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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Tall Peak Fire Tower

other name/site number: PL 0099

2. Location

street & number: Forest Service Road #38A

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Athens

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Polk

code: AR 113

zip code: 71971

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Building(s)

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas, 1933-42

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ✓ nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ✓ meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Evan D. DeBlond _____ 9/3/93
Signature of certifying official Date
Federal Preservation Officer Forest Service

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn R. Byrd _____ 10-9-91
Signature of commenting or other official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

✓ entered in the National Register _____ Patty S. Chrisman 10/20/93
_____ See continuation sheet.
_____ determined eligible for the _____
National Register
_____ See continuation sheet.
_____ determined not eligible for the _____
National Register
_____ removed from the National Register _____
_____ other (explain): _____

for Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: Other: Fire Tower Sub: N/A

Current : Vacant/Not in Use Sub: N/A

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other: Rustic Architecture

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Stone roof Ashpalt
walls Stone other _____
Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Social History
Architecture
Conservation

Period(s) of Significance: c.1938 _____

Significant Dates : N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

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Description:

The Tall Peak Fire Tower is located southeast of Mena on Forest Service Road No. 38A in Polk County. The tower is a two story, field stone and wood structure built on a continuous stone foundation. The first level is made of field stone and each corner has the distinctive inward-sloping corners peculiar to CCC construction. The first level consists of a single room that has two small, stationary windows on the west and south sides and a single door on the east side. The north side of the structure has an external stairway leading to the second level of the structure. The second level of the structure has a porch which extends around the east, south, and west sides of the structure with a plywood balustrade. The second floor has a one room observation deck which has four windows on each side except on the west side which has three windows and a door. There are no coverings for these windows and no trace of original material used for the windows. The structure is topped with a pyramidal roof covered with composition shingles. The structure has had some vandalism and some repairs done to it but is in a deteriorated state at present.

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The Tall Peak Fire Tower was constructed circa 1938 by members of the 742nd Company of the Arkansas CCC District stationed at the Mena Camp that was located approximately eight miles to the northwest, near the small town of Shady. It was constructed to function as a fire and observation tower to help prevent the forest fires that heretofore had ravaged the forest with devastating effect. As such, the Tall Peak Fire Tower remains significant through its associations with the contributions to American social history made by the Civilian Conservation Corps, its associations with the emphasis upon conservation of our natural resources that was the original mandate of the CCC, and its status as an excellent example of the more functional CCC architecture in a remarkable state of preservation.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See "Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942," Section H.

___ See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- _ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- _ previously listed in the National Register
- _ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- _ designated a National Historic Landmark
- _ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- _ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- _ State historic preservation office
- _ Other state agency
- _ Federal agency
- _ Local government
- _ University
- _ Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>404160</u>	<u>3805310</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the southern edge of Forest Service Road #38A located approximately 14,000 feet west of Bench Mark 1323.3, proceed northerly along a line running parallel with the fire tower's western elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed easterly along a line running parallel with the fire tower's northern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed southerly along a line running parallel with the fire tower's eastern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed westerly along a line running parallel with the fire tower's southern elevation to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource, including the fire tower itself and the land surrounding it that was cleared for its construction and view of the forest around Tall Peak.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 8/28/91

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Tall Peak Fire Tower
NAME:

MULTIPLE Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Polk

DATE RECEIVED: 9/14/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/28/93
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/14/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/29/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001077

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: Y SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 10/20/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Tall Peak Fire Tower is significant under criteria A and C in the areas of social history, conservation of architecture. The fire tower is a significant and fragile resource.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A & C
REVIEWER Dallas S. Christman
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 10/20/93

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___summary paragraph
___completeness
___clarity
___applicable criteria
___justification of areas checked
___relating significance to the resource
___context
___relationship of integrity to significance
___justification of exception
___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Tall Peak Fire Tower

~~Athena~~^{ATHENS} vic., Arkansas

Photographed by Todd Ferguson

February 1991

Negative on file at AHPP

View from the north

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500019