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1. Name

Bowden Hall

2. Location

street & number: N.E. of Light Hall and S.W. of Heating Plant, WNMU
city, town: Silver City state: New Mexico code: 035
county: Grant code: NM-017

3. Classification

Category: Building
Ownership: Public
Status: Occupied
Present Use: Dormitory

4. Owner of Property

name: Regents of Western New Mexico University
street & number: Western New Mexico University
city, town: Silver City state: New Mexico

5. Location of legal Description

courthouse, etc.: Grant County Courthouse
street & number: Cooper and Broadway
city, town: Silver City state: New Mexico

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

On State Register of Historic Places.

7. Description

Condition: Fair

Description: Bowden Hall is a painted brick, Mission style building with a hipped roof, exposed rafters and gables on the east and west ends. The front center of the roof is a Mission style arch with a round louvered opening. Windows are 6/6 double hung wood with concrete sills. Basement windows have metal grills. The entrance has brick pilasters and raised brickwork surrounding a single leaf metal and glass door with sidelites and transom lites framed in metal. Bowden Hall was built in 1928 as a dormitory and is currently used for classrooms. The building was designed by the architectural firm of Trost and Trost. Bowden Hall has a rectangular shape and a strong stylistic similarity to Ritch Hall.

8. Significance

Period: 1900-
Areas of Significance: Architecture
Dates: 1928
Builder/Architect: Trost and Trost

Statement of Significance, Criterion C: Bowden Hall is one of two buildings built in 1928 and one of three buildings designed by Trost and Trost on the Western New Mexico University campus. Bowden Hall is significant because it is one of three buildings designed by the architectural firm of Trost

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and Trost on Western's campus. Built in the California Mission Revival Style, Bowden Hall was the last building of the core campus designed in this style. The California Mission Revival Style was the style for three other buildings on Western's campus during this period and the style for many buildings on four other New Mexico campuses built in the same period between 1906 and 1936. Bowden Hall and its associated building, Light Hall, are the first buildings constructed outside the original twenty acre campus and mark the beginning of a 30 year period of expansion for Western.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographic Data

Acreage: 0.092 acre
Quadrangle name & scale: Silver City Quadrangle; 1:24,000
UTM References:

Zone	Easting	Northing
12	754600	3629500

Verbal boundary description and justification: On the lands of Western New Mexico University from the NE corner of B St. and College Ave., proceed north 150 feet to the SW corner of Bowden Hall; using the SW corner of the building as the point of beginning, proceed east 100 feet to the SE corner of the building; turn north and proceed 40 feet to the NE corner of the building; turn west and proceed 100 feet to the NW corner of the building; turn south and proceed 40 feet to the point of origin (note: this verbal boundary description is not a legal filed description for Bowden Hall. This description is the area around the building measured and described for the Historic Register generally using a landmark as a beginning and ending point for easier reference.).

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