

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name Walnut Creek Ranger Station
other names/site number Walnut Creek Work Center

2. Location

street & number HC 30 Box 1086 /NA/not for publication
city, town Prescott /XX/vicinity
state Arizona code AZ county Yavapai code 025 zip code 86301

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	2	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		1 objects
				2	3 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 CRF Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

William P. DeBlasio
Signature of certifying official

5/7/93
Date

USDA - Forest Service

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

James G. Hahn
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.

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determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Robert M. Lee

6/10/93

fr Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT/government office
DOMESTIC/institutional housing

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT/government office
DOMESTIC/institutional housing

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls WOOD

roof ASPHALT

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Summary

Established in 1908, Walnut Creek Ranger Station is located in the northwest part of the Prescott National Forest, roughly 34 linear miles northwest of Prescott, Arizona. Today, the station consists of a dwelling, a storage structure, a barn, several small temporary sheds, two permanent sheds, some temporary mobile housing (trailers), a generator, and surrounding pastures. Of the current buildings, structures, and objects only the dwelling and the barn are contributing elements to the Depression-era Multiple Property Nomination. Non-contributing elements include two sheds and a generator.

Setting

Walnut Creek Ranger Station lies between the Santa Maria and Juniper Mountains in a broad, uneven valley. While vegetation at the Ranger Station reflects a pervading pinon/juniper habitat type, other tree species such as cottonwoods, walnut, and grasses also occur. An intermittent stream, Walnut Creek, is adjacent to the Ranger Station.

Physical Description

Residence: The residence was built according to standard plan A-5, with a few variations. The A-5 series calls for a standard 4 room bungalow-type structure and a floor plan that is a massed rectangle with no projections. Although the roof of the A-5 plan is typically side gabled with a dormer, the Walnut Creek residence is a simple gable roof with no such dormer. Two porches, one full length porch adjacent to the living room on the north side of the structure and one smaller porch located off of the entry to the kitchen, are standard features of the A-5 plan and both exist at the Walnut Creek residence. The windows are double hung sash with six over six lights on the larger windows. Although the plan does not identify a basement, a basement has been added to the residence. Also, adjacent to the residence lying on the south side is small storage structure. This shed was constructed sometime during the 1960s and is considered to be a non-contributing building.

Barn/garage/shop: The barn/garage/shop was built using standard plan C-10, which is very similar to plan C-1 except for use of horizontal board siding. The barn/garage/shop is a bungalow-type with frame construction. The floor plan has

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three stalls, two garages, a store room, and a shop on the ground floor. A loft and an additional storage area occupy the second story. The roof is gabled with double roof planes. Five sets of bay doors are on the primary facade. Across a graveled parking area from the barn are a small shed and a generator. These were added to the site during the 1960s and are considered to be non-contributing elements.

Integrity

Walnut Creek Ranger Station has undergone no significant alterations since it was constructed. There are no buildings or structures outside the property boundary that impact the visual integrity of the site. The complex retains integrity of design, workmanship, materials, setting, feeling, and association and, therefore, is a good representation of a USDA Forest Service administrative complex from the Depression.

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Ranger Station was established at the present site of the Walnut Creek Work Center. The land for the ranger station was purchased on May 21, 1908 from a Mr. Charles Allen as a 120 acre tract. Included in the purchase price of \$750.00, the Forest Service also received a five-room house, log barn, chicken house, cellar, store room, two wells, and a cook stove and cooking utensils. Interestingly, one of the wells was apparently dug by the military when Camp Hualapai was occupied.

After the Forest Service purchased Walnut Creek Ranger Station, it appears that several structures, including the house and barn, needed to be "practically rebuilt" due to their "dilapidated" condition. To meet the needs of a new Ranger Station, the house may have been turned into an office and, perhaps residence as well. This work was probably completed by 1912. Later, in 1929, both the office and residence were consumed by fire, apparently from a wood stove.

In addition to the "dilapidated" condition of the house, the log barn also needed repairs. However, instead of rebuilding the old barn, it appears that a new barn was constructed of materials from an "old house" in the area. The barn seemed to have lasted until 1936, when the present barn was built.

Within approximately two years following the fire, during the Depression-era, a new office and residence were constructed. According to an informant, the office was later transported to Mingus Mountain Lookout (Personal communication Mr. Jack M. Foster). In addition, during 1936 or 1937, a new barn was built. Although other depression-era facilities were probably constructed at the Ranger Station, only the residence and the barn have survived.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

USDA Historical Files, Prescott National Forest, Supervisor's Office, File designation 2760 and 7300.

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:
Prescott National Forest

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 5 acres

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the site starts at FS Road 150 and continues south approximately 500'. The east/west boundary begins near the residence and includes 400' to the west. This boundary does not include the whole administrative facility; it only takes into account the "core area" of the Work Center. The boundary of the Walnut Work Center is shown as a dashed line on the accompanying sketch map.

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Boundary Justification

The administrative boundary of the Work Center is larger than the boundary used in the nomination. Only the area where Depression-era structures exist was considered part of the boundary.

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title James M. McKie, Forest Archaeologist





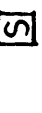
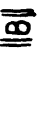

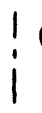

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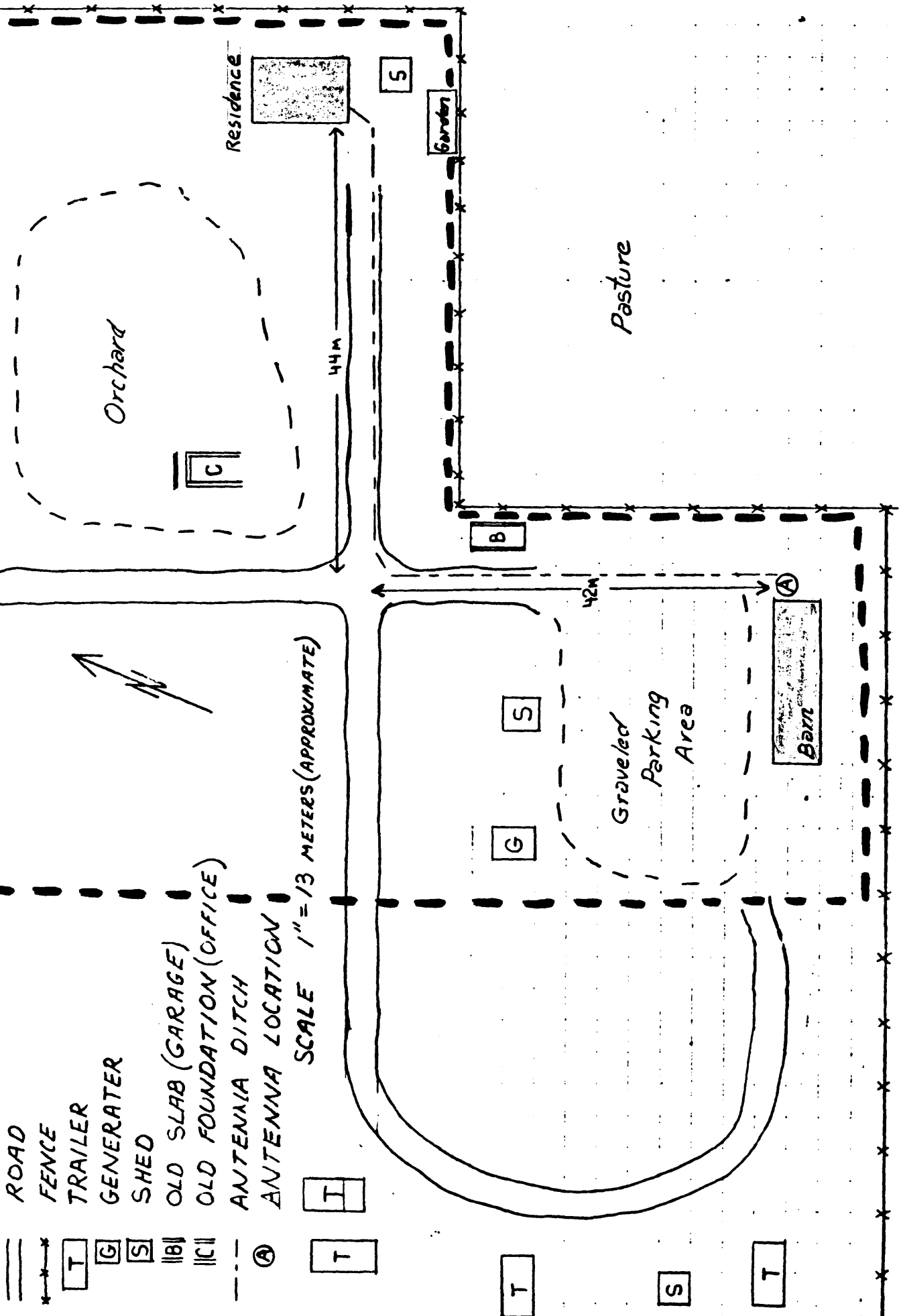
street & number 344 South Cortez telephone (602) 445-1762

city or town Prescott state AZ zip code 86303

WALNUT CREEK
ADMINISTRATIVE SITE

LEGEND

-  ROAD
 -  FENCE
 -  TRAILER
 -  GENERATOR
 -  SHED
 -  OLD SLAB (GARAGE)
 -  OLD FOUNDATION (OFFICE)
 -  ANTENNA DITCH
 -  ANTENNA LOCATION
- SCALE 1" = 13 METERS (APPROXIMATE)



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

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

INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 6) Facing east, showing front of residence
- 7) Photo 1

- 6) Facing west, showing rear of residence
- 7) Photo 2

- 6) Facing northeast, showing front of barn/garage/shop
- 7) Photo 3

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93000524

Date Listed: 6/10/93

Walnut Creek Ranger Station
Property Name

Yavapai AZ
County 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.

Autumnella 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)

WALNUT CREEK
RANGER STATION
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