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National Park Service

**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 Civilian Conservation Corp Camp F-10  
other names/site number Rockerville CCC Camp

**2. Location**

street & number 13381 Silver Mountain Road not for publication N/A  
city or town Rapid City Vicinity x  
state South Dakota Code SD county Pennington code 103 zip code 57702

**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.)

Jay D. Voigt 12-15-2003  
Signature of certifying official Date

South Dakota SHPO  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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

**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: *Edson H. Beall*  
 Date of Action: *1/28/04*

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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**

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	Buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Structures
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Objects
<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941

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## 6. Function or Use

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### Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Camp  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Secondary structure  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## 7. Description

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### Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: CCC Affiliation  
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### Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Rock  
Roof Asphalt, metal  
Walls Wood  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

See 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.)

- 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.

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social History \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Period of Significance**

1933-1935 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**    1933  
                                  1935  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**    N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**    N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Architect/Builder**    Civilian Conservation Corp  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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(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:    N/A  
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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of Property** 3 acres

### UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>13</u>	<u>629907</u>	<u>4867275</u>	3	<u>13</u>	<u>629821</u>	<u>4867257</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>13</u>	<u>629903</u>	<u>4867191</u>	4			

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Chris Nelson  
organization SD State Historic Preservation Office date 20 October 2003  
street & number 900 Governors Drive telephone 605-773-3103  
city or town Pierre state SD zip code 57501

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## Additional Documentation

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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)

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## Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Kevin and Jeanette Grover

street & number 13381 Silver Mountain Road telephone 605-341-3401

city or town Rapid City state SD zip code 57702

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## Architectural Description

The Rockerville Civilian Conservation Corp Camp F-10 includes a hospital cabin, two officer's cabins, and a fireplace ruin that was part of the mess hall. The remaining buildings of Camp F-10 lie in a meadow surrounded by pine trees. The cabins sit along the edge of the meadow just inside the trees while the fireplace is in the open field to the east of the cabins.

### Officer's Cabin 1

This 11' x 13.5' cabin is built with round pine logs chinked with mortar. The logs have saddle notch joinery. The foundation is rock and the roof is metal. The gable roof has a pine log ridge pole with dimensional lumber rafters and sheathing. The façade (east elevation) has a door at the northeast corner and a lumber framed single pane window toward the southeast corner. The north and south elevations each have a single lumber framed single pane window. The west elevation has an external central chimney made of mica schist. There is a lumber frame porch at the base of the façade. The gable roof extends past the façade to overhang the porch.

The walls on the interior of the cabin have wood paneling. There is a log mantle over the chimney.

### Officer's Cabin 2

This 17' x 26' cabin is built with round logs chinked with mortar. The logs have saddle notch joinery. The foundation is rock and the roof is metal. The gable roof has a round pine log ridge pole flanked by two round pine log purlins. The roof has dimensional lumber sheathing. The façade (north elevation) has an entry at the northeast corner. There is a composite masonry chimney near the northwest corner made of schist and concrete. The east elevation has one two-pane lumber framed window near the northeast corner. The west elevation has a centered two-pane lumber framed window. The south elevation has a large opening near the southwest corner and a lumber framed six-pane window near the southeast corner. The porch on the east elevation was enclosed and clad with dimensional lumber in circa 1940.

The only major alterations on the interior are the circa 1940 addition that enclosed the porch.

### Hospital

The hospital is built with round pine logs chinked with mortar. The logs have saddle notch joinery. The building has a cross-shaped plan and a cross gable roof. The roof has round log ridge poles and dimensional lumber rafters. The building is divided into four wings.



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The east elevation of the east wing has a door at the northeast corner and lumber framed one-over-one double hung window. The north and south elevations of the east wing have a lumber framed one-over-one double hung window. The west elevation is attached to the building.

The east elevation of the north wing has a lumber frame one-over-one double hung window. The north elevation of the north wing has a door slightly off center to the east and a boarded window opening. The west elevation is bare. The south elevation is attached to the building.

The north, south and west elevations of the west wing each have a lumber framed one-over-one double hung window. The east elevation is attached to the building.

The east elevation of the south wing has a lumber framed one-over-one double hung window. The south elevation has a large central entry. The west elevation is bare. The north elevation attaches to the building.

The interior walls have wood paneling.

There is also a rose quartz retaining wall and stone steps to the east of the hospital building.

### Fireplace

There is a rose quartz and mica schist fireplace ruin to the east of the cabins. The north side of the fireplace has an embedded concrete slab with the carving "CCC 1933." To the south of the fireplace is a bench.

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The Civilian Conservation Corp Camp F-10 is located 15 miles southwest of Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota, near the town of Rockerville. The camp is significant under Criterion C for its CCC construction affiliation and under Criterion A for the role it played in employing South Dakotans during the Great Depression.

The western portion of Pennington County is located in the Black Hills National Forest. The area was first occupied by Euro American settlers during the Black Hills Gold Rush that began in 1876. Rockerville, which was named for the rocker type sluice boxes that the placer miners used, lies in the eastern Black Hills. The area has sporadic development but remains largely rural forest.

The Civilian Conservation Corp built Camp F-10 in 1933. Company 1794 was formed by men transferred from other companies and would be the only company to occupy the camp. The camp was occupied until May of 1935, at which time the company was transferred to Camp F-22 at Summit Peak. The men of Company 1794 were disbanded upon arrival and absorbed into Company 791 at Summit Peak when that camp consolidated with Camp Lightening Creek the same year.<sup>1</sup>

Camp F-10 consisted of 17 buildings including four 50 man barracks, a mess hall, a kitchen, a bath house, a cooks' quarters, a recreation hall, an administration building, a store room, a forester's cabin, a commanding officer's cabin, a hospital, a garage, a blacksmith shop, two storage cabins, and a water tower.<sup>2</sup> At any given time, there was up to 175 men in Company 1794 stationed at the camp involved in tree thinning, dam construction, bridge construction, trail building, campground improvements, and fire suppression as needed.<sup>3</sup> Most of the work was done under the supervision of the Forest Service.

The Civilian Conservation Corp was established in 1933 as part of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. The CCC employed hundreds of thousands of men throughout the nation on projects including: structural improvement, transportation, flood and erosion control, forest protection,

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<sup>1</sup> Lyle A. Derscheid. *The Civilian Conservation Corps in South Dakota, 1933-1945*. (Brookings: SD, South Dakota State University Foundation Press, 1991) 133.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, 132.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, 134.

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landscape and recreation, and range improvement.<sup>4</sup> Of the 52 CCC camps in South Dakota, 23 were Forest Service camps.<sup>5</sup> Overall the CCC provided employment for more than 32,000 men in South Dakota during its existence.<sup>6</sup>

Only three of the original buildings of Camp F-10 remain today. The two officer's cabins, the hospital cabin and the ruin of the fireplace of the mess hall are the only remaining structures. The majority of CCC buildings were prefabricated with interchangeable parts, which allowed for their disassembly and reuse when the camp closed.<sup>7</sup> The prefabricated buildings were developed by the U.S. Army in 1934 and became standard issue in CCC camps in 1936.<sup>8</sup> However, earlier CCC camp buildings were more solidly constructed and either donated or abandoned when the camp closed.<sup>9</sup> The three remaining buildings of Camp F-10 were constructed in 1933 before the camps became standardized. Historic photographs of Camp F-10 show what appear to be standardized barracks and secondary structures. It is likely that these structures were moved when the camp disbanded, either to another camp or to some other private or public entity.

The three remaining buildings and fireplace ruin retain a high degree of integrity. As one of the earlier CCC camps, there are three remaining log construction cabins that reflect the period before standardization. The cabins and fireplace ruin still convey an excellent sense of the history and time they represent. Camp F-10 is eligible under Criterion A for the role it played in employing South Dakotans during the Great Depression and under Criterion C for its CCC construction affiliation.

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<sup>4</sup> Michelle Dennis and Eugene Oregon. Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941. (Pierre: SD, South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, 1998), 28.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid, 16.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid, 27.

<sup>7</sup> Derscheid, 70.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid, 70.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid, 70.

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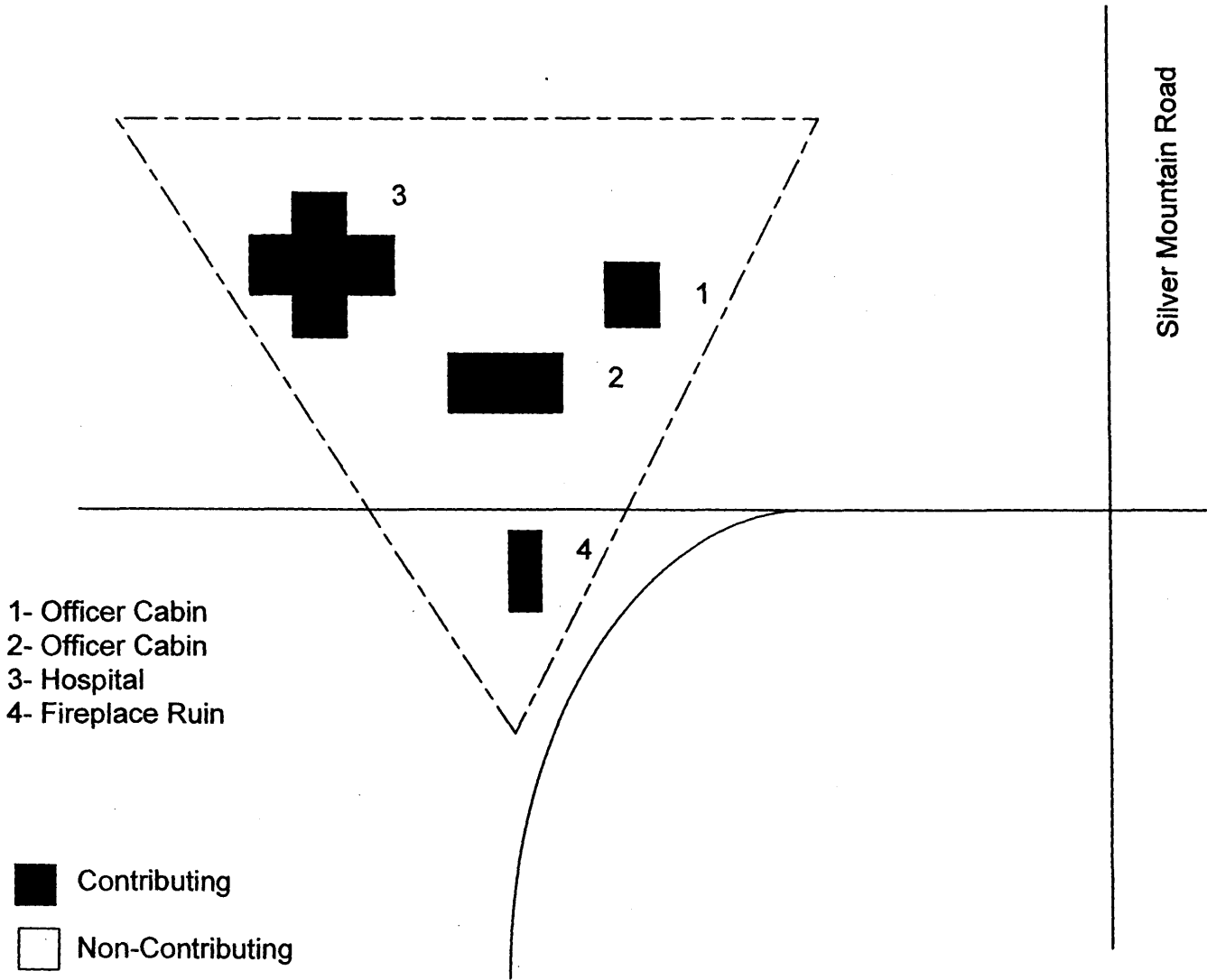
## Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is an imaginary line that is roughly in the shape of a triangle. The boundary starts at a point 10 feet off the east edge of the fire place and runs southwest to a point 10 feet off the southwest corner of the west wing of the hospital. The line then runs north to a point 10 feet of the northwest corner of the first officer's cabin. The line then runs southeast to the original starting point.

## Boundary Justification

The boundary surrounds the remaining built structures of Camp F-10.

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Rapid City Vicinity, Pennington County, South Dakota



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