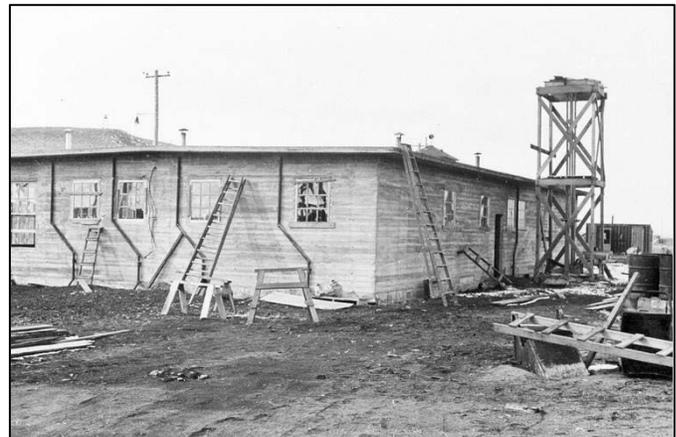




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Tule Lake Committee Helps Preserve the Iconic Jail

Last year, the Tule Lake Committee (TLC) received a \$192,467 grant from the National Park Service's (NPS) Japanese American Confinement Sites grant program for the second of three phases of a project to restore the Tule Lake Segregation Center's Jail. The Tule Lake Committee contracted with the Architectural Resources Group, Inc. (ARG) to create schematic design alternatives for the jail restoration project. In April 2014, the Tule Lake committee and the NPS began work on the project; NPS arranged a site visit with ARG to initiate the process.



*Historic image of the Tule Lake Segregation Center Jail
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*Tule Lake jail under the CalTrans shelter
NPS Photo, 2013*

The jail is historically significant because Tule Lake was the only one of ten War Relocation Authority camps to become a maximum-security facility with three separate detention facilities—including the iconic jail. This building was in use from late 1944 until the closure of the Tule Lake Segregation Center on March 28, 1946.

The building was neglected for years and deteriorated due to age and weather. California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) recognized the historic significance of the jail, and constructed a shelter to protect the building from the elements when it was under their jurisdiction.

CalTrans transferred the jail and the motor pool structures to the National Park Service with the creation of the Tule Lake Unit.

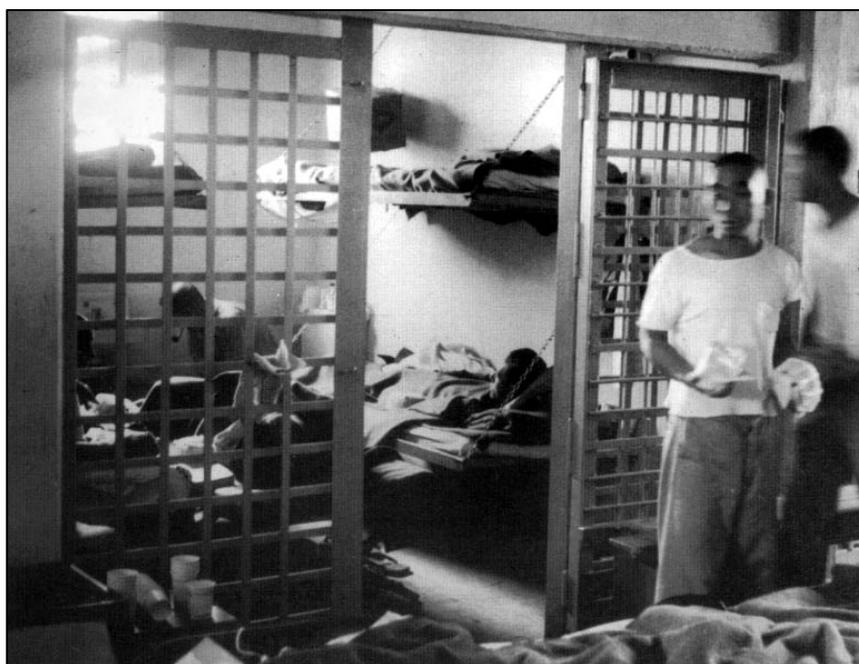
With ARG's expertise, this phase of the project will provide options for future preservation and use of this building. The Tule Lake Unit recognizes the hard work that the Tule Lake Committee does to help with the preservation efforts of this new national monument.

The mission of the Tule Lake Committee is to educate the public and to preserve the history of the WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans, and specifically, that of the Tule Lake site, a maximum-security segregation center that imprisoned 12,000 Japanese Americans who resisted their incarceration and were unjustly deemed disloyal. You can visit the Tule Lake Committee on their website at www.tulelake.org.

You can tour the jail and visit the Segregation Center site by participating in a NPS ranger led tour every Saturday this summer. It is recommended that you call (530) 260-0537 or email tule_interpretation@nps.gov.



*Historical image of the interior of the Tule Lake jail
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