

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93000517

Date Listed: 6/10/93

Portal Ranger Station
Property Name

Cochise 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.

for *Antonieta A. Lee*
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. DeBloois, Federal Preservation Officer, USDA Forest Service.

DISTRIBUTION:

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

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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name Portal Ranger Station
other names/site number Portal Work Station

2. Location

street & number Forest Route 42A /NA/not for publication
city, town Portal /XX/vicinity
state Arizona code AZ county Cochise code 003 zip code N/A

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	3	0 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
		3	0 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.

Ewan D. DeBlois
Signature of certifying official

5/17/93
Date

USDA - Forest Service

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

Lucas J. Hoffman
Signature of certifying official

6-5-92
Date

State Historic Preservation Officer

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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:)

Antoinette Allee

6/10/93

pa Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT/government officeDOMESTIC/institutional housing

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/institutional housingGOVERNMENT

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETEwalls STONEFIRED BRICKroof ASPHALTother WOOD

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Summary

The Portal Work Station is located on the east side of the Chiricahua Mountains just south of the small town of Portal along Forest Route 42A. This Forest Service administrative facility contains seven buildings, three of which are considered to be contributors to the property. Two of these, the office and the pumphouse, were built between 1934 and 1935. The third contributor, the residence, is the sole surviving element of the original facilities. Its construction date is between 1914 and 1930 (but more likely the latter). While its construction date does not relate to the Depression-era, its integrity, incorporation into the Depression-era site plan for the property, and continued use by the Forest Service as part of the administrative complex justifies its inclusion as a contributor to the property.

Four other buildings, located north and west of the office, residence, and pumphouse are outside the property boundary. These buildings are two metal storage buildings, a workshop, and a barn with attached corrals. There is little information on these buildings, but all but the workshop appear to have been built after the Depression-era. These later additions to the complex are located at some distance from the contributors. The workshop, sited with these buildings, has been modified by the construction of a shed-roofed extension of the east end, and is of questionable design integrity.

The nominated property is a good example of a Forest Service administrative site built during the Depression-era. The residence formed the basis around which the Depression-era site layout was designed. The primary buildings, the office and the residence, while not visually similar are both expressions of the Bungalow/Craftsman design style. The office is typical of standard plan construction and the building set illustrates Forest Service site layout and administration during the Depression era. These three buildings remain in their historic setting and have had only minor alterations. The property retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Setting

The Portal Work Station is located on the east side of the Chiricahua Mountains just south of the small town of Portal along Forest Route 42A. It is situated in a wooded area in narrow Cave Creek Canyon surrounded by imposing cliffs. Cave Creek runs southwest of the complex. The Cave Creek Civilian Conservation Corp camp was located about 400 meters north of the complex.

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Physical Description

The Portal Work Station office building was carefully designed to blend with the surrounding environment. The design is from standard plan B-3, a two room Bungalow type office and quarters building. It is a rectangular building constructed of wood with a riverbed rock veneer laid in mortar on a concrete foundation. The roof is a medium-pitched gable with brackets and is covered with asphalt tile. The gabled section of the roofline is covered with decorative half-timbers. An open porch with a cement floor is attached to the southeast side of the building. The gabled porch roof is supported by pillars that are half concrete and half riverbed rock. The porch gable also has decorative half timbers. Two doors open from the porch into separate interior rooms. Both are panelled with six panes of glass in the top panel. Windows are all six-over-one sash type and have concrete sills and headers.

The pumphouse is very similar in style and construction to the office. It is a small square building constructed of river cobbles on a concrete foundation. The roof is medium gabled and covered with rolled asphalt. The single door in the northwest wall is panelled and has four panes of glass in the top panel. The windows are double casement type with four vertical panes in each side.

The residence is a massed rectangular building constructed of stucco-covered fired brick with two attached porches and a basement. The roof is medium pitched and side gabled. It is covered with asphalt shingles. The front porch is open with a concrete floor. The porch roof is an extended shed covered with asphalt shingles and supported by four stucco-covered pillars. The rear porch is enclosed. The north half is screened over about 3 feet of wood frame. The west half is fully enclosed. The porch also has a shed roof covered with asphalt shingles. The basement is located under the kitchen and dining room. There are a variety of window types in the residence. They include twelve-over-one sash, six-over-one sash, four pane casement, and single pane casement.

The residence is situated 100 feet to the northeast of the office. Both face southeast toward Forest Route 42A. The office and pumphouse face each other on opposite sides of paved Forest Route 42A. The pumphouse is in an area of heavy vegetation; a number of trees grow around the office and the residence. Carefully constructed masonry walls and walkways, installed by CCC crews, surround the office and residence. The office currently functions as a bunkhouse for seasonal fire crews, the residence is still used as a residence as well as an office, and the pumphouse is a storage building for inflammable material.

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Integrity

Portal Work Station nominated buildings have undergone only minor alterations since their construction. They remain in their historic setting with later additions to the complex located at some distance. The group as a whole possesses integrity of design, workmanship, materials, setting, feeling, and association and, therefore, is a good representation of a USDA Forest Service administrative group from the Depression.

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Service buildings. Although the well was maintained by enrollees from the adjacent CCC camp, water for the camp was supplied by another well. It has presently ceased to function as a well housing and is now used to store flammable materials. Forest Service personnel at the Portal Work Station, aided by CCC enrollees during the 1930's, were active in maintaining and improving Forest Land throughout the northwest part of the Chiricahua Mountains.

Portal Work Station is located in the foothills on the east side of the Chiricahua Mountains. Although minor support buildings have been added to the complex since the nominated properties were built, the site layout and setting are largely unchanged. The office building, residence, and pumphouse appear to be entirely unmodified since their first construction.

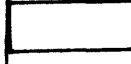
**PORTAL RANGER STATION
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST**



Shed



Garage



Shop



Barn



RESIDENCE



OFFICE



Helipad



Shed



Stone Building

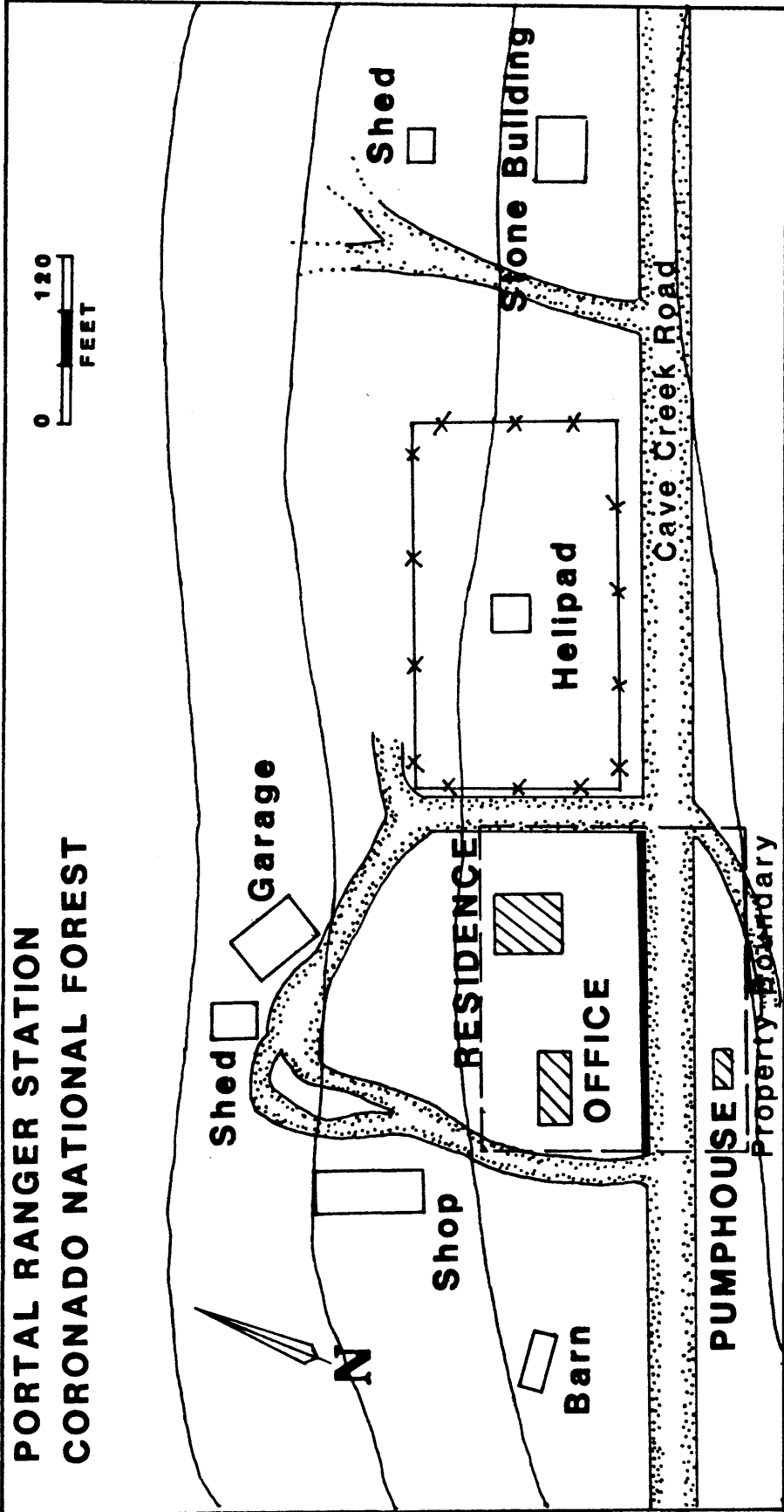


Cave Creek Road

PUMPHOUSE



Property Boundary



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

- 1) Portal Ranger Station
- 2) Vicinity of Portal, Cochise County, Arizona
- 5) Supervisor's Office, Coronado National Forest, Tucson, Arizona

INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 3) Unknown
- 4) ca. 1940
- 6) Facing west, showing residence and office
- 7) CNF 6

- 3) Catherine M. Cameron
- 4) June 1988
- 6) Facing north, showing office
- 7) CNF 7

- 3) Unknown
- 4) ca. 1940
- 6) Facing west, showing office
- 7) CNF 8

- 3) Pat Spoerl
- 4) August 1988
- 6) Facing west, showing residence (office behind trees at left of photo)
- 7) CNF 9

- 3) Catherine M. Cameron
- 4) July 1988
- 6) Facing northwest, showing front of flammable storage building
- 7) CNF 10