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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name: Bard Springs Dam #2

other name/site number: PL 0090B

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not for publication: N/A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

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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.

Evan J. DeGlorio

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

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 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): _____

Patricia Schrimmer

10/21/93

fn Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

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. 2 is on the eastern side of the recreation area and is constructed of cut stone. The dam is approx 75 ft. in length and approx 15 ft. in height. The dam has steps on either side of the creek which serve as a footing for the dam, and are square in shape. The main body of the dam has one continuous spillway which drops the water onto a series of staggered steps reducing the water eroding force on the creek at the base of the dam. In the center of the dam is a shut off valve which connects to a pipe in the lower portion of the dam to control the water elevation in the recreation area.

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The Bard Springs Dam #2 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 #2 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>407160</u>	<u>3805740</u>	B	___	_____	_____
C	___	_____	_____	D	___	_____	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point located approximately 200 feet south of a point on the southern edge of Forest Service Road #106 located approximately 3,000 feet southeast of Bench Mark 1323.3, proceed easterly along a line running parallel to the dam's northern elevation for a distance of 200 feet; thence 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 with 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 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 leading to the dam at either end and the site immediately surrounding the dam.

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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: 93001075 Date Listed: 10/21/93

Bard Springs Dam No. 2 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.

for Patsy S. Christian

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 the Bard Springs Dam No. 2 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 NAME: Bard Springs Dam No. 2

MULTIPLE NAME: Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS

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: 93001075

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:

The Bard Springs Dam No. 2 is significant under criteria A and C in the areas of social history, entertainment/recreation and engineering

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A & C
REVIEWER Vally S. Christman
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
___UTMs ___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 #2

Athens^{vic}, Arkansas

Photographed by Todd Ferguson

February 1991

Negatives on file at AHPP

View from southeast

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500019