

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 National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any 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.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Little River UDC Jefferson Davis Highway Marker

Other names/site number: VDHR Nos. 042-5508 / 127-6150-0007

Name of related multiple property listing:

UDC Commemorative Highway Markers along the Jefferson Davis Highway in Virginia

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

2. Location

Street & number: 15400 Washington Highway

City or town: Doswell State: Virginia County: Hanover

Not For Publication: N/A Vicinity: X

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria.

I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national X statewide local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

 X A B C D

<p>_____ Signature of certifying official/Title: <u>Virginia Department of Historic Resources</u> State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>
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<p>In my opinion, the property <u> </u> meets <u> </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.</p>	
<p>_____ Signature of commenting official: _____ Title :</p>	<p>_____ Date _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</p>

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

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

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

RECREATION AND CULTURE: Monument/Marker

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

RECREATION AND CULTURE: Monument/Marker

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

N/A

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: STONE/Granite;

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The gray granite Little River marker is located 5 miles north of Ashland, on the west side of Washington Highway, Route U.S. 1 in a wayside turnout on the southern end of the Little River bridge in Hanover County, Virginia. The marker is one of sixteen erected in Virginia along the Jefferson Davis Highway between 1927 and 1946. The Jefferson Davis Highway was a nationwide memorial project of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) beginning in 1913 and continuing until 1947 when the highway's terminal marker was placed in Arlington, Virginia.

Description: Gray granite, 49" tall, 29" wide and 21" thick, set on a 9" granite base Date: 1936
Significance of location: Gen. R.E. Lee's left wing rested near here May 23-26, 1864 while his army faced Gen. Grant on the north side of North Anna River. The marker has a high degree of historic integrity.

Narrative Description

The Little River Marker is a gray granite pedestal with a sloping top. The rough-cut granite pedestal is 49" tall, 29" wide, 21" thick and rests on a 9" granite base. Within a recessed panel, its sloped face reads:

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JEFFERSON
DAVIS
HIGHWAY
VIRGINIA

Engraved on the front face of the stone within a smooth recessed panel is:

ERECTED BY THE
SECOND DISTRICT
VIRGINIA DIVISION
UNITED DAUGHTERS
OF THE CONFEDERACY
1936

The marker faces northeast toward U.S. Route 1 and sits on the embankment of Little River. The marker appears to be leaning on the west side toward the embankment of Little River. The embankment is reinforced with mortared stones. Viewing the marker below the embankment it is in alignment and is not leaning.

Originally, the sloping face had a bronze plaque bolted to the stone. However, after it was stolen twice, the UDC had the same words inscribed on the stone face. This is not considered a loss of integrity.

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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.)

- 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 old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

TRANSPORTATION

SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

1936

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Little River Jefferson Davis Highway Marker is being nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under the Multiple Property Documentation Form, UDC Commemorative Highway Markers along the Jefferson Davis Highway in Virginia. The markers included in the MPD meet Criterion A in the areas of Transportation and Social History and are significant at the statewide level because they are associated with the period of “named highways” in U.S. history beginning in 1913 and because they represent a significant achievement for a women’s organization. The period of significance is 1936, the year the marker was erected. As a commemorative resource, the Little River Marker meets Criteria Consideration F. The marker is primarily commemorative, yet it possesses symbolic value and its own historical significance as part of this early attempt to mark a cross-country highway as a memorial to the first and only President of the Confederate States of America.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Little River Marker is one of sixteen Virginia Markers erected along the Jefferson Davis Highway (U.S. Route 1) between 1927 and 1947 as a memorial to Jefferson F. Davis, first and only president of the Confederate States of America. All sixteen markers are listed in the MPD UDC Commemorative Highway Markers along the Jefferson Davis Highway in Virginia in the inventory of associated property types. These markers remain standing and despite the minor relocation of several markers to address highway safety concerns or to improve traffic flow, all retain their historic relationship to U.S. Route 1, which, for the most part, constitutes the route of the Jefferson Davis Highway through Virginia. The markers were paid for and erected and maintained by the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) through local UDC Chapters, the Virginia Division of the UDC and the General Organization of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. This activity was replicated in the other former Confederate States and was a part of a cross-country route mapped as the Jefferson Davis Highway and promoted by the United Daughters of the Confederacy through educational brochures and travel publications.

As detailed in the MPD, the establishment of the Jefferson Davis Highway, the erection of the markers honoring Confederate President Jefferson Davis, and the publications of maps and educational brochures about the locations through which the cross-country route passed is considered by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to be one of its greatest undertakings. Mrs. Alexander B. White, President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, conceived the idea for the Jefferson Davis Highway in 1913, following the establishment of the Lincoln Highway earlier that year. From 1913 until about 1925, it was common for private organizations to identify a route, give it a name and promote its use and improvement. The Highway was not built as a new highway, but instead was created by designating existing routes and then petitioning each state for formal recognition. The Jefferson Davis Highway, as it was originally proposed and printed as a map in 1920, extended a distance of 3,417 miles from

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Arlington, Virginia, to San Diego, California, and then north up the Pacific coast to the Canadian border. By 1923 the name Jefferson Davis Highway was official in six states. The Virginia section of the highway extends from the Potomac River Bridge at Arlington, through Fredericksburg, Richmond, and Petersburg to the Virginia/North Carolina state line, a distance of 235 miles. Virginia's General Assembly designated U.S. Route 1 as the Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway in March 1922. By 1929 the name was being used in all the states it traversed except California, which did not designate names for any memorial highways. Even after the official highway numbering system replaced the named highways in 1926, the UDC continued to print maps and brochures for the Jefferson Davis Highway in 1929, 1931 and 1938. Today, most named segments have been dropped or changed, with Virginia's Southside segment along US Route 1 being one of the few that has survived.

The 1937 Jefferson Davis Highway Committee, Virginia Division Minutes of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, chaired by Mrs. B.A. Blenner reported the boulder [marker] was erected on October 2, 1936. The Landscape engineer had designed a wayside on the property owned by the State Department for the boulder. Plantings were also planned for the site. The cost of the boulder was 165.00. The bronze plaque was stolen twice, November 1936 and 1978. After the second theft the UDC had the same words engraved directly into the stone: JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY VIRGINIA.

The site for the Little River marker was chosen because on the bank of the Little River stream and to the west, General Robert E. Lee's left wing rested while his army faced Grant on the North Anna River, May 23-26, 1864. The Caroline Grays Chapter UDC currently maintains the marker, and it sits on land owned by the Virginia Department of Transportation

The Little River Jefferson Davis Highway Marker meets the registration requirements stated in the in the MPD for UDC Commemorative Highway Markers along the Jefferson Davis Highway in Virginia. The Little River marker retains its integrity of location, setting, design, workmanship, feeling and association. Although the area surrounding the marker has changed since 1927 and despite its minor relocations, the marker retains its historic association with the highway. The design of the marker has not changed in the years since its erection. The workmanship of the marker has not been altered in the years since 1936; however, the bronze plaque placed on the sloped face of the marker has been stolen twice. Because the words from the bronze plaque were etched into the stone following the second theft, according to the MPD, it is not considered a loss of integrity. The marker's integrity of feeling is intact. It retains a simple dignity and the feeling of an earlier age of travel when markers by the side of the road were more easily seen and appreciated by the passing public. Finally, the marker retains its integrity of association, conveying its origins as a historical memorial.

The Virginia Department of Transportation pull-off where the Little River marker is located at one time also contained a metal Virginia Historical Marker with the following text:

E-19- LEE'S LEFT WING-

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On this stream, the Little River, and to the west, Lee's left wing rested while his army faced Grant along the North Anna, May 23-26, 1864.

The sign, which was south of the marker, is currently missing; however, the metal pole to which it was attached remains intact.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

The History of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Vol. 1 and 11. Reprinted under the authority granted in Convention assembled at Orlando, Florida, 1993.

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Woodbury, Mrs. John L, Chairman, Jefferson National Highway Committee United Daughters of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis National Highway.

Salmon, John S., A Guidebook to Virginia's Historical Markers, Revised and Expanded Edition 2nd ed., "prepared by Virginia Department of Historic Resources," pg. 24

Freeman, Douglas Southall, R. E. Lee, A Biography, pg. 349-350

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 # _____

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_____ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

State Historic Preservation Office

_____ Other State agency

_____ Federal agency

_____ Local government

_____ University

_____ Other

Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond, VA

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): VDHR No. 042-5509; 127-6150-0007

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property less than one acre

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1. Latitude: 37.830441 Longitude: -77.469891

2. Latitude: Longitude:

3. Latitude: Longitude:

4. Latitude: Longitude:

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD or NAD

1. Zone: Easting: Northing:

2. Zone: Easting: Northing:

3. Zone: Easting: Northing:

4. Zone: Easting: Northing:

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The Little River Marker is located west of Washington Davis Highway (Route 1), 5 miles north of Ashland, in Hanover County, Virginia. The marker is placed on a granite base that is set into the ground. The historic boundary conforms to the measurements of the marker, 49” tall, 29” wide, and 21” thick, and the 9” thick granite base.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The historic boundary includes only the marker itself and the stone base on which it rests as these comprise the historic property.

11. Form Prepared By

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date: August 1, 2017

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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.

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Photo Log

The following information is common to all photographs:

Name of Property: Little River Jefferson Davis Highway UDC Marker

City or Vicinity: Doswell

County: Hanover State: VA

Photographer: Ruth Snead

Date Photographed: August 2, 2017

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

1 of 7: North side of Marker, view south.

2 of 7: South side of Marker, view northwest.

3 of 7: East side of Marker, view southwest.

4 of 7: West side of Marker, view northeast.

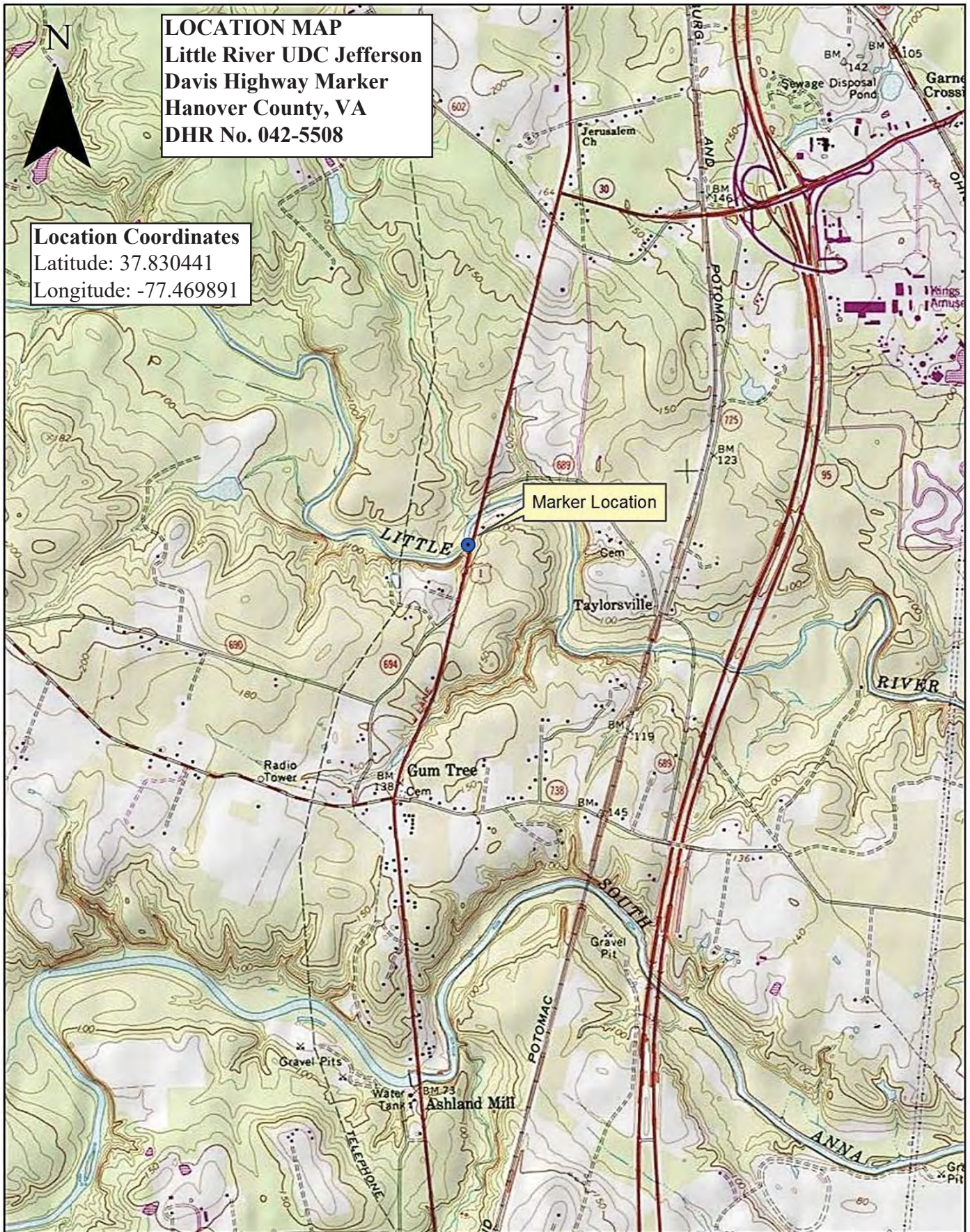
5 of 7: Sloped face of marker, view southwest.

6 of 7: Wayside pull off, view south

7 of 7: Wayside pull off, view north

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.



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Feet

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SKETCH MAP/ PHOTO KEY

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Photo Locations

