





landscapes and natural form in design.

**Integrity:**

- The Ames Monument retains its original design, materials, workmanship, and setting. The monument is in very good condition. The location—a windswept knoll at over 8,000 feet in elevation—experiences severe weather conditions, but far from deteriorating the monument, as Frederick law Olmsted remarked in a letter to Frederick Lothrop Ames in 1887, the effects of weathering “in the next thousand years will, I should think, no more than improve it.”
- Today, visitors arrive by car instead of train, but the surrounding landscape of the high plains of Southeastern Wyoming still serves as the dramatic context of the monument. The two portrait reliefs by Augustus Saint-Gaudens have been slightly damaged by vandals (noses broken by rifle shots).
- Recent stabilization and restoration work by Wyoming State Parks has assured the continued stability of the monument.

**Owner of Property:** Wyoming State Parks

**Acreage of Property:** 8.443

**Origins of Nomination:** The Wyoming State Preservation Office commissioned consultants to prepare a nomination.

**Potential for Positive Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program:**

- The Ames Monument is one of the most significant architectural works in the State of Wyoming. The monument has a strong constituency of western historians, architectural historians, and citizen groups.
- Designation will recognize this property which scholars (from Van Rensselaer, to Russell-Hitchcock, to O’Gorman) have long recognized as one of the most significant works of the preeminent American architect of the era.
- Designation will enhance the economic potential of heritage tourism in southeastern Wyoming.

**Potential for Negative Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program:** None known.

**Landmarks Committee Comments:**

**Landmarks Committee Recommendation:** Designation. Dr. Allan moved, Dr. Chen seconded; unanimous approval.

**Public Comments Favoring Designation (received as of 11/10/15):**

Peter S. Thompson, Jr., Stuart, Florida

**Advisory Board Recommendation:**