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Sugar Creek Vista Overlook
Name of Property

Polk County, Arkansas
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
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

Historic Name: Sugar Creek Vista Overlook

Other Name/Site Number: PL0113

2. Location

Street & Number: Forest Service Road 38

Not for Publication: NA

City/Town: Athens

Vicinity: X

State: AR County: Polk Code: AR113 Zip Code: 71971

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public/Federal

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

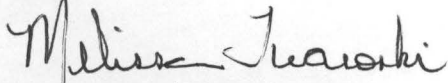
Contributing	Noncontributing
—	— buildings
—	— sites
1	— structures
—	— objects
1	— Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: NA

Name of related multiple property listing: Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942

4. State/Federal Agency Certification


As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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.

 2/9/2007
Signature of certifying official Date

USDA Forest Service, Southern Region

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

 7/25/06
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

I, hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the
National Register

☐ other (explain):

for Daniel J. Vivian 3/30/07
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: RECREATION AND CULTURE Sub: outdoor recreation

Current : RECREATION AND CULTURE Sub: outdoor recreation

7. Description

Architectural Classification: No style

Materials: foundation Stone roof
walls Stone other

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

Summary:

The Sugar Creek Vista Overlook is an 84-foot long, 14-foot tall stone wall topped with 18 to 23 inches of rubblestone. Civilian Conservation Corps Company 742 built the structure in 1935.

Elaboration:

The Sugar Creek Vista Overlook is an 84-foot long, 14-foot tall stone wall topped with 18 to 23 inches of rubblestone. Civilian Conservation Corps Company 742 built the structure in 1935.

The Sugar Creek Vista Overlook provides a roadside pullout from Forest Service Road 38 within the Ouachita National Forest. It is built from quarried novaculite and sandstone rocks that are set with grapevine mortar. The overlook is located on the west side of the road and offers a scenic view of a valley that adjoins Dicks Gap.

The overlook is built in an angular design and is approximately 84 feet long from end to end. It tapers outward from the roadside and is about 14 feet tall in its center. The overlook is topped with rubblestone that was added at an unknown date.

The Sugar Creek Vista Overlook has excellent integrity. It is still in its original location, which gives it a high degree of integrity of setting, feeling and association. Its design and workmanship reflect the careful work of the Civilian Conservation Corps members who constructed it. Though the rubblestone wall that tops the overlook was added at a later date, replacing the original railing of large logs atop stone posts, it still reflects the natural materials that were the hallmark of the CCC.

8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: A and C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): NA

Areas of Significance: Social History
Conservation

Period(s) of Significance: 1935-1956

Significant Dates: NA

Significant Person(s): NA

Cultural Affiliation: NA

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

SUMMARY:

The Sugar Creek Vista Overlook, built in 1935 by CCC Co. 742, is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion A** for its association with the activities of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Ouachita National Forest and under **Criterion C** with **statewide significance** as a rare and well-constructed example of a scenic overlook, one of only two known to have been built by the CCC in the Ouachita National Forest. The nomination is made within the historic context "Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942."

Elaboration:

Civilian Conservation Corps Company 741 was formed on May 1, 1933, at Camp Pike, Arkansas, and was the second company formed in the Arkansas District. The company moved to Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 29 West on May 18, 1933, and established its camp. The formal camp was built between June 15 and July 12, 1933.

The *Official Annual Arkansas District Civilian Conservation Corps, Seventh Corps Area*, published in 1937, noted that the company's accomplishments included 12,000 acres of timber stand improvement, four dams constructed (including Shady Lake Dam, NR 10/20/93), two forest camp grounds constructed (containing Shady Lake Bathhouse, Shady Lake Caretaker's House and Shady Lake Picnic Pavilion, NR 10/20/93), sixty miles of telephone lines built and maintained, thousands of man-days spent fighting forest fires, creation and maintenance of an 8,300-acre game refuge, and 28 miles of stream improvements.

"Over 100 miles of all-weather roads have been built and maintained," according to the annual. "This includes twenty-three bridges of different types and sizes, and roadside beautification work completed. Two roadside vistas, of native rock, have been built."

With its angular design, grapevine mortar, and sandstone and novaculite rock construction, the Sugar Creek Vista Overlook differs from the other overlook known to have been built by Company 742, or for that matter to have been built in the entire Ouachita National Forest. It stands today as a testament to the hard work and skilled workmanship of the men of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

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Sugar Creek Vista Overlook, September 1936, Ouachita National Forest photograph.



Sugar Creek Vista Overlook, September 1936, Ouachita National Forest photograph.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Arkansas CCC District, Seventh Corps Area. "Official Annual Arkansas District Civilian Conservation Corps, Seventh Corps Area." (District Headquarters, Little Rock, AR, 1937)

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 #

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Primary Location of Additional Data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
☐ Other state agency
☐ Federal agency
☐ Local government
☐ University
☐ Other -- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>402968</u>	<u>3810006</u>	B
C	<u>-</u>			D

Verbal Boundary Description:

The area within a 200-foot circle centered around the middle of the overlook itself.

Boundary Justification:

This boundary contains all of the property historically associated with the Sugar Creek Vista Overlook.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Mark Christ/Community Outreach Director

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: June 1, 2006

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

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

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Name of Property_____
County and State

Section number _____ Page _____

Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 07000205

Date of Listing: March 30, 2007

Property Name: Sugar Creek Vista Overlook

County: Polk

State: Arkansas

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.

for Daniel J. Kuen
Signature of the Keeper

March 30, 2007
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 10. Geographical Data

The verbal boundary description is hereby changed to read as follow: The area within a 200-foot circle centered around the middle of the overlook itself, that middle being located at UTM point 15/ 402985E 3809986N.

[This change was made in consultation with and approved by the National Register staff of the Arkansas SHPO.]

The Arkansas State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

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 NAME: Sugar Creek Vista Overlook

MULTIPLE NAME: Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Polk

DATE RECEIVED: 2/16/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/05/07
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/20/07 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/01/07
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 07000205

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: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT ___RETURN ___REJECT ___DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Significant example of CCC-built highway overlook.
Meets criteria A and C.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A & C

REVIEWER Daniel Vivian

DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE (202) 354-2252

DATE 3/30/07

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



Sugar Creek Vista Overlook
Athens vic., Polk Co., AR
March 2006

Photo by H. Hope

Negative on file at AHPP
View from southeast



Sugar Creek Vista Overlook

Athens vic., Polk Co., AR

March 2006

Photo by H. Hoze

Negative on file at AHPP

View from south



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Athens vic., Polk Co, AR

March 2006

Photo by H. Hope

Negative on file at AHP

View from southwest



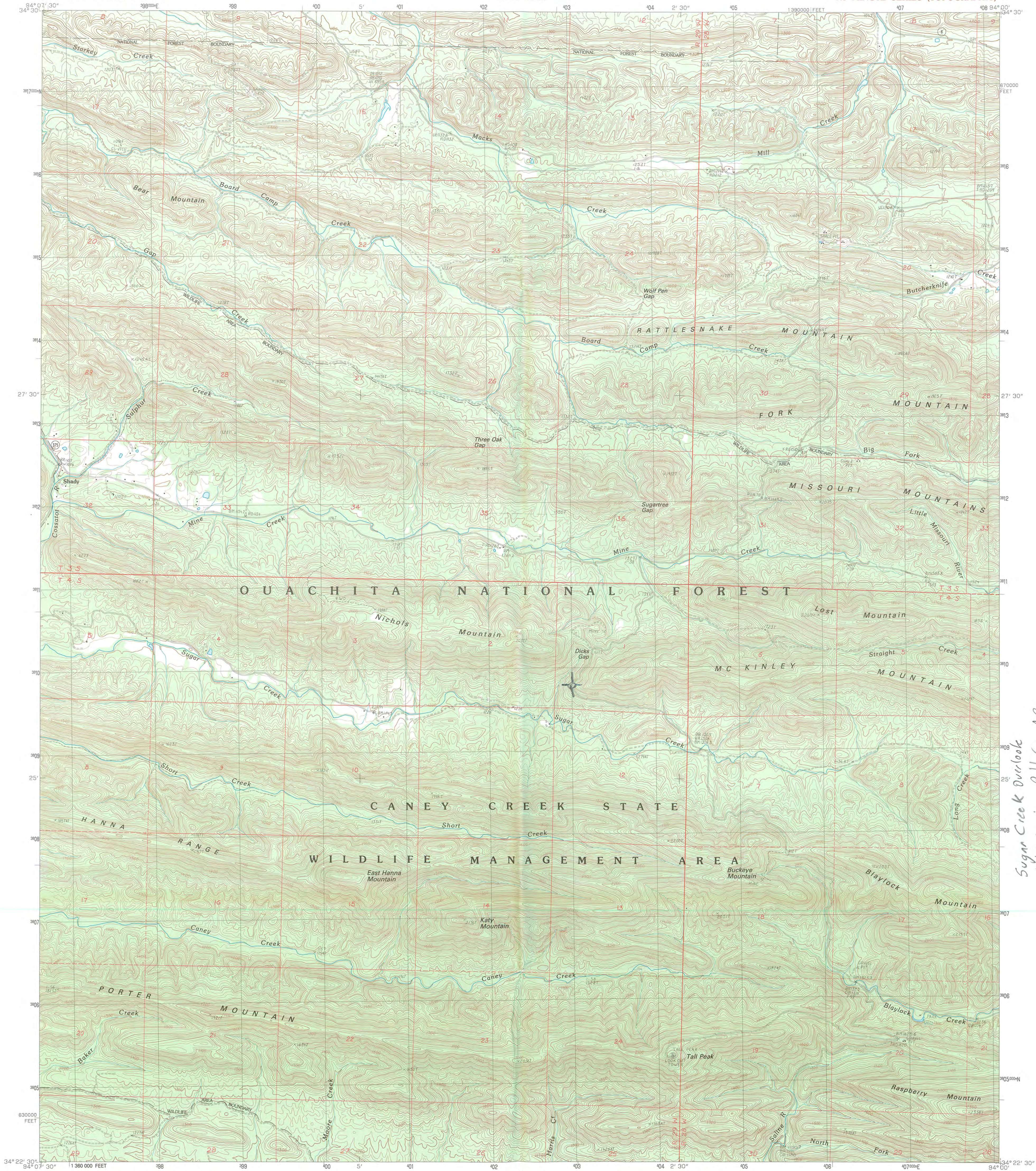
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View from east



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FIELD CHECKED 1984. MAP EDITED
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GRID, 1000-METER UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR ZONE 15
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UTM GRID DECLINATION 0°36' WEST
1986 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION 0°30' EAST
VERTICAL DATUM NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
HORIZONTAL DATUM 1927 NORTH AMERICAN DATUM
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move the projection lines as shown by dashed corner ticks
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Federal and State reservations shown on this map
No distinction made between houses, barns, and other buildings

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Produced from original
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photography.

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4	5	2 Board Camp	
6	7	3 Pine Ridge	
		4 Eagle Mountain	
		5 Big Fork	
		6 Baker Springs	
		7 Umpire	
		8 Athens	

ADJOINING 7.5' QUADRANGLE NAMES

ROAD LEGEND
Improved Road
Unimproved Road
Trail
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

NICHOLS MOUNTAIN, ARKANSAS
PROVISIONAL EDITION 1986
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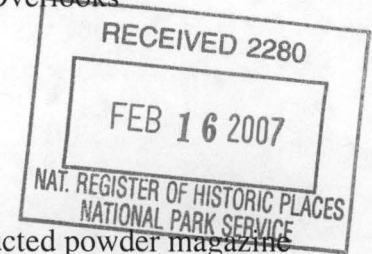
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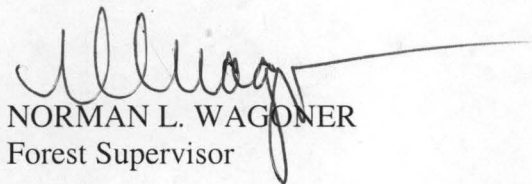
Date: January 22, 2007

Subject: National Register Nominations, CCC Powder Magazines/Overlooks

To: Regional Forester



Enclosed are five National Register Nominations for three CCC constructed powder magazine sites located on the Fourche, Jessieville and Womble Ranger Districts and two CCC constructed overlooks on the Mena District of the Ouachita National Forest. These nominations have been prepared by the staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. We concur with their recommendations that these structures are eligible for the National Register and are pleased to submit these nomination forms.


NORMAN L. WAGONER
Forest Supervisor

cc: District Rangers, Jessieville, Caddo, Mena





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Director

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Mosaic Templars
Cultural Center

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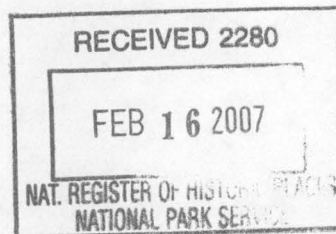
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February 13, 2007



Dr. Jan Matthews
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Washington, DC 20005

RE: Buckeye Vista and Sugar Creek Vista Overlooks, Athens vic., Polk
County
Rock Art Site 3NW79
Rock Art Site 3PP614
CCC Company 741 Powder Magazine Historic District, Norman vic.,
Montgomery County
CCC Company 3767 Powder Magazine Historic District, Jessieville vic.,
Garland County
CCC Company 749 Powder Magazine, Briggsville vic., Yell County

Dear Dr. Matthews:

We are enclosing for your review the above-referenced nominations. 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,

Cathie Matthews
State Historic Preservation Officer

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