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A Comprehensive Overview of Save America's Treasure Project

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SUMMER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Completed surveys of all architectural drawings residing in Gardiner, Mammoth, Old Faithful, Lake, and Canyon
- Survey includes: Date, Provenance, Physical Description, Subjects, Arrangement, Restrictions, Locations, and Conditions
- The surveys were completed in order to better understand the scope of the project and type of materials to be working with

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Summer Accomplishments:

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Archival and Architectural Drawings Survey

Gardiner, Montana (Yellowstone National Park)

Architectural Drawings

Dates: 1919-1993

Provenance: Architectural Drawings of Concessionaire Buildings throughout Yellowstone National park, mainly focusing on Mammoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful, Canyon and Lake Village.

Physical Description: The drawings were stored in cabinets in a damp basement of a boiler room. There are many tears and rips in the drawings. There are about 5,000 drawings.

Subjects: The rolls were cataloged and included Lake Girls Dorm 1924-1950, Lake Misc. 1924+, Lake are plats and topography 1940-1960, Lake hotel, lodge, cabin plans 1928-1950; Mammoth Laundry new and old 1929-1958, Mammoth Misc. 1929-1958, Mammoth Hotel, Dining room, terrace Hill 1936+, Mammoth Hotel, lounge, Recreation hall, Cottages 1936; Old Faithful Lodge, plats, profiles and topography 1929-1940, Old Faithful Lodge Misc. 1931-1961; Liquefied petroleum gas installation 1960, G.X. kit phase 2, MHS, Lake, OF, CV, asbestos abatement and sprinkler system 1986, CV Cascade Lodge 1990/1993 NPS; Building Plots 1929-1952, Yellowstone Misc. resident Houses, Yellowstone plots- mostly hotel and lodges 1930, Yellowstone plots 1929-1960; Old Faithful Inn, org. Building 1919-1956, Old Faithful Camps 1935-1960, Old Faithful Inn West Wing 1923-1950; Canyon Hotel plans- panel rooms 1924-1934, Canyon Village Development 1956, Canyon Village Misc. 1957; Canyon Village Main lodge 1956.

Arrangement: The rolls were stored in cabinets/boxes and were cataloged and arranged according to this. Many were not cataloged.

Restrictions: Some may be considered fragile.

Locations: The drawings were in found in the Boiler room of the Xanterra Transportation building in Gardiner, Montana. They were stored in cabinets.

Condition: The overall condition of the drawings is fair.

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Summer Accomplishments:

- Completion of database of architectural drawings residing in Gardiner, Mammoth, Old Faithful, Lake, and Canyon
- The database includes:
Box/folder/ file number, title,
job/serial number, NPS Yell
number, date, revised date, and
number of sheets



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Summer Accomplishments:

- The database allows easy access and understanding to all architectural drawings surveyed in order to determine which drawings have not been microfilmed by TIC



| Box # | Title | Serial/File # | NP-YELL# | Date | Rev. Date | Sheet # |
|-------------|--|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| desk top | Distribution System Index | 4132A | | Apr-80 | | |
| desk top | Lake Area: Utilities OCPs | | | Jun-89 | | 2 |
| desk top | Lake Area: Opening & Closing Procedures for Employee Dormitory | | | Aug-80 | | 4 |
| desk top | Lake Village: RV Park Construction Documents | | | Jun-00 | | |
| desk top | Lake Village: RV Park Construction Documents | | | Jun-00 | | |
| desk top | Lake Area: Distribution System Meeting - System Schematic OCP | | | Sep-90 | | B |
| desk top | Fishing Bridge: Rental Trailer Court | | | Jul-89 | | |
| desk top | Lake Hotel: Boiler Plant | 41217A | | 5/23/1984 | | 1 |
| desk top | Opening & Closing Procedures for Lodge (Aspen Area E-J, Lake Area A88) | | | | | 3 |
| desk top | Lake Lodge: Pioneer Cabin | 1012 | 70752 | 7/18/2001 | | |
| behind door | Lake Lodge & Canyon Village: Cabin Construction | 41000 | | Sep-67 | | 1 |
| behind door | Fishing Bridge: Water Pipelines | | | 1942 | | |
| behind door | Distribution System Index | 41132B | | Apr-80 | | 14 of 54 |
| behind door | Lake Area: Sewer Repairs | 41009 | 60245 | Aug-68 | Fall-82 | |
| behind door | Plat Plan: Lake Group | 52575 | | May-05 | | |
| behind door | Lake Hotel: Asbestos Abatement | 41242A | | Jun-68 | | 190 |
| behind door | Lake Lodge: Attic Plan - E-J | 41242A | | Jun-83 | | 46 of 59 |
| behind door | Siting Study for Cabin Relocation | | | 7/10/1969 | | |
| behind door | Fishing Bridge Area: Sewer | 60245 | | Fall-82 | | |
| behind door | Lake Hotel & Cabin Area: Utilities - Opening & Closing Procedure | | | Aug-90 | | |
| behind door | Lake Area: Utilities OCPs | | | Jun-89 | | |
| behind door | Electrical Panel Schedule | 41212A | | Jun-83 | | 59 sheets |
| behind door | Lake Hotel: Location Maps | 41203 | | Dec-82 | | 9 sheets |
| behind door | Lake Hotel: Service Elevator | | | 8/16/1988 | | |

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Summer Accomplishments:

- Shipment Of Drawings to TIC
- After determining which drawings have not been microfilmed, drawings were packed and shipped to Denver, Colorado where TIC has currently begun their microfilming process



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Summer Accomplishments:

- Organization of Drawings
- The remaining drawings acquired from the Gardiner have been loosely organized according to the place of the architectural drawings. They are currently residing in the Heritage Center awaiting further processing and shipment.



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Importance of Project for the Park and All Involved:

- Upon our arrival at the park we realized the importance of this project and continued completion. The architectural drawings we retrieved from Gardiner, Montana were located in an old boiler room, surrounded by soot, mold, water, and various old supplies. These drawings were dangerously close to being lost to the park forever, representing some of its original history. These overlooked “too old,” “out dated” drawings represent a key to the park’s past and by archiving these drawings and preserving them for the future these integral parts of history will never be lost.



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Continuation of Project and Our Desires for the Future:

- Continued organization of drawings
- Completed shipment of drawings
- Permanent housing for the drawings
- Database and microfilming completed
- “Good Luck Annie and Liz We Love You”

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Our plan for the summer of 2005

- Our first challenge is updating the new members of our team on the accomplishments of our group this summer. Once these members know where we have been they will better understand where we would like to see the project go.



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Our Plan for the summer of 2005

- Our next goal is to see the completion of the sending of the architectural drawings to Denver, Colorado for microfilming.



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Our plan for the summer of 2005

- Hand in hand with the completion of sending the drawings is receiving the drawings after their microfilming in Denver.



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Our plan for the summer of 2005

- After receiving the drawings from TIC we will be organizing and cataloging them while simultaneously making a master database and guide to accompany them.



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Looking Ahead...

- One hope we have for the upcoming summer is a closer working relationship with the museum and archival staff at the Heritage Center in Gardiner, Montana.



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Looking Ahead...

- This summer we were fortunate to have ample office space in which to complete the first part of our project, we hope to be so lucky next year.



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Looking Ahead...

- Our largest concern is finding a permanent home for these drawings that chronicle the park's history. At present we have not received definitive confirmation as to where these drawings will be permanently stored, this is an issue we hope to resolve.



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