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**United States Department of the Interior National Park Service** 

# 736

## **National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and area of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900A). Use typewriter, word processor or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property
historic name Dodger Point Fire Lookout
other name/site number
2. Location
street & number Approximately 13 miles along Dodger Point Trail starting at the Whiskey  Bend Trailhead: Elwha Sub-district  not for publication
city or town Olympic National Park Headquarters, Port Angeles vicinity
state Washington code WA county Clallam code 009 zip code 98362
3. State/Federal Agency Certification
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this Anominationrequest 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
In my opinion, the propertyX_meetsdoes not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)    See continuation sheet for additional comments.
National Park Service State of Federal agency and bureau
4. National Park Service Certification
I hereby certify that the property is:  Signature of the Keeper  Date of Action
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entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  7/13/2007
determined eligible for the National Register. —— See continuation Sheet.
determined not eligible for the National Register.
removed from the National Register.
other, (explain:)

Name of Property		County and State				
5. Classification						
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)		Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)				
private	building(s)		Contributing	Noncontributin	ng	
public-local	district	_			buildings	
public-State	site	_			sites	
x public-Federal	x structure	_	1		structures	
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Name of related multiple (Enter N/A if property is not part of	a multiple property listing.)		er of contribut National Regis	ing resources previ	iously listed	
Historic Resources of Olympic N	National Park					
6. Function or Use						
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)			nt Functions tegories from instruc	ctions)		
Domestic: Camp; Government: I Government: Fire Station	Fire Station	Other: So	easonal Domestic:	Camp		
7. Description						
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Clallam County, WA

**Narrative Description** 

Dodger Point Fire Lookout

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Summary: The Dodger Point Fire Lookout is a square, 1-story, wood building with a wood-shaked gable roof set on a dry-laid rock foundation. The lookout is located on the peak of Dodger Point in an alpine meadow above timberline. The location provides a 360-degree view of Olympic National Park. The lookout is in good condition and there are no known alterations that have occurred to it since constructed by the United States Forest Service in 1933, possibly with Civilian Conservation Corps assistance. The building has integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

other

Wood

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Narrative Description: The Dodger Point Fire Lookout was constructed in 1933 by the United States Forest Service, possibly with assistance by Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees. It is sited on the peak of Dodger Point, above timber line in an alpine meadow, and has an unobstructed 360 degree view. This building is approximately 15' x 15', is square in shape, and 1-story in height. It is a simple, functional structure of a straightforward design; constructed of wood-frame wall construction, it has horizontal clapboard siding, a wood-shaked gable roof with no eaves, and sits on a dry-laid stone foundation. There are five windows on each elevation except on the northwest elevation where a door takes up one bay. The windows are multi-paned fixed wood windows. The wood door is multi-paned above with the lower portion paneled. When not in use, the building's horizontal wood board hinged shutters cover the windows for protection against climate and vandalism. These shutters are lifted open during the summer season when the building is in use.

This building has not undergone any alterations other than the in-kind replacement of materials as they become deteriorated. It continues to exhibit the qualities of United States Forest Service architecture, particularly as applied to functional buildings such as this. The building's simple form, massing, and straightforward use of local materials are indicative of the USFS building style and ethic. It retains a high degree of integrity in its location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and exhibits the registration requirements identified in the Multiple Property Documentation form for the Historic Resources of Olympic National Park.

SEE ATTACHED INVENTORY CARD PREPARED IN 1982 FOR PROPERTY.

#### Statement of Significance:

Summary: The Dodger Point Fire Lookout is significant for its association with politics and government activities within what is today Olympic National Park (criterion A) and as an example of United States Forest Service building design (criterion C). Built by the U.S. Forest Service in 1933, with possible assistance from Civilian Conservation Corps crews, this building is representative of the types of buildings that the federal agency constructed to accomplish one of its objectives on the Olympic Peninsula--fire suppression. The building exemplifies Forest Service architectural design through its use of natural materials applied in a straightforward, functional manner for a building of a specific purpose. The lookout's historical significance is enhanced by its association with the military using the building as an Aircraft Warning Service station during World War II. The lookout is indicative of two property types identified in the Multiple Property Documentation form for the Historic Resources of Olympic National Park: Government (Forest Service and Military) and Architecture (Forest Service architecture). It has integrity of location, setting, design, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association, and meets the registration requirements set forth for these properties in the Multiple Property Documentation form.

Other

Name of Repository:

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

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#### Narrative:

Forest Service Fire Lookout:

As road construction and recreational development invited a broader public to venture to the Olympic Peninsula, its earlier reputation as an untamed wilderness diminished. Accessibility provided by the loop highway encircling Mount Olympus National Monument was only one agent in the opening of the interior wilderness to recreational pursuits. Beginning in 1905 and continuing for 33 years, lands now included within the national park were under the administrative jurisdiction of the USFS. Although multiple resource management was, and is today, the underpinning of the USFS administrative policies, timber management received particular emphasis in the Olympics. Following the appointment of Rudo L. Fromme as Olympic Forest Supervisor in 1911, plans were initiated to develop a comprehensive trail system to facilitate management of timber and other resources, with the specific concern of forest fire prevention and suppression. This trail system would include shelters, cabins, sheds, and phone lines to assist the forest rangers in their fire suppression work.

Although most trails and shelters were not built with the visitor in mind, the expanding network of USFS trails provided the growing number of hikers, hunters, and fishermen with access to the interior mountainous sections of the Olympic Peninsula. Under the leadership of the forest supervisors, many miles of trails and numerous shelters were built on Forest Service lands. Trail construction accelerated over the years and by 1930 approximately 110 miles of trails were in place to protect the resources of the federal lands and to insure safety for the traveling public. These trails led up to fire lookouts, situated atop peaks throughout the peninsula, with guards stationed during the summer months (fire season) to watch over the valuable stands of forests.

Dodger Point Fire Lookout is significant for its association with Forest Service efforts to protect the valuable stands of Pacific Northwest timber under its management, much of which comprises Olympic National Park today (criterion A). Fire lookouts were constructed for the primary purpose of stationing a guard to stand watch over these fire-prone resources. This building is a remaining noteworthy example of the dozens of lookouts that once dotted the peaks of the Olympic Peninsula. In addition, it represents a specific type of architecture--USFS design and construction--that was built throughout the peninsula by the federal agency charged with management of these lands (criterion C). It is a functional building with a specific purpose, and its design and method of construction reflects this purpose and function. The use of natural materials applied in a simple, straightforward manner is representative of this type, method, and style of construction. It is an example of two property types identified in the Multiple Property Documentation form for the Historic Resources of Olympic National Park: Government and Architecture. It retains a high degree of integrity in its location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and meets the registration requirements set forth in the Multiple Property Documentation form.

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Aircraft Warning Service Station:

Under the direction of the U.S. Army, the Aircraft Warning Service (AWS) was initiated in 1942 when the threat of enemy air attack on the west coast loomed large in the minds of many military strategists. Small ground-based observation posts were activated throughout the Pacific Northwest beginning that summer and continuing through the winter of 1942-43. AWS work, which was accomplished primarily by trained civilians, required 24 hour reporting of all planes seen or heard. "Flash" messages (aircraft sighted) were transmitted from AWS observations posts by telephone and included information pertaining to the number and type of planes, the altitude, and the flight direction.

The Army established AWS observation posts in more remote isolated coastal and mountainous areas in the Pacific Northwest where inadequate radar screens existed. The USFS became the coordinating agency for the establishment of AWS observation posts. Already constructed Forest Service lookouts were pressed into service as AWS posts because of their unobstructed views out over the Pacific Ocean and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. These AWS stations formed an important part of the defense system to protect the Puget Sound area. These structures were used until the United States gained position in the Pacific against the Japanese, and the AWS was gradually phased out, completely abandoned by June 1944.

Dodger Point Fire Lookout, along with 12 other lookouts that once stood within what became Olympic National Park, was called into service as an AWS observation post during the winter of 1942-43 to provide 24-hour surveillance. Of these 13 structures, only two remain standing today--Dodger Point and Pyramid Peak lookouts. Dodger Point is significant for its association with this important era in Olympic National Park history, and in the nation's overall history (criterion A). It is an example of a property type identified in the Multiple Property Documentation form for the Historic Resources of Olympic National Park: Government. It meets the registration requirements set forth in the Multiple Property Documentation form.

Bibliography: Evans, Gail. Historic Resource Study. NPS. 1983.

### 10. Geographical Data

## Acreage of Property Less than one acre

#### **UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

## **Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary is formed by a 100' circle radiating out from all sides of the structure.

#### **Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the structure and the immediate surrounding land to convey a sense of the historic setting.

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Gail E.H. Evans, Historian / Stephanie Toothman, Regional Historian (1986), Gretchen Luxenberg, Historian (1998), and Jacilee Wray, Anthropologist (2005).

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#### **Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### **Continuation Sheets**

#### Maps

A 7.5 minute USGS map indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

## **Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

### **Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

#### **Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name

street & number

telephone

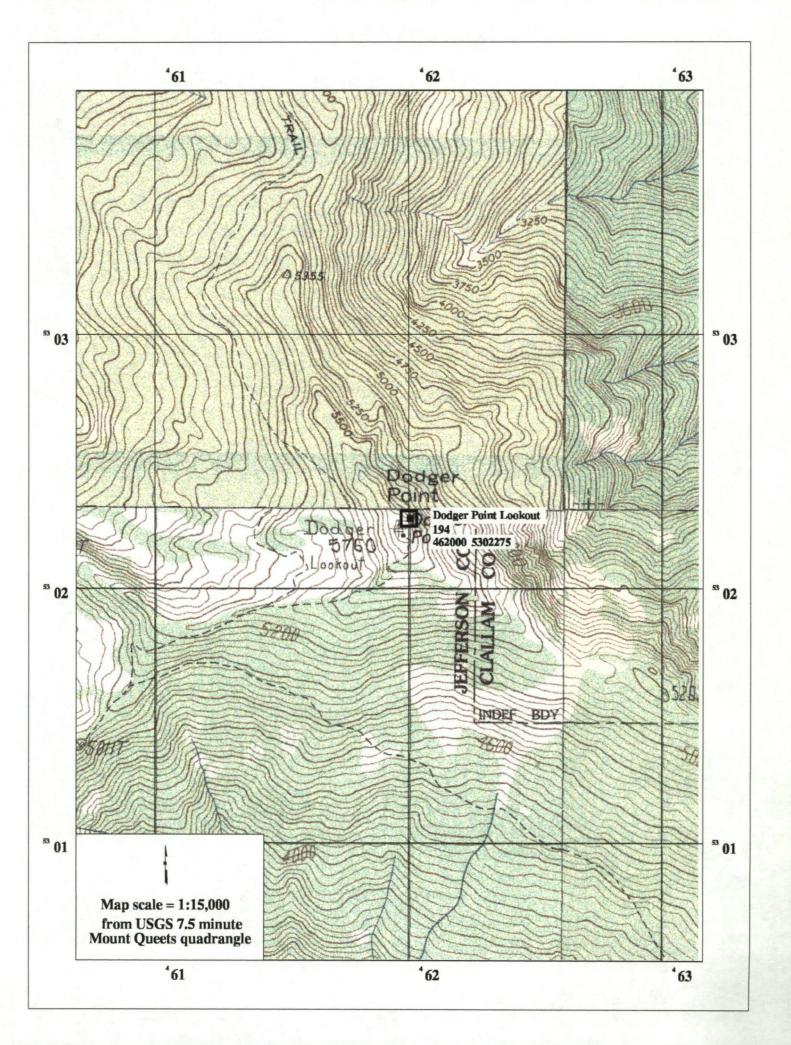
city or town

state

zip code

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.



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2 NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE 194 DODGER POINT FIRE LOOKOUT	5 ORIGINAL USE  Fire detection  station	7. CLASSIF	FICATION				9. RATING
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12 OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS Department of the Interior, National Park Se	rvice, Olympic Nati	onal Par	rk, 600 East Park Ave.	, Port A	ngele	s, W	A 98362
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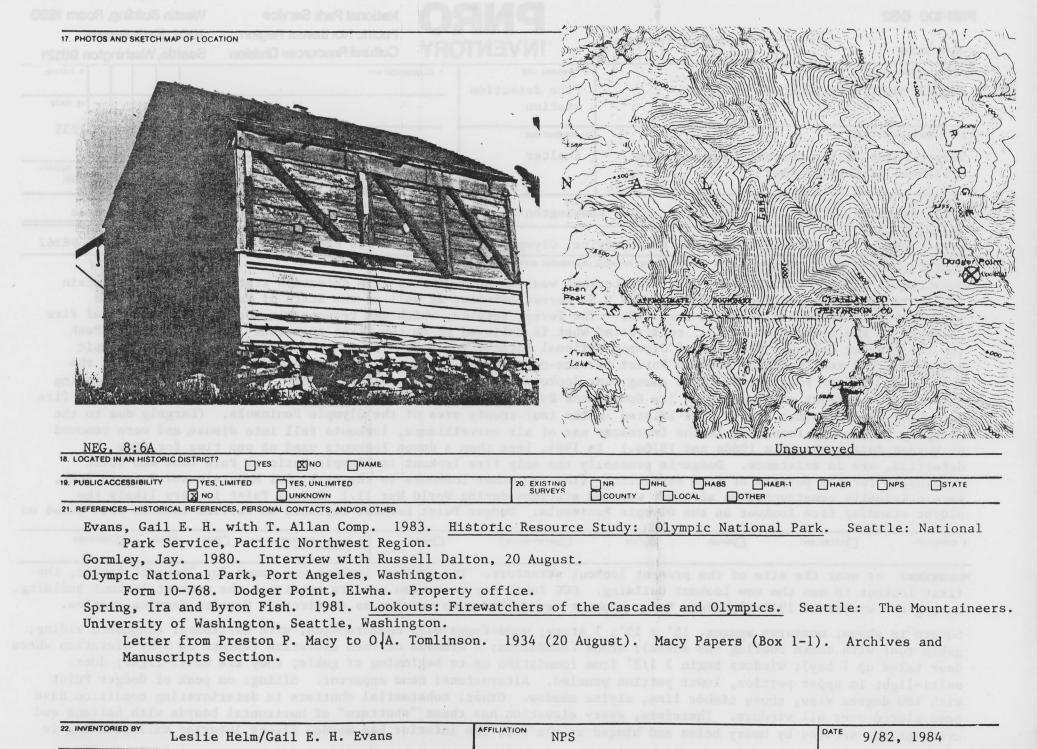
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Constructed around 1933, Dodger Point Fire Lookout was one of dozens of fire detection stations built on mountain tops throughout the Pacific Northwest. The U.S. Forest Service, as well as the State of Washington built and manned fire lookouts beginning in the 1910s. The Forest Service, which was responsible for erecting scores of fire lookouts on the Olympic Peninsula, constructed what is believed to be the first permanent lookout on Finley Peak (on the present Quinault District of Olympic National Forest) in 1915. Throughout the West, and on the Olympic Peninsula, the real building boom in Forest Service-constructed lookouts climaxed between the late 1920s and the mid 1930s. Dodger Point Lookout was among many lookouts built on the peninsula built by the Forest Service during this peak in lookout construction. Ira Spring and Byron Fish, in their book Lookouts, document no less than 65 fire detection lookouts that at one time existed in the four-county area of the Olympic Peninsula. (Largely due to the changing technology resulting in the increased use of air surveillance, lookouts fell into disuse, and were removed or burned during the late 1960s and 1970s.) In 1984, less than a dozen lookouts used at one time for fire detection, are in existence. Dodger is presently the only fire lookout in Olympic National Park that was built originally for the purpose of fire detection. (The two other lookouts in the park, Owl Mountain and Pyramid Peak, were originally constructed as aircraft warning stations during World War II.) Dodger Point is very likely the oldest standing fire lookout on the Olympic Peninsula. Dodger Point Lookout replaced an earlier lookout that stood on

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Or near the site of the present lookout structure. The present lookout was named for "Dodger" Bender, the first lookout to man the new lookout building. CCC labor may have been used to construct the present lookout building. During the winter of 1942-43 Dodger Point Lookout was called into service as an Aircraft Warning Service station.

Square in shape; measures approx. 15' x 15'; 1 story; wood-frame wall construction, with horizontal clapboard siding; gable roof with shake roofing (no eaves); stone foundation; 5 windows on each elevation (except on N.W. elevation where door takes up 1 bay); windows begin 3 1/2' from foundation up to beginning of gable; they are multi-light; door, multi-light in upper portion, lower portion paneled. Alterations: none apparent. Siting: on peak of Dodger Point with 180 degree view, above timber line, alpine meadow. Other: substantial shutters in deteriorating condition have been placed over all windows. Therefore, every elevation has these "shutters" of horizontal boards with battens and cross brace, secured by heavy bolts and hinged at the top; the interior has wooden floor; interior wall paneling is



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16. SIGNIFICANCE

14 CONDITION

Dodger Point Lookout is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is one of only a few extant examples of fire lookouts on the Olympic Peninsula built during the most lookout construction. It represents an era of forest management when fire was considered a deadly enemy to forests, and great effort was expended to prevent and contain forest fires. Architecturally, Dodger Point is representative of a type of Forest Service designed lookout constructed throughout Northwest forests in the 1920s and early 1930s. Possibly more than any other lookout remaining on the Olympic Peninsula, Dodger Point retains a high degree of both exterior and interior physical integrity. Even its Osborn firefinder is in place and intact. It possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

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15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?

(SPECIFY THREAT)

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18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?	□HAER □NPS □STATE
19. PUBLICACCESSIBILITY YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED 20. EXISTING NR NHL HABS HAER-1  NO UNKNOWN COUNTY LOCAL OTHER	□HAER □NPS □STATE

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION
PROPERTY Dodger Point Fire Lookout NAME:
MULTIPLE Olympic National Park MPS NAME:
STATE & COUNTY: WASHINGTON, Clallam
DATE RECEIVED: 6/08/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/25/07 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/10/07 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/22/07 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:
REFERENCE NUMBER: 07000736
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: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N
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ACCEPTRETURNREJECTDATE
ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:
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The property meets National Register Criteria A and C in the areas of Politics/Government,
Military History, and Architecture, as a good reflection of FS efforts to provide important
infrastructure improvements to the Olympic Mountains area during the early twentieth century.
The property also served as a vital lookout station associated with the World War II-era Aircraft
Warning Service. The feature is a good example of vernacular Forest Service design and meets
the registration requirements set forth in the MPS.
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TELEPHONE DATE
DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N
If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the
nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



CLALLAM COUNTY, WA

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