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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property NATIONAL REGISTER  
historic name Sycamore Ranger Station  
other names/site number Sycamore Work Center; Sycamore Administrative Site

2. Location  
street & number Forest Service Road 68F /NA/not for publication  
city, town Camp Verde /XX/vicinity  
state Arizona code AZ County Yavapai code 025 zip code N/A

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	2	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
		2	Total

Name of related multiple property listing: DEPRESSION ERA USDA FOERST 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.

*Susan D. McPherson*  
Signature of certifying official Date 5/7/93

USDA - Forest Service

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

*Jessie J. Hill*  
Signature of certifying official Date 6-5-92

State Historic Preservation Officer

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register. Signature of the Keeper *Antoinette Lee* Date of Action 6/10/93  
 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:)

6. Function or Use	
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
GOVERNMENT/government office	GOVERNMENT
DOMESTIC/institutional housing	DOMESTIC/institutional housing

7. Description	
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials enter categories from instructions)
Other: National	foundation CONCRETE
	walls WOOD, weatherboard
	roof ASPHALT
	other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Summary

The Sycamore Work Center is a USDA administrative facility located in the southeastern part of the Prescott National Forest. The early structural history of the site included the construction of several buildings, however, during the Depression-era the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) altered the site by adding and replacing structures. Today, only two buildings remain at the Work Center; both were constructed by the CCC.

Setting

Vegetation in and around the Ranger Station reflects a pinon/juniper habitat. Domestic grasses have been added around the residence.

Physical Description

Residence: The residence was constructed in 1940 and was built according to acceptable plan B-8102. Acceptable plans represent the final phase of Forest Service Depression-era architectural design philosophy. Such plans were developed for an individual site using Forest Service approved requirements for site and building layout, floor plans, and safety and construction standards. The residence at Sycamore is a rectangular design with two projecting porches, one in the front and one in the rear. The house rests on a concrete foundation. In addition, the roof is a typical gabled-style. Construction techniques also include frame walls covered on the exterior by horizontal siding. The interior is divided into a living room, kitchen, two bedrooms divided by two closets, an "L" shaped hallway with a closet, and a bathroom. A basement lies beneath the kitchen and an adjacent bathroom.

Barn: As with the residence, the barn was also designed using an acceptable plan rather than a standard plan. It was built in 1941 using acceptable plan B-81110. The barn is a rectangular building having a a so-called shop area, seed bin, tack room, and hay storage area that may also act as a stall. There is a loft as well. Like the residence the barn is a frame building having a concrete foundation and gable roof.

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Integrity

Sycamore Work Center has undergone several alterations since its construction. The removal of the office, garage, chicken coop, and laundry room are the most dramatic of these changes. The loss of the secondary structures is minimal in that they were of insufficient size, scale, or position in the complex to measurably alter the visual integrity of the complex. The removal of the office, a primary structure, is offset by the high integrity of the remaining primaries, the residence and the barn. Neither of these buildings has been subjected to anything other than very minor alterations to their exteriors. The complex, as a whole, possesses integrity of design, workmanship, materials, setting, feeling, and association and is, therefore, a good representation of a USDA Forest Service administrative complex from the Depression-era.

**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

ARCHITECTURE	1940-1942	1940
SOCIAL HISTORY		1941
POLITICS/GOVERNMENT		
CONSERVATION		
	Cultural Affiliation	

Significant Person	Architect/Affiliation
N/A	USDA Forest Service, Region 3

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

Summary

The Sycamore Ranger Station is significant under criterion A [36 CFR 60.0 (a)] for its association with the history of the development of the US Forest Service and the Federal response to the Depression in Arizona between the years 1929-1942.

In addition, Sycamore is also significant under criterion C [36 CFR 60.6 (c)] because it expresses the last stage of Forest Service Depression-era architectural design philosophy, acceptable plans.

Historic Contexts/Background

Located about 16 linear miles south/southwest of Camp Verde, Arizona, Sycamore Work Center was established as a Ranger Station site in 1917 for the Bloody Basin Ranger District (the Ranger District is no longer in existence). The site was named for nearby Sycamore Creek, a perennial stream that flows westward through juniper and chaparrel habitats eventually emptying into the Agua Fria. Unlike several other sites chosen as Ranger Stations, records indicate that the selection of Sycamore was not dependent upon existing improvements. As such, within roughly 1 to 2 years after being designated the site of a Ranger Station, several buildings were constructed. Soon afterwards, by about the mid 1920s, records and maps suggest that the site had an office, dwelling, barn, and perhaps a chicken house.

Initial improvements at the site and those added in the 1920s seemed to have remained until about the late 1930s or early 1940s, at which time, the CCC was asked to construct new facilities. During the years 1940 and 1941, Sycamore gained a new office, dwelling, barn, and shop/garage. Today, only the dwelling and barn remain.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Forest Service file designations 2760 and 7300. These files are located in the Supervisor's Office, Prescott National Forest.

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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:

Prescott National Forest

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property 2.5 acres

UTM References

A 12 410880 3801420  
 Zone Easting Northing

C           
 Zone Easting Northing

B           
 Zone Easting Northing

D           
 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary begins about 140' southeast of the residence. From that point heading northward, the area includes the next 400'. The east/west boundary is measured from that portion of Sycamore Creek that lies roughly midway between the residence and the barn. The east/west boundary is estimated to be about 280'. The boundary includes only that portion of the original work center on which the two buildings historically associated with the property are located. The boundary of the Sycamore Ranger Station is shown as a dashed line on the accompanying sketch map.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the Work Center is actually larger than the verbal description. The verbal description includes only the structures and vehicle turn-around area.

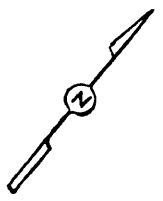
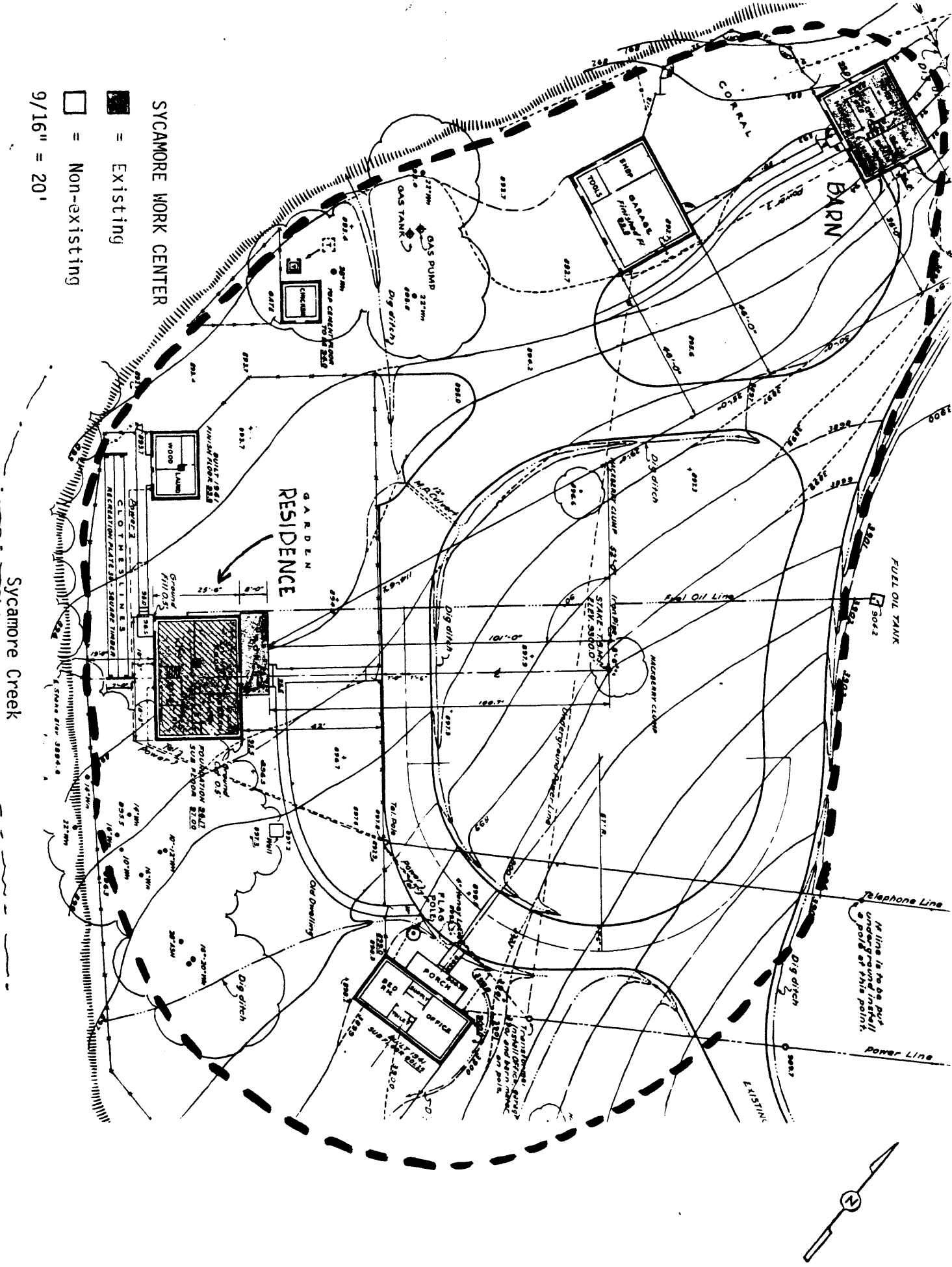
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title James M. McKie, Forest Archaeologist date 9/28/89  
 organization Prescott National Forest telephone (602) 445-1762  
 street & number 344 South Cortez city or town Prescott state AZ zip code 86303

= Existing  
 = Non-existing  
 9/16" = 20'

**SYCAMORE WORK CENTER**



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

- 1) Sycamore Work Center
- 2) Vicinity of Mayer, Arizona
- 3) James M. McKie
- 4) 28 March 1989
- 5) Supervisor's Office, Prescott National Forest, Prescott, Arizona

INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 6) Facing southeast, showing front of residence
- 7) Photo 1
  
- 6) Facing northwest, showing front of barn
- 7) Photo 2

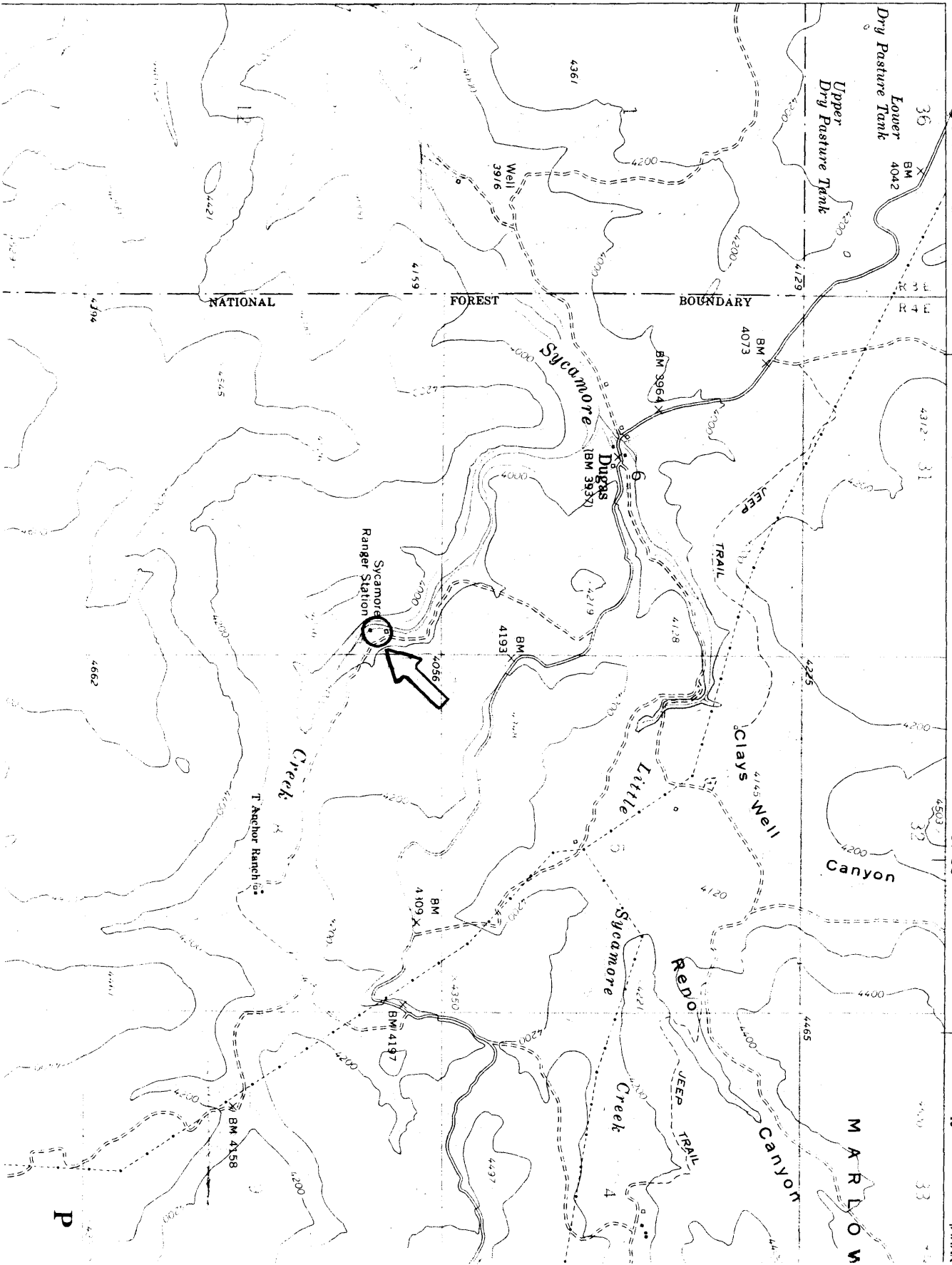
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(ESTLER PEAK)

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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3802  
3801  
3800m N

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RANGER  
STATION  
VMZ ZONE R2  
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3801420



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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93000523

Date Listed: 6/10/93

Sycamore Ranger Station  
Property Name

Yavapai                      AZ  
County                              State

Depression-Era USDA Forest Service Administrative Complexes in Arizona MPS  
Multiple Name

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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.

*Antonyth Nlee*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper

6/10/93  
Date of Action

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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. DeBlois, Federal Preservation Officer, USDA Forest Service.

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DISTRIBUTION:

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