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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME
HISTORIC
Guadalupe Ranch

AND/OR COMMON
Frijole Ranch and Rader/Smith Ranch

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
Guadalupe Mountains National Park

CITY. TOWN
Santa Fe

STATE
Texas

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Culberson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY. TOWN
Van Horn

STATE
Texas

3 CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY
__DISTRICT
X BUILDING(S)
__STRUCTURE
__SITE
__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP
X PUBLIC
__PRIVATE
__BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
__IN PROCESS
__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS
X OCCUPIED
__UNOCCUPIED
__WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
__YES: RESTRICTED
__YES: UNRESTRICTED
__NO

PRESENT USE
__AGRICULTURE
__COMMERCIAL
__EDUCATIONAL
__ENTERTAINMENT
__GOVERNMENT
__INDUSTRIAL
__MILITARY
__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__RELIGIOUS
__SCIENTIFIC
__TRANSPORTATION
__OTHER:

4 AGENCY
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
U.S. Government, Department of the Interior, National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER
Southwest Regional Office

CITY. TOWN
Santa Fe

STATE
New Mexico

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5 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE
None

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY. TOWN

STATE
The Frijole Ranch is comprised of 7 structures: the main ranch house, a spring house, a guest or bunk house, a double toilet, a structure that was used at one time as a schoolhouse, a storage shed, and a barn. The grounds immediately surrounding the ranch house are enclosed by a rubble stone masonry wall. All of the structures are located within or are contiguous to this fence.

The ranch house is a 1 1/2 story dwelling with walls of ashlar stone masonry and a gabled roof covered with wood shakes. The roof was restored to its present (and historic) appearance in 1976. The front portion of the structure, the present dining and living rooms, was originally constructed around 1876 by a family named Rader. The rear three rooms were added on in 1925-1926. The dormers were added in 1910. The guest house and double toilet structures were constructed in 1920.

The pumphouse, toilets, and guest/bunkhouse are small stone structures of rubble masonry with shed roofs. The spring house is of frame construction.

The schoolhouse is a somewhat weathered and deteriorating frame structure with vertical wood siding and a low-pitched gable roof covered with corrugated metal.

The barn, although built during the 1950's, is architecturally compatible with the older structures and is of the same construction as the schoolhouse.

It is recognized that because these buildings serve a management purpose (the house as a residence, the outbuildings for storage, and the barn as a tack room), they require maintenance and occasional minor modifications. Such work will be performed in accordance with NPS Management Policies and will be designed so that it will not intrude upon the historic appearance of the site.
**SIGNIFICANCE**

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**SPECIFIC DATES**  Ca. 1876  **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The front portion of the ranch house is the oldest substantial structure in the area. Constructed around 1876 by the Rader brothers (who were probably the first permanent settlers in that portion of the Guadalupe Mountains), it constitutes the most complete and significant vestige of the early cattle ranching enterprise in the southern Guadalupe Mountains.

Ranching in this area began along with the range cattle industry which developed on the southern plains during the 1870's and 1880's. The stock grown in the trans-Pecos region of West Texas went either by trails eastward to railheads in central Texas and then to eastern consumers, or northward along the Goodnight-Loving Trail to the northern plains to increase the herds in that area. Dating from the mid-1870's, the Frijole Ranch complex comprises a vivid and tangible reminder of local involvement in a booming post-Civil War economy which helped to open and develop the Great Plains.
Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Smith - 9/01/76

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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<th>ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY</th>
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**UTM REFERENCES**

The most recent USGS map (enclosed) predates the use of UTM grid ticks.

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Located within Guadalupe Mountains National Park 55 miles southwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

The nominated property is located in the center of a square tract which consists of 9 acres.

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

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**CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

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

**FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE**

DATE: 7/12/78

**FOR NPS USE ONLY**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE: 11/4/78

ATTEST:

DATE: 11/30/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
1. Rader/Smith Ranch
2. Guadalupe Mountains National Park
   Culberson County, Texas
3. Photo by Dave Battle, 1972
   Neg. filed at NPS SW Regional Off.
4. Barn: southwest elevation
   Photo No. SWRO-PSC-1-72-32

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1. Rader/Smith Ranch

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4. Ranch house: east elevation
   Photo No. SWRO-PSC-1-72-23
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4. School house: east elevation
   Photo No. SWRO-PSC-1-72-30

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