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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Recreation Hall

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Missouri Avenue

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Fort Peck

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second District, Scobey

STATE

Montan

CODE

30-0450-105

COUNTY

Valley

CODE

30-105

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District

STREET & NUMBER

6014 U.S. Post Office & Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Omaha

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Nebraska

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Valley County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Glasgow

STATE

Montana

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Cultural Resource Survey, Government Townsites Study

DATE

1 May 1980

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District

CITY, TOWN

Omaha

STATE

Nebraska

# 7 DESCRIPTION

~~CONDITION~~

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED minor  
interior alterations

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Recreation Hall was built in the Swiss Chalet style during the construction camp era. It is a one-story building, constructed in a rectangular plan. The Recreation Hall houses a gymnasium and stage and has a gabled roof. The structure has a wood frame, wood horizontal siding, and composition roofing. The building has a painted finish. The Swiss Chalet buildings at Fort Peck were stained either brown or gray. The trim, in each case, was slightly darker. The doors, sash, storm sash, screens, and shutters were painted blue, green, red or maroon, according to predetermined color schemes. It is presently used for recreation purposes such as basketball and handball.

Many of the windows and doors at the Recreation Hall are boarded up, most likely to conserve heat in the winter. This building and the Fort Peck Theatre have large signs which say "Recreation Hall" and "Fort Peck Theatre", respectively. The Recreation Hall construction echos some of the herringbone pattern that is more common on the theatre.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1934

BUILDER/ARCHITECT C. F. Haglin Co.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Recreation Hall is significant in terms of its contribution to the town of Fort Peck. It meets Criteria A and C. Criterion A applies to exceptionally significant properties "that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history." The significant event, in this case, is the construction of Fort Peck Dam. Fort Peck had 50,000 workers living in the town at various points during the construction camp era. Being somewhat remote, it was important to provide creative outlets for the workers. The Recreation Hall provided a place for the workers to exercise, relax, and work off tensions and frustrations.

Criterion C applies to the exceptionally significant properties "that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction . . ." The Swiss Chalet style was popularized by the National Park Service between 1900 and 1920. This rustic style of architecture is well-suited to the Montana countryside.

This building is now 51 years old and it appears to qualify for the National Register on the basis of its scarcity. There is very little government architecture in Montana from the 1930's. This is a good example of WPA-era architecture, and, as such, should be preserved.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

MacDonald and Mack Partnership. "Cultural Resources Survey, Government Townsites Study." Report prepared for the Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, 1 May 1980. Published by the Omaha District. Copies available upon request.

Fort Peck Dam and Lake. Pamphlet, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 3	39, 18, 3, 0	5, 3, 17, 7, 05	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Begin at the intersection of Missouri Avenue and Niobrara Street. Proceed southeast along Niobrara Street for approximately 50 feet. Proceed southwest for approximately 50 feet (point of beginning). Proceed southeast for approximately 150 feet. Proceed southwest for approximately 75 feet, back to the point of beginning.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Rebecca J. Otto Archeologist

ORGANIZATION

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

DATE

August 1985

STREET & NUMBER

6014 U.S. Post Office & Courthouse

TELEPHONE

402-221-3070 FTS 864-3070

CITY OR TOWN

Omaha

STATE

Nebraska

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES  NO  NONE

*Manville* *2-14-85*  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is x National x State x Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE LTC Kit J. Valentine

TITLE *Kit J. Valentine* *Preservation Officer*  
Chief, Office of Environmental Overview

DATE *15 April 1986*

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*See Continuation sheet for Details*

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER