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SITS#: 32 ME 2419

SITE IDENTIFICATION

Map Quad Willow Creek East Site Name _____
 Map Quad _____ Site Name _____

LTL _____ TWP 141 RNG 90 SEC 23 QQQ 7 QQ 7 Q 7
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UTM 5,210,871 N ZONE 14N
267,479 E NAD 1927 _____ NAD 1983 _____ X

Subsection:
1 = N ½
2 = E ½
3 = S ½
4 = W ½
5 = NE ¼
6 = SE ¼
7 = SW ¼
8 = NW ¼

City: _____
 Street Number: _____
 Street Name: _____
 Urban Legal Description: _____

SITE DATA

Total # Architectural Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: 10/31/2011

Reconnaissance Survey: _____ Intensive Survey: X

Project Title & Supervisor: SWPP Center Service Area 2011 RDL Survey, Dr. Dennis L. Toom.

Report Title & Author(s): Center Service Area Rural Distribution Lines 2011 Class II-III Cultural Resources Inventories, Southwest Water Pipeline Project, Mercer, Oliver, and Morton Counties, North Dakota.
by Michael A. Jackson, Nathan J. Rokke, and Dennis L. Toom.

Additional Information: Abandoned rural schoolhouse

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Area of Significance	<u>2</u>	Ecozone	<u>23</u>	Verified Site	<u>1</u>	CR Type	<u>2</u>
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FEATURE DATA

Architectural Feature # 1

Construction Date _____ Feature Type 9 Condition 4

Feature Date 3 Context 7 Plan Shape 5

Structural System 25 Primary Exterior 26 Style Utilitarian

Original Owner's Ethnicity _____ Secondary Exterior _____ Architect/Builder _____

Other Information:

Foundation Cemented sandstone blocks Stories 1

Window Most original windows or openings intact

Roof/Cornice Main building, Gable. Smaller part, Shed

Dating Method(s) Professional estimate

Feature Preservation Recommendations(s) (Check all that apply)

Individual Nomination

Contributes to a potential district

No nomination potential

Will not contribute to a district

Potential District – feature would be a contributing element if other properties constitute a district

Thematic nomination potential

Component of a historic site or landscape

Moved (specify all applicable choices)—a) relocation occurred within a historic period; b) recreates original site, orientation, landscape, & spatial relationships; c) compatible in context with neighboring structures; d) relocation has damaged eligibility

Historical associations require further investigation

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FEATURE DATA

1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility: The feature is a standing rural schoolhouse, located in the extreme southwestern corner of the section. It is on the edge of a plowed field, and plowing has expanded into the former schoolyard, and right up to the edge of the building. The wood frame building is clad in horizontal wood siding. It was originally painted white, but most of the paint has weathered away. There are two, tall windows on the east wall, there is a bank of four windows on the south wall, the north wall has a single window opening, and the west wall has two window openings. The main structure of the building is rectangular shaped with a gabled roof, however there is a smaller room attached on the western side of the building. This room has a shed-style roof. The entire roof is clad in wood shingles. The size of the entire building is 32.5ft E-W by 18ft N-S. The building rests on a mortared, sandstone block foundation. The main entrance door is located on the west end of the south wall, and it opens into the western room with the shed-style roof.

The interior of the building is in poor condition. The interior walls are lath and plaster, painted a two-toned yellow. Most of the plaster has fallen down on the north wall. The floor has been removed completely, including the subfloor, and joists. All that remains is the dirt ground surface. The wall footer sills, constructed of 8-x-8-in beams, are visible and they rest atop the sandstone block foundation. There are metal pieces of desks and furnace legs visible on the dirt floor. There is also a large amount of broken window glass which is scattered throughout the main room. The ceiling plaster has mostly fallen down as well. The western part of the school, with the main entrance, is divided into two rooms. The southern of these was used to store garments, boots, and the like, for the school-going children. The northern room was a small coal/furnace room and it was full of coal dust.

The condition of the building is poor. It does not appear to have been remodeled or updated in any way since it was built. Its potential eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is currently unknown, but given its condition, a formal determination of NRHP-eligibility would be unlikely.

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SITE DESCRIPTION

2. Owner's Contact Information: Unknown landowner

3. Access (rural areas): From the intersection of Co Rd 140 and Co Rd 90 near Hebron, drive north 6.3 miles. Continue north of on 73rd Ave SW for one mile. Turn left (west) on 28th Ave SW and go 0.9 miles. Park. The schoolhouse will be on the north side of the road, just off of the gravel road.

4. Site Area (ft²): 5,094

5. Site Description: The site is an historic rural school house. There is a still-standing school building on the site along with a concrete slab, which is in very rough shape. There is shattered window glass and bricks spread around the site near the school house. The building is located on the edge of an upland plowed field. At some point after the school was closed and abandoned, the plowing was expanded and extended right up to the edge of the building. There is no evidence of the former school yard.

6. Summary of All Site Features & Evaluation of Site Significance: The site consists of two features. The first is a standing, historic schoolhouse. The details of this structure are mentioned above. The second feature is a small, poured concrete slab. This feature is considered historical/archaeological, and will be mentioned in detail in the corresponding form.

The building and site are in poor condition. The NRHP eligibility of the site has not been formally evaluated, however, if such work were done, it is our opinion the site would likely be treated as not eligible for listing in the NRHP, owing to its aforementioned poor condition.

7. References/Comments: The site is located in an area of potential effect from a proposed SWPP rural distribution water pipeline. It is recommended that the site be avoided by rerouting the proposed pipeline to the north, and around the building.

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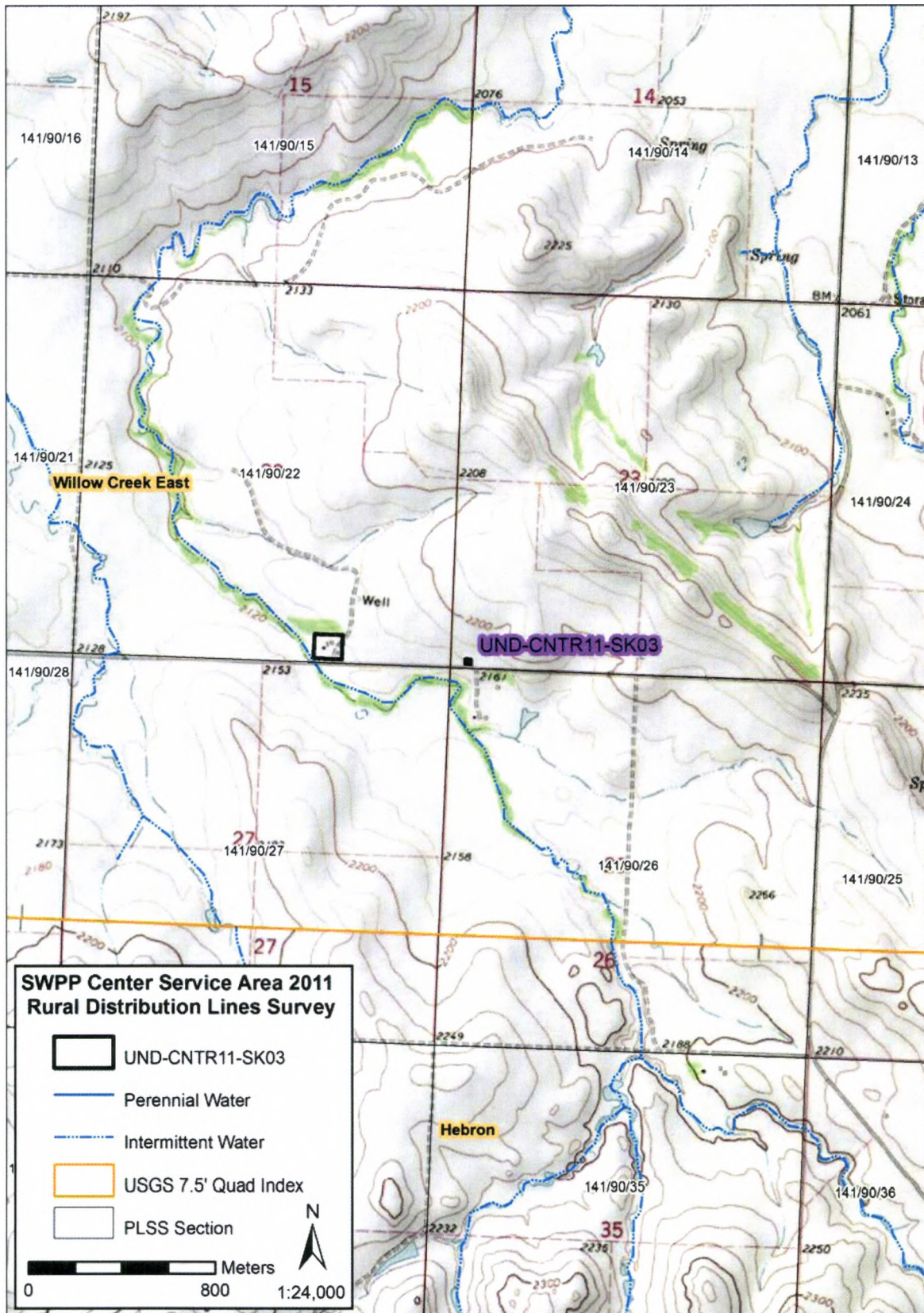
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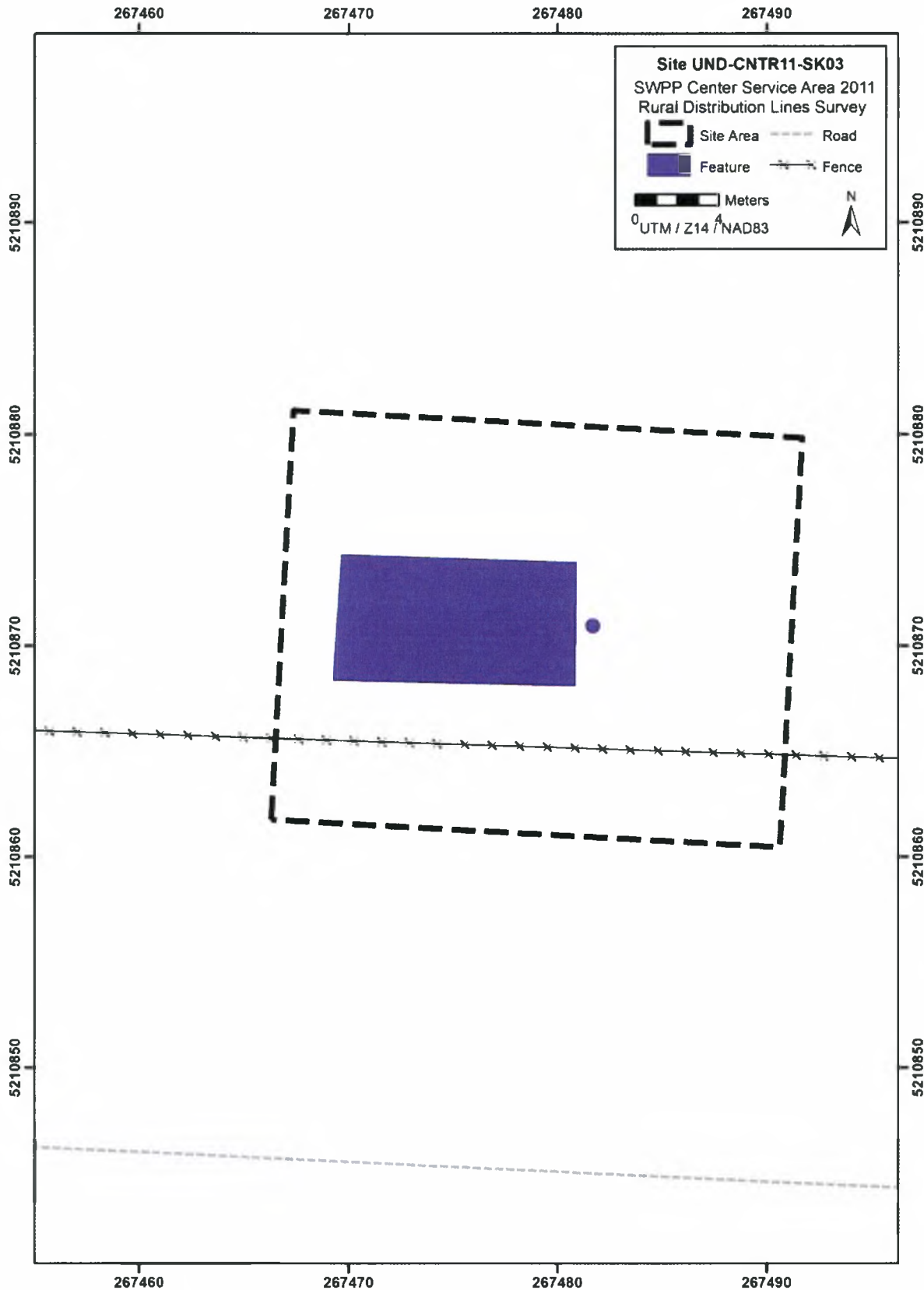
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Site overview, view east (CNTR11 280)



F1 schoolhouse, view northwest (CNTR11 198)

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FEATURE TYPE	CULTURAL MATERIAL	9	Site Type
_____ CM Scatter	_____ Bone	<u>7</u>	Context
_____ Chimney	_____ Ceramics		
_____ Depression	_____ Charcoal	<u>473</u>	Site Area (m ²)
_____ Dump	_____ Cloth		
_____ Earthworks	_____ Faunal Remains		Cultural Depth
_____ Fortification	_____ Fire-Cracked Rock		
<u>1</u> Foundation	_____ Floral Remains		Depth Indicator
_____ Grave	<u>1</u> Glass		
_____ Hearth	_____ Hide, Hair, Fur	<u>1</u>	Basis for Dating
_____ Machinery	_____ Human Remains		
_____ Quarry/Mine	<u>1</u> Masonry		Occupation Date(s)
_____ Rock Art	<u>1</u> Metal		_____ Begin
_____ Trail	_____ Plastic		_____ End
_____ Wreck	_____ Rubber		
_____ Other	_____ Shell	<u>1</u>	CM Density
	_____ Wood		
	_____ Other		_____ Isolated Find

ENVIRONMENT

Landform 1	<u>1</u>	Landform 2	<u>9</u>	Slope/Exposure	<u>5</u>	Ecosystem	<u>7</u>
Landform 1	_____	Landform 2	_____	Slope/Exposure	_____	Ecosystem	_____
Elevation (m)	<u>658</u>	Drainage System	<u>Knife River</u>				
View Degree	<u>1</u>	View Distance	<u>2</u>				
Distance to Permanent Water (m)	<u>7,030</u>	Permanent Water Type	<u>3</u>				
Distance to Seasonal Water (m)	<u>100</u>	Seasonal Water Type	<u>4</u>				

CRM

Ownership	<u>3</u>	Fieldwork Date	<u>10/31/2011</u>	Test/Probe	_____	Excavation	_____
Site Condition	<u>4</u>	Collection	<u>1</u>	Management Recommendation	<u>1</u>		

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2. Site Description (include features): The site is a rural schoolhouse that has been long-abandoned. It is located in rolling/sloping uplands below a ridge, far off to the north, and an intermittent drainage, to the south. The site is perched on a small promontory above the nearby creek drainage. The former schoolhouse is located next to a plowed field, and the farmer has plowed almost right up against the standing structure. Various artifacts are scatter about, with most being located inside the building. The site contains two features, including the F1 schoolhouse, and an F2 foundation. The latter is a small, poured concrete slab. It was more likely than not, a base for a water pump.

3. Description of Cultural Material (quantify & identify artifacts): There are an undisclosed number of brick, broken window glass, and metal scraps associated with the site.

100+ :# of Artifacts

0 :# of Artifacts Collected

4. Artifact Repository: N/A.

5. Description of Subsurface Testing: None.

6. Field Conditions:

Wet _____ Dry X _____ Windy _____ Rainy _____
Snowy _____ Overcast _____ Sunny X _____ Twilight _____

7. Technique(s) Used to Estimate Site Area:

Transit _____ Tape Measure _____ Paced _____ Visual Estimate _____
GPS X _____ Other _____

8. Rationale for Site Boundary Determination:

Surface Cultural Materials _____ Features X _____ Topography _____
Continuous Stratigraphic Exposure _____ Systematic Subsurface Probing _____
Subsurface Testing _____ Other _____

9. Current Use of Site: Not in use. Building abuts a plowed, agricultural field.

10. Landowner Contact Information: unknown private landowner

11. Vegetation: Overgrown mixed prairie grasses immediately surrounding the building. Adjoining plowed field contained harvested stubble wheat.

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12. **Vegetation Cover (% of visual ground):** 10%

13. **Snow Cover (%of ground obscured by snow/ice):** 0%

14. **Person-Hours Spent at Site:** 3 person hours

15. **Project Title & Principal Investigator:** SWPP Center Service Area 2011 RDL Survey

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17. **Description of Collection(s) Observed & Contact Information:** N/A.

18. **Statement of Integrity:** Site integrity is poor. The standing schoolhouse has been abandoned for quite some time, and it is quite dilapidated. The exterior is in poor condition, and so is the interior. The floor has been removed from the structure.

19. **Statement of Significance:** The site is currently unevaluated for inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places. Given its poor condition, a future finding of NRHP-eligibility is unlikely, in our opinion.

20. **References Cited/Comments:** This site is situated directly in the path of a proposed SWPP rural distribution water pipeline. The pipeline will need to be rerouted north and into the plowed field, to avoid the site.

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F2 foundation, view west (CNTR11 213)

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