

Gardiner Warehouse

HABS No. MT-102

(Vehicle Storage Shed) (HS-2009)

Gardiner

Yellowstone National Park

140' Northeast of US HWY 89, 750' Southeast of park boundary

Gardiner Vicinity

Park County

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Location: Gardiner District, 140' northeast of US hwy 89, 750' southeast of Yellowstone National Park Boundary, Gardiner Vicinity, Park County, Montana.

Significance: This structure, built in 1925, reflects the need for larger transportation facilities by the Yellowstone Park Transportation Company. The structure replaced a smaller vehicle storage facility previously located in Mammoth.

Description: This large, grey, rectangular building is made of concrete. The interior walls are composed of concrete and tile partitions are found within the facility. The floors are gravel and it has a composite flat roof. There are 1,511,944 cubic feet of space within the warehouse. The structure has a crow-stepped west facade and the logo of the Yellowstone Park Transportation Company on it. A wooden addition was completed in the 1970's.

History: In 1924, the Yellowstone Park Transportation Company wanted to move its vehicle maintenance facilities and storage garage from Mammoth to Gardiner. According to William Nichols, Assistant to the President of the company, if the needed facilities were constructed in Mammoth, there would not be "room enough for a cat to sneak between them." The company also cited Gardiner's lower elevation as a reason for the move. Work began on the new garage in 1924 and was completed by 1925. Park correspondence links architect Fred Willson with the structures. The garage is currently used for vehicle and merchandise storage.

Sources: Lance R. Williams, "Classified Structure Field Inventory Report: Vehicle Storage Shed," National Park Service, 1976.

Historian: Michael J. Smith, HABS Historian, 1996.