

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# 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 Tewa Lodge

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number 5715 Central Avenue NE  not for publication

city or town Albuquerque  vicinity

state New Mexico code NM county Bernalillo code 001 zip code 87108

### 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.)

X [Signature] [Title] 4-21-98  
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.)

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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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Tewa Lodge

Bernalillo County, NM  
County and State

Name of Property

**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	
2	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
2	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)

DOMESTIC: hotel

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

DOMESTIC: hotel

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Spanish-Pueblo Revival

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls stucco

roof asphalt

other wood

**Narrative Description**

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

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Historic and Architectural Resources of Rt. 66 through NM  
Bernalillo County, New Mexico

7. Description

The Tewa Lodge consists of a one-story building and a two-story building with a manager's residence located above the office portion of the east building. Both buildings have flat asphalt roofs, white cement-stucco walls, and concrete foundations. The motel incorporates several Pueblo Revival Style details including slightly rounded parapets, irregular massing of the second-story portion, battered walls at the office, vigas appearing at both the office and as supports for entry hoods at many of the living units, and post and corbel framing of some of the garages. A second-story east-facing porch accessible from an exterior metal stairway is lined with cement-stucco walls. The south wall is stepped and in the upper portion contains a decorative cutout niche. Wood lintels with slight arching top many of the original metal casement windows, and several of the doors are of heavy wood boards. Two decorative thunderbird flank the second story picture window and are backlighted at night.

The property is organized in a parallel linear plan with the majority of the motel's twenty-four units, some with garages interspersed between them, facing on a small courtyard. The east wing adjoining the rear of the office/residence is double, with additional units facing east on the street. The motel's sign consists of a large vertical panel extending out over the sidewalk and supported by a metal post. The sign, though not original, is part of the motel's highly-regarded neon trim. Alterations to the motel include a modest and sympathetic remodeling of the office, the infill of some garages, and the replacement of some windows. The neon, the spatial arrangement of the property, the use of several Pueblo Revival Style details and the relatively unaltered appearance of the buildings imbue the property with a strong feeling of a late 1940s tourist court.

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8. Statement of Significance

The Tewa Lodge is one of the best examples of a largely unaltered post-World War II tourist court remaining along Route 66 in New Mexico. The motel was built in 1946 at the beginning of the tourist boom that stretched the Central Avenue commercial strip much farther east and west along Route 66. Other motels, many of them also using regional Indian names to evoke the Southwest, would soon appear in this area, profiting not only from the traffic along the highway but from visitors attending the New Mexico State Fair, located less than a half mile to the east. Because of this close association with tourism along Route 66, the property is eligible under Criterion A. The property also qualifies under Criterion C for the way in which its setting, location, design and materials reflect early tourist court construction in New Mexico. In particular, the spatial arrangement of the complex with its parallel linear plan, its use of neon, judged in 1987 to be among the best in Albuquerque, and its use of several Pueblo Revival Style details to evoke a southwestern imagery enhance the significance of the property.

9. Bibliography

Albuquerque Progress. Aug., 1946.

Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 26-31 and the vacated alley of Block 35 the Tijeras Place Addition.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes lots 26-31 on which the Tewa Lodge buildings are located.

Tewa Lodge  
Name of Property

Bernalillo County, NM  
County and State

**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

architecture

**Period of Significance**  
1946-1956

**Significant Dates**  
1946

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

**Cultural Affiliation**  
N/A

**Architect/Builder**  
S. V. Patrick

**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:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tewa Lodge  
Name of Property

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property less than one acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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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organization contract historian date August, 1996

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city or town Albuquerque state NM zip code 87108

**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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