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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

AND/OR COMMON

Verde River Sheep Bridge

2 LOCATION

N of Carefree on Verde River

STREET & NUMBER

Sec. 35, T.9N., R.6E., G&SRB&M

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Nearest town: Carefree

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

STATE

Arizona

CODE

04

COUNTY

Yavapai

CODE

025

2 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 type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, (If applicable)
U.S. Forest Service, U.S.D.A., Region 3

STREET & NUMBER

Federal Building, 6th Floor, 517 Gold Ave., SW

CITY, TOWN

Albuquerque

VICINITY OF

STATE

New Mexico

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Tonto National Forest

STREET & NUMBER

102 S. 28th Street, P.O. Box 13705

CITY, TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Arizona

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a suspension bridge, using $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch wire rope for suspension lines.

The bridge is 487 feet long, 45 inches wide, and has sides 36 inches high.

The cables from the main suspension cable to the bridge are $\frac{3}{8}$ inch wire rope spaced 8 feet apart.

The bridge itself is made entirely of wood. The floor is made of 2"x8" planks which are supported by 4x4's. The sides and railings are made of 1x3's. Portions of the wood throughout the bridge have been replaced as they became unserviceable or vandalized.

The cable tower on the west end is made entirely of concrete. It is approximately 50 feet high and 12 inches thick. Some concrete was used in conjunction with large boulders to create the cable anchors.

Construction on this bridge began in 1940 and was financed by Dr. R. O.

Raymond. The inscription in concrete on the west end reads;

"Joe Landeta - 1944".

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The lands in and around the "Bloody Basin" area have been grazed since the 1870's by both cattle and sheep. Recorded conversations with oldtimers indicate that overall the range was fully stocked with cattle by about 1890. As more and more sheep came to winter and lamb on the already overstocked range, considerable hard feeling was said to have been generated. This situation was alleviated beginning in 1905 when the Forest Service was created.

In 1926, Dr. R.O. Raymond acquired the sheep preference on the allotment bordering the Sheep Bridge. In 1945, Jose Manterola and his wife Marianne bought out Dr. Raymond. The permit is still with the Manterola family.

During the last part of the 1800's, and the first portion of this century, the sheep industry was of great importance in Arizona. Literally millions of sheep grazed on the Tonto National Forest during this period. Basque herders were commonly brought into the country by individual sheepmen as well as by the large sheep companies. An entire industry and way of life was associated with these sheep and the production of wool and mutton.

With the passage of time and the change of economic conditions, there has been a marked decline in the sheep use of these wild areas. At the present time only a fraction of the sheep once permitted still graze their historic

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

NONE

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 2	434750	371701820	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The bridge is located on the Verde River in T.9N., R.6E., approximately in the center of section 35. Acreage includes bridge ends on both sides of the Verde as well as "air-space" over the River.

NOTE: No buildings or structures other than the bridge itself are included in the nominated area.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	DATE
W. G. Weinel, Forester	7/22/75
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Tonto National Forest, Cave Creek Ranger District	
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Box 768	602-488-3441
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Carefree	Arizona
	85331

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES NO NONE

Dorothy A. Hall 2-3-75
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

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 James H. Smith DATE 7/26/78

TITLE Director, Recreation Mgmt.

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DATE	<u>11/21/78</u>
ATTEST: <u>William Labovitch</u>	DATE <u>Nov 20, 1978</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

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range. Many people in modern-day Arizona have little idea of the adventure and hazards of the sheep business as it existed for so many years. Little remains to mark the passing of a way of life which once played a critical role in Arizona's economy.

It is felt that this sheep bridge is an excellent manifestation of the early day sheep industry in Arizona. It displays the ingenuity of the individuals involved in constructing a difficult structure such as a suspension bridge with little technical assistance, thereby providing Manterola sheep safe access across the Verde River.

In addition, its location west of the Mazatzal Wilderness gives the visitor some appreciation of the grazing areas involved and the difficulties of herding sheep in this isolated, rugged country.

All in all, it is felt this structure warrants inclusion in the Register of Historic Places as an excellent exemplification of a way of life and an industry once very important in pioneer Arizona.

- 1. Verde River Sheep Bridge
 - 2. Sec. 35, T.9N., R.6E., G&SRB&M
 - 3. UTM ZONE 12
- 434750 East
3770820 North

