

THE HORSE RANCH, BARBEQUE
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
Eagle Cap Wilderness Area
Joseph vicinity
Wallowa County
Oregon

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THE HORSE RANCH (Red's Horse Ranch), Barbecue

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Location: The Horse Ranch is located within the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. The ranch lies in a valley along the Wild and Scenic Minam River. It is approximately nine air miles northeast of Cove, Oregon and thirteen air miles southwest of Enterprise, Oregon. SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 2S, Range 41E, Willamette Meridian.

The barbecue is located directly north of the kitchen/dining hall. It sits on a slight rise against the rocky slope.

Significance: The barbecue is significant as it relates to the ranch complex. Built in 1965 when the dining hall was constructed, the barbecue was used in preparing meals for the guests.

According to the Determination of Eligibility for the National Register (letter dated, May 1, 1996) between the State Historic Preservation Office and the U.S. Forest Service, the barbecue is a contributing building within the Horse Ranch complex.

Description: The barbecue measures approximately 6' N.S. x 4' E.W. and is 4' high. The shelter is constructed similar to other service structures (OR-165-D and AD). The structure sits on a flagstone and concrete floor and foundation. Six small log posts rest on a log sill. Two log beams support the truss roof structure. Cross bracing is added to the side elevations and small braces are added to the corners of the front and rear elevations (west and east). Sapling-size purlins support gable roof with is covered with a corrugated metal roof. A low granite wall which functions as bench and counter extends across the front. The barbecue is constructed of massive rubble course granite and has a large double decker iron grill which can be lifted by a crank mechanism.

Historical Context:

The barbecue and the shelter was built out of the local granite by Pete Decker, a long-time handyman at the ranch. The barbecue was built in 1965 when the dining hall was constructed and used in the preparation of daily meals.

Sources: Cason, Richard, 8/12/96, Elgin, Oregon, former wrangler and pilot for Red's Horse Ranch, interviewed by Kimberly Lakin. Womack, Bruce, 8/96 and 10/96, Enterprise, Oregon, Eagle Cap Wilderness Area, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, National Register Determination of Eligibility. Site analysis by Kimberly Lakin and Sally Donovan, August 1996.

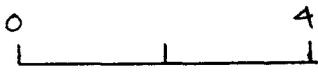
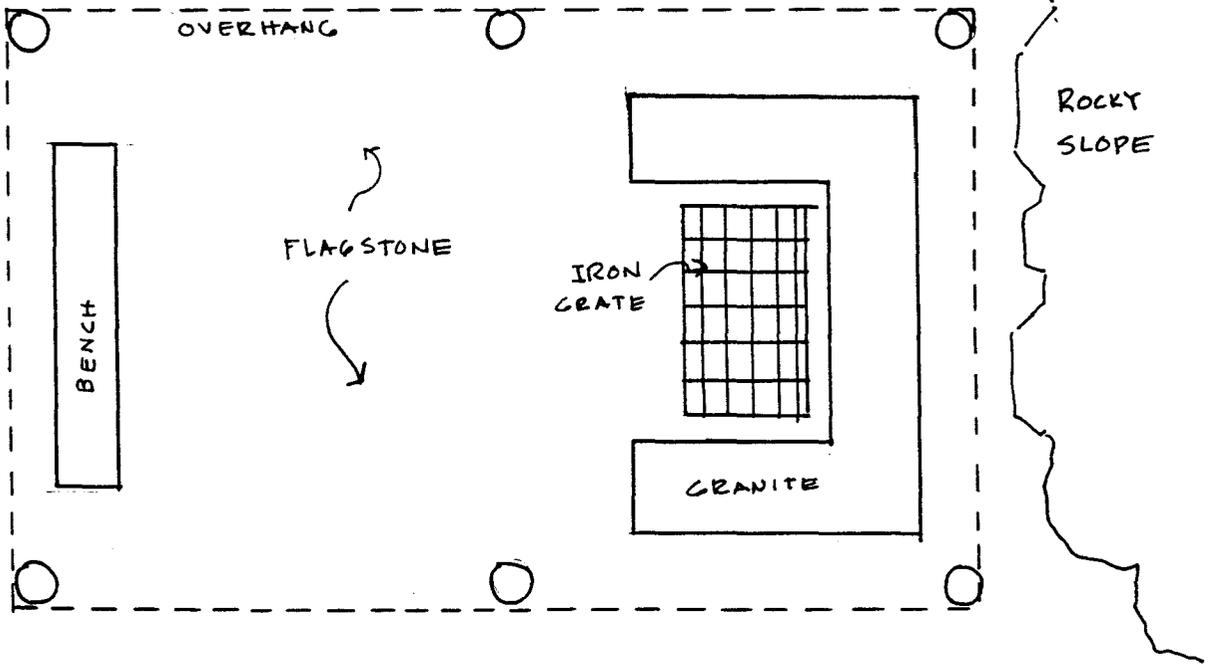
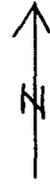
Project Information:

In 1994, the Horse Ranch (Red's Horse Ranch) was acquired for inclusion in the National Wilderness System by the USDA Forest Service. As a result of the property acquisition, the USDA Forest Service is preparing an Environmental Analysis Report and Future Use Determination for the site. This process will enable the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest to establish management direction and priorities for the property. As part of the environmental analysis, a Determination of Eligibility report was completed in the spring of 1996.

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