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Banff National Park  
**Fortune Warden Cabin**

### **HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT**

The Fortune Warden Cabin was constructed sometime between 1941 and 1953. Parks Canada is the custodian department. See FHBRO Building Report 93-107.

#### **Reasons for Designation**

Fortune Warden Cabin was designated Recognized because of its historical importance in illustrating the role of the park warden in wildlife protection, and because of its environmental significance.

This cabin is one of a network of cabins built to house wardens patrolling the backcountry of Banff National Park. Located on the Spray River, next to an unpaved fire road, the cabin sits alone in a lower-subalpine meadow encircled by Nestor, Turbulent and Fortune mountains. The cabin is a backcountry landmark near the western park boundary.

The design, although plain, is typical of other wood-frame warden cabins of the rustic cottage style found in Banff National Park. A typical example, it employs structural corner posts, a technique developed for park buildings by Dominion Parks staff engineer James T. Childe.

#### **Character Defining Elements**

The heritage character of Fortune Warden Cabin resides in its utilitarian design, natural materials and backcountry setting. Essentially a simple, symmetrical, gable-roofed building, rectangular in plan, it features some design articulation in the small gable in the roof above the front door and the exposed rafter ends.

Wood is the predominant construction material used for the structural frame, horizontal cladding, and window and door components. In the spring of 1953, a heavy wood door was constructed by a warden to keep out grizzly bears. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles. Any repairs should respect the simplicity of these materials and construction techniques.

The historic relationship of the Fortune Warden Cabin to its surrounding landscape has remained intact. The site's remote character should be respected.

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For further guidance, please refer to the *FHBRO Code of Practice*.