**INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**
**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**1. NAME**
- **COMMON:** Lenore Site

**2. LOCATION**
- **STREET AND NUMBER:** (Blank)
- **CITY OR TOWN:** Lenore, Vic.
- **STATE:** Idaho
- **CODE:** 16
- **COUNTY:** Nez Perce
- **CODE:** 069

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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**PRESENT USE:**
- [ ] Agricultural
- [X] Commercial
- [X] Educational
- [X] Government
- [X] Industrial
- [X] Military
- [X] Religious
- [X] Museum
- [X] Scientific
- [X] Transportation

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**
- **OWNER'S NAME:** State of Idaho, Department of Highways
- **STREET AND NUMBER:** (Blank)
- **CITY OR TOWN:** Boise, Idaho
- **STATE:** Idaho
- **CODE:** (Blank)

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**
- **COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:** Nez Perce County Courthouse
- **STREET AND NUMBER:** (Blank)
- **CITY OR TOWN:** Lewiston
- **STATE:** Idaho
- **CODE:** 16

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

| TITLE OF SURVEY: |
| DATE OF SURVEY: |
| [ ] Federal |
| [ ] County |
| [ ] Local |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: |
| STREET AND NUMBER: |
| CITY OR TOWN: |
The Lenore site is ____________________, which it is situated protects it from prevailing winds which sweep through the area. Steeper slopes and higher uplands line the canyon, which is narrower here than farther downstream, and narrows more upriver. Ground-water seepage is in evidence at both lower levels at the site.
**PERIOD** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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**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
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Political
- Religion/Philosophy
- Science
- Sculpture
- Social/Humanitarian
- Theater
- Urban Planning
- Other (Specify)

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Archaeological data collected at Lenore, excavated between 1967-71, have provided a number of conclusions about the prehistoric inhabitants of the area:

1. With an occupation going back 10,000 years ago (and a relatively rich array of specimens of the same period as early Marmes rockshelter), Lenore is the earliest site in Nez Perce territory.

2. It has the longest sequence of prehistoric occupation in the region.

3. It has an unusual village of large oval pithouses occupied from about 900 B.C. to A.D. 1300. This is one of the oldest, as well as longest used, villages in the Columbia Plateau.

4. A complex array of associated tools found in the houses allows a long-range study of prehistoric household patterns.

5. Relations between culture change and changing environments are established at Lenore.
   a. The eastern Intermontane region was initially occupied by peoples of a big-game hunting tradition.
   b. Changes in availability and kind of game during a dry period (7000 to 5500 B.C.) brought a decline in the big-game hunting tradition. Tools and occupation distribution patterns changed. Those were lean times for men and animals alike.

6. Lenore and the Clearwater valley seem to mark the eastern border of Old Cordilleran culture.
Toups, Polly A.

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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 APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less Than One Acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Earl H. Swanson
ORGANIZATION: Idaho State University Museum
STREET AND NUMBER: Focotello

STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is: National [ ] State [ ] Local [ ]

Name [ ]
Title [ ]
Date [ ]

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/21/74

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of the National Register

Date 11/21/74
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

1. NAME

COMMON: Lenore
AND/OR HISTORIC: 

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Section 34, R2W, T37N, 116° 33' 45", 46° 30' 37"
CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: Idaho

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Idaho Historical Society
DATE OF PHOTO:
NEGATIVE FILED AT:

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View from the west of the archeologists at work.