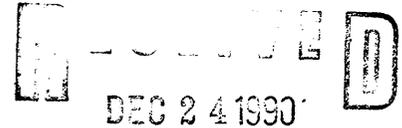


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

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 Red River Trail (Woods Trail): Goose Lake Swamp Section
other names/site number Pembina Trail

2. Location

street & number off Co. Hwy. 10 N/A not for publication
city, town Polk Centre Twp. St. Hilaire vicinity
state Minnesota code MN county Pennington code 113 zip code N/A

3. Classification

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Minnesota Red River Trails
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 Ian R. Stewart Date 12/11/90
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau Minnesota Historical Society

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. Patrick Andrus 2/6/91
 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): _____

(for) Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation/road-related

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation/road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

other: trail

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation

walls

roof

other earth

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

A one-mile fragment of the Woods Trail skirts the western edge of Goose Lake Swamp in Sections 18, 19 and 20 of Polk Centre Township (T152N R45W). The fragment is still used as an unimproved, unmaintained, public road. It appears as a simple dirt track with a grassy crown. The track is approximately 9 feet wide. As a county road, however, the trail is legally defined to have a 66-foot right-of-way.

This trail fragment is part of a ten-mile segment of the Woods Trail which is still used as a public road but is largely unimproved. Unfortunately, gravel pits have altered large portions of the ten-mile segment, and this one mile stretch is one of the only portions which retains enough integrity to be nominated to the National Register.

The fragment begins in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 20, at a junction with Pennington County Road 10. The county highway engineer has posted a sign at the start of the fragment, correctly identifying the track as the "Historic Pembina Trail." From the county road, the trail runs to the northwest, staying within approximately 100 feet of the western edge of Goose Lake Swamp. The edge of the swamp marks what was once the eastern shore of glacial Lake Agassiz, and is part of a low ridge which runs from current-day Pembina to Detroit Lakes. The terrain is generally flat, open and grassy. The swamp is hidden from view by a line of trees, marking the transition from high to low ground. Midway across Section 19, the trail passes through a small, abandoned gravel pit. The site is overgrown and does not intrude on the setting.

The eligible fragment ends in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 18, at a junction with a north-south gravelled road which marks the Pennington/Polk County boundary. Beyond this junction, the trail has been widened and gravelled, and it skirts several large, open gravel and sand pits.

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It is difficult to determine how extensively the trail fragment has been altered, since the Red River Trails tended to vary in appearance and location from year to year. The 1874 federal land survey of the area, however, does show the trail skirting the western edge of Goose Lake Swamp, along the ridge of the ancient glacial lake shore, on the same alignment it follows today. Coupled with the fact that there is no evidence of grading, ditching or other improvements, it appears that the route and condition of the trail are unchanged. Similarly, the land around the trail has not been developed and does not appear to be under cultivation. Goose Lake Swamp, in particular, has maintained its original appearance. In both setting and physical condition, therefore, the integrity of the trail fragment is very high.

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)
Transportation

Period of Significance
1844-1871

Significant Dates
1844

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
N/A

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

The site is a well-preserved fragment of the Woods Trail, and is significant in the context of the Red River Trails in Minnesota from 1835 to 1871. The trail fragment meets the following registration criteria: it conforms to the original route of the Woods Trail; it has excellent physical integrity, being an unimproved and unmaintained public road; it is in an undeveloped area which maintains its historic appearance; it is approximately one mile in length, and so long enough to evoke a sense of travel or function.

As part of the Woods Trail, the fragment was used for the Red River Trade from approximately 1844 to 1871. After long-distance trade ended in the early 1870s, most of the trail was eventually either improved for local traffic or abandoned. This trail fragment, however, is unusual in that it remained in public use but was never upgraded. It is actually part of a 10-mile stretch of unimproved road which follows the Woods Trail, and has been nominated for having the highest integrity. The fragment is the best Red River Trail remnant in the state, and an important, tangible link to the past.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Hess, Demian. Memo to the Minnesota SHPO on Ownership of Pembina Trail Fragments in Pennington and Polk Counties. 9 June 1989. Contained in Pennington and Polk Counties folder, Red River Trails Project files, Minnesota SHPO, St. Paul.

_____. Telephone interview with Thomas Kozojed, Pennington County Highway Engineer. 27 October, 1988; 9 June 1989.

U.S. Land Survey Plat for T152N R45W (1874), on file at the Office of the Secretary of the State, St. Paul.

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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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 8 acres

UTM References

A	<u>1</u> <u>4</u>	<u>6</u> <u>8</u> <u>7</u> <u>8</u> <u>8</u> <u>0</u>	<u>5</u> <u>3</u> <u>1</u> <u>7</u> <u>0</u> <u>3</u> <u>0</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C	<u>1</u> <u>4</u>	<u>6</u> <u>8</u> <u>9</u> <u>7</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u>	<u>5</u> <u>3</u> <u>1</u> <u>5</u> <u>4</u> <u>8</u> <u>0</u>

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Verbal Boundary Description

The property consists of a 66-foot wide strip of land centered on the line delineated on the accompanying map (USGS, 7.5 Minute Series, Dorothy Quadrangle). The line connects the following UTM reference points: A 14 687880 5317030, B 14 688670 5316140, C 14 689700 5315480.

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Boundary Justification

The property boundaries encompass the trail fragment's legally defined right-of-way. As a public road, these legal boundaries are historically associated with the property.

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