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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name GW Jeep Site
other names/site number FS #09-21-03-202, State #46 PH 94 44HD 0063

2. Location

street & number Elleber Sods Road, Forest Road 1681 not for publication
city or town Greenbrier District, Monongahela N.F. vicinity
state West Virginia code WV county Pocahontas code 075 zip code 24920

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant
 nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Ewan J. DeBlouis 10-8-92
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Forest Service
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional
comments.)

William C. Laman 11/10/92
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain:)	_____	_____

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Pocahontas, WV

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

_____ buildings

1 _____ sites

_____ structures

_____ objects

_____ Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Processing/tool making/refurbishing

Domestic/camp

Transportation/pedestrian

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation/road

Recreation/camp

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls _____

roof _____

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Archeology - prehistoric

Period of Significance

5,000 B.C. - 1,000 B.C.

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Middle to Late Archaic

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Monongahela National Forest

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 8 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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2			

3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Monongahela National Forest date 8-31-92

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name

street & number telephone

city or town state zip code

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The site is in a low gap in the Allegheny Front. Low gaps were used by prehistoric people as convenient camping places when traveling through the mountains (Wall 1987). What is now the Elleber Sods Road probably connected with the Broad Run Road creating an early trail intersection at the site. The political boundary between Pocahontas and Highland Counties, later to become the state line, and recent gating by the Forest Service have broken the connection and limited access to the area. The present road cuts through the site, and a camp site there is regularly used. Thus, the function of the site has changed little through the millennia.

Based upon diagnostic artifacts found at the site, it was occupied during at least two major prehistoric periods evidenced by a Raddatz projectile point (Justice 1987) representing a Middle Archaic affiliation, ca. 5,000 B.C. and a Greenville and a Brewerton point (Overstreet 1991) representing Late Archaic, ca. 1,000 B.C.

The site appears to be a temporary camp and lithic workshop. Large amounts of chert debitage are present on the surface and below it. A number of shovel test pits and two small test excavations indicated lithic materials up to ca. 20 cm. below the surface within an undisturbed context (Davis 1992). In addition, one test unit revealed a feature 80 to 100 cm. in diameter containing fire altered rocks, battered rocks, and charcoal. This feature represents a hearth or earth oven (Ibid 1992).

The site was originally documented in 1984 by Jan Brashler (MNF files) and was monitored in 1985 and 1988. This year with a timber sale planned in the area, we again checked out the site and recommended avoidance or evaluation of the site. The District was concerned that being the only flat ground around made the site vulnerable to opportunistic parking or maneuvering of heavy machinery. The site will be marked and avoided.

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The GW Jeep Site has integrity, a location important to commerce and transportation, and the potential to answer questions relating to the prehistory of the area. Low gaps in the Appalachians are common prehistoric site locations (Davis 1978), but the majority of these sites have been damaged or destroyed in historic times by modern roads and utility corridors which followed in many cases the prehistoric trails. This site has suffered little from such impacts.

The GW Jeep Site is an upland base camp as defined for the Monongahela National Forest by Lesser and Brashler (1987). These characteristics, large size, dense lithic material multicomponent, and subsurface features are shared with two other sites, the Greenthumb (Lesser and Brashler 1984) and Brushy Ridge sites (Brashler 1984). But the site's geographic location in a low gap at a high elevation (4120 ft.) is like a transient camp in the model. Thus, the site may be an intermediate form or may represent the mixing of different activities at different times. The extended time range of occupation (5,000 - 1,000 B.C.) and a pattern of variable densities and clustered raw materials on the site suggest the latter interpretation.

A careful study of variability across the site and further study of feature functions has the potential to reveal the activities present as well as patterns of behavior. Several varieties of non-local chert are present providing an opportunity for study of raw material movements through trade. The hearth or earth oven feature contained charcoal providing a possibility of radiocarbon dating.

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GW Jeep Site, Pocahontas, WV

Verbal Boundary Description:

In far eastern Pocahontas Co., WV. In a low gap (elevation 4120 ft.) between Watering Pond Knob and Bald Knob, on more or less flat ground on both sides of Elleber Sods Road (1681) and on both sides of Elleber Run, and extending a short distance into Virginia. The site measures approximately 180 m. x 180 m. or 8 acres.

Boundary Justification:

The boundaries were defined by positive shovel test pits placed at 20 m. intervals across and beyond the site.

SW Jeep Site
UTM
1/613200/4252450

