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Milepost 15.8, tangent to U.S. Highway 287
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Quad: Squaw Creek, Montana (1988)

UTM: 12/453186/4972252

Date of Construction: 1966

Present Owner: Montana Department of Transportation
Helena, Montana

Present Use: Concrete Pad

Significance: The Raynold's Pass Rest Area is significant for its association with the Montana Department of Transportation's (MDT) development of roadside rest areas during the 1960s. The department developed a standard design for rest areas, including landscaping, and this site is representative of that standard design. The MDT located many rest areas at scenic areas in Montana to encourage users to stop and spend time at them. The Raynold's Pass Rest Area is representative of the type of rest area established along the state's two-lane highways. While many of the features located at the site are not historic, they still reflect the MDT's philosophy for this type of facility in the late twentieth century.

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II. HISTORY

A display case was originally located on top of this concrete pad in 1966. The case had been removed by 1980, but the concrete pad remains.¹

III. DESCRIPTION

The 10' x 10' concrete pad covers the rest area's septic tank and was installed in 1966. The concrete pad is 5 feet east of the parking lot and about 12 feet southeast of the wooden bench (MT-148-E).

¹ Montana State Highway Commission, Plan and Profile of Proposed Federal Aid Project No. LSF 13-244(1), Unit 1: Raynold's Pass Rest Area (1966).