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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC 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.

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| 1. Name of Property |
| historic name <u>Bridge No. 3355</u> other names/site number N/A |
| 2. Location |
| street & number <u>U.S. Hwy. 169 over Whitefish Cr</u> not for publication <u>N/A</u> city or town <u>Kathio Twp Onamia</u> vicinity <u>X</u> state <u>Minnesota</u> code <u>MN</u> county <u>Mille Lacs</u> code <u>095</u> zip code <u>56359</u> |
| 3. State/Federal Agency Certification |
| As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that thisx 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 propertyx meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide x locally. (See continuation short for additional comments.) |
| Signature of certifying official Date |
| Ian R. Stewart, 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 for additional comments.) |
| Signature of commenting or other official Date |
| State or Federal agency and bureau |

| 4. National Park Service Certification |
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| 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): |
| Signature of Keeper Date of Action |
| 5. Classification |
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| Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) private public-local _X public-State public-Federal |
| Category of Property (Check only one box) building(s) district site _X structure object |
| Number of Resources within Property |
| Contributing Noncontributing 0 0 buildings 0 sites 1 0 structures 0 0 objects 1 0 Total |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register $\underline{\text{N/A}}$

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
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| 6. Funct | ion or Use |
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| | Functions (Enter categories from instructions) TRANSPORTATION Sub: road-related (vehicular) |
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| 7 Dosar | iption |
| Architect | tural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) THER: concrete slab |
| fo | s (Enter categories from instructions) oundation (Substructure) CONCRETE; STONE: Granite |
| Wa | allsConcreteled Concrete. STONE: |
| 01 | ther <u>(Superstructure)CONCRETE; STONE;</u> <u>Granite</u> |

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition

of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

| 8. Statement of Significance | | | | | | |
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| | Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more teria qualifying the property for National | | | | | |
| signi | Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. | | | | | |
| | erty is associated with the lives of persons ficant in our past. | | | | | |
| a ty repre artis disti | 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. | | | | | |
| | erty has yielded, or is likely to yield mation important in prehistory or history. | | | | | |
| Criteria Considerati | ons (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.) | | | | | |
| | owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes. | | | | | |
| B remov | red from its original location. | | | | | |
| C a bir | a birthplace or a grave. | | | | | |
| D a cem | a cemetery. | | | | | |
| E a rec | E a reconstructed building, object, or structure. | | | | | |
| F a commemorative property. | | | | | | |
| · | than 50 years of age or achieved significance n the past 50 years. | | | | | |
| Areas of Significano | e (Enter categories from instructions) ENGINEERING | | | | | |
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| Period of Significan | ce <u>1939</u> | | | | | |
| Significant Dates <u>19</u> | 39 | | | | | |

| Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) |
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| Cultural Affiliation |
| Architect/Builder <u>Contractor/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps</u> <u>Designer: National Park Service</u> |
| Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) |
| 9. Major Bibliographical References |
| (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 |
| Federal agency Local government |
| University |
| Other Name of repository: Minnesota Department of Transportation |
| 10. Geographical Data |
| Acreage of Property <u>less than one acre</u> |
| UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet) |
| Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing 1 |
| 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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| name/title Jeffrey A. Hess, Historian |
| organization Hess, Roise and Company |
| street & number The Foster House, 100 North First Street |
| city or town Minneapolis state MN zip code 5540] |
| telephone <u>(612) 338-1987</u> |
| date <u>September 1997</u> |
| 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 |
| (Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.) |
| name |
| street & number |
| telephone |
| city or town state zip code |
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Description

Overlooking Mille Lacs Lake, Bridge No. 3355 carries U.S. Highway 169 across Whitefish Creek in section 7 of rural Kathio Township. The bridge originally was built in 1921, as a 16-foot, concreteslab span with a 20-foot-wide roadway between solid-parapet concrete railings. In 1939, the bridge was widened on each side to accommodate a 60-foot-wide roadway with two granite sidewalks. The new deck portions were conventional concrete-slab work, but the abutment extensions were of stone, as were the new railings and retaining walls along the roadway. On the exterior, the masonry components were rock-faced, random-coursed granite. Plans for Bridge No. 3355, prepared by the National Park Service in 1938, are on file with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT). These drawings indicate that the bridge has not been significantly altered since its remodeling in 1939.

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Summary of Significance

In 1938, the National Park Service completed drawings for remodeling Bridge No. 3355, a concrete-slab structure originally built in 1921 according to a standard plan prepared by the Minnesota Highway Department. The work on Bridge No. 3355 was part of a general improvement of U.S. Highway 169 along Mille Lacs Lake, which included an extensive roadside-beautification and wayside-development component built during 1935-1940, in the vicinity of Garrison, by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). In its original design, Bridge No. 3355 was a 16-foot, concreteslab span with a 20-foot-wide roadway between solid-parapet concrete railings. The remodeling, completed in 1939, widened the bridge's abutments and slab on each side to accommodate a 60foot-wide roadway with two sidewalks. In keeping with the New Deal's labor-intensive, work-relief aesthetic, the CCC adorned Bridge No. 3355 with meticulous stonework, covering its new abutment extensions, railings, and retaining walls with rockfaced, random-coursed granite.

As one of Minnesota's rare examples of an ornamental concrete-slab bridge, Bridge No. 3355 is eligible for the National Register for its design under Criterion C, within the historic context of "Reinforced-Concrete Highway Bridges in Minnesota, 1900-1945." The Multiple Property Documentation Form associated with this context states, in Registration Criterion 5, that a concrete highway bridge may be eligible under Criterion C if it displays notable aesthetics. With its elaborate, well-executed, ornamental stonework, Bridge No. 3355 fulfills this criterion.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The general area of the nominated property is a rectangle 72 feet wide, whose long center axis parrallels the centerline of the bridge. The property is bounded at each end by the outer edges of the abutments.

Boundary Justification

Based on measurements provided by the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the boundaries enclose the entire historic resource.