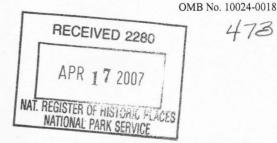
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#### **National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property
historic name Mineral Springs Waterworks
other names/site number HO0049
2. Location
street & number South of W. Runnels and S. Hall Intersection not for publication
city or town Mineral Springs vicinity
state Arkansas code AR county Howard code 061 zip code 71851
3. State/Federal Agency Certification
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this \( \text{\temporal nomination} \) 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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property \( \text{\temporal meets} \) meets \( \text{\temporal does not meet the National Register criteria.} \) I recommend that this property be considered significant \( \text{\temporal notional property} \) statewide \( \text{\temporal Notational Select for additional comments.} \) Signature of certifying official/Title \( \text{\temporal Date} \) Date \( \text{\temporal notional property} \) meets \( \text{\temporal does not meet the National Register criteria.} \( \text{\temporal See Continuation sheet for additional comments.} \)  Signature of certifying official/Title \( \text{\temporal Date} \) Date  State or Federal agency and bureau
4. National Park Service Certification  I hereby certify that the property is:  entered in the National Register.  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:)

Mineral Springs Waterworks Name of Property	Howard County, Arkansas County and State	
5. Classification		
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)  Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in count.)	
<ul><li>□ private</li><li>□ building(s)</li><li>□ public-local</li><li>□ district</li></ul>	Contributing Noncontributing	
public-State site	1 buildings	
☐ public-Federal ☐ structure	sites	
object	1 structures	
	objects 2 Total	
Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)	Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register	
"An Ambition to Be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943"		
6. Function or Use		
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	
INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/	INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/waterworks	
waterworks		
7. Description		
Architectural Classification	Materials	
(Enter categories from instructions)	(Enter categories from instructions)	
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 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Narrative Description} \\ \textbf{(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)} \end{tabular}$ 

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#### **ELABORATION**

The Mineral Springs Waterworks is located west of Mineral Springs, Howard County, Arkansas. The Mineral Springs Waterworks facility includes a steel-framed water tower that was built in 1936 by the Pittsburgh and Des Moines Steel Company with assistance from the Public Works Administration and an equipment shed built circa 1955.

#### **SUMMARY**

The steel-framed water tower of the Mineral Springs Waterworks stands high above the ground over the town of Mineral Springs. The water tower consists of a tank that rests upon four metal legs that rise upwards to the base of the tank. Metal cross pieces are inserted between the legs to provide additional support. Centered at the base of the tank, a metal pipe runs upwards from the ground, carrying water from the ground to the tank.

A circular metal plaque erected at the base of the southeast leg certifies that the tower was built in 1936 by the Pittsburgh and Des Moines Steel Company. The tank of the tower is bowl-shaped and is encompassed by a circular walk way a few feet above the base of the tank. The top of the water tank is covered in a conical metal roof.

The Mineral Springs water tower is painted in brilliant green. The town's name "MINERAL SPRINGS" is painted in yellow lettering above the town's mascot "HORNETS" which is also painted in yellow lettering on the east and west walls of the tank.

Located a few feet southwest from the tower, the equipment shed is also included with the waterworks. Constructed circa 1955, this rectangular shed is constructed out of concrete block and rests on a continuous foundation. There are two doors: one on the east facade and one on the north façade. The south facade features a small window. An asbestos roof covers the one-story building. The walls of the shed are painted green to match the color of the water tower. A chain link fence is built around the water tower and the equipment shed. Although the equipment shed was constructed after the water tower, it falls within the period of significance of the Mineral Springs Waterworks; thus, it is contributing.

#### INTEGRITY

The Mineral Springs Waterworks appears as it did in the 1930s. It stands northeast of the location that was once used as the old town public square. Although the equipment shed was constructed added circa 1955, the water tower is original to the Mineral Springs Waterworks.

Mineral Springs Waterworks Name of Property	Howard County, Arkansas County and State
8. Statement of Significance	
Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)	Levels of Significance (local, state, national) local
A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)  Engineering/  Politics and Government
☐ <b>B</b> Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	Fontics and Government
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and	
distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.	Period of Significance 1936 -1957
□ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.	
Criteria Considerations (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)	Significant Dates 1936 -1957
Property is:  A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.	
☐ B. removed from its original location.	Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)
<ul> <li>C. birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance.</li> <li>D a cemetery.</li> </ul>	Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)
☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	
☐ F a commemorative property	Architect/Builder
☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.	Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Company/PWA
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)	
9. Major Bibliographical References	
<b>Bibliography</b> (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one o	r more continuation sheets.)
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 Name of repository:

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#### **SUMMARY**

The Mineral Springs Waterworks is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** for its association with the Public Works Administration activities in Mineral Springs, Howard County, Arkansas. Also, it is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion C** for its unique 1930s waterworks construction. The Mineral Springs Waterworks is being submitted under the multiple property listing "An Ambition to Be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943."

#### **ELABORATION**

The region that would later become Howard County was first inhabited by hunters, gatherers, and nomadic tribes. Located near the Red River, the area was also home to the Caddo Native Americans. European accounts from early explorers in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries show the sophisticated organization of this tribe which occupied the Red River Valley region. The Caddo were recognized by their excellent skills in deer hunting in this forest area. One of the trees of the area, *bois d'arc*, was named by the Europeans in honor of the Caddo's bow making skills. When the French and Spanish entered the area, they were assisted by the Caddo. The Caddo became a liaison between the Europeans and Native American tribes. But the Caddo were forced to move further west with the other Native Americans and disappeared from the area by 1855. <sup>1</sup>

During Arkansas's territorial years 1819-1836, the only public road, the Southwest Trail provided ground access across the territory, starting at the Mississippi River, across a corner of southeast, Missouri and 300 miles to the town of Fulton, Arkansas, on the Red River. After the Louisiana Purchase, Congress appropriated funds for the clearing of the road, which was re-named the Congress or National Road. The name changed once more to the Military Road, when President Jackson ordered Military troops to widen the road to sixty one feet. This passage gave rise to the steamboat landing in Fulton, and was used by people headed west to Texas. The area that later became Howard County was a distance from this road; thus, settlement in this portion of southwest Arkansas was slower than the rest of that region.<sup>2</sup>

In was not until 1873 that Howard County was founded and named after the Arkansas Senator from that area, James Howard. The County formed from parts of Hempstead, Pike, Polk, and Sevier counties.<sup>3</sup> Prior to this time, the early settlement of Mineral Springs stood within Hempstead County. The earliest known settler in Mineral Springs was Cokely Williams. In 1840, he arrived at the springs, near the Hempstead and Sevier county line. In 1842, Williams established a post office that he called Saline, just east of that line. Samuel Moren was postmaster. In 1843 the post office was discontinued but was re-established by Williams in 1843.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Howard County Heritage Club, Howard County Heritage, 69.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Howard County Heritage Club, Howard County Heritage (Dallas, TX: Taylor Publishing Co., 1988), 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid.,7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas, (Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1890), 240.

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Rev. Wesley opened the first store in this area in 1850, and he called the settlement Greenville. The town grew, and schools and churches were organized. Most early families were farmers; however, growth remained slow until after the Civil War. The town was revived when Joe Holcomb a prominent merchant, moved to town in 1867 and called it Mineral Springs. The town was incorporated in 1879. Between the years of 1868-1874 the town thrived because of its rich productive farmland. Farmers would travel to Fulton or Hope to sell their goods. However, the growth rapidly declined mainly because of the construction of the Arkansas Louisiana Railroad from Hope to Nashville, Arkansas, in 1884. A mass exodus of people moved to locate near the railroad in Nashville. By 1890, the town of Mineral Springs had a population of 250, and in 1892 the population was only 100 people.<sup>5</sup>

Despite the decline in population, the town of Mineral Springs continued to attract visitors because of the wealth of its natural resources and the springs. Citizens believed that the springs contained pure water that would heal the sick. The *Biographical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas* credits Mineral Springs' popularity to the "healthfulness" of the springs and the school, which was in "flourishing condition." The numerous schools in the town made Mineral Springs an education center for the area. Even before the county was established in 1874, the Jones Methodist School and the Hayes Academy boarding school were established. By 1890 the Mineral Springs School and South Arkansas College were founded.

Yet, many people believed that a form of transportation was necessary to revive the town. In 1907, the Brown Henderson Improvement Company introduced a new rail line that ran from Nashville to Ashdown, Arkansas, where it linked with the Kansas City Southern Railroad. In addition to serving the lumber company this line promoted settlement in the communities adjacent to the line. This line made a stop in Mineral Springs. Cotton farming flourished due to this new line. The business location of the town shifted its center from what was referred to as old town to its present location. Prominent businesses included Sam Dillards' Cotton Gin, Wolff's Drug Store, Kents, T. J. Dillards, Bank of Mineral Springs, Dickinson Brothers, and the Mineral Springs Hardware Co. Dr. Wolfe was given a franchise for electric lights for the town. Within the following five years, the town established a public watering place. An artesian well was drilled between the Hardware and Drug Store. The constant water flow often created a bog in the dirt street.

In the 1930s, the infrastructure of the town was improved, and a new water system was installed. By this time the cotton industry, similar to the population, was on a downward slope. Facing hardships of the Depression, the town sought aid from the Federal Government. Mineral Springs received a total of \$34,444.00 in funds from the Public Works Administration.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas, 243.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Howard County Heritage Club, *Howard County Heritage*, 73.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Howard County Heritage Club, *History of Howard County, Arkansas* (Nashville, AR: Howard County Heritage Club.,

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This amount exceeded the estimated cost of the project which was \$34,379. In 1936, the project was finished with a deep well drilled and water tower built on the northeast corner of the public square in old town. There were no chemicals added to the water except for the minimum required amounts of chlorine. In addition to the improved water system, the town benefited from several New Deal projects including the paving of roads, the construction of a new gymnasium for the elementary school, a new library, and two canning kitchens. Even though the town's population suffered from the Depression, the community worked together to improve the conditions of Mineral Springs. <sup>10</sup>

A new water well was drilled in 1985; however, the original water tower still stands. The Mineral Springs Waterworks remains in operation for the town of Mineral Springs. It is a reminder of the community's progress and the Public Works Administration's aid during the 1930s.

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mineral Springs Waterworks is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places with **local significance** under **Criterion A** for its association with the Public Works Administration activities in Mineral Springs, Howard County, Arkansas. Also, it is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under **Criterion C** for its unique 1930s waterworks construction. The Mineral Springs Waterworks is being submitted under the multiple property listing "An Ambition to Be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1933-1943."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Information on Public Works Administration (PWA) funding found in the files of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Howard County Heritage Club, History of Howard County, Arkansas, 31.

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<b>Boundary Justification</b> (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)					
11. Form Prepared By					
name/title Joanna Hall, National Register Historian					
organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program			date	1/22/07	
street & number 1500 Tower Building 323 Center St.			hone	(501) 324-9789	
city or town Little Rock	state	A		zip code 72211	
Additional Documentation					
Submit the following items with the completed form:					
Continuation Sheets					
Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's le	ocatio	ı			
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large act	reage (	or nui	merous	resources.	
Photographs					
Representative black and white photographs of the property.					
Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)					
Property Owner					
(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)					
name					
street & number				telephone	•
city or town	state			zip code	

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#### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

From the road intersection of W. Runnels and S. Hall proceed twenty yards, south, west, north, and east arriving at the initial point.

#### **BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The boundary includes all of the land historically associated with the Mineral Springs Waterworks.

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	SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING	G RECORD
	NRIS Reference Number: 07000473	Date of Listing: May 29, 2007
	Property Name: Mineral Springs Waterworks	
	County: Howard	State: Arkansas
	New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas Multiple Name	s, 1933-1943
	This property is listed in the National Register of Historic nomination documentation subject to the following except	
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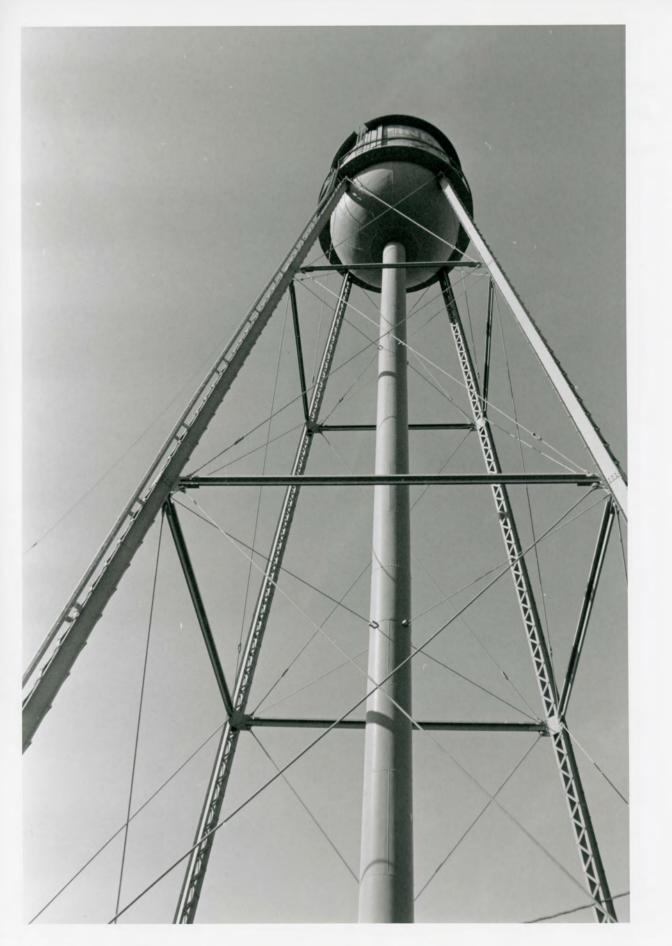
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The Mineral Springs Waterworks is locally significant under Criterion A for its association with the New Deal recovery efforts in Howard County and Criterion C for its engineering design. The watertower was erected by the Pittsburgh and Des Moines Steel Company in 1936. It meets the registration requirements set forth in the Multiple Property Documentation Form, "An Ambition to be Preferred: New Deal Recovery Efforts and Architecture in Arkansas, 1993-43." Today, the property reflects the history of the New Deal in Howard County and retains integrity from its period of significance.

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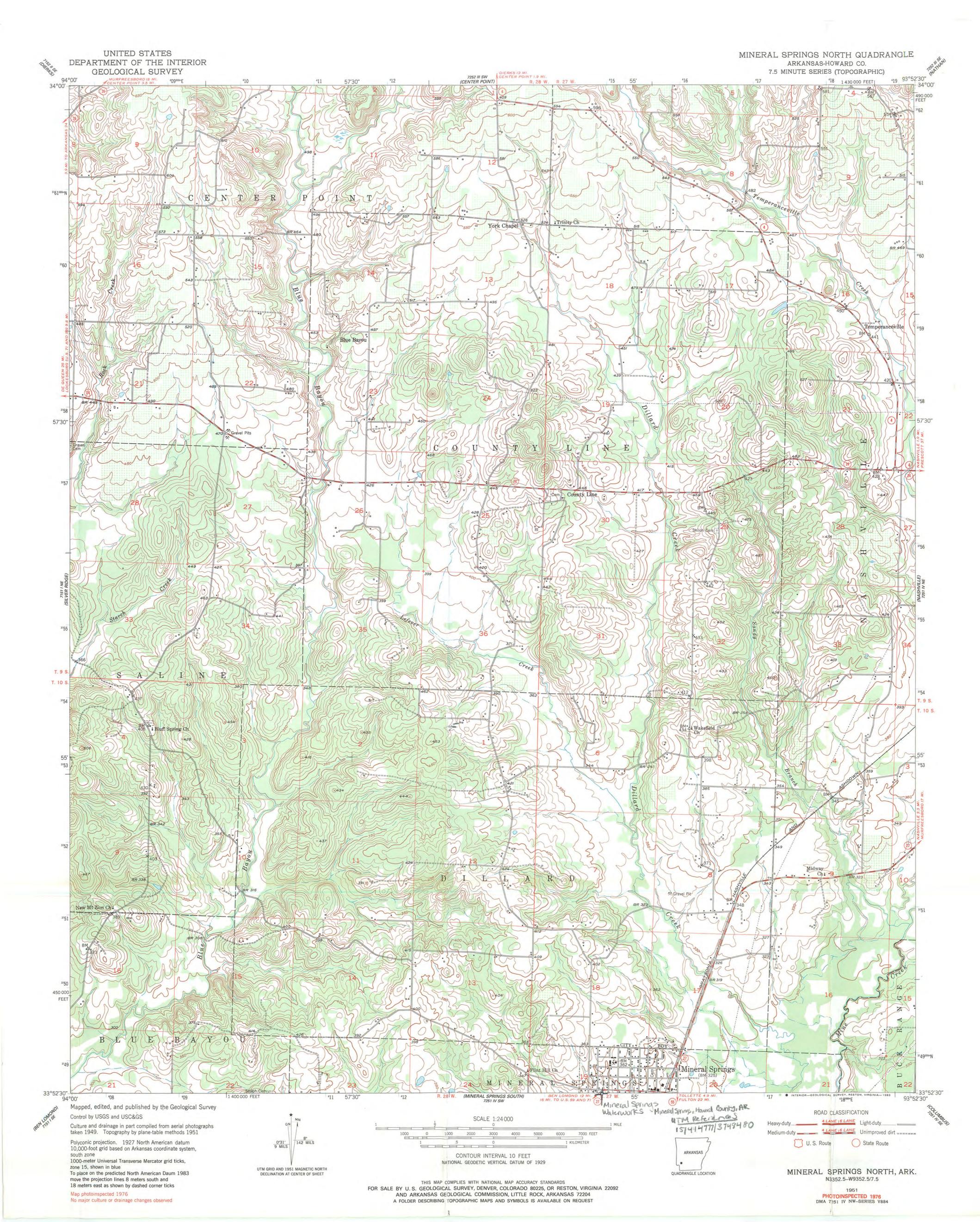
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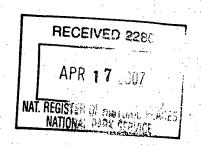


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RE: Mineral Springs Waterworks

Dear Dr. Matthews:

We are enclosing for your review the above-referenced nomination. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

If you need further information, please call Ralph S. Wilcox of my staff at (501) 324-9787. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Matthews

State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosure

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To: <Dan\_Vivian@nps.gov>

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Subject: RE: Waldo Water Tower

Dan-

Here are the things you need:

Waldo - POS should be 1935-1936, everything else should be the same.

Mineral Springs - POS should be 1936, everything else should be the same.

-Ralph

----Original Message----

From: Dan Vivian@nps.gov [mailto:Dan\_Vivian@nps.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 9:44 AM

To: Ralph Wilcox

Subject: RE: Waldo Water Tower

Without a justification for why the water supply is significant, there's

justification for extending the POS through 1957. So, for both of these nominations, what should the respective POSs be revised to? And do they both remain significant under the criteria and areas of significance specified? If you give me the details, I can do the SLRs.

Thanks,

Dan

"Ralph Wilcox"

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Dan-

This is the same situation as the other, but I see your point. If you feel it should be changed to reflect only the PWA's involvement, I'll go