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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Chi-Sandra Garden
other names/site number 10IH1779

2. Location

street & number Payette National Forest not for publication
city, town Warren vicinity
state Idaho code ID county Idaho code 049 zip code 83671

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Chinese Sites in the Warren Mining District
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.

Kevin D. Robinson 4-12-90
Signature of certifying official Date
USDA Forest Service
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Thomas J. Green 11/30/89
Signature of commenting or other official Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet. Antoniella Glee 6/27/90
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)

for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture/Agricultural Field
Agriculture/Irrigation Facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Landscape/Forest

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Chi-Sandra Garden is located on China Mountain in the Warren Mining District of central Idaho. It occupies approximately 5 acres and is central in a series of three Chinese terraced gardens above the South Fork of the Salmon river. Remnants of an irrigation ditch indicate water was channeled from China Creek to this garden. Chi-Sandra Garden possesses qualities of location, design, workmanship and association that are needed by a Chinese terraced garden to attain listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Chi-Sandra Garden is located on a southeast facing slope. The site spans both sides of a ridge, giving the garden two different aspects. The 8 to 10 terraces on the north side of the ridge have an eastern exposure. The soil here is dark, with a heavy organic component, The area is sheltered by Ponderosa pine and Douglas fir. The terraces on the northern side of the ridge are more distinct since the succession of natural vegetation has retarded natural erosion.

The terraces on the south side of the ridge have a southern exposure. This area was constructed on a broader slope and the garden area is larger, composed of 15 or more terraces. The soil on this side of the ridge is sandy. The upper story is thinner here and more sunlight reaches these terraces. The southern garden terraces are less evident. The dry sandy soil has slumped and dense grasses cover the area. Traces of an irrigation ditch exist on the west perimeter of the site. This ditch carried water from China Creek south to the Chi-Sandra terraces. Above the ditch to the west, outside the Chi-Sandra Garden site boundaries lies the Old China Trail. On the edge of this trail a modified steel frying pan was located. The frying pan had been repaired with a straightened horseshoe, machine cut nails, a steel barrel hoop rivet and portions of a brass opium tin. This frying pan is probably part of a collection of artifacts from the Ah Toy Garden site below the Chi-Sandra Garden. No other artifacts were located in the Chi-Sandra Garden area.

The selection of the Chi-Sandra Garden site may have been determined by the location of two other garden sites on China Mountain. The central position of the Chi-Sandra Garden may have provided a rest stop between the upper and lower gardens. Chi-Sandra Garden was more isolated and protected and perhaps offered a slight variation in growing conditions.

8. Statement of Significance

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

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Ethnic Heritage/Asian

Agriculture

Commerce

Period of Significance

1870-1920

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Overseas Chinese

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

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

The Chi-Sandra Garden derives significance under Criterion A. The garden contributes to the history of the overseas Chinese on the Idaho mining frontier. The Chi-Sandra Garden is part of a complex of Chinese sites in the Warren Mining District. The Chi-Sandra Garden represents the successful adaptation of traditional Chinese agricultural technology to the terrain of the Salmon River Mountains of Idaho. This site also represents efforts of the 19th century Chinese immigrants to maintain their ethnic identity and lifeways while engaging in a commercially profitable enterprise.

The Chi-Sandra Garden is significant for its location, design, setting, landscape, and association with the Chinese community of the Warren Mining District. The Chi-Sandra Garden reflects a significant adaptation to the micro-environment. Although the garden is situated at the same elevation on either side of a ridge, the difference in aspect, soil composition, soil porosity and exposure provide subtly different growing conditions. It is possible that different types of crops were cultivated, or that successive plantings were made at the Chi-Sandra Garden.

Chi-Sandra Garden is significant to the history of Chinese immigrant communities in the American west. The existence of the Chi-Sandra Garden shows efforts made by the Warren Mining District sojourners to obtain components of traditional diet. The isolated and protected position of the Chi-Sandra Garden has contributed to the integrity of location and setting. Chi-Sandra Garden is significant in itself and as part of the Chinese terraced garden complex of China Mountain.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Fee, Jeffrey M.

1986 Idaho's Chinese Mountain Gardens. Unpublished manuscript on file at Payette National Forest offices. McCall, Idaho.

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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:

Payette National Forest S.O.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Approximately 5 acres

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Chi-Sandra Garden is illustrated on the accompanying USGS 7.5 minute series map titled "Pilot Peak 1969".

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Boundary Justification

The boundary for Chi-Sandra Garden includes all terraces located on the site that maintain historic integrity. The site also includes visible portions of an irrigation ditch that marks the western boundary of the site.

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The Chi-Sandra garden was used only by Chinese gardeners and was not subject to cultural impacts after the garden was abandoned. Natural erosion has occurred and vegetation has encroached onto the terraces. Portions of the irrigation ditch remain evident and this site retains qualities of location, design, setting, workmanship, and association that National Register properties of this type must possess.

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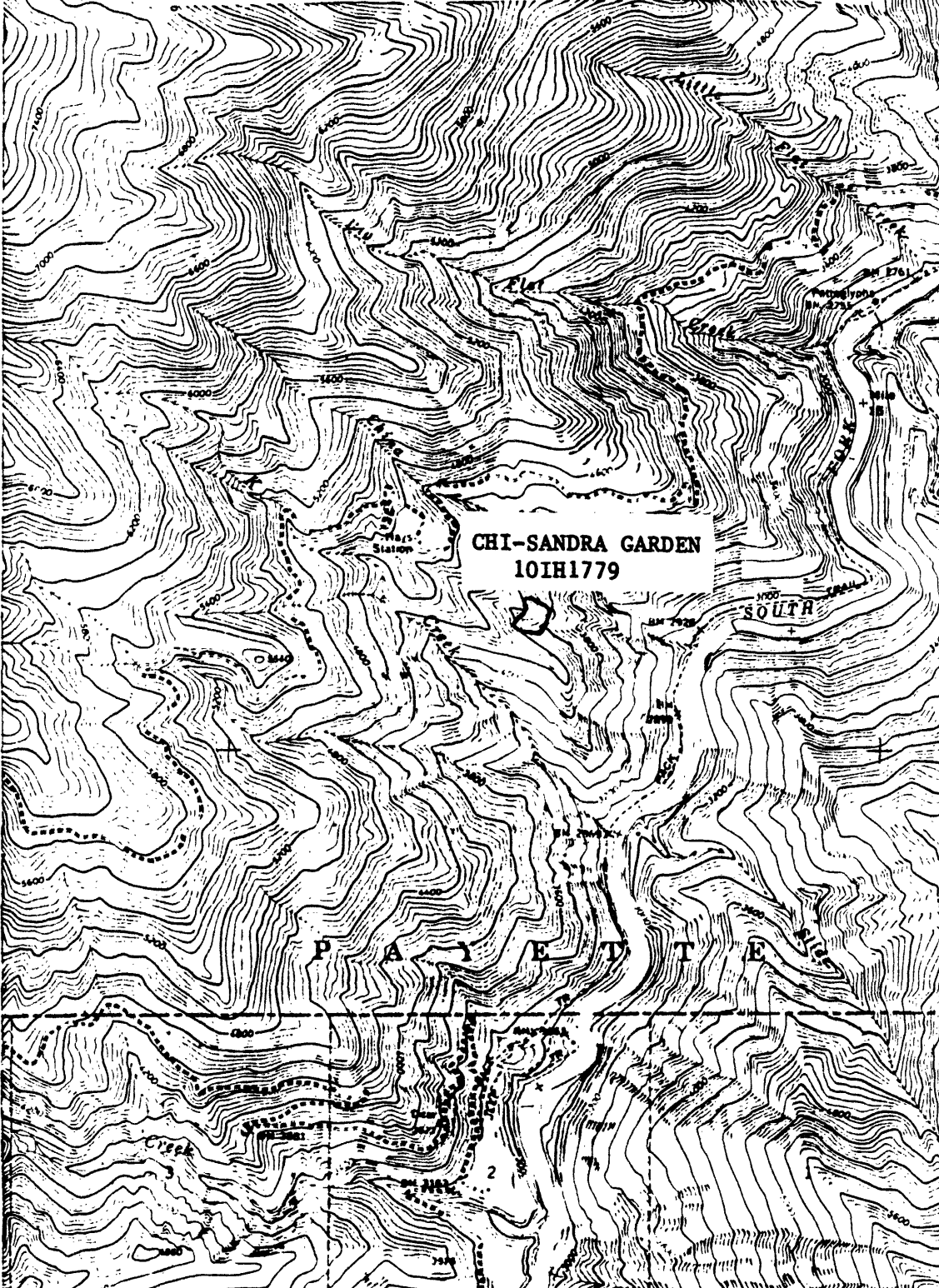
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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000892

Date Listed: 9/27/90

Chi-Sandra Garden
Property Name

Idaho
County

ID
State

Chinese Sites in the Warren Mining District
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 *Antonio J. Lee*
Signature of the Keeper

8/8/90
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Statement of Significance: Under "Cultural Affiliation," Overseas Chinese is deleted.

This information was confirmed with Evan J. DeBloois of USDA Forest Service and Elizabeth Eggleston of the Idaho SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)