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NOTE: Photographs were taken by Richard Collier, photographer, June 1987

WY-18-A-1	VIEW OF NORTH SIDE OF BUNKHOUSE, LOOKING SOUTHWEST
WY-18-A-2	VIEW OF NORTH SIDE OF BUNKHOUSE, LOOKING SOUTH
WY-18-A-3	VIEW OF SOUTH SIDE OF BUNKHOUSE, LOOKING NORTHWEST
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Location: On the west slope of Centennial Ridge in Medicine Bow National Forest, approximately 2.8 miles (in a direct line) southwest of Centennial, Albany County, Wyoming.

Date of Construction: c. 1926

Present Owner: United States Forest Service, Medicine Bow National Forest

Present Use: Abandoned

Significance: These structures are associated with events that have made significant contributions to the broad patterns of our history, i.e., early 20th century mining for precious metals in Wyoming and the western United States. Two log cabins were built face-to-face and were connected by a 7-foot wide breezeway. The west cabin measured 15 feet north-south by 17 feet east-west, with a window in the north and south facades and a door in the east facade. The east cabin measured 15 feet north-south by 25 feet east-west, with two windows in the north and south facades and a door in the west facade. The cabins are constructed with logs hewn on the inside and used square notching and mud chinking. The west cabin had a fireplace on the interior west wall. The gabled roofs were covered with wood slabs and are now gone except for a portion of the east cabin. Round nails were used in construction. The presence of porcelain insulators indicates that the cabins were serviced by electricity. The mineral plat depicts these structures as a bunkhouses. The cabins have been subsequently used for informal camping and recreational purposes.

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