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 any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classifications, materials, and areas of significance, enter only caes and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative notes on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-90a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. **Name of Property**
   - historic name: Bent Creek Campus of the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station (Boundary Decrease)
   - other names/site number

2. **Location**
   - street & number: 1577 Brevard Road
   - city or town: Asheville
   - state: North Carolina
   - code: NC
   - county: Buncombe
   - code: 021
   - zip code: 28806

3. **State/Federal Agency Certification**
   As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 _ nationally _ statewide _ locally. ( _ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

   **Signature of certifying official/Title**
   ____________________________  ____________________________
   **Date**

   State or Federal agency and bureau

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

   **Signature of commenting or other official/Title**
   ____________________________  ____________________________
   **Date**

   State or Federal agency and bureau

4. **National Park Service Certification**
   I hereby certify that this property is:

   ____________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________
   _ entered in the National Register.
   _ See continuation sheet.
   _ determined eligible for the National Register.
   _ See continuation sheet.
   _ determined not eligible for the National Register.
   _ removed from the National Register.
   _ other (explain):

   ____________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________
This amendment to the boundaries of the Bent Creek Campus of the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station (listed as a district in the National Register of Historic Places in 1993) documents a boundary decrease intended to remove a part of the district that did not retain its historic integrity at the time of listing. As originally defined, the district boundaries included an area on the north bank of Bent Creek that had been the site of a white pine experimental plot, an arboretum, an archery practice ground, and a base camp for unemployed men brought to the forest to cut firewood, all uses that occurred during the period of significance (1925-1942). These uses had been wholly or largely discontinued by the end of the period of significance. The area has reverted to its natural forested appearance composed of mixed deciduous trees and undergrowth and further investigation has failed to locate visible above-ground evidence of the historic uses. Therefore the area has lost its historic integrity, justifying its removal from the district. The boundary decrease still provides the Bent Creek Campus with sufficient wooded setting, cited as contributing to the overall rustic effect of the district in the original nomination, and the decrease does not alter the original resource count. The area to be removed encompasses approximately 15 acres, reducing the total district area from approximately 35 acres to approximately 20 acres. The area to be removed is defined principally by a modern chain-link fence (which is excluded by the new boundaries) and includes part of an access road to the Blue Ridge Parkway and several unpaved forest roads.

This amendment provides: 1) new UTM references for the portion of the Bent Creek Campus that is to be excluded; 2) a new Verbal Boundary Description that describes the area to be excluded and relates it to the rest of the listed area; 3) a new Boundary Justification; 4) a map of the district at 1:200 scale that shows the area to be excluded; 5) a USGS map showing the area to be excluded; 6) photographs showing the area to be excluded; and 7) a photograph continuation sheet.
Acreage of Property  
approximately 15 acres

UTM References

1. 17 3929700 354900  
2. 17 3929900 355380  
3. 17 3929660 355440  
4. 17 3929520 354940

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the Bent Creek Campus of the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station remain the same as those described in the original nomination except for alterations to the south boundary and the southern end of the east and west boundaries. The original south boundary was defined by Bent Creek. The new south boundary is primarily defined by a modern fence that appears in photograph no. 9 (the fence is in the area to be removed from the district), and secondarily, near Highway 191, by an existing National Park Service boundary. A view showing the new boundary as seen from the pump house (inventory no. 1) appears as photograph no. 10. The original and new boundaries are portrayed on the accompanying map. The area to be excluded comprises the south end of the listed district.

Boundary Justification

The diminution of the boundaries of the Bent Creek Campus of the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station is intended to remove acreage that had lost its historic integrity at the time of listing. Like several of the district's existing boundaries, the new south boundary follows man-made features: a modern fence and a property line. The new boundaries preserve sufficient forested acreage around the Bent Creek Campus to maintain the natural character of the setting of the campus.
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Photographs

1. Bent Creek Campus of the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station
   (Boundary Decrease) (same for all entries)
2. Buncombe Co., NC (same for all entries)
3. Photographer: Erik Berg (same for all entries)
4. August 1995 (same for all entries)
5. Original negative located at USDA Forest Service, Asheville, NC
6. North end of area to be excluded (on right) along NC 191; view facing southeast
7. Photo number appears at the head of each entry

2. Intersection of NC 191 and Blue Ridge Parkway access road with area to be excluded on right; view facing south

3. Intersection of Blue Ridge Parkway access road and forest road within area to be excluded; view facing southwest

4. Forest road within area to be excluded; view facing west

5. Bent Creek as seen from forest road within area to be excluded; view facing southwest

6. Area to be excluded as seen from forest road; view facing south

7. Forest road to Bent Creek with area to be excluded on left; view facing south

8. Forest road to Bent Creek Campus with area to be excluded on right; view facing north

9. Boundary of North Carolina Arboretum and U. S. Forest Service with area to be excluded (including fence) on right; view facing east from forest road to Bent Creek Campus.

10. View facing south with pump house in lower left and fence along North Carolina Arboretum boundary (obscured by foliage) in distance; view facing south
Bent Creek Campus of the
Appalachian Forest Experiment Station
(Boundary Decrease)

Asheville vicinity, Buncombe Co., NC.
Scale: 1" = approx. 200'
Angle and number of photographs indicated by triangles
Hatching indicates area to be excluded from district

(see separate exhibit)