

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: PROPOSED MOVE

PROPERTY Washington County Road 35 Bridge  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Historic Bridges of Arkansas MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Washington

DATE RECEIVED: 4/22/16 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/07/16  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 00000637

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 6-7-2016 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Accept move  
see attached ltr*

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER *[Signature]* \_\_\_\_\_

DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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### REASONS FOR THE MOVE:

The Washington County Road 35 Bridge has been deemed unsafe for vehicular traffic and is currently closed to all traffic. The proposed move will relocate the bridge about three miles to the north in order to provide another crossing over the West Fork of the White River, which it currently spans. The new location, at the city park, will provide a crossing over the West Fork of the White River for pedestrian and bicyclists, and will once again open the bridge to traffic. The bridge will be integrated into the Razorback Greenway, which is a bike and pedestrian trail that is being developed throughout Northwest Arkansas.

### EFFECT ON PROPERTY'S HISTORICAL INTEGRITY:

The proposed move will have some impact on the Washington County Road 35 Bridge, specifically with respect to its setting. Its current setting, to the south of West Fork, is rural by nature with open fields and scattered woods in the vicinity. The proposed setting is located in town, and is therefore much more built up. The Washington County Road 35 Bridge currently spans the West Fork of the White River on an east-west orientation, and will have a northeast-southwest orientation in the proposed location, which is governed by the length of the bridge and the direction that the West Fork of the White River flows in the proposed location. The Washington County Road 35 Bridge was listed on the National Register under Criterion C for its engineering. As the original nomination stated, the bridge "embodies the distinctive characteristics of a Camelback truss, through-truss bridge and is the best example of such design in the surrounding area." Once it is relocated to the proposed location, the bridge will still retain the qualities that made it significant for its engineering when it was listed on June 9, 2000.

### INFORMATION ON THE NEW SITE:

The proposed site for the Washington County Road 35 Bridge is located immediately to the southeast of the current Highway 156/West Main Street crossing over the West Fork of the White River. It is approximately three miles to the north of the bridge's current site. To the south and southeast of the site is the city park. Scattered buildings are located to the west and northeast of the site, while open space with scattered trees is located to the north of the site. Interestingly, a bridge originally occupied the proposed site of the Washington County Road 35 Bridge, but it was removed when the current Highway 156/West Main Street bridge was built.

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### Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

### Photo Log

Name of Property: Washington County Road 35 Bridge Proposed Location

City or Vicinity: West Fork

County: Washington County State: Arkansas

Photographer: Callie Williams

Date Photographed: January 26, 2016

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 5. View of the proposed site, looking northeast.

2 of 5. View of the proposed site, looking east.

3 of 5. View west from the proposed site.

4 of 5. View south from the proposed site.

5 of 5. View southeast from the proposed site.









