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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Tuolumne Meadows Ranger Stations and Rest Rooms

AND/OR COMMON Buildings 3000, 3005, 3021, 3022, and 3023

Tuolumne Meadows Contact Stations and Comfort Stations or Rest Rooms

2 LOCATION

(Tuolumne Meadows, Yosemite National Park, California)

STREET & NUMBER

Not applicable

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Not applicable

VICINITY OF Lee Vining

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Fourteenth

STATE

California

CODE

06

COUNTY

Tuolumne

CODE

109

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

National Park Service, Western Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36063

CITY, TOWN

San Francisco

STATE

California

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Administration Building, National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER

Box 577

CITY, TOWN

Yosemite Village, Yosemite National Park, California

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In Tuolumne Meadows south of the main highway are a number of structures of rustic architectural styles of which five are of interest here. These include an old ranger station/entrance station (building 3000) and a newer ranger station or visitor contact station (building 3005) as well as three public rest rooms or comfort stations of identical design (buildings 3021, 3022 and 3023).

Building 3000 was the original entrance station/ranger station on the Tioga Pass road. It was erected in 1924 at a cost of \$1,500. It is a single storey structure enclosing 525 square feet. The building is "L" shaped, although the foot of the "L" extends only three feet at the back. Not counting that extension, which encloses a shower and part of a back porch, the building is 14½ by 39 feet in size, including an open porch 6 feet deep. Inside there are basically three rooms, in sequence front to rear an office, a bedroom, and the kitchen, in addition to which there are the aforementioned shower and back porch. The building is basically a peeled log frame with vertical plank infilling, and a number of double width horizontal 6-lite windows. It has a gable roof with long ridgepole and rafters, and angular log porch roof braces rather than vertical posts. The building stands on the north edge of the old road through Tuolumne Meadows several hundred yards east of the creek, but this road is now a dead end entrance to the maintenance area and lodge, having been bypassed by the newer Tioga Pass road a short distance up the hillside to the north. The building is stained dark brown and blends well with the grove of conifers in which it stands.

Building 3005, which in part replaced the function of building 3000, stands near the entrance to the Tuolumne Meadows Campground on the south side of the highway through Tuolumne Meadows a short distance west of the stream. It is predominately of rather large stone construction, with wood frame infill and front and rear and a gently pitched gable roof with wood shingle finish. It is roughly 18 by 31 feet, including the open porch the full width of the front which is about 6 feet deep. The porch roof is supported on a pair of stone piers at the outside corners, with a pair of vertical square milled posts spaced evenly in the intervening distance between the piers. In the interior, there is a lobby with a fine stone fireplace at the west end whose stone chimney extends outside above the end of the gable roof. Left of the entrance door, there is a counter which separates the lobby from an office space. Originally, an office and toilet were partitioned into separate rooms at the east end of the building, but this now is open except for the counter.

Buildings 3021, 3022 and 3023 are public rest rooms all of the same design. They are roughly 16 by 28 feet in interior dimensions. In the center is a small storage room, entered from one side. One end has a men's room, entered from the end, and the other has a women's rest room. The only difference between the ends is the substitution of a urinal for some of the toilets in the men's room, while the women's room has a row of five toilet stalls. The building consists of a mixture of stone and wood frame construction. Large stone comprises massive corner piers as well as foundations and walls to a height of a couple of feet between the piers; the remainder of the space between piers is filled with wood frame casement windows (9 lites each) or wood panels on the side, as well as end doors and one side door. The roof is a clipped gable or "jerkinhead" with a patterned shingle finish. These and building 3005 are in a conifer forest of predominately small trees on very rocky soil, the scene dominated by granite peaks on the horizon.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1924 - present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT National Park Service

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tuolumne Meadows Ranger Stations and rustic Comfort Stations are of local architectural significance due to their rustic design, of local historical significance in the "social/humanitarian" category through the association of all but one with CCC labor in their construction, and of local historical significance in conservation representing a microcosm of the National Park Service's efforts to provide in as environmentally harmonious a form as possible such development as was necessary in this national park area.

Building 3000 was built in 1924 to serve as a ranger station, visitor contact station and entrance station for the eastern entrance to Yosemite National Park over Tioga Pass. A wood frame building in a setting of conifer forest at the edge of Tuolumne Meadows, its peeled log frame and rafters and dark brown color served to blend with its environment. When its entrance station function was removed by construction in 1931 of a new stone entrance station at the summit of Tioga Pass some miles to the east, and its visitor contact station function was removed by construction of building 3005 on the other side of the stream in 1936, the old building continued to serve as a ranger residence and office, which use it still serves today.

Building 3005 was erected in 1936 west of the stream and at the entrance of the Tuolumne Meadows Campground. It replaced a part of the original function of building 3000. Architecturally it was quite different. The new ranger station was predominately of battered stone walls, with some wood frame infill in front and rear. The ranger station at Tioga Pass built in 1931 had set a precedent for the use of stone in all of the subsequent rustic buildings which would be constructed in Tuolumne Meadows Campground, with the exception of one restroom, and the stone was most appropriate in a setting of small conifers growing in rocky, boulder-strewn ground, dominated by granite peaks on the horizon.

Buildings 3021, 3022 and 3023, built in 1934, at the same time as building 3203 on Tioga Pass, were comfort stations or rest rooms at three locations in the Tuolumne Meadows Campground; they reflect a fairly highly stylized phase of "rustic" design. Rustic architecture was intended to give the impression of construction involving pioneer methods and tools, using native materials and natural exterior colors to blend and harmonize with the surrounding environment. Nothing could be more natural than the color and texture of native stone used in these buildings, and the wooden members, stained for the most part a dark brown, blended equally well with the bark of some of the conifers. It should be noted that building 3203 at Tioga Pass is a tiny, miniature version of the three comfort stations at Tuolumne Meadows (and subject to separate nomination).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

National Park Service Building Files, Division of Cultural Resource Management, Western Regional Office, San Francisco, California
 Monthly Reports of the Acting Resident Landscape Architect, Yosemite National Park, to the Chief Architect, for 1934
 Tweed, William, Henry Law and Laura Soulliere, National Park Service Rustic Architecture, 1916 - 1942. (San Francisco: National Park Service Western Regional Office, 1977)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary consists of an individual rectangle around each of the five buildings in this nomination, each rectangle extending five feet beyond the outermost edge of the walls of each building.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Gordon Chappell

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service, Western Region

DATE

October 28, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36063

TELEPHONE

(415) 556-4165

CITY OR TOWN

San Francisco

STATE

California (94102)

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

JUN 30 1978

Knorr/Mellon

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local .

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

Acting Asst. Dir., Cultural Resources

DATE

8/24/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles H. ...

DATE

12-18-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

W. Ray ...

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12-18-78

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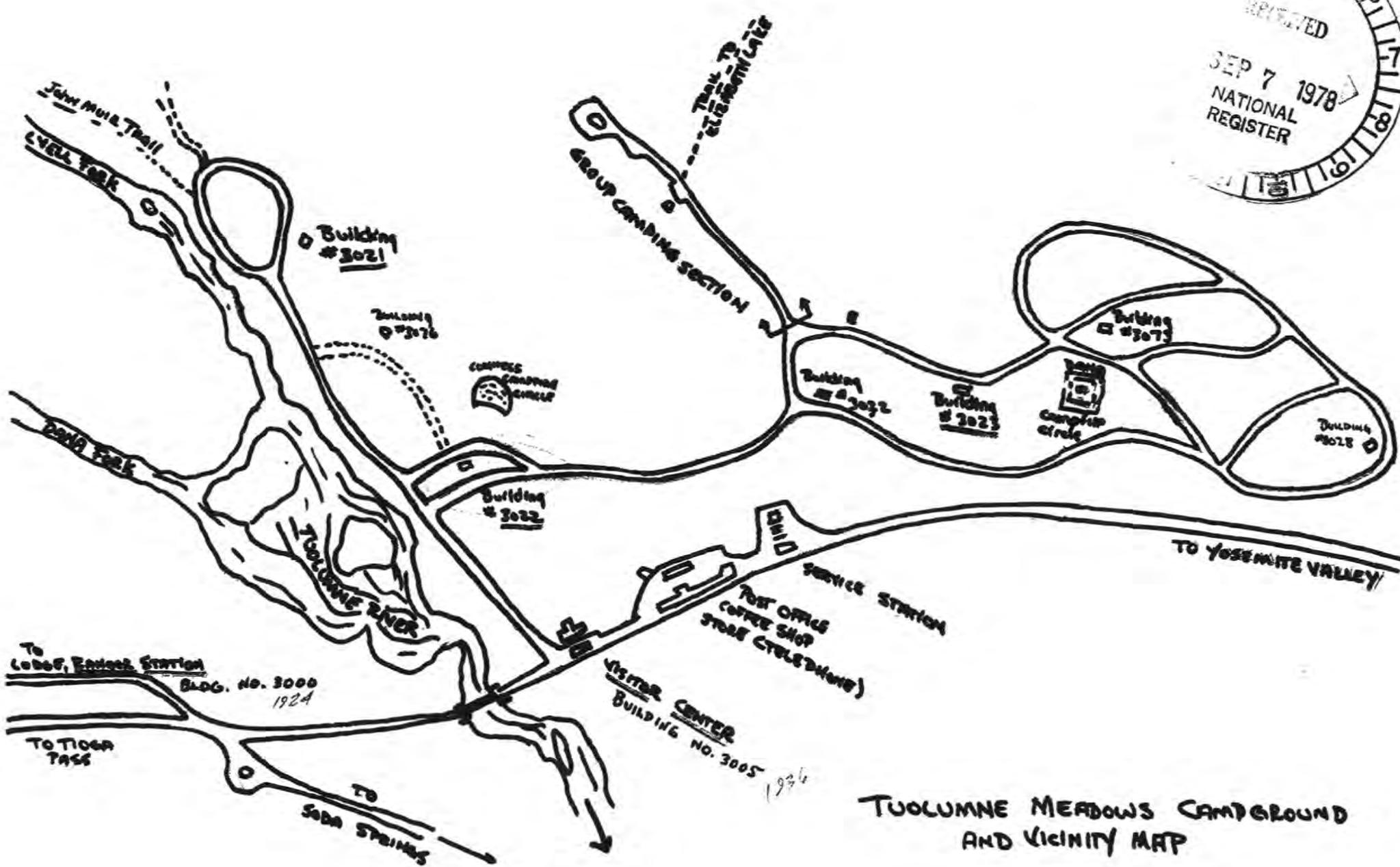
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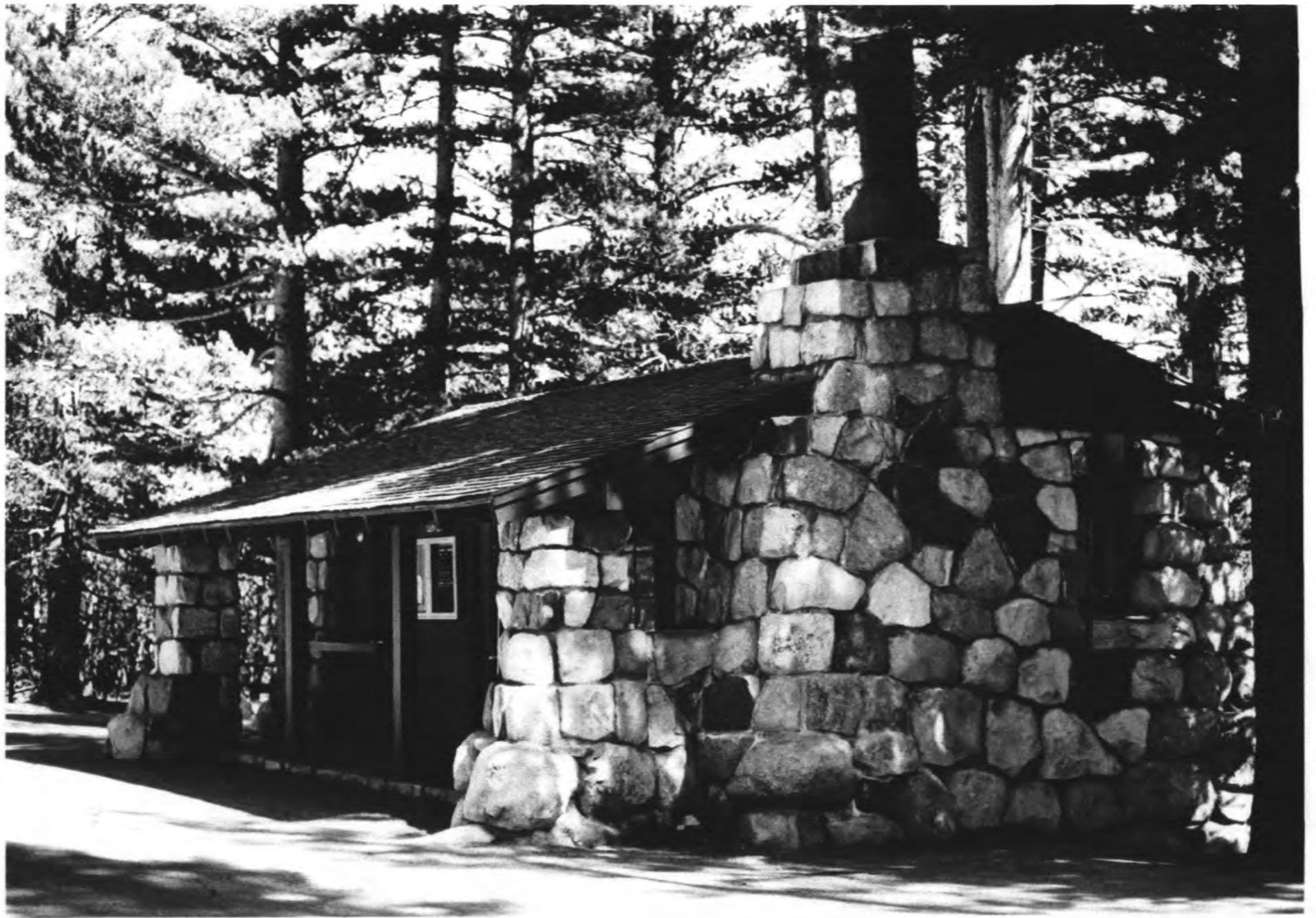
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TUOLUMNE MEADOWS CAMPGROUND AND VICINITY MAP



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TUOLUMNE MEADOWS RANGER STATIONS AND REST ROOMS

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

Tuolumne Co CA

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS "NEW" RANGER STATION

BUILT 1935

VIEW TO NORTHEAST

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE photo BY
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TUOLUMNE MEADOWS RANGER STATIONS AND REST ROOMS
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS
"NEW" VISITOR CENTER
(RANGER STATION, 1935)

VIEW TO SOUTHEAST
TUOLUMNE CO CA

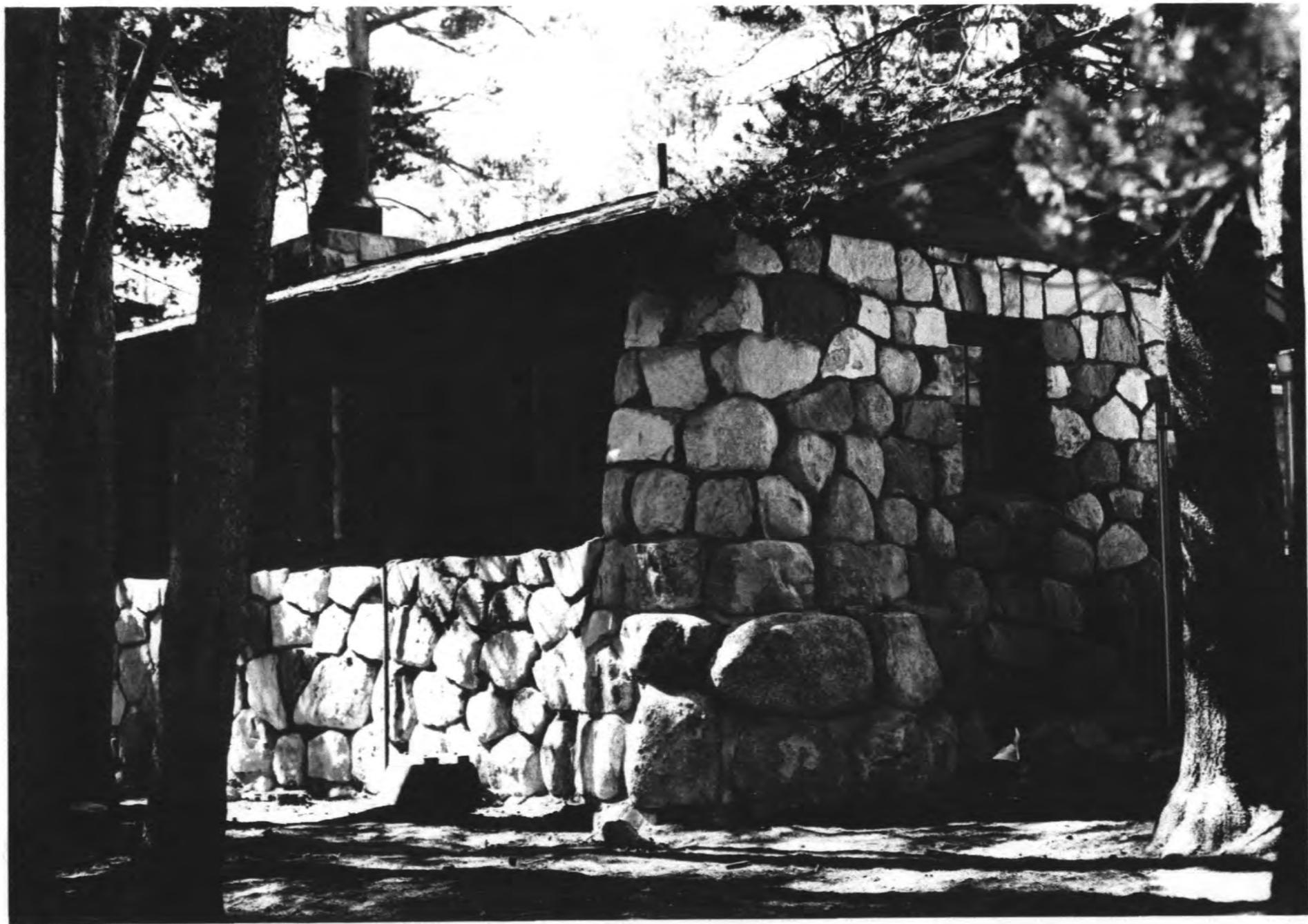
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Tuolumne meadows Ranger Station SEP 7 1978
AND ASST ROOMS

"New" Ranger Station

Built 1935

View to southwest showing rear

Yosemite National Park, California

Tuolumne Co CA

National Park Service photo by

Gordon Chappell

September 30, 1977

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BLDG. # 3005

DEC 18 1978



TUOLUMNE MEADOWS RANGER STATIONS AND REST SEP 57 1978

COMFORT STATION

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS Campground

VIEW FROM NORTH

TUOLUMNE CO CA

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TUOLUMNE MEADOWS RANGER STATIONS AND REST ROOMS
COMFORT STATION SEP 7 1978

Tuolumne Meadows Campground

view from southwest

Tuolumne Co CA

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

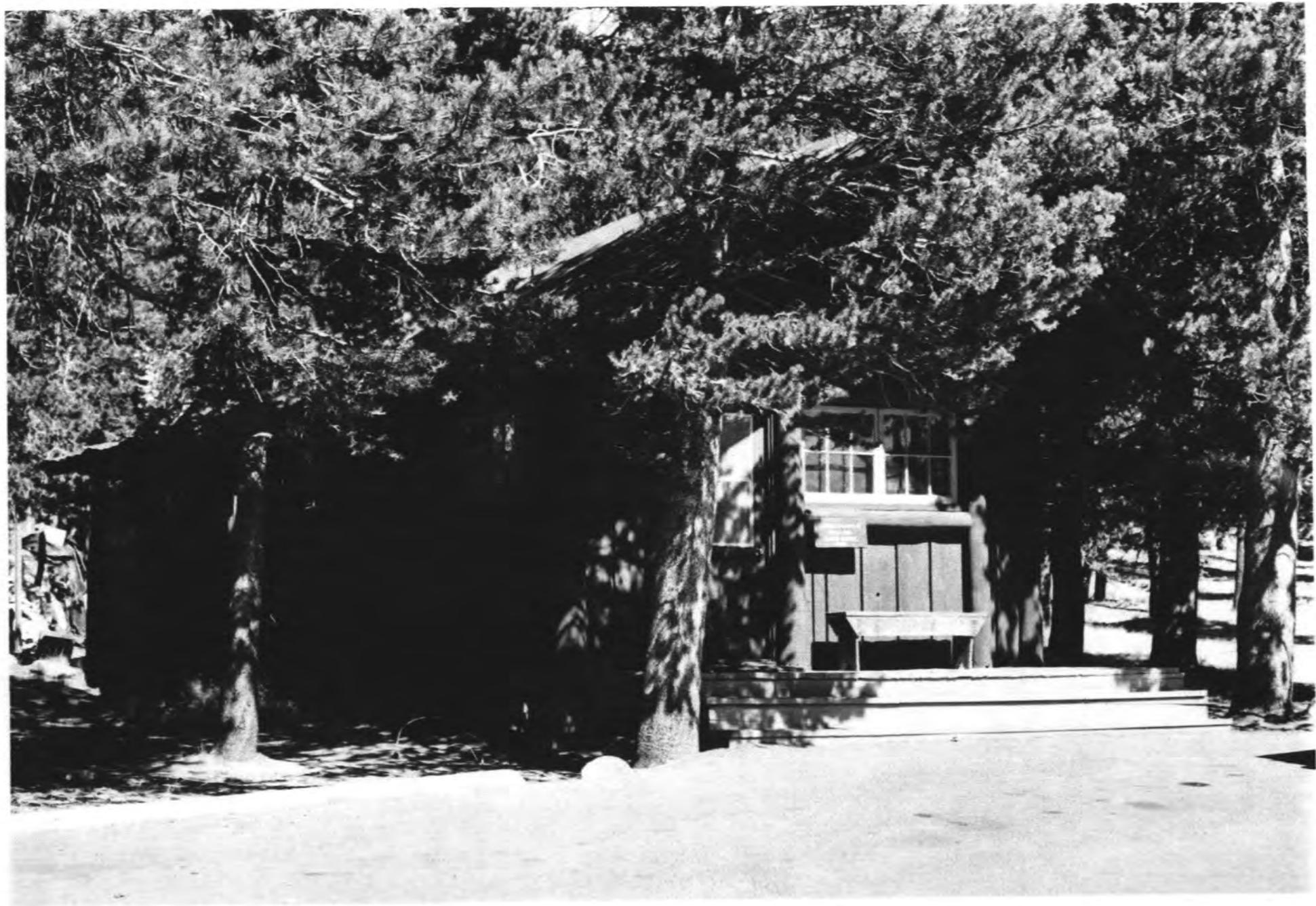
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TUOLUMNE MEADOWS RANGER STATIONS AND REST ROOMS

"OLD" RANGER STATION
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST

Tuolumne Co CA

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PHOTO BY

GORDON CHARPIL

Bldg 3000

SEPTEMBER 30, 1978

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BLDG # 3000



SEP 7 1978

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS RANGER STATIONS & REST ROOMS

TUOLUMNE CO CA

OLD RANGER STATION
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA
VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST

SEPTEMBER 30, 1977

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PHOTO BY
GORDON CHAPPELL

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DEC 18 1978

BLDG # 3000