

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: 91001950 Date Listed: 1/13/92

Little Mountain 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.

for *Antoinette A. Rice*
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)

1950

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Little Mountain Lookout Tree

other names/site number AR-03-07-03-1038

2. Location

street & number N/A / /not for publication

city, town Fredonia / /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.

Walter D. DeBlasio
Signature of certifying official

7-30-91
Date

USDA - Forest Service

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

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Signature of certifying official

4/8/91
Date

State Historic Preservation Office

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.

See continuation sheet.

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1/12/92

determined eligible for the National Register.

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

fr 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 Little Mountain near Big Springs on the North Kaibab Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest. The tree is still alive and the ladder is intact. It is within an open Ponderosa pine forest on the Kaibab Plateau at an elevation of 7400 feet. This tree maintains sufficient integrity to qualify for National Register listing.

Physical Description

This lookout tree is ponderosa pine--110 feet tall and 3.5 foot in diameter--with a 60 foot tall ladder constructed up its north side. The entire ladder is intact and a toe hole is carved into the tree 2 feet above the ground. The five segments of ladder are in good condition. The construction is typical of other ladders on lookout trees: 2" X 4" lumber sidepieces with 1" x 12-14" crosspieces. It is attached to the tree with spikes.

Setting

Vegetation surrounding the site currently consists of an open mature Ponderosa pine forest with some grasses and forbs. The entire area is heavily littered with duff and downed vegetation. This area has been logged, but not recently and the setting retains much of its historic appearance. This tree offers a 360 degree view from its top.

Integrity

The Little Mountain Lookout Tree is still in good condition, despite having been abandoned for approximately 30 years. The entire ladder is intact. It is still readily identifiable as a lookout tree facility and retains integrity of location, design, feeling, material, workmanship, feeling, 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

Summary

Little Mountain 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 Little Mountain Lookout Tree are presently unknown. They might be ascertained, however, through oral history.

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.

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PHOTOGRAPHS Page 1

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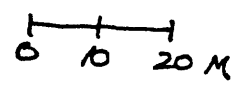
- 1). Little Mountain Lookout Tree
- 2). Vicinity of Grand Canyon, North Rim, southwest of Big Springs, Kaibab Plateau
Arizona
- 3). John C. Davenport
- 4). May 1990
- 5). North Kaibab Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest, Fredonia, Arizona

INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

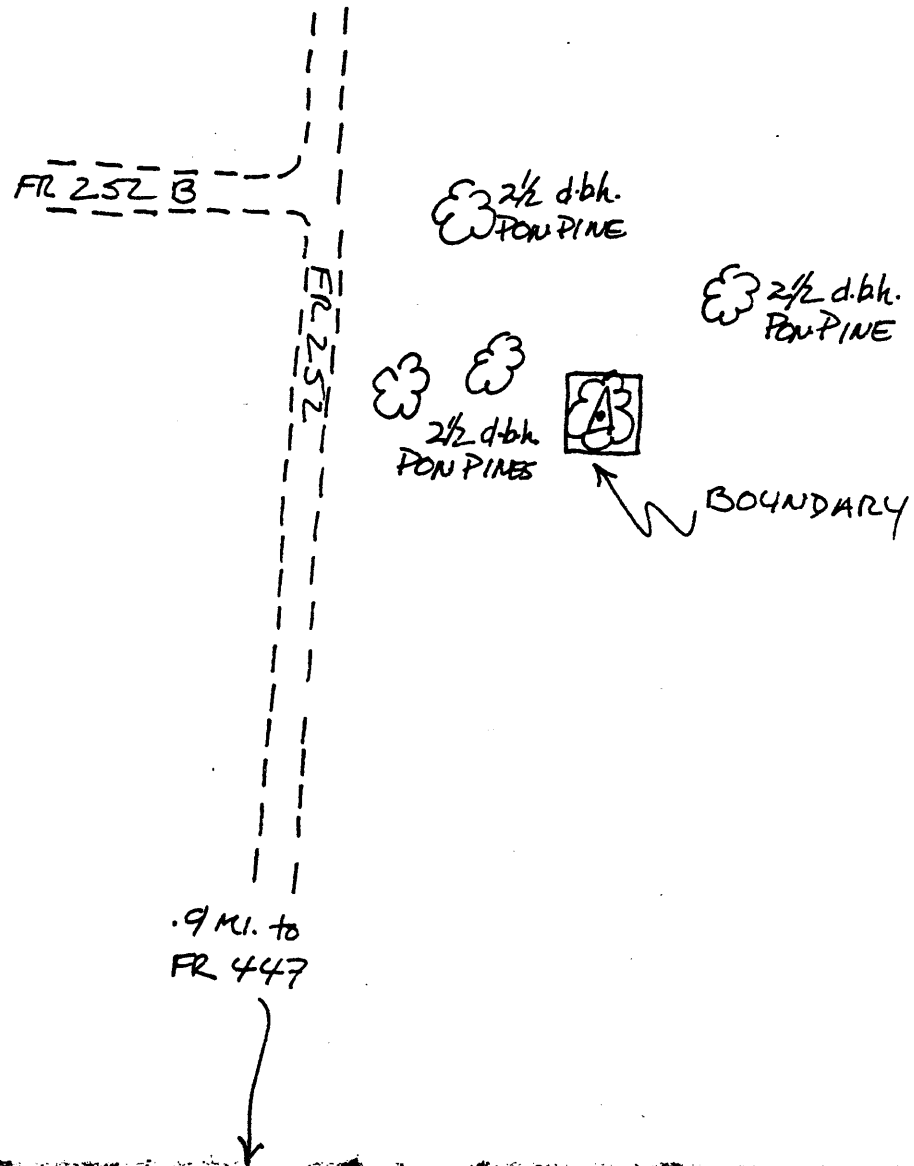
- 6). Facing south, tree in its setting.
- 7). #1
- 8). Facing southwest, closeup of ladder-works.
- 9). #2

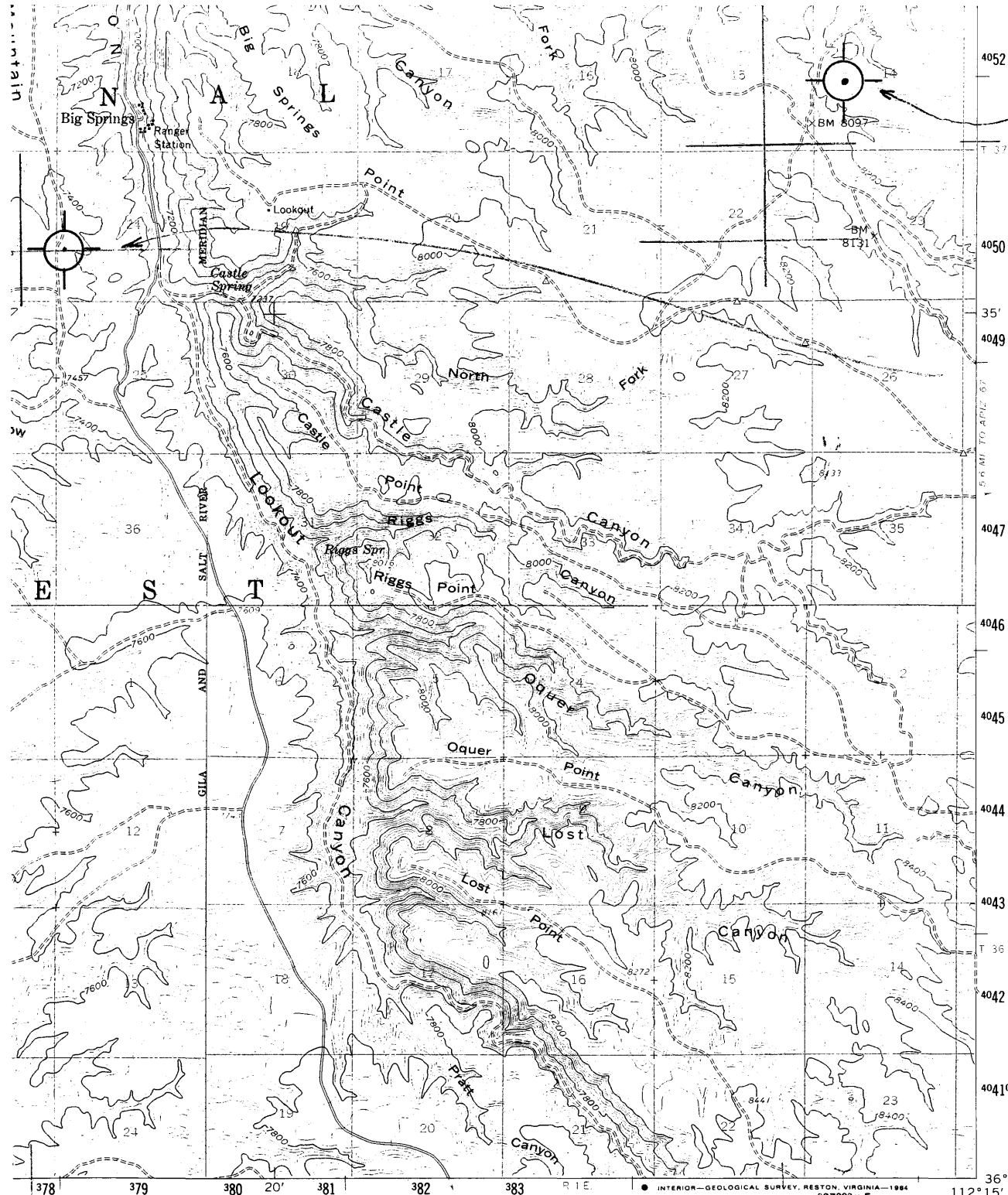
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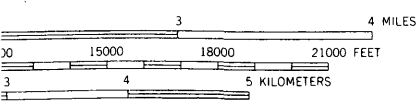
S. DAVENPORT
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**CORRAL LAKE
 LOOKOUT TREE**
 AR-03-07-02 1000
 ZONE 12
 N 40 51 600
 E 3 86 750

4049
**Little Mountain
 Lookout Tree**
 AR-03-07-02-1025
 ZONE 12
 N 40 50 000
 E 3 78 500



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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty —————
- Light-duty —————
- Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- U. S. Route □

BIG SPRINGS, ARIZ.
 N3630—W11215/15

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