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**National Register of Historic Places
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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 02000020

Property Name: Dells Rapids Amphitheater

County: Minnehaha State: South Dakota

none
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.

Linda McClelland
Signature of the Keeper

February 15, 2002
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 10: Geographical Data:

The correct U.S.G.S. coordinates are, hereby, given as:

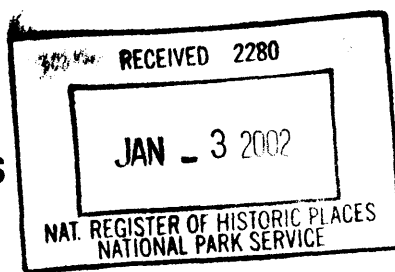
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The South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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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 How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. 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. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Dell Rapids Amphitheater
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number City Park (extension of Washington Ave) not for publication N/A
city or town Dell Rapids vicinity N/A
state South Dakota code SD county Minnehaha code 099 zip code 57022

3. 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide x locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Voat
Signature of certifying official

12-17-2001
Date

SD SHPO
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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 the Keeper

Date of Action

Linda McClelland 2/15/02

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Recreation/Culture Sub: Amphitheater

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Recreation/Culture Sub: Amphitheater

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: WPA

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
roof N/A
walls Stone

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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 a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture _____
 Social History _____

Period of Significance

1937 _____

Dell Rapids Amphitheater
Name of Property

Minnehaha County, South Dakota
County and State

Significant Dates 1937

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Joe Putnam, Ed Leum, Ed Olson & John Evans:
WPA Stone Masons

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Name of repository: _____

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County and State

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Dell Rapids Amphitheater
Name of Property

Minnehaha County, South Dakota
County and State

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Dell Rapids
street & number 302 4th St telephone _____
city or town Dell Rapids state SD zip code 57022

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The Dell Rapids Amphitheater is located in the City Park of Dell Rapids. The park is situated in the southeast corner of the community along the Big Sioux River. The Amphitheater is located less than a quarter of mile from the quarry where the stones were gathered for its construction.

The three sided structure is constructed of native pink quartzite. Decorative details include limestone trim, heavy arches and wings on either side to hide rear staircases. The amphitheater is surrounded by shade trees. The main portion of the amphitheater measures 25 feet deep by 48 feet wide.

The façade (north elevation) has a large, raised stage area. The base of the stage is constructed of cut, rough faced quartzite. The floor of the stage is poured concrete. The rear wall of the stage area is divided into three sections. The middle section is gabled and has a rounded arch entry in the center with a smaller open arch above the entry. On either side of the entry is a recessed arched panel with planters as the base of the arch. At the corners of the middle portion are pilasters. The middle portion is topped with limestone trim. On each side of the middle section is a diagonal wall with a narrow arched entry. At the end of the diagonal wall is a column topped with a limestone cap. The east and west walls of the façade are identical in design. At the northern most corners of the stage is an arched entryway. Each wall connects with the rear wall of the stage and ends with a column topped with a limestone cap. In the column is a recessed panel designed to receive the plaques commemorating the WPA construction. These plaques were never installed.

To the east and west of the façade are curved wing walls that hide the rear staircases. The random coursed quartzite walls are topped with limestone trim.

Three different staircases access the south elevation (rear), one in the center and one on either end. The staircases are hidden behind stepped quartzite walls. The walls are topped with limestone caps. The south elevation has a raised walkway. The base is random coursed quartzite with a poured concrete floor. Metal railings surround the entire elevation.

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The Dell Rapids Amphitheater is being nomination to the National Register of Historic Places under the multiple property submission "Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941." It is eligible under Criterion A for the role of the WPA in Dell Rapids and under Criterion C for its architectural merit.

History of Dell Rapids

The Dell Rapids Amphitheater is eligible under Criterion A for its direct association with an unprecedented federal initiative to stimulate the nation's depressed economy through the aggressive Works Progress Administration. The amphitheater also had a direct economic impact on the community of Dell Rapids. The WPA employed many men from the community to work on the construction project. This was the last project the WPA sponsored in Dell Rapids. Four stone masons were chosen to build the amphitheater, Ed Leum, Joe Putnam, Ed Olson and John Evans. They were paid \$7 a week for working on the project.

The Amphitheater is also eligible under Criterion C for its distinctive characteristic associated with federal relief construction projects. Distinctive characteristics include the use of hand labor and fine craftsmanship and the use of local building materials and construction methods. The amphitheater fits these characteristics as hand labor, local building materials and fine craftsmanship were used during construction. According to Joe Putnam, "Stones has to be cut one by one as they were laid and in the winter they work in tents set up in the park, smoothing the stones in huge tin buckets of hot, crushed rock. The job took patience and perseverance..."¹

The Dell Rapids Amphitheater is eligible under Criterion A for its role during the WPA in South Dakota. It is also eligible under Criterion C for its distinctive architectural merit as a WPA style structure.

¹ *Dell Rapids Tribune*. "Amphitheater needs work," Volume 93, No. 22, June 2, 1982.

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Name of Property

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Bibliography

Dell Rapids Tribune. "Amphitheater needs work," Volume 93, No. 22, June 2, 1982.

Dennis, Michelle. *Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941*. SD SHPO, 1998.

Verbal Boundary Description

Tract 2 of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 10, township 104N, range 49W, Dell Rapids, Minnehaha County, South Dakota

Boundary Justification

Includes the property associated with the amphitheater