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National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93000516 Date Listed: 6/10/93

Columbine Work Station
Property Name

Graham County AZ State

Depression-Era USDA Forest Service Administrative Complexes in Arizona MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Antoinette Allee
Signature of the Keeper

6/10/93
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Statement of Significance: This property has been evaluated at the statewide level of significance.

This information was confirmed with Michael A. Sullivan, Archeologist with the Tonto National Forest, and Evan I. DeBlois, Federal Preservation Officer, USDA Forest Service.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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REGISTRATION FORM

MAY 12 1993

1. Name of Property NATIONAL REGISTER
historic name Columbine Work Station
other names/site number _____

2. Location
street & number N/A /NA/not for publication
city, town Safford /XX/vicinity
state Arizona code AZ county Graham code 009 zip code N/A

3. Classification		
Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>2</u> _____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ objects
		<u>2</u> _____ Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
DEPRESSION-ERA USDA FOREST SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEXES IN ARIZONA
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register None

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.

Evan P. DeGloria 5/7/93
Signature of certifying official Date

USDA - Forest Service

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

Jessie J. Miller 6-5-92
Signature of certifying official Date

Abry SITPO
State Historic Preservation Officer

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Antoinette Allee 6/10/93

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determined eligible for the National Register. _____

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determined not eligible for the National Register. _____

removed from the National Register. _____

other, (explain:) _____

h Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use	
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
GOVERNMENT	GOVERNMENT
DOMESTIC/institutional housing	DOMESTIC/institutional housing

7. Description	
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials enter categories from instructions)
Bungalow/Craftsman	foundation CONCRETE
	walls WOOD, weatherboard
	roof METAL, steel
	other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Summary

Columbine Work Station is located on a peak of the Pinaleno Mountains near Soldier Creek in an area of dense pine forest. Columbine Work Station is a Forest Service administrative site with two historic buildings built about 1935. These buildings are a residence (designated Residence 1) and a barn, which are largely set apart from other structures in the complex. Both buildings are considered contributors to the historic district. The present administrative site contains nine other buildings which are located outside the historic property boundary. These buildings include three other residences, two storage rooms, an inflammables storage building, a bathhouse and two latrines. There is little information on these buildings. They were moved to the site or constructed after the Depression era. Their presence does not intrude on the setting of the contributing buildings.

The nominated property is a good example of a Forest Service administrative site built during the Depression-era. These two buildings remain in their historic setting and appear to have undergone only minimal modification. Later additions to the complex have been sited to conform to the two existing structures. Residence 1 is typical of standard plan construction which illustrates Forest Service site layout and administration during the Depression. The district retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

Setting

Columbine Work Station is located on the peak of the Pinaleno Mountains near Soldier Creek in an area of dense pine forest. Swift Trail, a paved road, runs east of the complex. Trees grow close to most of the buildings although a meadow is located to the west.

Physical Description

Residence 1 at the Columbine Work Station was carefully designed to blend with this environment. The design is from standard plan A-5, a four room rectangular bungalow type structure. It is of wood frame on a concrete foundation with exterior walls of horizontal flushboard. The kitchen projects slightly from the southeast side of the building, expanding into an area designated for a porch in the standard plan. The roof is side gabled with a northeast facing dormer. The original wood shingles were

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replaced with corrugated metal in 1987. The dormer has a gable roof with an overhang and a six-pane window flanked by louvered vents. An exterior brick chimney covers part of the southeast wall. The open porch on the northeast side of the building has a plywood roof supported by four wooden posts. A panelled door with six panes of glass in the top panel opens from the porch into the living room. Another northeast facing half-glass door opens into the kitchen. Most of the windows in the building are six-over-six double hung sash type.

The Columbine Work Station barn is well designed to conform to Residence 1 and it also blends well with the forested surroundings. This building was probably built to a standard plan but it was not possible to locate this plan. The barn is, therefore, considered to have been built to a unique plan. It is a rectangular wood frame building with a medium pitched roof covered with wood shingles. Exterior walls are of board and batten construction. The west half of the south wall is open and the interior space forms a covered double feed stall. Three double wooden doors with six panes in the top panel are located in the east wall and two similar doors are located in the south and west walls. A solid wooden door is located in the south half of the east wall. Most of windows are six pane side-hinged type.

Residence 1 faces northeast across a small meadow with the barn located just to the south. All of the other structures in the administrative site are located south and west of the nominated property, except a small storage building which is just north of the barn. An unpaved service road enters the complex from Swift Trail and circles the area in which the buildings are located. Post Depression era corrals and pole fences bound the south and west limits of the complex. The Swift Trail curves around to the east and north.

Integrity

Columbine Work Station has not undergone any significant alterations to the nominated buildings since their construction. Some alteration to the setting has occurred as a result of the construction of a series of later buildings outside of the property boundary. However, these additions are not of sufficient size or scale to disrupt the 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

ARCHITECTURE

1935-1942

1935

SOCIAL HISTORY

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

CONSERVATION

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Affiliation

USDA Forest Service, Region 3

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

Summary

Columbine Work Station is significant under criterion "A" for its association with the expansion of the Forest Service administration from custodial superintendence to active resource management. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, it reflects the role of the Forest Service in relieving unemployment during the Depression. It is also significant under criterion "C" because it embodies the use of standard plan architecture developed in the 1930s by Regional Office architects and represents a distinctive Forest Service architectural design style and philosophy. The period of significance dates from 1935, when the first building was constructed, to 1942, corresponding with the end of the Great Depression and the disbanding of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Historic Context/Background

The Columbine Civilian Conservation Corps camp was located about 5 miles south of Columbine Work Station. The camp was first occupied in the summer of 1934 and it is likely that camp enrollees built Residence 1 the following summer. When the roof was replaced recently, "1935" was found engraved in the roofing material. The use of standard plans, typical of Forest Service construction during the 1930s, supports this construction date. The barn was probably built about the same time. Although the barn design is unique rather than standard, architectural details and use of materials points to a mid-1930s construction date. (See "Depression-Era USDA Forest Service Administrative Complexes in Arizona Multiple Property Form" for additional information.)

Columbine Work Station currently functions as a residence and maintenance area for Forest Service personnel working to maintain and improve the Pinaleno Mountains. Residence 1 houses employees primarily during the summer months, as snow prohibits

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winter maintenance work. The barn functions as a stable, tack room, and workshop, while the adjacent corrals house horses used in remote work projects. It is likely that Columbine Work Station was constructed for these purposes.

Columbine Work Station is located high in the Pinaleno Mountains along Swift Trail. Although a number of additional buildings have been added to the complex since the nominated properties were built, these additional structures are largely apart from the historic structures. The site layout and setting of Residence 1 and the barn are basically unchanged. There appears to have been little modification to either structure since their first construction.

9. Major Bibliographical References

USDA Forest Service Withdrawal and Historical files, Coronado National Forest, Tucson, Arizona.

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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:

Coronado National Forest

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 1 acre

UTM References

A 12 601900 3618750
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____
 Zone Easting Northing

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____
 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of Columbine Work Station complex is a rectangle measuring 210 ft N/S by 150 ft E/W with Residence 1 at the north end of the property and the barn at the southwest corner. Portions of two non-contributing buildings fall within the

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes only those buildings which date to the historic period of significance.

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11. Form Prepared By

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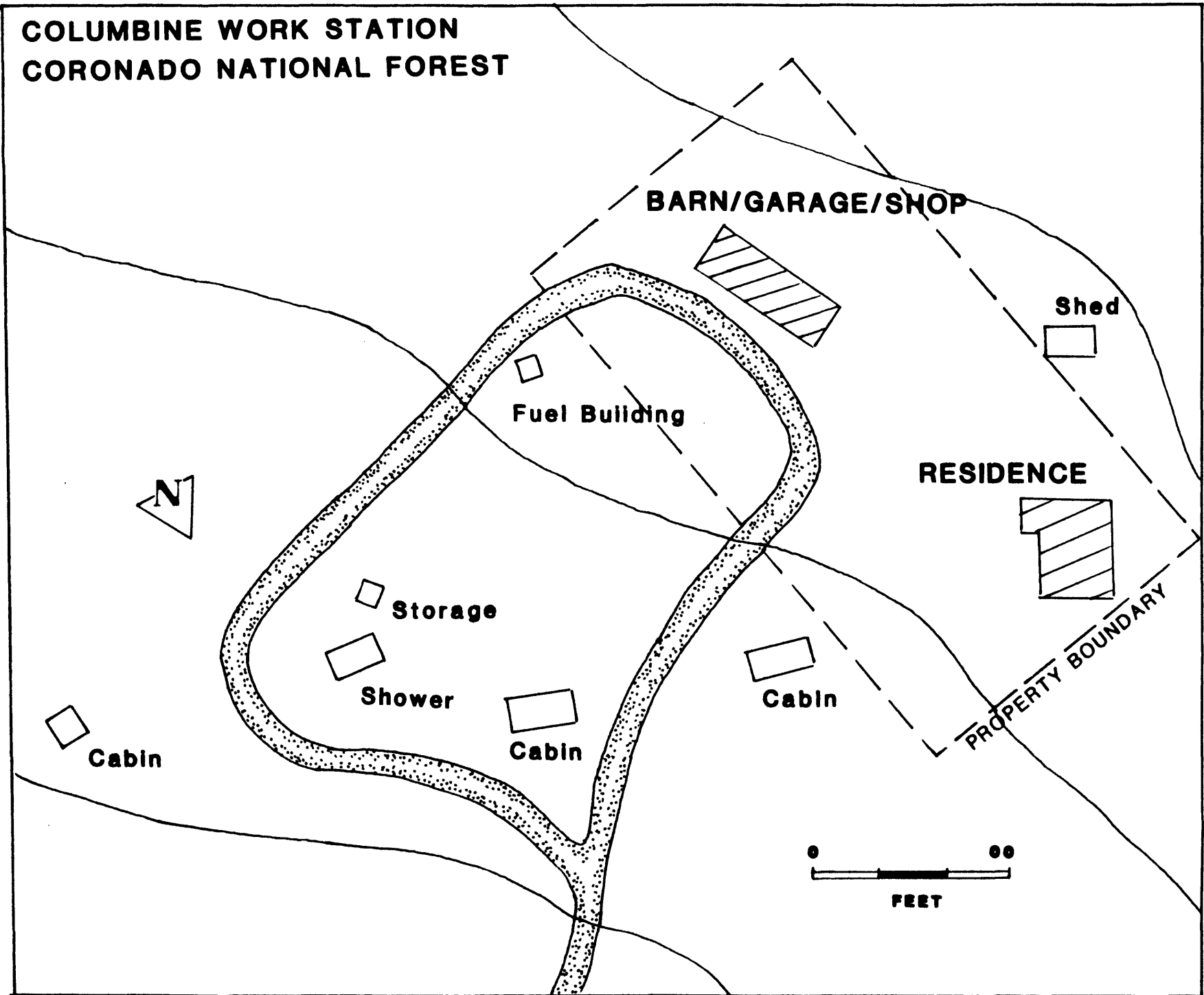
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boundary. The area surrounding the complex within the boundary is not considered a "buffer area," but is integral to the setting of the property. The boundary of the Columbine Work Station is shown as a dashed line on the accompanying sketch map.

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CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST**



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Photographs Page 1

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

- 1) Columbine Ranger Station
- 2) Pinaleno Mountains, Graham County, Arizona
- 3) Catherine M. Cameron
- 4) July 1988
- 5) Supervisor's Office, Coronado National Forest, Tucson, Arizona

INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 6) Facing southwest, showing front of dwelling
- 7) CNF 18

- 6) Facing west, showing front of Barn/Garage/Shop
- 7) CNF 19