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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Bard Springs Dam #1

other name/site number: PL 0090A

2. Location

street & number: Forest Service Road 106

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Athens

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Polk

code: AR 113

zip code: 71971

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> </u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas, 1933-42

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.

Ernest J. DeBlois 9/3/93
Signature of certifying official Date

Federal Preservation Officer Forest Service

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Cathryn A. Boyd 10-9-91
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

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register Patty S. Chrisman 10/21/93
_____ 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): _____

fm Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation

Current : Recreation and Culture Sub: Outdoor Recreation

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Other: Rustic Architecture

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation Stone roof N/A
walls Stone other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Social History
Architecture
Entertainment/Recreation

Period(s) of Significance: c.1936 _____

Significant Dates : N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

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Description:

The Bard Springs Recreation Area is located on Forest Service Road 106 along Blaylock Creek between Blaylock Mountain and Raspberry Mountains in the Cossatot Mountains of Polk County. The Recreation Area has two dams which help to form a horseshoe bend on Blaylock Creek which is the primary water source for the Recreation Area. Dam No. 1 which is on the western side of the recreation area is made of field stone and is approx. 65 ft in length. On both ends of the dam there are steps leading to the dam which serve as a footing for the dam on either bank of Blaylock Creek. The dam has a series of square steps and water chutes which cross the main body of the dam. The dam is approx 8 ft tall in the center and the footings height is relative to the contour of the creek bank.

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The Bard Springs Dam #1 was constructed circa 1936 by members of the 742nd Company of the Arkansas CCC District stationed at the Mena Camp that was located approximately eight miles to the northwest, near the small town of Shady. It was constructed as part of a small, public recreational complex within the Ouachita National Forest (ONF) as a result of the CCC's emphasis upon recreational construction that began in earnest circa 1935. The extant historic structures within this complex include this dam, another dam, a bathhouse and a picnic shelter (each of which is nominated separately), all of which allowed the area to function purely as a swimming and picnicking facility, as it continues to do today. As such, the Bard Springs Dam #1 remains significant through its associations with the contributions to American social history made by the Civilian Conservation Corps, its associations with the emphasis upon outdoor recreation that guided such construction, and its status as an excellent example of CCC recreational architecture in a remarkable state of preservation.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See "Facilities Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942," Section H.

___ See continuation sheet.

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: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>407020</u>	<u>3805760</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point located 150 feet due south of a point on the southern edge of Forest Service Road #106 located approximately 2,500 feet southeast of Bench Mark 1323.3, proceed southerly along a line running perpendicular to the dam's principal direction for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed westerly along a line running parallel to the dam's southern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a line running perpendicular to the dam's principal direction for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed easterly along a line running parallel with the dam's northern elevation for a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource, including the dam itself, the steps at either end leading to the dam, and the property immediately surrounding the dam site.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Todd Ferguson, Historian/Patrick Zollner, Historian

Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 8/28/91

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93001074 Date Listed: 10/21/93

Bard Springs Dam No. 1 Polk AR
Property Name: County: State:

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.

Patty S. Chisman
for Signature of the Keeper

10/22/93
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The nomination form listed "architecture" as the area of significance under Criterion C. The area of significance for Bard Springs Dam No. 1 should be "engineering." This correction was made following a phone call to the Arkansas SHPO. The nomination is officially amended to include this information.

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 Bard Springs Dam No. 1
NAME:

MULTIPLE Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Polk

DATE RECEIVED: 9/14/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/28/93
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/14/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/29/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001074

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL

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

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 10/21/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Bard Springs Dam No. 1 is significant under Criteria A and C in the areas of social history, entertainment/recreation and engineering.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A & C
REVIEWER DS Christian
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 10/21/93

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

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ applicable criteria
☐ justification of areas checked
☐ relating significance to the resource
☐ context
☐ relationship of integrity to significance
☐ justification of exception
☐ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Bard Springs Dam # 1

Athens^{vic.}, Arkansas

Photographed by Todd Ferguson

February 1991

Negatives on file at AHPP

View from the northwest



✓ SPRING HOUSE

BOYLE PARK

LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI Co., AR

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NEG. ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM WEST

(A)



Pavilion #2

Boyle Park

Little Rock, Pulaski Co., AR

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NEG ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM WEST

(B)



Pavilion #2

Boyer Park

Little Rock, Pulaski Co., AR

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FIREBOX DETAIL

(B)



Pavilion #2

Boyle Park

Little Rock, Pulaski Co., AR

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Interior Detail

(B)



PAVILION #2

BOYLE PARK

LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI Co., AR

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FIREPLACE DETAIL

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PAVILION #3

BOYLE PARK

LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI Co., AR

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VIEW FROM NORTH

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Pavilion #3

Boyle Park

Little Rock, Pulaski Co., AR

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VIEW FROM SOUTH

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CARETAKER'S CABIN

BIYLE PARK

LITTLE ROCK, POLASKI Co., AR

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VIEW FROM SOUTH

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CAMETAKER'S CABIN

BOYLE PARK

LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI Co., AR

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VIEW FROM WEST

(D)



CARETAKER'S CABIN

BOYLE PARK

LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI Co., AR

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NEG. ON FILE AT NAAPP

VIEW FROM (SW)

(D)



WATERTOWER "RUIN"

BOYLE PARK

LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI Co., AR

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VIEW FROM NORTHEAST

(F)



WATERTOWER "RUIN"

BOYLE PARK

LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI Co., AR

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VIEW FROM SOUTH

(F)



LOW-WATER BRIDGE

BOYLE PARK

LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI Co., AR

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VIEW FROM NORTH

(F)



CULVERT

BOYLE PARK

LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI Co., AR

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VIEW FROM SOUTH

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CULVERT

BOYLE PARK

LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI Co., AR

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VIEW FROM EAST

(G²)



NON-HISTORIC PAVILION

BOYLE PARK

LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI CO., AR

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NEG. ON FILE AT AHPP

VIEW FROM NORTH

#1



NON-HISTORIC PAVILION

BOYLE PARK

LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI Co., AR

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VIEW FROM EAST

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500019