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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Maintenance Area District

other names/site number buildings 59, 60, 63, 64

2. Location

street & number Mammoth Cave National Park (MACA)

not for publication NA

city, town Mammoth Cave

vicinity NA

state Kentucky

code KY

county Edmonson

code 061

zip code 42259

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal (checked)

Category of Property

- building(s), district (checked), site, structure, object

Number of Resources within Property

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total.

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Mammoth Cave National Park

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official [Signature]

Date 3/20/91

State or Federal agency and bureau National Park Service

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official David L. Morgan

Date Jan. 8, 1991

State or Federal agency and bureau State Historic Preservation Officer, Kentucky Heritage Council

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. (checked)
determined eligible for the National Register.
determined not eligible for the National Register.
removed from the National Register.
other, (explain):

Signature of the Keeper Patrick Anders

Date 5/8/91

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government: fire station

Other: ranger station

Other: NPS storage building

Other: NPS maintenance facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government: fire station

Other: ranger station

Other: NPS storage building

Other: NPS maintenance facility

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: NPS rustic

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation sandstone

walls sandstone

roof slate, asphalt shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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## 7. Description of present and historic physical appearance.

The Maintenance Area District is located approximately one mile southeast of Mammoth Cave National Park Headquarters, west of the Maintenance Area access road. The district consists of two contributing buildings, repair shop (#59), and warehouse/maintenance building (#63); one contributing structure, the paint shed/oil house (#60); and four non-contributing structures, the fire hall (#64), a kennel, the vehicle wash structure (#318), and the petroleum storage structure (#312).

All of the contributing members of the Maintenance Area District were constructed in close proximity to one another by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the years 1939 to 1941. The most significant feature of each building in this district is the thick sandstone masonry of both the exterior and interior walls. The buildings also all have sandstone window casings and sills, concrete foundations and floors, and asphalt shingled roofs. Since their construction, alterations have been made to most of these CCC-constructed buildings and a number of warehouses and garages have been constructed in the vicinity within the past two decades to meet the needs of the park's growing Maintenance Department. The additions to the Maintenance Area, which have been made in a similar style and with the same type of materials, do not adversely affect the historic character of the district. Integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association in the district are intact.

## INVENTORY LIST

From north to south:

Fire Hall, #64 (NC)

The Fire Hall has served as both fire station and ranger station since its construction around 1958. The entire structure currently has two doors, one overhead door, and three windows. Originally this one story building had two offices and a garage for the park's fire truck. The building faces the Maintenance access road (east). In addition to its thick sandstone walls and asphalt-shingled, gable roof, the original portion of the fire hall has a board and batten front and upper gables and a wood overhead garage door.

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In the 1960s the Job Corps built a two room addition onto the west side of the building. The addition also has two sandstone walls, one board and batten wall (west wall), and a low pitched, asphalt-shingled, gable roof, which is perpendicular to the roof of the original structure.

Kenel (NC)

Four wood dog houses surrounded by a chain link fence, constructed in the 1960s as temporary housing for stray animals found in the park.

Paint Shed/Oil House, #60 (C)

The paint shed/oil house, measuring 18' X 18', is a one room, one story sandstone building with a pyramidal asphalt-shingled roof, constructed to hold flammable materials, such as paint, gas, and oil. The structure has two six-paned windows, a batten door, and a louvered cupola which, like the larger structure, has a pyramidal roof. The paint shed is unaltered, in excellent condition, and still serves the same function for which it was constructed.

Vehicle Wash Structure, #318 (NC)

Sandstone structure constructed by the Job Corps in the 1960s.

Repair Shop, #59 (C)

The Repair Shop is a one story, rectangular (110' X 32'6") sandstone building which faces south. Constructed to serve as a garage and repair area for National Park Service vehicles and equipment, the shop was constructed with seven rooms, two doors, six overhead garage doors (on the south side of the building) and

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sixteen windows (ten of which are on the north side of the building).

One of the original rooms has been divided into two rooms and a hallway within the last decade. The original asphalt-shingled roof was covered with a protective coating in the last few years, which does somewhat change the appearance of the building. Aside from these slight alterations, the building is essentially unchanged, in excellent condition, and still serves the function for which it was constructed.

Petroleum Storage Structure (NC)

Sandstone and wood petroleum storage and pumping structure built by the Job Corps in the 1960s.

Warehouse/Maintenance Building, #63 (C)

Building #63, originally built to serve as a warehouse, now functions as the park's maintenance building. The rectangular sandstone building measures 92'6" by 31'6", has a gabled roof, and faces the Repair shop across the parking lot to the north. The warehouse has a 59' long, 8' wide sandstone loading dock on its front.

Since the building has been converted to office space, one of the two original overhead garage doors has been replaced with glass entry doors, and one of the four front windows has been made into a door. The structure now has a total of thirteen windows, two doors, and one overhead garage door. The original asphalt-shingled roof has been covered with a protective coating which somewhat alters the appearance of the building. The alterations do not adversely affect the historic character of the building.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G    N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Entertainment/recreation  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance

1939-1942  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1942  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Civilian Conservation Corps  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References

A 

Zone	Easting						Northing											

C 

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B 

Zone	Easting						Northing											

D 

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Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

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8. Statement of significance, criteria justification, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance.

The Maintenance Area District is historically significant in the area of Entertainment/recreation and represents the property type "Civilian Conservation Corps Buildings and Structures" (for property type information, see Section III of the Historic Resource Study, pages D-20 to D-21). The period of significance, 1939 to 1942, falls within the years that the CCC was constructing buildings and structures during the development of Mammoth Cave National Park, i.e., 1933-1942. Though some of the buildings were constructed after 1939 and remain slightly shy of their fiftieth birthday, they deserve exceptional status as the only buildings of their type and function among the CCC-constructed buildings in Mammoth Cave National Park.

When the Civilian Conservation Corps was created in 1933 by the Roosevelt administration, the Mammoth Cave properties were in transition from private and state ownership to national park status. The CCC was charged with the responsibility of developing a recreational wilderness area out of what had been primarily agricultural land for decades. In addition to razing structures, planting trees, and building roads and park facilities, the CCC also constructed buildings and structures to meet the operational needs of a National Park, such as employee housing, maintenance facilities, ranger stations, and an entire plumbing system.

The buildings in the Maintenance Area were constructed from 1939 to 1941 to meet the ongoing physical needs of the newly developed national park and are important reminders of the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps at Mammoth Cave. Though some have been altered and their uses have been changed, the original Maintenance Area structures still serve the same basic function: the management, storage, and maintenance of National Park Service vehicles and equipment.



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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: less than one acre

UTM References

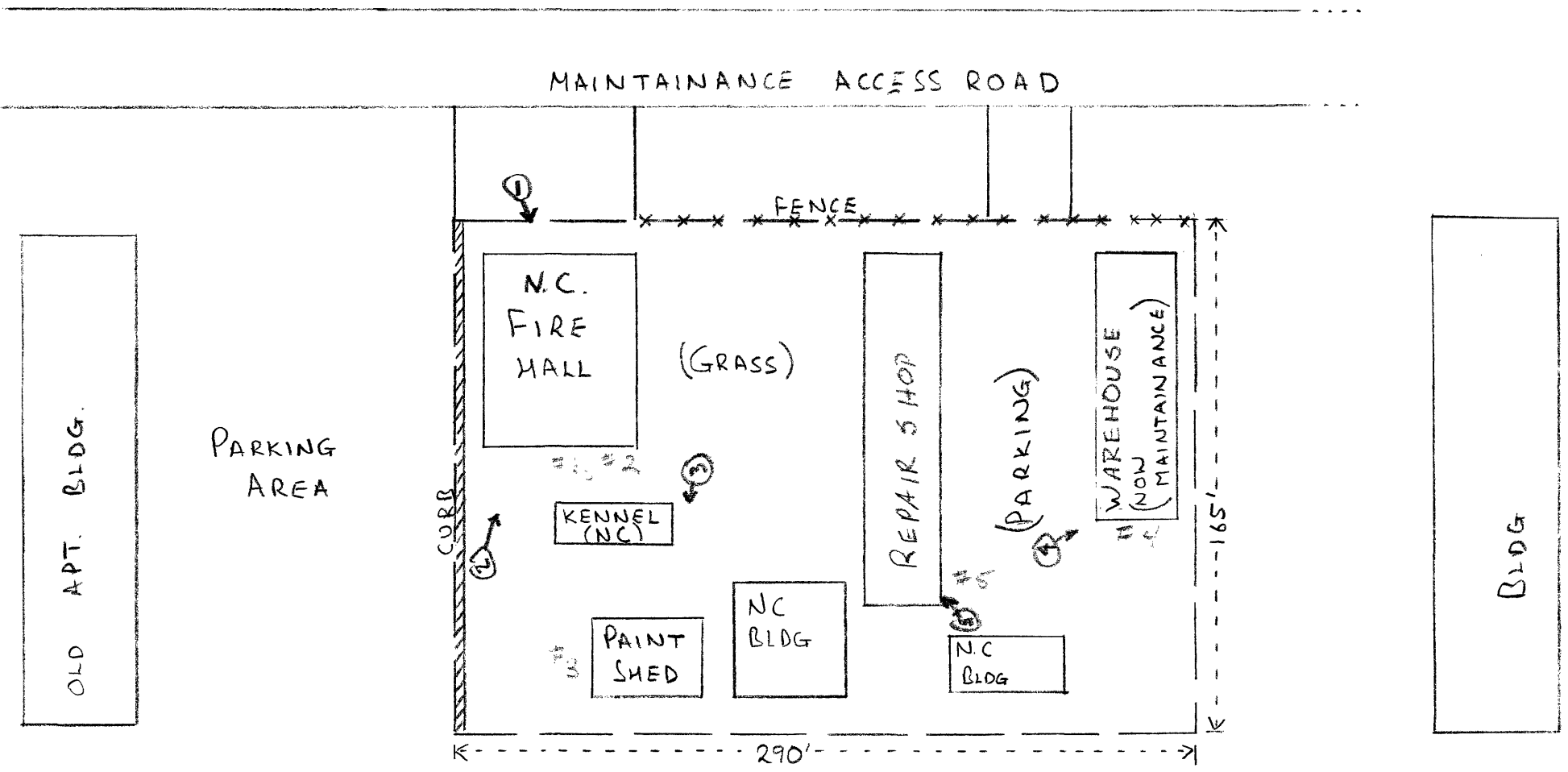
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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the curb on the northwest corner of the district, proceed east 165'. Next proceed south 290' along the fence on the east side of the district. Then proceed west 165'. Then proceed 290' to the point of origin.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all of the CCC constructed buildings in the maintenance area and three non-contributing structures and excludes the majority of the more recently constructed garages and buildings in the area.



OLD APT. BLDG.

PARKING AREA

CURB

N.C. FIRE HALL

(GRASS)

KENNEL (NC)

PAINT SHED

NC BLDG

REPAIR SHOP

N.C. BLDG

(PARKING)

WAREHOUSE (NOW MAINTAINANCE)

BLDG

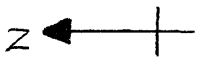
290'

165'

COMMUNITY BLDG.

GARAGES

MAINTAINANCE AREA DISTRICT



APPROX. SCALE: 1 INCH = 50 FEET

5 photos

LEGEND

- = BOUNDARY
- ▨▨▨▨▨▨▨▨ = BOUNDARY ON CURB
- \*\*\*\*\* = BOUNDARY LIES ON FENCE

① = photo number



1. Fire Hall (064) Maintenance Area  
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2. Fire Hall Addition (064), Maintenance Area  
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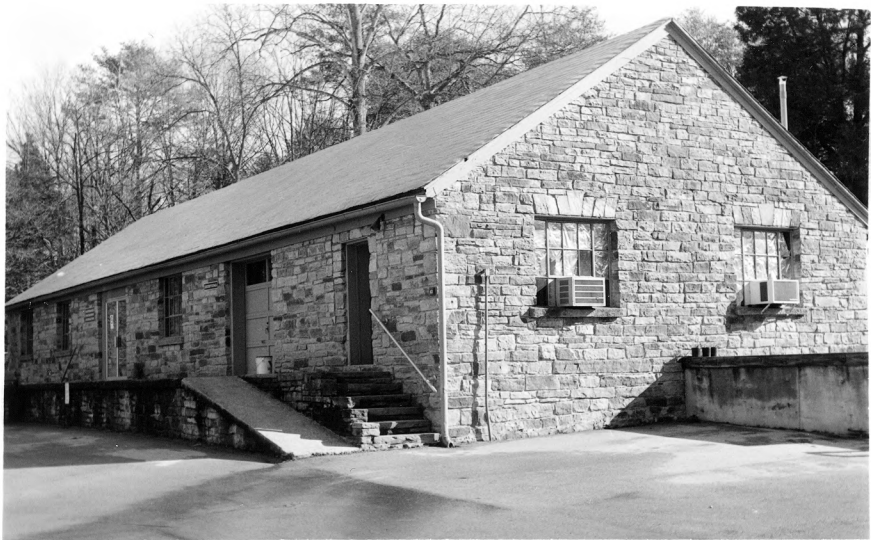
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Maintenance Area District



3. Paint Shed (060), Maintenance Area  
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3. Paint Shed (0600),  
Maintenance Area District



4. Warehouse (063), Maintenance Area  
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4. Warehouse (0003)  
Maintenance Area District



5. Repair shop (059), Maintenance Area  
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5. Repair Shop (059)  
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