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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Idaho	
COUNTY: Nez Perce	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	NOV 21 1974

<b>1. NAME</b>	
COMMON: Lenore site	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

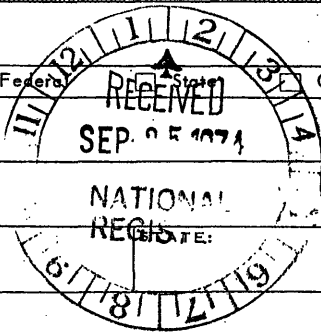
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: [REDACTED]			
CITY OR TOWN: Lenore vic.			
STATE Idaho	CODE 16	COUNTY: Nez Perce	CODE 069

<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNER'S NAME: State of Idaho, Department of Highways			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Boise, Idaho	STATE: Idaho	CODE	

<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Nez Perce County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Lewiston	STATE: Idaho	CODE 16	

<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	



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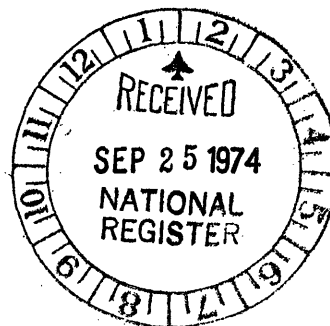
# 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lenore site is

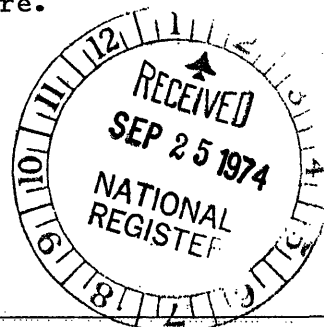
which it is situated protects it from prevailing winds which sweep through the area. Steeper slopes and higher uplands line the canyon, which is narrower here than farther downstream, and narrows moreso upriver. Ground-water seepage is in evidence at both lower levels at the site.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>Idaho State Museum Early Swanson</p> <p>Archaeological data collected at Lenore, excavated between 1967-71, have provided a number of conclusions about the prehistoric inhabitants of the area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With an occupation going back 10,000 years ago (and a relatively rich array of specimens of the same period as early Marmes rockshelter, about [REDACTED], Lenore is the earliest site in Nez Perce territory.</li> <li>2. It has the longest sequence of prehistoric occupation in the region.</li> <li>3. It has an unusual village of large oval pithouses occupied from about 900 B.C. to A.D. 1300. This is one of the oldest, as well as longest used, villages in the Columbia Plateau.</li> <li>4. A complex array of associated tools found in the houses allows a long-range study of prehistoric household patterns.</li> <li>5. Relations between culture change and changing environments are established at Lenore.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The eastern Intermontane region was initially occupied by peoples of a big-game hunting tradition.</li> <li>b. Changes in availability and kind of game during a dry period (7000 to 5500 B.C.) brought a decline in the big-game hunting tradition. Tools and occupation distribution patterns changed. Those were lean times for men and animals alike.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Lenore and the Clearwater valley seem to mark the eastern border of Old Cordilleran culture.</li> </ol>			



# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Toups, Polly A.  
1969 The Early Prehistory of the Clearwater Valley, North-Central Idaho. Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Anthropology, Tulane University.

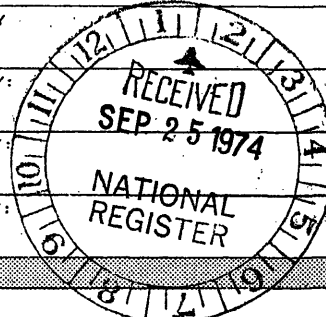
# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: *Less than one acre*

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: *Earl H. Swanson*

ORGANIZATION: *Idaho State University Museum* DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: *Pocatello* STATE: *Idaho* CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

# 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name *Merle W. Wells*

Title *State Historic Preservation Officer*

Date *6 May 1974*

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*RR Walters*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *11/7/74*

ATTEST:  
*Wm M. Montez*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date *11.20.74*





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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1. NAME			
COMMON: Lenore			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Section 34, R2W, T37N, 116° 33' 45", 46° 30' 37"			
CITY OR TOWN:			
STATE: Idaho	CODE 16	COUNTY: Nez Perce	CODE 069
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Idaho Historical Society			
DATE OF PHOTO:			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. View from the west of the archeologists at work.  # 1001			



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