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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION - RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: Wilsonia Historic District

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: CALIFORNIA, Tulare

DATE RECEIVED: 04/18/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY:
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 95001151

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Wilsonia Historic District (Additional Documentation) successfully amends the original 1995 listing to expand the period of significance, update the evaluations of individual contributing and non-contributing resources, and acknowledge the contributing nature of the interspersed landscape elements (man-made and natural) to the larger district. The expanded period of significance reflects the consistent nature of the vernacular forms erected in the recreational cabin district up through the mid-20th century, ending with the introduction of newer, contemporary building forms during the 1960s and 1970s, and the changing patterns of local park management.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept Addit Doc.

REVIEWER Paul R Lusignan DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE _____ DATE 6/1/11

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR YN

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RETURN

The resubmission did not contain maps documenting the revised status of the district resources as required for National Register historic districts.

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REVIEWER PAUL R. LUSIGNAN DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE _____ DATE 3/11/2011

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(Additional Documentation)

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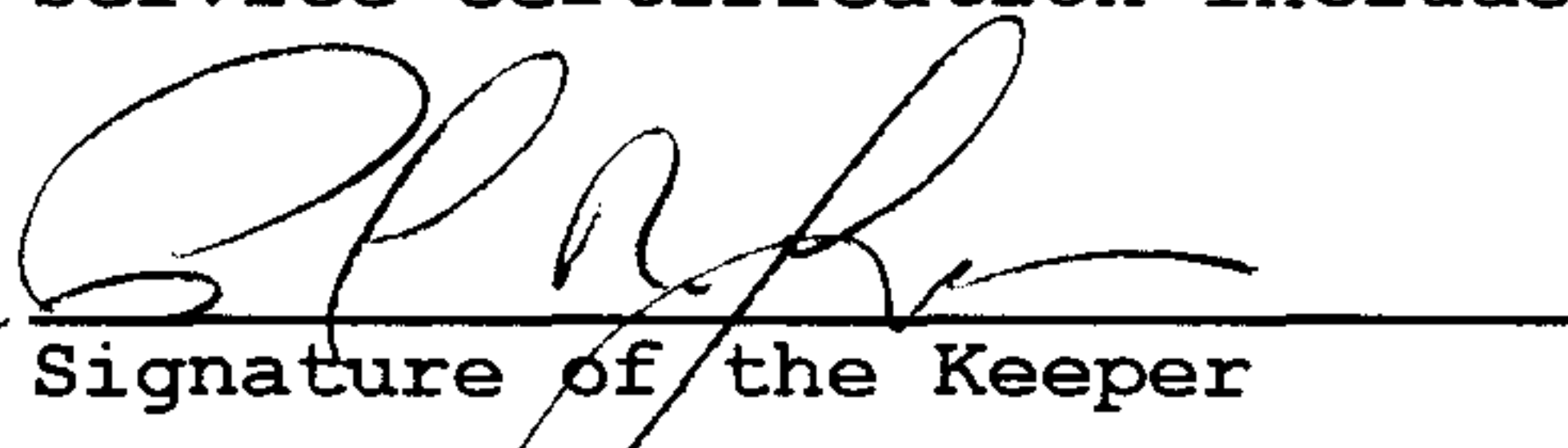
County

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Signature of the Keeper

6/1/11
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Significance:

The Amended Documentation identifies the entire Wilsonia district as *one* contributing site. This evaluation acknowledges the fact that the district is much more than just a collection of isolated recreational cabin *buildings*, but is a cohesive landscape composed of small and large scale man-made features as well as the interrelated natural forested landscape.

While the current documentation of the component elements that make up this *site* does not reflect the academic rigor of a historic structures report or formal cultural landscape inventory, which would be beneficial for long-term management purposes, it is sufficient to recognize those general features and property types that define the broad physical character and setting for the historic district. Listing the property in its entirety as a site and labeling it as a cultural landscape merely recognizes the importance of the integration of the natural forest setting with the built aspects of the recreational cabin community. The compatibility of the recreational community infrastructure with the character-defining aspects of the mountain setting, including natural vegetation, meadows, boulders, rock outcroppings, intermittent streams, and hilly terrain provides the district with its unique historic character and sets this place apart from other recreational resources. The acknowledgement of a contributing site is simply the recognition that the character defining features of the community extend beyond just the built cabins.

The lack of specificity regarding individual elements of the site/landscape highlights the holistic nature of the Wilsonia setting. Identification of the specific nature (dates of construction, level of alteration) of any one individual feature may require additional research for long-term management purposes. (e.g. Wooden street signs-while a specific street sign may or may not be "historic" [built within the period of significance], the system of rustic signage is characteristic of the environment and the overall cultural setting.)

These clarifications were confirmed with the CA SHPO/NPS FPO office.

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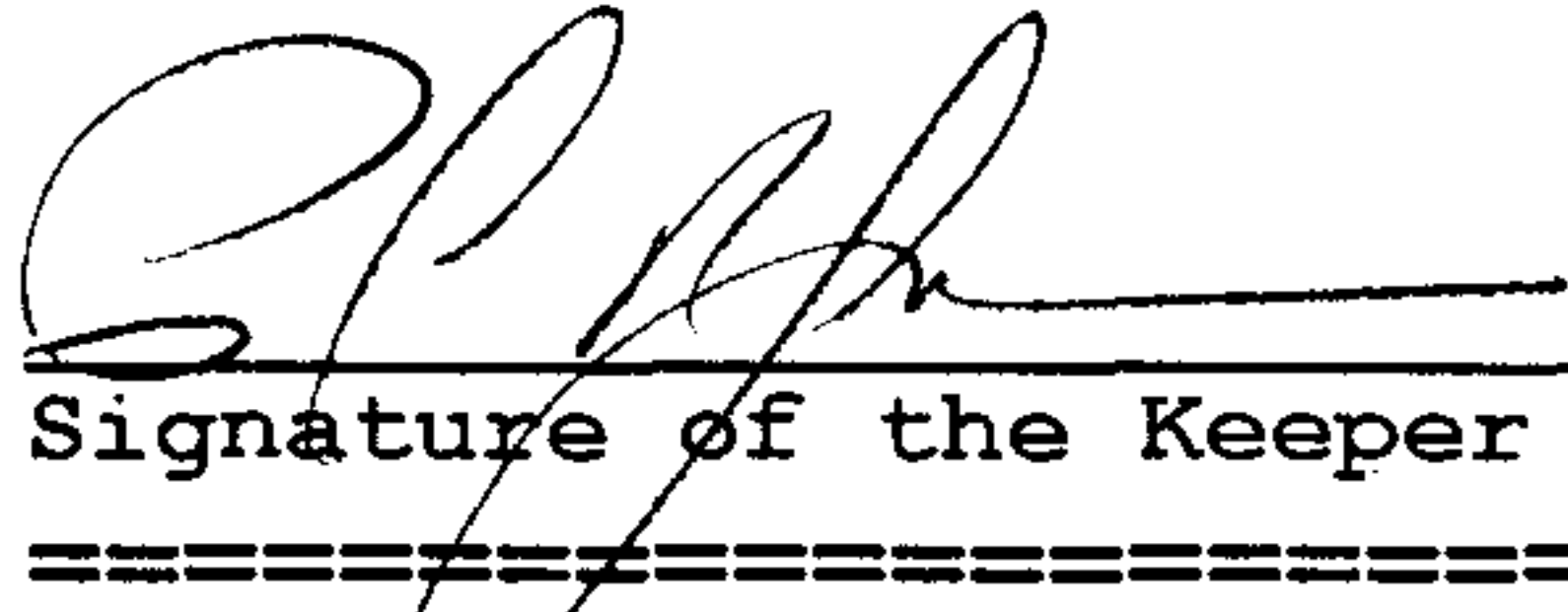
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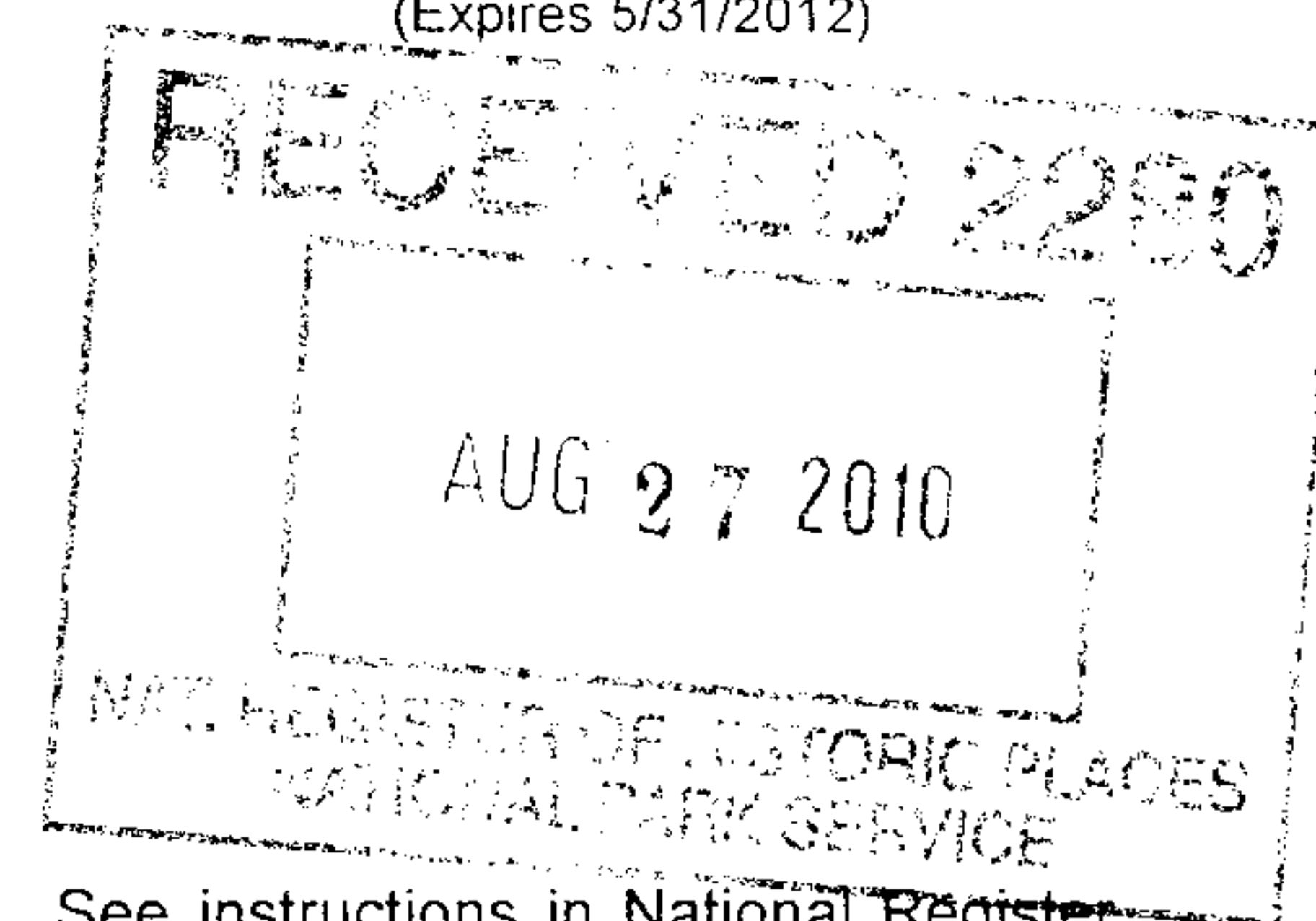
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Wilsonia Historic District Amendment, Tulare County, California

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property

historic name Wilsonia (Amendment)other names/site number Wilsonia Historic District

2. Location

street & number Surrounded by Kings Canyon National Park

n/a

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not for publication

city or town Wilsonia

n/a

☐

vicinity

state California code CA county Tulare code 107 zip code 93633

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this x 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 x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide x local

Michelle Loren Olson State Historic Preservation Officer 25 August 2010
Signature of certifying official Title Date

California Office of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official Date

Title State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

✓ entered in the National Register

 determined eligible for the National Register

 determined not eligible for the National Register

 removed from the National Register

 other (explain:)

[Signature]
Signature of the Keeper

6/1/2011
Date of Action

5. Classification

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

☒ private

☐ public - Local

☐ public - State

☒ public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box.)

☐ building(s)

☒ district

☐ site

☐ structure

☐ object

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
162	49	buildings
1	0	site
0	0	structure
0	0	object
163	49	Total

*These numbers wholly supersede those of the 1995 Nomination, and account for revised evaluations, as well as for demolished and newly constructed buildings within the district. For a detailed comparison of 1995 and 2008 evaluations, see the complete listing of resources by address below.

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Contributing	Non-contributing	
139	73	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
139	73	Total

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/village site

RECREATION/outdoor recreation

LANDSCAPE/forest

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/village site

RECREATION/outdoor recreation

LANDSCAPE/forest

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late 19th/Early 20th Century American Movements

Other: rustic mountain cabin architecture

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: Wood, stone, concrete

walls: Wood

roof: Metal, wood

other: Stone, brick

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7. DESCRIPTION

Summary

On June 14, 1995, a National Register Nomination was completed for the Wilsonia Historic District, a 100-acre village located in the General Grant Grove section of Kings Canyon National Park, in Tulare County, California. At that time, the Historic District was evaluated as being eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A at the local level of significance, as a representative recreational mountain community within the broader context of recreational mountain communities developed in California between 1850 and 1950. The period of significance was defined as 1918-1945.

This amendment is intended to update the information contained in the original National Register nomination. Fourteen years have passed since the initial listing of the Wilsonia Historic District. Since that time, some cabins have achieved greater historic significance, others have undergone modifications or been demolished, and new structures have been constructed within the district boundaries. This amendment will extend the period of significance, update evaluations of contributing and non-contributing resources, and add a cultural landscape component.

As outlined in the 1995 National Register Nomination, the Wilsonia Historic District was composed of 212 primary buildings (excluding small guest cabins, sheds, outhouses, and other outbuildings). Of these, 139 (approximately 66%) were evaluated as contributors, and 73 as non-contributors due to age or alterations.

With this amendment, the Wilsonia Historic District now contains a total of 211 primary buildings. Of these, 162 (approximately 77%) are evaluated as contributors, and 49 as non-contributors due to age or alterations. In addition to the individual buildings, the overall cultural landscape is added as a contributing site, for a total of 163 contributing resources within the Wilsonia Historic District.

The resources of the Historic District are described below.

Modifications to Cabins since 1995

Constructed over many decades, the cabins of Wilsonia come in a wide range of shapes and sizes. As the 1995 Nomination acknowledges, most of the cabins in Wilsonia have been altered to varying degrees. In fact, incremental modification is quite characteristic of these simple vernacular structures, many of which began in the 1920s and 1930s as mere platforms for cooking with tents, or as modest one or two-room shelters without plumbing or electricity. Over time, structures may have been enlarged, bathroom and kitchen facilities added in the interiors, and deteriorated roofing and exterior cladding replaced due to the harsh conditions of the natural mountain environment.

Despite these alterations, a majority of the cabins remain modest and simple wooden structures. As was true in 1995, modifications tend to be compatible in design, materials and method of construction, and appear to respect the original builder intent for the structure to blend in with and complement the natural forest setting. With few exceptions, the modifications of the Wilsonia cabins that have occurred since 1995 are consistent with those noted in the 1995 Nomination.

Character-defining features of the cabins include:

- Modest scale, typically one to one and one-half stories in height
- Rectangular or L-shaped plan

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- Simple massing with flat exterior facades
- Medium to high-pitched gables roofs, some with shed roof extensions
- Shingle (wood or composition) or metal roofing
- Wood exterior siding (shingles or shakes, board-and-batten, horizontal board, bark, log)
- Small rectangular windows in wood-frame openings
- Hinged wooden shutters
- Front, side and/or rear porches or decks
- Stone or brick chimneys or metal flues
- Natural landscaping

Typical modifications include the replacement of original wood shingle roofing with composite shingles or metal; replacement wood siding; added, removed, or reconfigured decks and porches; replacement of windows within the original openings; metal flues replacing masonry chimneys; and compatible side or rear additions where the original structure is clearly discernable.

Modifications that have been determined to compromise the integrity of the cabins include alterations that obscure the original structure; partial demolition of the original structure; additions that are out of scale with the original structure; and additions that are indistinguishable from the original structure.

Revised Evaluations of the Cabins

Evaluations that have changed or have been added since the 1995 Wilsonia Historic District Nomination are outlined below. A complete listing of all evaluated properties follows.

Three (3) previous Contributors have been lost to demolition and are no longer extant:

- 83893 Goddard Lane (C-29)
Demolished; this structure was replaced by a new cabin.
- 83786 Hillcrest Road (C-60)
Demolished; this structure was destroyed when a log fell on it.
- 83849 Lilac Lane (C-68)
Demolished; this structure was one of two residences on the property (the second residence is still extant).

One (1) previous Non-contributor that was excluded due to age has been demolished and is no longer extant:

- 83690 Park Road (NC-47)
Demolished; the Old Wilsonia Lodge - along with the 3 motel units on the property - was demolished by the National Park Service. A residential structure remains on the property.

Four (4) previous Contributors have been lost due to alteration, and are now Non-contributors:

- 83763 Hillcrest Road (C-58)
Alterations since 1995 include a large addition; new porch; new deck; and the shingle roof on original structure replaced with metal.

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- 83747 Pine Lane (C-97)
Alterations since 1995 include a new two-story addition that replaced the rear portion of original cabin; new windows in new openings; new balustrade; new shingle siding on top and bottom; new front porch; and a new roof dormer.
- 83656 President's Lane (C-102)
Since 1995, this structure was extensively remodeled or completely reconstructed.
- 83668 Willow Lane (C-133)
Alterations since 1995 include an enclosed front porch; side porch removed; side addition; new enlarged roof; and a new front porch.

Twenty-seven (27) previous Non-contributors that were excluded due to age are now at least 50 years old and have sufficient integrity, and therefore are now re-evaluated as Contributors:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • 83528 Alta Lane (NC-1) | • 83808 Laurel Lane (NC-28) |
| • 83576 Alta Lane (NC-2) | • 83831 Laurel Lane (NC-32) |
| • 83595 Alta Lane (NC-3) | • 83811 Lily Lane (NC-36) |
| • 83607 Alta Lane (NC-4) | • 83761 Lupine Lane (NC-37) |
| • 83688 Cedar Lane (NC-7) | • 83696 Manzanita Lane (NC-40) |
| • 83730 Cedar Lane (NC-10) | • 83564 Park Road (NC-44) |
| • 83733 Cedar Lane (NC-11) | • 83735 Park Road (NC-50) |
| • 83659 Chinquapin Lane (NC-13) | • 83736 Park Road (NC-53) |
| • 83798 Fern Lane (NC-14) | • 83647 President's Lane (NC-55) |
| • 83869 Goddard Lane (NC-15) | • 83580 Sierra Lane (NC-61) |
| • 83631 Grant Lane (NC-16) | • 83599 Sierra Lane (NC-63) |
| • 83644 Hazel Lane (NC-19) | • 83658 Willow Lane (NC-70) |
| • 83714 Hazel Lane (NC-21) | • 83728 Willow Lane (NC-73) |
| • 83726 Hazel Lane (NC-22) | |

Three (3) previous Non-contributors that were excluded due to alterations have been re-evaluated as Contributors:

- 83655 Hazel Lane (NC-20)
There have been no major alterations since 1995. However, the rear addition noted in the 1995 Nomination is compatible and consistent with characteristic modifications of other cabins over time.
- 83777 Meadow Lane (NC-43)
There have been no major alterations since 1995. However, the alterations noted in the 1995 Nomination are compatible and consistent with characteristic modifications of other cabins over time.
- 83672 Willow Lane (NC-71)
There have been no major alterations since 1995. However, the alterations noted in the 1995 Nomination are compatible and consistent with characteristic modifications of other cabins over time.

Two (2) new cabins have been constructed:

- 83899 Goddard Lane

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This one and one-half story residence is clad in board-and-batten wood siding. Rectangular in plan, it has flat windows and a pitched metal roof. There is a recessed porch and upper-story balcony on the front façade, and a projecting balcony on the rear façade. Constructed some time after 2005, this residence replaced a smaller 1927 cabin (C-29). This structure is a Non-contributor due to age.

- 83751 Pine Lane
This one and one-half story residence is clad in board-and-batten wood siding with wood shingles along the foundation and in the gable end. Rectangular in plan, it has flat windows and a pitched metal roof. There is a deck along the rear façade. Constructed some time after 1995, this residence is one of two on the property; the original cabin also remains. This structure is a Non-contributor due to age.

Architectural Descriptions for New Contributors

As noted above, twenty-seven (27) previous Non-contributors that were excluded due to age are now at least 50 years old and have sufficient integrity, and therefore are now evaluated as Contributors.

83528 Alta Lane (NC-1)

1995 DescriptionThis one and one-half story wood frame residence is clad in horizontal wood siding. "L"-shaped in plan, it has flat windows and a pitched roof. Alterations include an addition. The varnished natural wood has been painted brownish red. There is a guest house on the property.

Changes since 1995No major alterations since 1995.

83576 Alta Lane (NC-2)

1995 DescriptionThis one and one-half story residence is clad in wood shingles. "L"-shaped in plan, it has a pitched roof and flat windows. The residence was approximately 800 square feet when purchased by the current owners in 1979. The upstairs, downstairs and porch have since been enlarged. The stairs to the second floor were moved inside and a wood burning stove was added to the living room.

Changes since 1995Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal; new aluminum window; new wooden shutters.

83595 Alta Lane (NC-3)

1995 DescriptionRectangular in plan, this one story wood frame residence has a pitched roof and flat windows.

Changes since 1995Alterations since 1995 include new porch.

83607 Alta Lane (NC-4)

1995 DescriptionRectangular in plan, this one story wood frame residence has a pitched roof and flat windows.

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Changes since 1995 Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal; horizontal wood siding replaced with wood shingle.

83688 Cedar Lane (NC-7)

1995 Description Rectangular in plan, this one and one half story modified A-frame residence is clad in tongue and groove siding and has casement windows.

Changes since 1995 No major alterations since 1995.

83730 Cedar Lane (NC-10)

1995 Description "L"-shaped in plan, this one and one half story wood frame residence is clad in board and batten siding. It has a pitched shingle roof, flat windows, and a stone chimney.

Changes since 1995 Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.

83733 Cedar Lane (NC-11)

1995 Description Rectangular in plan, this one and one half story wood frame residence has a pitched aluminum roof and aluminum windows. The original windows were replaced with aluminum sliders in 1972-4. The porch rail has been replaced and the roof was replaced with green sheet metal. An outside staircase was added in 1983.

Changes since 1995 No major alterations since 1995.

83659 Chinquapin Lane (NC-13)

1995 Description Rectangular in plan, this one and one half story cabin has a pitched roof and flat windows.

Changes since 1995 No major alterations since 1995.

83798 Fern Lane (NC-14)

1995 Description Rectangular in plan, this one story cabin has flat windows, a pitched roof, and a brick chimney. It is clad in wood siding which has been painted red. There is an outhouse on the property.

Changes since 1995 Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.

83869 Goddard Lane (NC-15)

1995 Description This one and one half story residence is clad in board and batten siding. Rectangular in plan, it has flat windows and a pitched metal roof. There is also a contributing residence on the property.

Changes since 1995 No major alterations since 1995. One of two structures on the property.

83631 Grant Lane (NC-16)

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1995 Description This one and one half story wood frame residence is clad in horizontal tongue and groove siding. Rectangular in plan, it has flat windows, front and back porches, a brick fireplace, and a pitched roof.

Changes since 1995 Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.

83644 Hazel Lane (NC-19)

1995 Description This one story wood frame residence is clad in board and batten siding. Rectangular in plan, it has flat windows and a pitched roof. It is the upper and larger of two cabins on the property.

Changes since 1995 No major alterations since 1995. One of two residences on the property. This is the upper residence.

83714 Hazel Lane (NC-21)

1995 Description This one and one half story residence is clad in horizontal board and batten siding with vertical wood siding at the gable ends. Rectangular in plan, it has a brick chimney, flat windows, and a pitched wood shingle roof.

Changes since 1995 No major alterations since 1995.

83726 Hazel Lane (NC-22)

1995 Description This one and one half story wood frame residence is clad in board and batten siding. Rectangular in plan, it has flat windows and a pitched roof.

Changes since 1995 Alterations since 1995 include roof dormers replaced with skylights; porch reconfigured.

83808 Laurel Lane (NC-28)

1995 Description This one and one half story wood frame residence is clad in a combination of board and batten and angled wood siding. Irregular in plan, it has flat windows and a composition shingle pitched roof.

Changes since 1995 No major alterations since 1995.

83831 Laurel Lane (NC-32)

1995 Description This one and one half story wood frame residence is clad in horizontal wood siding with board and batten siding at the gable ends. Rectangular in plan, it has flat windows and a pitched roof.

Changes since 1995 No major alterations since 1995.

83811 Lily Lane (NC-36)

1995 Description This one and one half story wood frame residence is clad in horizontal tongue and groove siding. Rectangular in plan, it has a pitched shingle roof and flat windows with shutters.

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Changes since 1995 No major alterations since 1995.

83761 Lupine Lane (NC-37)

1995 Description This one and one half story wood frame residence is clad in horizontal tongue and groove siding. Rectangular in plan, it has a pitched roof, flat sash windows, and a prominent front porch.

Changes since 1995 No major alterations since 1995.

83696 Manzanita Lane (NC-40)

1995 Description This one and one half story residence is clad in horizontal wood siding. Rectangular in plan, it has a pitched roof and wood windows.

Changes since 1995 Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.

83564 Park Road (NC-44)

1995 Description This one and one half story residence is clad in board and batten siding. Rectangular in plan, it has flat windows and a pitched shingle roof.

Changes since 1995 Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.

83735 Park Road (NC-50)

1995 Description This two story residence is clad in horizontal wood siding. Rectangular in plan, it has flat windows, a brick chimney, and a pitched metal roof.

Changes since 1995 No major alterations since 1995.

83736 Park Road (NC-53)

1995 Description This one and one half story residence is clad in horizontal wood siding. Rectangular in plan, it has flat windows and a pitched roof.

Changes since 1995 Alterations since 1995 include front porch removed by snow. This property is listed in the 1995 nomination as 83739 Pine Lane.

83647 President's Lane (NC-55)

1995 Description This one and one half story residence is clad in wood shingles. Rectangular in plan, it has flat windows and a wood shingle gambrel roof.

Changes since 1995 Alterations since 1995 include new stone foundation; wood shingle roof replaced with composite shingles.

83580 Sierra Lane (NC-61)

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1995 Description This one and one half story residence is clad in wood shingles. Rectangular in plan, it has flat windows, a brick chimney, and a pitched metal roof. The deck was replaced in 1990. There is a shed on the property.

Changes since 1995 No major alterations since 1995.

83599 Sierra Lane (NC-63)

1995 Description This one story residence is clad in horizontal wood siding. Rectangular in plan, it has flat windows and a pitched metal roof. An outhouse and a shed are located on the property.

Changes since 1995 No major alterations since 1995.

83658 Willow Lane (NC-70)

1995 Description Located on the corner of Lilac and Willow Lanes, this one story residence is clad in horizontal wood siding. "L"-shaped in plan, it has flat windows and a pitched shingle roof. An addition was made to the original two room cabin in 1957.

Changes since 1995 Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.

83728 Willow Lane (NC-73)

1995 Description This one and one half story residence is clad in horizontal overlapping siding with wood shingles at the gable ends. Rectangular in plan, it has flat windows and a pitched metal roof.

Changes since 1995 No major alterations since 1995.

Cultural Landscape

The Wilsonia Historic District is not merely a collection of mountain cabins and associated outbuildings. Instead, it is a geographically-definable *historic vernacular landscape* which has evolved through its use as a recreational mountain community. As such, this landscape contains both natural resources (topography, vegetation and wildlife) and man-made cultural resources (roads, signage, and the cabins themselves).

The 1995 Nomination described many of these elements as character-defining features of the district's overall setting. This amendment identifies these as elements of the *cultural landscape*, which is a contributing site within the Wilsonia Historic District. Features of the cultural landscape include:

- Overall spatial organization
- Natural hilly topography
- Natural vegetation (mixed conifer forest)
- Grassy meadows
- Boulders and rock outcroppings
- Intermittent streams
- Circulation network (over 30 narrow roads, paved and unpaved)
- Wooden post street signage

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All of the features listed above contribute to the historic character of the Wilsonia Historic District, and help to convey its significance as a recreational mountain community in California.

Updated Evaluations

The following is a complete listing of all resources within the Wilsonia Historic District, with previous and current evaluations.

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Address	1995 Evaluation	Comments	2008 Evaluation
83528 Alta Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83533 Alta Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83573 Alta Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83576 Alta Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal; new aluminum window; new wooden shutters.	C
83595 Alta Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include new porch.	C
83597 Alta Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83607 Alta Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal; horizontal wood siding replaced with wood shingle.	C
83627 Alta Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83637 Alta Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83647 Alta Lane	NC (extensive alterations)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (pre-1995 alterations)
83648 Alta Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83614 Brewer Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83843 Brewer Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (age)
83682 Cedar Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83688 Cedar Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83691 Cedar Lane	--	Lot is vacant, with the exception of a ski rental trailer. Cabin burned down pre-1995.	--
83723 Cedar Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83725 Cedar Lane	NC (extensive alterations)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (pre-1995 alterations)
83727 Cedar Lane	NC (age)	--	NC (age)
83730 Cedar Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83731 Cedar Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83733 Cedar Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	C

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Address	1995 Evaluation	Comments	2008 Evaluation
83637 Chinquapin Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (age)
83649 Chinquapin Lane	--	Lot is vacant. Cabin burned down pre-1995.	--
83659 Chinquapin Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83663 Chinquapin Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83752 Fern Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83762 Fern Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83772 Fern Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include a compatible rear addition.	C
83784 Fern Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83792 Fern Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83798 Fern Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83801 Fern Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83806 Fern Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83816 Fern Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83830 Fern Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83691 Fir Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995. One of two residences on the property.	C
83691 Fir Lane	--	No major alterations since 1995; moved onto the site pre-1995 (exact date unknown). One of two residences on the property; believed to have been built elsewhere and used as an office by the NPS when the maintenance building was being constructed. The 1995 Nomination identifies this structure as a second residence on the property used for storage, and was not evaluated.	NC (moved onto site)
83697 Fir Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include added or replaced side porch.	C
83707 Fir Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83708 Fir Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995. One of two structures on the property.	C
83708 Fir Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal; gable over front entry removed; front porch removed. One of two structures on the property.	C
83869 Goddard Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995. One of two structures on the property.	C
83869 Goddard Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995. One of two structures on the property.	C
83875 Goddard Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include porch balustrade removed.	C

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Address	1995 Evaluation	Comments	2008 Evaluation
83887 Goddard Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83893 Goddard Lane	C	Demolished post-1995; replaced by a new cabin post-2005, listed below as 83899 Goddard Lane.	--
83899 Goddard Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995. One of two structures on the property.	C
83899 Goddard Lane	--	Constructed post-2005; replaced a smaller 1927 cabin (C-29). One of two structures on the property. The owner is currently using an address of 83911 Goddard Lane.	NC (age)
83619 Grant Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83620 Grant Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83625 Grant Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83630 Grant Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83631 Grant Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83637 Grant Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83650 Grant Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include steps to front porch reconfigured.	C
83655 Grant Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83657 Grant Lane	NC (age)	--	NC (age)
83624 Hazel Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83634 Hazel Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995. One of two residences on the property. This is the front residence.	C
83634 Hazel Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995. One of two residences on the property. This is the rear residence.	C
83641 Hazel Lane	NC (extensive alterations)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (pre-1995 alterations)
83644 Hazel Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995. One of two residences on the property. This is the upper residence.	C
83644 Hazel Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995. One of two residences on the property. This is the lower residence.	C
83647 Hazel Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83651 Hazel Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C

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83655 Hazel Lane	NC (large addition)	No major alterations since 1995. Evaluation changed to C; noted pre-1995 alterations are compatible and consistent with alterations to other cabins over time.	C
83687 Hazel Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include deck removed.	C
83703 Hazel Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83706 Hazel Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include wood shingle roof has been replaced with new shingles.	C
83709 Hazel Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83714 Hazel Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83715 Hazel Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83718 Hazel Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83723 Hazel Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83726 Hazel Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include roof dormers replaced with skylights; porch reconfigured.	C
83731 Hazel Lane	NC (large addition)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof on front addition replaced with metal.	NC (pre-1995 alterations)
83740 Hazel Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83705 Hillcrest Road	C	Alterations since 1995 include front porch enclosed; shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83706 Hillcrest Road	NC (extensive alterations)	No major alterations since 1995. Note the cabin displays an address of 83874.	NC
83708 Hillcrest Road	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83716 Hillcrest Road	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83717 Hillcrest Road	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83724 Hillcrest Road	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83746 Hillcrest Road	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995. Note the 1995 photo also lists an address of 83777 Fern Lane, which appears to be erroneous.	NC (age)
83754 Hillcrest Road	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83763 Hillcrest Road	C	Alterations since 1995 include large addition; new porch; new deck; shingle roof on original structure replaced with metal.	NC (post-1995 alterations)
83775 Hillcrest Road	C	Alterations since 1995 include room addition beneath the porch.	C
83785 Hillcrest Road	NC (extensive alterations)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (pre-1995 alterations)

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Address	1995 Evaluation	Comments	2008 Evaluation
83786 Hillcrest Road	C	Demolished post-1995. This cabin was destroyed when a log fell on it; only a shed remains on the property.	--
83793 Hillcrest Road	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include roof, foundation, cladding, windows, porch, garage, etc.	NC (age)
83553 Kaweah Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83808 Laurel Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83815 Laurel Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83818 Laurel Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83819 Laurel Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (age)
83823 Laurel Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	NC (age)
83827 Laurel Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (age)
83831 Laurel Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83831 Le Conte Way	NC (extensive alterations)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (pre-1995 alterations)
83815 Lilac Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include new front deck.	C
83825 Lilac Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83832 Lilac Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83849 Lilac Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include an addition. Originally one of two residences on the property; the other residence (C-68) has been demolished.	C
83849 Lilac Lane	C	Demolished post-1995. Originally one of two structures on the property; the other residence remains extant.	--
83852 Lilac Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (age)
83855 Lilac Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83876 Lilac Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83785 Lily Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83793 Lily Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (age)
83811 Lily Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83815 Lily Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83761 Lupine Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83691 Manzanita Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include upper balcony enclosed.	NC (age)
83695 Manzanita Lane	NC (extensive alterations)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (pre-1995 alterations)
83696 Manzanita Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C

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Address	1995 Evaluation	Comments	2008 Evaluation
83699 Manzanita Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83716 Manzanita Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83722 Manzanita Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
84747 Manzanita Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83664 Mason Road	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83665 Mason Road	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (age)
83674 Mason Road	C	Alterations since 1995 include portion of shingle roof replaced by metal.	C
83677 Mason Road	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83686 Mason Road	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83689 Mason Road	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83696 Mason Road	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83699 Mason Road	NC (additions)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (pre-1995 alterations)
83706 Mason Road	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83777 Meadow Lane	NC (extensive alterations)	No major alterations since 1995. Evaluation changed to C; noted pre-1995 alterations are compatible and consistent with alterations to other cabins over time.	C
83521 Palisades Way	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal. This cabin was listed in the 1995 NR nomination as being a second residential structure at 83552 Sierra Lane, which appears to be erroneous.	C
83550 Park Road	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83564 Park Road	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83572 Park Road	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83578 Park Road	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal. Note that the design of this residence is inconsistent with the other cabins (two full stories, hip roof). However, it is believed that it retains its original appearance.	C
83582 Park Road	C	Alterations since 1995 include front door replaced; windows replaced; shutters removed; front porch replaced; masonry chimney replaced with metal; attached shed replaced.	C
83588 Park Road	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C

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Address	1995 Evaluation	Comments	2008 Evaluation
83622 Park Road	NC (age)	This cabin appears incompatible and inconsistent with others in scale, materials, plan, etc. It may have has several alterations and/or additions.	NC (incompatible design; possible alterations pre-1995)
83643 Park Road	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (age)
83653 Park Road	C	Alterations since 1995 include side addition reconfigured; shingle roof on side addition replaced with metal.	C
83662 Park Road	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83690 Park Road	NC (age)	Demolished post-1995. The Old Wilsonia Lodge - along with the 3 detached motel units on the property - were demolished by NPS. A residence (C-91) remains on the property.	--
83690 Park Road	C	No major alterations since 1995. This residence is the only structure remaining on the property; it was moved to Cedar Lane but retains its Park Road address. The Old Wilsonia Lodge and 3 motel units were demolished by NPS post-1995.	C
83696 Park Road	NC (extensive alterations)	No major alterations since 1995. This property was listed in the 1995 NR Nominaton as 83693, which appears to be erroneous.	NC (pre-1995 alterations)
83723 Park Road	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83727 Park Road	NC (alterations)	Alterations since 1995 include rear addition; new roof dormer.	NC (pre- and post-1995 alterations)
83735 Park Road	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83736 Park Road	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include front porch removed by snow. This property is listed in the 1995 nomination as 83739 Pine Lane.	C
83740 Park Road	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83748 Park Road	C	No major alterations since 1995. One of two residences on the property; each has its own address.	C
83750 Park Road	C	No major alterations since 1995. One of two residences on the property; each has its own address.	C
83725 Pine Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include metal shed roof added over a portion of the porch.	C

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Address	1995 Evaluation	Comments	2008 Evaluation
83728 Pine Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include wood cladding on lower portion of cabin and porch replaced; shingle roof replaced with metal. This residence replaced the original cabin destroyed by fire.	NC (age)
83732 Pine Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include second story addition; shingle roof replaced with metal. This cabin was substantially altered or completely rebuilt post-1995.	NC (age)
83747 Pine Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include new two-story addition replaced rear portion of original cabin; new windows in new openings; new balustrade; new shingle siding on top and bottom; new front porch; new roof dormer.	NC (post-1995 alterations)
83751 Pine Lane	--	Constructed post-1995. One of two residences on the property; the original cabin remains extant.	NC (age)
83755 Pine Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995. One of two residences on the property.	C
83629 President's Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83634 President's Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal; woodlap siding replaced with wood paneling.	C
83643 President's Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	NC (age)
83647 President's Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include new stone foundation; wood shingle roof replaced with composite shingles.	C
83648 President's Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83656 President's Lane	C	Cabin extensively remodeled or completely reconstructed post-1995.	NC (post-1995 alterations)
83661 President's Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include tree bark siding on side elevation replaced with wood shingles.	C
83666 President's Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include area of board-and-batten siding replaced with wood shingles.	C
83667 President's Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include new porch.	C
83673 President's Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995. Note that this cabin is listed in the 1995 Nomination as 83671; this address also appears on the cabin itself in the 2007 photo.	NC (age)
83672 President's Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83677 President's Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83681 President's Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83688 President's Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include porch enclosed.	C
83732 President's Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83740 President's Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (age)

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Address	1995 Evaluation	Comments	2008 Evaluation
83552 Sierra Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal. The 1995 Nomination identified a second residence (C-112) at this address, which is actually located at 83521 Palisades Way.	C
83559 Sierra Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83565 Sierra Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	NC (age)
83571 Sierra Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (age)
83577 Sierra Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	NC (age)
83580 Sierra Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83587 Sierra Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (age)
83599 Sierra Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83615 Sierra Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83618 Sierra Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83621 Sierra Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83628 Sierra Lane	NC (extensive alterations)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	NC (pre-1995 alterations)
83638 Sierra Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83648 Sierra Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83829 Sierra Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83841 Sierra Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83849 Sierra Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83855 Sierra Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83858 Sierra Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83865 Sierra Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83845 Tehipite Way	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83885 Tyndall Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal. Property is listed as 83855 Tyndall Lane in the 1995 Nomination, which appears to be erroneous.	C
83888 Tyndall Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83894 Tyndall Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83855 Whitney Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (age)

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Address	1995 Evaluation	Comments	2008 Evaluation
83866 Whitney Lane	NC (multiple additions)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal; wood windows replaced with aluminum.	NC (pre-1995 alterations)
83867 Whitney Lane	--	Lot is vacant. Cabin demolished pre-1995.	--
83873 Whitney Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include shingles added around entry.	C
83880 Whitney Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (age)
83624 Willow Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include new storage shed; altered porch balustrade.	C
83633 Willow Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83638 Willow Lane	NC (alteration)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (pre-1995 alterations)
83649 Willow Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (age)
83658 Willow Lane	NC (age)	Alterations since 1995 include shingle roof replaced with metal.	C
83664 Willow Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83668 Willow Lane	C	Alterations since 1995 include enclosed front porch; side porch removed; side addition; new enlarged roof; new front porch.	NC (post-1995 alterations)
83669 Willow Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83672 Willow Lane	NC (alteration)	No major alterations since 1995. Evaluation changed to C; noted pre-1995 alterations are compatible and consistent with alterations to other cabins over time.	C
83673 Willow Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83679 Willow Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83686 Willow Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83698 Willow Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83710 Willow Lane	C	No major alterations since 1995.	C
83720 Willow Lane	NC (alterations)	No major alterations since 1995.	NC (pre-1995 alterations)
83728 Willow Lane	NC (age)	No major alterations since 1995.	C

Site within the Historic District

Description	1995 Evaluation	Comments	2008 Evaluation
Cultural Landscape	(none)	The cultural landscape is a site within the district.	C
(Meadow)	--	Feature of the cultural landscape.	--
(Meadow)	--	Feature of the cultural landscape.	--
(Meadow)	--	Feature of the cultural landscape.	--

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Description	1995 Evaluation	Comments	2008 Evaluation
(Meadow)	--	Feature of the cultural landscape.	--
(Road)	--	Feature of the cultural landscape.	--
(Road)	--	Feature of the cultural landscape.	--
(Road)	--	Feature of the cultural landscape.	--
(Rock outcroppings)	--	Feature of the cultural landscape.	--
(Rock outcroppings)	--	Feature of the cultural landscape.	--
(Rock outcroppings)	--	Feature of the cultural landscape.	--
(Signage)	--	Feature of the cultural landscape.	--
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(Signage)	--	Feature of the cultural landscape.	--

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wilsonia as a Cultural Landscape

The following discussion of the Wilsonia Historic District as a cultural landscape is intended to augment the existing significance statement outlined in the original 1995 National Register Nomination.

The National Park Service recognizes a site as a type of resource that can contribute to the significance of a historic district. A **site** is defined as "the location of a significant event, a prehistoric or historic occupation or activity, or a building or structure, whether standing, ruined or vanished, where the location itself possesses historic, cultural, or archaeological value regardless of the value of any existing structure." The concept of a cultural landscape is helpful in further understanding and assessing historic sites.

The National Park Service defines a **cultural landscape** as "a geographic area... associated with an historic event, activity, or person or exhibiting other cultural or aesthetic values." One of the four types of cultural landscapes is a **historic vernacular landscape**, defined as a "landscape that evolved through use by the people whose activities or occupancy shaped that landscape... Function plays a significant role in vernacular landscapes."

There are five defining features of a cultural landscape: topography, vegetation, circulation, water features and structures (including furnishings and objects). According to National Park Service Guidelines, "it is the arrangement and the interrelationship of these character-defining features as they existed during the period of significance that is most critical..." As such, spatial organization and land patterns are of primary concern when defining and evaluating a cultural landscape.

Using this framework, Wilsonia is a significant *cultural landscape*, which is a contributing site within the Wilsonia Historic District. It is a geographically-definable area characterized by its use as a recreational mountain community in California, and its evolution over time reflects the activities of its occupants. It is a landscape composed of both natural resources (topography, vegetation and wildlife) and man-made cultural resources (roadways, signage, and the cabins themselves).

As outlined in the original 1995 National Register nomination, the Wilsonia Historic District exemplifies the intersection of two important national trends associated with the development of mountain resorts, cabins and summer homes in California's Sierra Nevada in the early to mid-20th century. These national trends which converge during this period are the outdoor recreation movement and the proliferation of the automobile.

Wilsonia was established at the height of the outdoor recreation movement in the United States which promoted the use and adaptation of the nation's forests for recreational purposes. This movement contributed to an increased public awareness and appreciation of California's unique natural environment. It coincided with the improved mobility offered by increasing rates of automobile ownership and the establishment of the State highway system. Some of the nation's first highways linked metropolitan areas to popular mountain resorts and summer recreation areas. These roads continued to be constructed and improved in the first few decades of the 20th century, thus providing greater access to mountain areas by the general populous for recreational purposes. As a result of these trends, California saw a dramatic rise in the development of mountain recreational communities during this period.

The influence of these trends is evident in the manner in which the landscape of Wilsonia has evolved over time, from a natural forest environment to a recreational landscape of both natural and compatible man-made features. From its inception, the property owners of Wilsonia had a concern for conservation and protection of the forest landscape. When the area was first subdivided, roads were laid to follow the natural contours of the land, while grassy meadows and trees measuring over six inches in diameter were preserved. The cabins themselves were constructed of native materials such as wood and stone in order to complement the rustic natural setting. Similarly,

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the siting and orientation of the structures was often determined by the natural features of the property, such as slopes, trees and rock outcroppings.

Today, the site continues to reflect the outdoor focus of life in Wilsonia, as well as an ongoing respect and appreciation for its natural forest setting. The overall character and spatial organization of the landscape remains highly intact, including the original circulation network and the preservation of the site's hilly topography, grassy meadows, boulders and rock outcroppings, and forest vegetation. The landscape retains a strong sense of place from the period of significance.

Period of Significance

The 1995 Nomination defined the period of significance as 1918-1945. With this amendment, the period of significance is extended to 1959. Beginning in the 1960s, more contemporary designs were introduced, including the A-frame, replacing earlier vernacular designs. Also during this period, the National Park Service intensified its purchase of property in Wilsonia, either converting cabins to staff use or demolishing structures and leaving vacant lots. Both events reflect a significant change in the history of the district, and a more appropriate ending to the period of significance than 1945. In more recent decades, Wilsonia has primarily seen the remodeling of existing cabins and very limited new development. Thus, the period 1918-1959 more accurately reflects Wilsonia's development as a residential campground.

Conclusion

The original 1995 National Register Nomination characterizes Wilsonia as a "cultural feature on the forest landscape." Its unique combination of built and natural elements makes the Wilsonia Historic District a significant vernacular cultural landscape in California. The Wilsonia Historic District remains eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A at the local level of significance, as representative of recreational mountain communities developed in California between 1850 and 1959.

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Photography

- Digital photos of new contributors to the district and representative photos of the cultural landscape.
- 4"x6" color prints of new contributors to the district and representative photos of the cultural landscape.
- Photo log for new contributors to the district and representative photos of the cultural landscape.

Photographs were taken between October 2007 and August 2008.

Property Owner Information

- Property owner contact information and APNs for all affected resources within the district.

Maps

- Sketch map indicating the district boundary, as well as contributors whose status has not changed, contributors that were previously non-contributors, and non-contributors that were previously contributors.
- Photo key map of new contributors to the district.

1995 National Register Nomination

- A copy of the original National Register Nomination was previously submitted for reference.

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Photo Log

All photos taken by Gus Collin between October 2007 and August 2008.

Photo No.	Key Map	Address	Property Name (NR95)
0001	1	83528 Alta Lane	Journey's Inn
0002	4	83576 Alta Lane	Hick's Hideaway
0003	5	83595 Alta Lane	N/A
0004	7	83607 Alta Lane	Azalea Glen
0005	15	83688 Cedar Lane	N/A
0006	19	83730 Cedar Lane	N/A
0007	21	83733 Cedar Lane	Hofer Haus
0008	23	83659 Chinquapin Lane	N/A
0009	30	83798 Fern Lane	N/A
0010	41	83869 Goddard Lane	Azalea Glen
0011	51	83631 Grant Lane	N/A
0012	60	83644 Hazel Lane	N/A
0013	64	83655 Hazel Lane	N/A
0014	69	83714 Hazel Lane	N/A
0015	73	83726 Hazel Lane	N/A
0016	89	83808 Laurel Lane	N/A
0017	106	83811 Lily Lane	Heerman's Hut
0018	108	83761 Lupine Lane	N/A
0019	111	83696 Manzanita Lane	N/A
0020	125	83777 Meadow Lane	The Old Cabin
0021	128	83564 Park Road	N/A
0022	141	83735 Park Road	N/A
0023	142	83736 Park Road	N/A
0024	155	83647 President's Lane	N/A
0025	173	83580 Sierra Lane	N/A
0026	175	83599 Sierra Lane	N/A
0027	200	83658 Willow Lane	N/A
0028	204	83672 Willow Lane	N/A
0029	211	83728 Willow Lane	N/A

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0030	212	N/A	(Meadow)
0031	213	N/A	(Meadow)
0032	214	N/A	(Meadow)
0033	215	N/A	(Meadow)
0034	216	N/A	(Road)
0035	217	N/A	(Road)
0036	218	N/A	(Road)
0037	219	N/A	(Rock outcroppings)
0038	220	N/A	(Rock outcroppings)
0039	221	N/A	(Rock outcroppings)
0040	222	N/A	(Signage)
0041	223	N/A	(Signage)
0042	224	N/A	(Signage)
0043	225	N/A	(Signage)

**Wilsonia Amendment
Wilsonia, Madera County
Staff Report**

Wilsonia is a 100 acre village located within the General Grant Grove Section of Kings Canyon National Park. A predominantly privately-owned inholding wholly surrounded by the National Park, the community is comprised of residential cabins built starting in 1919 which are integrated into the natural vegetation of the forest setting. Originally listed on the National Register in 1995, this amendment is intended to update the district by expanding the historic context, including cabins that are now eligible under an expanded period of significance, and describing the district as a cultural landscape.

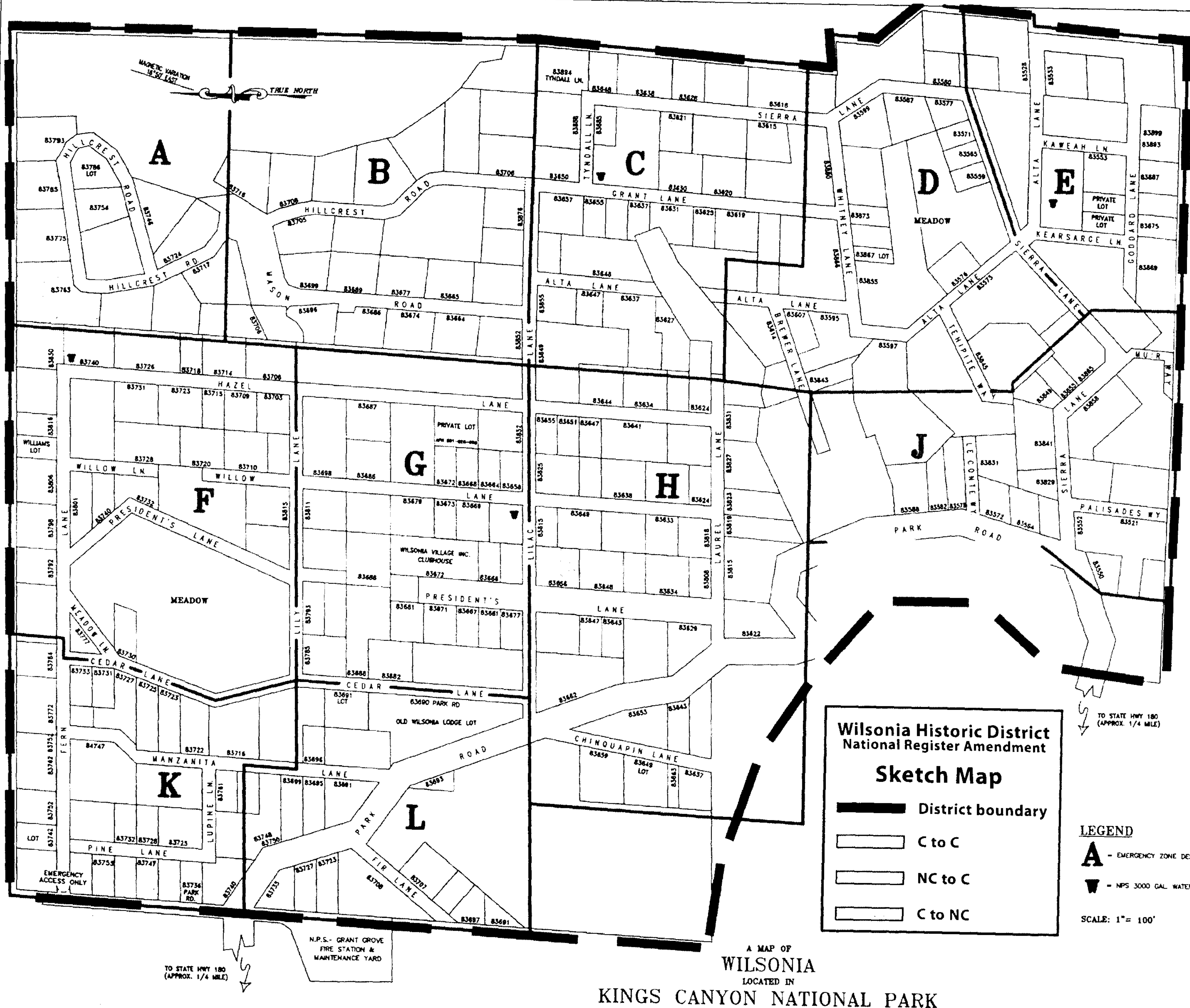
The expanded context includes buildings constructed up to 1959. After 1960, National Park Service intensified its purchase of property in Wilsonia, either converting cabins to staff units or demolishing structures and leaving vacant lots. New cabins constructed after 1959 used more contemporary designs than the vernacular cabins constructed during the expanded period of significance.

Several cabins listed as contributing buildings were demolished during the period of 1995-2009. The amendment updates the National Register listing by identifying buildings that are now contributors to the district and removing buildings that were demolished or that lacking sufficient integrity to remain contributors. Landscape features, including meadows, roads, rock outcroppings and signage, are identified as features of Wilsonia's cultural landscape and as contributors to the district within an expanded context describing the vernacular landscape of the Wilsonia district.

Staff supports the nomination as written. National Park Service owns several individual lots within the district affected by the amendment, but almost all of the affected lots are private property. National Park Service was notified as a property owner of the district. 24 letters of support for the nomination have been received. 1 letter of opposition was received.

Staff recommends the State Historical Resources Commission determine that the Wilsonia Historic District Amendment meets National Register Criterion A at the local level of significance, and recommends the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination for forwarding to the National Park Service for listing in the National Register.

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July 28, 2010



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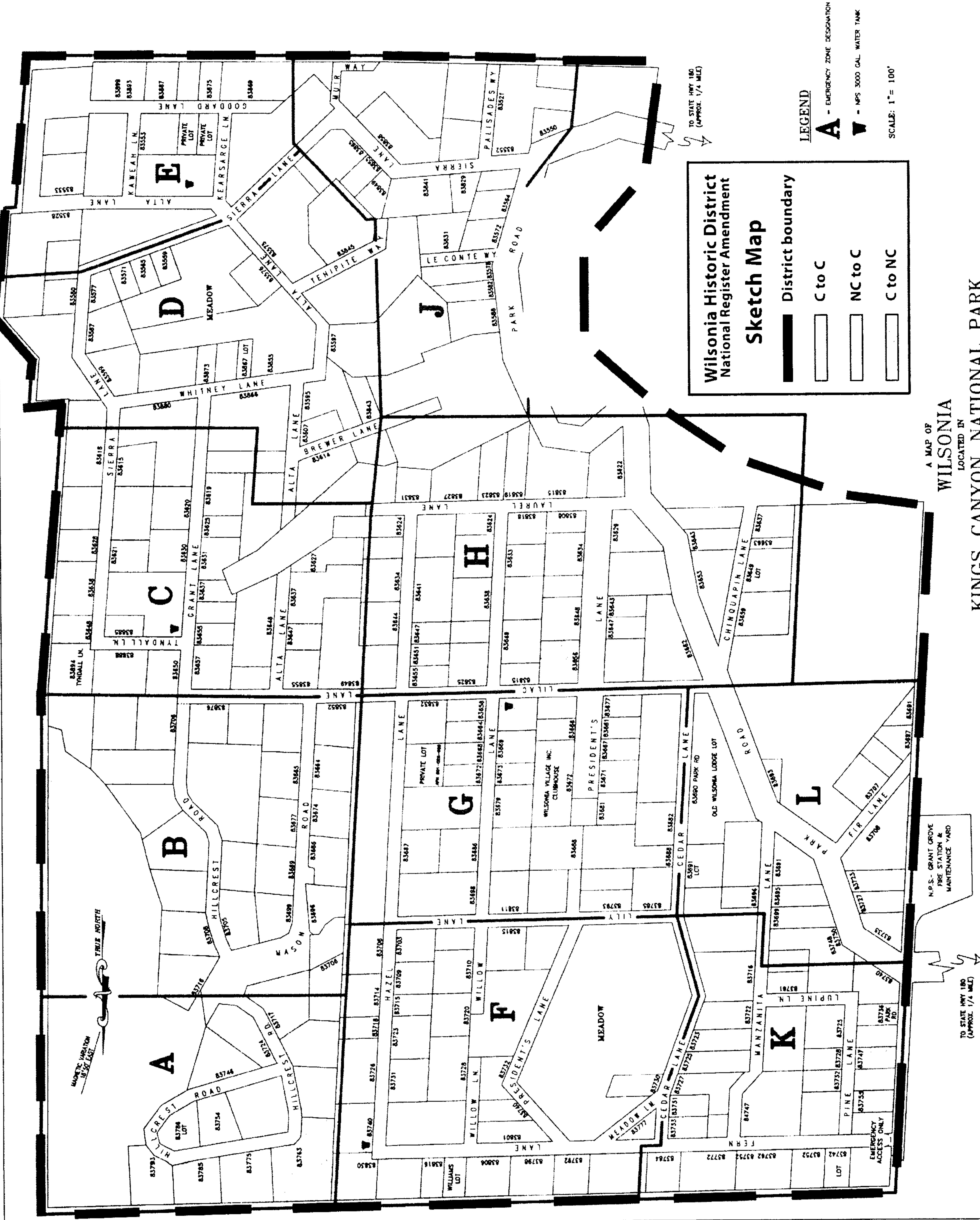
Sketch Map

Legend

- District boundary
- C to C
- NC to C
- C to NC
- EMERGENCY ZONE DESIGNATION
- NPS 3000 GAL. WATER TANK

SCALE: 1" = 100'

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