Form 10-306
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME
COMMON:
Tusayan Ruins (G.I.A. 220,5)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER:
Grand Canyon National Park, T30N, R5E, G & SR HM
CITY OR TOWN: Grand Canyon
STATE: Arizona
CODE: 04
COUNTY: Coconino
CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY (Check One)

[ ] District
[ ] Building
[ ] Site
[ ] Structure
[ ] Object
[ ] Public
[ ] Private
[ ] Both

OWNERSHIP
Public Acquisition:
[ ] In Process
[ ] Being Considered

STATUS
[ ] Occupied
[ ] Unoccupied

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
[ ] Yes:
[ ] Restricted
[ ] Unrestricted
[ ] No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
[ ] Agricultural
[ ] Commercial
[ ] Educational
[ ] Entertainment
[ ] Government
[ ] Industrial
[ ] Military
[ ] Museum
[ ] Park
[ ] Private Residence
[ ] Religious
[ ] Scientific
[ ] Transportation
[ ] Other (Specify)

[ ] Comments

4. AGENCY
National Park Service
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Western Regional Office
CITY OR TOWN: San Francisco
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 450 Golden Gate Ave., 36063
STATE: California
CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Coconino County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: Flagstaff
STATE: Arizona
CODE: 04

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:
[ ] Federal
[ ] State
[ ] County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
STATE:
CODE:

RECEIVED
JUN 20 1974
NATIONAL REGISTER
JUN 10 1974
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE
43 NO 47M
P 1004/394
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated
- Ruins
- Unexposed

( Check One )

DESKRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Preservation recommended

This pueblo was originally "U-shaped" with two round kivas. It was built of irregularly-shaped boulders, laid in clay mortar. The pueblo has been described by Archeologist Joe Ben Wheat:

"A two-story living section formed the western side, four rooms on the lower floor, three above. At the southwestern corner was a partly subterranean circular room, the Kiva. North and south wings consisted of small storage rooms, one-story high, entered by ladders through hatchways in the roof. In the center, protected by the building, was an open court or plaza. A second kiva was built beyond the north wing of storage rooms, apparently after the first one burned. A bench of clay extended partly around this room. A ventilator shaft through the east wall, brought in fresh air as heated air and smoke from the central, rock-lined fire pit rose through the roof hatch. In line with the ventilator and fire pit, was a small hole, the sipapu, symbolic of the entrance to the underworld, cut in the limestone floor."

Today, there are just ruins of the site. Low, stone walls, stabilized with cement mortar, mark off some of the rooms and the two kivas. Asphalt walks and signs permit visitors to gain some knowledge of the people who occupied this site.

Class VI lands: 10 acres

Cost: current maintenance adequate
### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

3rd Order

This pueblo was built sometime around 1200 A.D., and occupied for about 50 or 60 years. The people who occupied it are generally classed as being in the Pueblo II period.

This site was excavated in 1930 by the Gila Pueblo of Globe, Arizona. Emil W. Haury supervised the dig. The walls were stabilized in 1948 by the National Park Service and again in 1965. In its preserved state visitors can walk around the stabilized walls, which are a foot or so high of the living quarters, storage room and the kivas, and gain some insight into how the aborigines lived in this area several hundred years before the Europeans arrived.

Though not large, this pueblo's significance lies in it being a good representative of remains of the late occupation of the Grand Canyon area before the great drought in the late 13th century caused a migration southward. But perhaps more important, the excavation of the site has added knowledge through the structures explored and the artifacts uncovered to the scholar in his understanding of the aboriginal cultural horizon that the archeologists have designated as Pueblo II. Its research potential has been exhausted.

Of this site, Dr. Wilfred Logan, NPS Archeologist, has said:

"What makes the site significant is that it illustrates a survival, on the periphery of the Anasazi heartland, of an earlier stage of Anasazi development well into the PIII period. It is comparable to the survival of Appalachian hill country society well into the period of heavily urbanized, late 20th century American society."

**Boundary:** The historic land embraced in this site would be a square formed by a line extending from the museum 660' to the east, then 660' north to the dirt road, then 660' to the west and finally 660' to the south, back to the museum.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


Joe Ben Wheat, *Prehistoric People of the Northern Southwest*, Bulletin 12 (Grand Canyon: Grand Canyon Natural History Assn. 1955)


10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10 acres

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: E. Ross Holland, Jr., Historien

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STREET AND NUMBER: 7200 W. Alameda

CITY OR TOWN: Denver

STATE: Colorado

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] None

State Liaison Officer Signature: Dennis M. McCarthy

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date 7/10/74

Date 2-9-74