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Cadastral grid: NE¼, SE¼, Section 30, Township 53N, Range 101W
USGS Quadrangle: Cody, Wyoming (7½ Minute Series, Provisional Edition, 1987)
UTM Coordinates: 12.654220.4933720

Significance:  devoid of architectural style, with its simple massing and austere detailing, the East Shed, like all of the site's structures, illustrates the utilitarianism of Wyoming's industrial construction.

Description: The East Shed is configured as a single-story building supported by an elevated timber platform. Measuring 28'-0" by 30'-6" (with a 10'-0" by 12'-0" addition on the east side), it is a wood-frame structure, with sawn 2x4 studs framing the walls and kingpost trusses or 2x6 rafters supporting the roof. This roof is a shallowly pitched side gable with a shed roof extension on the front and a shed roof over the east addition, all sheathed with corrugated steel sheets. The exterior walls are similarly covered with corrugated steel, coated with aluminum paint. This sheathing extends below the floor structure to form an apron that encloses the timber piers on the sides and rear. Fenestration consists of a small, four-light window with horizontal sliding sash on the east and west walls. Doorways are situated on the east and north walls of the building's main section and the south wall of the side addition. All window openings are framed with plain-board casings and slip sills; the doors feature uncased jambs and simple sills.

The interior of the shed is a single undivided space. Like the exterior, the interior is strictly utilitarian: the walls and ceiling (such as they are) are the exposed studs and trusses and the floor is comprised of wood planks. The interior is unpainted; the exterior siding and trim have once been painted, but paint on the woodwork has experienced severe peeling. The shed appears to have undergone essentially no alterations and only minor, nonstructural repairs.

History: According to county records, the East Shed of the Standard Oil Company Bulk Depot was constructed in 1928. The building may have housed a small business office at some point, but its primary function was as a storage shed and loading platform for petroleum products in barrels, cans and cases. Located adjacent to the Burlington Northern Railroad, the depot originally received these bulk oil products in railroad cars. This changed to truck delivery in subsequent years. Delivery of gasoline and diesel fuel from the depot to retail filling stations in the area has always been by means of trucks. The East Shed has most recently been

owned by the Cody Feed Store, which presently stores and distributes fertilizer in a row of upright tanks immediately east of this shed. Today the East Shed stands vacant and essentially abandoned.

(Note: For a more extensive history of the Standard Oil Company Bulk Depot, the Cody Industrial Area and the Burlington Railroad, see HABS No. WY-149.)

Sources: Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. "Cody, Park County, Wyoming." Map of railroad right-of-way produced by Office of Assistant Chief Engineer, CB&Q Railroad, Lincoln, Nebraska, 25 March 1929 and updated periodically.

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