

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Depression Era Work Relief Construction Features at Double Ditch Indian Village Site State Historic Site

Other names/site number: 32BL8, Double Ditch Earth Lodge Village Site

Name of related multiple property listing:
Federal Relief Construction in North Dakota, 1931-1943

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: State Highway 1804

City or town: Bismarck State: North Dakota County: Burleigh

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national x statewide ___ local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

x A ___ B x C ___ D

	<u>9-15-14</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
<u>NDSHPO</u>	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

Joe Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

01.5.14
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	objects
<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Landscape: state historic site, archaeological site

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Landscape: state historic site, archaeological site

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late 19th & Early 20th Century Revivals: WPA Rustic

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: concrete, wood, stone

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The stone features built at Double Ditch by the Works Progress Administration were part of the State Park Marker Program. These features marked the boundaries of the park and provided a shelter on site that housed information about the park. The features include four corner markers, two short walls, the shelter, an entrance, and a fire pit.

Narrative Description

Stone corners – The stone corner markers are all of the same design with two walls along the boundary creating a corner marker. The ends and intersection are taller than the middle portions creating a crenellated look. Each marker is approximately two and one half feet wide, seven feet long, and five feet in height with variances due to soil build-up. The northeast corner has had some erosion and a concrete base can be seen below the ground line. A couple stones have become loose and fallen but are still at each corner. Metal posts with anchors into the stone corners hold up the barbed wire fence. The corner at the southeast is next to a modern metal gate.

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Short walls – The short walls are along the western edge of the property south of the shelter. The south wall has three tall points with two low points creating the crenellated look while the north wall has four tall points. The walls are approximately 24-30” wide, 12’6” and 15’6” long, and just over 4’ tall. Metal posts are near the walls to hold up the barbed wire fence and have an anchor into the walls.

Shelter – The shelter has a 7’ sidewall height and is 21’ long at the base. The width is 18’8 for the rectangular portion and a half-circle, 3’6” tall wall extends out approximately 8’ on the west. The walls are vertically straight on the inside but slope in 2’ on the outside from the base to the roof eave. The shelter has a full wall with no openings on the east but it does have an embedded wood frame 6’ by 3’4” housing an interpretive sign. The south wall has a centered, full-height opening 5’ wide while the north end has an opening 6’ by 3’6”. The half-circle is 15’ on the outside and 3’6” tall with three courses of stone along the ground in front of the base. The gable roof is supported by two large logs, oriented north/south, that sit in openings in the stone. The cross beams are logs of similar diameter that sit above the first beams. A smaller log rests on the cross beams to support the six wooden poles on each side that serve as rafters. Wood planks are fastened to the rafters and wood shingles cover the roof. While wood was the original roof covering and covers the shelter now, the 1980s photographs show corrugated metal on the roof. The floor inside the shelter is all flagstone and flagstones are laid at the entrance 5’ wide and 8’ long.

Fire pit – The pit is in the basic shape of a half circle with the 11’ diameter line running east/west and the half circle to the south. An access point is on both the north and south sides. Early photos show the pit to be approximately 1 foot tall with a concrete coping. Some of the coping on the south is missing and a few stones are displaced. The pit is east of the shelter.

Old Entrance – The old entrance is on the west side of the site, leading up to the shelter from the river. Ten wood steps lead up to a stone-lined walk, approximately 28’ long, which is now mostly overgrown with grass. The entrance has two steps up to a half-circle flagstone platform that is 20’6” wide and surrounded by a concrete gutter. The corners of the half-circle each have a stone pillar that may best be described as two joined pillars as the front portion is offset and shorter than the larger main portion. The width is 3’6” then 4’3’ in the middle and 3’6’ at the front with the front being 1’ lower at the bottom and 6” lower at the top. The corners are mirror images of each other. On the flagstone semi-circle are four 3” metal poles 3’2” tall and filled with concrete. At the base of the second pole from the north is damage to the stone and stone has dropped down. The metal poles have been in place since at least 1974 but a 1938 photograph shows only two metal poles with a cross bar (different than where the current ones are) and vertical logs of varying sizes along the back to create a guard rail and support a wood sign that read “DOUBLE DITCH INDIAN VILLAGE SITE STATE PARK” in white letters. The entrance, shelter, and fire pit are all in the northwest corner of the site so as to provide information before accessing the site without damaging any of the historic depressions in the village site. Approximately 25’ east of the flagstone semi-circle is a set of eight steps with the first and last step of concrete and the others of flagstone. The tread of the concrete steps is 36” by 16” while the flagstone treads are 36” by 30” and a modern bench sits nearby.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Landscape Architecture

Conservation

Period of Significance

1936-1938

Significant Dates

1937, 1938

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Works Progress Administration with design
directed by Russel Reid, Superintendent
State Park Section, State Historical Society of North Dakota

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Works Progress Administration (WPA) stone objects and shelter building at the Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site were built to provide unobtrusive site marking, recognition, and interpretation while taking advantage of federal programs for work relief. The stone features are significant under Criterion A for the movement of marking historic sites and for being part of the federal relief so important to the survival of North Dakota. The features are also significant under Criterion C for the stone construction, design of the features, and the site layout at the statewide level.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

In the 1930s, under the authority of the State Historical Society of North Dakota, the State Parks Commission sought designs and advice for interpretation installation at historic state parks. While the Double Ditch Indian Village site had been on the radar and protected by a friend of the SHSND, the site was not officially deeded to the State until 1936. Once it was officially SHSND property, then Superintendent Russell Reid extended the design plans to include that site and was able to obtain WPA funding. As stated in the nomination for the Depression Era Work Relief Construction Features at Menoken State Historic Site, “the development of North Dakota state parks and historic sites really commenced with the establishment of the first CCC park camp assigned to the state” [Section 8, page 1].

The way Reid obtained funding to develop the state parks was to apply for the SHSND to be a sponsor under the WPA. This allowed him to more easily move the small WPA crews to the different state parks and complete many site improvements from 1937 through 1939. A commonality between the sites is the marking of the borders and entrance, along with an open shelter to house interpretation and to allow picturesque views of the historic sites. The main materials used for the construction are granite erratic boulders and wood. Using natural materials such as these provided low cost for the local materials and an abundance of material availability. These natural materials and unobtrusive designs and placement of features called attention to the historic site without distracting visitors attention from the historic sites themselves.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Deed. DEED FILE, SHSND.

North Dakota Cultural Resource Survey File 32BL8.

National Register of Historic Places, Depression Era Work Relief Construction Features at Menoken State Historic Site, Burleigh County, North Dakota, National Register #10000998.

National Register of Historic Places, Depression Era Work Relief Construction in North Dakota, 1931-1943. Multiple Property Documentation Form #6501091.

National Register of Historic Places, Double Ditch Earth Lodge Village Site, Burleigh County, North Dakota, National Register #0000196.

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 # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property 37.45

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

1. Zone: 14	Easting: 355284	Northing: 5199986
2. Zone: 14	Easting: 355758	Northing: 5199971
3. Zone: 14	Easting: 355691	Northing: 5199610
4. Zone: 14	Easting: 355369	Northing: 5199620
5. Zone: 14	Easting: 355270	Northing: 5199859

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Starting at a point 515.5 feet North of the one quarter corner common to sections 21 and 22, Township 140 Range 81, thence West 274 feet to the West line of the right of way of a legal highway established by action of the County Commissioners of Burleigh County, Dakota Territory, July 8, 1879, and the point of beginning: thence North 8[^]52' East along the West line of said highway right of way 1208 feet; thence West 1561.5 feet; thence South 500 feet; thence South 24[^]37'30", East 750 feet; thence East 1067 feet to the point of beginning, containing 37.45 acres more or less, lying in Lots One and Two and the East 1/2 of the Northeast One Quarter of Section Twenty-one in Township One Hundred Forty North, Range Eighty-one West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, commonly known as the double ditch, Mandan Indian Village Site.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The stone corner features mark the corners of the original property obtained by the State Historical Society of North Dakota in 1936. The other stone features are within the boundary those corners mark.

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Photo Log

Depression Era Work Relief Construction Features at Double Ditch Indian
Village Site State Historic Site
Bismarck Burleigh County, ND
Lorna Meidinger
July 3, 2014

Northwest corner, southeast view
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Northeast corner, northeast view
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Southeast corner, southeast view
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Southwest corner, southwest view
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South wall, east northeast
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North wall, east side

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Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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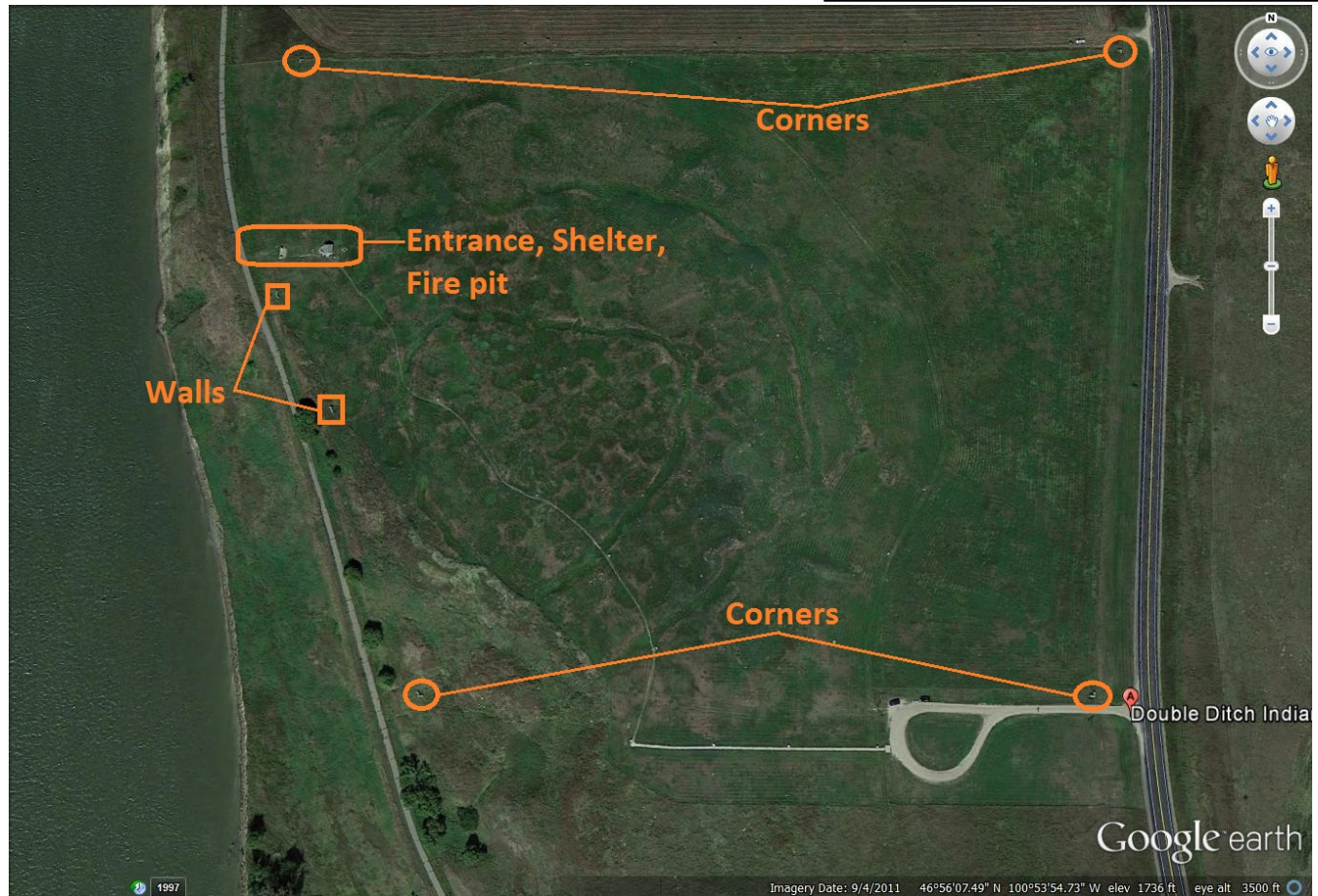
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Name of multiple listing (if applicable)



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View of the original entrance from the west. All three photos taken by Gilligan, 5/1/1938



A closer view of the entrance from the west.

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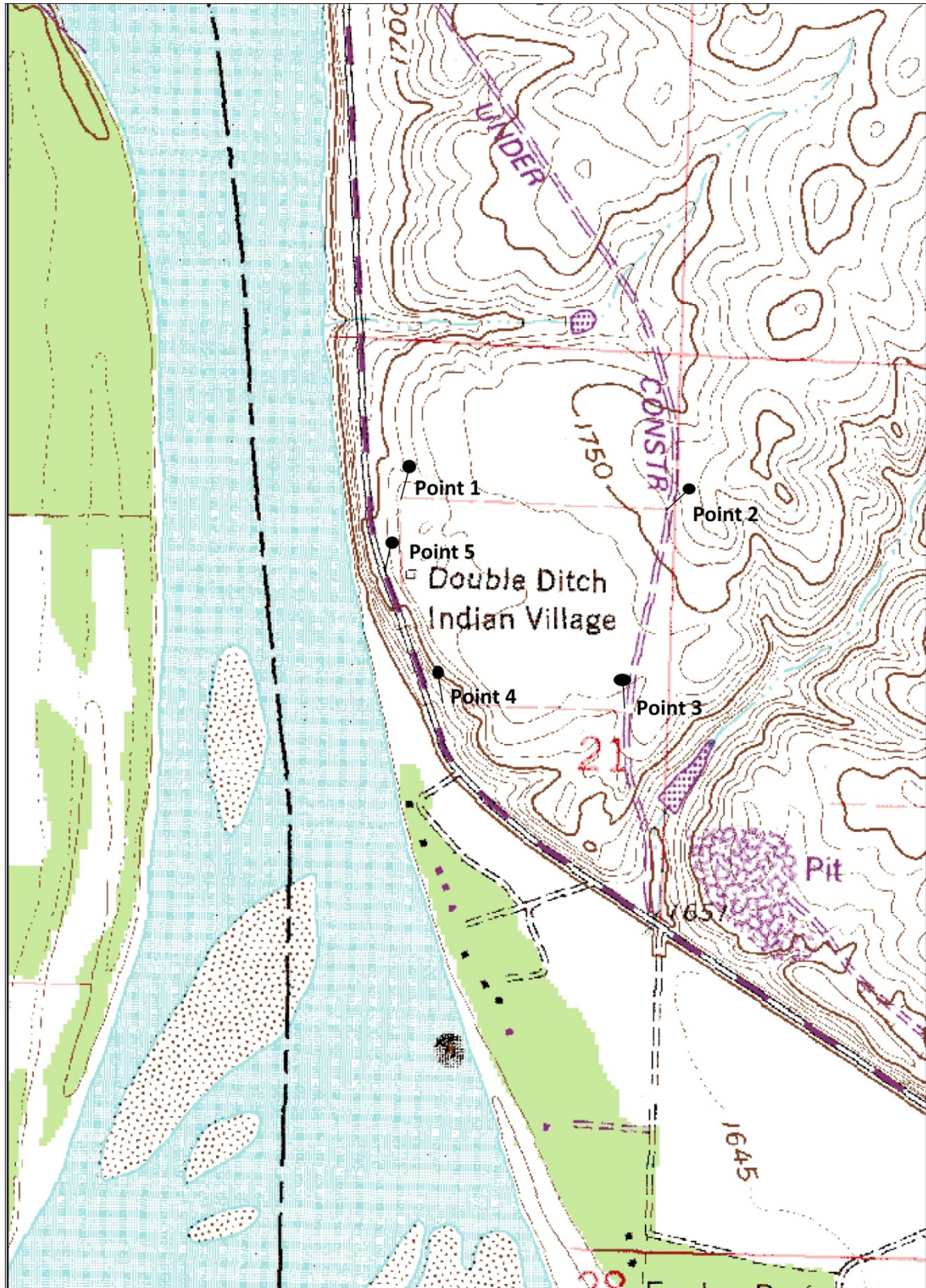
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The shelter from the west.



UTM NAD 1983

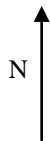
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Depression Era Work Relief Construction Features at Double Ditch Indian Village Site State Historic Site

MULTIPLE NAME: Federal Relief Construction in North Dakota, 1931-1943, MPS

STATE & COUNTY: NORTH DAKOTA, Burleigh

DATE RECEIVED: 9/19/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/05/14
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 14000896

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: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 11.5.14 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

To: Keeper, National Register of Historic Places
From: Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr./ Lorna Meidinger
Date: 16 September 2014
Subject: National Register Nomination



The following materials are submitted on this 16th day of September 2014, for the nomination of the Depression Era Work Relief Construction Features at Double Ditch Indian Villages State Historic Site to the National Register of Historic Places.

- _____ National Register of Historic Places nomination form on archival paper
- _____ Multiple Property Nomination form on archival paper
- _____ Photographs
- _____ USGS map(s)
- _____ Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)
- _____ Pieces of correspondence
- _____ 2 Other: Nomination cd and Photo cd

COMMENTS:

- _____ Please insure that this nomination is reviewed
- _____ This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67
- _____ The enclosed owner objections ____ do ____ do not constitute a majority of property owners.
- _____ Other: