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Carbon County Road CN6-203 milepost: 7.5

7.8 miles northeast of Encampment T15N, R82W, S20. USGS Cow Creek  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ' quadrangle UTM: 13.362650.4568315

EFP Bridge over Owl Creek Hot Springs County

erection date: 1919-20 contractor: Monarch Engineering Company Denver

span length: 124'0" abutments: sandstone ashlar retaining

total length: 126'0" piers: none

roadway width: 15'0" roadway: steel stringers w/ timber decking

span type: simple approaches: none

Single-span, steel pin-connected 7-panel Camelback through truss

top chords: two channels w/ cover plates and lacing; bottom chords: paired flat eyebars; verticals: two channels w/ double lacing; diagonals: two rectangular or one round eyebar; struts: angle; sway bracing: angles in lattice configuration; lateral bracing: round bars; lattice guardrails; supplemental timber piers added under panel points.

Hot Springs County Road CN15-28 milepost: 1.3

9.5 miles west of Thermopolis T43N, R96W, S16. USGS Thompson Reservoirs 7½ quad. UTM: 13.710120.4840645

During the early- to mid-1930s the Wyoming Highway Department erected several rigid-connected Parker through trusses across the state. Of these seven remain; most are in the 120' - 175' span range, but one bridge freespans 250' - the longest single span highway truss in Wyoming still functional. It is included here.

BMU Bridge over Wind River Fremont County

erection date: ca.1935 contractor: unknown

moved: 1953-54 Charles M. Smith Thermopolis Wy.

span length: 250'0" abutments: concrete retaining w/ sweptback wings

total length: 283'0" piers: none

roadway width: 20'0" roadway: steel stringers w/ concrete decking

span type: simple approaches: none

Single-span, steel rigid-connected 10-panel Parker through truss

top chords: two channels w/ cover plates and lacing; bottom chords: two channels w/ batten plates; verticals: wide flange; diagonals: wide flange; struts: four angles w/ lacing; sway bracing: angle; lateral bracing: two angles w/ lacing;

steel pipe guardrails.

Wyoming State 132 milepost: 16.32

8.75 miles north of Ethete TO2N, RO1E, S13. USGS Pavillion 7½ quadrangle UTM: 12.686390.4779070

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After World War II, new trussbuilding was rare in Wyoming. Most trusses erected from that time to the present have been salvaged from other locations - dismantled, transported and reassembled at the new locations. In 1952 the Highway Department removed a 119-foot, six-panel truss from the Laramie River near Uva and moved it intact into Platte County; the county elected to use only 85' (five panels) of the truss to replace a washed-out bridge over the North Laramie River. The Wind River Bridge BMU is another Highway Department-moved truss, assembled at its present location by Charles M. Smith in 1953. Today trusses have been largely superceded by more sophisticated engineering designs - girders, box beams, twin Ts - and are seldom erected. The remaining highway and roadway truss bridges are just that - remnants of past technologies, whose numbers are continually dwindling through attrition.

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#### Individual Bridges

### AJX √Bridge over South Fork of Powder River

This 306' steel deck truss, built in 1931-32 by the Omaha Steel Works of Omaha, Nebraska, under contract with the Wyoming Highway Department, is one of the state's spectacular vehicular bridges built during the Depression-sparked 1930s. Erected at a time when the large interstate-type highway cantilevered trusses were appearing across the country, this three-span Pratt truss is Wyoming's only large cantilever bridge. As such it is one of the state's most important highway trusses.

### BMU Bridge over Wind River

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#### CKW Bridge over Powder River

The Highway Department contracted with the W.P. Roscoe Company in August 1932 to construct two steel bridges on the Sheridan-Gillette Road as part of Federal Aid Project 206B. This Pratt deck truss is one of the bridges. Consisting of three continuous main spans and two shallower approach spans, it is an excellent example of the long span deck trusses built in the 1930s through the 1950s for major highway crossings. As one of only two major highway deck trusses built in Wyoming and the only continuous vehicular truss still in use in the state, it is an important representative of the most recent truss development. Although slightly less than fifty years old, it possesses the exceptional significance as the only one of its type for eligibility.

#### CQA Four Mile Bridge

The Highway Department reopened Federal Aid Project 90 in 1927, and in April awarded