

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:	Montana
COUNTY:	Big Horn
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ENTRY DATE	OCT 10 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: Old Ft. C.F. Smith and related sites

AND/OR HISTORIC: or Fort C.F. Smith Historic District

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: One mile east of the town of Fort Smith, Montana

CITY OR TOWN: Ft. Smith
Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Montana CODE: 30 COUNTY: Big Horn CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
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 type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
Yes:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. AGENCY

National Park Service

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) Rocky Mountain Region

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 25287
665 Parfet Street

CITY OR TOWN: Denver

STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Big Horn County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Hardin

STATE: Montana CODE: 30

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Bearss, E.C., Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, History Basic Data, Washington, 1970.

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

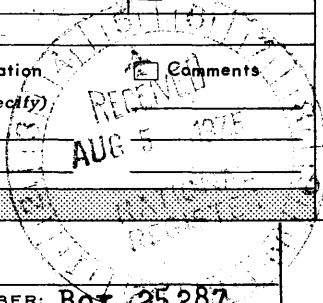
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: National Park Service, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation.

STREET AND NUMBER: Interior Building, 18th & 19th Streets at Virginia Ave., NW

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE: D.C. CODE: 0010

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

None of the walls or structures are standing at this time. However, guided tours are assisted by drawings of what the fort like at the time it was garrisoned. With the aid of these sketches, visitors are able, with a little assistance from Park Interpreters, to locate all walls and structures from the outlines of walls and foundations which can still be seen at this time. (copy of sketch attached)

The ruts of the Bozeman Trail can still be seen in the vicinity of the fort. Portions of the trail have been followed all the way from Ft. Laramie to Virginia City.

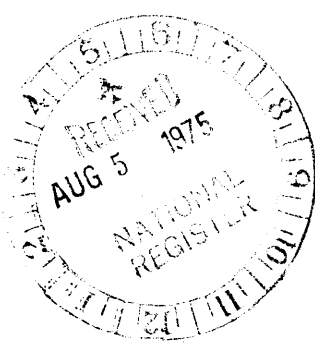
The post cemetery is now grown over with grass and nothing remains to mark the site although the location is pretty well known locally.

Stretches of the Old Wood Road can be seen from the fort site all the way up the switchbacks of the new Ok-A-Beh road and beyond toward the Big Horn Mountains.

The Lime Quarry is very evident and remains very much the same as it was when limestone was last quarried there.

The Lime Kiln is just a heap of rubble but for those who are familiar with such structures - it leaves little doubt as to what its functions were.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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 type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

By 1860 the expanding white frontier had begun to threaten the northern plains tribes and with the 60's came the first large scale warfare between the army and the most powerful northern tribe, the Sioux, and its allies, the Cheyenne and Arapaho.

Fort C.F. Smith, one of three forts built to guard the Bozeman Trail leading to the the newly established mining towns in south-western Montana, was at the center of this conflict.

The fort itself was never directly attacked. Instead, Red Cloud's warriors concentrated their assaults on supply trains patrols and work details outside the protection of the fort's walls.

Although the Indians failed to win any decisive victories along the Bozeman Trail, it became increasingly difficult for the army to protect itself, much less keep the entire trail open to civilian traffic. Peace advocates in Washington prevailed and in 1868 the forts and the trail they were meant to protect were abandoned to Red Cloud's warriors who promptly burned the forts.

Included with the Fort C.F. Smith nomination are the remains of a portion of the Bozeman Trail where it passed the fort and crossed the Bighorn River.

Likewise included is the site of the post cemetery. In 1892 the bodies and a stone monument were removed to Custer National Cemetery.

Also included are traces of the Wood Road which led from the fort to the Limestone Quarry and pineries that provided building material for the fort. In 1877 the quarry also provided material for Fort Custer and in 1879 the area was made a "Limestone Reservation" by the army. Where the Wood Road crosses Lime Kiln Creek lies the remains of a lime kiln which is also included in the nomination.

Fort C.F. Smith	1st order of significance
Bozeman Trail	1st order of significance
Wood Road, Quarry & Kiln	2nd order of significance
Cemetery site	3rd order of significance

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bearss, E.C., Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, History Basic Data, Washington, 1970.

David, Robert B., Finn Burnett, Frontiersman, Glendale, 1937.

Lockhart, James D., Life and Adventures of a Drummer Boy, Albany, 1893.

Mattes, Merrill J., Indians, Infants and Infantry: Andrew and Elizabeth Burt on the Frontier, Denver, 1960.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	45° 18' 23.50"	107° 54' 58"	} Fort C.F. Smith Area (see attached drawing)			
NE	45° 18' 26.50"	107° 54' 26"				
SE	45° 18' 12.40"	107° 54' 26"				
SW	45° 18' 20.50"	107° 54' 58"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 307 acres-47 Ft. Smith: 260 Quarry

NO.	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	ADJACENT STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES	CODE	
1.	45° 17' 15"	107° 54' 50"	} Lime Quarry Area (see attached drawing)		
2.	45° 17' 12"	107° 55' 01"		COUNTY:	
3.	45° 17' 38"	107° 55' 37"		COUNTY:	
4.	45° 18' 08"	107° 55' 46"		COUNTY:	
5.	45° 18' 12"	107° 55' 29"		COUNTY:	
6.	45° 18' 11"	107° 55' 27"		COUNTY:	
7.	45° 18' 31"	107° 55' 07"		COUNTY:	
8.	45° 18' 29"	107° 55' 06"		COUNTY:	
9.	45° 19' 08"	107° 51' 26"		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Virgil J. Olson Chief of Interpretation** DATE: **1/24/75**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Post Office Box 458** PHONE: **(406)666-2412**

CITY OR TOWN: **Fort Smith** STATE: **Montana** CODE: **30**

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

State Liaison Officer recommendation:
 Yes
 No
 None
Shelley C Roberts
 State Liaison Officer Signature

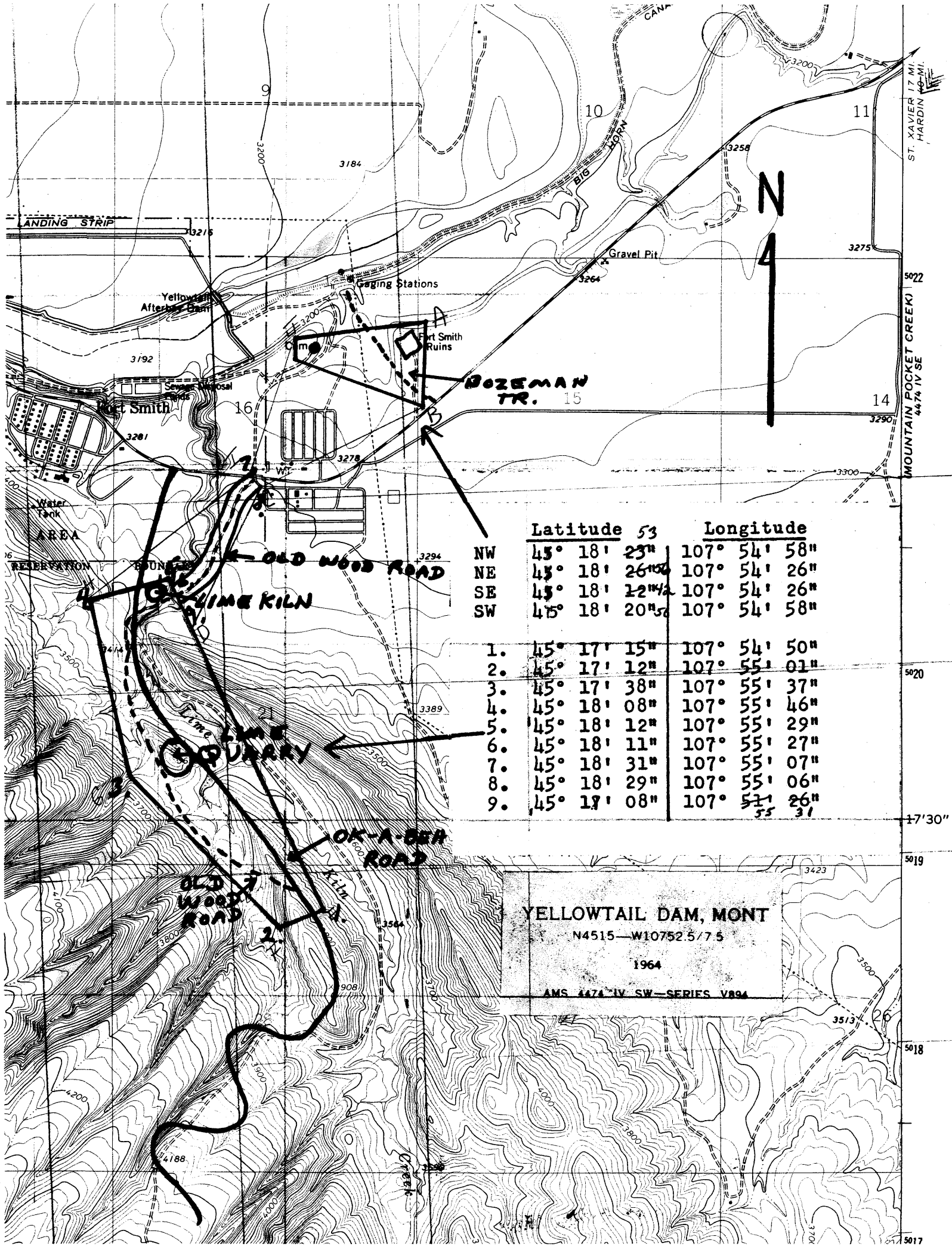
In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is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

Dennis J. Drabell 7/28/75
 Federal Representative Signature Date
 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Interior for Fish and Wildlife & Parks

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
R.P. Winters
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/10/75
 ATTEST:
Ronald M. Greenberg
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 10/10/75

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	Latitude 53		Longitude	
NW	45° 18'	23"	107° 54'	58"
NE	45° 18'	26"	107° 54'	26"
SE	45° 18'	22"	107° 54'	26"
SW	45° 18'	20"	107° 54'	58"
1.	45° 17'	15"	107° 54'	50"
2.	45° 17'	12"	107° 55'	01"
3.	45° 17'	38"	107° 55'	37"
4.	45° 18'	08"	107° 55'	46"
5.	45° 18'	12"	107° 55'	29"
6.	45° 18'	11"	107° 55'	27"
7.	45° 18'	31"	107° 55'	07"
8.	45° 18'	29"	107° 55'	06"
9.	45° 17'	08"	107° 55'	26"

YELLOWTAIL DAM, MONT
 N4515—W10752.5/7.5
 1964
 AMS 4474 IV SW—SERIES V894

ST. XAVIER 17 MI. HARDIN 40 MI.
 MOUNTAIN POCKET CREEK 4474 IV SE