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A. Name of Multiple Property Listing

Woodland Tradition in Minnesota

B. Associated Historic Contexts

(Name each associated historic context, identifying theme, geographical area, and chronological period for each.)

- The Brainerd Complex: Early Woodland in Central and Northern Minnesota, 1000 B.C.–A.D. 400
- The Southeast Minnesota Early Woodland Complex, 500–200 B.C.
- The Havana-Related Complex: Middle Woodland in Central and Eastern Minnesota, 200 B.C.–A.D. 200/300
- The Laurel Complex: Middle Woodland in Northern Minnesota, 150 B.C.–A.D. 650
- The Fox Lake Complex: Middle Prehistoric in Southwestern Minnesota, 200 B.C.–A.D. 700
- The Lake Benton Complex: Late Middle Prehistoric in Southwestern Minnesota, A.D. 700–1200
- The Central Minnesota Transitional Woodland Complex: Middle to Late Woodland in Central Minnesota, A.D. 300–1000
- The Southeast Minnesota Late Woodland Complex, A.D. 500–1150
- The Blackduck-Kathio Complex: Late [Terminal] Woodland in Northern and Central Minnesota, A.D. 600–1100
- The Rainy River Late Woodland Complex: Late [Terminal] Woodland in Northern Minnesota, A.D. 1100–1400
- The Psinomani Complex: Late [Terminal] Woodland, Protohistoric, and Early Historic in Northern and Central Minnesota, A.D. 1100–1750

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Signature and title of certifying official Date

State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

I hereby certify that this multiple property documentation form has been approved by the National Register as a basis for evaluating related properties for listing in the National Register.

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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