# **National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet**

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	NRIS Reference Numbe	r: 93000517	Date Listed:	6/10/93
	Portal Ranger Statio Property Name	<u>n</u>		
	Cochise County	<u>AZ</u> State		
	<u>Depression-Era USDA</u> <u>Arizona MPS</u> Multiple Name	Forest Service Admi	<u>inistrative Co</u> n	nplexes in
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Archeologist with the Tonto National Forest, and Evan I. DeBloois, Federal Preservation Officer, USDA Forest Service.

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTRATION FORM	NATIONAL
1. Name of Property	<u>REGISTER</u>
historic name Portal Ranger Station	
other names/site number Portal Work Stati	on
2. Location	
street & number Forest Route 42A	/NA/not for publication
city, town Portal	/XX/vicinity
state Arizona code AZ county C	ochise code 003 zip code N/A
3. Classification	
Ownership of Property Category of Proper	ty Number of Resources within Property
	Contributing Noncontributing
private   X building(s)   district   public-State   site	3 0 buildings
public-State   site	sites
	structures
object	objects
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Name of related multiple property listing:	
DEPRESSION-ERA USDA FOREST SERVICE	previously listed in the National
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEXES IN ARIZONA	Register None
4. State/Federal Agency Certification	
As the designated authority under the Na	tional Historic Preservation Act of 1966,
as amended, I hereby certify that this	nomination   request for determination
of eligibility meets the documentation s	tandards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and	meets the procedural and professional
requirements set forth in 36 CRF Part 60	
does not meet the National Register c	
Gran J. Or Bloom	5/7/93
Signature of certifying official	Date
USDA - Forest Service	
In my opinion, the property   meets   d	oes not meet the National Register
criteria.     See continuation sheet.	1 ( 4)
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State Historia Preservation Officer	
. National Park Service Certification	
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_ determined eligible for	
the National Register.	
determined not eligible for	
the National Register.	
removed from the National	
Register.	
other, (explain:)	
Signature	e of the Keeper Date of Action
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6. Function or Use		
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions  GOVERNMENT/government office  DOMESTIC/institutional housing	Current Functions (enter categorie from instructions)  DOMESTIC/institutional housing  GOVERNMENT	
7. Description Architectural Classification	Materials enter categories from	
(enter categories from instructions)	instructions)	
Bungalow/Craftsman	foundation CONCRETE	
	walls STONE	
	FIRED BRICK	
	roof ASPHALT	
	other WOOD	
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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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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.

8. Statement of Significance		
Certifying official has considered the si other properties:	gnificance of this prope	rty in relation to
_ r	nationally     statewide	_ locally
Applicable National Register Criteria $ \overline{x} $	$A = B = \overline{x} C = D$	
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	.  _ B  _ C  _ D  _ E  _	F  _ G
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
ARCHITECTURE	1934-1942	1934
SOCIAL HISTORY		
POLITICS/GOVERNMENT		
CONSERVATION		
	Cultural Affiliation N/A	
Significant Person	Architect/Affiliation	
N/A	USDA Forest Service, Re	egion 3

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

#### Summary

Portal Work Station is significant under criterion "A" for its association with the expansion of 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 a distinctive style of architecture developed by the Forest Service during the Depression-era. The Period of Significance dates from 1934, when the first buildings were constructed, to 1942, corresponding with the end of the Great Depression and the disbanding of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

#### Historic Contexts/Background

The Portal Work Station is significant for its association with expansion of Forest Service administration from custodial superintendence to active resource management. Built by Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees, it reflects the role of the Forest Service in relieving unemployment during the Depression years. It shows 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. (See "Depression-Era USDA Forest Service Administrative Complexes in Arizona Multiple Property Form" for additional information.)

The office and pumphouse were built by enrollees at the Cave Creek CCC camp in 1934. Even when newly constructed, the office functioned more often as a bunkhouse for Forest Service personnel than an office, while the nearby residence housed the Ranger and his family (Rafael Velasco, personal communication 1989). The office continues to be used as a bunkhouse, while the residence has taken on most of the office functions. The pumphouse housed the well and pump that supplied water to the Forest

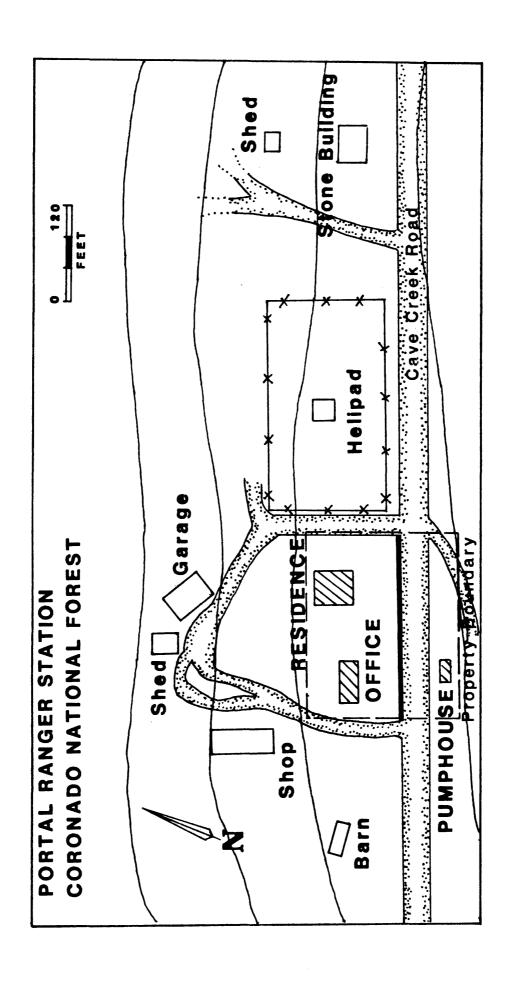
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Service buildings. Although the well was maintained by enrollees from the adjacent CCC camp, water for the camp was supplied by another well. It has presently ceased to function as a well housing and is now used to store flammable materials. Forest 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.

9. Major Bibliographical References	
USDA Forest Service Withdrawal and Historical Tucson, Arizona.	files, Coronado National Forest
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 #	_ See continuation sheet.  rimary location of additional data   State hist. preservation office Other State agency   Federal agency   Local government   University   Other   pecify repository: Coronado National Forest
10. Geographical Data	
Acreage of property 1 acre	
UTM References         A   1 2    6 7 3 8 7 0     3 5 3 0 5 2 0  B   Zone         Zone Easting Northing       Zone D   Zone         Zone Easting Northing       Zone   Zone Easting   Zone   Z	
Verbal Boundary Description The boundary of the Portal Work Station is a recommon state of the point of the boundary is located the point where Cave Creek Road intersects the expoint the boundary runs 120 feet to the NE corner area surrounding the complex within the boundary but is integral to the setting of the property. Station is shown as a dashed line on the accompany	ated along the SE boundary line antryway to the complex. From thi and 80 feet to the SE corner. This not considered a "buffer area" The boundary of the Portal Wor
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Boundary Justification	
The boundary includes only those buildings which designificance.	ate to the historic period of
	See continuation sheet
11. Form Prepared By	
name/title C. Cameron / P. Spoerl archaeologi	sts
organization USDA Forest Service - Coronado NF	date 9/18/89
street & number 300 W. Congress	telephone 629-6416 state AZ zip code 85701
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Photographs Page 1

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 Spoer1
- 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