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Historic Resources of Downtown Gallup  
McKinley County, New Mexico

1. Name: Rex Hotel
2. Location: 300 West 66th Avenue  
Gallup, New Mexico
3. Classification:  
Category building  
Ownership private  
Status unoccupied  
Accessible yes: unrestricted  
Present use: vacant
4. Owner of Property:  
CPS Associates  
c/o Timothy Smith  
P.O. Box 790  
Gallup, NM 87301
5. Location of Legal Description:  
McKinley County Courthouse  
205-209 West Hill Street  
Gallup, New Mexico
6. Representation in Existing Surveys:  
New Mexico Historic Building Inventory  
August 1985  
New Mexico Historic Preservation Division  
228 E. Palace Avenue, Rm 101  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503
7. Description:  
Condition fair  
altered  
original site

The 1910, two-story, Rex Hotel is constructed of locally quarried sandstone in the Stone Commercial Style. Located on the corner of 3rd and 66th Avenue, this building is threatened with demolition.



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The 1910 Rex Hotel is architecturally significant for its Stone Commercial style and historically significant for its association with the second economic coal boom in Gallup.

Historically, The Rex is associated with the second coal boom inspired building flurry in Gallup. It is included in a group of many hotel buildings in Gallup which are important for their association with the early automobile-related tourist trade. Located on Highway 66, this hotel, like others on 66, represented downtown Gallup to many tourists on their way through the area. Many tourists may have viewed the Rex as the most authentically "western" due to its sandstone construction and "rustic" appearance.

Architecturally, this hotel remains as the best example of the Stone Commercial Style in town. Built of locally quarried sandstone, this type of architecture is a regional variation of the Decorative Brick Commercial Style.

9. Major Bibliographical References:  
See continuation sheets

10. Geographical Data: The nominated property consists of Lot 1, Block 31, of the Original Townsite.  
Quadrangle Name: Gallup East  
Quadrangle Scale: 7.5 minute  
Acreage: less than one acre  
UTM References:  
Zone 12 Easting 704580 Northing 3933670