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National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name: Charlton Spillway/Dam

other name/site number: GA 0002

2. Location

street & number: North of U.S. Route 270

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Crystal Springs

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Garland

code: AR 051

zip code: 71938

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> </u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u>1</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.

Ernest D. DeBlouis 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 H. 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:

<u> </u> entered in the National Register	<u>Patricia S. Churman</u>	<u>10/21/93</u>
<u> </u> <u> </u> See continuation sheet.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u> determined eligible for the	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u> National Register	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u> <u> </u> See continuation sheet.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u> determined not eligible for the	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u> National Register	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u> removed from the National Register	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u> other (explain): <u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

fn Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: <u>Recreation and Culture</u>	Sub: <u>Outdoor Recreation</u>
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Current : <u>Recreation and Culture</u>	Sub: <u>Outdoor Recreation</u>
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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other: WPA Rustic Architecture

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Stone roof N/A
walls Stone other _____

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
Entertainment/Recreation
Architecture

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 Charlton Spillway/Dam is located in the Charlton Recreation Area along U.S. Hwy. 270 east of Mt. Ida, Arkansas. The spillway/dam is built across Walnut Creek just north of the point where Murphey Creek runs into Walnut Creek. This dam controls the level of the swimming area of the Charlton Recreation Area. The dam is situated to the north end of the pool with the spillway facing northward. The dam is made of stone and is roughly 75 to 100 ft in length. The crest of the dam has ten outlets inset along the center of the dam. These outlets provide the overflow over the spillway from the pool. The water level is controlled by a drain set in the dam with the drain pipe exiting the dam to the eastern side of the dam. The spillway itself is a gentle slope of about a 50% decline. On either side of the dam there are impressive sets of stone steps. The steps cover the footings of the dam on either bank. The steps on the eastern edge of the dam lead to a small amphitheater and the steps on the western end are part of a pathway around the swimming area. The dam was designed with the top portion relatively flat so that it may be used as a footbridge. The water outlets are spaced in a manner so that they are easy to step across.

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The Charlton Spillway/Dam was constructed circa 1938 by members of the 741st Company of the Arkansas CCC District stationed at the Crystal Springs Camp that was located close nearby. It was constructed as part of a small, public recreational complex within the Ouachita National Forest (ONF) as part of the CCC's emphasis upon recreational construction that began in earnest circa 1935. The extant historic structures within this complex include only this spillway/dam and a bathhouse (nominated separately), both of which allowed the area to function purely as a swimming and picnicking facility, as it continues to do today. As such, the Charlton Spillway/Dam remains significant through its associations with the contributions to American social history made by the Civilian Conservation Corps, its associations with the emphasis upon outdoor recreation that guided such construction, and its status as an excellent example of CCC recreational 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>465000</u>	<u>3819400</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the western edge of the eastern loop of the associated dirt access road located 1,500 feet north of its intersection with U.S. Route 270, proceed westerly along a line running parallel with the dam's northern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed southerly along a line running perpendicular to the dam's principal elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed easterly along a line running parallel with the dam's southern elevation for a distance of 200 feet to its intersection with the western edge of the associated dirt access road; thence proceed northerly along said edge for a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource, including the dam itself, the stone steps and retaining walls constructed as part of the dam, and the land immediately surrounding the dam that forms its historic setting.

Name/Title: Todd Ferguson, Historian/Patrick Zollner, Historian

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

Street & Number: 225 E. Markham, Suite 300 Telephone: (501) 324-9346

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93001081 Date Listed: 10/21/93

Charlton Spillway--Dam Garland AR
Property Name: County: 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.

for Patty S. Chrisman
Signature of the Keeper

10/22/93
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The nomination form listed "architecture" as an area of significance under Criterion C. The area of significance for the Charlton Spillway--Dam should be "engineering". This correction was made following a phone call to the Arkansas SHPO. The nomination is officially amended to include this information.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Charlton Spillway--Dam

MULTIPLE NAME: Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Garland

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: 93001081

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 10/21/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Charlton Spillway--Dam is significant under criteria A and C in the areas of social history, entertainment, recreation and engineering.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A & C
REVIEWER Patty S. Chusman
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 10/21/93

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



Charlton Spillway / Dam
Crystal Springs 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