

Proposed Heavens Peak Lookout Stabilization

Background

During World War II Glacier National Park hosted a Civilian Public Service (CPS) Camp where conscientious objectors from the “historic peace churches” could, perform work of national significance and “contribute to the welfare of the nation without bearing arms against another human being.” The list of CPS contributions to the park is long, including wild land fire fighting, trail maintenance, and organizing and cataloging the park’s library/archives holdings. The most enduring legacy of the CPS in Glacier National Park is the Heavens Peak Lookout, which the men constructed in 1945. The Heavens Peak Lookout was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1986 and embodies the National Park Service rustic design philosophy of buildings that are “harmonious” with the landscape.

Heavens Peak Lookout is in critical need of stabilization if it is to be preserved. Although the building is structurally sound at this time, the deteriorating roof and missing shutters threaten its long-term survival. The goal of the project is to stabilize the Lookout and prevent any further deterioration so it can remain on the landscape. The proposed project would repair the roof, shutters and exposed exterior wood surfaces, paint the exterior and stabilize the masonry. This work is expected to last for 20 years.

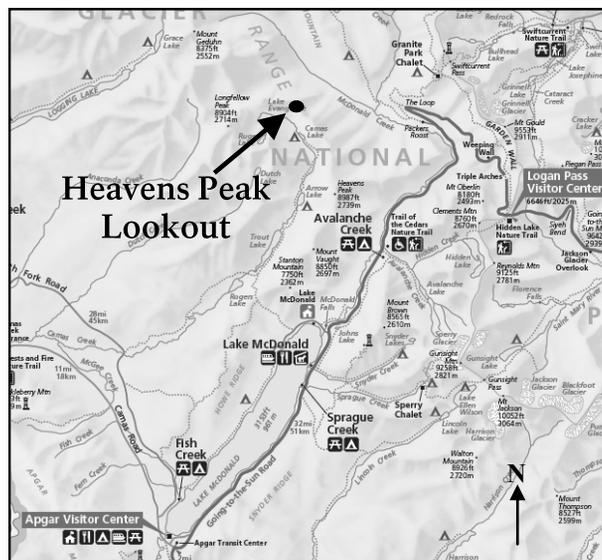
Objectives

- Stabilize a building listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Conduct work in such a way that impacts to natural resources, including recommended wilderness are minimized.

Concerns and Issues

- Deterioration of National Register property in Glacier National Park.
- Access to structure (no trail)
- Use of helicopters to deliver materials to project site for current proposed project and future repairs within recommended wilderness.
- Impacts on recommended wilderness.
- Should NPS stabilize or repair buildings within recommended wilderness that are not being used for administrative use?

Glacier National Park Map – Heavens Peak Lookout



West Entrance

Alternatives Identified to Date

- *No Action*—Heaven’s Peak Lookout would continue to deteriorate and eventually it would be lost and NPS
- *Stabilization*—The NPS would stabilize current structure to prevent further deterioration of historic integrity. Although a trail once existed leading to this structure, no trail would be built to stabilize this structure due to sensitive resource concerns.
- *Rehabilitation*-The NPS would rehabilitate the Lookout and restore the trail.



Your Participation

Scoping is the first step involving the public in the environmental assessment process. Due to your interest in Glacier National Park, we are informing you about this proposed project and requesting your comments. Please send your comments and concerns on the proposed Heaven's Peak Stabilization project. No public meetings are scheduled at this time. We will review your comments to ensure we are addressing all the possible resource issues and alternatives. There will be another opportunity for your review and comment when the environmental assessment is completed and released.

Please provide comments by
August 16, 2010

Submit your comments:

Post your comments at:
www.parkplanning.nps.gov/glac
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