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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name RURAL ROUTE 66: PARKS

other names/site number Old Route 66 / Forest Road 146 / AR-03-07-02-1002

2. Location

street & number Forest Road 146 / /not for publication

city, town Parks /xx/vicinity

state Arizona code AZ county Coconino code 005 zip code N/A

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 type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> 1</u>	<u> </u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> Total
		<u> 1</u>	

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic US Route 66 in Arizona

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

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.

Luan D. DeBlasis
Signature of certifying official

3-16-89
Date

USDA - Forest Service

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

Shereen Kerner
Signature of certifying official

February 22, 1989
Date

Arizona State Historic Preservation Office
State Historic Preservation Office

5. National Park Service Certification

I hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.

See continuation sheet.

Bruce J. Noble, Jr.

5/19/89

determined eligible for the National Register.

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

for Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
TRANSPORTATION/road-related (vehicular)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
local highway

[Interstate Highway]

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)
N/A

Materials enter categories from instructions)
foundation
walls
roof
other earth fill, asphalt and
concrete surfacing, concrete
culverts

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This 6.5 mile (10.5 km) section of Rural Route 66 is used today as a local access road. The road is paved with asphalt, except for a 3.3 mile segment that is covered with Portland cement. Standard concrete box culverts span several washes. The pavement has been in place since this was officially Route 66. Aside from some patch repairs, the roadway has changed little in appearance since the historic period.

This section of road was built in 1931 as part of Forest Aid Project 89-E. The 24' wide oil surfaced (later asphalt surfaced) roadway replaced a circa 1920 alignment located to the south. The magazine Arizona Highways proclaimed that construction of this section would ". . . eliminate 18 miles of narrow, crooked, poorly surfaced road which is particularly dangerous in dry weather due to raveling and innumerable potholes". The new road featured a straight alignment, improved road surface, and standard concrete box culverts. The 1931 realignment through the community of Parks (then called Maine) moved Route 66 a few feet south of the existing businesses which had grown up along both sides of the earlier alignment. The focus of the community then shifted to the south. The principal business today is the Parks in the Pines general store and Post Office, in place since 1933.

The road passed through the scenic high country of the Coconino Plateau: beginning at the open watered meadows of Pitman Valley, ascending Oak Hill to Garland Prairie Vista, and ending at the small community of Parks. Several tourist-related facilities along the roadside remain standing today, although some are no longer in use.

This section of Route 66 was upgraded in 1939 and 1941. Work in 1939 included excavating deeper through and bank cuts to lessen grades, new pavement (including several miles of Portland cement paving, still extant), some new culverts, and guard rails. Nearly all of the work was contained within the existing 1931 right-of-way, except for one mile east of Parks, which was realigned slightly to the south in 1941 (thereby creating "Abandoned Route 66: Parks (1931)--see separate nomination form). One mile of this realignment is still in active use and is included within the nominated property.

This property was abandoned to Coconino County with completion of Interstate 40 in 1964. Coconino County maintains it under an easement agreement with the Kaibab National Forest and private property owners. It is actively used as a local access road.

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The Parks section is an excellent example of Rural Route 66. The cross-section template and pavement from the historic period remain intact. A drive down this part of old Route 66 imparts a strong feeling of historic association to the traveler. It retains integrity of design, workmanship, location, feeling, association, and setting.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"As Built" plans dated 1/29/32 and 11/25/40 Federal Aid Project 89-E; and 5/15/43 Federal Aid Project 89-D: Ash Fork-Flagstaff Highway. On file at ADOT Engineering Records Division, Phoenix.

Kaibab National Forest Recreation Plan 1940. On file in Kaibab NF historical records.

Kaibab National Forest right-of-way file 2730: Roads and Trails.

Arizona Highways July 1931.

Jack D. Rittenhouse A Guide Book to Highway 66, Jack D. Rittenhouse, Los Angeles CA, 1946.

Personal communication, Ronald F. Tissaw.

|_| 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:

Kaibab National Forest

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 104 acres

UTM References

A	<u>1 2 </u>	<u>4 0 4 8 7 5 </u>	<u>3 9 0 2 6 0 0 </u>	B	<u>1 2 </u>	<u>4 1 5 3 9 0 </u>	<u>3 9 0 1 9 4 0 </u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	D	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal Boundary Description

This property is a 6.5 mile (10.5 km) long section of Rural Route 66 (Forest Road 146) in the vicinity of Parks, AZ maintained by Coconino County. The east end is defined by obliterated Route 66 and the west end is defined by the end of the original alignment (see UTM references). The sides are defined by the original right-of-way, 66 feet to each side of the centerline (marked in this section by steel I beams). See attached map. |_| See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the property type "Rural Route 66" defined in the multiple property form. All improvements associated with this property are contained within the original right-of-way. |_| See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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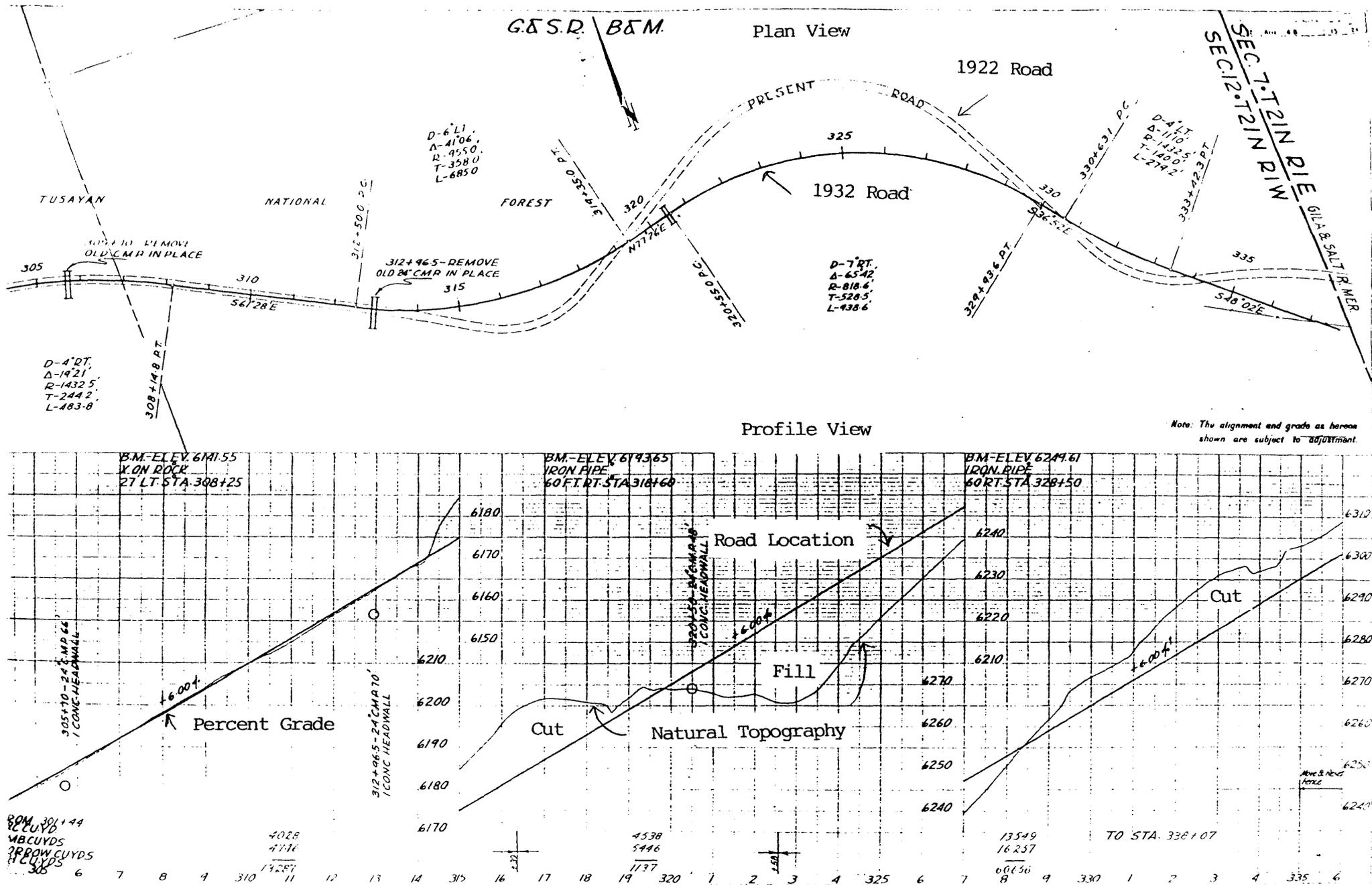


Figure 5. Project 4-B, Route 66 Realignment Engineering Plan, vicinity of Ash Fork Hill (1932). Distance shown is approximately 1/2 mile. (Arizona Department of Transportation Plan).

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

- 1). Rural Route 66: Parks
- 2). Vicinity of Parks, Arizona
- 3). Teri A. Cleeland
- 4). June, 1988
- 5). Kaibab National Forest, Williams, Arizona

INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES:

- 6). Facing east, toward Oak Hill
- 7). #1

- 6). Facing east, from Garland Prairie Vista toward the San Francisco Peaks.
- 7). #2

- 6). Facing E, Rural Route 66: Parks right; Abandoned Route 66: Parks (1931) left.
- 7). #3