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September 3, 2010

## Notice to file:

This property has been automatically listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This is due to the fact that the publication of our Federal Register Notice: "National Register of Historic Places: Pending Nominations and Other Actions" was delayed beyond our control to the point where the mandated 15 day public comment period ended after our required 45 day time frame to act on the nomination. If the 45<sup>th</sup> day falls on a weekend or Federal holiday, the property will be automatically listed the next business day. The nomination is technically adequate and meets the National Register criteria for evaluation, and thus, automatically listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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 any 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 Spade Ranch Store

Other names/site number SH04-002

2. Location

Street & number West Side of State Highway 27 / Lot 5 of Ellsworth

Not for publication

City or town Ellsworth

Vicinity

State Nebraska Code NE County Sheridan Code 161 Zip code 69340

3. 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official

Date

Michael J. Smith  
Director, Nebraska State Historical Society  
State or Federal agency and bureau

July 20, 2010

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

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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):

Edson Beall 9.3.10

[Signature]  
Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- Private
- Public-local
- Public-state
- Public-federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	0	Buildings
0	0	Sites
0	0	Structures
0	0	Objects
0	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

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

NA

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE: Specialty Store

GOVERNMENT: Post Office

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE: Specialty Store

GOVERNMENT: Post Office

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

NO STYLE

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Foundation poured concrete

Walls WOOD-board & batten, STUCCO,

METAL-steel

Roof METAL-steel, ASPHALT

Other

**Narrative Description**

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

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The Spade Ranch Store is a two story wood-framed building located on a small lot fronting Sheridan Road (Highway 27) in the Ellsworth (pop. 32), an unincorporated community in Sheridan County, Nebraska. The store is bordered by the Burlington Northern rail line located to the south. Like the majority of other properties in the Ellsworth, the Spade Ranch Store's history is tied to the cattle ranching industry, which dominates the landscape in this sparsely settled region known as the Sand Hills.

The Spade Ranch Store was constructed in 1898 by local carpenters, Merritt and Sons. The store has experienced several additions over the years yet the historic core of the property remains. The store is a two story front gable building with a one story shed roof attachment to the south, a smaller one story front gable attachment on the north, and a shed roof portico along the entire front of the building facing Sheridan Road. Numerous additions extend from the rear (west façade) of the property and a fence along the east façade connects to a storage building to the north. These connected additions are also connected together, creating an interior courtyard area.

The foundation of the historic core of the building is poured concrete. Hitching posts, dating to the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century, are still found along the front portico. Gas pumps were located along the porch line at the end of the hitching posts from the 1950's until the 1990's. All evidence of gas pumps has been removed. The portico columns and roof joists are decorated with the brands of the various regional ranches. The first story level of the main portion of the store is clad with wooden board and batten siding. The board and batten siding and the second story stucco work was a result of several alterations by the Graham family during their tenure as owners of the building, dating those alterations sometime between 1928 and 1967. Original clapboard siding can be seen in historic photographs on both the first and second stories. Historic two pane over two pane double hung windows are found along the first story of the front façade, and are believed to be original to the building based upon comparison to historic photographs.

The attached original front gabled building continues to be used as the community post office. One non-historic door leads to the inside of the post office area where a small wall panel of historic post office boxes is located. The post office area opens into the store area through a door. The post office has non-historic paneling and floor tiles.

The main store is accessed from the front portico on the southern end, by a single historic door with a non-historic screen door. Original double doors, recessed into the building, are present at the center of the front facade; however they have been permanently locked for their protection and everyday access to store is through the single historic door to the south. The storefront, by and large, is original with wood framework and paneling and large panes of display glass. The front interior rooms have retained several historic features such as the wood floors and the historic pressed tin ceiling. These front rooms are currently used as retail space for boots, apparel, saddles, and tack. Toward the post office interior door is a small hallway leading back to an original walk-in safe vault. This vault was used to store the Nebraska Land and Feeding Company's ledgers and money, when their main office was located in the building.

Further west in the store are several additional rooms used for merchandise. Toward the rear of the building, on the western end, is a smaller gable roofed non-historic attachment which was used for storage but now is used as a manufacturing room for saddles and leather goods. This room has paneling and asbestos floor tiles. This rear attachment is clad on the exterior with portions of non-historic metal siding, vertical wood siding, and historic vertically corrugated steel, similar to the storage building on the north side of the store. This corrugated portion of the building is connected at the northeastern corner to a pair of steel sided non-historic storage buildings.

A solid fence wall constructed of plywood extends along the front of the building, on the eastern façade, and connects to the neighboring historic storage building. This portion of the store complex was constructed in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century, and is

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clad in vertically corrugated steel siding. This building was historically used to store lumber for sale by the store. To the west of this storage building is attached a non-historic steel pole building which is conjoined by a small corridor to a slightly smaller yet similarly constructed non-historic storage building. These non-historic storage buildings are currently rented by local ranchers and community members for vehicle and large equipment storage. The southeastern corner of the southern non-historic steel sided storage building is connected at the corner of the previously mentioned corrugated steel sided building directly behind the Spade Ranch Store's main building.

The connection of various storage buildings creates an interior courtyard which serves as a private space for the owner who lives in the apartment above the store. Additionally, from this courtyard is access to a staircase which leads up to the second story residence. The interior second story apartment has been changed in terms of wall and flooring materials, yet has maintained its interior arrangement. The only noticeable change to the apartment is an exterior door leading to a small wooden balcony on the south façade. Historic four-over-four light windows on the second story are covered with aluminum storm windows.

The roofing material on the Spade Ranch Store historic core, and attached historic buildings is historic corrugated metal. Historically roofed in wooden shingles, the present front façade portico has composite asphalt shingles. The non-historic additions to the rear of the building are covered with light colored composite asphalt shingles.

The second contributing building associated with the store but not connected physically to it, is a historic concrete block garage, toward the rear of the property between the store and the railroad tracks. This building was originally constructed as a garage and possesses its original, wooden, rectangular paneled garage door. The historic corrugated metal roofing material has been retained.

Numerous decorative items are scattered around the building, continuing the western theme. On the front portico is located a non-historic concrete horse and a historic wagon. To the south of the building is a post and rail fence and another wagon. On one post toward the south side of the buildings, is a non-historic boot shaped object used for advertisement.

While there are numerous alterations and additions to the property the main core of the building retains its historic appearance and is easily distinguished from the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century additions, as well as, the modern corrugated metal storage sheds. Although two sizable non-historic buildings are connected to the building complex, they are located on the property in such a way that minimizes their visual impact. The building is surrounded by a ranch to the west, a historic bowling alley to the north, and the Sheridan Road (Highway 27) on the east. Overall, the Spade Ranch Store retains much of the historic core of the building and continues to possess the critical element of setting along the railroad tracks.

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**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 a 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.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

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

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Commerce

**Period of Significance**

1898-1960

**Significant Dates**

1898

1923

1928

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

**Cultural Affiliation**

**Architect/Builder**

Merritt and Sons

**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 for additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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As a ranch store, used to provide goods and services specifically to the surrounding ranches, the Spade Ranch Store, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places at the local level under Criterion A in the area of commerce. The period of historical significance lasts from its construction in 1898 through 1960, the former date being 50-years from the present. This period also coincided with the historic peak of ranching in area, although the building continues to function in the same purpose at present. Important dates are 1898 (the construction date of the original building by the Merritt and Sons) 1923 (end of Nebraska Land & Feeding Company ownership) and 1928 (beginning date of Graham family management).

In the late 1800s the geographic region known as the "Sandhills" was quickly carved up into ranches as people discovered it was superb range for cattle. One well-known rancher, Bartlett Richards, purchased the Spade Ranch in 1888 from Bennett Irwin. Richards set about expanding the ranch, and intended to establish all the services his ranch would need for operation. In order to get cattle to market, the Spade Ranch established a shipping point roughly 25 miles south in Ellsworth, along the Burlington rail line. Ellsworth was developed for the needs of the local ranching community, primarily being the Spade Ranch. From 1888 to 1898, a two story hotel for ranch hands and travelers, a stockyards, a barn, and a ranch store, were constructed for Bartlett Richards' ranching enterprise. The store and the town of Ellsworth helped support the thriving cattle ranches that Bartlett, and others in his Nebraska Land and Feeding Company, created. By 1902, the Spade Ranch consisted of 20,000 to 40,000 head of cattle, making it one of the largest ranches in the West.<sup>1</sup> At this time the Spade Ranch had 45 hands devoted solely to mowing and putting up hay for the winter, and hundreds more ranch hands overseeing the cattle operation.

The Spade Ranch Store was constructed in 1898 during a period of great growth in ranching activity for the region. While the store provided various supplies ranch hands and locals needed, other portions of the building served other functions. The post office, one of the most important means of communication for this isolated area, began operation in the building soon after its construction and continues to operate from there today. In another portion of the building eventually operated the headquarters for the Nebraska Land and Feeding Company which oversaw the operation of three major ranches: the Spade Ranch, the C Bar, and the Overton Ranch. Evidence for the economic activity of this once powerful ranching company can still be seen in the building by the walk-in safe. This safe vault once held the ledgers of the Nebraska Land and Feeding Company, and associated ledgers for the store tracking the sale of groceries, hardware, and lumber.

The ranching industry thrived and so did the Spade Ranch Store during the 1890's but the next decade would prove to be rocky. In 1904, the Kinkaid Act allowed homesteaders to file claims on 640 acre parcels in western Nebraska. This brought to a head a long standing rivalry between homesteaders and the ranchers. Ranchers were asked to remove the fences surrounding their ranges on government owned land, to make way for the patchwork of homesteaders, but they were reluctant. In a scheme to preserve their range, Bartlett Richards and his associate Will Comstock, had old soldiers and widows file claims on parcels surrounding their ranches. The claims made were seldom settled upon and the ranchers leased the land from the homesteaders.

The ranching industry for the area was dealt a blow when Bartlett Richards and Will Comstock were convicted for illegal fencing and perjury by the government in 1910. Spade Ranch owner, Bartlett Richards died in jail, but Will Comstock managed to survive his year of imprisonment, and returned to the area to manage the Spade Ranch and the Nebraska Land and Feeding Company. Homesteaders and bank mortgages eventually led to the downfall of the Spade Ranch

<sup>1</sup> Richards, Bartlett Jr. and Ruth Van Ackeren. Bartlett Richards: Nebraska Sandhills Cattleman Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln, NE 1980.

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empire. With Will Comstock's death in 1916, Mrs. Richards managed to operate the ranch until 1923 when the banks foreclosed on the ranch and the associated properties, including the ranch store in Ellsworth.

The banks hired Lawrence Bixby to operate a portion of the Spade Ranch. Over the next couple of decades Bixby managed to buy from the bank much of the former ranch territory. The ranch store held a similar story of one man coming to the rescue in Lawrence Graham. After the bank foreclosed on the entire Spade Ranch empire, the store sat vacant until 1927, when Abbott Interest purchased it. In the following year Lawrence Graham took over the management of the store, selling ranching supplies, hardware, gas, and lumber. Eventually Lawrence Graham purchased the former Spade Ranch Store in 1950.

During the 1950's, the community of Ellsworth made substantial improvements in the infrastructure of the community which had major impact on the store. Roads in the region were improved as the 32 mile trail that connects Ellsworth to Gordon was graveled. The primary road through Ellsworth since 1921 had been the Potash Highway, which connected the potash industry and residents of Alliance with southeastern Nebraska. In 1951, ranchers and businessmen in the region collected donations as match for state and federal funds, to be used for the paving of Highway 2 along the route of the Potash Highway. The Spade Ranch Store installed two gas pumps for the increased business, as it was the only store along a 20 mile stretch of the highway. One of the more notable customers who filled their gas tank at the Spade Ranch Store was Charles Starkweather, renowned serial killer. It was also during this period that the historic garage was constructed on the site, to the southwest of the store. This garage was a yet another way the store provided services to the surrounding isolated community, as locals increasingly depended on automobiles.

The Graham family lived in the apartment above the store until 1959, like many of the store managers had done before. In the following year Lawrence died and management of the store fell to his wife, Hazel and son, Roy. They continued operating the store until 1967, and the building sat vacant for the next four years. The ranching industry needs have always provided a good business for those with enterprise and in 1971, seeing the need for a ranching supply store in Ellsworth, Veldon Morgan purchased the building. Known as "Morgan's Cowpoke Haven" the store building continues to serve the community's ranching supply and horse grooming needs, at present, under the ownership of Wade Morgan, Veldon Morgan's son.

In 1980, the Spade Ranch was listed in the National Register for national significance in the areas settlement and agriculture. The fencing war with Kinkaid-era homesteaders and the federal government received national attention and once again revealed inevitable conflicts about how to settle and develop the American West. The early success and development of the Spade Ranch had an obvious and deep impact on the immediate region as well. Of the Spade Ranch's contributions to local history, the establishment of Ellsworth is most significant. However, even without a direct link to the famous Spade Ranch, the nominated property would still likely be considered significant at the local level.

The Spade Ranch Store is significant under Criterion A: Commerce for its role in the local ranching industry for over 100 years. From its establishment by Bartlett Richards, in 1898, the Spade Ranch Store supplied some of the most famous ranches in the West. Even though the ranching industry saw numerous challenges over the years—including the fall of the Spade Ranch itself—the region proved best suited for that purpose, thus keeping ranch stores in business. Although several alterations have been made to the store since its construction the main portion of the store and two of the connected storage buildings date are the result of changes made by Lawrence Graham and are considered historic, demonstrating expansion of the store during the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Spade Ranch Store serves as an example of a specialty ranch store, providing ranch supplies to an isolated community, and continues in that purpose today.



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UNPUBLISHED MATERIAL

Nebraska State Historical Society: Site Files for SH04-002, SH00-030, and SH04-Ellsworth.

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**10. Geographical Data**Acreage of property Less than 1 acre

UTM References (place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet).

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1.	13	726016	4659743	3.			
2.				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**

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**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 the SHPO or FPO.)

name/title Wade Morgan, owner  
 street & number Highway 27, P.O. Box 2 telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 city or town Ellsworth state NE zip code 69350

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**Boundary Description**

Entirety of Lot 5 (rectangular, roughly 250' x 180'), Ellsworth, Sheridan County, Nebraska.

**Boundary Justification**

This boundary follows current ownership and platting lines and includes all of the property known to be historically associated with the Spade Ranch Store.

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- Photo 3 of 17.** South Elevation, Aspect: NW
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- Photo 6 of 17.** Rear (west) Elevation, Aspect: NE
- Photo 7 of 17.** Courtyard behind Spade Store (enclosed by modern additions), Aspect: NW
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- Photo 13 of 17.** Living Room of Residence above Store, Aspect: SW
- Photo 14 of 17.** North Elevation, Historic Storage Building and Modern Addition, Aspect: SW
- Photo 15 of 17.** Rear of Modern Additions, Aspect: SE
- Photo 16 of 17.** North and West Elevations of Historic Garage, Aspect: SE
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Photos 4 and 11 taken on 2-26-2009. Remaining Photos taken on 10-10-2009

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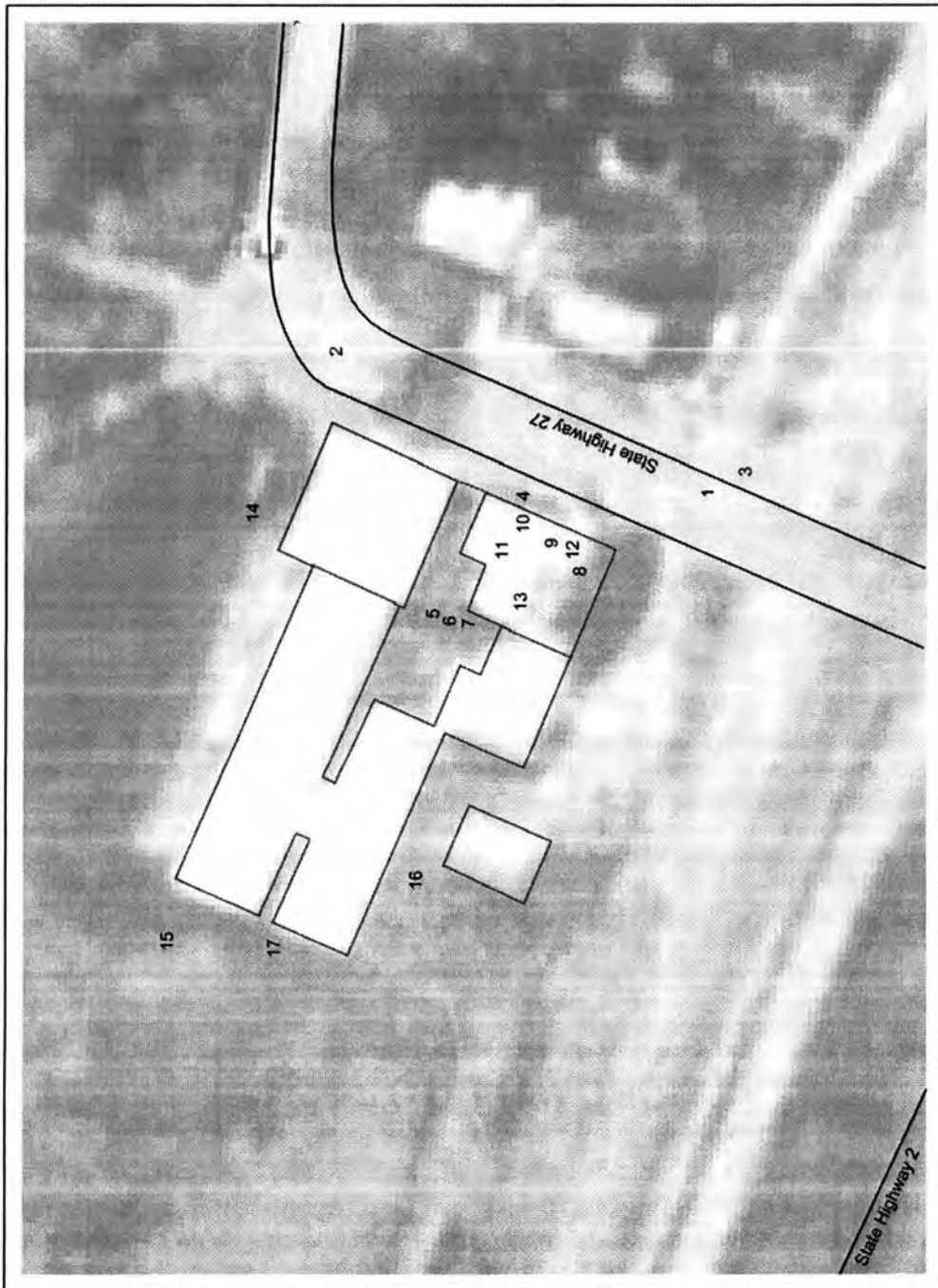
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Spade Ranch Store - Photo Key Map

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REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Spade Ranch Store  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEBRASKA, Sheridan

DATE RECEIVED: 7/20/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/13/10  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/30/10 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/03/10  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 10000629

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: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 9.3.10 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in  
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RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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HUNTING FISHING  
CAMP SUPPLY

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SPADE  
RANCH  
STORE  
EST. 1898

MORGAN  
HORSE HAVEN

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MONTANA

WILDLIFE  
COLLECTION

THE M. ASS

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CHICAGO, ILL.

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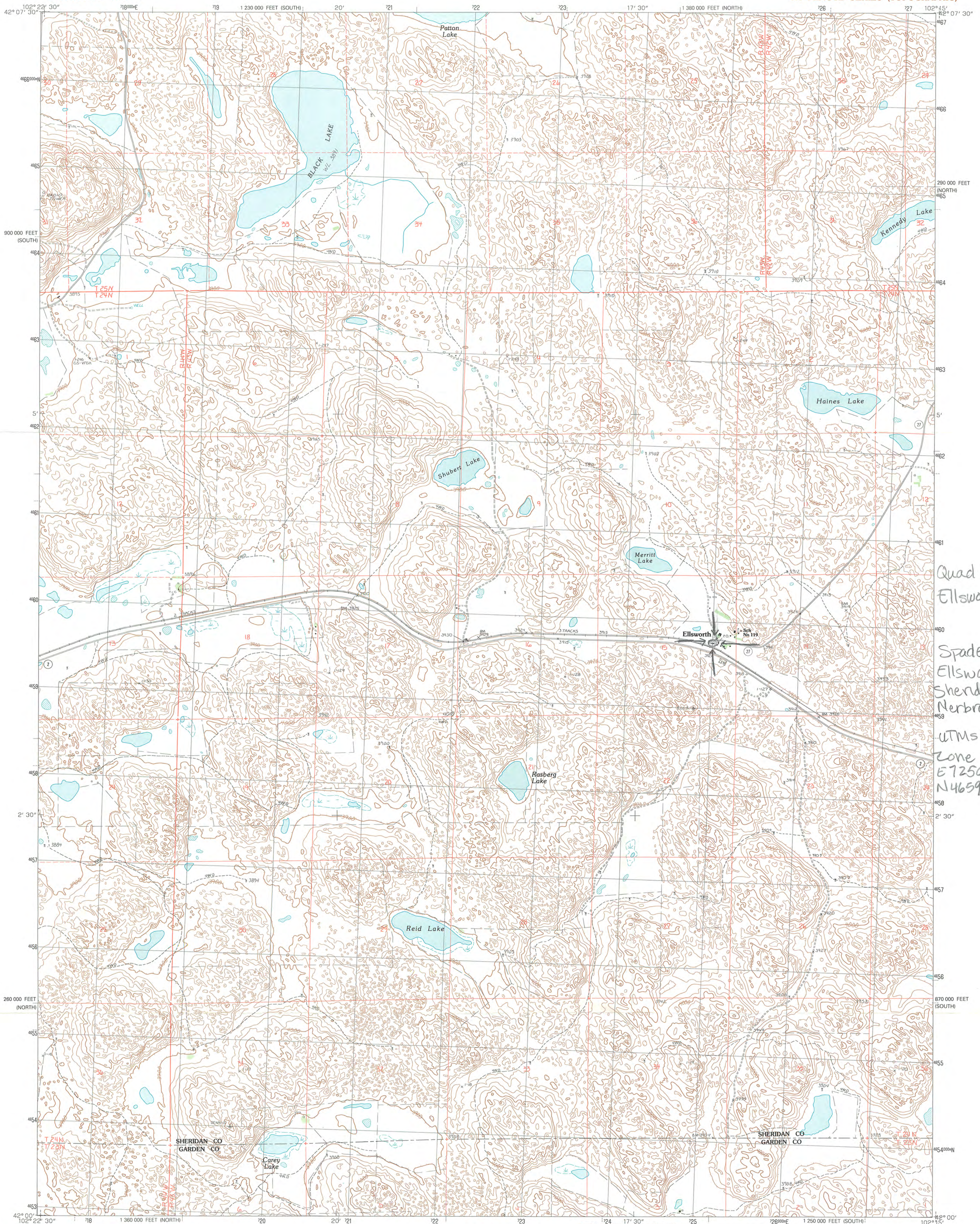
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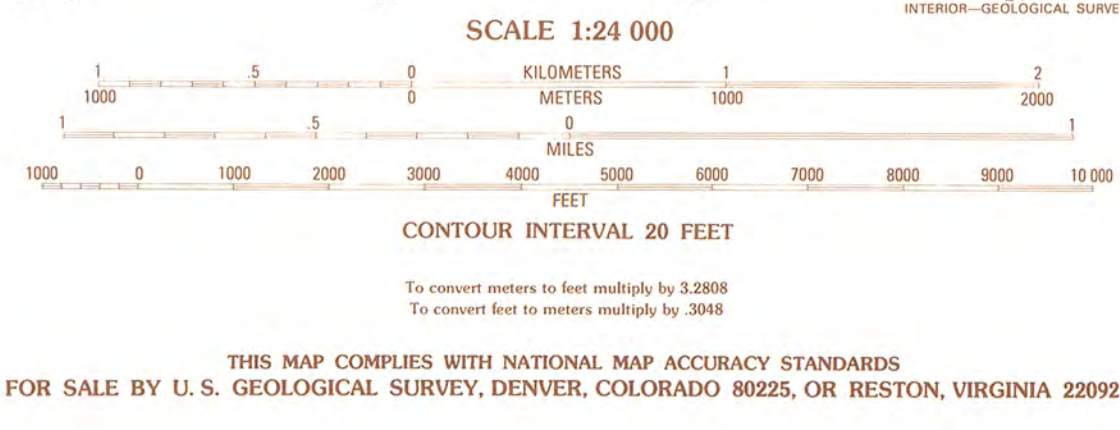
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Spade Store  
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CONTROL BY ..... USGS AND NOS/NOAA  
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FIELD CHECKED ..... MAP EDITED ..... 1986  
PROJECTION ..... LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC  
GRID: 1000-METER UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR ..... ZONE 13  
10,000-FOOT STATE GRID TICKS ..... NEBRASKA, NORTH ZONE  
AND SOUTH ZONE  
UTM GRID DECLINATION ..... 148° EAST  
1989 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION ..... 10°00' EAST  
VERTICAL DATUM ..... NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
HORIZONTAL DATUM ..... 1927 NORTH AMERICAN DATUM  
To place on the predicted North American Datum of 1983,  
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ROAD LEGEND

Improved Road .....  
Unimproved Road .....  
Trail .....

Interstate Route ..... U. S. Route ..... State Route .....

1	2	3	1 Peter Long Lake
4	5	6	2 White Lake
7	8	7	3 Arnold Lake
		8	4 Lakeside
			5 Gaunt Lake
			6 Schoonover Lake
			7 Black Lake
			8 McCarty Lake

ADJOINING 7.5 QUADRANGLE NAMES

NEBRASKA  
QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ELLSWORTH, NEBRASKA  
PROVISIONAL EDITION 1989

42102-A3-TF-024



July 21, 2010

J. Paul Loether  
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National Park Service  
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Washington, DC 20005

RE: Spade Ranch Store  
Ellsworth, Sheridan County, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Loether:

Please find enclosed the National Register of Historic Places nomination form for the above resource. This form has met all notification and other requirements as established in 36 CFR 60.

If you have any questions concerning this nomination, please let me know.

Sincerely,



L. Robert Puschendorf  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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