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National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93000518

Date Listed: 6/10/93

Rustler Park Fire Guard 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 *Autawill d 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. DeBlois, 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 Rustler Park Fire Guard Station

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number N/A

/NA/not for publication

city, town Douglas

/XX/vicinity

state Arizona

code AZ

county Cochise code

zip code N/A

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
4	1 buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
4	1 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.

Evan D. DeShazo
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.

Jaen J. Miller
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:)

Autawicete Allee

6/10/93

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT

DOMESTIC/institutional housing

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT

DOMESTIC/institutional housing

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: pre-railroad/log structure

Materials enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls WOOD, log

roof WOOD, shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Summary

Rustler Park Fire Guard Station is located in the Chiricahua Wilderness, high in the rugged Chiricahua Mountains. This USDA Forest Service administrative facility has 4 historic buildings constructed between 1935 and 1936. These buildings include a cabin, bunkhouse, barn, and a store room. All these historic elements are considered to be contributors to the property. The nominated property is a good example of a Forest Service guard station built during the Depression-era. It retains all of its original buildings in their historic setting. A latrine, probably moved to its present location in recent times and stylistically incompatible to the rest of the property, is located within the property boundary just to the north of the contributing buildings. This structure is considered to be a non-contributing element to the property. A small generator building has been constructed just west of the nominated property. While both these structures are visible they are of a small scale and constructed to blend with the setting. The Rustler Park cabin and store room illustrate the use of unique architectural plans typical of the construction of guard stations during the Depression. The bunkhouse and barn are the only examples on the National Forests in Arizona of guard station buildings constructed to acceptable plans. The Rustler Park Fire Guard Station retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

Setting

Rustler Park Fire Guard station is located in the Chiricahua Wilderness, high in the rugged Chiricahua Mountains. The buildings are at the edge of a meadow surrounded by dense pine forest. The buildings are designed to conform to this forested habitat.

Physical Description

The Rustler Park cabin is a rectangular structure with a shower room projecting from the south side. It is constructed of square-notched logs on a stone foundation. The roof is high gabled and covered with wood shingles. The shower room is wood frame and has a shed roof with asphalt shingles and a cinderblock foundation. This is a later addition to the building. Stone steps on the west side of the cabin lead up to a small stone and concrete porch. The door is panelled and has a single pane of glass in the top panel. Windows are six pane tip-hinged type in double and single

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arrangements. West of the cabin is the bunkhouse. The bunkhouse was built in 1942 using acceptable plan B-9407. It is a small, rectangular structure of corner-notched logs with a high gabled roof. The door is of vertical one-by-twelves and the windows are three-pane casement type. The barn is east of the cabin and bunkhouse. This building was constructed in 1940 using acceptable plan B-9401. It is a large, rectangular structure of square notched logs on a high rubble stone foundation. The high pitched gabled roof is covered with wood shingles. Three wood doors constructed of vertical one-by-twelve planks open from the south wall of the building. Two are single and one is a track mounted retractable garage-style door. Another single door in the east wall is also constructed of vertical one-by-twelve planks. Windows are all four pane casement style in either double or single arrangements. West of the barn, cabin and bunkhouse is a small storage building used to house flammable material. It is a square structure constructed of vertical logs on a low rock platform. The roof is low gabled and covered with rolled asphalt. A solid wood door is located in the north wall.

The Rustler Park Fire Guard Station buildings are located at the south end of a large open meadow in an area of dense forest. The Rustler Park campground is north and west of the Station. An unpaved service road enters the area from Forest Route 42D and passes north of the buildings, which are aligned east-west, (except the latrine) widening into a parking area in front of the cabin. The road continues beyond the storage building and then curves north toward the campground. The site layout and setting has only been changed by the addition of the generator building and the latrine. The site remains in a relatively remote location accessible by a rugged, unpaved road.

Integrity

The Rustler Park Guard Station has undergone few modifications since its construction. The most dramatic of these is the addition to the cabin. This addition is located toward the rear of the structure and does not disrupt the configuration and feeling of the main structure. There are no buildings or structures located outside the property boundary that seriously impact the visual integrity of the site. The complex possesses 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.

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

1935-1942

1935

SOCIAL HISTORY

1940

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

1942

CONSERVATION

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Affiliation

USDA Forest Service, Region 3

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

Summary

Rustler Park Fire Guard Station is significant under criterion "A" for its association with 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 in the Depression-era. 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 barn and the bunkhouse were built to acceptable plans. This is the only guard station on the National Forests in Arizona that reflects the acceptable plan design philosophy. The cabin and the storeroom were built to unique plans. The use of unique plans was typical of remote Forest Service installations throughout most of the Depression-era. The Pre-Railroad style conformed well with the forested surroundings. The Rustler Park buildings represent a distinctive Forest Service architectural design style and philosophy.

Historic Contexts/Background

Rustler Park Fire Guard Station is significant for its association with expansion of Forest Service administration from custodial superintendence to active resource management. (See "Depression-Era USDA Forest Service Administrative Complexes in Arizona Multiple Property Form" for additional information).

Rustler Park Fire Guard Station was constructed in 1935 probably by enrollees from the Cave Creek CCC camp near Portal. It originally was a main supply headquarters for fire lookouts and fire guard stations in this part of the Chiricahua Mountains. It was manned primarily during the dry, windy spring and early summer months when

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fires were most likely to occur. During the busy months of the fire season, large quantities of food, water, hay and grain would be trucked from Douglas to Rustler Park. These goods were then packed on horses and mules and transported to remote fire lookouts and fire guard stations to feed men and animals. Most lookouts were supplied once a week. Today, Rustler Park Fire Guard Station is used as a base for a small crew of fire-fighters, although it is no longer a main supply headquarters and dispatch point except during very large fires.

9. Major Bibliographical References

USDA Forest Service Withdrawal and Historical files, Coronado National Forest, Tucson, Arizona.

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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:
Coronado National Forest

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 3 acres

UTM References

A	12	6 6 2 8 4 0	3 5 3 0 7 6 0	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of Rustler Park Fire Guard Station is a rectangle measuring 250 ft E-W and 125 ft N-S with the barn at the west end of the property and the bunkhouse and cabin along the north edge. The area surrounding the complex within the boundary is not considered a "buffer area," but is integral to the setting of the property. The boundary for Rustler Park Fire Guard Station is shown as a dashed line on the accompanying sketch map.

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Boundary Justification

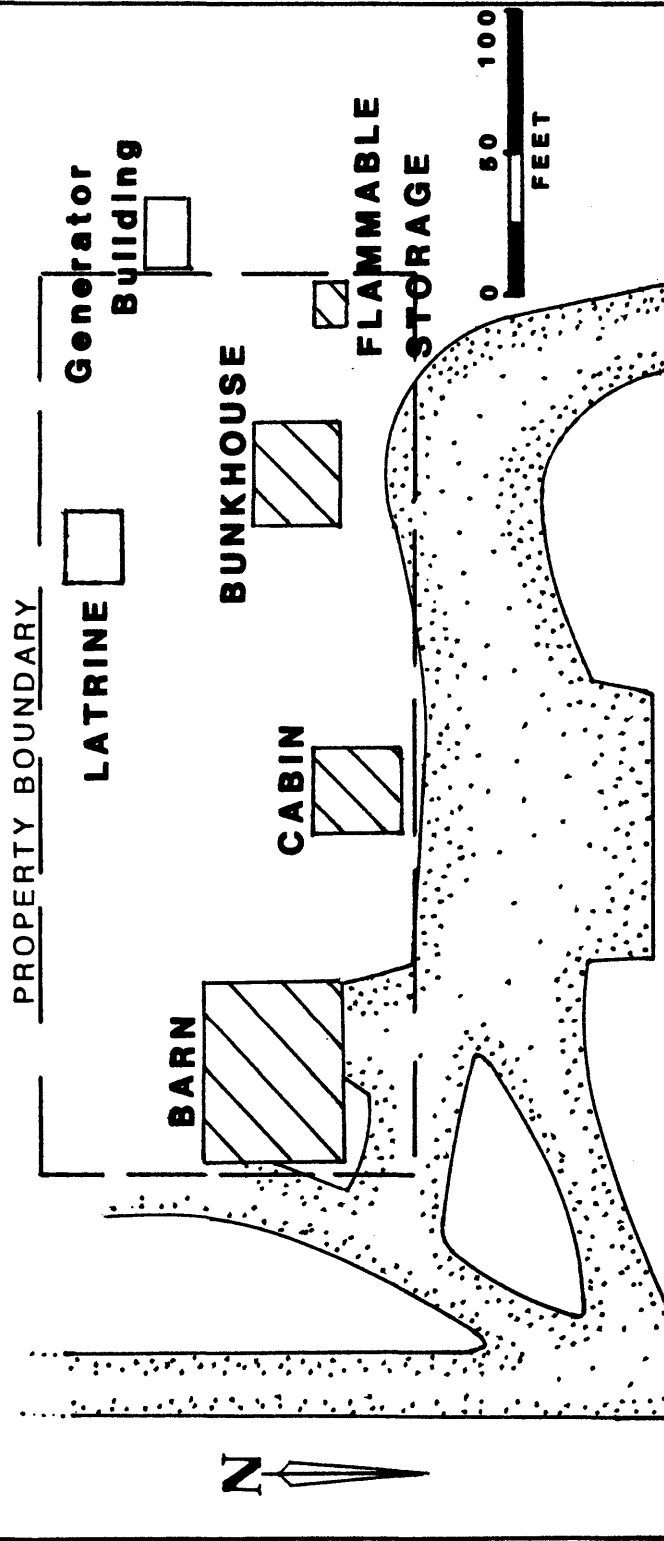
The boundary includes only those buildings which date to the historic period of significance.

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11. Form Prepared By

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**RUSTLER PARK GUARD STATION
CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST**



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Photographs Page 1

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

- 1) Rustler Park Guard Station
- 2) Chiricahua Mountains, Cochise County, Arizona
- 5) Supervisor's Office, Coronado National Forest, Tucson, Arizona

INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 3) Catherine M. Cameron
- 4) July 1988
- 6) Facing south, showing north facade of barn (front)
- 7) CNF 1

- 3) Catherine M. Cameron
- 4) July 1988
- 6) Facing east, showing front of cabin
- 7) CNF 2

- 3) Catherine M. Cameron
- 4) July 1988
- 6) Facing south, showing front of bunkhouse
- 7) CNF 3

- 3) Catherine M. Cameron
- 4) July 1988
- 6) Facing south, showing latrine
- 7) CNF 4

- 3) Bill Gillespie
- 4) October 1989
- 6) Facing southwest, showing flammable storage
- 7) CNF 5