National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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Name of Property





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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Summary: The Botten Cabin is an excellent example of log cabin construction featuring fine, hand-crafted, dovetail-notched corners. This cabin, along with the Remann Cabin (Elk Lick Lodge), is the work of local Elwha River Valley resident Grant Humes, who gained widespread reputation as a skilled hunter, packer, and guide. The Botten Cabin represents an early era of recreational use of the interior Olympic Mountains by individuals wealthy or adventurous enough to enjoy the "wilds" of the peninsula. It is one of only three extant cabins inside the National Park boundaries built for private recreational sport hunting/fishing use. Except for relatively minor changes to the porch of the cabin, both the cabin and the shed nearby possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Much of the interior is intact and retains some of its early furnishings.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property

A Property is associated with events that have made

B Property is associated with the lives of persons

C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics

a significant contribution to the broad patterns of





Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Criterion A: Entertainment/Recreation

Criterion C: Architecture

of a type, period or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and **Period of Significance** circa 1928 -1952 distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction. D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history. **Significant Dates Criteria Considerations** (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.) Property is: A owned by a religious institution or used for **Significant Person** religious purposes. (Complete if Criterion B is marked above.) **B** removed from its original location. C a birthplace or grave **Cultural Affiliation D** a cemetery. E a reconstructed building, object, or structure. F a commemorative property. Architect/Builder G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance Grant Humes within the past 50 years. **Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

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 (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)
 Previous documentation on file (NPS):
 Primary location of additional data:

 State Historic Preservation Office
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 previously listed in the National Register
 Other State Agency

 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 Kederal agency

 designated a National Historic Landmark
 Local government

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 University

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Name of Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less then one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is formed by lines completing a rectangle 100 feet from the four sides of the building.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the cabin and the immediate surrounding natural environment to convey a sense of the historical setting.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Gail E.H. Evans, Historian / Stephanie Toothman, Regional Historian (1986), Gretchen Luxenberg, Historian (1998), and Jacilee Wray, Anthropologist (2005).

organization National Park Service, Colu	mbia Cascade Support Office	date <u>1986/1998</u>
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city or town Seattle	State Washington	zip code <u>98104-1060</u>

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A 7.5 minute USGS map indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name

street & number	telephone	
city or town	state	zip code

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

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Narrative Description: The Botten Cabin, sited in a marshy, wooded setting, is one story, rectangular in shape, measuring approximately 17' by 11' and sits on a dry-laid rubble foundation. It has log wall construction with neat square-notched corner joints and moss chinking. The gable roof with its extension on one end forming a porch overhang is sheathed in wood shakes. There are wood shakes applied in a vertical fashion on the gable ends of the cabin. The windows are four-pane milled wood nailed in place and the off-center wood door is on a gable end facade. Nearby, approximately 15 feet from the main cabin, a small shed used to stand; it was used as a woodshed. The debris from the shed is extant.

Alterations to the well-built cabin have been few. A front porch extending across the main facade was damaged or destroyed by a falling tree c. 1970 and removed by NPS; the roof was re-shingled in 1979; in 1982 the porch was rebuilt using in-kind materials. The cabin retains integrity of location, design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association.

SEE ATTACHED INVENTORY CARD PREPARED IN 1982 FOR THE PROPERTY

Statement of Significance:

Summary: The Botten Cabin is significant under the theme of Entertainment/Recreation, a theme important in Olympic National Park history. It is eligible under National Register Criterion A, for its association with recreational development and use in the Olympic Mountains; it is also eligible under National Register Criterion C, as an excellent example of a distinctive property type (Architecture) that exhibits a specific method of design and construction: log structures. It retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and meets the registration requirements set forth for these property types in the Multiple Property Documentation form for the Historic Resources of Olympic National Park.

Narrative: In 1938 with the establishment of a large national park taking in all of Mount Olympus National Monument, as well as large sections of Olympic National Forest, new perceptions of providing recreationists with a wilderness experience emerged. Conservation of the natural environment was an abiding National Park Service philosophy and was expressed in administrative policy decisions regarding recreational use of the new Olympic National Park. Under NPS administration, hunting throughout the park was prohibited, commercialization of recreational facilities was discouraged and reduced over time, permits for private resort homes were discontinued, and vehicular accessibility was limited. In an address given in Seattle only a few months after the establishment of the park, Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior and forceful and zealous crusader for the Olympic National Park, strongly advocated keeping Olympic a wilderness.

Nearly ten years after the establishment of Olympic National Park, an elimination of some 60,000 acres on its west side was proposed. Once again, strongly expressed sentiments for wilderness values as related to recreational use of the park were thrown open to public debate. Irving M. Clark, a strong defender of wilderness concepts and the National Park Service, denounced the idea of a park reduction in the late 1940s, speaking of the great forest wilderness where plain people could enjoy fishing, hiking, berry picking, observation of wildlife, or just relaxing in the great outdoors, and return home refreshed in body and in spirit.



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Section number 8 and 9 Botten (Wilder) Cabin: Clallam County, WA Page 2 Recreational fishing was enjoyed by untold numbers of sport fishermen and hikers for decades. Stories of abundant trout, cutthroat, and steelhead in streams and lakes throughout the Olympic Mountains appeared in sport and recreational magazines before 1900. Lake Crescent gained early fame as a fisherman's paradise when unusually large and distinctively colored trout caught in the 300-foot deep waters of the lake were publicized in the mid-1890s. Admiral Lester A. Beardslee, commander of the Pacific Squadron of the U.S. Navy, visited Lakes Crescent and Sutherland in 1895 while his fleet of ships anchored in the Port Angeles harbor. Beardslee was immortalized on this fishing trip after catching a total of sixty pounds of exceptionally large, blue-backed trout. It was Beardslee's account of his fish catch that prompted Stanford University ichthyologist David Starr Jordan to name this "new" subspecies of trout the "Beardslee trout."

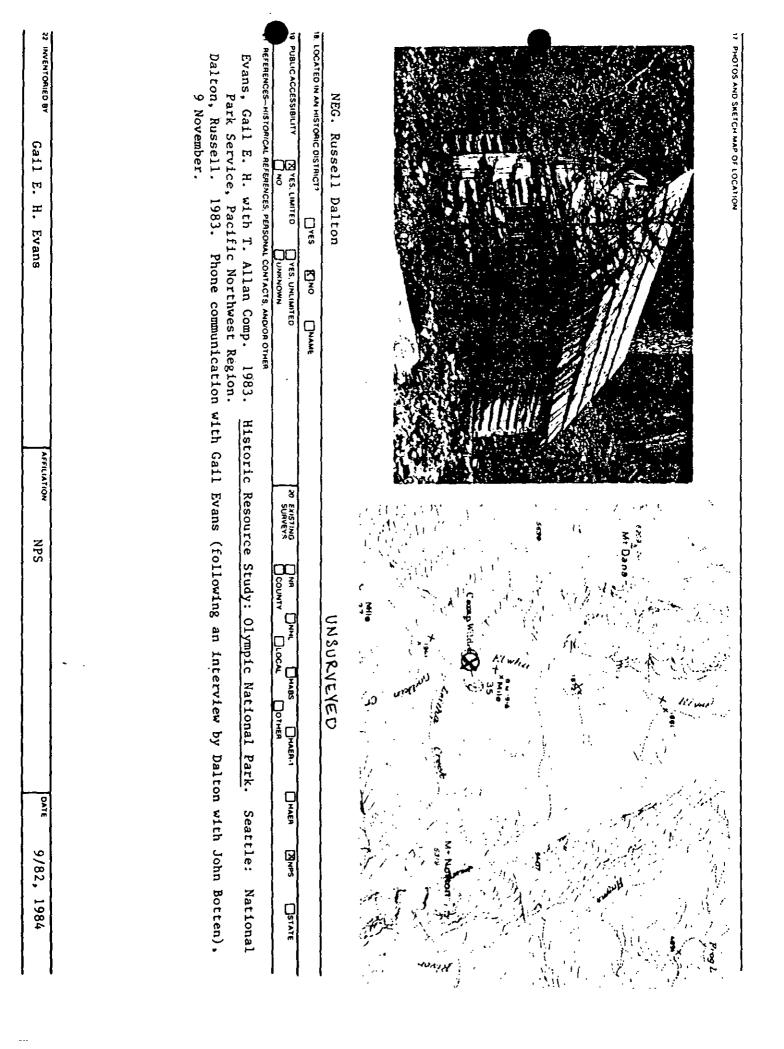
The Elwha River, draining the north peninsula, was another early popular fishing area. Many fishing enthusiasts hiked or hired packers for the trip up the Elwha River expressly to fish. Existing cabins once used for sport hunting and fishing enthusiasts are limited to the Elwha River valley drainage. Several sports enthusiasts who visited the valley year after year received Forest Service permits to erect summer cabins on or near the present Elwha River Trail. Four of these cabins were built in the 1920s. Today, only two summer residence cabins remain intact: the log cabin of Frederick Remann and the cabin of H.H. Botten. Both cabins were built under the supervision of pioneer Elwha River settler Grant Humes and feature carefully crafted square-notched corner joints and an extended roof that forms a front porch. They have nearly identical dimensions.

Approximately 10 miles upriver from Remann's Cabin, the Botten (Wilder) Cabin is the only other private recreational cabin remaining in the Elwha River drainage. Henry H. Botten, a civil engineer and assistant manager of the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau in Seattle, commissioned Grant Humes to erect a cabin at Leitha Creek near a camp known as Crackerville. In the summer of 1928 Humes described the cabin site as grand and wild; a creek tumbled down the gulch alongside the cabin site that the men selected. In addition to the Botten Cabin, Humes built a small "woodhouse" nearby for storing supplies and tools during the winter of 1928-1929, according to a letter written by Grant in September of 1929. The cabin was presumably completed in the spring of 1929. Botten was a hunter and friend of Grant Humes, whom he met c. 1906 (Humes left things in his will to Botten). The cabin was still listed as a private summer camp for H.H. Botten in July of 1952. Botten likely used it until his death in 1953 at age 62. Today the NPS uses the cabin as a backcountry patrol station during the summer months. Because of its remote location (21 miles in to the backcountry and not easily seen from the trail), the cabin has suffered little vandalism over the years. This may be one of the most remote backcountry cabins in the National Park system.

Bibliography: Evans, Gail. Historic Resource Study. NPS. 1983.

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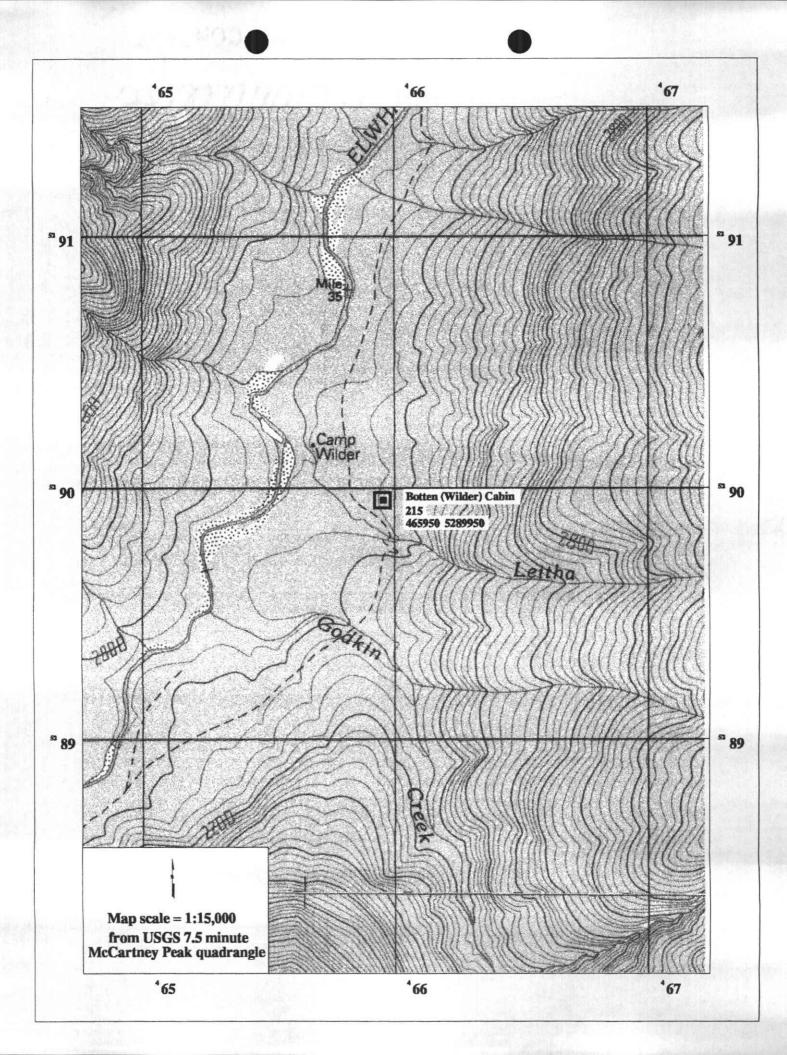
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