

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Butte-Cochran Charcoal Ovens

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

16 mi E of Florence, N of Gila River  
STREET & NUMBER T 4 S, R 11 E, Sec. 12, NE4, NE4

CITY, TOWN

Florence vic

VICINITY OF

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4

STATE

Arizona

CODE  
04

COUNTY  
Pinal

CODE  
021

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <u>none</u>

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Olaf and B. Torne

STREET & NUMBER

3135 East Turney

CITY, TOWN

Phoenix

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Arizona

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Pinal County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Florence

STATE

Arizona

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Butte-Cochran charcoal ovens are near the sites of the old mining town of Butte and the railroad camp of Cochran in central Pinal County. They are east of Florence in T 4 S, R 11 E, Sec. 12, NE4, just east of North Butte and north of the Gila River. They stand in a row, three feet apart.

There are five ovens, each approximately 22 feet in diameter and 32 feet high. They are in good condition, although one has been plastered with cement and used as a dwelling.

The ovens were built in the late 19th century for the purpose of making charcoal of the local mesquite. They are built of coursed rubble with decomposed granite substituting for mortar. The walls are two feet thick at the base and one foot at the top. The door to each oven is six feet high and three feet wide and has a radiating voussoir. At the rear of each oven, toward the top, is an opening three feet wide and almost six feet high. In addition, there are several vent holes.

The ovens may be submerged under 100 feet of water if the Buttes Dam is constructed as part of the Central Arizona Project.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The five Butte-Cochran charcoal ovens are almost the only remains of the two small mining towns of Butte and Cochran. The camp at Butte was started in the winter of 1881-1882 and included the reduction works of the Pinal Consolidated Mining Company. The post office existed from 1883 to 1886.

The railroad and mining town of Cochran had a post office from 1905 to 1915. The town was a station on the Santa Fe, Prescott, and Phoenix Railroad. The local mines at that time were being worked by the Copper Butte and Silver Bell Companies. The town had a population of about 100 people and was named for the first postmaster.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arizona State Parks Board. Butte-Cochran Oven file  
 James Chemi. "Solving the Riddle of the Gila Beehives."  
 Arizona Highways March 1970  
 James and Barbara Sherman. Ghost Towns of Arizona 1969

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A 12 | 484660 | 3662620  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

~~B 12 | 484660 | 3662760~~  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 D    |    |     
 VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marjorie Wilson, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arizona State Parks Board

STREET & NUMBER

1688 West Adams

CITY OR TOWN

DATE

3-3-75

TELEPHONE

(602) 271-4174

STATE

Phoenix, Arizona

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE X

LOCAL   

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ SIGNATURE

*Dennis McCarty*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 3-3-75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*A. R. Moles*

DATE

5/30/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*Mark A. ...*

DATE

5-20-75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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NW (MTN.) 483 484 485 486 487 488 740 000 FEET 488 111° 07' 30" 33° 07' 30"

NORTH BUTTE QUADRANGLE  
ARIZONA—PINAL CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

3750 (I, NE)  
(TEAPOT MTN.)

Butte-Cochran Charcoal Ovens  
Florence Vicinity, Arizona  
UTM Reference: **8**  
**A 12/484660/366260**  
~~**R 12/484660/366260**~~

