

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Grandview Lookout Tree
other names/site number AR-03-07-04-860

2. Location

street & number N/A / /not for publication
city, town Grand Canyon /xx/vicinity
state Arizona code AZ county Coconino code 005 zip code 86023

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)		<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district		<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> structures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: _____
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUTS IN THE SOUTH-WESTERN REGION, USDA FOREST SERVICE

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

Erwan J. DeLozier _____ Date 7-30-91
Signature of certifying official

USDA - Forest Service

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Shereen Berger _____ Date 4/8/91
Signature of certifying official

State Historic Preservation Office

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. _____ 1/13/92
 See continuation sheet. *Antonietta A. Roe*

determined eligible for the National Register. _____

See continuation sheet. _____

determined not eligible for the National Register. _____

removed from the National Register. _____

other, (explain:)

for Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
GOVERNMENT/Lookout Facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)
N/A

Materials enter categories from instructions)
foundation _____
walls _____
roof _____
other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Summary

Grandview Lookout Tree is located on a low unnamed ridge near the south rim of the Grand Canyon on the Tusayan Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest. It is within a mixed Ponderosa Pine and oak forest at an elevation of 7,240 feet. Although the tree is now a dead and standing snag, it still has many original features and is readily identifiable as a lookout tree. It retains sufficient integrity to qualify it for National Register listing under Criterion A.

Physical Description

Grandview Lookout Tree is now a dead and standing snag, about 70 feet tall and 35 inches in diameter. A platform at the top is accessed by two rows of steel spikes (lag bolts) that lead to a ca. 5 foot long wooden ladder which is attached to a hatchway. The ca. 6 foot square platform is built of milled lumber. It has deteriorated and now only the framework remains. The handrail, if there ever was one, trap door, and mapboard platform are now missing from the structure and scattered on the ground around the base of the tree. Seven guy wires extend from the tree to the ground, and a grounding spike is at the base of the tree. These features conform to a 1931 diagram detailing lightning protection (Figure 3 in the multiple property continuation sheet cover form). A wooden insulator post is on the north side of the tree at the base. Several insulators are on the ground. A telephone wire extends to the northeast from the tree. Some sheet metal is scattered about.

According to Forestry Technician Chuck Allen (personal communication 1990), this tree was alive until about 1974, when disease or lightning killed it. It is located in an isolated setting which is relatively open for a Ponderosa pine forest. Judging from stumps, this area has been logged for timber for many years.

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National Park Service

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Integrity

Although Grandview Lookout Tree is now dead and somewhat deteriorated, it is still unmistakably a lookout tree facility and retains its essential features. While not a "best example" of a lookout tree, it nevertheless is eligible for listing for its historic association. It retains integrity of location, design, feeling, association, and setting.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
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<u>CONSERVATION</u>	<u>1905-1940</u>	<u> </u>
<u>POLITICS/GOVERNMENT</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

<u> </u>	Cultural Affiliation	
<u> </u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u> </u>

Significant Person	Architect/Affiliation	
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u> </u>

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Summary

Grandview Lookout Tree is significant under Criterion A [36 CFR 60.6] for its association with 1) the development of forest fire prevention, detection, and control by the USDA Forest Service between 1905 and 1940, and 2) the conservation movement and its influence on public land management from 1905 to 1940.

Historic Contexts/Background

The date of construction for Grandview Lookout Tree is presently unknown. It has similar features to the Hull Tank Lookout Tree (AR-03-07-04-868), built circa 1916 and located only about one mile to the northeast. However, it has grounding wires, which the Hull Tank Tree does not have. Grounding wires appear in a 1931 diagram for lookout trees, and could indicate a circa 1930 construction date for this tree. It is therefore possible that the Grandview tree replaced the Hull Tank tree. It is also possible that these two trees were used at the same time, to provide different viewsheds of the area. The tree was probably abandoned while it was still alive, as local sources tell us that it was alive as late as 1974. Like the Hull Tank tree, it was probably abandoned in the 1930s when steel lookout towers were built at nearby Skinner Ridge and Grandview. Only Grandview Lookout Tower, listed on the National Register, is still used today.

Although we do not know much about the history of this tree, it had an important function in the earliest fire detection network on the Kaibab National Forest. It continues to evoke a sense of the past.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Chuck Allen, Forestry Technician, personal communication 1990.

See continuation sheet.

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 hist. preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Kaibab National Forest, Williams AZ

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one.

UTM References

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 Zone Easting Northing

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 Zone Easting Northing

B | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 Zone Easting Northing

D | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is a rectangle measuring 50 meters by 60 meters centering on the tree itself (see accompanying sketch map).

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the lookout tree and its immediate area only.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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PHOTOGRAPHS Page 1

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS THE SAME FOR ALL PHOTOGRAPHS ACCOMPANYING THIS
NOMINATION:

- 1). Grandview Lookout Tree
- 2). Vicinity of Grand Canyon, Arizona
- 3). Teri A. Cleeland
- 4). April 1990
- 5). Kaibab National Forest, Williams, Arizona

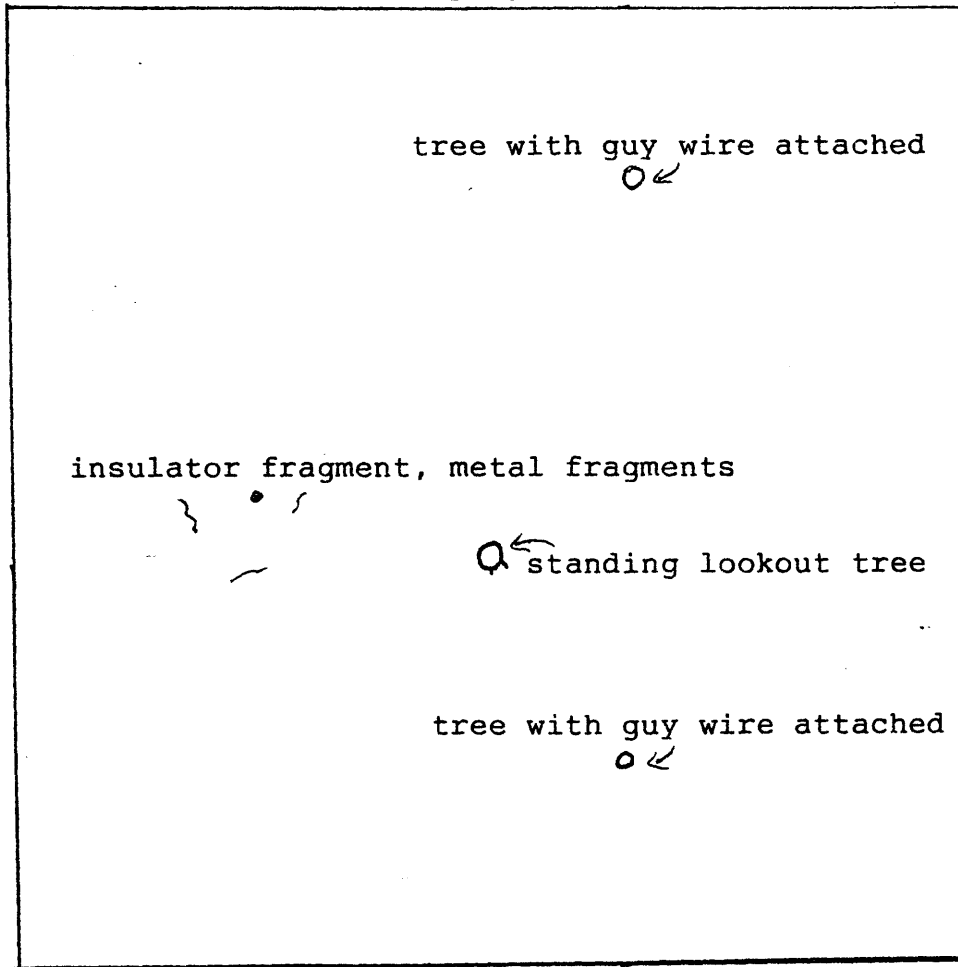
INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 6). Facing northeast, tree in its setting.
- 7). #1

- 6). Facing northeast, close up of platform and ladder.
- 7). #2

- 6). Facing east, individual holding lag bolts.
- 7). #3

nomination boundary ↘



GRANDVIEW LOOKOUT TREE

Kaibab National Forest, Arizona

0 10 20 meters

