

P1. Other Identifier: Visitor Center; Facility #406A1100001

***P2. Location:** Not for Publication Unrestricted ***a. County:** Santa Cruz
and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

***b. USGS 7.5' Quad:** Big Basin, California **Date:** 1955, Photo Revised 1968
T 9S; R 3W; NW¼ of NW¼ of Sec 8; M.D. B.M.

c. Address: 21600 Big Basin Way City: Boulder Creek Zip: 95006

d. UTM: Zone: 10; 569,190 mE/ 4,114,070 mN (G.P.S.)

e. Other Locational Data: Big Basin Redwoods State Park Elevation: 1,008.7 feet

***P3a. Description:** (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

Constructed by Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees in 1935, the Headquarters Administration Building was destroyed in the 2020 CZU Lightning Complex Fire. The fire left the foundation, chimney, and stone steps. After cleanup, all that remains are the stone steps and an approximately 1.2 meter deep concrete patio at the southwest end of the original building, bordered by newly installed split rail fencing and an "Area closed" sign hanging between the metal handrails that border the steps. Ten steps rise approximately 1.5 meters and run approximately 4 meters. The concrete patio is 3.7 m x 3.7 m and has a strip of granite pavers running east-west.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** (List attributes and codes) HP35 New Deal Public Works Project

***P4. Resources Present:** Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5a. Photo or Drawing



P5b. Description of Photo:
Headquarters Admin Building steps facing NE, 8/31/2023.

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** Historic
 Prehistoric Both
1935, California State Parks Records.

***P7. Owner and Address:**
California State Parks
PO Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296

***P8. Recorded by:**
Michael Grone, CSP Julia Hartman, CSP

***P9. Date Recorded:** 08/31/2023

***P10. Survey Type:** Focused

***P11. Report Citation:** None

***Attachments:** NONE Location Map Sketch Map Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record Archaeological Record District Record Linear Feature Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List):

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*A1. Dimensions: a. Length: 8 m. b. Width: 5 m.

Method of Measurement: Paced Taped Visual estimate Other:

Method of Determination (Check any that apply.): Artifacts Features Soil Vegetation Topography
 Cut bank Animal burrow Excavation Property boundary Other (Explain):

Reliability of Determination: High Medium Low Explain:

Limitations (Check any that apply): Restricted access Paved/built over Site limits incompletely defined
 Disturbances Vegetation Other (Explain):

A2. Depth: 1.2 meters (patio) None Unknown Method of Determination:

*A3. Human Remains: Present Absent Possible Unknown (Explain):

*A4. Features (Number, briefly describe, indicate size, list associated cultural constituents, and show location of each feature on sketch map.):

After fire cleanup, all that remains are the stone steps and a 1.2 meter deep concrete patio at the southwest end of the original building, bordered by newly installed split rail fencing and an "Area closed" sign hanging between the metal handrails that border the steps. Ten steps rise approximately 1.5 meters and run approximately 4 meters. The concrete patio is 3.7 m x 3.7 m and has a strip of granite pavers running east-west. See attached photos and Sketch Map.

*A5. Cultural Constituents (Describe and quantify artifacts, ecofacts, cultural residues, etc., not associated with features.):

The surrounding area is fenced off by split rail fencing, and the ground is covered with wood chips.

*A6. Were Specimens Collected? No Yes (If yes, attach Artifact Record or catalog and identify where specimens are curated.)

*A7. Site Condition: Good Fair Poor (Describe disturbances.):

*A8. Nearest Water (Type, distance, and direction.): Opal Creek, roughly 200 meters

*A9. Elevation: 1012 feet

A10. Environmental Setting (Describe culturally relevant variables such as vegetation, fauna, soils, geology, landform, slope, aspect, exposure, etc.): Fronted by a public highway within a redwood forest.

A11. Historical Information:

CCC enrollees constructed the building in 1935. It operated as the park administration building and visitor center from 1935 to 2020, when it was destroyed in the 2020 CZU Lightning Complex Fire.

On August 16, 2020, lightning strikes started fires including the CZU Lightning Complex Fire in Santa Cruz County. The fire actively burned for thirty-seven days and consumed 86,509 acres across the mountains in Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties. In Big Basin Redwoods State Park, the fire spared one residence in Lower Sky Meadow and the water treatment facility. All other buildings were lost.

The administration building was reduced to a board formed concrete perimeter foundation approximately 1.2 meter deep attached to the front patio, which features stone facing and is accessed by original stone steps on the southwest end. After post-fire cleanup, the steps and patio are all that remain. All other elements of the building were destroyed or have been removed.

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Registration Status

The Headquarters Administration Building (NRHP #15000914) was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2015 under Criteria A and C at the state level of significance in the areas of Politics/Government and Architecture. The building no longer retains its design, materials, craftsmanship, or massing. The site of the building no longer conveys the association with the Civilian Conservation Corps for which it was listed under Criterion A and no longer exhibits the character defining features of the Park Rustic style that made it eligible for listing under Criterion C.

*A12. Age: Prehistoric Protohistoric 1542-1769 1769-1848 1848-1880 1880-1914 1914-1945 Post 1945 Undetermined **Describe position in regional prehistoric chronology or factual historic dates if known:**

A13. Interpretations (Discuss data potential, function[s], ethnic affiliation, and other interpretations):

The Headquarters Administration Building no longer retains the original design, materials, or ability to convey association with the CCC or character-defining features of the Parks Rustic Style. Originally listed as a building on the National Register, the subsequent Point of Historical Interest is categorized as a site.

A14. Remarks:

A15. References (Documents, informants, maps, and other references): Amanda Blosser and Kathleen Kennedy, Headquarters Administration Building National Register Nomination. 2015.

A16. Photographs (List subjects, direction of view, and accession numbers or attach a Photograph Record.):
See photo log and continuation sheets.

Original Media/Negatives Kept at: Santa Cruz District Headquarters, California State Parks

*A17. Form Prepared by: Michael Grone

Date: 09/11/2023

Affiliation and Address: Santa Cruz District of Parks and Recreation, 303 North Big Trees Road, Felton, CA 95018

***Required information**

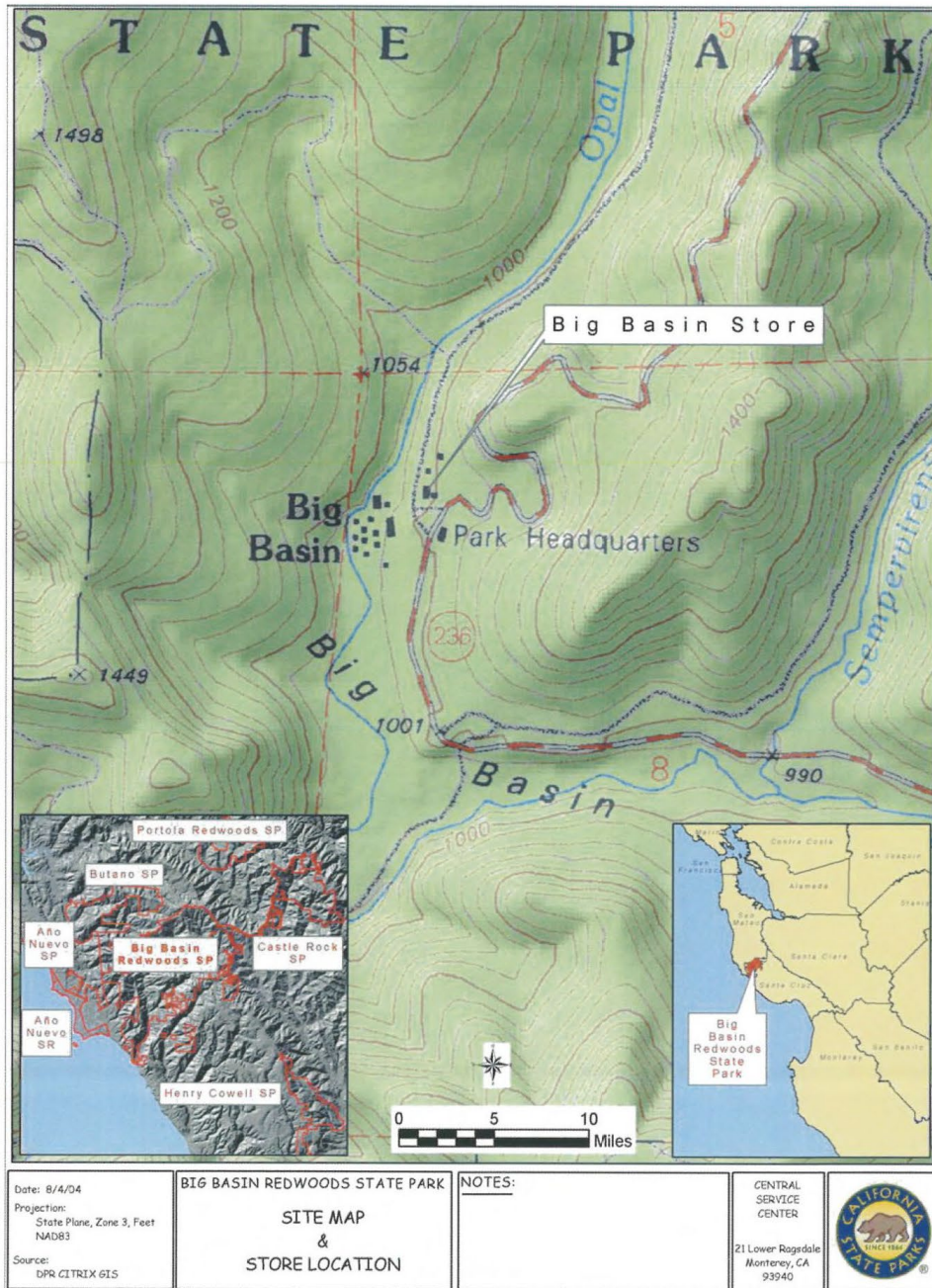
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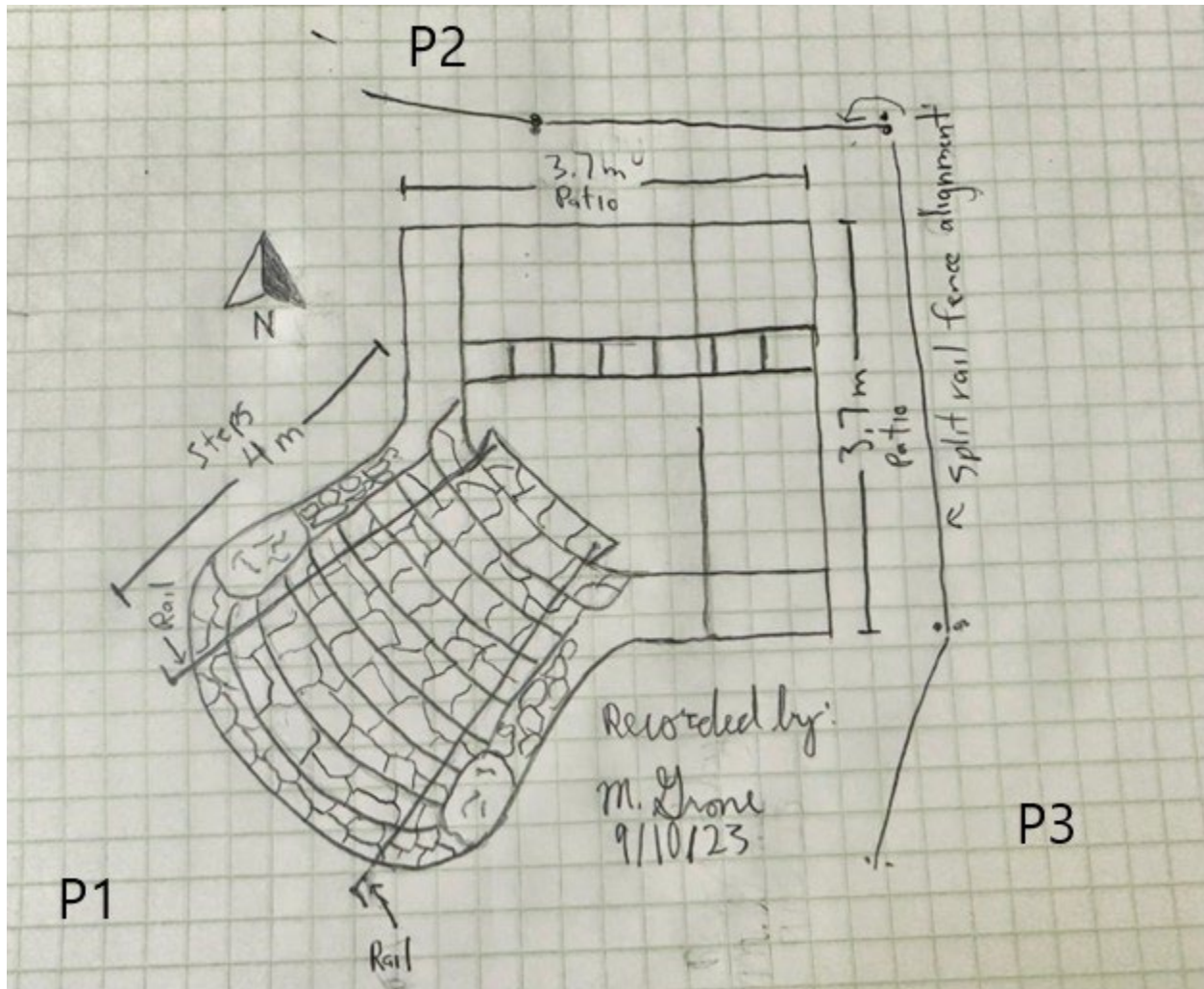
Name of Property: Site of Headquarters Administration Building
City or Vicinity: Boulder Creek
County: Santa Cruz State: California
Photographer: Michael Grone and Julia Hartman, using iPhone Pro Max
Date Photographed: August 31, 2023

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating camera direction:

- 1 of 3 Headquarters Administration Building steps, view northeast
- 2 of 3 Concrete patio and steps, view south
- 3 of 3 Concrete patio and steps, view northwest



Stone steps and concrete patio at SW corner of site of Headquarters Administration Building



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Photo 1 Headquarters Administration Building steps, view northeast



Photo 2 Concrete patio and steps, view south



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Photo 3 Concrete patio and steps, view northwest

