft on March 26, 1981; in May of 1981 we met with members of the National Park Service staff to discuss the Yellowstone nominations. After our meeting we combined our comments and Sheila Bricher-Wade wrote a memo on the Old Faithful nomination. I have enclosed a copy of her correspondence.

Once again at the beginning of the year, we were asked to review a revised version of the Old Faithful Historic District nomination. Michael Massie and I commented on the nomination and I have given you our memos. When we looked at the 1982 nomination, unfortunately, it did not occur to us to compare it with the 1981 version. When I did compare both nominations last week, I noticed that the 1981 forms mention 16 contributing structures while the 1982 description only lists 11 buildings. There are hundreds of structures at Old Faithful and I feel that more than eleven structures should be considered as contributing to the district.

Recently, our review and compliance staff commented on NPS's Old Faithful Development Concept Plan. Our staff and the Advisory Council agreed on a plan that would have the least affect on the cultural resources. The proposal that both agencies endorsed calls for the destruction of 5 buildings that were listed as contributing in the 1981 nomination. I do not understand how an unchanged building can be evaluated as contributing

MS. LINDA MCCLELLAND  
PAGE TWO

one year and non-contributing the next. Over the past months, various people have wondered if NPS nominated only those buildings and sites that their agency has already decided to preserve.

The Wyoming Consulting Committee and the rest of us are anxiously awaiting the latest Old Faithful nomination. I hope we will be given the opportunity to review it.

Sincerely,



Eileen F. Starr, Architectural Historian  
and National Register Coordinator  
State Historic Preservation Office

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Eileen Starr  
Telephone Report

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3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Old Faithful H.D.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

I said we'd gotten their letter requesting review of NPS revised nomination. (She said she'd received a copy of it. <sup>Since</sup> that review board had approved it, and required 45-day period had been completed I said we couldn't hold NPS to give another 45-days, allowing re-review by review board. We recommended, however, that NPS + WY HPO work this out as matter of courtesy. Maybe staff (state), forming review board's reservation, could review and make comments in 2-3 weeks. We would like their comments, by phone or written. She said she'd pass info on to Jan Wilson and see what could be done.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

McClelland

Arch. Hist

NR.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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1. CALL ☒ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

Karen Rehm

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

NPS.

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Old Faithful H.D.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

She said nomination is in mail to her office. It has been reviewed but boundaries have not been reviewed. Add. findings have been found to contribute. Karen planned to hand-deliver to NR later this week. The NPS wanted a rush on it - to wait till the Dec. 4, Review board would be too late due to compliance issues.

WT has caused delays in past because of policy in requiring Consulting Committee approval and infrequent~~ly~~ of review bd. meetings.

(over)

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

J McClelland Arch Hist MR



She would call regional office +  
have them send SHPO a copy of  
revised nomination for comment.

I said I'd check w/ Carol Shull.  
a bout length of time SHPO office should  
have to review nom.

Carol said NPS regional office and SHPO  
should work it out on a "courtesy" basis,  
But that we couldn't hold NPS to another  
45 day review period.

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October 19, 1982

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Mr. C.D. Lewis Jr.  
Acting Regional Director  
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

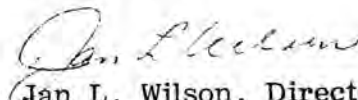
Recently members of my staff discovered several discrepancies in your Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful Historic District nomination. The first nomination, submitted to us in draft form on March 26, 1981, listed sixteen buildings as contributing while the second nomination received by my staff earlier this year, listed only eleven contributing buildings. My staff discovered this discrepancy last week during discussion of your Old Faithful Development Concept Plan. The five buildings evaluated as contributing in 1981, then non-contributing in 1982, are scheduled for demolition in Alternative B of the plan. It seems unusual that a structure would contribute to a district one year and then be non-contributing the next.

The Wyoming Consulting Committee reviewed and approved the Old Faithful nomination, but with strong reservations. The Committee members are concerned about the future of many of the buildings, including the cabins, in the district area. Our Chairman of the Consulting Committee wrote to the Keeper of the National Register explaining the inadequacies of the nomination. As State Historic Preservation Officer, it is my policy to sign a nomination after the Committee approves it. Therefore, I signed the Old Faithful Historic District nomination, but I would like to reiterate that I am very concerned about the structures and sites around Old Faithful. My staff and I have always been interested in the disposition of the auxiliary buildings and cabins in that area.

Mr. C.D. Lewis Jr.  
Jan L. Wilson  
October 19, 1982  
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We just received a revised version of the Old Faithful Historic District nomination. A phone call from the National Register staff in Washington indicated that we should comment on this nomination within the next few weeks, instead of the normal 45 days. Currently my staff is reviewing the latest Old Faithful nomination and you will receive our comments in the near future.

Sincerely,



Jan L. Wilson, Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

JLW:RGE:EFS:klm

cc: Marcy Culpin, National Park Service  
Michael Schene, National Park Service  
Brit Story, Advisory Council  
✓ Linda McClelland, National Register  
Jerry Rodgers, National Register

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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Old Faithful H.P.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

She'll be commenting shortly:  
2 problems:

1- interior of rooms

2- photo-documentation of cabins  
is weak

They sent a copy of memo. to their  
review board.

Another letter is coming re: Old  
Faithful, it doesn't need response  
(Eileen wrote it for benefit of arguments  
they'd received).

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OFFICE

L. McClelland

Arch. Hist.

NR



Mark Junge, Chief

Eileen Starr, Architectural Historian and  
National Register Coordinator

October 26, 1982

Third Old Faithful Historic District nomination

The latest Old Faithful Historic District nomination is quite different from earlier versions. Although a specific number is not given, numerous buildings are listed as contributing in the third nomination. This version incorporates buildings, such as cabins, that were originally excluded from earlier nominations. Included within the boundaries are dormitories, service stations, stores, cabins, Old Faithful Inn, Old Faithful Lodge, and support buildings. The architectural descriptions are adequate although the photographic documentation of the cabins is poor.

Once again the description of Old Faithful Inn is confusing. The nomination states, "Herein specifically the nomination will be expanded to include the following interior spaces: the dining room, the lobby, Rooms 10, 127, 154, and 229." The entire hotel is enrolled on the National Register so to deliberately enumerate specific rooms seems redundant. If NPS wants to amend the original Old Faithful Inn nomination, I recommend they use established regulations. An incorrect date in part #7 should be corrected; Old Faithful Inn was enrolled in July of 1973.

Marcy Culpin, author of the nomination, expanded the statement of significance. This nomination discusses in greater detail the development of Old Faithful as a tourist attraction. Although I cannot speak for our Consulting Committee, I imagine they would like to see more historical data for part #8.

Basically this nomination is an improvement over previous versions. This time the Park Service included the "controversial" cabins within the boundaries.

Mark Junge, Chief

Rick Ewig, Compliance Historian

October 26, 1982

Third Old Faithful Historic District Nomination

The National Park Service, in this nomination, has designated many more of the District's buildings, including the cabins, as contributing structures. I am glad they have done this, but I am now concerned about the Old Faithful Development Plan. Every action alternative in this plan calls for destruction of buildings now considered contributing, but were regarded as noncontributing structures when we recommended Alternative B. Therefore, we need to alter our recommendation based on this new nomination.

My comments on the statement of significance in this nomination are similar to those made many times before on National Park Service nominations. The history is superficial. The author made no attempt to place the District in a state, regional or national historic context. The significance is based entirely on the District's "role in concessions development in the early 1900s". The author never mentions major themes such as tourism in this one page statement.

I am glad the Park Service has recognized more of the buildings as contributing structures, but I am also disappointed because of the absence of an adequate statement of significance.

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## Memorandum

To: Chief of Registration, Interagency Resource Management Division,  
National Register Programs

From: Federal Preservation Officer, National Park Service

Subject: Resubmission of a Nomination to the National Register

Enclosed is the nomination "Old Faithful Historic District (Yellowstone National Park MRA)," Rocky Mountain Region of the National Park Service, resubmitted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The additional information requested by your office has been provided.

*F. R. Holland, Jr.*

Enclosure



**Year of  
the  
Visitor**

*Linda*  
*Eileen*  
*I finally found our*  
*Comments, sorry about the delay*  
*Eileen Starr*

November 1, 1982

Mr. C.D. Lewis, Jr.  
Regional Director  
National Park Service  
Rocky Mountain Regional Office  
P.O. Box 25287  
Denver, Colorado 80225

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for sending us the revised Old Faithful Historic District nomination. We appreciate your giving us the opportunity to comment.

Enclosed are memos addressed to me from our staff Review and Compliance historian and architectural historian. They both express their appreciation for the improvements which March Culpin made in the nomination, but they also express certain reservations which have been described to National Park Service staff in the past.

Of course, not every single nomination that is processed through our office and through the Wyoming Consulting Committee receives the scrutiny that the Old Faithful Historic District nomination received. But a property as important as Old Faithful deserves special attention and work. The concern for this site which has lately been expressed by a Wyoming senator, by the Governor, by the State Historic Preservation Officer and her staff and by the general public--even those living outside Wyoming--makes me think that perhaps we ought to resolve any differences between your staff and ours concerning what form the nomination should finally take, have the nomination completed to the satisfaction of all concerned, and see that the district is enrolled in the National Register as soon as we possibly can.



Mr. C.D. Lewis, Jr.  
Mark Junge  
November 1, 1982  
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If there is anything I can do to expedite this work, please contact me and I'll do whatever necessary to assist. Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing the Roosevelt Lodge Historic District nomination which you mentioned in your letter of October 12.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark Junge, Deputy  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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bcc: JLVilson; MGJunge; RGRosenberg; EFStarr; RF

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Mr. John P. Albanese  
Chairman  
Wyoming Consulting Committee  
Post Office Box 1397  
Casper, Wyoming 82602

Dear Mr. Albanese:

Thank you for your comments of October 13, 1982, concerning the nominations of the Old Faithful Historic District and Mammoth Hot Springs Historic District of the Yellowstone Multiple Resource Area. The National Register staff recently reviewed these nominations. On September 14, 1982, we returned the nominations to the Federal Preservation Officer of the National Park Service with requests for additional documentation.

Our review raised questions similar to those of your consulting committee. We were concerned about the evaluation of contributing structures to the Old Faithful Historic District and recommended that the significance of the cabins and a number of other historic buildings within the boundaries be reevaluated. We have noted in our request for additional information that all structures and portions of structures within the boundaries of a district are considered to be included in the nomination and that, for purposes of future planning, individual portions of a district could be designated in the nomination as contributing or non-contributing according to their significance.

The Rocky Mountain Regional Office of the National Park Service has revised the nomination of the Old Faithful Historic District and has sent the Wyoming historic preservation office a copy of the revised form for review and comment. We believe the State office has sent the members of your committee copies. We urge you to communicate with the State office so they may incorporate your comments in their response to the National Park Service. Our office received the revised nomination from the National Park Service in early November and will continue its review in the near future. We will be happy to consider the comments of your committee and the State Historic Preservation Officer in our review.

Sincerely,

Bruce MacDougal

*for*  
Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
National Register of Historic Places  
Interagency Resource Management Division

cc: Ms. Jan L. Wilson, SHPO, Wyoming

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Yellowstone - Old Faithful

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Nomination ~~ok~~ - Letter sent several weeks ago  
to NPS - Regional Office  
Wyoming State Office found problematic the discussion  
of ~~only~~ specific rooms of Old Faithful Lodge  
as included.  
Buildings including cabins were "contributing"  
w/ revised nomination to state's approval.  
Several weeks ago, letter went out; should  
send us a copy for our records

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

H. M. Clelland

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A. Hest

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