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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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 Pyramid Peak Aircraft Warning Service Lookout

other name/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 3.5 miles up Pyramid Peak trail at the end of Camp David Jr. road.  
Lake Crescent 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not for publication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  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

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

- entered in the National Register.  
     See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  
     See continuation Sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

[Signature]

7/13/2007

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

private

building(s)

Contributing

Noncontributing

public-local

district

1

buildings

public-State

site

sites

public-Federal

structure

1

structures

object

objects

2

Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter N/A if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register**

Historic Resources of Olympic National Park

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Camp; Government: Fire Station;  
Defense: Military Facility; Military Post

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/Not in Use

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Early 20<sup>th</sup> century American Movements

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation

Stone

walls

Wood and Shake

roof

Wood Shake (cedar)

other

**Narrative Description**

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

Summary: Pyramid Peak Aircraft Warning Service (AWS) Lookout is rectangular in plan and measures 16 feet by 13 feet. Just north of the lookout sits a 7 foot by 8 foot woodshed that is of wood-frame construction with a cedar shake, gable roof. The lookout is one-story structure, wood-frame wall construction with cedar shake siding on three sides. The front facade has an off-center entry (no door). There is a shingle covered gable roof with slightly extended eaves, and a simple 1 foot by 4 foot board trim around the window opening. The horizontal sill is resting on a stone foundation and there are window openings on each elevation.

### 8. Statement of Significance

#### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

#### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

#### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Criterion A: Politics/Government:  
Military History

Criterion C: Architecture

#### Period of Significance

1942-1944 A.W.S

#### Significant Dates

built 1942

#### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

#### Cultural Affiliation

#### Architect/Builder

United States Army

#### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

#### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

#### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

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

#### Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of Repository:

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## 10. Geographical Data

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**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.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Gail E.H. Evans, Historian, Kirstie Haertel, Archeologist (1998), and Jacilee Wray, Anthropologist (2005).

organization Olympic National Park

date 1986/1998

street & number 600 E. Park Avenue

telephone (206) 220-4138

city or town Port Angeles

State Washington

zip code 98362

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### Additional Documentation

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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.)

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### Property Owner

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

name			
street & number		telephone	
city or town	state		zip code

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**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.

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

# **National Register of Historic Places**

## **Continuation Sheet**

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**Narrative Description:** The Pyramid Peak Lookout was built as an Aircraft Warning Service (AWS) lookout in the fall of 1942 by NPS employees Joe and Rena Shurnick for the purpose of spotting enemy aircraft during World War II. Under the direction of the United States Army, the 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 in that summer and continuing through the winter of 1942-1943. With the United States Forest Service as coordinating agency for the establishment of AWS observation posts, thirteen sites within the present boundaries of the park were established as AWS lookouts. Pyramid Peak, however, may be unique in that the NPS constructed it with US Army funding. Pyramid Peak and Dodger Point lookouts are the only two lookouts extant in the park that were utilized as AWS posts. Following World War II, Pyramid Peak Lookout remained in use as a fire detection lookout.

The building is sited on the southern aspect of Pyramid Peak and has an unobstructed 360-degree view. The lookout is rectangular in plan and measures 16 feet by 13 feet; just to the north of the lookout is an 8 foot by 7 foot woodshed. The lookout is a one-story structure of wood-frame wall construction with cedar shake siding on three sides. The fourth side is wood-frame and appears to have never had its exterior wall shaken. The horizontal sill is resting on a stone foundation and there are window openings on each elevation. The door has been removed. The woodshed is wood constructed with a cedar shake roof. The property appears much as it did historically.

This building has not undergone any alterations other than the in-kind replacement of materials as they became deteriorated. 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 Pyramid Peak AWS Lookout is significant for its association with politics and government activities within Olympic National Park (criterion A) and as an example of United States Army and United States Forest Service building design (criterion C). The lookout's historical significance is enhanced by its association with the military funding the building of the structure by the NPS specifically for 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 (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.

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Narrative:

Aircraft Warning Service Station:

Under the direction of the United States 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 observation 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. Existing Forest Service fire lookouts were pressed into service as AWS posts as they provided the necessary 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.

Pyramid Peak Lookout, along with 12 others in today's national park, was called into service as an AWS observation post during the winter of 1942-43 to provide 24-hour surveillance. Of the 13 original structures, only two remain standing today—Dodger Point and Pyramid Peak lookout. Pyramid Peak may have been the only one constructed by the NPS and 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.

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**Map scale = 1:15,000**  
**from USGS 7.5 minute**  
**Lake Crescent quadrangle**

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# PNRO INVENTORY

National Park Service  
Pacific Northwest Region  
Cultural Resources Division

Westin Building, Room 1920  
2001 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98121

1. SITE I.D. NO		5. ORIGINAL USE		7. CLASSIFICATION				9. RATING	
2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE 709 PYRAMID PEAK A.W.S. LOOKOUT		AWS Lookout						10. DATE 1942	
3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO) Pyramid Peak Trail; approx. 3.5 miles from trailhead at end of Camp David, Jr. Rd.		6. PRESENT USE Unoccupied		8. UTM ZONE EASTING NORTHING 10 439489 5324730				11. REGION PNR	
4. CITY/VICINITY Approx. 45 miles from Port Angeles, Clallam, Washington		STATE Washington		SCALE 1:24 (1:62.5) OTHER		QUAD NAME Lake Crescent			

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS  
Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Olympic National Park, 600 East Park Ave., Port Angeles, WA 98362

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

Pyramid Peak Lookout was built as an Aircraft Warning Service (AWS) lookout in the fall of 1942 expressly for the purpose of spotting enemy aircraft during World War II. Under the direction of the U.S. Army, the 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 in that summer and continuing through the winter of 1942-1943. With the U.S. Forest Service as coordinating agency for the establishment of AWS observation posts, thirteen sites within the present boundaries of the park were established as AWS lookouts. (A fourteenth AWS structure now stands on the western boundary between the park and Olympic National Forest.) Pyramid Peak and Dodger Point Lookouts are the only two lookouts still standing totally in the park that were utilized as AWS posts. Following World War II Pyramid Peak Lookout remained in use as a fire detection lookout.

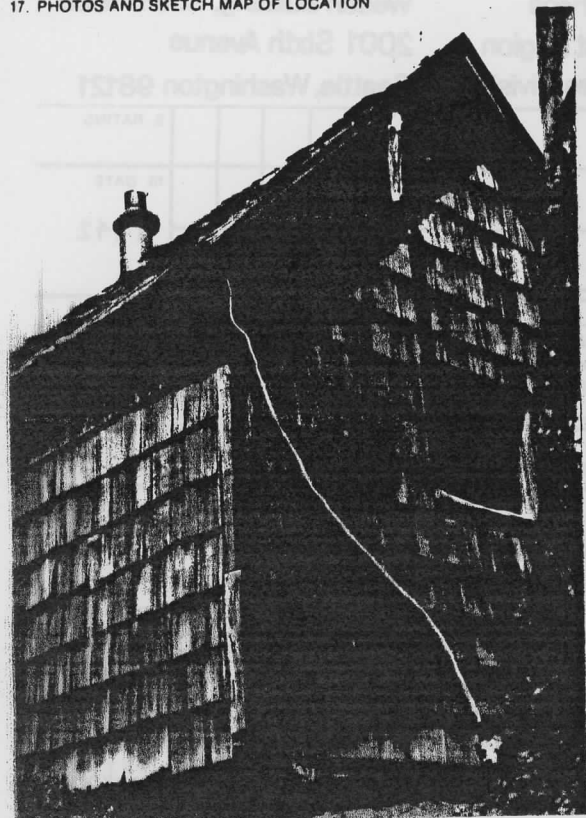
Rectangular in plan; measures 16' x 13' with 8' x 7' woodshed off north elevation; 1 story; wood-frame wall construction with cedar shake siding; gable roof with wood shakes; shed roof with shakes over woodshed portion; horizontal sill resting on stone foundation; 1 window opening (without glazing) on each elevation; door removed. Alterations: none apparent. Siting: mountain peak overlooking Lake Crescent.

14. CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION? (SPECIFY THREAT)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
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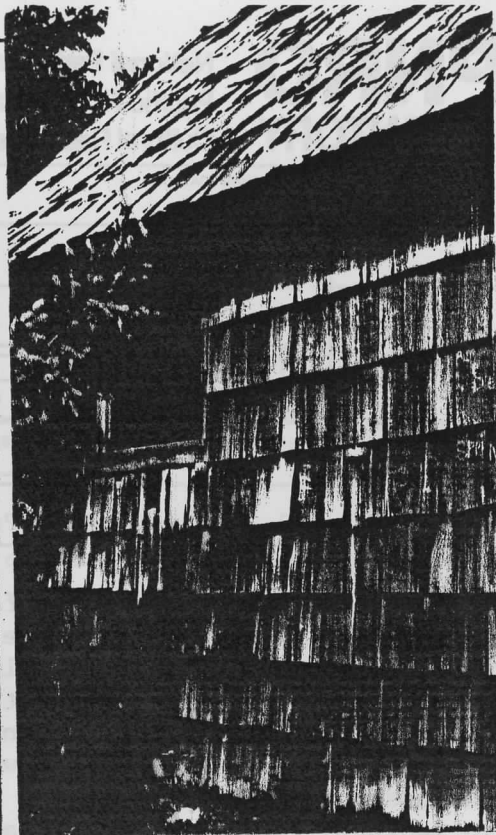
16. SIGNIFICANCE

Pyramid Peak A.W.S. Lookout, built circa 1942, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places for its association with "Politics and Government" (Criterion A) and "Architecture" (Criterion C). Pyramid Peak Lookout is significant for its role in the air defense efforts on the west coast of the United States during World War II. It stands as one of the few extant A.W.S. lookouts in western Washington and has integrity for listing and meets the registration requirements.

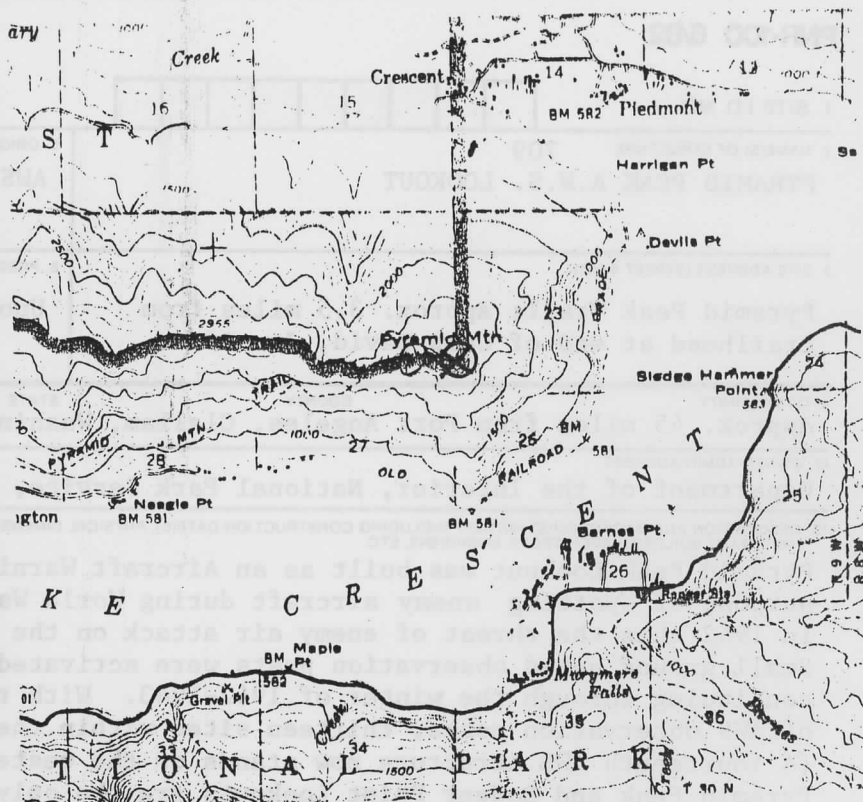
17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



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18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES  NO  NAME

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

20. EXISTING SURVEYS  NR  NHL  HABS  HAER-1  HAER  NPS  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  OTHER National Register (not approved)

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

Evans, Gail E. H. with T. Allan Comp. 1983. Historic Resource Study: Olympic National Park. Seattle: National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Region.

Neal, Patrick. 1977. Dodger Point Lookout; Pyramid Peak Lookout. National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination Form.

Olympic National Park, Port Angeles, Washington.

\*National Monuments, Mount Olympus, Administration & Personnel, Reports, Monthly Narrative, Superintendents.<sup>1</sup> 1942. Photocopy. History file.

22. INVENTORIED BY Leslie Helm/Gail E. H. Evans AFFILIATION National Park Service DATE 9/82, 1984

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Pyramid Peak Aircraft Warning Service 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: 07000726

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

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ACCEPT \_\_\_RETURN \_\_\_REJECT \_\_\_\_\_DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The property meets National Register Criteria A and C in the areas of Government/Politics, Military History and Architecture, as a rare extant example of the aircraft lookout stations established during World War II by the Aircraft Warning Service (AWS) on the Olympic Peninsula. Providing unobstructed views out over the Pacific Ocean and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, these stations formed an important part of the defense system to protect the Puget Sound area. An example of local, vernacular (Forest Service) design, the building meets the registration requirements set forth in the MPS.

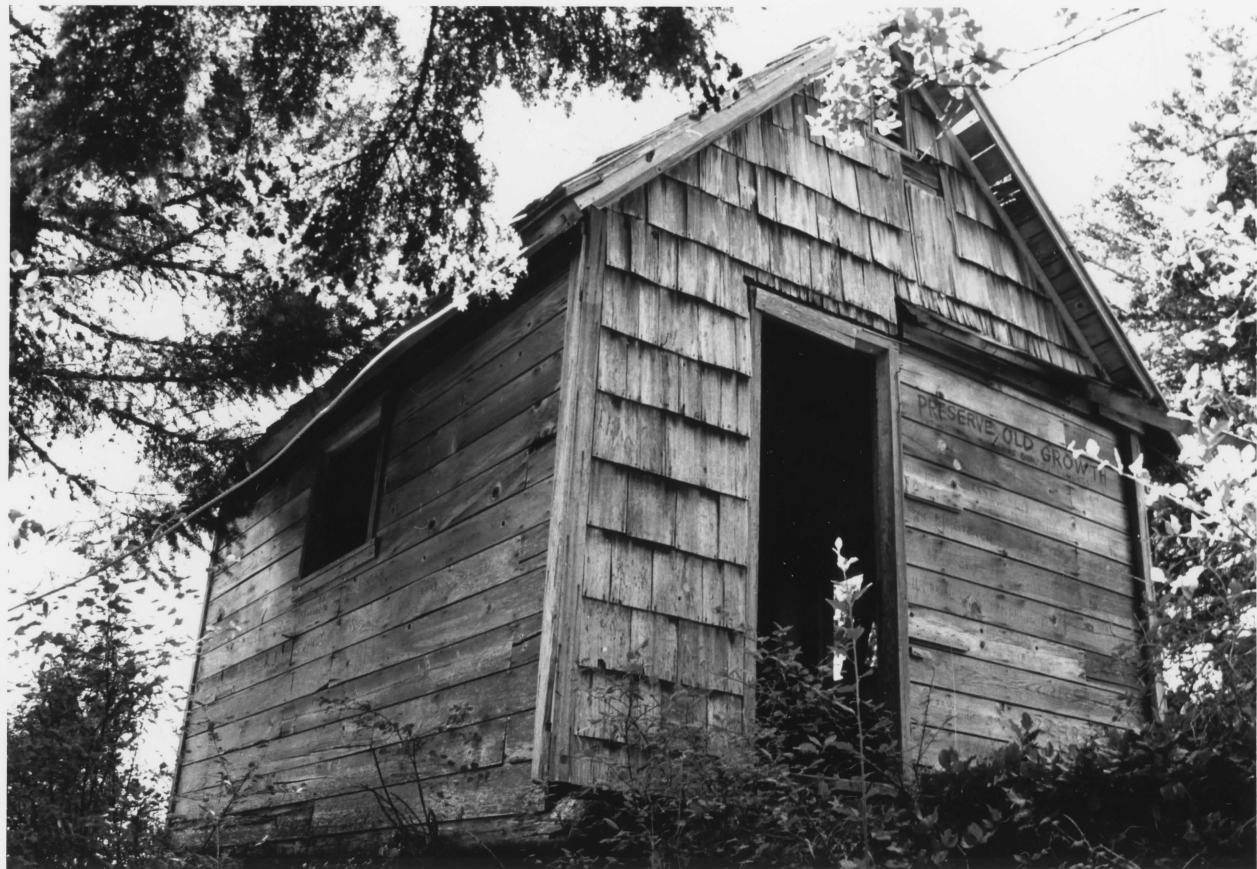
RECOM./CRITERIA Accept Criteria A+C

REVIEWER Paul R. Lusignan DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 7/13/2007

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.



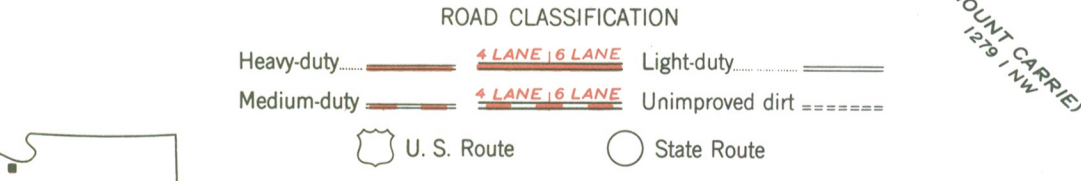
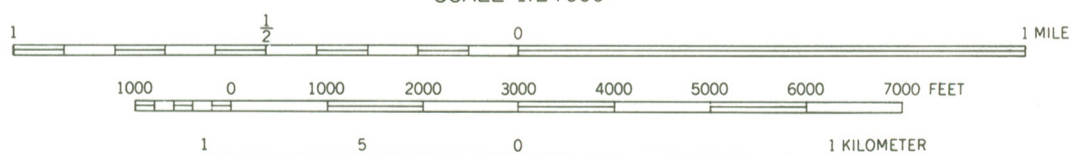
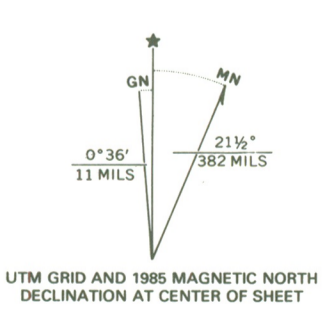
PRESERVE OLD GROWTH

PYRAMID PEAK A.W.S LOOKOUT  
CLALLAM COUNTY, WA

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Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA and USCE  
Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods  
Aerial photographs taken 1943. Field check 1950  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
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north zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
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move the projection lines 25 meters north and  
97 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks  
Dashed land lines indicate approximate locations  
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of  
the National or State reservations shown on this map



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DASHED LINES REPRESENT HALF-INTERVAL CONTOURS  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Revision shown in purple and woodland compiled from  
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