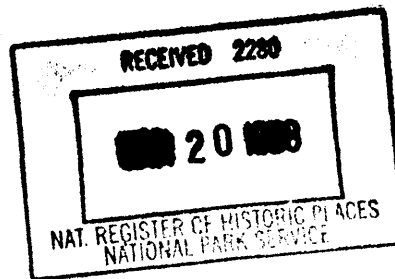


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name DelSue Motor Inn

other names/site number DelSue Tourist Camp; Grand 8 Motel; Grand Motel

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2. Location

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street & number 234 East Route 66 not for publication

city or town Williams vicinity N/A

state Arizona code AZ county Coconino code 005 zip code 86046

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide X locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

James W. Gorman AZSAPU 3/13/98  
Signature of certifying official Date

ARIZONA STATE PARKS  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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**4. National Park Service Certification**

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten Signature]*

5/4/98

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Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

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**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- \_\_\_ public-local
- \_\_\_ public-State
- \_\_\_ public-Federal

**Category of Property** (Check only one box)

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

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>  3  </u>	___ buildings
___	___ sites
___	___ structures
___	___ objects
<u>  3  </u>	___ Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register   0  

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic US Route 66 in Arizona (as amended)

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Hotel

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Hotel

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**7. Description**  
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**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

Early 20th Century Revivals: Spanish Colonial Revival

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**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Block and Brick

roof Metal tile

walls Stucco

other Red concrete tile patio

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**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**  
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**Applicable National Register Criteria** (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B. removed from its original location.
- C. a birthplace or a grave.
- D. a cemetery.
- E. a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F. a commemorative property.
- G. less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Period of Significance** 1936 to 1948  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates** 1936  
1939  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person** (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above)  
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**Cultural Affiliation** N/A  
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**Architect/Builder** Mr. H.J. Delaney (builder)  
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**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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 Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Kristine M. Malanowski, Secretary/Treasurer

organization Coconino Motel Co. date

street & number 234 E. Route 66 telephone (520) 635-4601

city or town Williams state AZ zip code 86046

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Additional Documentation
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Kristine and Eric D. Malanowski

street & number 234 E. Route 66 telephone (520) 635-4601

city or town Williams state AZ zip code 86046

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SECTION 7: DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY

The DelSue Motor Inn is a 1936 commercial building in Williams, Coconino County, Arizona. The building is an early motel in Williams which is a property type associated with automobile tourism and is directly associated with traveler-related facilities along historic US Route 66. Built in 1936, the building has undergone some modernization but still retains its original Spanish Colonial Revival Style. The current name of the property is the Grand 8 Motel.

DESCRIPTION

Construction: The buildings were originally constructed in 1936 of brick and concrete block on a foundation of concrete block. Most of the motel is one-story, but has a two-story unit constructed in 1963. The buildings are oriented to largely enclose three sides of a courtyard with the fourth side open to the street to allow access to automobiles. The room units forming the courtyard contain verandas, each serving two rooms. The verandas are four feet wide with a low wall made from brick and stuccoed to look like adobe. Each veranda has a curved opening facing the courtyard with square posts and arched ceilings. It retains three of the four original carports built right into the building. The roof is covered with metal tiles which were made to mimic Spanish ceramic tile. The roofs are hipped with an slope of approximately 30°. They are painted terracotta in color, again in imitation of ceramic tiles.

In the center of the courtyard is a large square double unit, with a veranda facing the rear. This was a part of the original 1936 construction. Each unit has double bedrooms (which was considered a luxury at the time of construction). The current office was built in 1939 is adjacent to the road and features a curved wall with glass block and a large picture window. The owner's residence unit has a three-room, full course block basement which contained the mechanics for the original heat which was a hot water radiator system.

Opposite the office, adjacent to the street on the east side, is room #1 which was built in 1963. This room was added, in part, because of the transition of Route 66 into a one-way street. Construction is double course brick with a second story facade to advertise the motel's name (changed at that time to Grand Motel).

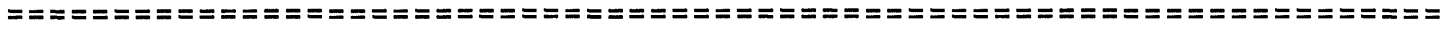
Two neon Grand Motel signs, one facing Route 66, were built onto the second story facade. In 1978, one old Grand Motel sign was removed from the front courtyard facing side room #1, and a free standing crown (circa Best Western 1960s) was installed in the middle of the sixty foot driveway. The sign is internally lit, as are the white plastic globes on the three highest points of the crown.

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Current Appearance: The primary characteristic of the DelSue Motor Inn is the design of its units into a courtyard. This courtyard contains driveways for automobiles and landscaping. In the center of the courtyard is the two-unit building. The open side of the courtyard faces north to Route 66. Stylistically, the buildings can be classified as Spanish Colonial Revival. The primary features illustrating this style are the metal tile roof, the stuccoed exterior walls, and the open verandas with arches. The 1963 addition does not match the style of the original construction. It is small, but in a prominent location adjacent to the street. It has metal awnings over its window openings. Each of the verandas has metal chairs, circa 1950s where guests can sit out to take the evening air. Most of the rooms have curved lathe and plaster ceilings and walls.

Alterations: The original U-shaped building had seven covered verandas and four carports. Three of these carports remain. A gas station, an early Standard Oil franchise, was also included in the original construction and remained until 1957, when it was removed and the foundation converted into a patio. At about the same time as the gas station was removed, the entrance to room #16 in the center, two-unit building was moved to the north street side. The entrance to room #17 in the same building remained on the south side. Other alterations include the construction of the current office unit in 1939 and the construction of room #1 in 1963. The prominent signage dates from the 1960s. At some point, the heating system was changed from radiators to gas heaters after the gas pipeline reached Williams. Air conditioning units were placed into double hung windows and in some walls. Door, screen doors, and windows have been replaced many times. In 1987, new windows, doors and single heating/air-conditioning units were placed through the walls. This freed the opposing windows for the intended cross ventilation.

Site: The building is located on Lots 1 through 5, Block 7G, of the Taber Addition to the Williams Townsite. The front, open side of the courtyard faces north towards Route 66 which runs east-west.

Integrity: The building is in good condition and remains on the same site as originally built. Although modernized, the building retains its primary architectural character and still reflects the nature of auto court motels. The building retains sufficient integrity to convey its significance as a commercial building associated with travel along historic Route 66.

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**SECTION 8: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

**SUMMARY:**

The DeISue Motel is significant under National Register Criterion "A" for its association with roadside commerce along U.S. Route 66. It is a good local example of the auto court type of hotel/motel/inn which provided travelers with a place to stay overnight. Its construction reflects the growing importance of automobile traffic, which replaced the railroad as the primary means of transportation in the 1920s and 1930s. It was part of a larger reorientation of Williams away from the railroad and towards the main highway, Route 66, which was the primary transportation route from Chicago to Los Angeles.

**HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS:**

Historic US Route 66 in Arizona: The primary association for which this property is being nominated is as an example of a commercial property along Route 66. The Multiple Property Documentation Form relates the history of Route 66 and the nature of roadside commerce in Arizona. The amended context statement of the MPDF extends the period of significance for Route 66 up to 1956. The property is being nominated individually, at the local level of significance, under the Historic US Route 66 in Arizona MPDF. Context material from these documents will not be repeated in this registration form. The property falls under the property type category of "Traveler Related Facilities."

Property-Specific Information: The town of Williams, Arizona dates back to the late 1800s and served for many years as an important stop along the Santa Fe Railroad. A spur line connects Williams to the Grand Canyon. Williams was the last section of old Route 66 to be bypassed by Interstate 40 in 1985. Recognizing the detrimental impact such bypassing had on many other towns, Williams successfully fought for three exits from the interstate which has aided in the town's continued growth. In 1995, Williams rededicated Route 66. New motels have been built away from the town center reflecting the new main transportation artery, but most of the old motels, cafes, and stores remain where they were built and contribute to a relatively thriving old town center. Although Route 66 dates to the 1920s, the segment through Williams was not completed until 1932

In 1936, Mr. H.J. Delaney built a combination full service Standard Gas Station and tourist court, in the Spanish Colonial Style. He named his new business the DeISue after the first three letters of his last name and his wife's first name. There were already two hotels and several cabin camps in the town of Williams. Prior to 1936, Hull's Motel, Thurston's Cottages, and Loma Vista Court were built and doing a booming business in through traffic heading west. The land was vacant and two blocks from the center of downtown Williams. As described in the MPDF, this placement reflected the desire of business owners to be the first business travelers reached and contributed to the spread of the town. By 1945, the motel was surrounded by other motels, gas stations, and cafes. Williams extended another mile further and had a population of 2,622. The motel was sold after Delaney died and as a condition of the sale, to Mr. Mosier, the name was changed to Grand Motel. This change of ownership led to a period of alterations to the property. The motel was relatively upscale and its visitors included radio personality Walter Winchell and television actor Telly Savalas.



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Property Type: The Historic US Route 66 in Arizona MPDF describes a single property type: Traveler Related Facilities. Within this broad category are the specific properties designed to provide overnight accommodations for travelers. These include hotels, motels, inns, and campgrounds. A particularly distinct type of such accommodations is the auto court, of which the DelSue is an example. Auto courts are typically designed in a U-shape with the interior space used for automobile parking. The units surround the courtyard might be a single building or a number of smaller, separate buildings. A freestanding unit, often an office, might be located in the middle of the courtyard space. A noteworthy feature of auto courts is that they often had a distinctive stylistic theme that was intended to attract the traveler's attention. Such themes could be regionalisms, such as the Spanish Colonial Revival style of the DelSue, or whimsical designs with no other purpose than to make the business stand out. Distinctive signage, often neon, contributing to the eye-catching features of these businesses.

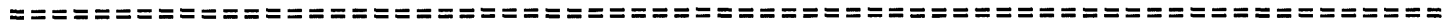
The DelSue maintains integrity in the major areas defined in the MPDF, that is association, design, location, workmanship, feeling, and setting. The association with historic US Route 66 is maintained because even though the route has been decertified as a US highway, local towns have preserved the memory of the route through such means as renaming their streets. Guidebooks and signs point out those segments of the old highways still intact. For many communities, as in Williams, Route 66 is the major transportation artery through their old downtowns. The DelSue largely retains integrity of design and workmanship. It is still easily recognizable as a historic auto court and is quite distinct from the railroad hotels that preceded it and the modern hotels that have been constructed along Interstate 40. The property conveys a particular era in traveler related facilities. In this regard, the property retains its integrity of feeling, the sense that one is staying in individually designed and locally-owned motel rather than in a standardized chain.

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**SECTION 10: VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Taken from Coconino County Property Tax records: Williams Taber Addition, Lots 1,2,3,4,5, Block 7G.

**Boundary Justification:**

The lots on which the DelSue buildings now sit are the same as when originally constructed. The site gives the motel 125 feet of Route 66 frontage. No buffer is included in the boundary as described.