

Dollarway Road
Name of Property

Jefferson County, AR
County and State

NPS Form 10-900
(Rev. 8-86)

OMB No. 1024-0018

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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We are requesting that the Dollarway Road Nomination be amended to include a 1.6 mile-long section of the original Road now named Reynolds Road. Currently, this is the best example of the Dollarway Road open for public use, featuring two original concrete bridges. This section may have been unknown when the first nomination was processed in 1974. The Reynolds Road section was surveyed in 1987, but not formally amended. Also, the section of Road originally nominated is no longer maintained and the park that surrounded it has been demolished.

Section 1, Name of Property: Dollarway Road (JE0283), now named Reynolds Road.

Section 2, Location: South of Redfield, Arkansas on Highway 365.

Section 3, Classification: Public Road maintained by Jefferson County.

Section 4, Owner of Property: Jefferson County, Arkansas. Jefferson County Courthouse, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Section 7, Description: The original concrete roadbed that was the Dollarway Road can still be seen peeking through the potholes of a dirt-covered local route named Reynolds Road. Located south of Redfield off Highway 365, this section stretches 1.6 miles, over two original concrete bridges, before rejoining Highway 365 further to the south.

The original design for the Dollarway Road called for nine feet of five-inch concrete consisting of a 1-2 1/2-5 mixture. The edges of the concrete were constructed on a forty-five degree slope, giving a top width of 8 1/2 feet and bottom width of 9 1/2 feet. Eighteen inches of gravel and three feet of graded dirt were added on each side constructing a total roadbed eighteen feet wide, allowing vehicles to pass when they met.

Section 8, Statement of Significance: Rural Arkansas's rough terrain had always proven challenging to travelers. The coming of the car to this rural state only helped to illustrate the poor quality of the roads. The first roads built to accommodate auto traffic were themselves experiments in road construction.

To help meet the needs of multiplying auto travelers throughout the state, road improvement districts were formed and charged with the task of creating good roads. A special tax was permitted on land along the route of the road to fund its construction. The Jefferson County Road Improvement District No. 4 constructed the Dollarway Road in 1913-1914. In its early years, the approximately 23-mile long stretch of concrete had the distinction of being the longest continuous length of concrete pavement in the nation.

The Dollarway Road was so named because construction costs approximated one dollar per square yard or per lineal foot of its nine-foot wide pavement. It was the first use in Arkansas of reinforced concrete for road and bridge construction. A very thin bituminous seal coat was applied to the concrete surface, marking its first use in the South. Two one-half-yard capacity stationary concrete mixers were the only pieces of machinery used during construction. Extending northwest from Pine Bluff to the Pulaski County Line, "the Dollar Way" connected with the Pulaski County section of the old Pine Bluff and Little Rock wagon road.

Farmers living along the route complained that the noisy autos disturbed their livestock. They observed that the concrete was too hard for their horses' hooves. Few were eager to pay the new property taxes that funded the road's construction.

Isaac Prather Shelby, of Little Rock contractors Shelby and Bateman, was distressed by the poor horizontal alignment of the finished road in many places. He urged the District Commissioners to permit him to correct the worst situations, such as right angle turns, even at his own expense. He was prohibited because state legislation specified that new pavement be laid only "on the road as now laid out."

Although modern U.S. Highway 65 and State Highway 365 cover most of the original Dollarway Road, sections are still visible today. A roadside park featuring a short section of the original road was located south of Redfield, Arkansas on Highway 365. Although the park closed some years ago, visitors can still see the path of road winding through the remaining trees. Jefferson County residents living near the park-site use another section of the remaining road to access their property. Further South on Highway 365 is the best remaining section of the Dollarway Road still in public use. A 1.6 mile-long stretch of the original roadbed can be seen peaking through the potholes of a dirt-covered local route. Now named Reynolds Road, this section features two original reinforced concrete bridges. This last and best example constitutes the amendment to the original nomination.

Section 9, Major Bibliographic References:

- Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Files. *Jefferson Co., Near Redfield, Dollarway Road*.
National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form prepared by Ed Baxter. Little Rock, Arkansas, 1974.
- Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. *"The Dollar Way."* n.d. [photocopy].
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dollarway Road

Jefferson County, AR

Name of the Property

County, State

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. *Historical Review: Arkansas State Highway Commission and Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, 1913-1992*. Little Rock, Arkansas, 1992.

Hinshaw, Jerry E. *Call the Roll: The First One Hundred Fifty Years of the Arkansas Legislature*. Little Rock, Arkansas: Rose Publishing company, 1986.

Leslie, James W. *Pine Bluff and Jefferson County: A Pictorial History*. Virginia Beach, Virginia: Donning Co. Publishers, 1997.

Section 10, Geographical Data:

Acreage of Property: 3.49 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A 15 575920 3808120 B 15 575890 3806980

C 15 575960 3806670 D 15 576700 3805920

Verbal Boundary Description:

A parcel of land beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the Southern side of Arkansas State Highway 365 South and the Eastern side of Jefferson County Reynolds Road (Dollarway Road) proceeding South along the road's east side for a distance of 2575 meters to the intersection of Highway 365; thence across the Dollarway Road for a distance of 18 feet; thence proceeding North, following the West side of the road to the intersection of Highway 365; thence proceeding across the Dollarway Road for a distance of 18 feet to the point of beginning. (See Quad. Map)

Boundary Justification:

The boundary contains all of the property associated with the Dollarway Road Amendment that retains its historic integrity.

Section 11, Form Prepared By:

Name/Title: Christie McLaren, Special Projects Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 6/04/99

Street & Number: 1500 Tower Bldg., 323 Center St. Telephone: (501) 324-9880

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

State Certification:


Signature of certifying official

6-7-99
Date

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Dollarway Road (Boundary Increase)

99000822

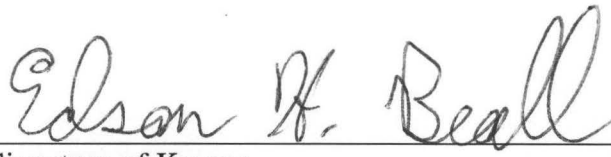
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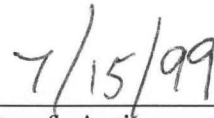
4. National Park Service Certification

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I hereby certify that the property is:

Entered in the National Register


Signature of Keeper


Date of Action

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Dollarway Road (Boundary Increase)
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Jefferson

DATE RECEIVED: 6/18/99 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/29/99
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/15/99 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/02/99
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99000822

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 7-15-99 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

TELEPHONE

DISCIPLINE

DATE

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



The Dollarway Road Amendment
(JE0283)

Jefferson County, AR.

A. Bennett

March 1999

ATPP neg.

View looking South at concrete bridge #1

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Dollarway Road Amendment
(JE 0283)

Jefferson County, AR

A. Bennett

March 1999

AHP Neg.

View of Concrete bridge #1 (looking South)

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Dollarway Road Amendment
(JE 0288)

Jefferson County, TR

A. Bennett

March 1999

AHP Neg.

Detail of Concrete bridge #1 (looking South)

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Dollarway Road Amendment
(JE0283)

JEFFERSON County, AR

A. Bennett

March 1999

AHP Neg.

View looking South after bridge #1, Road edge visible
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Dollarway Road Amendment
(JE 0283)

Jefferson County, AR

A. Bennett

March 1999

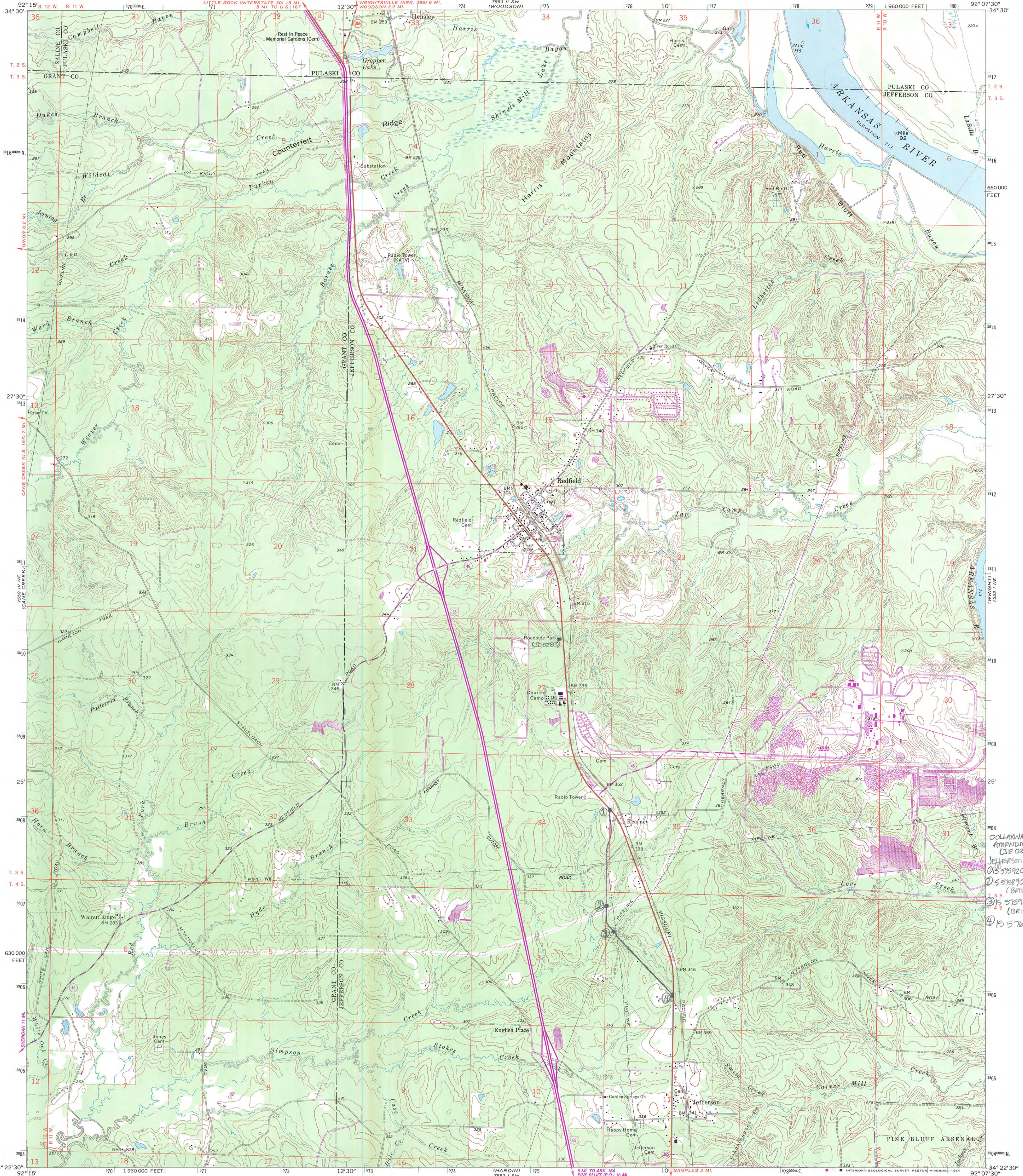
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View of Concrete bridge #2 (looking North)

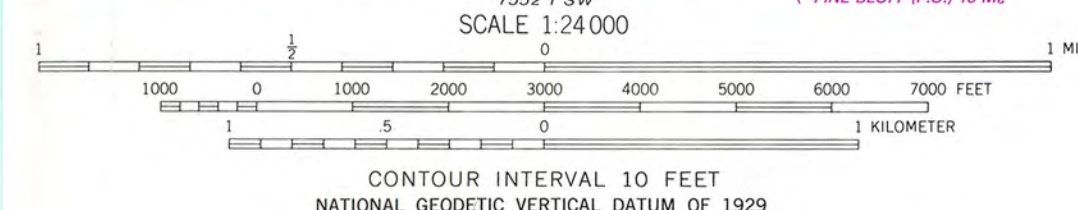
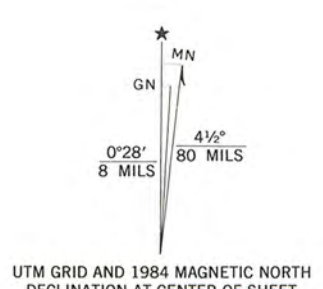
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

REDFIELD QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1968. Field checked 1970
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983,
move the projection lines 8 meters south and
14 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80226, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
AND ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72204
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



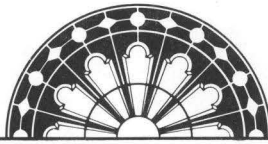
ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
U. S. Route
State Route

REDFIELD, ARK.

34092-D2-TF-024

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DMA 7552 I NW—SERIES V884

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled from
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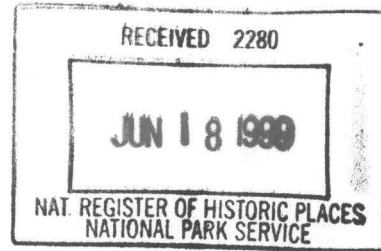


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May 27, 1999

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National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
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RE: National Register Nomination Amendment to the Dollarway Road, Near Redfield,
Jefferson County, Arkansas

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the amendment for the above referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Slater
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures

