United States Department of the Interior
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 Bulletin 16A 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 Beaver Lake Dam

other names/site number 49SIT-362

2. Location

street & number Admiralty Island National Monument

not for publication N/A

city or town Angoon vicinity X

state Alaska code AK county Skagway-Yakutat-Angoon code 231

zip code 99820
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.)

[Signature]

10-3-95

Date

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

√ entered in the National Register  [Signature] [Date]

See continuation sheet.

See continuation sheet.

See continuation sheet.

See continuation sheet.

See continuation sheet.

[Signature] [Date]

Other (explain): _____________________
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**

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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.)

**Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Historic Properties in Alaska:**

**Admiralty Island Civilian Conservation Corps Canoe Route, 1933-1937**

6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)**

- **Cat:** Recreation & Culture
- **Sub:** Outdoor Recreation

**Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)**

- **Cat:** Recreation & Culture
- **Sub:** Outdoor Recreation
7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: dam

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A
roof N/A
walls N/A
other log, shake

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

The Beaver Lake Dam was built on the outlet stream of Beaver Lake, 75 feet downstream from the lake outlet. Its purpose was to improve the navigability of the canoe route by raising the level of Beaver Lake about three feet, thereby deepening the channel between Alexander Lake and Beaver Lake. Now, without maintenance, the dam still holds some water and effectively raises the level of Beaver Lake by one to two feet.

The dam was simply constructed using a twelve inch diameter log about 45 feet long as the main structural member or stringer. This log was wedged cross-wise in the stream at a narrow bedrock constriction, where the stream would otherwise be less than one foot deep. Split planks about six feet long were nailed (using galvanized nails) to the top of the log at a 45 degree angle so that the tops of the split planks pointed downstream. Large rocks were placed in the water at the base of the split planks on the upstream side to hold the planks down against the force of the water. Rocks were also used to chink under the stringer and under the split planks, to further support the dam against water pressure.

While some of the chinking rocks have been displaced and the stringer has sagged, thereby lowering its effective height, the dam still raises the level of Beaver Lake. In some seasons the water level of Beaver Lake completely obscures the dam at its current effective height.
Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

X 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.

X 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.) N/A

___ 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)

Entertainment/Recreation
Architecture

Period of Significance 1933-1937

Significant Dates 1936

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Civilian Conservation Corps
8. Significance (continued)

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

The Beaver Lake Dam was designed and built in 1936 as an integral part of the Admiralty Island Civilian Conservation Corps Canoe Route. The dam was intended to raise the level of Beaver Lake and make the channel between Beaver Lake and Alexander Lake more navigable. Although it has sagged over the years and has not been maintained, the dam still functions to increase the height of Beaver Lake.

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Sorensen, Conner

See Multiple Property Documentation Form

Previous documentation on file (NPS) N/A
__ 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
X Federal agency
__ Local government
__ University
__ Other

Name of repository: Admiralty Island National Monument, Juneau
10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property  less than 1 acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The Beaver Lake Dam is a linear feature 45 feet long and 6 feet wide, but its natural context includes the creek vicinity within sight, about 100 feet downstream and 100 feet upstream, and 50 feet up either creek bank, all occurring in a small circumscribed area of less than one acre in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 48 South, Range 69 East, Copper River Meridian.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The Beaver Lake dam boundary includes the dam itself and the natural environment within eyesight of a person standing near the dam.

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Property Owner

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

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city or town  Juneau  state AK  zip code 99802
Section

Photograph identification

1. 49SIT-362, Beaver Lake Dam
Civilian Conservation Corps Historic Properties in Alaska
Admiralty Island Civilian Conservation Corps Canoe Route, 1933-1937
Skagway-Yakutat-Angoon, Alaska
Charles M. Mobley
8/10/92 (frame is labeled with incorrect date)
Admiralty Island National Monument, Juneau
Looking south at dam
1. 4G SIT-362 Beaver Lake Dam
Civilian Conservation Corps (ccc) Historic Properties in Alaska;
The Admiralty Island Civilian Conservation Corps Canoe Route,
1933-1937.
2. Southeast Alaska
3. Charles M. Mobley
4. 8/10/92 (incorrect date block on frame)
5. USDA Forest Service, Admiralty Island National Monument,
   Juneau, Alaska,
6. Looking southeast at dam; downstream is to the right.
7. #1.