

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

SR 1675

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 an 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.

1. Name of Property

historic name State maintained Rt. 66: San Jon to Tucumcari

other names/site number Ozark Trail, NM 3

2. Location

street & number E. edge of San Jon to E. exit of I-40 at Tucumcari not for publication

city or town San Jon vicinity

state New Mexico code NM county Quay code 037 zip code 88434

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State of Federal agency and bureau _____

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

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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5. Classification

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
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
0	0	sites
1	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

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

Hist. & Arch. Resources of Rt. 66 through NM

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation: road-related

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation: road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

no style

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other earth fill, bank cuts, concrete culverts and bridges

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

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.

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)

transportation

Period of Significance

1933-1956

Significant Dates

1933

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

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

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or 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.

Narrative Statement of Significance
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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:

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service****National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**Historic & Architectural Resources
of Route 66 through NmState maintained Rt. 66: San Jon to
TucumcariSection number 7 Page 1**Historic and Architectural Resources of Rt. 66 through NM
Quay County, New Mexico****7. Description**

This 23.9 mile section of state maintained Route 66 serves as a frontage and local road along Interstate 40 from the eastern edge of San Jon to the eastern edge of Tucumcari. Generally following what, prior to 1926, was known as the Ozark Trail and, after 1926, Route 66, the alignment received a hard surface in 1933 under FAP 127. During the early 1950s further improvements were made on the road including the addition of steel beam bridges over Plaza Largo and Revuelto Creeks and numerous concrete box and pipe culverts. The road was also widened to four lanes through San Jon, as discussed in the Multiple Property listing. Coursing across the rangelands and irrigated farmlands of eastern Quay County, this portion of Route 66 is largely unaltered beyond normal road maintenance and conveys a strong feeling of travel along Route 66 during the period of significance. Brown and white signs denoting "Historic Route 66" have recently been erected by the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department along the roadside.

Heading west, the road section passes through San Jon where it was widened in the early 1950s. Commercial buildings, many now vacant, recall earlier roadside businesses supported by Route 66 travellers. West of San Jon, the road diverges from I-40, crossing rangeland well-removed from the modern highway. Concrete box culverts and fill carry the road across small arroyos. Sandstone outcroppings mark the drainage of Plaza Largo and Revuelto Creeks with the pre-1933 alignment of the road visible fifty yards to the south. West of the drainage the road parallels I-40, passing beneath two overpasses. In the distance to the south and west the Caprock and Mt. Tucumcari offer vistas of the increasingly rugged terrain awaiting the westbound motorist. As the road approaches Tucumcari, canals and irrigated fields marking the Arch Hurley Irrigation District lie to the south. Although I-40 closely parallels portions of this section of Route 66, causing a slight deviation from the original alignment for less than a quarter mile at one overpass, the

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historic alignment, cross-section template, and surrounding
landscape remain largely intact.

8. Significance

Designated as State Highway 3 in 1914 and a part of the Ozark Trail, a regional road association that preceded the creation of the federal highway system in 1926, the road from San Jon to Tucumcari underwent improvements and slight realignments in the late 1920s and early 1930s. These improvements were funded under FAP 127 and resulted, in 1933, with the hard surfacing of the present alignment. In the early 1950s, the alignment was slightly altered as the road was widened through San Jon and two concrete and steel beam bridges replaced earlier timber bridges. This section of state-maintained Route 66 is significant for its association with the rise of automobile tourism in New Mexico and thus is eligible under Criterion A.

9. Bibliographical references

"Descriptive Log, Federal Aid Primary Route No. 3, route Section No. 3." n.d. On file at the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, Records Control Unit of Records Management, Santa Fe.

"Plans and Profiles of FAP 127" dated 8/28/28. On file at the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, Records Control Unit of Records Management, Santa Fe.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 286 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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1	3
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6	5	7	2	2	0
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3	8	8	6	8	4	0
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Zone Easting Northing

3

1	3
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6	3	9	1	7	0
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3	8	9	1	5	6	0
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Zone Easting Northing

4

1	3
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6	4	7	0	9	0
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3	8	8	7	7	0	0
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 See continuation sheet

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.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

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)

Property Owner

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

name _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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