

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY Rulo Bridge
NAME:

MULTIPLE Highway Bridges in Nebraska MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEBRASKA, Richardson

DATE RECEIVED: 10/02/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/17/15
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000718

NOMINATOR: STATE

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: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 11-16-15 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED
from
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove

REVIEWER Edson Beall DISCIPLINE Kistler

TELEPHONE _____ DATE 11-16-15

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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Nat. Register of Historic Places
National Park Service

September 21, 2015

Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service – National Register of Historic Places
1201 "I" Street NW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Keeper:

In September 2000, the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office (NeSHPO) presented the *Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office Guidelines for Removing Properties from the National Register of Historic Places* to the Nebraska Historic Preservation Board. The Board subsequently adopted these guidelines.

The Rulo Bridge in Richardson County, a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is no longer extant, and therefore no longer exhibits those characteristics that made it eligible for listing.

As documented in 36 CFR 60.15 (a) (1), loss of integrity supplies grounds for removing properties from the National Register.

Rulo Bridge (RH00-066)

In 1933, a group led by John Mullen of Falls City, Nebraska, laid the groundwork for the Rulo Bridge, located near Rulo, Nebraska, when it secured permission from Congress to build and operate a toll bridge over the Missouri River. The War Department approved the bridge in May, but several months later Mullen approached the Richardson County Board with an offer to assign the county all rights to the bridge. The county accepted Mullen's offer, but only on the condition that it would not have to pay for construction. Mullen proposed that the county apply for a federal grant and loan, but the process lagged for almost five years. In September 1938, the Public Works Administration agreed to fund nearly one half of the bridge's construction. To cover the balance, the county issued bonds that would be repaid through bridge toll revenue. Construction began in 1938, and it was completed in November 1939. The bridge had concrete abutments and wingwalls with a superstructure of steel, 16-panel riveted Pennsylvania through truss with riveted Warren deck trusses. Its concrete decks were very narrow by modern standards.

Current Physical Description

The Rulo Bridge was deemed too narrow and incapable of carrying the weight load necessary for a modern bridge. A new bridge was constructed 650 feet south of the historic bridge in 2013, and the original bridge was demolished, partly through implosion and partly by hand, in January 2014. The project went through Section 106 Review, and the bridge was recorded according to HAER Standards prior to demolition. Those characteristics that caused this bridge to be eligible for listing no longer exist.

On September 4, 2015, the NeSHPO presented this information to the Nebraska Historic Preservation Board and recommended removal of the Rulo Bridge from the National Register. The Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

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Please remove the Rulo Bridge (NeHBS RH00-066) from the National Register of Historic Places, pursuant to 36 CFR 60.15 (a) (1). You may direct any questions regarding the removal of this property to Jill Dolberg, 402-471-4773. Thank you.

Sincerely,



L. Robert Puschendorf
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer





**PROPOSED MISSOURI RIVER BRIDGE
AT RULO, NEBRASKA**

Project Number 150-7(10)
Contract Number 1281
Structure Number 0-129 (1-27)
October 2008

US HIGHWAY 169

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