

Wyoming Historic Site Inventory Form

Teton County Historic Site Survey

1. *Site Name:* Yasrobi / Moran Cabin

Historic names of property:

2. *Location:*

Street and Number: 440 East Trap Club Road  
City Jackson State WY Zip: 83001

3. *Property Owner:* Zia and Millie Yasrobi

Address: 440 E. Trap Club Road

Phone: 739-0551

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

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

5. *Category of Property* (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

6. *Number of Resources within Property*

<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>
<u>  1  </u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures

\_\_\_\_\_ objects  
\_\_1\_\_ Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

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

National Register Status:

Eligible \_\_\_\_\_ Unevaluated \_\_\_\_\_  
Not eligible \_\_\_\_\_ District Potential \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Function or Use**

Historic Function

Current Functions

Residence, fisheries lab

storage

**8. Description**

Architectural Classification

Materials

\_\_vernacular log\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

foundation \_\_concrete\_\_\_\_\_  
roof \_\_metal\_\_\_\_\_  
walls \_\_log\_\_\_\_\_  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**9. Describe present and historic physical appearance:**

This is a rectangular log structure with a medium- to steeply-pitched gable on its east west axis and measures approximately 25' x 35'. A gabled canopy over the entrance on the south side of the west elevation (supported only by projecting logs at its base) merges with the gabled roof on the south side. A pair of vertical sash windows is positioned in the west elevation north of the entrance. The north elevation has two similar sash windows near the west corner and two windows now boarded almost in the center of the north elevation. That pattern is repeated on the south elevation, but another, inconspicuous entrance is also located on the east corner of the south elevation. The east elevation has no entrances or windows. A metal stove pipe rises through the north face of the gable and extends above the height of the ridge.

Two features are of special note in this structure. One is the corner notches and crowns. Close examination reveals the cornering to have been accomplished by a master craftsman with very close tolerances. Instead of using copious amounts of mortar to seal the corner saddle notches, the notches themselves have been cut precisely for a tight fit with minimal chinking in the corners. Moreover, the crowns themselves are distinctive in that they are obviously hand hewn with an axe and they are of uneven lengths. The other notable component is the use of logs throughout the construction, including logs of diminishing length that rise all the way to the ridge of each gable, even inside the gable of the canopy over the main entrance. The total effect of the building is thus quite striking. That it was built prior to 1912 and that it remains in excellent condition adds to the quality of the site.

*Photos: Please attach black and white photos*

Yasrobi / Moran Cabin. North and west elevations.



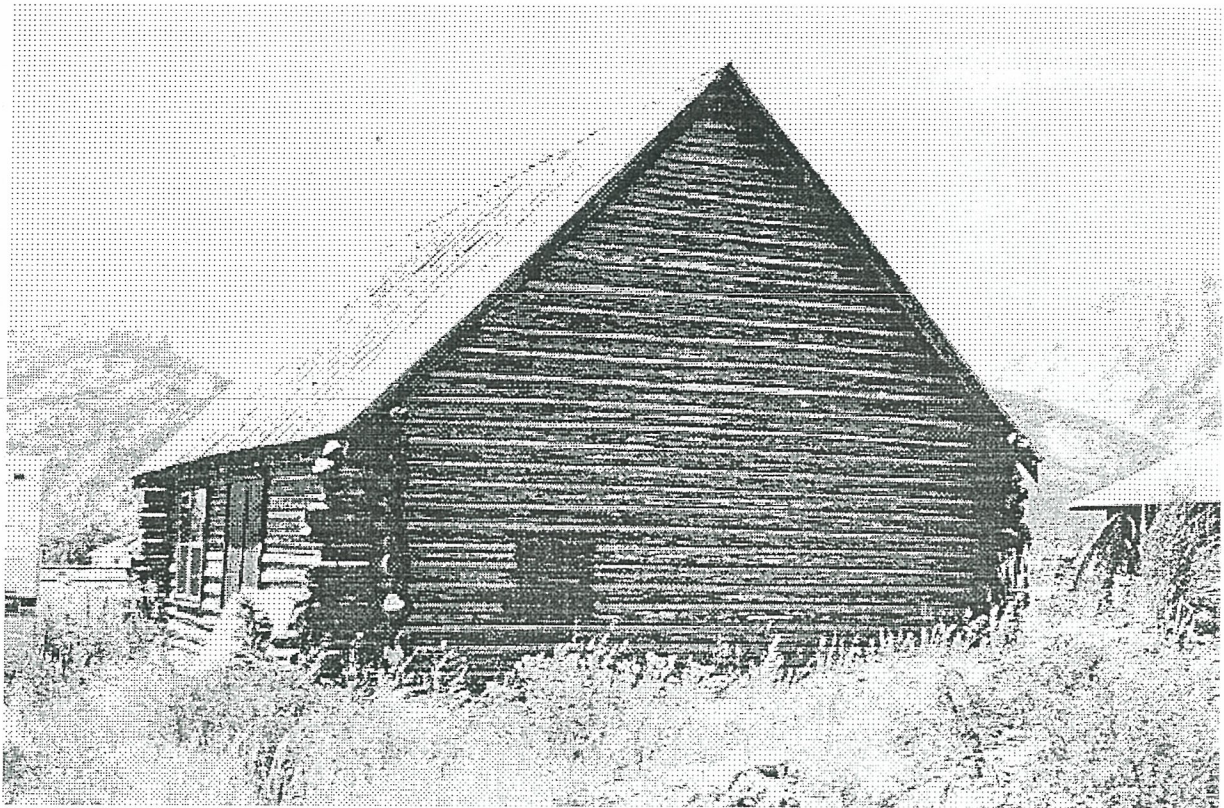
Yasrobi / Moran Cabin. Detail. West and south elevations.



Yasrobi / Moran Cabin. Detail. Corner notches and crowns.



Yasrobi / Moran Cabin. East elevation.



10. Statement of Significance:

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics 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 distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions). Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or a grave.

D a cemetery.

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> 1912 - 1950	<input type="checkbox"/> c. 1912, 1950
<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_  
 Associated Individual \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cultural Affiliation :



*State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.*

This handsome structure has already lived several lives yet appears ready to continue to serve well indefinitely. The precise date of construction has not been established, although it is known that the building existed prior to 1912. Photographs evidently show the building in that year. It was built in the town of Moran and served as a residence in that community. Ben Sheffield, already alert, as a hunting guide, to the demand of well-to-do hunters and tourists from the East for the Jackson Hole experience, in 1903 purchased the Lovell ranch and proceeded to build the lodge and other services that became the nucleus of the town of Moran. The initial threat to the town of Moran was actually the Bureau of Reclamation which constructed and reconstructed the dam; ultimately it secured a portion of Sheffield's property only through condemnation proceedings. Sheffield himself sold his property in 1928, but the town remained, and indeed, thrived. Bypassed during the initial Rockefeller purchase of private lands inside the proposed park, the town of Moran became part of the Grand Teton National Park in 1950 and the various buildings, including this one, were sold and many, not including this one, were removed during the following decade. Having survived the threats of the Bureau of Reclamation and then the Snake River Company purchases, this building then became property of the park and was used as a fishery laboratory near the dam. Markings on the walls still indicate that use on the interior. In the 1970s the building, finally, was moved from the Moran area and was intended as a dorm on the Elk Refuge; instead, though, it was subsequently used as a museum for the Elk Refuge. When it was no longer being used, its fate seemed sealed and there was talk of burning the structure if a buyer could not be found. At the eleventh hour Zia and Millie Yasrobi purchased the building and moved it to its present location and out of harm's way.

#### **11. Major Bibliographical References**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Interview, Ms. Millie Yasrobi, October 3, 1997, July 12, 1998.

Moran file, Jackson Hole Historical Society Collections.

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12. *Primary location of additional data:*

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other
- Specific repository(ies)

Jackson Hole Historical Society Collections.

13. *Geographical data:*

Acreage of property: less than one acre.

USGS Quad or City Base map: Teton Village 1:24,000

Section NW ¼, SE ¼ 15      Township 42N      Range 116W

UTM References:

Zone 12 519789E 4827722N

Verbal Boundary Description:

The site includes only the current location of the structure, which is directly south of the residence at 440 E. Trap Club Road.

Boundary Justification:

The building has been moved from its original location and only the exact location of the building itself is included in the description.

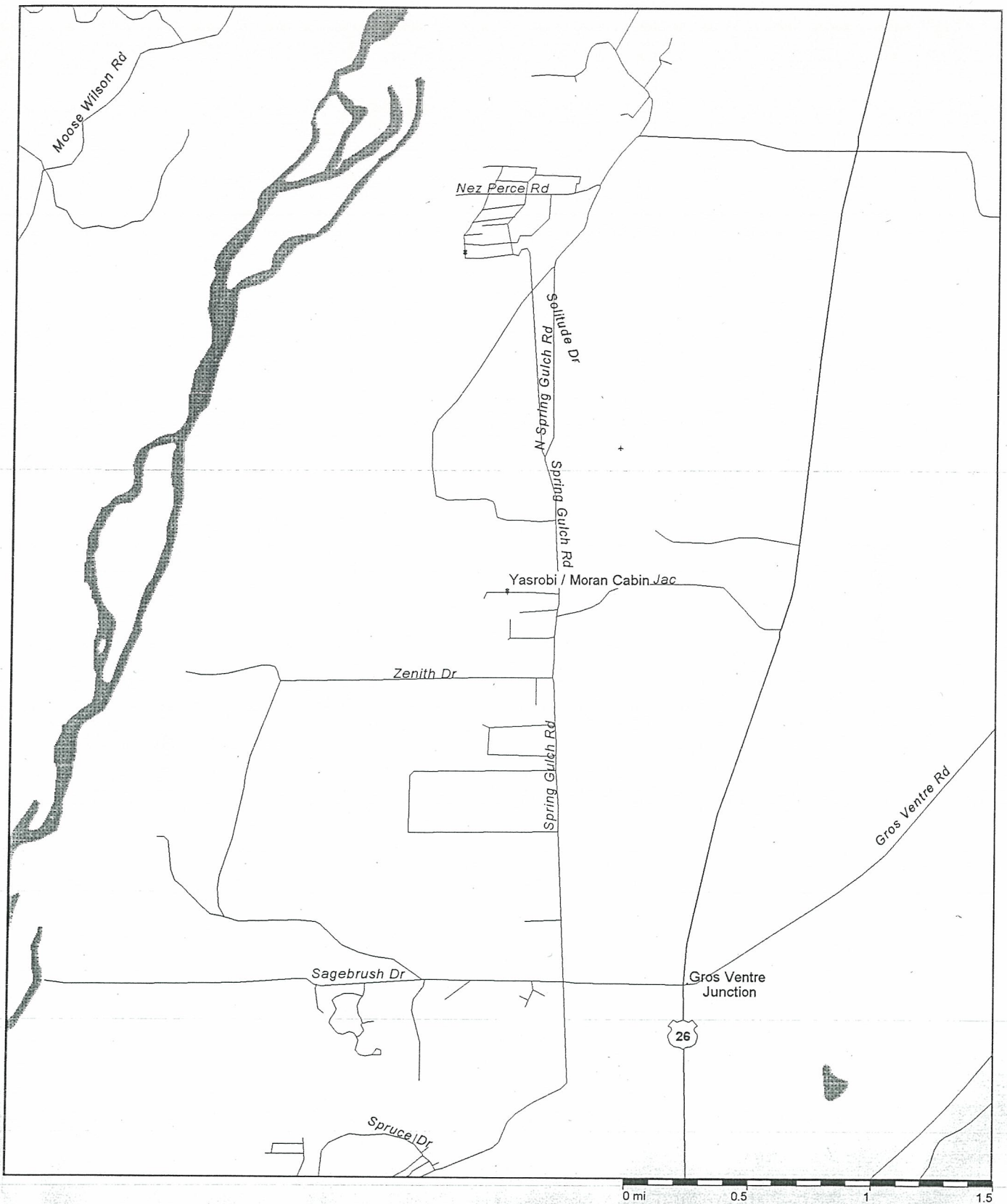
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