

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: 91001954 Date Listed: 1/13/92

Corral Lake Lookout Tree
Property Name

Coconino AZ
County State

National Forest Fire Lookouts in the Southwestern Region TR
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 Glee

Signature of the Keeper

1/23/92

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Statement of Significance: Under Areas of Significance, Engineering is added.

This information was confirmed with Evan DeBloois of the U.S. Forest Service.

DISTRIBUTION:

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

1954

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Corral Lake Lookout Tree
other names/site number AR-03-07-1000

2. Location

street & number N/A / /not for publication
city, town Fredonia / x/vicinity
state Arizona code AZ county Coconino code 005 zip code 86022

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)		<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district		<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> structures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: _____
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUTS IN THE
SOUTHWESTERN REGION, USDA FOREST SERVICE

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 J. DeBlois 7-30-91
Signature of certifying official Date

USDA - Forest Service

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

Shereen Sener 4/8/91
Signature of certifying official Date

State Historic Preservation Office

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Autumnella Lee 1/12/92
 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 of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
GOVERNMENT/ Lookout Facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)
N/A

Materials enter categories from instructions)
foundation
walls
roof
other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Summary

This isolated historic lookout tree is located on an unnamed ridge northeast of Moquitch Canyon. This site is within the Ponderosa pine forest with some regeneration and isolated clumps of aspen, various forbs and grasses. The area has been logged and burned slash piles are in the immediate vicinity.

This lookout tree is ponderosa pine - 75' tall with a 30" diameter - with a ladder constructed up its southwest side where the branches have been lopped off. The 60' tall ladder of 4 contiguous segments remain. The entire ladder is intact and in good condition and is attached to the tree with spikes. A toe hole is carved into the tree 2 feet above the ground. The construction is typical of other ladders on lookout trees: 2" X 4" lumber sidepieces with 1" x 12-14" crosspieces.

Setting

Vegetation surrounding the site currently consists of a mature Ponderosa pine forest with aspen groves close by, some grasses and forbs. The entire area is heavily littered with duff and downed vegetation from previous logging, and burned slash piles are scattered in the immediate vicinity. However, the setting retains much of its historic appearance.

Integrity

The Corral Lake Lookout Tree is still in good condition, despite having been abandoned for approximately 30 years. The entire ladder is intact, and the structure is readily identifiable as a lookout tree facility. It retains integrity of location, design, feeling, materials, workmanship, setting, and association.

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

Conservation
Politics/Government 1905-1940

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person Architect/Affiliation

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

Summary

The Corral Lake Lookout Tree is significant under Criterion A [36 CFR 60.6] for its association with 1) the development of forest fire prevention, detection, and control by the USDA Forest Service between 1905 and 1940, and 2) the conservation movement and its influence on public land management from 1905 to 1940. It is also significant under Criterion C [36 CFR 60.6] because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type of construction, the earliest and simplest form of fire detection structure, built into a living tree.

Historic Contexts/Background

The construction and abandonment dates for the Corral Lake Lookout Tree are not presently known. They might be ascertained, however, through oral history. Like other trees in the area, this one may have been used from the late 1920s to the late 1960s.

Although much remains to be learned about the history of this lookout tree, it had an important function in the earliest fire detection network on the Kaibab National Forest. It continues to evoke a sense of the past.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

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:

Kaibab National Forest
Williams, AZ

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property less than one

UTM References

A 1|2| 3|8|6|7|5|0| 4|0|5|1|6|0|0|
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 the site is a square measuring 10 meters by 10 meters centering on the tree itself (see accompanying sketch map).

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the lookout tree and its immediate area only.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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PHOTOGRAPHS Page 1

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

- 1). Corral Lake Lookout Tree
- 2). Vicinity of Grand Canyon, North Rim, southwest of Jacob Lake, Kaibab Plateau, Arizona
- 3). John C. Davenport
- 4). May 1990
- 5). North Kaibab Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest, Fredonia, Arizona

INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 6). Facing north, tree in its setting
- 7). #1
- 8). Facing north, closeup of ladder-works and toe-hold step.
- 9). #2

CORRAL LAKE LOOKOUT TREE

Kaibab National Forest, Arizona

