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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

STATE:	
California	
COUNTY:	
Kern	
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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM	FOR NPS USE ONL	Y
	ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)	71,5,06,0029	5/6/7/
1. NAME	all 14/	
Fort Tejon State Historic Park	REPENSED.	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	1071	
Fort Tejon	JAN 6 1971	
2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: // Nit) (// ////	NATIONAL .	
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38 miles south of Bakersfield on U.S		"
Near Lebec	NTY:	
CODE		029
California 06 3. CLASSIFICATION	Kern	1029
CATEGORY	1 1 456	CESSIBLE
(Check One) OWNERSHIP	I STATUS I	HE PUBLIC
District Building Dublic Public Acquisition:	C Occupied	s:
☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Private ☐ In Process	II Unoccupied I —	estricted .
☐ Object ☐ Both ☐ Being Consi	Ex rieservation work	nrestricted
	ín progress ☐ No	·
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		
☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ ☐ Park	☐ Transportation ☐ Con	nments
Commercial Industrial Private Residence	Other (Specify)	
🔀 Educational 💢 Military 🔲 Religious		
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY		SI
Department of Parks and Recreation street and number:		Califo
1416 9th Street		fo
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Sacramento	California	<u>06</u> b
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:		
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Kern County Courthouse		Kern
1416 Truxton		B :
	STATE	CODE
Bakersfield	California	.06
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS		\circ
TITLE OF SURVEY:		ENTR
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7.	DESCRIPTION								
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	CONDITION	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Det	eriorated	Ruins	Unexposed	
CONDITION			(Check Or	ie)			(Che	ck One)	
		☐ Alter	red	✓ Unaltered			☐ Moved	Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in Grapevine Canyon, Kern County on Highway 99. It is 36 miles south of Bakersfield and 77 miles north of Los Angeles near the small community of Lebec. The present highway runs through the original area of the Old Fort. There are several large old valley oak trees and some willows, cottonwoods, junipers and buckeyes on the post. The sloping site is at an elevation of 3100 feet to 3300 feet above sea level.

Most of twenty or more original adobe and wood frame buildings are in ruins. One, single story with partial basement, "Barracks Building", has been restored and maintained; one 2-story with partial basement, "Barracks Building", has been restored and maintained; one 2-story "Officers' Quarters" building has been restored and maintained; one single-story "Orderlies' Quarters" building has been stabilized. The buildings have adobe walls on rock footings; floors are of wood on wood framing; ceilings and roof structures are of wood; roof coverings are rough wood shakes.

The existing buildings and ruins are situated around a "Parade Grounds" approximately 400 feet by 400 feet.

The park office and orientation center building (const. 1958) is located on the northerly edge of the "Parade Grounds". Nearby is the "Peter Lebec Oak" bearing a plaque commemorating this Early Pioneer and Explorer.

Beginning at a point about 5,800' westerly of U. S. Highway 99 on the boundary of Los Padres National Forest and about 2,800' north of the SW corner of Section 16, Township 9 north, Range 19 west SBM, then north about 2,400', then east about 3,500' then southeasterly along the westerly line of U. S. Highway 99 about 3,500', then west about 5,700' to the point of beginning.



PERIOD (Check One or More as	Appropriate)		•
Pre-Columbian	16th Century	☐ 18th Century	20th Century
☐ 15th Century	☐ 17th Century	■ 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicab	de and Known) June 2	4, 1854 to Sept	ember 11. 1864
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Abor iginal	■ Education	20 Political	Urban Planning
Prehistoric	Engineering	Religion/Phi-	Other (Specify)
₩ Historic	☐ Industry	losophy	
Agriculture	☐ Invention	Science	
🕅 Architecture	Landscape	Sculpture	
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Commerce	Literature	itarian	
Communications	X Military	Theater	
Conservation	Music	X Transportation	
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This military post was established by the United States Army on June 24, 1854, to suppress stock rustling and to protect Indians in the San Joaquin Valley. As regimental Headquarters of the First Dragoons, Fort Tejon/ was an important military, social, and political center. Camels for transportation were introduced here in 1858. The fort was abandoned September 11, 1864. Subsequently, it became headquarters for the Tejon Ranch until acquired by the State in 1940. Considerable restoration-reconstruction is planned for the area.



MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES California Historical Landmarks Booklet Rensch's Historic Spots in California NATIONAL 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES 0 DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES CORNER LATITUDE LATITUDE LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds Degrees Minutes Seconds Degrees Minutes Seconds Degrees Minutes Seconds 34° 52. 37• 54, 20 -118。 NW 340 52' 37" 1180 53. 10" ΝE SE 34° 52 10 118° 53, 10 -52 10" 118° SW APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 205,38 acres LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES STATE: CODE COUNTY CODE STATE: CODE COUNTY: CODE CODE CODE STATE: COUNTY: STATE: CODE COUNTY: Z 11. FORM PREPARED BY NAME AND TITLE: Allen W. Welts, State Park Historian III ORGANIZATION Department of Parks and Recreation 3/24/70 1416 9th Street CITY OR TOWN: STATE CODE 06 Sacramento California NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION As the designated State Liaison Officer for the Na-I hereby certify that this property is included in the tional Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law National Register. 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. The recommended Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation level of significance of this nomination is: 1971 National X Local MAY 6 Date ATTEST

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State Liaison Officer

August 3, 1970