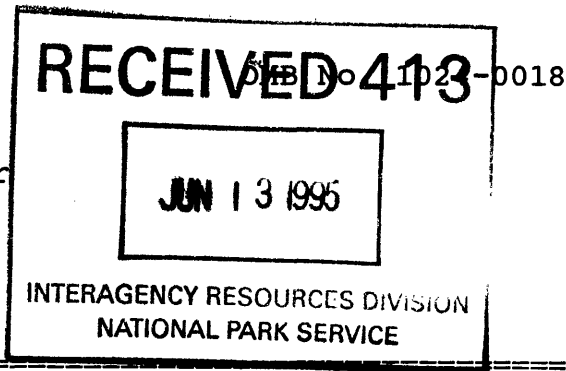


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name "Del Treinta" Bridge

other names/site number: Bridge #261, "Puente del Río Prieto"

2. Location

street & number SR 128, km 32.7, Barrio Indiera Alta

not for publication

city or town Maricao vicinity X

state Puerto Rico code PR county Maricao code 093 zip code 00606

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 X statewide      locally. (      See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Arleen Pabón PhD  
Signature of certifying official

May 25, 1995  
Date

Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office  
State or 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 commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau



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6. Function or Use  
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Historic Functions

Cat: Transportation Sub: road related

Current Functions

Cat: Transportation Sub: road related  
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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification Other/ rolled steel beam

Materials

foundation N/A  
roof N/A  
walls N/A  
other superstructure - concrete  
substructure - concrete

Narrative Description

"Puente del Treinta", crossing the Prieto River, is located at kilometer 32.7 of PR-128 between Lares and Yauco (Photo 1). The bridge acquired its name "del treinta" (which means "of thirty") because the bridge's location corresponded to kilometer #30 on PR'128 before the road was retraced by the construction of a reservoir in the 1950's. The structure, which displays concrete balustrades and has ornamental parapets on its accesses, has its steel beams encased in concrete. The 18 foot tall piers are adorned with spring courses.

The structure and its setting have suffered no significant alterations since the period of significance. The bridge retains a high degree of integrity of design, workmanship, feeling, association, materials, and setting. A description of the structure follows:

span number: 3	superstructure: concrete
span length: 9 meters	substructure: concrete
total length: 32.6 meters	construction date: 1924
roadway wdt.: 4.80 meters	current condition: very good

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Applicable National Register Criteria

- 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

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a 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 engineering, transportation

Period of Significance 1924-1944

Significant Dates 1924

Significant Person N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Eng. Enrique Ortega, builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

Puente del Treinta, assembled in 1924, due to its excellent condition, beauty and location serves as a representative of longitudinal rolled beam bridges in Puerto Rico. This bridge type was commonly used during the Commonwealth's 1920s highway construction boom. The structure's construction, undertaken by the insular government, was supervised by engineer Enrique Ortega of the Public Works Department and completed at a cost \$13,993.

The erection of this bridge, coupled with an arduous cut through the hard rock formation "La Encantada", helped conclude a 1906 construction project of a difficult 38-kilometer route between Yauco and Lares. This road provided access to Puerto Rico's richest coffee producing region.

For further contextual information regarding bridge building in Puerto Rico, registration requirements, and property types, see related multiple property listing "Historic Bridges of Puerto Rico".

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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**Pumarada O'Neill, Luis. Los Puentes Históricos de Puerto Rico. Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo, RUM, Mayagüez 1991.**

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: **Puerto Rico Highway Authority**
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus**
- Other

Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property less than one acre

USGS Quadrangle Monte Guilart, PR Quadrangle (7.5 minute series)  
References N18°10'15"; E 66°51'45"

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is a rectangular shaped parcel measuring 32.6 X 4.80 meters, which is centered on the coordinates listed above. Included within this rectangular parcel are the bridge's superstructure, substructure and floor system.

Boundary Justification

The nominated structure includes the bridge's superstructure, substructure, floor system, any approach spans and the property on which they rest. These boundaries encompass, but not exceed, all of the property that has been historically associated with this bridge.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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