### 1. NAME
COMMON:
Old Ft. C.F. Smith and related sites
AND/OR HISTORIC:
or Fort C.F. Smith Historic District

### 2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER:
One mile east of the town of Fort Smith, Montana
CITY OR TOWN:
Fort Smith, Montana
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area
STATE:
Montana
COUNTY:
Big Horn

### 3. CLASSIFICATION
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Museum
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other (Specify): Comments

### 4. AGENCY
National Park Service
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Rocky Mountain Region
CITY OR TOWN:
Denver
STATE:
Colorado
CODE: 08

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Big Horn County Courthouse
CITY OR TOWN:
Hardin
STATE:
Montana
CODE: 30

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY:
DATE OF SURVEY:
- Federal
- State
- County
- Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
National Park Service, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

STREET AND NUMBER:
Interior Building, 18th & 19th Streets at Virginia Ave., NW
CITY OR TOWN:
Washington
STATE:
D.C.
CODE: 0010
None of the walls or structures are standing at this time. However, guided tours are assisted by drawings of what the fort like at the time it was garrisoned. With the aid of these sketches, visitors are able, with a little assistance from Park Interpreters, to locate all walls and structures from the outlines of walls and foundations which can still be seen at this time. (copy of sketch attached)

The ruts of the Bozeman Trail can still be seen in the vicinity of the fort. Portions of the trail have been followed all the way from Ft. Laramie to Virginia City.

The post cemetery is now grown over with grass and nothing remains to mark the site although the location is pretty well known locally.

Stretches of the Old Wood Road can be seen from the fort site all the way up the switchbacks of the new Ok-A-Beh road and beyond toward the Big Horn Mountains.

The Lime Quarry is very evident and remains very much the same as it was when limestone was last quarried there.

The Lime Kiln is just a heap of rubble but for those who are familiar with such structures - it leaves little doubt as to what its functions were.
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Aboriginal
- Prehistoric
- Historic
- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Art
- Commerce
- Communications
- Conservation
- Education
- Engineering
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape
- Architecture
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Political
- Religion
- Science
- Sculpture
- Social
- Humanitarian
- Theater
- Transportation
- Urban Planning
- Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

By 1860 the expanding white frontier had begun to threaten the northern plains tribes and with the 60's came the first large scale warfare between the array and the most powerful northern tribe, the Sioux, and its allies, the Cheyenne and Arapaho.

Fort C.F. Smith, one of three forts built to guard the Bozeman Trail leading to the newly established mining towns in southwestern Montana, was at the center of this conflict.

The fort itself was never directly attacked. Instead, Red Cloud's warriors concentrated their assaults on supply trains patrols and work details outside the protection of the fort's walls.

Although the Indians failed to win any decisive victories along the Bozeman Trail, it became increasingly difficult for the army to protect itself, much less keep the entire trail open to civilian traffic. Peace advocates in Washington prevailed and in 1866 the forts and the trail they were meant to protect were abandoned to Red Cloud's warriors who promptly burned the forts.

Included with the Fort C.F. Smith nomination are the remains of a portion of the Bozeman Trail where it passed the fort and crossed the Bighorn River.

Likewise included is the site of the post cemetery. In 1892 the bodies and a stone monument were removed to Custer National Cemetery.

Also included are traces of the Wood Road which led from the fort to the Limestone Quarry and pineries that provided building material for the fort. In 1877 the quarry also provided material for Fort Custer and in 1879 the area was made a "Limestone Reservation" by the army. Where the Wood Road crosses Lime Kiln Creek lies the remains of a lime kiln which is also included in the nomination.

Fort C.F. Smith 1st order of significance
Bozeman Trail 1st order of significance
Wood Road, Quarry & Kiln 2nd order of significance
Cemetery site 3rd order of significance
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


David, Robert B., Finn Burnett, Frontiersman, Glendale, 1937.

Lockhart, James D., Life and Adventures of a Drummer Boy, Albany, 1893.


10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Approximate acreage of nominated property: 307 acres; 47 Ft. Smith: 260 Quarry

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ None

Ashley C. Roberts
State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is ☐ National ☐ State ☐ Local

Federal Representative Signature

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST:

Federal Representative Signature

Date: 1/24/75

Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1/24/75
**1. NAME**

- **COMMON:** Lime Kiln

**2. LOCATION**

- **STREET AND NUMBER:** Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Montana
- **CITY OR TOWN:** Fort Smith
- **STATE:** Montana

**3. PHOTO REFERENCE**

- **PHOTO CREDIT:** Virgil J. Olson
- **DATE OF PHOTO:** 7/26/73
- **NEGATIVE FILED AT:** HQ Bighorn Canyon NRA adm. bldg. neg. # 775

**4. IDENTIFICATION**

- **DESCRIPTION:** Taken from a northeasterly direction. Very little remains to indicate this was a lime kiln. However, the general shape of the kiln can be seen and cleanings from the kiln can be identified near the site.
### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

**PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)*

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Taken from a northeasterly direction. Because of its location at top of a hill - a more distant shot was necessary to show the site in its entire aspect.
### 1. NAME

**COMMON:** Bozeman Trail

**AND/OR HISTORIC:**

### 2. LOCATION

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Montana

**CITY OR TOWN:** Fort Smith

**STATE:** Montana

**CODE COUNTY:**
- CODE: 30
- COUNTY: Big Horn

### 3. PHOTO REFERENCE

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**DATE OF PHOTO:** 7/26/73

**NEGATIVE FILED AT:** HQ Bighorn Canyon NRA adm. bldg. neg. # 772

### 4. IDENTIFICATION

**DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.:**

Taken from an easterly direction showing faint outline of old trail ruts. The trail is somewhat clearer in other locations but due to the proximity of these to Old Fort C.F. Smith - they seem to be the most logical for interpretation.
COMMON: Fort C. F. Smith
AND/OR HISTORIC:

STATE: Montana
COUNTY: Big Horn

STREET AND NUMBER: Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Montana
CITY OR TOWN: Fort Smith

PHOTO CREDIT: Virgil J. Olson
DATE OF PHOTO: 7/26/73
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Headquarters-Bighorn Canyon NRA adm. bldg. neg. 771

DESCRIPTION VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
Picture taken from an easterly direction of the east corner of the fort. Low dark-colored mound to left center is remaining foundation of one of the three enlisted men's barracks. Mound to right center is remains of quartermaster building. Faint outline in center foreground is remains of guardhouse/blockhouse.
**PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

**State:** Montana  
**County:** Big Horn

### 1. NAME
- **Common:** Old Fort C.F. Smith Cemetery
- **And/or Historic:**

### 2. LOCATION
- **Street and Number:** Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Montana  
- **City or Town:** Fort Smith  
- **State:** Montana

### 3. PHOTO REFERENCE
- **Photo Credit:** Virgil J. Olson  
- **Date of Photo:** 7/26/73  
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### 4. IDENTIFICATION
- **Describe View, Direction, Etc.:**
  
  Taken from a southwesterly direction. Actual location of the cemetery is pretty well known locally although the site is grown over to grasses and natural vegetation.
COMMON: Old Wood Road
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Montana
CITY OR TOWN: Fort Smith
STATE: Montana
STATE CODE: 30
COUNTY: Big Horn
COUNTY CODE: 003

3. PHOTO REFERENCE
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DATE OF PHOTO: 7/26/73
NEGATIVE FILED AT: HQ Bighorn Canyon NRA adm. bldg. neg. # 776

4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
Taken from a southeasterly direction. This road can be traced from Old. Fort C.F. Smith all the way to where it leaves the Bighorn Canyon boundary and continues up the Big Horn mountains.