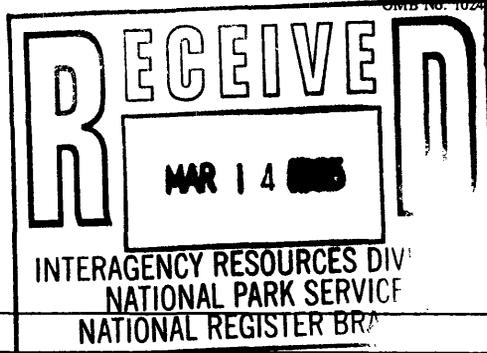


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Under-the-Rim Trail

other name/site number: Includes Sheep Creek Connecting Trail, Swamp Canyon Connecting Trail, Whiteman Connecting Trail and Agua Canyon Connecting Trail

2. Location

street & number: Bryce Canyon National Park

not for publication: n/a
vicinity: X

city/town: Bryce Canyon

state: Utah code: UT county: Garfield and Kane code: 017, 025 zip code: 84717

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 3/14/95
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

National Park Service
State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

[Signature] 3-9-95
Signature of commenting or other official Date

Utah State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:	for Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register ___ see continuation sheet	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>4/25/95</u>
___ determined eligible for the National Register ___ see continuation sheet	_____	_____
___ determined not eligible for the National Register ___ see continuation sheet	_____	_____
___ removed from the National Register ___ see continuation sheet	_____	_____
___ other (explain):	_____	_____

Under-the-Rim Trail

Name of Property

Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Government-Federal

Number of Resources within Property

Category of Property: Structure

Contributing

Noncontributing

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

0

0

building(s)

Name of related multiple property listing: Bryce Canyon National Park Multiple Property Submission

0

0

sites

4

1

structures

0

0

objects

4

1

Total

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

Transportation; pedestrian oriented

Current Function:

Recreation, outdoor recreation

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

N/A

Materials:

foundation: N/A

walls: N/A

roof: N/A

other: N/A

Narrative Description

The Under-the-Rim trail is an unpaved graded trail, approximately 32 miles in length and between two feet and five feet in width. This trail bisects a variety of vegetative zones. Where it descends from the plateau, it is located on open, unvegetated landforms. Mid-slope and in drainage bottoms it bisects pine and oak scrub forests. In general, this trail follows the path of least resistance across the landscape. The Under-the-Rim Trail has been subject to the same types of changes as the scenic trails within the park, namely rerouting and reconstruction due to the adverse impacts from natural erosion. However, it also appears that the level of maintenance committed to this trail is less than that received by scenic trails. In some areas the original grade has been destroyed (especially in drainage bottoms). Re-establishment of the pathway has occurred through use rather than through engineering design and reconstruction. However, for the most part, the alignment of this trail appears to be as originally constructed.

8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: A

Areas of Significance: Government, Recreation

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Period(s) of Significance: 1934-1944

Significant Person(s): N/A

Significant Dates: 1934, 1935

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: NPS (CCC)

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Under-the-Rim Fire Trail (including the Swamp Canyon Connecting Trail, the Whiteman Connecting Trail, and the Agua Canyon Connecting Trail) has local significance under National Register Criterion A for its association with the development of National Park Service (NPS) infrastructure in Bryce Canyon National Park (BRCA), and the involvement of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in such undertakings. (The Sheep Creek Connecting Trail is not counted as a contributing resource.) National Register areas of significance include government and recreation. The period of significance dates from the first year of construction (1935) through the end of the historical period as defined by the National Register. This resource is included in the property type that includes resources associated with NPS administrative development, and this nomination is part of the Bryce Canyon National Park Multiple Property Submission.

The Under-the-Rim Trail was constructed specifically for administrative purposes, namely to provide access to the timbered areas of the park located below the rim of the plateau. Although planned as early as 1932 (as indicated on a 1932 Trail Program Map prepared in the Office of the Chief Engineer, San Francisco, California), construction of this fire trail was not undertaken until the combination of the availability of Emergency Conservation Work funding and CCC labor made the project feasible. CCC enrollees from camp NP-3 constructed the main trail and the connecting trails during 1934 and 1935.

The north portion of the trail, between Bryce Point and the Swamp Canyon Connecting Trail, was constructed in 1934. A trails map drawn in December of 1934, shows the status of this segment as "light" construction (i.e., not graded trail). The southern half of the trail, including the Whiteman Connecting Trail (referred to in historical documents as the connecting trail near the head of Willis Creek) and the Agua Canyon Connecting Trail, was completed in 1935. During the 1935 field season a crew of 25 CCC enrollees and one foreman, working from a spike camp in the canyon bottom below the rim, completed trail construction to Rainbow Point (A. E. Cowell, Park Engineer. Report on Public Works & Emergency Conservation Work, Zion & Bryce Canyon National Parks, Cedar Breaks & Lehman Caves National Monuments. May 1935).

The only component of the Under-the-Rim Trail that was not part of the administrative plan for fire control within the park is the "Sheep Creek Connecting Trail." This connecting trail represents a relatively small segment of an old roadway that connected the East Fork of the Sevier River drainage (on the west side of the park) with the vicinity of Georgetown (a small community on the east side of the park). This pathway existed prior to the time of the initial withdrawal from the public domain of the lands that would be included in the original monument and later BRCA. After establishment of the park, the pathway was recognized as one of the approved park stock driveways. (Indeed, segments of this connecting trail retain the appearance of a wagon road rather than a pedestrian or stock trail.) This connecting trail is not counted as a contributing resource.

A second administrative trail, currently referred to as the Riggs Spring Loop Trail was constructed in 1936, and completed the system of fire protection access trails within the park.

Under-the-Rim Trail

Name of Property

Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah

County and State

9. Major Bibliographic References

"Trail Program Map", 1932; Map No BC-5000 "Bryce Canyon National Park Under Rim Fire Trail Section B" June 1935; Map No. B-4978 "Bryce Canyon National Park Under-Rim Fire Trail" 1934. Map No. 8118 "construction Map Oct.1, 1934 to March 31, 1935"; Map No 2102 "Road and Trail System Plan" 1942; Map No. 2301-G "Trail System" 1969; all available in "Trails File", Maintenance Office, BRCA Headquarters. USGS Bryce Canyon Quadrangle 1966.

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 - Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: ± 93 acres

Maps 2, 3, 4

UTM References:

Zone	Easting	Northing
A See continuation sheet		

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the trail is indicated as a dashed line on the accompanying USGS topographic maps.

Boundary Justification

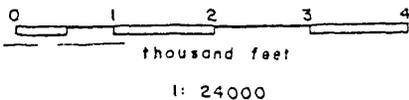
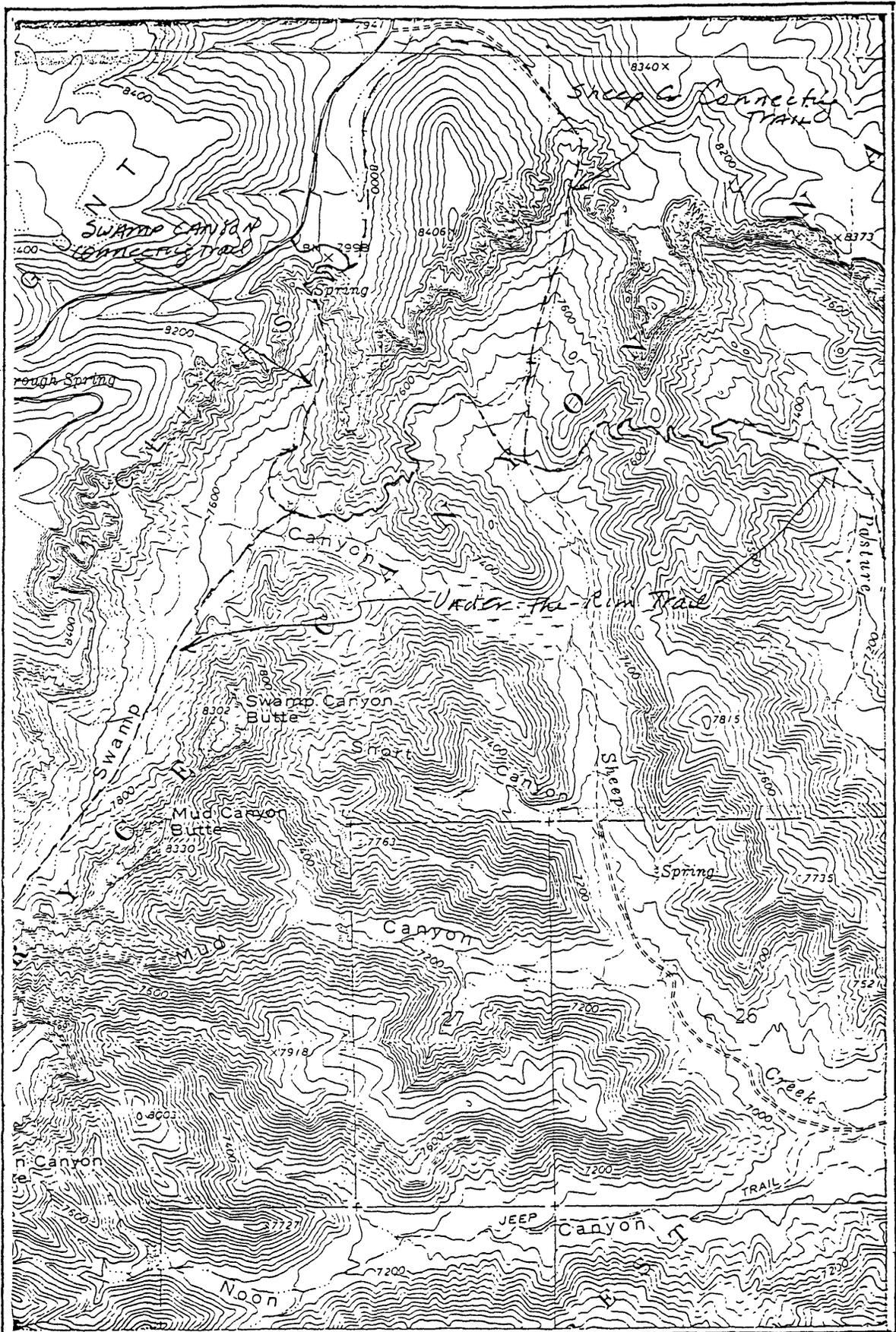
The boundary of the trail includes the tread and 10 feet on either side of the trail.

11. Form Prepared By

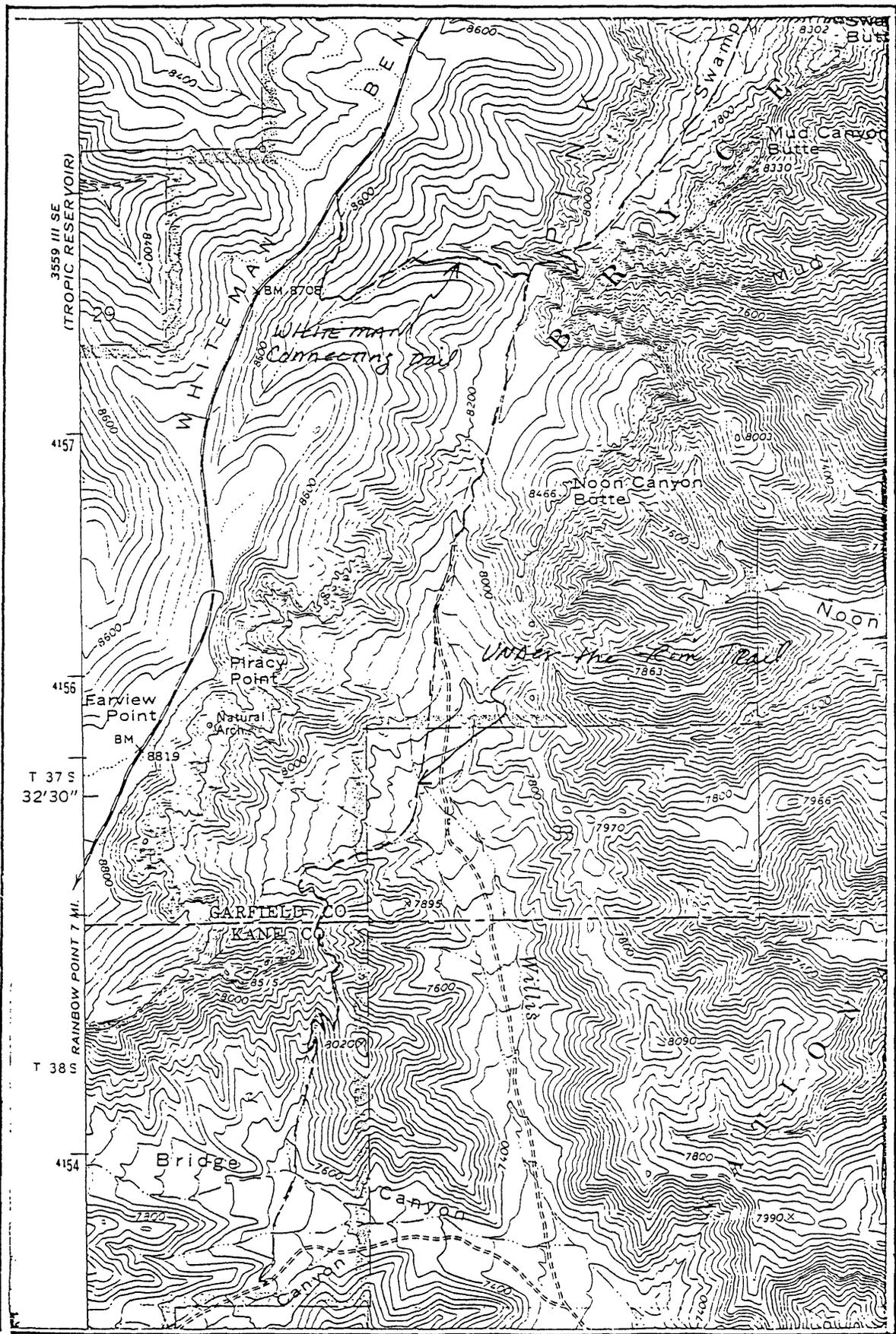
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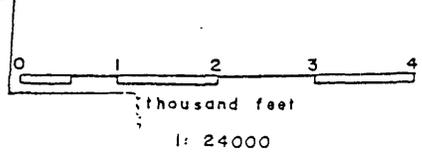
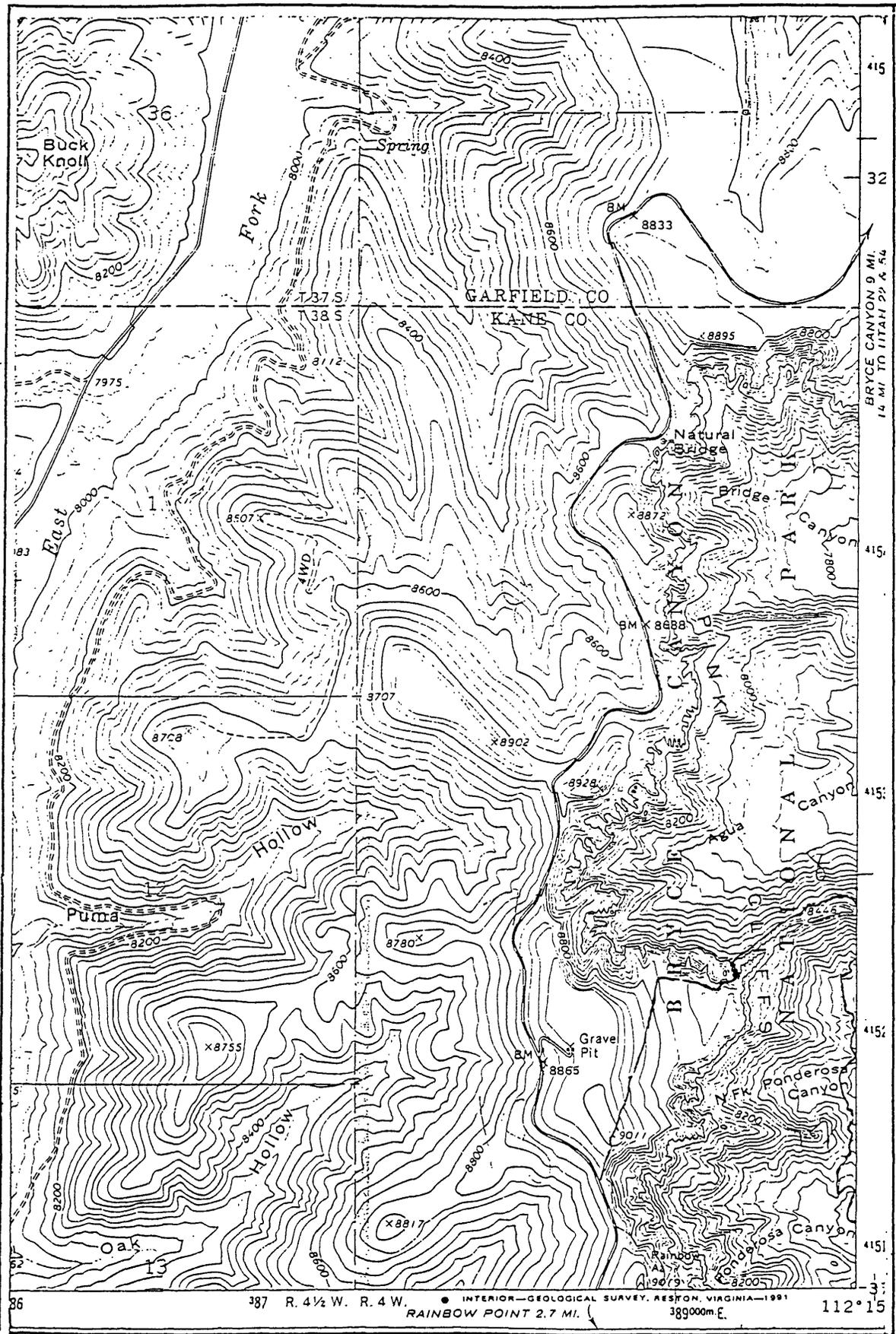
Property Owner

name/title: Bryce Canyon National Park
street & number: telephone: 801 834-5322
city or town: Bryce Canyon state: UT zip code: 84717



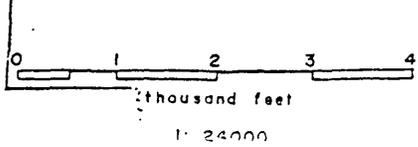
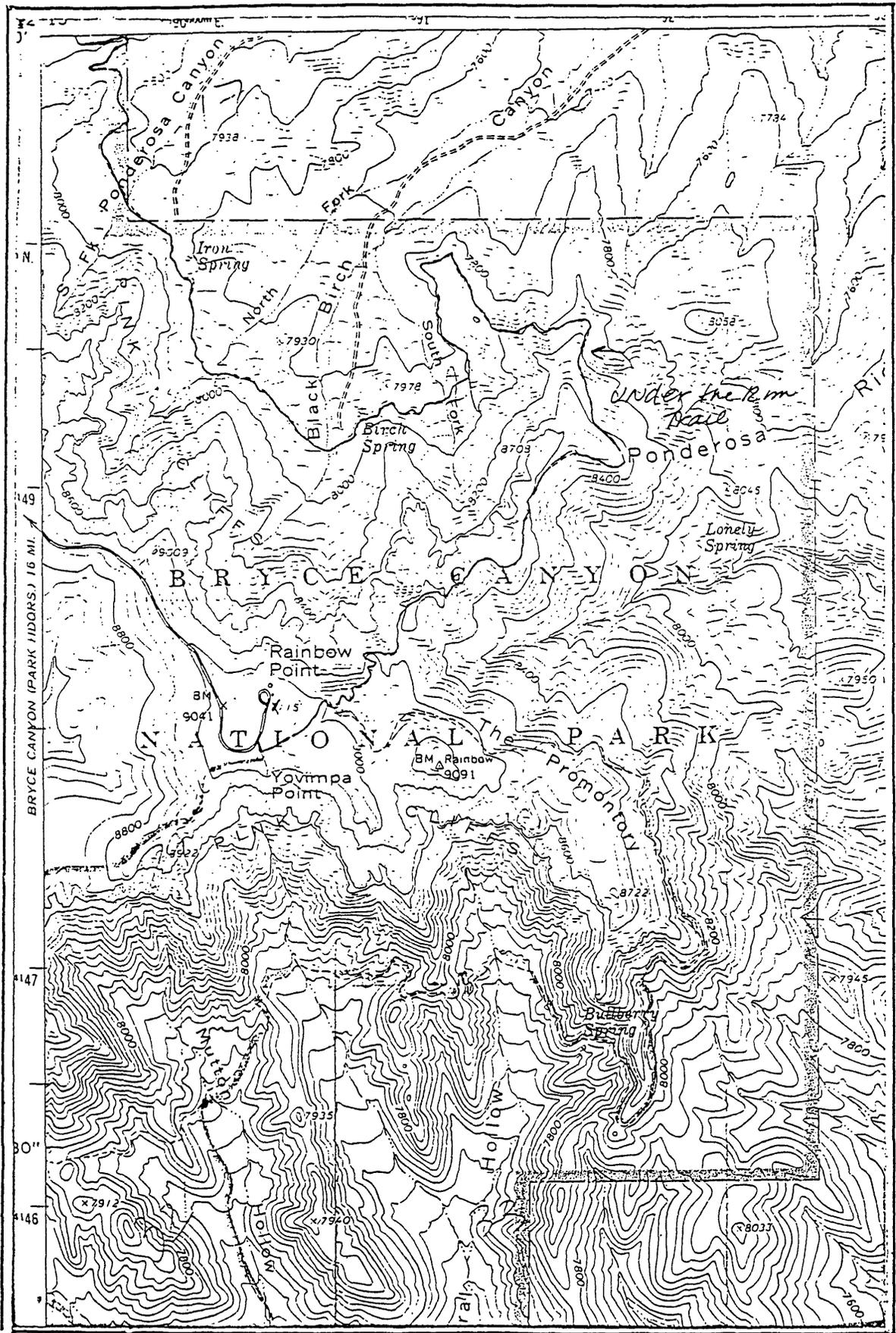
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 Sec. T R
 County Garfield





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USGS 7.5' Quad Rainbow Point
 Sec. _____ T _____ R _____
 County Kane

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Under-the-Rim-Trail Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah

UTM References:

Under-the-Rim Trail (Main trail beginning at north end)

Point A Zone 12 397970 4162340

B Zone 12 399100 4160470

C Zone 12 399110 4159190

D Zone 12 397590 4160100

E Zone 12 397100 4159770

F Zone 12 395970 4158810

G zone 12 395050 4159680

H Zone 12 393820 4159650

I Zone 12 392830 4159340

J Zone 12 391540 4157700

K Zone 12 390800 4156250

L Zone 12 389900 4153140

M Zone 12 389740 4152460

N Zone 12 389840 4150170

O Zone 12 390130 4149320

P Zone 12 390620 4148090

Sheep Creek Connecting Trail (A=top, B=junction with main Under-the-Rim Trail)

A Zone 12 393210 4160500

B Zone 12 393680 4159900

Swamp Creek Connecting Trail (A=top, B=junction with main Under-the-Rim Trail)

A Zone 12 392970 4160560

B Zone 12 392940 4159420

Whiteman Connecting Trail (A=top, B=junction with main Under-the-Rim Trail)

A Zone 12 390640 4157980

B Zone 12 391410 4157620

Agua Canyon Connecting Trail (A=top, B=junction with main Under-the-Rim Trail)

A Zone 12 388480 4151360

B Zone 12 389740 4152460

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Under-the-Rim-Trail Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah

1. Under-the-Rim Trail (including Sheep Creek, Swamp Canyon, Whiteman and Agua Canyon Connecting Trails).
 2. Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah
 3. J. Caywood (HRA, Missoula, MT)
 4. June 1992
 5. NPS RMRO, Denver, CO
- (Information in items 1-5 applies to all photographs of the Under-the-Rim Trail.)

Photo #1

Looking west along Under-the-Rim trail between Swamp Canyon and Whiteman connecting trails.

Photo #2

Under-the-Rim trail in vicinity of Natural bridge campsite--between Whiteman and Agua Canyon connecting trails.

Photo #3

Looking west to NPS boundary marker--where Under-the-Rim Trail passes from NF land back to NPS lands. Good example of canyon bottom tread.

Photo #4

Looking south along canyon bottom tread of Under-the-Rim Trail between Whiteman connecting trail and Agua Canyon connecting trail.

Photo #5

Looking WSW to junction of main Under-the-Rim Trail and Agua Canyon connecting trail.

Photo #6

Agua Canyon trailhead--looking northeast from Rim Road.

Photo #7

Sheep Creek connecting trail/stock driveway--looking south over pathway.