## National Register of Historic Places
### Inventory -- Nomination Form

**See Instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms**  
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### Name

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### Location

**Street & Number**: Secondary Route 62  
**City, Town**: Vicinity of Ronceverte  
**State Code**: 54  
**County Code**: 025  
**Congressional District**: 2

### Classification

**Category**
- District: X
- Building(s): X
- Structure: X
- Site: X
- Object: X

**Ownership**: Public  
**Status**: Occupied in service

**Present Use**: Other

### Owner of Property

**Name**: West Virginia Department of Highways  
**Street & Number**: 1900 Washington Street, East  
**City, Town**: Charleston  
**State**: West Virginia  
**Vicinity Of**: Vicinity of West Virginia 25305

### Location of Legal Description

**Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, Etc.**: Greenbrier County Court House  
**Street & Number**:  
**City, Town**: Lewisburg  
**State**: West Virginia

### Representation in Existing Surveys

**Title**: None  
**Date**:  
**Repository for Survey Records**:  
**City, Town**:  
**State**:  
**Federal**:  
**State**:  
**County**:  
**Local**:  

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**Note**: The form includes sections for detailed information about the property's location, classification, and ownership, along with fields for legal description and representation in existing surveys.
The Hokes Mill Covered Bridge is 12 feet wide and measures 81.6 feet between the insides of the endposts. It has board-and-batten siding painted barn red and a standing seam metal roof. The truss is a modified long truss. The three 11 foot 10 inch high center panels of variable lengths, contain double diagonals consisting of two-4 x 8 inch members and 4½ x 8 inch single diagonals, which fit between and are pinned to the double diagonals. The 9 foot 8 inch long panel has a double diagonal made up of two-4½ x 7 inch members and a 4 x 6 inch single diagonal. The end diagonals are secured to the bottom chord, which consists of three-4 x 9½ inch members, by the bolt and rod system. Shear keys, which are small 2 x 3 inch blocks of wood that fit into notches made between the bottom chord members, help to transfer shear uniformly along the bottom chord.

The recent major modifications to the bridge include the replacement of the wooden transverse floor beams with steel girders and the addition of two wide flange beams, a W 36 x 194 and a W 36 x 182, which have been placed at either side of the deck and extend along the length of the bridge.
In 1897, during the April term of the Greenbrier County Court, it was ordered that B. F. Mann, R. A. McComb and Austin B. Erwin be appointed commissioners to have a covered bridge built on stone abutments across Second Creek above Smith's Mill (formerly Hoke's Mill) for a cost of $700.00. The court records do not pin-point the date of the completion of the bridge, but various drafts were issued between the terms of January 1898 and March 1899 for road repairs in the Irish Corner district. A draft for $175.00 was the only one specifically referenced to the construction of the bridge. Therefore, the bridge was probably completed between April 1897 and March 1899.

The Hokes Mill Covered bridge is one of Greenbrier Counties two remaining covered bridges, and has a superstructure consisting of a modified version of the patented Long truss. The bridge is in a deteriorating condition, and although the two large wide flange beams help to support the bridge, they have adversely affected its aesthetic value and historic integrity. This bridge deserves a better fate and should be restored.
Order Book #6, Greenebrier County Court, pp. 260, 300, 323, 336, 372.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Not Applicable

QUADRANGLE NAME Fort Spring

UTM REFERENCES

ZONE EASTING NORTHING
A 1 7 4 1 8 7 0 4 1 7 2 1 2 0
C 8 3 1 8 7 0

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D E 1 1 1 1
F H 1 1 1 1

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

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STATE West Virginia

2 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION DATE
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