

By virtue of its age, it IS historic, as defined by the Federal and State government regulations/ policies. As far as federal management of historic properties, a property must meet several specific qualities of "significance" to be considered "eligible" for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and protection or preservation (under the National Historic Preservation Act), when an undertaking is proposed or being planned. All such proposed actions and determinations of significance or eligibility for the NRHP are subject to review and concurrence by the State Historic Preservation office (SHPO).

Management of TBGS generally occurred under the radar for many years, in terms of receiving due consideration as an historic property. So various maintenance actions occurred without any kind of formal heritage review or consideration of its historic qualities. Modernizations were made for the comfort and convenience of staff using the guard station for official Forest Service purposes, as well as basic maintenance activities.

In 2015 the guard station was included in a Regional thematic inventory and evaluation of several historic buildings that had not previously been inventoried or evaluated for historic significance. Rick McClure, former Gifford Pinchot NF Heritage Program Manager (HPM), contributed documentation for several properties around Region 6, OR & WA, including TBGS. He applied the then-current regional evaluation model for evaluation of significance based on the criteria of the National Historic Preservation Act. It was rated 'not eligible'