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National Park Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Iron Springs Dam

other name/site number: GA 0004

2. Location

street & number: State Route 7

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Jessieville

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Garland

code: AR 051

zip code: 71949

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas, 1933-42

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. See continuation sheet.

Evan D. DeBlasis 9/3/93
Signature of certifying official Date
Federal Preservation Officer Forest Service
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Cathryn L. Byrd 10-9-91
Signature of commenting or other official Date
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

✓ entered in the National Register Patty S. Chrisman 10/21/93
 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 Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation

Current : Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other: Rustic Architecture

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Stone roof N/A
walls Stone other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Social History
Architecture
Entertainment/Recreation

Period(s) of Significance: c.1933 _____

Significant Dates : N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

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Description:

Iron Springs is a recreation area/road side rest stop located north of Hot Springs in Garland County along Arkansas Hwy. 7. One of the most outstanding features of the site is a small dam crossing the Middle Fork of the Saline River.

The dam is constructed of field stone held together by concrete mortar. The structure begins and ends with a platform structure on either bank of the river. The main structure of the dam consists of an alternating pattern of eight steps and eight water chutes. The steps are square shaped and vary in size. The water chutes vary in width corresponding to the size of the steps. The water chutes are set approximately 4 to 8 inches below the steps and the spillways of the water chutes are recessed approximately 4 to 6 inches from the face of the steps on the southern side of the structure. The dam is flanked by the Iron Springs Recreation Area to its east and by a rock bluff of approximately an 80% incline to its west.

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The Iron Springs Dam was constructed circa 1933 by members of the 3767th Company of the Arkansas CCC District stationed at the Hollis and Jessieville Camps, both of which were also located on State Highway 7, to the north and south of the Iron Springs Roadside Park, respectively. It was constructed as part of a small, public recreational complex within the Ouachita National Forest (ONF) as a result of the CCC's emphasis upon recreational construction. The extant historic structures within this complex include only this dam and two shelters (nominated separately), all of which allowed the area to function purely as a swimming and picnicking facility, as it continues to do today. As such, the Iron Springs Dam remains significant through its associations with the contributions to American social history made by the Civilian Conservation Corps, its associations with the emphasis upon outdoor recreation that guided such construction, and its status as an excellent example of CCC recreational architecture in an excellent state of preservation.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See "Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942," Section H.

___ See continuation sheet.

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 -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Approximately two

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>463590</u>	<u>3846450</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the southern edge of State Route #7 located 6,000 feet south of Bench Mark 976, proceed southerly along a line running parallel with the dam's western elevation for a distance of 400 feet; thence proceed easterly along a line running perpendicular to the dam's principal direction for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a line running parallel with the dam's eastern elevation for a distance of 400 feet to its intersection with the southern edge of State Route #7; thence proceed westerly along said edge for a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource, including the dam itself, the stonework at either end, and the property surrounding it that forms its historic setting.

Name/Title: Todd Ferguson, Historian/Ken Story, Architectural Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 8/28/91

Street & Number: 225 E. Markham, Suite 300 Telephone: (501) 324-9346

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93001090 Date Listed: 10/21/93

Iron Springs Dam Garland AR
Property Name: County: State:

Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS

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.

on Patty S. Chrisman
Signature of the Keeper

10/22/93
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The nomination form listed "architecture" as the area of significance under Criterion C. The area of significance of the Iron Springs Dam should be "engineering." This correction was made following a phone call to the Arkansas SHPO. The nomination is officially amended to include this information.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Iron Springs Dam
NAME:

MULTIPLE Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Garland

DATE RECEIVED: 9/14/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/28/93
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/14/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/29/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001090

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL

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: Y SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 10/21/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Iron Springs Dam is significant under criteria A and C in the areas of social history, entertainment/recreation and engineering. The dam is composed of alternating steps and water chutes.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A & C
REVIEWER Patricia Chrisman
DISCIPLINE Historic
DATE 10/21/93

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

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___summary paragraph
___completeness
___clarity
___applicable criteria
___justification of areas checked
___relating significance to the resource
___context
___relationship of integrity to significance
___justification of exception
___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Iron Springs Dam

Jessieville vic, Arkansas

Photographed by Todd Ferguson

February 1991

Negative on file at AHPP

View from the west

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500019