

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

IDENTIFYING HISTORIC PROPERTIES THAT ARE IMPORTANT REFLECTIONS OF OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE

Section 101 (16 U.S.C. 470a) of the National Historic Preservation Act states that: the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to expand and maintain a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) composed of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture.

To be eligible for the NRHP, a property must meet one of four National Register criteria, and possess integrity. After a property is determined eligible, it can be nominated for listing on the NRHP. Listing properties on the NRHP is an important step in preserving the reflections of our American heritage on the Sierra National Forest.



Criterion A: Properties associated with events significant in our past.

The cabins at Biledo Meadow are significant for their association with events in the mining industry, and the settlement of mountainous areas of the West. The cabins embody unique and distinctive characteristics of these periods of history,



Criterion B: Properties associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

The Sweetwater Mine gave us "Sweetwater Clyde" Foster (top center), who spent 40 years sharing his love for mining with friends, family, and visitors. He was beloved and respected, and an important part of Mariposa history.



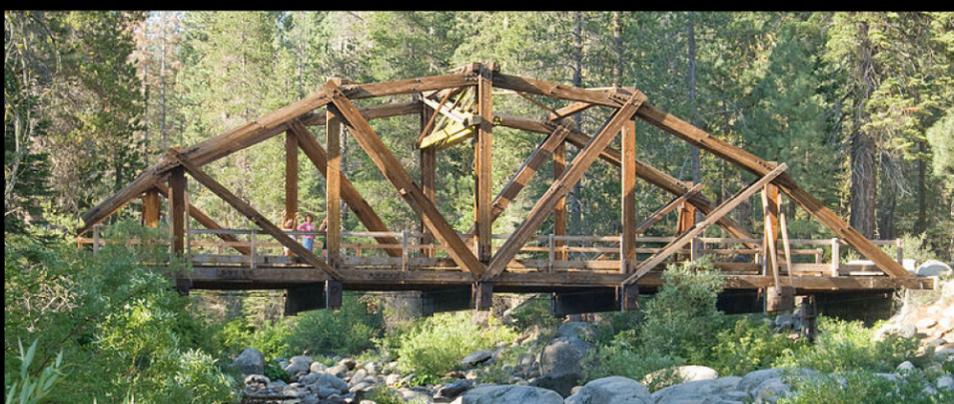
Criterion C: Properties that have distinctive characteristics of design or construction.

The buildings, rock walls, and landscape design of the Westfall Ranger Station represent the fine craftsmanship and diagnostic architectural style of the Civilian Conservation Corps workforce of the 1930s.



Criterion D: Information Potential

Site CA MAD 410 contributes to our understanding of several significant evolutionary changes in the cultural history of the region. It is one of the largest and most important sites recorded to date in Crane Valley.



The Dinkey Creek Bridge was listed on the NRHP in 1996.

Built in 1938 by Civilian Conservation Corps crews, the bridge embodies distinctive engineering characteristics. It was one of the first bridges in the nation to use this unique design.



The Big Creek Hydroelectric Historic District was listed on the NRHP in 2016.

In operation since 1909, it is intimately linked to California's population growth, industrial and commercial expansion, and national standing. It is one of the most significant hydroelectric developments in California.

50 Years of Historic Preservation on the Sierra National Forest 1966 - 2016



Honoring the Contributions of Those Who Made an Impact
in Caring for the Lands of the Sierra National Forest

