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REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Crystal Springs Dam

other name/site number: MN 0032

2. Location

street & number: Forest Service Road 177; east of State Route #27

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Norman

vicinity: X

state: AR county: Montgomery code: AR 097 zip code: 71960

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
<u>1</u>	_____	structures
_____	_____	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.

Evan D. DeStrois \_\_\_\_\_ 9/3/93  
Signature of certifying official Date

Federal Preservation Officer Forest Service  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Cathryn L. Byrd \_\_\_\_\_ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

\_\_\_\_\_

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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

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Period(s) of Significance: c.1939

Significant Dates : N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

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Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

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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 Crystal Springs Dam is located along Forest Service Road No. 177 off Arkansas Highway 27 in Montgomery County. This two tier dam is constructed of field stone and is across the lower end of Collier Creek. The dam is approx. 30 ft in length and roughly 18 inches wide. In the center of the dam there is a shut-off valve connected to a drain pipe which runs through the dam. The valve controls the amount of water held above the dam for use in the recreation area.

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The Crystal Springs Dam was constructed circa 1935 by members of the 741st Company of the Arkansas CCC District stationed at the Crystal Springs Camp that was located close nearby. 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 only this dam and a camp shelter (nominated separately), both of which allowed the area to function purely as a swimming and picnicking facility, as it continues to do today. As such, the Crystal Springs Dam 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: Approximately one-and-one-half

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>441450</u>	<u>3815270</u>	B	___	_____	_____
C	___	_____	_____	D	___	_____	_____

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the southern edge of the Forest Service Road #177 located approximately 15,400 feet east of its intersection with State Highway #27, proceed southerly along a line running parallel with the dam's western elevation for a distance of 300 feet; thence proceed easterly along a line running perpendicular to the dam structure itself for a distance of 200 feet; thence proceed northerly along a line running parallel with the dam's eastern elevation for a distance of 300 feet to its intersection with the southern edge of Forest Service Road #177; thence proceed westerly along said edge 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 principal approach to the dam from the road and recreation area, and the property immediately surrounding it that forms its physical setting.

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**11. Form Prepared By**  
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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: 8/28/91

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

NRIS Reference Number: 93001088      Date Listed: 10/21/93

Crystal Springs Dam      Montgomery      AR  
Property Name:              County:              State:

Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS

Multiple Name

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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.

*Patricia S. Clavin*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper

10/22/93  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

There was a discrepancy in the date of construction recorded on the nomination form and in the text for the Crystal Springs Dam. The correct date of construction is c.1935. In addition, the area of significance recorded under Criterion C on the form was "architecture." It should be "engineering." These corrections were 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 Crystal Springs Dam  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Facilities Constructed by the CCC in Arkansas MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Montgomery

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: 93001088

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:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept. A+C  
REVIEWER Philip Christman  
DISCIPLINE Historic  
DATE 10/21/93

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTMs       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps     USGS maps     photographs     presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Crystal Springs Dam

<sup>Norman, Ark.</sup>  
~~Womble~~, Arkansas

Photographed by Todd Ferguson

February 1991

Negative on file at AHPP

View from northwest

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500019