



## Hoback Guard Station History Scrapbook

**Hoback Guard Station overview in 2017.** The Hoback Guard Station structures were all built in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) based on standardized Forest Service plans. The Dwelling/Office sits at photo left, the Single Car Garage/Workshop is nearby toward photo center, and at far right is a Fly Shed (now known as the Barn). The site is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

# Introduction & Overview

**The Teton National Forest was created by executive order in 1908**, when President Theodore Roosevelt broke up the enormous Yellowstone Forest Reserve in favor of smaller “national forests”. This Hoback Basin location fell within the southern portion of the new Teton National Forest, not far from its boundary with the concurrently formed Wyoming NF to the south and east. To begin with, these forests were made up of multiple small horseback-patrolled districts which changed their shape and location over time. Historical ranger districts on the Teton included Blackrock, Bryan Flat, Buffalo, Goosewing, Gros Ventre, Hoback, Horsetail, Jackson, Jackson Lake, Lee, Stewart, and Teton.

**Development of this Hoback Guard Station site began with the CCC activities in the mid 1930s**; prior to that, Teton National Forest management facilities for the Hoback Ranger District were located elsewhere. Southeast only 6.5 miles from here toward the Hoback Rim was the **Faler** Ranger Station, shown on National Forest maps from 1925 through 1960. To the northwest of here about nine miles, barely into the Hoback Canyon, was the **Bull Hollow** Ranger Station from 1925-1936. Only 5 miles to the west-southwest of it was the **Bryan Flat** Ranger Station.

By 1944 consolidations had pared the Teton Forest down to only three ranger districts, the Hoback, Gros Ventre, and Jackson, all with offices located in Jackson. In 1973, the Teton was consolidated with the adjacent Bridger National Forest (formerly the Wyoming and the Bonneville Forests) to form today's Bridger-Teton National Forest. In 1984, an internal adjustment divided the old Hoback District between the Big Piney and Jackson Ranger Districts. The Hoback Basin area including this Guard Station lies within the Big Piney District.



Hoback Guard Station Dwelling, 2017 photo

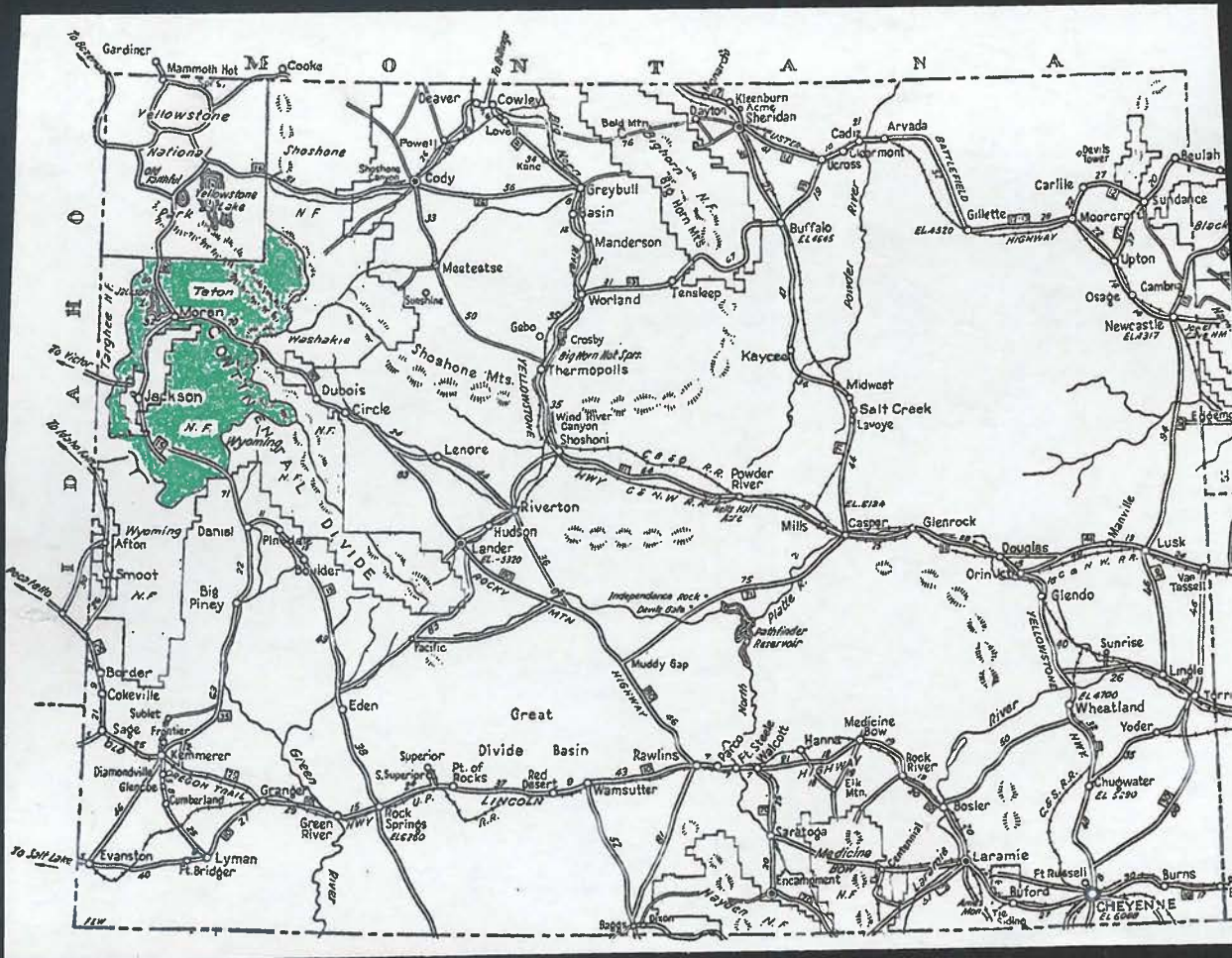
The Bridger-Teton National Forest has chosen to rent this guard station to the public so they can enjoy a rustic experience similar to early rangers and guards.

On the Big Piney Ranger District, **three historic-era Ranger Stations remain** and all are available for public rental: Sherman, Hoback and Snider Basin. Also standing on the District are three Fire Lookouts (Monument Ridge, Prospect Peak and Deadline Ridge) and the former District Ranger Office in Big Piney. All of these historic administrative facilities are dominated by structures built during the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Many of the buildings look similar as they followed standard designs of the era.



# TETON NATIONAL FOREST

# HOBACK DISTRICTS & RANGERS



map adapted from National Forests of Wyoming, USGPO, 1927

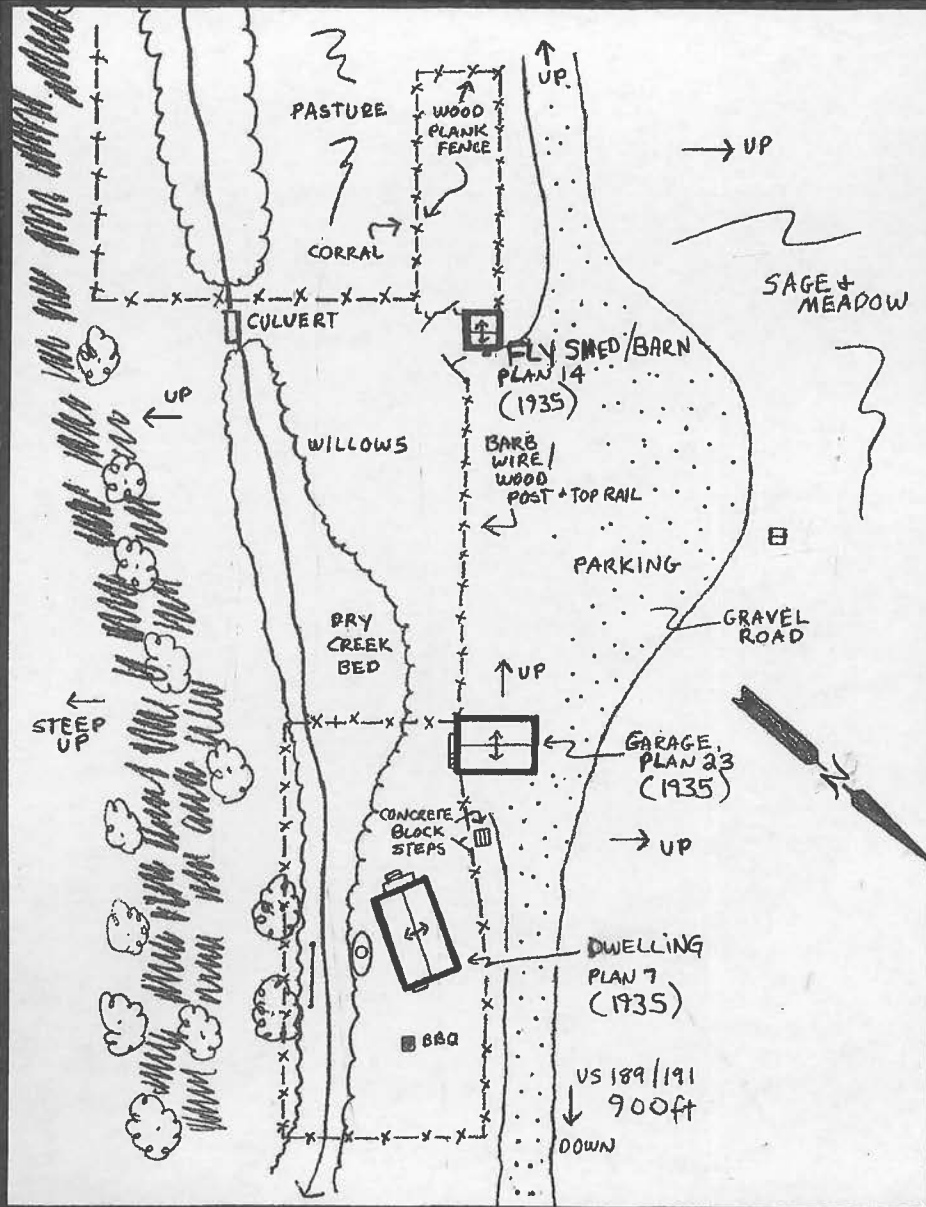
Faler District
Roy Connor, 1921-1925
Combined with Hoback, c.1925

Bryan Flat District
William McKahan, 1920-1925
Combined with Hoback, c.1925

<b>Hoback District</b>
Albert Gunther, 1918-1921
Roy Connor, 1921-1927
<b>James Lambert, 1928-1935</b>
<b>Charles Dibble, 1936-1945</b>
Gray Reynolds, 1946-1958
Henry Shank, 1959-1960
Tom Brierley, 1961-1963
Wayne Foltz, 1964-1969
James Mower, 1970-1974
James Lawrence, 1975-1977
Garth Baxter, 1978-1984

Abolished 1984; Sections to Big Piney-Jackson

# Hoback Guard Station



Sketch map adapted from 48.SU.1545 site form

## History & Significance

Constructed in 1935 by the CCC, the Hoback Guard Station is considered eligible to the National Register of Historic Places.

Significant under themes of architecture, conservation and politics/government, it is a fine example of a standardized, Forest Service field administrative compound designed and implemented during the New Deal and built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

Three contributing buildings (a Plan 7 Office/Dwelling, a Plan 23 Garage/Workshop, and a Plan 14 Fly Shed/Barn) remain and associate well with each other and the surrounding built features and natural landscape.

Several hundred feet upslope are two other buildings, a storage shed of unknown date and a gas house dating to the 1960s, but these are not considered contributing.

## Source:

*Lookouts, Latrines, and Lodgepole Cabins: Administrative Facilities of Wyoming's Bridger-Teton National Forest, 1904-1955, Volume 2*



# Hoback Guard Station - Plan 7 Dwelling

**Constructed by Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) workers in 1935 with \$1,925 in Forest Service funds, the Hoback Guard Station Dwelling follows the Region 4, Plan 7 design.** The Plan 7, of which there were several variations, reflects USFS Regional Architect George Nichols' vernacular interpretation of the "temple front" revival style. It is a rectangular wood frame building that sits on a poured concrete foundation. Shevlin log siding covers the exterior walls. Primary windows are 6-pane sliders, while a solid wood door with wood screen serves as the front entry. Other original architectural features include exposed rafter tails, cornerboards with quarter-round, and triangular louvered gable vents. At an unknown date, part of the front porch was enclosed, leaving the front porch half-wide, with one box-column support. Another addition is the 2/3-width rear wood deck. Metal roofing replacing original wood shingles and a rear metal door comprise other minor alterations.

Only one other Plan-7 dwelling is known on the Forest: the Scaler Guard Station in Kemmerer Ranger District.



Hoback Guard Station dwelling front ca. 2001.

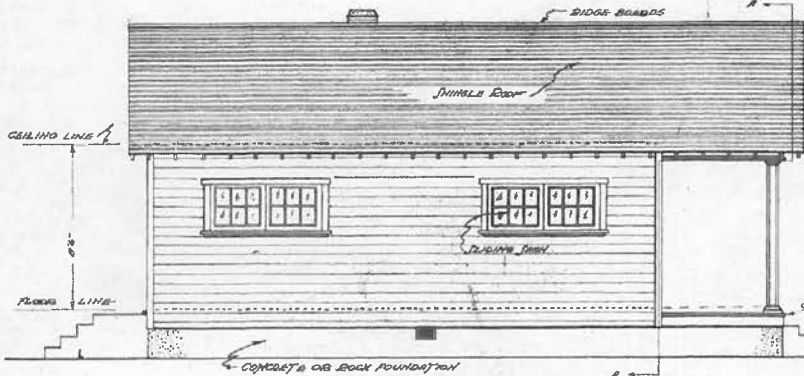
USFS photo Lookouts-Latrines



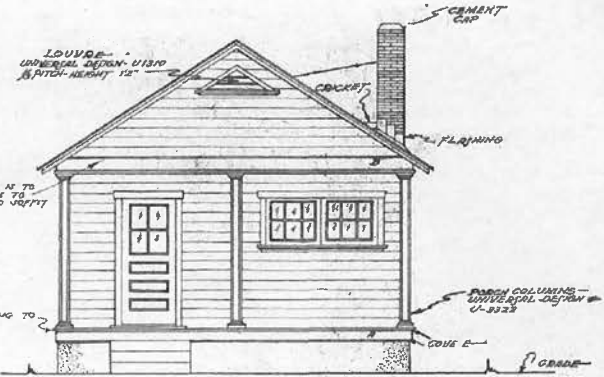
Hoback Guard Station dwelling rear. 2017 photo

1934 blueprint

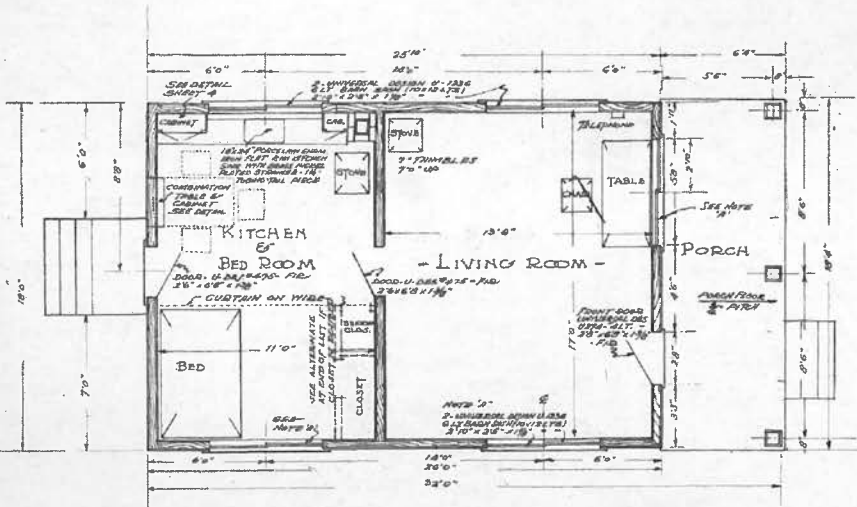
# Plan 7 Dwelling



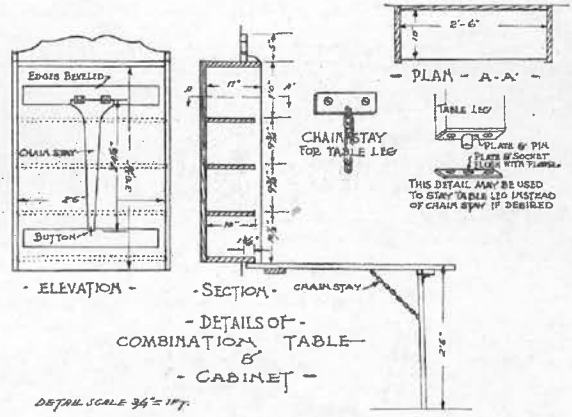
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- FRONT ELEVATION -



- FLOOR PLAN -



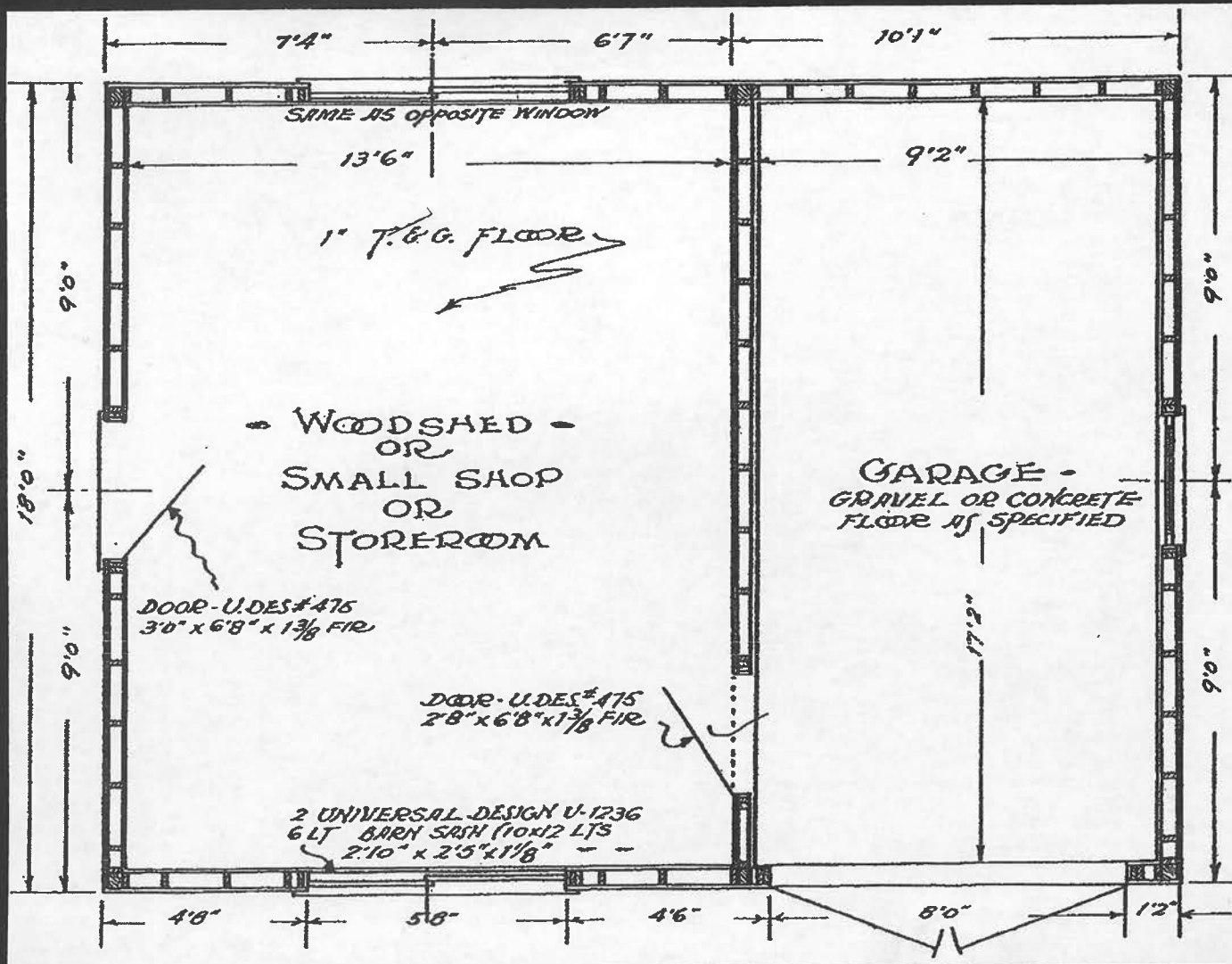
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FOREST SERVICE	
DWELLING - GUARD STATION	
TWO ROOMS	
PLAN R-4 # 7	
SHEET 1 OF 7	
CHECKED <i>GLM</i>	DATE <i>2-23-33</i>
APPROVED <i>N.W.</i>	SCALE <i>AS SHOWN ON PLAN</i>

REVISED MAY 1, 1934

# Hoback Guard Station Garage/Workshop

Constructed by the CCC in 1935 with \$990 in Forest Service funds, Hoback Guard Station's Garage / Workshop faithfully follows Regional Architect George L. Nichols' Plan 23 Single-Car Garage design. The 18 x 24 ft rectangular wood frame building sits on a poured concrete foundation. Shevlin log siding covers the exterior walls, while wood shingles cover the side-gabled roof. Windows are 6-pane wood sliders and 6-pane wood fixed, while the main doors are double-swing X-braced with strap hinges. Other exterior features include exposed rafter tails, cornerboards with quarter-round, and a metal ridge cap with ball finial.



The interior is divided into two areas: the workshop has 8-inch shiplap board floors, walls and ceiling, while the garage side has the same features except a concrete floor. Electricity and a sink are found in the workshop side, which has a crawl space under it. Despite minor alterations, Hoback Guard Station's Garage / Workshop is a perfect example of a Forest Service administrative building that has retained high historic integrity over eight decades.

FOREST SERVICE  
COMBINATION  
SINGLE CAR GARAGE AND WOODSHED  
OR SINGLE CAR GARAGE & SMALL SHOP  
OR SINGLE CAR GARAGE & STOREROOM  
PLAN R-4 # - 23  
SHEET 1 OF 5  
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Source: 48.SU.1575 site form

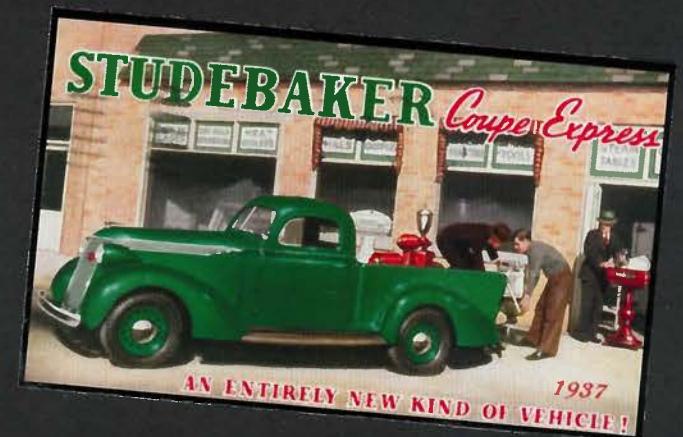


# Plan 23 Garage



2017 photo

The Plan 23 single-car garage was usually associated with the ranger's dwelling and likely housed the ranger's vehicle. In the early days, before the Forest Service had much of a fleet of vehicles, rangers were reimbursed for mileage if they had a personal vehicle (not all did) and used it for work.





# Hoback Guard Station Fly Shed

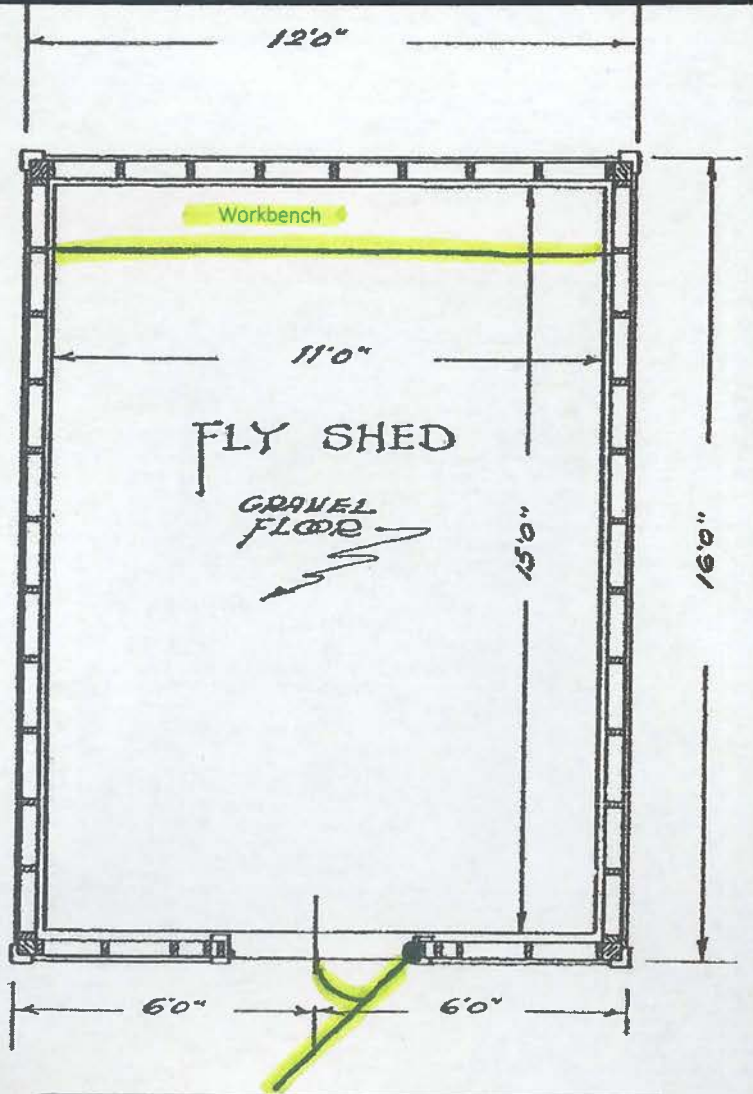
Constructed in 1935 by the CCC with \$330 in Forest Service funds, this structure follows the Region 4, Plan 14 Fly Shed standard plan developed by Regional Architect George L Nichols. Other than electricity, the floor, and a new metal ridge cap with ball finials, the building has not been significantly altered. It is a 12 x 16 ft rectangular wood frame, front-gabled building that sits on a poured concrete foundation. Shevlin log siding covers the exterior walls, and wood shingles cover the roof. The only entry is an X-braced wood door with strap hinges; although the Plan 14 called for no door, all three of the Forest's Plan 14 Fly sheds have doors. Since the door on the Hoback Plan 14 appears old, it is safe to assume it was added during construction or soon thereafter. Other architectural features include exposed rafter tails, cornerboards with quarter-round, and pointed rake boards. The interior features a plank floor, walls, workbench and three 2x4 wood tie beams. Materials and workmanship are top notch.

"Fly Sheds" were commonly built at National Forest facilities, especially at seasonally occupied locations such as guard stations and fire lookouts. The standard fly shed was a one-room structure with an opening, but no door, in one end. Unlike a 'barn', it had no stalls or mangers.

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**SHEVLIN PINE**

Shevlin siding refers to a milled, shiplapped board siding with a curved exterior profile in imitation of logs. The Shevlin-Hixon company of Bend, Oregon marketed this product from about the 1920s to 1950, and ultimately their name was used to refer to other similar log siding materials. Such faux log siding was standard building material in Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region beginning in about 1930, and was commonly used for smaller administrative buildings where a rustic appearance was wanted.



1933 blueprint for a Region 4, Plan 14 Fly Shed, amended to show modifications at the Hoback Guard Station in green.

# Plan 14 Fly Shed



*Looking northwest at the "Fly Shed" at Hoback Guard Station, 2017.  
Two such buildings were constructed here by the CCC in 1935, but the other was torn down.*



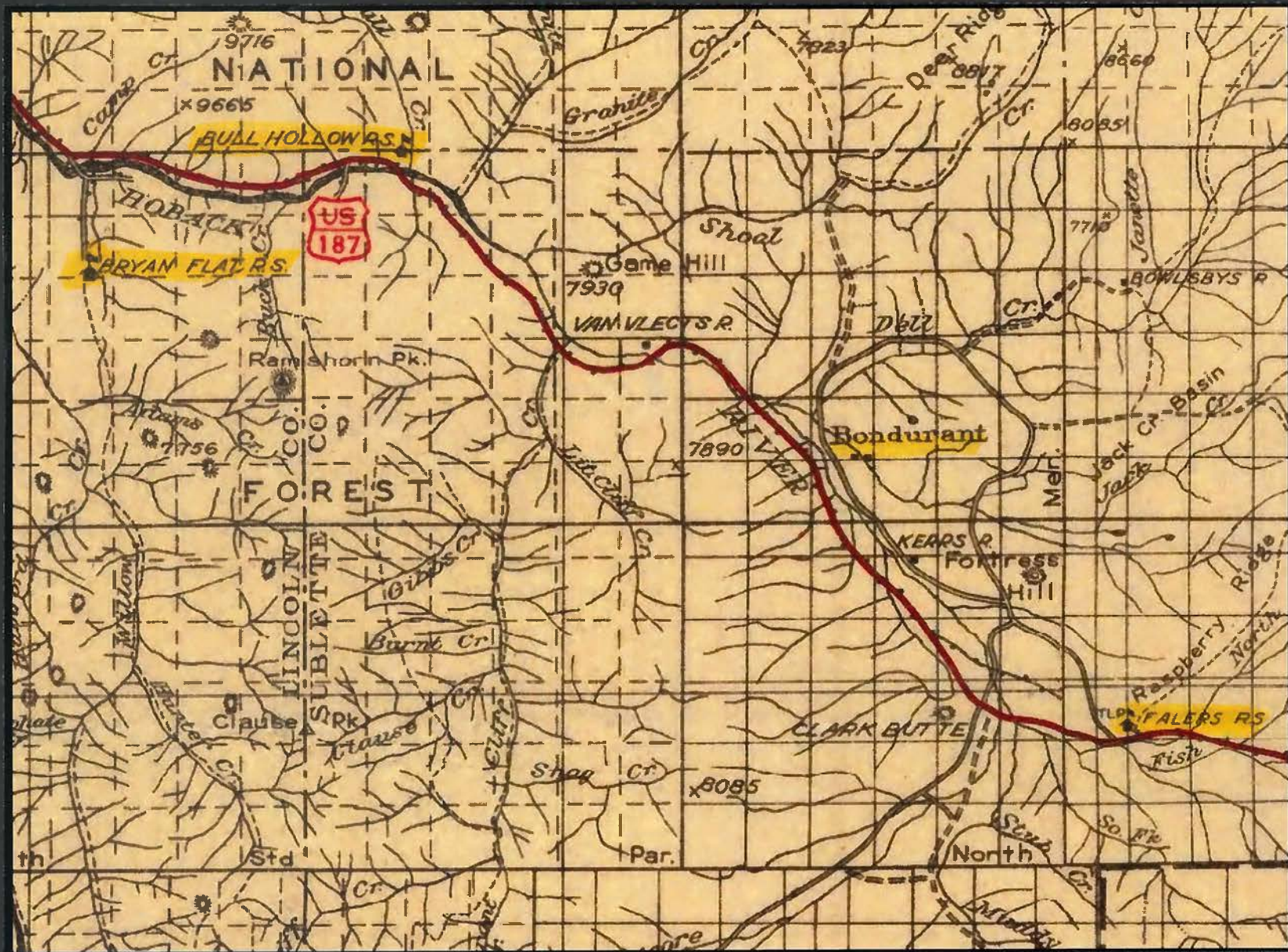
## Forest Rangers of the Hoback District - 1930s

In the early days of this Ranger Station compound (*constructed 1935*) Rangers covering the Hoback District were: **James Lambert 1928-1938** & **Charles Dibble 1938-1945**. The below group photo from 1937 includes both Lambert & Dibble.



**Teton National Forest Rangers and Forest Supervisor William West.** From left to right: Rangers Charles Dibble, Jim Lambert, Alfred E. Balch, Victor Stokes and Gale M. Thomas. Front row: Ranger K. C. (Sunny) Allan and Supervisor J. W. West (*this photo copied from Figure 47 of [Teton NF History, Pt.2](#), Allen 1973*)





Portion of 1930 Wyoming National Forest map also showing Teton National Forest.

*Prior to construction of the Hoback Guard Station, Teton National Forest management facilities for the Hoback Ranger District were located elsewhere. Southeast 6.5 miles from here was the Faler Ranger Station, northwest of here about nine miles was the Bull Hollow Ranger Station, and 5 miles to the west-southwest of that was the Bryan Flat Ranger Station.*



*Jim Lambert: Hoback District Ranger 1928 - 1935*

Need photo

James "Jim" Lambert served as a ranger on the Teton National Forest from 1928 to 1940 and on the Bridger National Forest from 1940-1960. Mr. Lambert's first appointment on the Teton was as the **Hoback District Ranger from 1928 to 1935**, operating in this capacity from various stations and office locations, including from this Hoback Ranger Station, built in 1935 by the CCCs. From 1936 to 1940, Lambert was the Jackson District Ranger for the Teton. He then moved with his wife Katherine and daughter Helen to the adjacent Bridger National Forest as the Big Piney District Ranger, working there from 1940 until he retired in 1960. After retirement, Mr. Lambert was employed as a woods boss for the Mill Lumber Company out of Kemmerer. He died in 1961 and is buried along with his wife, Katherine Pitt Lambert, at the Plainview Cemetery in Big Piney.

# Local News Clips

1928-1931

Pinedale RoundUp Thursday Sept 6, 1928

## BONDURANT

(Received too late for last week)

Mr and Mrs. Lambert are staying at the Faler ranger station for a week.

W. A. Hicks is in the Hoback mountains with oil geologists.

W. E. Hiatt, Miss Anne Kutcher, and Mr. Hiatt's father are spending a few days at Moran. Mrs. Optenberg is looking after the house while they are absent.

Pinedale RoundUp Thursday Dec 13, 1928

The cars are still running in the basin. There is only about ten inches of snow, but the mail has started going with a team.

The Thanksgiving dinner and dance given at the Triangle F Ranch was a very successful affair, everyone having a good time. The dinner was served by Mrs. Hicks and Miss Maki.

J. W. Lambert has been spending a few days in the basin.

Andy Erickson is going to live on the Haley ranch this winter.

Mrs. Booker is busy these days trapping weasel.

Pinedale RoundUp Thursday May 21, 1931

## HOBACK BASIN

The roads are fair, though rough. Many cars as well as big trucks loaded with gas, pipe and food stuff, are seen.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Buxton of Rock Springs visited with friends in Hoback Basin last week end.

Road crews are every where, working day and night, and its very interesting to see the instruments that are being used in the rapid construction of the new highway.

The fixtures for the new gas station at the Triange F have been installed and help in making the "show up" in its beautiful setting.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Spaulding of Evanston, Wyo., called on friends on their way to and from Jackson, where Mr. Spaulding attended a session of court.

The cattle have all been turned on the hills where the feed is good, and the mothers with their little ones present a sight that is good for "sore eyes", that is, if one is a lover of cattle, and who isn't in Old Wyoming.

Pinedale RoundUp August 20, 1931

The V—V and Triangle F dude ranches have a number of guests and everyone seems busy even if this is a bad year.

Friends of former county superintendent, Mrs. Margaret F. Nicholson and daughters, Bernice and Esther, will perhaps be interested in knowing that cards have been received announcing the marriage of Esther to Mr. Howard Lincoln Bruner of Los Angeles on August 25th.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Noah Bocker combined business and pleasure and spent two days with friends near Cora.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lambert and daughter, Helen, are spending a few days at the Faler ranger station while Mr. Lambert does some surveying for parties here. Their new home at Bryan Flat station, is nearly finished. We wish it was in this part of the Basin.



# Local News Clips

1933-1934

Pinedale RoundUp Thursday Jan 5, 1933

## Postal Facilities Bettered for The Hoback Basin Residents

A new postoffice for Hoback Basin residents was established on December 22nd by the Postmaster General. This office is to be known as Triangle F Ranch, Wyoming, and Mr. Wallace E. Hiatt has been appointed the first postmaster. The office will be located in the store on the long-established Triangle F ranch, for which the postoffice has been named. The Bondurant postoffice is located on upper Dell Creek and is very difficult of access to many of the residents of the Basin, so this new office will be of advantage to those living along the Hoback River and adjacent to the highway.

The new office will afford money order, registry, C. O. D. and insured service to a great many people who have previously had to handle this class of business thru the Daniel postoffice.

Pinedale RoundUp Thursday Apr 13, 1933

## UPPER HOBACK

Mrs. W. A. Hicks entertained at a dinner last Sunday in honor of Caroline's sixteenth birthday. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Holben and family, Tom Astle, Elmer Nutting, Jake and Gene Pfisterer. The evening was spent playing cards and dancing.

Art Bowlsby and family were down from their ranch visiting friends.

Dean Powers is visiting up at the Orphan's Home.

Ranger Lambert is up in the Basin counting cattle.

Pinedale RoundUp Thursday Feb 8, 1934

William Hicks brought a load of coal from the Granite creek mine. He says the snow is four feet deep there.

Mr. Hiatt, of the Triangle F Ranch and his helpers are putting the finishing touches on the beautiful lodge, which is being erected near his store and filling station.

Pinedale RoundUp Thursday Feb 22, 1934

The Misses Ruth and Carolyn Hicks went for a sleigh ride with their father, when he took the mail to Bondurant on Friday evening.

Archie Alexander called on friends Saturday afternoon. We are always glad to have him call.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt of Triangle F. Ranch kindly showed Mrs. Booker, their new rustic furniture which is being built and explained how everything in the new lodge is to be finished. When this building is completed it will be one of which the whole community may well be proud.





# Local News Clips

Summer 1934

Pinedale RoundUp May 10, 1934

## HOBACK BASIN

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Noble are nicely settled at their ranch home where they are busily engaged in making it one of the finest ranches in the county. Kenneth will have charge of the association cattle which are to be turned on the range, May 10th.

Mr. Lambert and Mr. Charter are in this part of the forest, arranging their summer work. Their friends enjoy seeing them again.

Mr. and Mrs. McFadden and Mr. and Mrs. Van Vleck spent Sunday afternoon at the Triangle F lodge where Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt have just moved into their new building and friends are calling to extend congratulations and enjoy the beautiful rustic home.

Pinedale RoundUp Aug 23, 1934

James Lambert spent Tuesday with friends here, everyone was pleased to see him again as he has been too busy to be in this part of the country often.

## "Notice To Water Appropriators—1934"

Notice is hereby given that the Superintendent of Water Division No. 4 will be in the following places on dates named for the purpose of accepting proof of appropriation of water and other purposes as noted:

PINEDALE—Pinedale Inn	September 10th.
TRIANGLE F—Post Office	September 11th. A. M.
JACKSON—Crabtree Hotel	September 11th P. M.
AFTON—Hub Hotel	September 13th.
COKEVILLE—Hotel	September 14th
KEMMERER—Kemmerer Hotel	September 15th A. M.
EVANSTON—Waldemar Hotel	September 15th P. M.
LYMAN—Johnston Hotel	September 17th

### "IMPORTANT"

Proofs are taken at office of Superintendent, Room 22, Rock Springs National Bank Building, at any time during the year on appointment.

Your attention is called to the terms of your permits which must be complied with, and notices filed in office of State Engineer, showing dates of commencing and completing works, and application of water to beneficial use. Be sure to bring your permit and map as well as data on dates mentioned above.

The fee is \$2.00 for each proof submitted.

All water commissioners are requested to meet with the Superintendent at place most convenient for discussion of matters pertaining to their duties.

D. P. MILLER,  
Supt. Water Division No. 4.



Pinedale RoundUp Aug 23, 1934

Local News Clips

Summer 1934 (cont.)

## TRIANGLE-F RANCH IS ONE OF THE BEAUTY SPOTS IN HOBACK BASIN

Nestled in the majestic beauty of Hoback Basin, southern entrance to Grand Teton National Park, the Triangle-F ranch completes a truly western scene.

Triangle-F Ranch, a name evolved by the proprietor and congenial manager, W. E. Hiatt, lends existence to that fast-vanishing custom of the old West, when each stopping point was more widely known by its stock brand, than its location.

The several log structures about the place, in keeping with true western buildings, are neat as a pin, located conveniently.

It was our good fortune to meet our pleasing host at his service station, on the eastern side of the highway. Here he informed us that metropolitan service is at the command of any tourist chancing to stop there. A few yards north of the station is the grocery and confectionery store, where supplies are available for hungry travelers.



postcard on ebay

Across the highway, on the west, we were taken to the lodge, an immense building constructed of logs. Mr. Hiatt proudly informed us that construction of this building was under his own supervision, stating that he did much of the labor himself. Clever rock and concrete work in the large fire-place chimneys, lend an artistic touch to the exterior of the building.

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Pinedale RoundUp Aug 23, 1934

Interior of the lodge greets one with warm welcome. Entering the lobby we find natural wood finish throughout.

Large fireplaces on either side of the room, where warm fires crackle on cold wintry nights. The walls are adorned with hides and pelts of native game. A collinade divides the lobby and dining room. Dining room fixtures are of our host's handiwork. Tables, chairs and all, being made of native lumber. Wicker-work for the chairs is made from tanned cowhide, coming from the Triangle-F herd. Curious souvenirs adorn another large fire-place in the dining room, among which, an old-time flint-lock pistol, dating back through the ages finds recluse.



postcard on ebay

Into the kitchen from the dining room we met the cooks, a friendly gang, who were preparing the evening meal. The kitchen is large and clean as a Holland parlor.

In back of the lodge a good-sized stream, fed by springs, flows constantly. A group of men were working near the house, building a large dike. Upon inquiry we were informed that a new hydro-electric plant is under construction. Power will be furnished by a mill wheel set below the dam. It is Mr. Hiatt's plan to furnish all tourist cabins at the lodge

with electric lights and heat. A thermostatic controlled hot water system will furnish showers for guests, as well as convenience in the kitchen.

Near the lodge convenient cabins are available for travelers, and those who care to spend any length of time in the Basin.

Landscaping is in progress, with grounds being prepared for seeding of blue grass and shrubbery. Native stones border all walks to nearby buildings.

The stream, within stone's throw of the lodge has been planted with Rainbow and Native trout for the pleasure of all fishermen who chance to seek lodging there.

With the progress already made by Mr. Hiatt and his good wife, and the plans that are made for the future, they will truly have one of the finest stopping points for tourists in the Rocky Mountain region. Their enterprise is indeed an asset to Sublette County.



1935-1936

Pinedale RoundUp June 13, 1935

The CCC boys are building a buck fence enclosing a pasture for the new ranger station near Triangle F ranch postoffice.



Pinedale RoundUp Aug 22, 1935

On Monday evening, a few friends of Boyd Charter spent the evening with him at the new ranger station on Hoback.



Pinedale RoundUp Oct 10, 1935

### HOBACK BASIN

Hoback, Oct. 10—The people who have been on the sick list are all doing well.

Mrs. Fultz has returned to her home. Mr. Wertz is having dental work done. William Hicks is still in the hospital, but doing as well as can be expected, as he was seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Noble will live in the Basin this winter. We are all glad to have them with us.

Mrs. F. E. Van Vleck returned from her summer's vacation in Michigan, and on Wednesday, Oct. 9, the Crazy Calico Club surprised her and held their regular meeting at the V-V. A most enjoyable time was had by everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Van Vleck and daughter Jean were guests of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jones were also guests of the Womens' Club.

The east wing of the beautiful lodge at Triangle F ranch is being built. This will be a wonderful building when completed.

Pinedale RoundUp July 9, 1936

### HOBACK BASIN

Mr. H. H. Meyer and mother are enjoying part of their vacation in their rustic home at the Fronk ranch.

Mr. Boyd Charter and his bride, who was Miss Joyce Van Buskirk, are now at the new ranger station on Hoback, and Mrs. Van Buskirk is visiting them and her many friends here.



Boyd Charter 1927. JHHS. Photo.

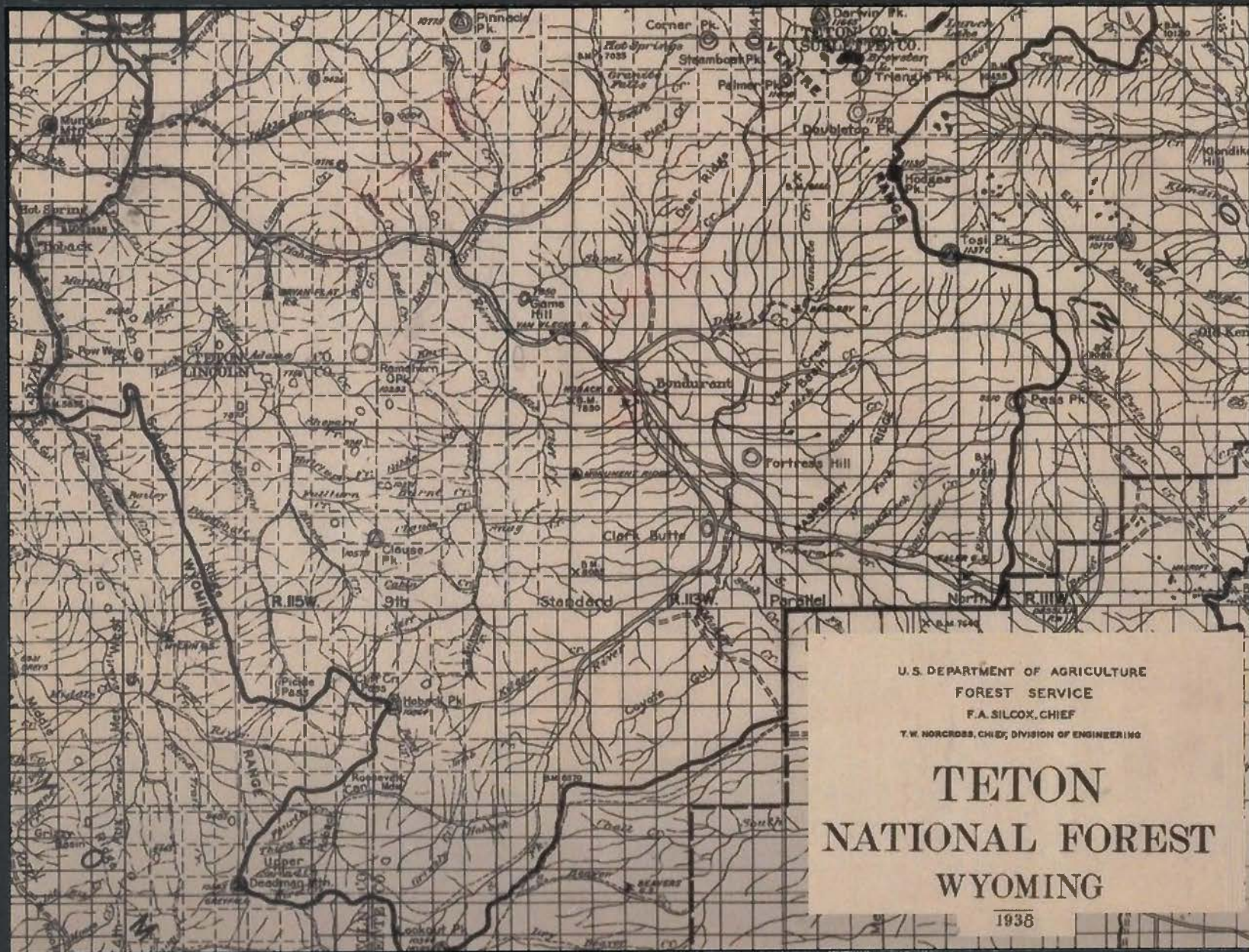
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Mr. Hiatt and helpers are very busy finishing new buildings at the Triangle F dude ranch.

Lawrence Shaw is now helping Mr. Van Vleck at the V-V.

Many tourists are traveling now and dude ranches are busy.





Portion of 1938 Teton National Forest map. Newly built in 1935 by the CCCs, the Hoback Station appears on this 1938 map as a Guard Station (G.S.). To the southeast, Faler is also marked as a Guard Station, whereas Bryan Flat to the northwest is identified as a Ranger Station (R.S.)



# Local News Clips

1937-1938

Pinedale RoundUp May 7, 1937

## HOBACK BASIN

—Hoback May 6—W. A. Hicks was a pleasant caller at the homes of a number of his friends, on Thursday. He said William spent Sunday at home. He is employed at Green River with the Northwestern Construction Co.

Mrs. Hicks and "Chip" are visiting relatives in Rock Springs and James is with Mr. Hay at South Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen and daughter motored to Pinedale one day last week.

Mr. Dibble, our ranger, called Friday. We were pleased to have a chat with him.

Pinedale RoundUp May 26, 1938

## HOBACK BASIN

Hoback Basin, May 26—The dance at the Triangle F. Ranch was quite well attended and everyone reports a good time.

The cook and the hired man have arrived and everything is being made ready for the entertainment of guests during the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrier will make everyone comfortable.

Mr. Van Vleck of the V—V ranch is also a very busy man. He could spend only a few moments when he called on some of his friends Monday.

Mr. Stong motored to Pinedale Cora and Jackson on business last week end.

Miss Olsen of the Fish Creek School was a pleasant caller at some of the homes on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Van Vleck, spent Friday evening in Jackson as the guests of Miss Jean Van Vleck who was graduated from the Jackson-Wilson High School that evening. All of Miss Jean's many friends extend congratulations.

Goldie and Jack Wertz visited at the Fronk homes while their parents were Salt Lake business visitors.

Sam Hicks and Herbert Bronnenberg are the new range riders on the forest with Mr. Dibble.

A meeting of the North Side Cattle Association was held last Monday.

Mr. Erickson was again chosen their rider.

Miss Wilma Faris is gradually recovering from a serious case of influenza.

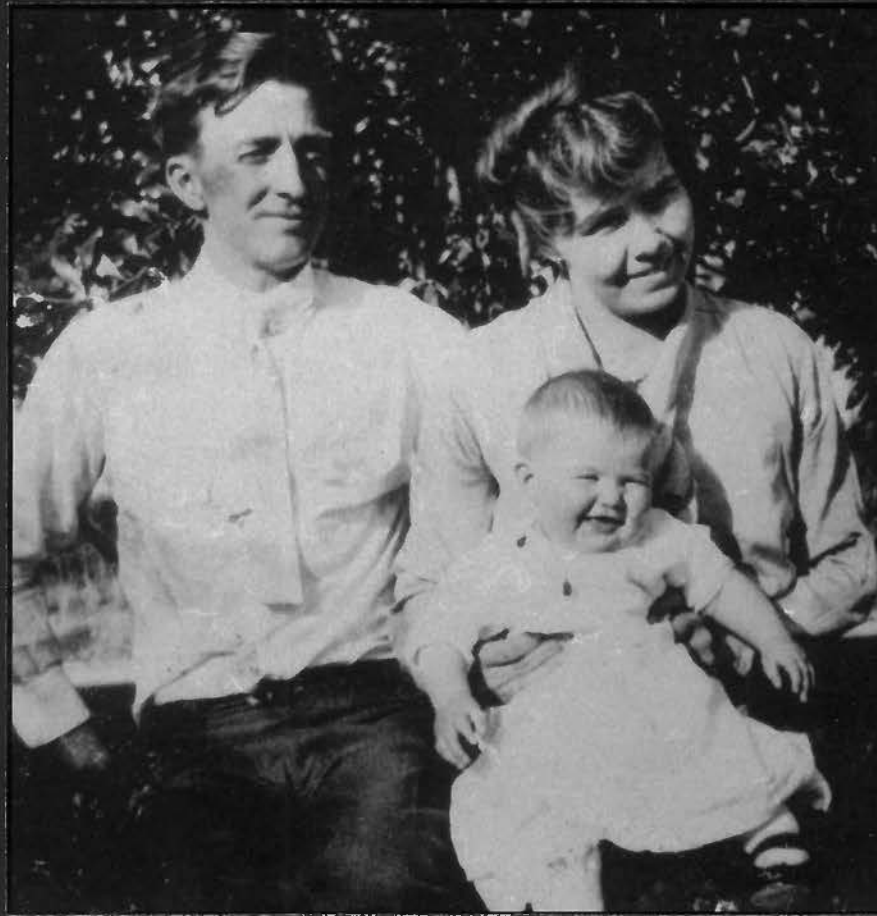
Mrs. Howard Clark and infant daughter are visiting with Mrs. Farwell.

Those who have been ill the past few weeks are: Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Van Vleck, Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Booker.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Poindexter are with their many friends again. Everyone is glad to have them in the Basin where they can see them once in a while.

Mr. Dibble, our forest ranger, has been in this vicinity checking up on the stock to be turned on the forest. June 1st.

# Charles Dibble : Hoback District Ranger 1936-1945



Mr. and Mrs. Dibble (Charlie and Cap) and June. 1935. *photo courtesy JHHS, #1958.2471.001*

Charles Ellis Dibble served as a ranger on the Teton National Forest from 1925 to 1952. His first assignment on the Teton was as a ranger on the Gros Ventre District, headquartered at Horsetail Ranger Station. Shortly after moving into the station on the Gros Ventre River, the dramatic Gros Ventre Slide occurred. Rapidly rising water forced the Dibbles with their small daughter, June, to abandon the station, racing away in their Model T. They then moved to Kelly where they lived until 1936. **In 1936, Ranger Dibble was assigned to the Hoback District which he oversaw until 1945.** At that time he was assigned back to the Gros Ventre, and then in 1948 on to the Buffalo District. After retirement Charles, also known as Charlie and "Dib", resided in Jackson until his death in 1956. He is buried there at the Aspen Hills Cemetery beside his wife Alberta "Cap" Dibble.



Pinedale RoundUp Dec. 8, 1938

### POSTOFFICE AT HOBACK BASIN IS NAMED BONDUR- ANT BY POPULAR PETITION

The old name of Bondurant again is being used in addressing mail to the residents of the Hoback Basin.

The Bondurant postoffice was originally established in October 1909 with Mrs. Ella Bondurant as postmistress. She continued in this capacity until December 1926 when the office was moved to Triangle F ranch with W. E. Hiatt as postmaster. Then the office was taken temporarily by Fred Watts in November 1928, while Mr. Hiatt was out of the state. John Wertz also operated the office for a short time at that period.

In the fall of 1929, the office was moved up on Dell Creek with Will Jones as postmaster. In July 1932 Mr. Jones asked to be relieved of his duties because of ill health, so Eugene Holt assumed the duties of postmaster and moved the office to his ranch. This put the postoffice at the extreme northeast corner of the Basin about five miles from the highway.

In order to facilitate the delivery of mail to the residents, a new postoffice was established in February 1933 known and located at Triangle F ranch with Wallace E. Hiatt as postmaster. The two offices operated until August 1935 when the patrons of the Bondurant office petitioned to have it discontinued. At the same time they requested and were granted a delivery route up the Dell Creek flat so that all the ranchers are served by dropsack delivery.

Now again by popular petition, the name Bondurant will be used to designate the one postoffice which has been known as Triangle F ranch since its establishment in 1933. Bondurant is served daily on the Rock Springs-Jackson route. The other mail route operates thrice weekly in the summer and twice a week in the winter. The new Bondurant postoffice is located at the Booker ranch with Roy Nealeigh as postmaster.

Pinedale RoundUp March 21, 1940

### Ranger Lambert to Big Piney

Ranger James W. Lambert of the Teton National Forest is being transferred to the Big Piney District. Ranger Lambert is a western man and a practical stockman, having been raised on a stock ranch in southern Utah. Since entering the Forest Service in 1927 he has acquired the technical details of forest and range management, and with the cooperation of permittees has made material progress in their application to practical management. During the period 1928-1935 Ranger Lambert served on the Hoback Ranger District of the Teton National Forest which adjoins the Big Piney District. He is well acquainted with many of the stockmen in the Big Piney locality and familiar with their problems. In 1936 Ranger Lambert took over the administration of the Jackson District, where he has remained to the present time. He is much interested in range management work and his transfer to Big Piney will offer greater opportunity for use of his practical knowledge and training in the solution of grazing problems. A successor to Ranger Lambert has not been announced.



# Local News Clips

1940

Pinedale RoundUp

May 2, 1940

## ENJOYABLE DESSERT BRIDGE LUNCHEON GIVEN AT THE TRIANGLE F. RANCH APR. 27

One of the most enjoyable Desert Bridge parties of the season was given at the Triangle F ranch in Fall River Basin, Saturday afternoon, April 27th, by Mrs. Gordon Jewett, Big Piney and Mrs. Kenneth Noble, Fall River Basin.

Triangle F is one of the most beautiful and popular dude ranches in this section of the country and its splendid location was quite fitting for a cross country gathering.

There were ten tables of bridge and one table of Chinese checkers. Table covers were yellow centered with a drawing portraying cowboy and bucking bronco. Guests found their partners by matching their



postcard at [cowcard.com](http://cowcard.com)

... a very long article.





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Pinedale RoundUp Oct. 31, 1940

# Local News Clip

## New Owners at the Triangle F

### MRS. TRONSON GUEST SPEAKER AT COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING, THURS.

During the short business meeting of the Community Club, Thursday afternoon it was decided to send questionnaires to the mothers of children who bring their lunches to school to ascertain their attitude toward the serving of hot lunches. A luncheon set is to be given as second prize at the drawing to be held at the Skyline Theatre, election night, in addition to the wool filled patch work quilt. Holder of the number need not be present at the drawing as the numbers will be posted at the theatre for all those having tickets to check.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Gertrude Tronson of the Triangle F Ranch gave a most interesting talk on the "War In England." Mr. and Mrs. Tronson left England on July 4 of this year, coming immediately to the Triangle F Ranch which they are now owners. Students of the 7th and 8th grades were permitted to attend the meeting to hear this most educational talk. Mrs. Tronson brought with her a gas mask that is now being used in England and a small first aid kit. She demonstrated how the masks were worn, explaining that even the smallest tot wears one continuously and has been trained to do so on short notice.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Tronson before leaving England had volunteered their services and were taking an active part in the war. Numbers have been given to everyone and when the family purchaser goes to the store he or she presents the numbers of everyone in the family so that the food may be rationed accordingly. One quar- pound of butter is allowed each per week and a quarter of pound of sugar. Forty-seven per cent of the wage earners income is taken for government expense. There is no protest on the part of the people, they even ask the government if they are taking a sufficient amount! With such unsurmountable courage the English just cannot meet defeat at the hands of the Germans.

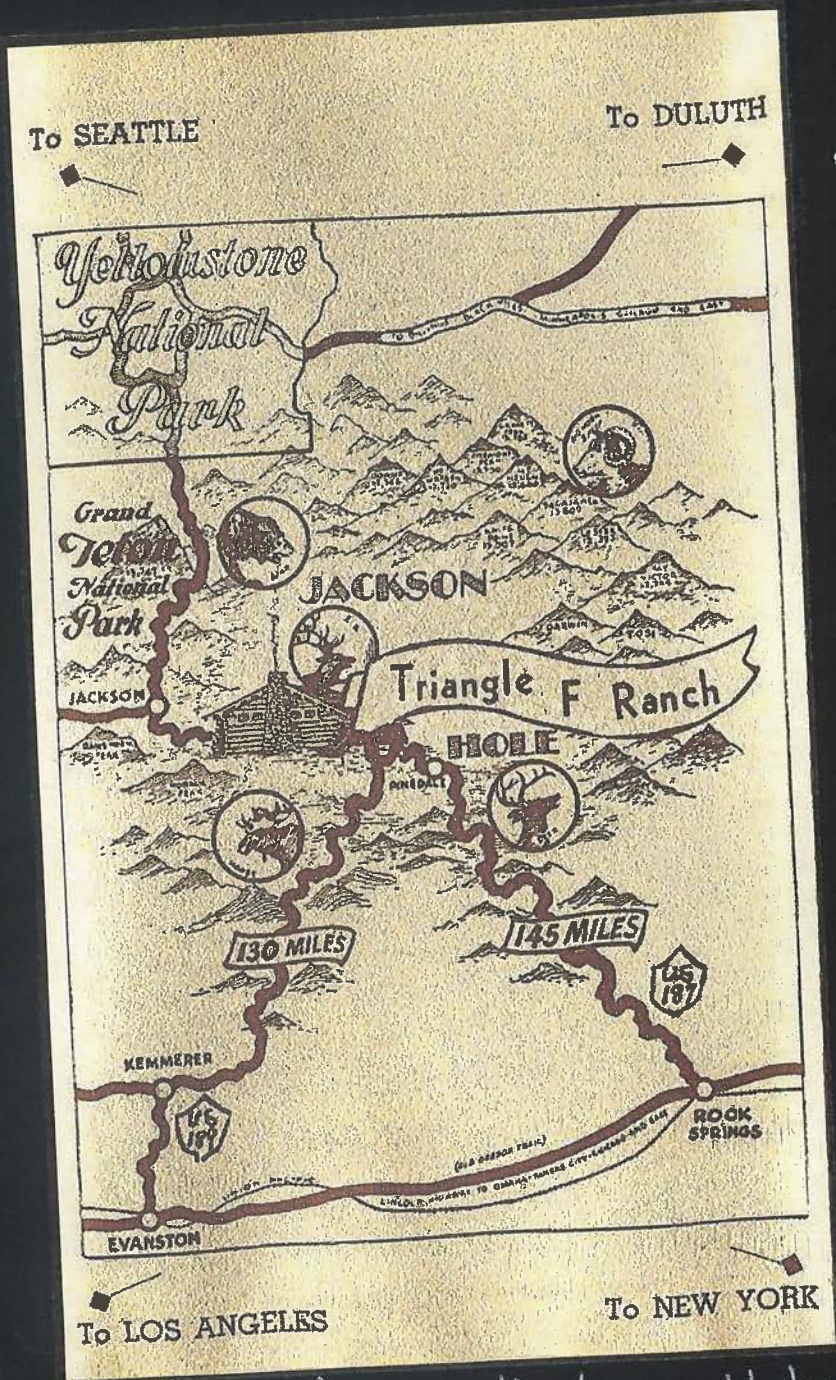
WWII News

Mrs. Tronson also gave a most interesting description of the evacuation of Dunkirk, describing the perils the soldiers underwent before they finally reached home. Because of the many different phases of the war, Mrs. Tronson has encountered it was not possible for her to fully cover all the details she would have liked to. It is hoped a time can be arranged when she may speak before the high school group, the public also will be extended an invitation. Mrs. Tronson is driving a Studebaker with the drive on the right side as is the custom in England, and is finding it rather difficult to drive on the "right" side of the highway. At the close of the afternoon, hostesses including Mrs. M. J. Murphy, Mrs. Harold Taylor, Mrs. Howland Masoner, Mrs. Harlow Mcroft, and Mrs. Chauncey Clark served refreshments. Mrs. Dorothy Penton and Nan Anderson were scheduled hostesses for





Triangle F



### Triangle F Ranch

We offer the ideal spot for your summer vacation, TRIANGLE F RANCH, in the majestic Wyoming Rockies. Situated in the Hoback Basin in the Jackson Hole Country, the ranch affords wonderful views of the rugged Gros Ventre Range. The elevation at the ranch is 6,600 feet. The days are warm and sunny the nights crisp and cool. Open year around.



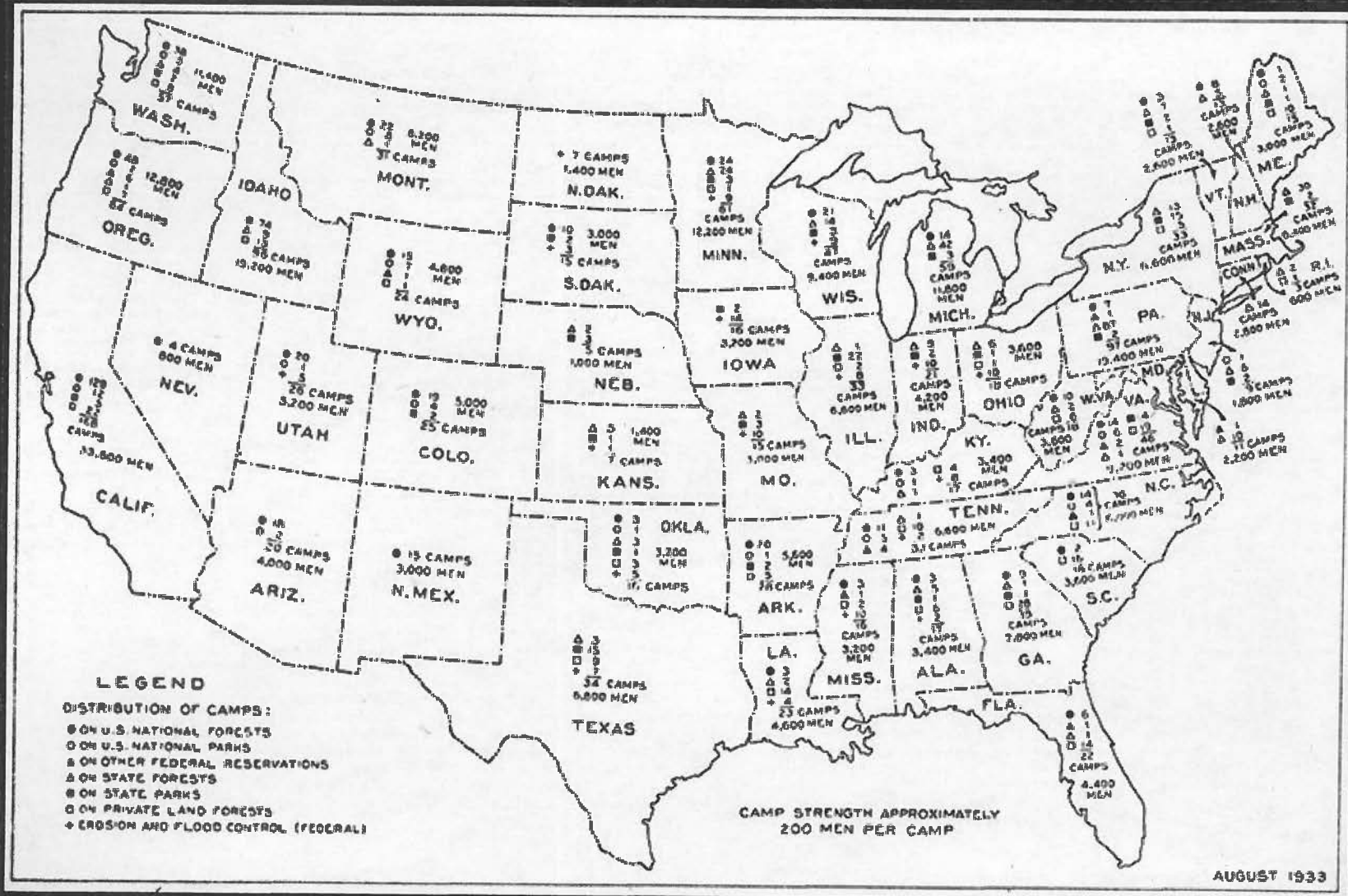
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# Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Overview

Triggered by the Wall Street crash of 1929, the 1930s comprised America's **Great Depression**. By 1932, the final year of republican Herbert Hoover's beleaguered presidency, many banks had collapsed, the stock market had bottomed out, and industrial production had plummeted from \$949 to \$74 million per annum. Farmers were in deep trouble as prices had fallen by 60%. A quarter of the workforce was unemployed, and two million people were homeless.





## CCC Overview - continued

Inaugurated on March 4, 1933, democrat Franklin Delano Roosevelt moved quickly to implement economic relief programs as part of his "**New Deal**" for the American people. Already on April 5, 1933 Roosevelt signed into law Executive Order 6101 creating the Emergency Conservation Work agency, referred to and later officially renamed the "Civilian Conservation Corps" (or CCC). By August 1933, only a few months into the program, Wyoming hosted 4,800 CCC workers in 24 camps of approximately 200 men each. Fifteen of these CCC camps were operated by the Forest Service, all in the western part of the state.

The **Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)** was a **public work relief program that operated from 1933 to 1942** in the United States for unemployed, unmarried men. Originally for young men aged only 18–25, it was eventually expanded to young men ages 17–28. The program provided young men training and jobs related to the conservation and development of natural resources on lands owned by federal, state, and local governments. Over the course of its nine years in operation, 3 million young men participated in the CCC, which provided them with shelter, clothing, and food, together with a monthly wage of \$30 (\$25 of which had to be sent home to their families). Nationwide, maximum enrollment at any one time was 300,000.

The CCC was not a permanent agency; it depended on emergency and temporary Congressional legislation and funding to operate. By 1942, with the U.S. engagement in World War II and the draft in operation, the need for work relief for young men declined, and Congress voted to close the program.

**During its nine years of operation, the CCC had a pronounced impact on the Wyoming/Bridger and Teton National Forests. In addition to fighting fires, the CCC men built trails, campgrounds, recreational facilities, roads, ranger and guard stations, patrol cabins, and fire lookouts, many of which remain in use today more than 75 years later.**



# Cliff Creek CCC Camp

In the 1930s the Teton National Forest hosted two main CCC Camps: one at Dog Creek southwest of Moran and one at Cliff Creek in the Hoback Canyon. The buildings at the Hoback Guard Station were almost certainly built by the boys from the Cliff Creek Camp, it being located only about 4 miles northwest of here. Operating seasonally with a strength of 200 men from May into October, the Cliff Creek installation, sometimes also referred to as Granite Creek, was residentially a tent camp, the only frame structures being their mess hall, washrooms and administrative buildings.



**1934 photographs of the CCC Cliff Creek Camp.** Photos courtesy BTNF, historic photo file 1060.

In addition to building the Hoback Guard Station, the CCC enrollees in this part of the Teton National Forest built the Granite Creek Road, swimming pool and campground; did stream improvements on Granite Creek; and constructed a "modern" campground with restrooms, tables and camp stoves in the Hoback Canyon (now called Kozy). Over the years, this Company of CCCs also built a road from the Hoback Highway to the Bryan Flat Ranger Station, moved the telephone line back from the road along the Hoback Canyon, did trail building and maintenance, soil erosion control work, grazing and reclamation projects, firefighting, timber clean-up work, and helped in searching for lost persons.

**sources:** [48.SU.1916 site form](#); [Teton NF History, Pt.2](#) Esther B. Allen, 1973; *Jackson Hole Courier* June 28, 1934; and William Sholes notes concerning CCC Camp F-6 (BTNF Heritage Resources files).



CCC's Building Granite Hot Springs Pool 1935



USFS photos, courtesy BTNF



# CCC Activities Nearby

1930s



CCC carpentry crew trainees building scale model of camp building, Bridger National Forest, 1937. Photo courtesy MMM 2005.475.0001



CCC enrollees sawing logs, Bridger National Forest, 1930s. Photo courtesy MMM 1999.01.4232



2017 photo of the Plan 14 "Fly Shed" built by the CCCs at Hoback Guard Station. Note the similarity of this structure to the model.





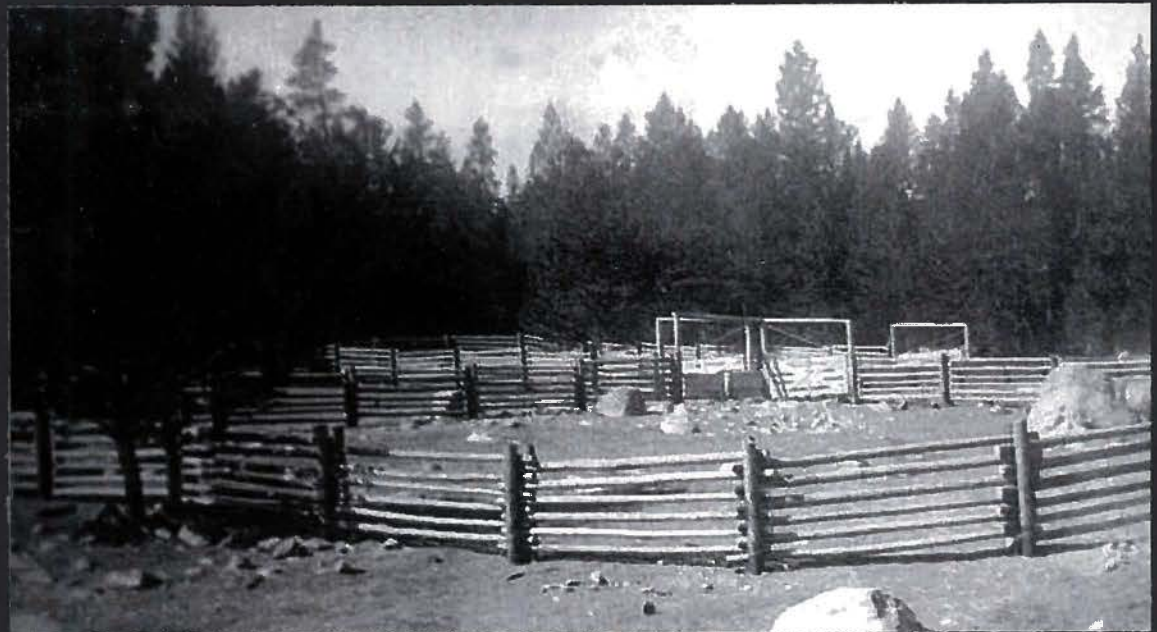
CCC boys building fence at Elkhart Park, Bridger National Forest, 1937.

*Photo courtesy MMM 2005.475.0001*



CCC Carpentry Crew, Bridger National Forest. 1933.

*Courtesy of Bertha Boulter and David Allen*



Corrals for counting herds using forest grazing, built by CCC Camp Fremont, Bridger National Forest, n.d.

*Photo courtesy MMM, via [sublette.com/history/ccc](http://sublette.com/history/ccc)*



# CCC Activities Nearby

1930s



CCC crew moving a boulder, Bridger National Forest, 1930s.  
Photo courtesy MMM 1999.01.4218



CCC Roadbuilders in a tight spot, Bridger National Forest. 1936.  
Photo courtesy MMM 2013.600.0001., Paul R. Jones collection



CCC firefighters, Blackwater Fire, Shoshone National Forest, 1937.  
Photo courtesy [forestarmyblogspot.com](http://forestarmyblogspot.com)



# CCCs and Fire Lookouts

1941

“CCC Crews and funding provided much-needed infrastructure in the Forest Service fire management program. Throughout the Bridger and Teton National Forests, from 1933 to 1941, the CCC erected fire lookout towers, then connected them to guard and ranger stations via telephone wire over rugged terrain. These improvements contributed to a system that quickly proved its worth.”

*Lookouts, Latrines, and Lodgepole Cabins : Administrative Facilities of Wyoming's Bridger-Teton National Forest, 1904-1955 , Volume 1, p.63*



**Monument Ridge Lookout, approximately 2002**

*USFS photo: Lookouts, Latrines, and Lodgepole Cabins, Volume 2.*

**At least 7 Fire Lookouts were built in 1941 by the CCCs in what is today the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Among these lookouts is Monument Ridge.**

**Its design, known as the Region 4 Plan 80 Lookout House, is a small, square, wood-frame, hipped roof structure whose construction materials were easy to pack to remote locations. Yet no other Lookout resembles Monument Ridge's appearance. The only other two on record with this type of mixed frame and pre-cut log construction were Munger Mountain and Deer Creek lookouts, both torched in the mid-1970s.**

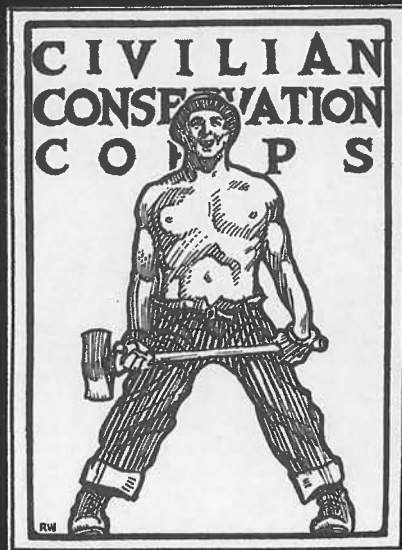
**Also unusual, Monument Ridge is one of only two lookouts on the Forest (*the other is Deadline Ridge*) situated along a built road.**

*source: 48.SU.1544 site form*





CCC crew building stream improvement. Montana, n.d.  
*Photo courtesy forestarmyblogspot.com*



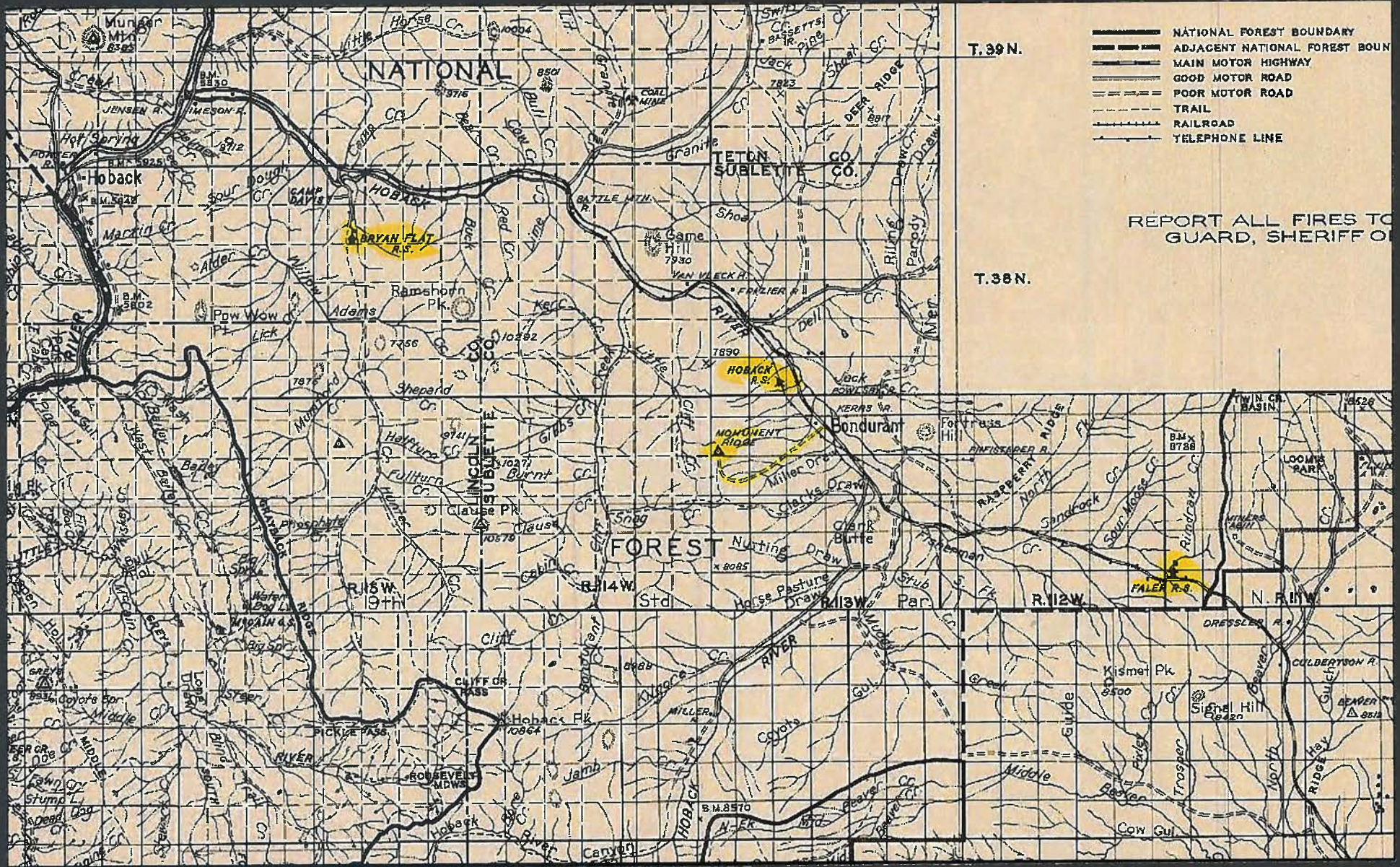
CCC enrollees playing craps, Encampment, WY 1933.  
*Photo courtesy Grand Enc Museum, Lora Nichols collection*



One of several livestock bridges built by the CCC over Big Sandy Creek, Bridger N.F., 1937.  
"Usually, at the season when stock is thrown on the Forest grazing lands, the waters of this creek are so high as to prevent movement of the bands." *Photo courtesy MMM 2005.475.0001*



1946



Portion of 1946 Bridger, Teton & Targhee National Forest map. The Hoback Station appears on this 1946 map as a Forest Ranger Station (R.S.), with a symbol (no flag) indicating that it was Not Permanently Occupied. In contrast, the Faler and Bryan Flat Ranger Stations are depicted with flags. Monument Ridge Fire Lookout appears on this map some 2 ½ miles southwest of the Hoback Ranger Station. Constructed by the CCCs in 1941, the locale has become a Permanent Lookout station (with structure) and a road now leads to its site.



# Monument Ridge Fire Lookout



2015 photo

Built by the CCCs in 1941, the lower portion of this lookout cabin is made of pre-hewn and numbered logs, while the upper portion is of milled lumber frame construction.





Hoback Guard Station USFS sign indicating turnoff along U.S. Highway 189/191, Bondurant, Wyoming. 2017 photo



# **Hoback Guard Station History Scrapbook**

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