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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME *
HISTORIC Bull Pasture
AND/OR COMMON Bull Pasture

2 LOCATION *F of Juniper*
STREET & NUMBER Not applicable
(Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument) NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN Not applicable VICINITY OF Lukeville CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2
STATE Arizona CODE 04 COUNTY Pima CODE 019 ✓

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*
National Park Service, Western Regional Office
STREET & NUMBER
450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36063
CITY, TOWN San Francisco VICINITY OF STATE California

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Pima County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
115 North Church Street
CITY, TOWN Tucson STATE Arizona

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE
"Historic Sites and Structures Inventory for Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument"
DATE April, 1967 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
CITY, TOWN STATE Arizona

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bull Pasture is a large grassy basin located at an altitude of about 3,100 feet in the Ajo Mountains near the eastern boundary of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. There is a spring at the northern part of the basin, besides several natural tinajas that provide water. Surrounding the grazing land and rising abruptly is a steep, rocky decline that served to confine livestock once kept there.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1915-1917

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bull Pasture is a significant location identified with prehistoric Indian occupation and with the early cattle ranching industry in the Arizona border country. It was also the site of a military occupation by armed Mexican refugees and of a post for American troops during the Mexican border crisis period from 1915 to 1917. Bull Pasture is of local historical significance.

The Mexican name for Bull Pasture is "Tinajas de los Torres" ("Watering Tanks of the Bulls"), or "Los Portreritos" ("Little Pastures"). The site has long been the scene of human habitation and has bequeathed archeological evidence suggesting extensive use by Indians. In the early 1900s two men named Hubstader and Powell wintered their cattle at Bull Pasture where there was abundant grass and water. Later, William G. Miller kept his livestock there. The theory behind wintering cattle at Bull Pasture held that by placing bulls with the cattle in such a confined location, the resulting calves would be of uniform age. Use of the area for cattle ended in the late 1920s.

The site played an interesting part in the border disturbances of the early twentieth century when groups representing various disfavored factions of Mexican politics crossed the border and hid in Bull Pasture to escape their revolutionary adversaries. In 1915 one group of Villistas was arrested in the basin by U.S. immigration authorities. As the threat of such visitations increased, the United States Government dispatched army troops to the scene. Still later, Arizona National Guardsmen made frequent patrols of the border in the area of Bull Pasture.

Today Bull Pasture is part of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. The historic values requiring preservation are the historic scene and archeology-prehistoric.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Greene, Jerome A. Historic Resource Study. Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument.
 Denver: National Park Service, 1977.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 150 acres

UTM REFERENCES

CA	1,2	3,3,9	8,5,0	3,5	4,2	3,5,0	DB	1,2	3,3,9	7,0,0	3,5	4,3	2,5,0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			
PA	1,2	3,4,0	3,5,0	3,5	4,3	6,0,0	BB	1,2	3,3,9	6,0,0	3,5	4,2	8,0,0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This mountain basin is located in the rugged Ajo Mountains near the eastern boundary of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. The basin is quite irregular both in its geographical boundary and in its elevation. The average elevation is approximately 3,000 to 3,200 feet, with surrounding ridges on the east, west, and south averaging more than 3,400 feet. There is a vertical drop on the north measuring about 400 feet in extent. The area measures approximately 3,146 feet on the north, 2,549 feet on the south, 3,561 feet on the east, and 2,959 feet on the west.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jerome A. Greene, Historian

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service, Historic Preservation Division

DATE

April 15, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

755 Parfet Street

TELEPHONE

(303) 234-4582

CITY OR TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

12-16-77
Ronney H. Hall

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE Deputy Assistant Secretary

DATE FEB 14 1978

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: *Charles G. ...*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 9-1-78

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Bull Pasture is a site which is significant because of its important association with an evolving regional cattle industry in southern Arizona during the early part of the 20th Century, and because it was a particular rendezvous of armed Mexican refugees during the turmoil of the Mexican Revolution, and because, due to their use of this valley, it drew American Army patrols and served as an observation post from which American troops kept an eye out for potential violations of the border by groups of armed Mexicans. Obviously, it was the unique combination of the topography of a hidden valley with a spring, tinejas, and grass suitable for grazing which focused such activities in this particular basin rather than in other valleys and canyons along this section of the border. There are no other similar locations along the border within Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument which have any comparable significance or history of use. Thus Bull Pasture has local level of significance under Criteria A in that it was associated with events significant in the local history of southern Arizona and Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, namely the development of the cattle industry in this region, use as a refuge by Mexican dissidents in a time of political and military upheaval in Mexico, and American Army response to insure that such upheaval did not disturb the American side of the international border.

Authentic