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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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 Roy T. Herman's Garage and Service Station

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 150 yds. W of I-40 exit at Thoreau on SR 122  not for publication

city or town Thoreau  vicinity

state New Mexico code NM county McKinley code 031 zip code 87323

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.)

[Signature] SIIPD 10-4-93  
 Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Historic Preservation Division, State 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.)

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 Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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 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] Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 11-22-93

[Signature]

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Roy T. Herman's Garage and Service Station  
Name of Property

McKinley County, NM  
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	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	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)

COMMERCE: specialty store

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE: specialty store

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

no style

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls metal

roof metal

other stucco

**Narrative Description**

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

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**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.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

transportation  
architecture

**Period of Significance**

1935-1956

**Significant Dates**

1935, 1937

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

N/A

**Primary location of additional data:**

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

Name of repository:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** less than one acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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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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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*)

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington. DC 20503.

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

7. Description

Located along the 1937 alignment of Route 66 (now SR 122) in Thoreau, this former gas station is a one-story building with hipped and flat roof portions. It has a concrete foundation, metal plate and stucco walls and a metal seamed and asphalt roof. Portions of a white enamel covering with red and blue strips characteristic of early Standard Oil Company gas stations remain on the walls. Large fixed windows are on both sides of the building, and fixed windows flank a metal frame commercial door with a large single light at the front. A broad-pitched hipped canopy extends over a service lane to the concrete pump island and is supported by two metal poles. The garage's sign dating to 1950 is fixed to the roof's ridge, and a lighting fixture is attached to the ceiling of the canopy above the pump island. The pumps date to the late 1940s.

Characteristic of most service stations along rural portions of Route 66, the building is set back from the road, permitting parking and off-road maneuvering room. When the building was moved to its present location, the rear portion of the station with its repair bay was altered. The exterior restrooms were removed, a flat roof replaced the original hipped roof, and a stucco coating was added to the metal walls. This addition, however, does not detract from the historic appearance of the gas station's facade and canopy as they face the old highway.

8. Statement of Significance

The building served as a gas station along Route 66 from 1935 when it was a Standard Oil Company station along the highway in Grants to 1963 when Roy Herman, the longtime operator of the station, bought the building, moved it 200 yds. farther west on Route 66, and ceased selling gasoline to work solely as a garageman. In 1937, the building was moved to Thoreau just as Route 66 had been realigned and the highway moved a half mile

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Significance (continued)

south from Thoreau's main street north of the railroad tracks to its present alignment. Longtime station operator, Roy Herman, recalls that it was the first roadside businesses located along this realigned section of the highway and was operated by Joe Anderson, a well-known mechanic in the area. As a young veteran, Mr. Herman worked at the service station, operating the garage in the late 1940s. In 1950 he purchased the station, and he and his son have operated it since. The building is one of the oldest remaining stations along Route 66 in New Mexico and is closely associated with Route 66 and is thus eligible under Criterion A. The building is also eligible under Criterion C as one of the oldest remaining examples of early franchise service stations in New Mexico with its style, plan and materials reflecting an early stage in the evolution of the service station property type. Of particular note is the building's seamed metal construction including its hipped roof. Criterion Consideration B also applies to this building in that while it has been moved from its original location, the moves have occurred along Route 66 so that it retains its significance for its historic association and architectural value.

9. Bibliography

Herman, Roy, longtime Route 66 service station operator.  
Interview with David Kammer, 2/12/92. NMSHPO.

Verbal Boundary Description: A polygon bounding a building that is 35 ft. long and 25 ft. wide and whose front is located 60 ft. N of SR 122 on a .24 acre parcel described in the McKinley County Tax Assessor's listing as "more or less in the SW quarter of Section 33, Township 14, Range 13."

Boundary Justification: The boundary includes only the portion of the lot on which the nominated property is situated.