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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 SPEARFISH FILLING STATION  
other names/site number Standard Station

2. Location

street & number 706 Main Street N/A not for publication  
city, town Spearfish N/A vicinity  
state South Dakota code SD county Lawrence code 081 zip code 57783

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
N/A

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.

Signature of certifying official [Signature] Date 4/13/88  
State or Federal agency and bureau SHPO

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

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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:) \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature] Entered in the National Register 5/16/88

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Specialty Store

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Specialty Store

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

No style

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concretewalls Brick

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roof Wood shinglesother N/A

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The Spearfish Service Station is a detached one-story rectangular-plan building with an angular bay toward the pumps. The structure is divided into five bays having an angled office bay, a shop bay and three car bays. The walls are painted brick in a common bond pattern with recessed brick areas at the windows and doors. Each of the bays has a concrete lintel over each of the doors or windows. The structure sits on a concrete foundation. A wood-shingle hip roof covers most of the station, with a gable end at the angular main entrance. There is a wood cupola on the roof where the original brick chimney was located. A metal flashing and cricket connect the station and the adjacent building to keep the water off of the brick in the small space between the two buildings. The original roof at the angular bay projected out over the gas pumps as a hip roof. There is structural clay tile at the north and east sides.

Originally, the structure was not painted and there were different window or door patterns in some of the recessed brick bays. The west bay has a wood paneled door with small lights and a transom above and a large wood frame fixed window. Originally this bay had three wood double-hung windows. The entrance door bay has a wood paneled door with small lights and two large fixed windows. Originally there was a paneled door to the left and double-hung windows. On the south side the first bay had a double-hung window which is now bricked in. The second bay appears to have an original window with 6/3/3 lights. The east three bays have had new doors added over the years. The changes do not alter the overall feeling of the recessed bays since the changes are accomplished within the bays and are compatible with the structure.

The interior of the structure has been retained in plan with an office area and large service area. The only addition has been a bathroom in the office area.

The structure is in good condition with some minor spalling of brick at the base of the structure.

The Spearfish Service Station sits on the northeast corner of Main Street and Illinois Street. A concrete apron surrounds the structure and there are new gas pumps with lights above them at the corner.

**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)  
Commerce

Period of Significance  
1923-1937

Significant Dates  
1923  
1927

Cultural Affiliation  
N/A

Significant Person  
N/A

Architect/Builder  
Unknown

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

Under Criterion A of the National Register Criteria, the Spearfish Filling Station is significant in the area of commerce, because it was the first service station in Spearfish. Since its construction in 1923, it has continually provided goods and services to area automobile travelers. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan, the property relates to the historic context labeled: V. Depression and Rebuilding, G. New Transportation Facilities and the Impact of the Automobile.

Spearfish was founded in 1876 in response to the emerging gold rush in the Black Hills. It immediately served as a support community for the area mines and surrounding ranches. Eventually, it grew to support one of the largest trade areas in the Black Hills. In the 1890's, interest in tourism in the region took root alongside the fluctuating mining and lumbering industries. By the 1920's, tourism was fast becoming a major source of income for Black Hills residents. The advent and ever-increasing use of the automobile was a prime element in that development.

In 1916, the State of South Dakota lifted a constitutional ban on public construction of highways, and in the following year, the so-called "Good Roads Law" was enacted. Also, in 1916, the federal government started work on an interstate system of paved roads. The decade of the twenties saw vast construction of roads and bridges throughout the state, and private parties also saw the need to enter the automobile service field.

In 1923, Alfred J. Sheep, a prominent Spearfish-area rancher and businessman, built the first such facility in the community, the Spearfish Filling Station. In 1927, he added the back service bays to the building. He continued to operate the station until his death in 1957. Under new management, it continues to serve the needs of the community. The present owner intends to restore the projecting canopy.

The period of significance of the property extends from its construction in 1923 to 1937, the established cut-off date for the National Register.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Lawrence County Historical Society. SOME HISTORY OF LAWRENCE COUNTY. Pierre, SD: The State Publishing Co., 1981.

Schell, Herbert S. HISTORY OF SOUTH DAKOTA, 3rd ed., rev. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1975.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:  
South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

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4	9	2	6	7	4	0
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Zone      Easting                      Northing

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Zone      Easting                      Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The property is bordered by Lot 7, Block 20, Original Townsite, City of Spearfish, South Dakota

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary is based on legally recorded property lines historically associated with the property.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Spearfish Filling Station      Lawrence County, SOUTH DAKOTA

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL

Keeper *Ruth Boland* *3/8/89*

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AMENDMENT TO NOMINATION: CHANGE OF FACTS IN STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

- 1. NAME OF PROPERTY: Spearfish Filling Station (Standard Station).
- 2. LOCATION: 706 Main Street, Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota.
- 8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: It has recently come to the attention of the South Dakota SHPO that a typographical error in the statement of significance section on the original nomination form for this property has inadvertently misrepresented the name of the original owner/proprietor. The property should be attributed to "Alfred J. Sleep", not Sheep as incorrectly reported on the original nomination form.

All other items of the original nomination should remain unchanged.

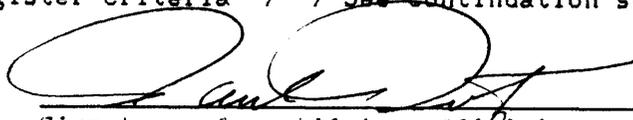
11. FORM PREPARED BY:

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January 23, 1989.

4. CERTIFICATION:

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Signature of certifying official

1-23-89  
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Date

Deputy SHPO  
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State or Federal agency or bureau