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SITE BU 38

NAME Stonelake (Horse Creek) Bridge

LOCATION Winkler Road about 5 miles northwest of Newell, East Butte Unorganized Territory, Butte County (019), South Dakota (046)

OWNER Butte County Highway Department
839 5th Street
Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717

CLASSIFICATION Structure, public, NA acquisition, unoccupied, unrestricted access, transportation

DESCRIPTION Excellent condition, unaltered, moved c. 1972

The Stonelake bridge is a single span Pony truss lattice bridge with a wooden deck. Located about five miles northwest of Newell the bridge spans 113 feet over Horse Creek in a low lying grassy plain area.

Diagonal latticework makes up the entire truss with florets and shields at the intersection of each cross of latticework. Each shield bears the inscription The Canton Bridge Co., Canton, Ohio. The bridge is 13 feet wide and is supported by steel I-beam piers. The bridge is supported by cement piers on the north and south banks of Horse Creek.

SIGNIFICANCE 1900-Present, engineering, ca. 1910

DATES 1910, 1972

BUILDER The Canton Bridge Company

Significant because it is the only single span Pony truss lattice bridge in west central South Dakota, the Stonelake bridge was built by the Canton Bridge Company in 1910 which manufactured this style of bridge as early as the 1890s. Although each bridge was specifically designed for its location, the companys ability to mass produce bridge parts and assemble them at their factory in Canton would lead to the popularity of the bridges. Decorative elements such as those found on the latticework of the bridge are rare in the survey area.

The bridge is in excellent condition and well maintained by the Butte County Highway Department. Moved in 1972, the bridge serves the same functional purpose as it served in its original location and its integrity remains intact.

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The bridge remains as a testimonial to the science of American bridge building and engineering at the-turn-of-the-century.

QUADRANGLE NAME Nisland, South Dakota UTM REFERENCE 14/618280/4952860

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000 ACREAGE Less than one acre

PHOTO REFERENCE NUMBER

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property consists of the bridge measuring 113 feet by 13 feet and its piers and abutments.

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