

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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: Valley Springs Rest Stop Tipi

Other names/site number: Valley Springs SRA

Name of related multiple property listing:

Concrete Interstate Tipis of South Dakota

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

### 2. Location

Street & number: Mile Post 412.1 on Interstate 90

City or town: Valley Springs State: SD County: Minnehaha

Not For Publication:  Vicinity: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  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. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national  statewide  local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A  B  C  D

<u>Jay D. Vogt</u>	<u>11-17-2014</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
<u>SD SHPO</u>	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property <input type="checkbox"/> meets <input type="checkbox"/> 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:)

  
Signature of the Keeper

1/20/15  
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	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____ 1 _____	_____	objects
_____ 1 _____	_____ 0 _____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register n/a

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Recreation and Culture: Work of Art

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Recreation and Culture: Work of Art

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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

n/a

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**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Concrete

### 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.)

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### Summary Paragraph

This tipi is at the Valley Springs SRA. It sits on the north side of Interstate 90. A visitors center/toilet building, refuse cans, interpretive signage, and picnic tables are also located at the SRA. Parking for the SRA is to the south..

The landscape in and around the SRA consists of a variety of grasses. There are also deciduous and coniferous trees. Concrete acceleration and deceleration lanes lead in and out of the SRA.

The tipi retains its historic integrity.

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### **Narrative Description**

This tipi was built in 1973.

The construction of each tipi was standardized. They are constructed with eight concrete poles. Each pole weighs 6½ tons and is rectilinear in form. The poles are spaced equidistantly and attached at the top with steel plates. The circumference of the tipi's base is 35 feet. There is a three-foot opening where the lodgepoles converge. The tipis are 56 feet tall. Sioux Falls architect Ward Whitwam designed the tipis and the safety rest areas (SRAs).

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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.)

Entertainment/Recreation

Transportation

Art

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**Period of Significance**

1973

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**Significant Dates**

1973

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**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

n/a

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**Cultural Affiliation**

n/a

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**Architect/Builder**

Ward Whitwam: Architect

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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 Concrete Interstate Tipis of South Dakota are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. Their level of significance is statewide. However, their significance is better described as regional as the tipis pay tribute not only to South Dakota, but also to indigenous peoples of the northern and southern plains, the American West, and adjoining areas of Canada.

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

The tipis are eligible under Criterion A under **Entertainment/Recreation** for their contribution in promoting tourism. South Dakota's American Indian heritage has drawn visitors since before statehood. The interstate tipis both honor and continue this long-standing tradition.

The tipis are eligible under Criterion A under **Transportation** for their cultural and aesthetic contribution to the interstate highway program. As of 2005, the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration has not determined any similar SRA structures as nationally or exceptionally significant. South Dakota's tipis have been identified as some of the most significant SRA features of the national system.

The Tipis are eligible under Criterion C as works of **Art**. The tipis convey similar aesthetics as sculptures or statues and are recognized for the artistic contribution they add to the SRAs and surrounding landscape.



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**Personal Correspondence**

Ward Whitwam 20 June 2014 – 2 July 2014.

**Archival Files**

Ward Whitwam Biographical file. South Dakota State Archives.

Tourism Vertical File, South Dakota State Archives.

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**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**

**Acreeage of Property** less than one acre

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates (decimal degrees)**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 1. Latitude: | Longitude: |
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| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
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**Or**

**UTM References**

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or  NAD 1983

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

The boundary is an imaginary line running a five-foot circumference around the tipi's base.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary includes only the tipi. Due to integrity and significance variables, on the tipi is eligible for the National Register under the Concrete Interstate Tipis of South Dakota MPS.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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date: 20 September 2014

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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### Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

### Photo Log

Name of Property: Valley Springs Rest Stop Tipi

City or Vicinity: Valley Springs vicinity

County: Minnehaha

State: SD

Photographer: CB Nelson

Date Photographed: 1 August 2014

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 3.

SD\_MinnehahaCounty\_ConcreteInterstateTipisofSouthDakotaMPS\_ValleySpringsRestStopTipi\_0001 W  
SD\_MinnehahaCounty\_ConcreteInterstateTipisofSouthDakotaMPS\_ValleySpringsRestStopTipi\_0002 NW  
SD\_MinnehahaCounty\_ConcreteInterstateTipisofSouthDakotaMPS\_ValleySpringsRestStopTipi\_0003 NW

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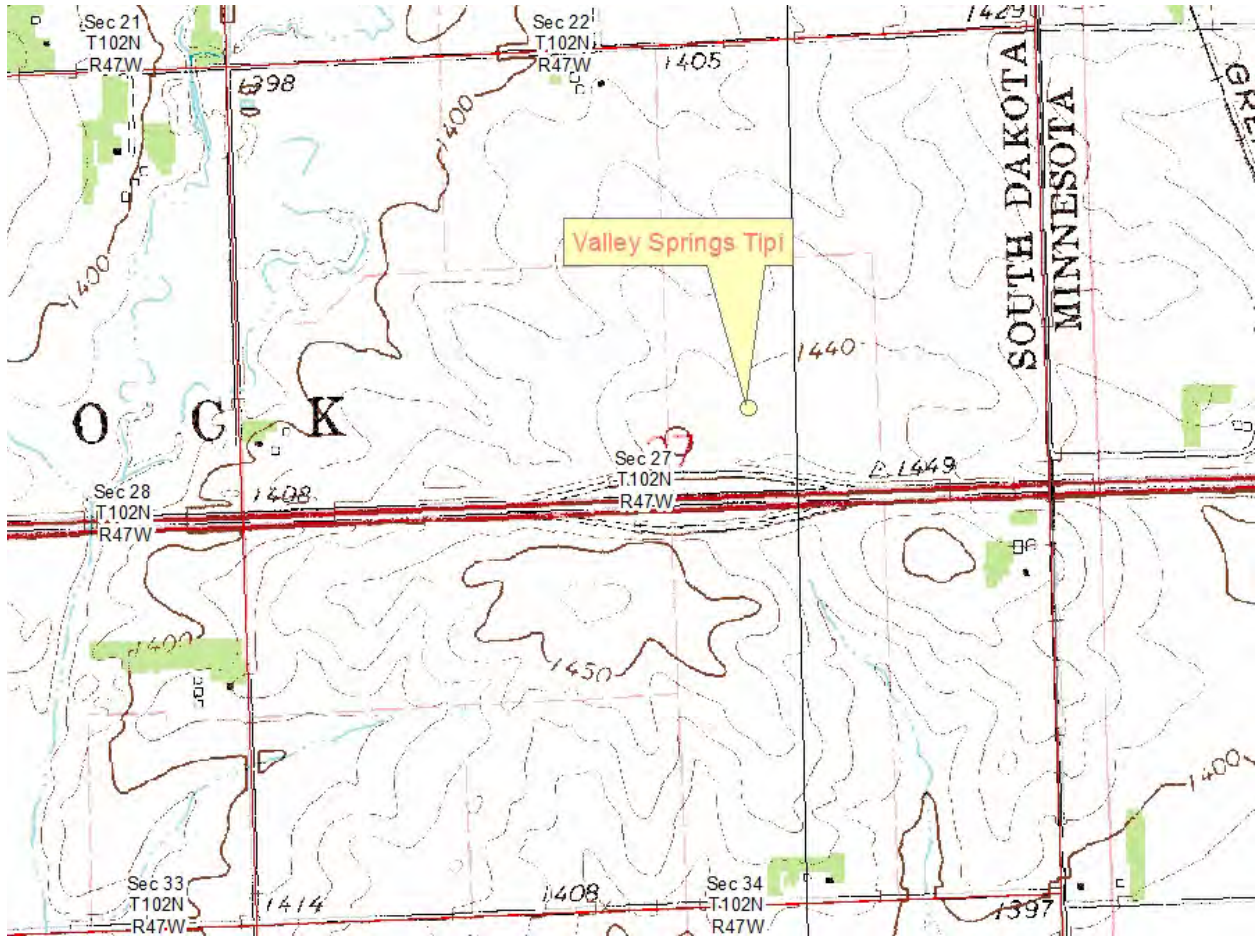
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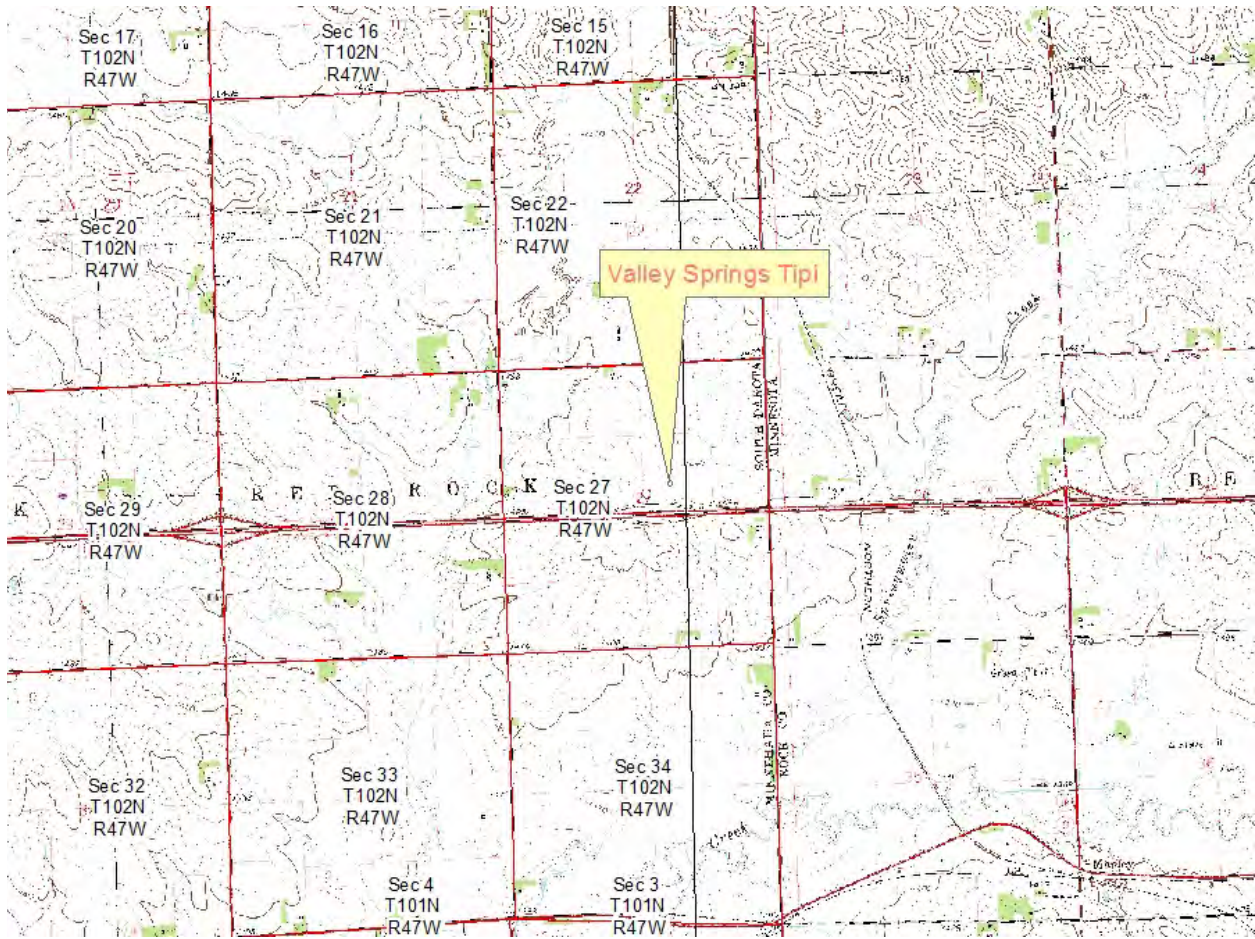


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Valley Springs Rest Stop Tipi  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Concrete Interstate Tipis of South Dakota MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: SOUTH DAKOTA, Minnehaha

DATE RECEIVED: 12/05/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/05/15  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/20/15 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/21/15  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 14001183

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ACCEPT \_\_\_RETURN \_\_\_REJECT \_\_\_\_\_DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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.

