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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Locally maintained Route 66: Glenrio to San Jon

other names/site number Ozark Trail, Texas-New Mexico Mountain Highway, SR 3

2. Location

street & number Texas border west to San Jon not for publication

city or town San Jon vicinity

state New Mexico code NM county Quay code 037 zip code 88434

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Ann W. Hill SIHPO 10-4-93
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Hunter Brewster Division, Dept of New Mexico
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Bob Boland

3/24/94

Rt. 66, Glenrio to San Jon
Name of Property

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County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
0	0	sites
1	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Hist. & Arch. Resources of Rt. 66 through NM

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION: road-related

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION: road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

no style

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other earth fill, asphalt and gravel surfacing,
timber bridges, concrete culverts

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

transportation

engineering

Period of Significance

1930-1952

Significant Dates

1930, 1952

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Rt. 66 Glenrio to San Jon
Name of Property

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 177 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	1,3	6,7,8,2,8,0	3,8,9,4,4,10
	Zone	Easting	Northing
2	1,3	6,7,6,9,8,0	3,8,9,4,1,3,0

3	1,3	6,6,6,8,0,0	3,8,8,7,0,1,0
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4	1,3	6,5,7,2,3,0	3,8,8,6,8,6,0

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization contract historian date August, 1993

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city or town Albuquerque state NM zip code 87108

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Historic and Architectural Resources of Rt. 66 through NM
Quay County, New Mexico

7. Description

This 14.6 mile section of locally maintained Route 66 that became the Route 66 alignment in 1930 extends from the Texas border at Glenrio to two miles east of San Jon. The easternmost half mile portion consists of a four-lane road with a narrow concrete median completed in 1951. The remainder, which parallels the abandoned grade of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, consists of a gravel cover with only small portions of the 1950s asphalt showing. The section includes four creosote-treated timber beam bridges and several concrete culverts. These structural elements, the road's cross-section template and alignment, and the landscape of eastern rural New Mexico through which the road section passes contribute to its historic feeling.

Passing through the Trujillo and San Jon Creek drainages, Route 66 in eastern Quay County offers little elevation change, remaining at about 3,850 ft. throughout the road section. Several small streams near Endee mark the only noticeable change in the area's topography. These streams, which made the area attractive to homesteaders, presented obstacles to early road builders, causing the earliest road to make several crossings of the nearby railroad grade. When the road was realigned in 1930 to eliminate these crossings and to parallel the railroad lying to the south, engineers raised the road grade. These raised portions of the roadbed contain several concrete culverts and are often marked by short guardrails consisting of wood posts and connecting steel cables.

Also notable are the four bridges built during the 1930 realignment. From east to west, the first bridge is located 1.5 miles east of Endee and contains five trussed wood piers; the second lies 1.0 mile east of Endee and contains one trussed wood pier; the third lies 2.1 miles west of Endee and contains fourteen trussed wood piers; and the fourth lies 2.3 miles west

Name of Multiple Property Listing

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of Endee and contains eleven trussed wood piers. All of these bridges consist of a 21 ft. wide roadway with a wood laminated deck resting on wood girders. All are lined by post and cable guardrails. Spans measure a standard 25 ft. Timber abutments are located at each of the bridges' ends.

The road diverges from I-40 at Glenrio, passing almost two miles to the south of I-40 through the sites of the early homestead towns that lined the railroad, before converging with the interstate at San Jon. This departure from the interstate enhances the feeling of cross-country travel in rural eastern New Mexico, especially with the vistas across the slightly rolling semi-arid rangeland, the barbed wire fencing paralleling the road, and the remains of the railroad grade with its wood trestle bridges paralleling the road to the south.

The cross section template of the early road as well as the bridges remain largely unaltered. When the road was turned over to Quay County it was given a gravel surface. Ironically, this alteration has enhanced the historic feeling of the road portion because it recalls the era of Route 66 that preceded its paving in the 1930s.

8. Statement of Significance

Realigned from an earlier course in 1930 under FAP 127-A to eliminate grade crossings with the Chicago and Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad at Endee, this road section served as Route 66 until 1952. The roadway is significant for its association with the rise of automobile tourism in New Mexico as discussed in the Multiple Property listing and thus is eligible under Criterion A. With its historic alignment, its structural elements including timber bridges, portions of guardrails and concrete culverts reflecting early road construction, design, materials and

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workmanship, the section is also eligible under Criterion C. In particular, the techniques and materials the four bridges employ characterize bridge building over many of the flood plains and shallow river beds of the state in the 1920s and early 30s. Not only did the laminated deck reduce the dangerous spring associated with the earlier plank decks, but the creosote-treated pine timber offered engineers an inexpensive construction material that could easily be repaired and altered with few skilled workers.

9. Bibliography

Flint, Earl, former mayor of San Jon. Interview with David Kammer, March 23, 1993.

"Plan and Profile of FAP 127-A" dated 8/28/28. On file at the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, Records Control Unit of Records Management, Santa Fe.

Rae, Steven R. et. al. New Mexico Historic Bridge Survey. Santa Fe: New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, 1987.

10. Geographical data

Verbal Boundary Description

This property is 14.6 miles long and is maintained by Quay County. The east end begins at the Texas border, and the west end lies at the beginning of the asphalt pavement two miles east of San Jon. The sides are defined by a corridor extending fifty feet on either side of the road's centerline, marking a right of way of 100 feet, a minimum width used by the State Highway Department during the 1930s.

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Boundary Justification

**The boundary includes the entire parcel historically associated
with this section of Route 66.**