

DATA SHEET

Form 10-306
(Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <i>Montana</i>
COUNTY: <i>Cascade</i>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <i>MAR 13 1975</i>

1. NAME

* COMMON: *Mullan Road (Benton Lake Segment)*

AND/OR HISTORIC: *Same*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *NW 1/4 Section 2, T. 22 N., R. 3 E., (Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge)*

CITY OR TOWN: *Great Falls Vicinity* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: *02*

STATE: *Montana* CODE: *30* COUNTY: *Cascade* CODE: *013*

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments * _____ _____ _____

4. AGENCY

U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) *Same* STREET AND NUMBER: *10597 West 6th Avenue*

CITY OR TOWN: *Denver* STATE: *Colorado* CODE: *NK*

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: *Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge*

STREET AND NUMBER: *P. O. Box 450*

CITY OR TOWN: *Black Eagle, Montana* STATE: *Montana* CODE: *30*

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

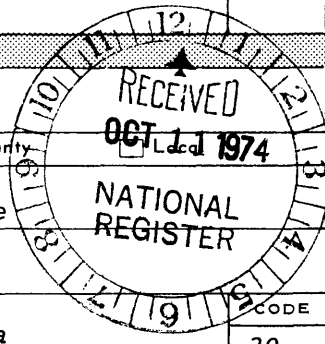
TITLE OF SURVEY: *Montana Historic Sites Inventory*

DATE OF SURVEY: *September, 1968* Federal State County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: *Rec. & Parks Division., Department of Fish and Game*

STREET AND NUMBER: *Mitchell Building*

CITY OR TOWN: *Helena* STATE: *Montana* CODE: *30*



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed ..

(Check One)
 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)
 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The segment of the Mullan Trail within the Benton Lake Refuge is contained within undisturbed native grass lands. The wagon road, or ruts, if you will, have "healed over" as a result of many years of non-use. The route is identifiable on aerial photographs taken in 1966. It is difficult to identify on the ground.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) *See below*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates: Construction of trail began in 1859. Date Benton Lake segment was completed is not known. ~~Period during which trail was active is not known.~~

The War Department authorized the construction of a wagon road to connect Fort Benton, Montana (navigational head of the Missouri River) with Walla Walla, Washington (navigational head of the Columbia River). Captain John Mullan was awarded the contract and commenced to survey the route in 1859. The Benton Lake segment was used primarily by mining traffic between Fort Benton and Helena, Montana.

The Mullan Road represents the first significant federal effort at surveying and road development in Montana. The route served an estimated 20,000 Fort Benton-to-Washington-Territory emigrants. It carried a probably even larger traffic in the return flow occasioned by the Montana gold rush. As the prime emigrant and freight route through the Northern Rockies, we believe it merits national significance.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

War Department: Map of the military road from Walla Walla on the Columbia to Fort Benton on the Missouri. Made under the direction of Capt. John Mullan, U. S. Army - 1858 - 1863. Senate Document No. 43-37th Congress

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 NE 12/476 470/5282 560
 SE 12/476 470/5282 490
 SW 12/475590/5282 340

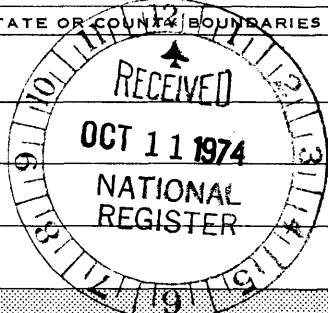
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds 47 ° 41 ' 47 "	Degrees Minutes Seconds 111 ° 19 ' 01 "		Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	
NE	47 ° 41 ' 52 "	111 ° 18 ' 21 "				
SE	47 ° 41 ' 50 "	111 ° 18 ' 21 "				
SW	47 ° 41 ' 45 "	111 ° 19 ' 01 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 13.6

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Lyle A. Stemmerman, Refuge Manager** DATE: **March 1, 1974**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge**

STREET AND NUMBER: **P. O. Box 450** PHONE: **406-452-5031**

CITY OR TOWN: **Black Eagle** STATE: **Montana 59414** CODE: **30**

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:
 Yes
 No
 None

Adley C. Roberts
 State Liaison Officer Signature

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

John Carl Wheeler 1974
 Federal Representative Signature Date
 Deputy ASSISTANT Secretary
 Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. R. Mortensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/13/75

ATTEST:

W. M. Montoya
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3-12-75

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3. Classification (Accessible to the Public)
Presently the site is open to public visitation (foot) on an unrestricted basis. Should future visitations increase to a point that public use adversely effected the site or the natural area within which the site is located some form of use restriction may be required.

3. Classification (Present use)

The site is contained within a formally designated research natural area on the Benton Lake Refuge.

