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1. Name of Property

historic name: Sugarloaf Fire Tower Historic District; Ozark-St. Francis
National Forest

other name/site number: ST0285

2. Location

street & number: End of Forest Service Road 1123

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Calico Rock

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Stone code: AR 137

zip code: 72519

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: District

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	sites
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	structures
<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	objects
	<u>1</u>	Total

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

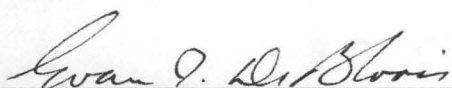
Name of related multiple property listing: Facilities Constructed by the
Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria.

(See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Signature of certifying official4-16-95
Date

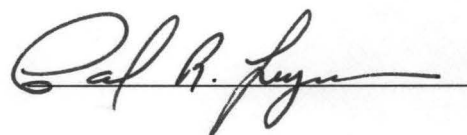

Forest Service

Federal Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register 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): _____
Date 9/11/95 Signature of KeeperDate
of Action

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet

Arnan J. DeBloris
Signature of certifying official

4-17-95
Date

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.

William A. Slater
Signature of commenting or other official

9-20-93
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

_____ entered in the National Register
_____ 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): _____

Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: OTHER

Sub: Fire tower

Current : VACANT/NOT IN USE

Sub: _____

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other _____

Other Description: Rustic Resort

Materials: foundation Stone/Concrete roof Asphalt
walls Stone/Wood other Steel tower framing

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: 1937-1942

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

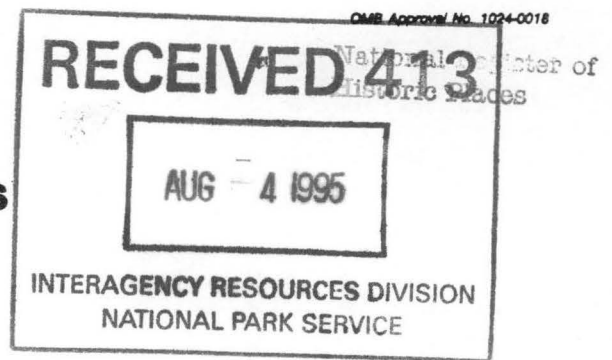
Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

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 Sugarloaf Fire Tower Historic District (Ozark-St. Francis National Forest) is composed of five contributing resources and one non-contributing resource, all of which comprise a forest fire observation center located strategically on a two-acre site atop Sugarloaf Mountain (elevation 1,150 feet). Accessed from State Highway #5 by Forest Service Road #1123, the five building complex is anchored by the central, hipped-roof fire tower that rises one hundred feet from base to top. As was typical for such construction during this period, the tower itself consists of a braced metal frame, pyramidal in shape, that supports the enclosed, wood frame and glass observation structure from which the fire ranger could view the surrounding landscape in all directions. Surrounding it are the single-story, wood frame and stone veneer residence and privy, and the vaulted stone storage cellar/storm shelter. The residence features a simple, rectangular plan with the single entrance located at the northern end of the western elevation and a single stone chimney rising through the southern slope of the gable roof. An original well is located adjacent to the building's northwest corner. The privy is unique in that its design includes a chimney for incinerating the waste, a feature not commonly found in extant CCC construction in Arkansas. The combination storage cellar/storm shelter is also uncommon in that its vaulted ceiling is formed from stones cut into voussoirs that are laid over a reinforced concrete core. It features a low stair and stoop that provides access to the front door and a single, central window opening at the back. The non-contributing structure is a single-story, shed roof, concrete block storage building located just to the east of the tower.

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Continuation SheetSection number 8 Page 1**Significance**

The five contributing resources that comprise the Sugarloaf Fire Tower Historic District (Ozark-St. Francis National Forest) were constructed in 1937 by the enrollees of the 743rd Company of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), Arkansas District, working out of Camp Hedges in Calico Rock, Arkansas. Camp Hedges -- established for the purpose of providing manpower for projects within the northern ranger districts of what was then the Ozark National Forest -- was a typical CCC camp in that it sheltered approximately 200 enrollees who worked out of Camp Hedges itself and at least two known side camps (side camps were composed of small units of enrollees who were assigned to a temporary campsite away from the main camp for the purpose of completing a specific project located too far from the main camp for a daily commute). As a fire control facility constructed by the CCC it represents a property type associated with the historic context *Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942*. It was constructed upon this elevated site to function as a fire and observation tower to help prevent the forest fires that heretofore had ravaged the forest with devastating effect. However, as a property type it is relatively unusual as it also includes such residential support facilities for the fire ranger as a residence and well, a privy, and a combination provision storage and storm shelter structure. As such, the Sugarloaf Fire Tower Historic District remains locally significant under Criterion A through its associations with the contributions to American social history made by the Civilian Conservation Corps and its associations with the emphasis upon conservation of our natural resources that was the original mandate of the CCC. It is also significant under Criterion C by virtue of its status as an excellent example of the typical Rustic style CCC architecture in a remarkable state of preservation and as an intact fire control/residential complex.

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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:

- X 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: Approximately two

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A 15 575340 3993380

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running parallel with the eastern elevation of the fire tower and located 50 feet to the east thereof with a perpendicular line running parallel with the privy's northern elevation and located 50 feet to the north thereof, proceed westerly along latter line for a distance of approximately 400 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the western elevation of the storage cellar/storm shelter; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the residence's southern elevation; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 400 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the eastern elevation of the fire tower; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes the historic resources, the end of the Forest Service Road leading into the complex (which effectively serves as a driveway) and a representative amount of the historically-associated surrounding property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Kenneth Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: August 30, 1993

Street & Number: 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Telephone: (501) 324-9880

City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 94001615

Date Listed: 9/11/95

Sugarloaf Fire Tower Historic District
Property Name

Stone
County

AR
State

Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

9/11/95
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Classification:

The resource count is revised to read: three (3) contributing buildings (residence, privy, stone cellar/shelter), two (2) contributing structures (fire tower, well), and one (1) noncontributing building (storage building).

Historic Function:

Government is included as a category under Historic Function to reflect the property's significant contribution to Forest Service activities. Domestic-Institutional Housing is also added.

The information was confirmed with Evan De Bloois, FPO USFS.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Sugarloaf Fire Tower Historic District

MULTIPLE NAME: Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Stone

DATE RECEIVED: 12/28/94
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/27/95
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/11/95
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/11/95

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94001615

NOMINATOR: STATE

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: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ ACCEPT ☒ RETURN ___ REJECT 1.19.95 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The nomination is being returned at this time for the reason(s) cited below:

Federal Agency Certification. The nomination requires the signature of the Federal Preservation Officer (FPO).

(SEE ATTACHED COMMENT SHEET ALSO)

RECOM./CRITERIA RETURN
REVIEWER PAUL R. LUSIGNAP
DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN
DATE 1/19/95

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
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

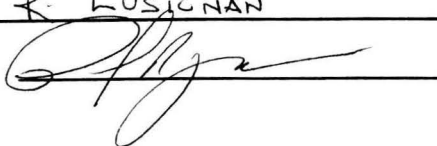
☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

PAUL R. LUSIGNAN

Phone 202-343-1620

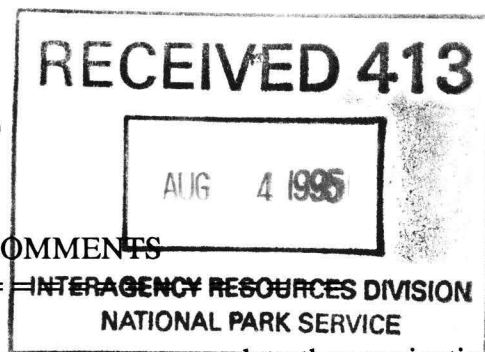
Signed 

Date 1/19/95

**SUGARLOAF FIRE TOWER HISTORIC DISTRICT
STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION - REVIEW COMMENTS

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The following comments reflect supplementary material necessary to complete the nomination packet.

Federal Agency Certification (Section 4)

- The nomination requires the signature of the Federal Preservation Officer (FPO).

The following technical corrections may be completed by the U. S. Forest Service prior to resubmission or by the National Park Service using the Supplementary Listing Record process after the nomination has been resubmitted for final review.

Classification (Section 3)

- The resource count should be revised to read: 3 contributing buildings (residence, privy, stone cellar/shelter; 2 contributing structures (fire tower, well); and 1 noncontributing building (storage building). [see NR Bulletin 16A, page 15]

Historic Function (Section 6)

- "Government" should be included as a category under Historic Function to reflect the property's significant contribution to U.S. Forest Service activities in the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest.

Enter also Domestic-Institutional Housing for the associated staff residence.

Reviewer: Paul R. Lusignan
Historian, NPS
(202) 343-1628

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY Sugarloaf Fire Tower Historic District
NAME:

MULTIPLE Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Stone

DATE RECEIVED: 8/04/95 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/18/95
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94001615

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9/11/95 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Sugarloaf Fire Tower Historic District is significant under National Register Criteria A and C, in the areas of Conservation, Social History and Architecture. The resources represent distinctive local examples of Rustic-style construction and reflect the important work of the Civilian Conservation Corps in western Arkansas during the period 1933-1942.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C

REVIEWER Paul R. Lwignan DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE 202.343.1628 DATE 9/11/95

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y ☒ see attached SLR Y ☒



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CALICO ROCK VIC., STONE CO., ARKANSAS
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FEBRUARY, 1993

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CALICO ROCK VIC., STONE CO., ARKANSAS
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VIEW FROM SOUTH OF PRIVY



SUGARLOAF FIRE TOWER HISTORIC DISTRICT
CALICO ROCK VIC., STONE CO., ARKANSAS
PHOTOGRAPHED BY T. FERGUSON

FEBRUARY, 1993

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OVERVIEW OF FIRE TOWER, RESIDENCE (RIGHT),
NON-CONTRIB. STORAGE BLDG. (CENTER) &
PRIVY (LEFT)

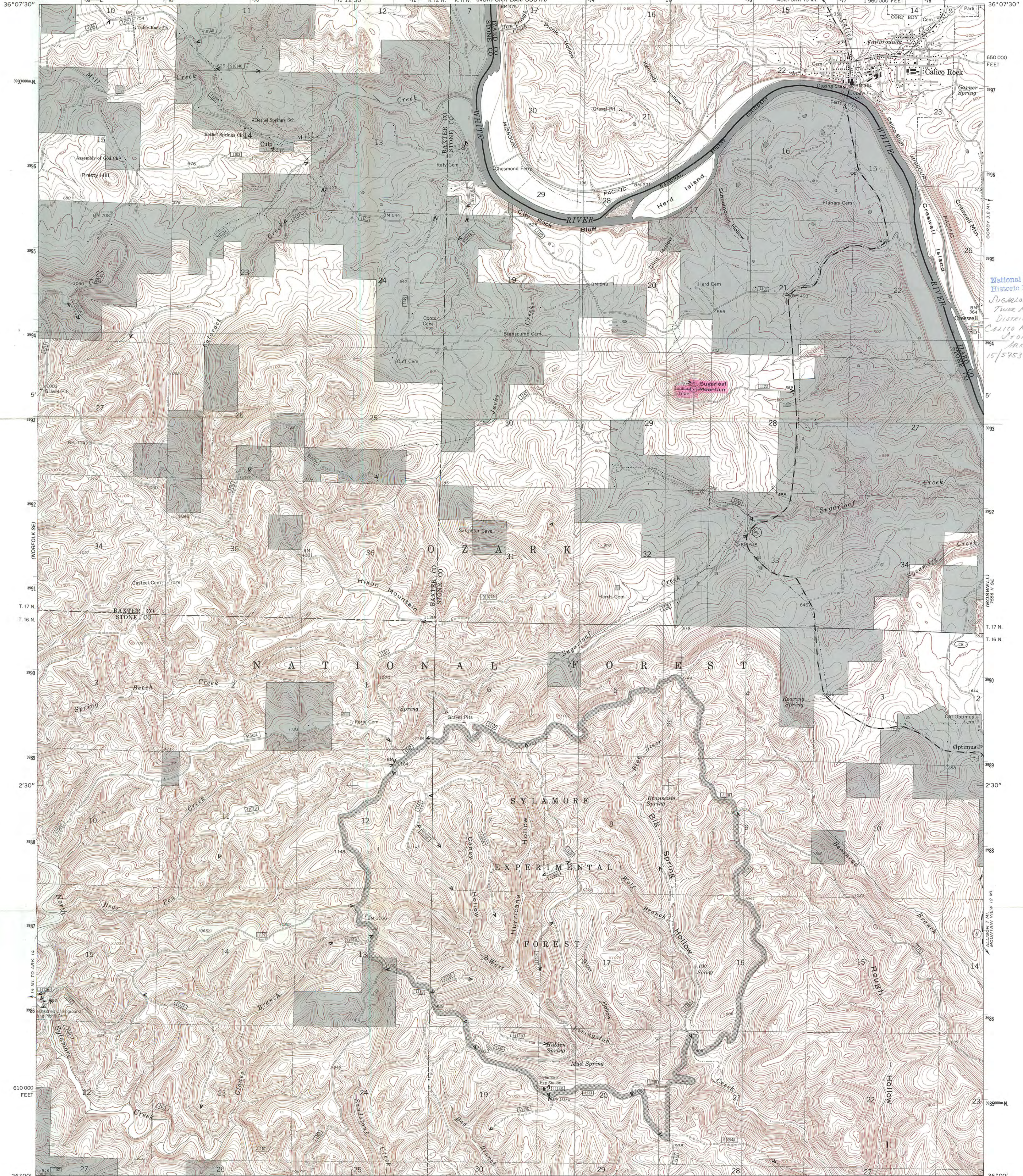


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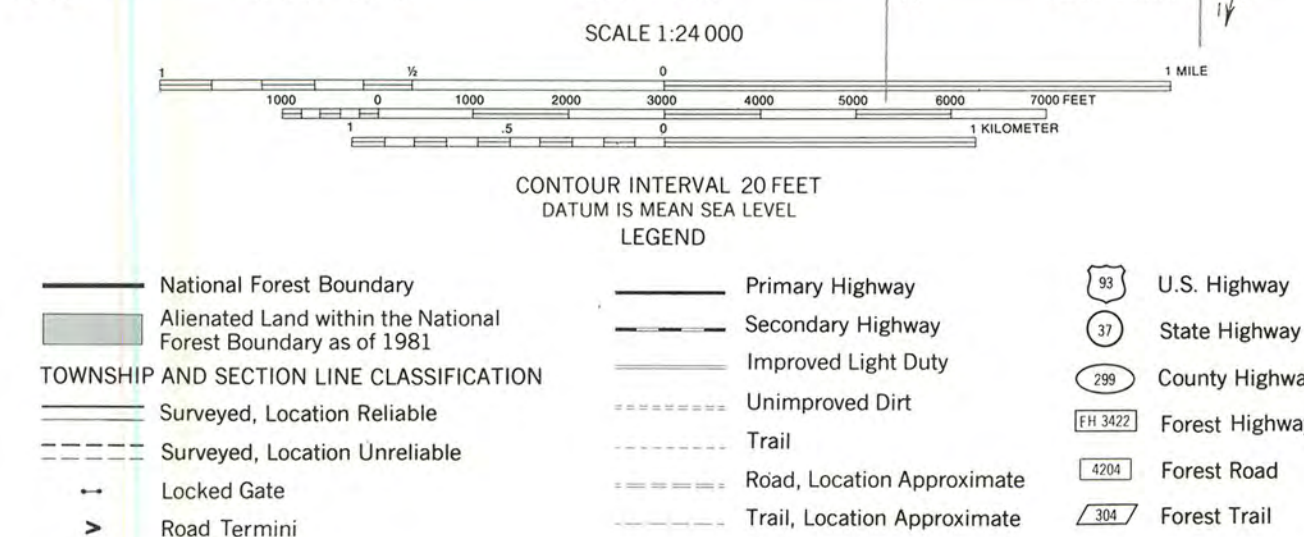
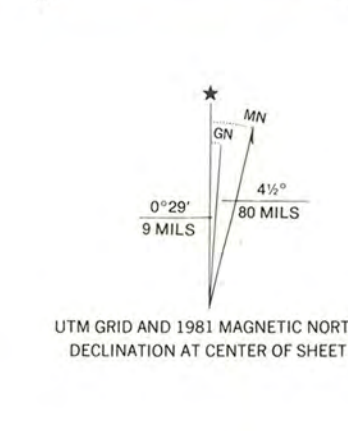
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VIEW FROM WEST OF RESIDENCE, WELL & NON-CONTRIB. STORAGE BLDG.



Base map prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1959. Field checked 1964
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Modification to USGS base map by the Geometrics Service
Center from 1978 aerial photography and 1981 Correction guides
furnished by the Southern Region.



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CALICO ROCK VILLAGE
STONE CO.,
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Sugarloaf Fire Tower Historic District

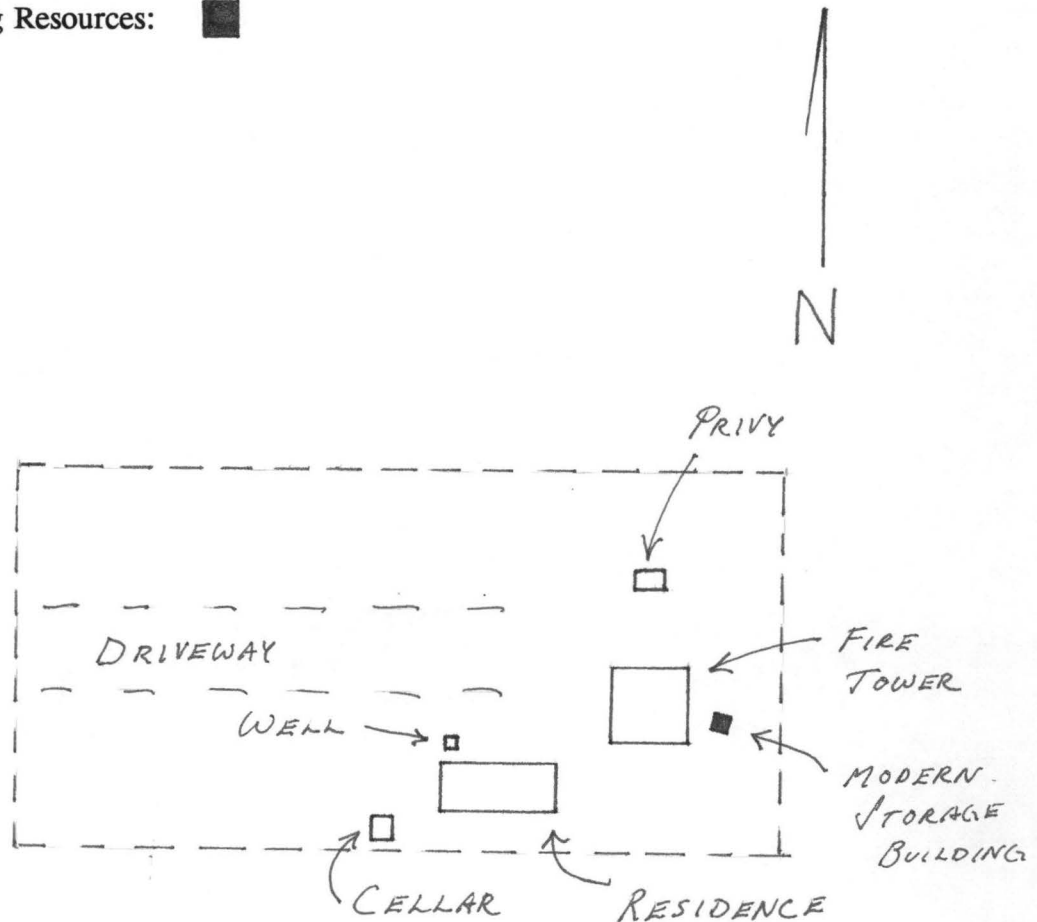
Calico Rock vic., Stone County, Arkansas

Approximate Scale: 1" = 100'

Boundary: - - - - -

Contributing Resources: ☐

Non-Contributing Resources: ☒



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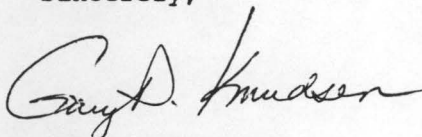
Dear Keeper;

Enclosed are six (6) National Register of Historic Places Nomination forms for sites on the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests in Arkansas. These forms were completed as a part of a Challenge Cost Share Partnership with the Arkansas State Historic Preservation Program. The AHPP staff completed the inventory and nomination forms as part of this partnership. The sites include:

- Lake Wedington Historic District
- Spring Lake Recreation Area Historic District
- Gray Spring Recreation Area/Forest Service Road #1003 Historic District
- Sugarloaf Fire Tower Historic District
- Mirror Lake Historic District
- Cove Lake Bathhouse

All of these sites are CCC or WPA built structures under the management of the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest. If you have any questions regarding these sites or forms please contact me at (501) 964-7229.

Sincerely;



GARY D. KNUDSEN
Forest Archeologist

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