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## Chief Mountain Border Station and Quarters

Babb, MT

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The Chief Mountain Border Station and Quarters was built in Glacier National Park and consists of three structures: a border station-apartments, detached garage and pump house. It was designed by A. Paul Brown of the National Park Service and built in 1939 in the National Park Service Rustic architecture style. The Border Station and Quarters blend well into its park setting due to the horizontal wood (and aluminum) lap siding painted “Park Service Brown,” stone foundation and decorative elements including four stone chimneys.



Historically the building was divided functionally, half for customs and half for immigration, with each side being a near mirror image of the other. The building currently has five apartments within it to house inspectors working at this location.

A detached, 3-bay garage was built in 1941 with similar appearance to the main border station building. The pump house was designed to hold mechanical equipment, and is similar in style to the other two buildings.

Its harmony with the surrounding wooded landscape contributes to its significance for its role in transportation and tourism as well as its significant architectural design. The Chief Mountain Border Station and Quarters was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2008 and is the only R8 building located in a National Park.