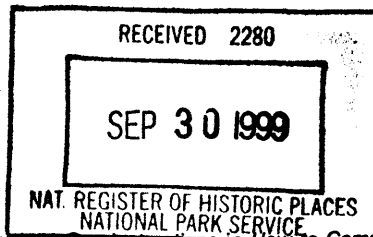


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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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 Moore Lookout Tower

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Scott County Road 503 N/A not for publication

city or town Forest vicinity

state Mississippi code MS county Scott code 123 zip code _____

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Michael Kasper

Sept. 29, 1999

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

USDA Forest Service

State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Park

Oct. 27, 1998

Signature of commenting official/Title

Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer 10/27/98

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:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Edson H. Beal

10/28/99

Moore Lookout Tower

Name of Property

Scott County, Mississippi

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Choose as many boxes as apply)

- private
public-local
public-State
public-Federal

Category of Property
(Choose only one box)

- building(s)
district
site
structure
object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Table with columns: Contributing, Noncontributing, buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total. Values: 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1.

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Fire Lookout Tower

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Fire Lookout Tower

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
walls Weatherboard (cab)
roof Wood Shingles
other Steel (tower structure)

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- 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.
- 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.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1940

Significant Dates

1940

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Not Documented

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or 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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Scott County, Mississippi

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Statement of Significance

The Moore Lookout Tower has local and statewide significance under Criterion C as a rare (possibly unique) example of a firetower of its design. Based on an intensive survey of forest service owned land in Mississippi undertaken by John Hopkins in 1990, the Moore Tower is the only known example of this type of tower extant in Mississippi. It is also illustrative of one of the types of fire control structures erected by the US Forest Service at the time of the development of the National Forests in Mississippi in the 1930's.

On March 26, 1934, the Bienville National Forest was begun. The Moore Lookout Tower, a fire tower built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1940, is the most significant survival of the early years of this forest. This tower is an impressive example of a tower design that was constructed only in the National Forests in the Gulf States and even there was not common. Unlike the most common fire tower design constructed with internal stairs, the Moore Tower's stair sections are located on the outside of the tower frame. Another feature that sets this tower apart from others in the state is that it has a wooden cab with a surrounding deck. Other surviving towers of this period have small metal cabs without decks. This tower was constructed by a local contractor working with a CCC crew. The unique design of the Moore Tower suggests that it was not completely pre-manufactured but rather specifically designed and engineered for this site.

Moore Tower is the only tower of this type standing in the National Forests of Mississippi. It is eligible under Criterion C as a unique example of a fire tower of its design. It is also illustrative of one of the types of fire control structures erected by the US Forest Service at the time of the development of the National Forests in Mississippi in the 1930's and 1940's.

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9. Bibliographical References

Historic Resources Inventory Files, Historic Preservation Division, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. The National Forest of Mississippi: A Cultural Resources Survey, John Linn Hopkins, preservation consultant.

Site Visit, September 27, 1997, by Todd Sanders, Historic Preservation Consultant, Corinth, Mississippi.

10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The property is a square parcel measuring approximately 25 X 25 feet whose sides are parallel to the base of the tower and is centered on the center point of the tower.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the parcel associated with the Moore Lookout Tower.

Moore Lookout Tower
Name of Property

Scott County, Mississippi
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
Zone Easting Northing
2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
Zone Easting Northing
4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Todd Sanders, Architectural Historian

organization N/A date 2/26/98

street & number 1115A Polk Street telephone 287 7870

city or town Corinth state Mississippi zip code 38834

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 location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous 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 USDA, Forest Service, National Forest in Mississippi

street & number 100 W. Capitol Street, Suite 1141 telephone 601-965-4391

city or town Jackson state Mississippi zip code 39269

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Moore Lookout Tower

Scott County, Mississippi

Description

The Moore Lookout tower, constructed in 1940, is located in the Bienville National Forest on Scott County Road 503 approximately 1.5 miles west of its intersection with Mississippi State Highway 35.

The Moore Lookout tower is a steel frame fire tower constructed of ten A-frame sections rising a total of 100 feet. A five run steel frame staircase with wooden treads and open risers climbs around the outside of the tower frame and serves as an additional support to the entire structure. The tower is surmounted by a 12 X 2 foot wood-frame cab which is covered by weatherboard siding. The cab is topped by a wood-shingled hipped roof. Surrounding the cab is a wood-floored observation deck enclosed with chain-link fencing. Three of the four elevations of the cab contain four new one-over-one double hung metal frame windows. The fourth or western elevation contains three windows and a single-leaf wooden door, the top half of which is divided into one window panes.

The base of the tower is surrounded by a 7 foot high chain-link fence topped with barbed wire. Located inside the base of the tower is a one-story concrete block flat-roofed radio hut constructed in 1975. This structure is nonhistoric and noncontributing.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Moore Lookout Tower
2. Scott County, Mississippi
3. Todd Sanders
4. September 27, 1997
5. Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Photo 1 of 2 View of Tower, looking east
Photo 2 of 2 View of west Facade, looking north