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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

~~Car Northland~~ (railroad car)

AND/OR COMMON

Car Northland

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Proctor

VICINITY OF

Eighth

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Minnesota

22

St. Louis

137

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS On special trips

- OCCUPIED and tours.
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company

STREET & NUMBER

500 Missabe Building

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Duluth

VICINITY OF

Minnesota 55802

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company

STREET & NUMBER

Mechanical Department

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Proctor

Minnesota 55810

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED refurbished; MOVED DATE _____

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

minor remodeling as close to original as possible, but no structural changes

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Constructed by the Pullman Company for the Duluth Missabe & Northern Railway in 1916, the CAR NORTHLAND is in excellent condition and has changed very little over the years other than refurbishing and minor remodeling, with the addition of air conditioning in 1950, and roller-bearing journals on the wheels.

The car is maintained by the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company, and operates out of Proctor, Minnesota. It is used for railroad inspection trips as well as frequent tours over pertinent areas of the 461-mile track for present and prospective customers, and also sees service on special excursion trains operated to celebrate certain historical events. When not in use, the NORTHLAND is stored under cover in Proctor.

The all-steel car has an overall length of 82 feet, width - 10 feet, height 14 feet 10 inches, and an operating weight of 100 tons.

In addition to the observation room with seating capacity for 27, there is a private stateroom with bath, dining room with seating for ten, porter's room, and galley. The car has sleeping accommodations for ten.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1490-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1916-Present		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Built in 1916 and still in service. BUILDER/ARCHITECT The Pullman Company

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The NORTHLAND is significant inasmuch as it is one of the few remaining business cars of the old traditional pattern operating within its intended environment.

Today business and private cars are fast vanishing. The NORTHLAND is probably one of the finest in the country surviving today from that period. The NORTHLAND derives its name from the beautiful north county through which it travels. The car has seen continuous service since its construction in 1916, and has served seven railroad presidents and three railroads, -- The Duluth and Iron Range Rail Road Company, the Duluth Missabe & Northern Railway, and today's Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company.

The NORTHLAND is owned and operated by the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company, and travels over 461 miles of DM&IR road, and upon occasion goes off-line on special trips and tours.

This private car was constructed in 1916 by the Pullman Company, to the specifications of William A. McGonagle, president of the Duluth Missabe & Northern Railway at that time. Mr. McGonagle was the young engineer who surveyed the Iron Range railroad in 1881-1882, and who seventeen years later was to become president of the DM&N in 1909 - heading the railroad until 1930. This was the year the DM&N leased the D&LR Railroad, the last official act of President McGonagle prior to his death that year.

The NORTHLAND has traveled extensively throughout the country, including New York, Florida, California, and Canada as well, and has carried many distinguished guests. Not only have members of the Boards of Directors of all roads traveled aboard the NORTHLAND, but other famous guests as well. President Calvin Coolidge, his wife, sons and White House entourage traveled on the NORTHLAND over the DM&N between Duluth and Hibbing as guests of DM&N president W. A. McGonagle in 1928; King Olaf of Norway and the Queen traveled aboard the NORTHLAND in the 1930's when touring the area; Governor Patrick J. Lucey of Wisconsin, Governor William G. Milliken of Michigan, and Governor Wendell R. Anderson of Minnesota visited the NORTHLAND on the occasion of the Governor's Conference at the time of the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission in December, 1975.

The predecessor roads of the DM&IR have had at least eight private cars since the first business car used by Charlemagne Tower in 1884; today the NORTHLAND is the last remaining of that long line of private cars.

Today the NORTHLAND, trim and efficient as ever after 61 years of service, continues to look forward to a future as bright and colorful as her past.

