**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
   
   Bull Pasture

   AND/OR COMMON
   
   Bull Pasture

2 **LOCATION**
   
   STREET & NUMBER
   
   Not applicable

   (Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument) NOT FOR PUBLICATION

   CITY, TOWN
   
   Not applicable

   VICINITY OF Lukeville

   STATE Arizona

3 **CLASSIFICATION**
   
   CATEGORY
   
   _DISTRICT
   _BUILDING(S)
   _STRUCTURE
   _SITE
   _OBJECT

   OWNERSHIP
   
   _PUBLIC
   _PRIVATE
   _BOTH
   PUBLIC ACQUISITION
   _IN PROCESS
   _BEING CONSIDERED

   STATUS
   
   _OCCUPIED
   _UNOCCUPIED
   _WORK IN PROGRESS
   ACCESSIBLE
   _YES, RESTRICTED
   _YES, UNRESTRICTED
   _NO

   PRESENT USE
   
   _AGRICULTURE
   _MUSEUM
   _COMMERCIAL
   PARK
   _EDUCATIONAL
   _PRIVATE RESIDENCE
   _ENTERTAINMENT
   _RECREATIONAL
   _GOVERNMENT
   _SCIENTIFIC
   _INDUSTRIAL
   _TRANSPORTATION
   _MILITARY
   _OTHER

4 **AGENCY**
   
   REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (If applicable)
   
   National Park Service, Western Regional Office

   STREET & NUMBER
   
   450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36063

   CITY, TOWN
   
   San Francisco

   VICINITY OF
   
   California

5 **LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**
   
   COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
   
   Pima County Courthouse

   STREET & NUMBER
   
   115 North Church Street

   CITY, TOWN
   
   Tucson

   STATE Arizona

6 **REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**
   
   TITLE
   "Historic Sites and Structures Inventory for Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument"

   DATE
   April 1 1967

   DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
   
   Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

   CITY, TOWN
   
   Arizona
Bull Pasture is a large grassy basin located at an altitude of about 3,100 feet in the Ajo Mountains near the eastern boundary of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. There is a spring at the northern part of the basin, besides several natural tinajas that provide water. Surrounding the grazing land and rising abruptly is a steep, rocky decline that served to confine livestock once kept there.
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bull Pasture is a significant location identified with prehistoric Indian occupation and with the early cattle ranching industry in the Arizona border country. It was also the site of a military occupation by armed Mexican refugees and of a post for American troops during the Mexican border crisis period from 1915 to 1917. Bull Pasture is of local historical significance.

The Mexican name for Bull Pasture is "Tinajas de los Torres" ("Watering Tanks of the Bulls"), or "Los Portreritos" ("Little Pastures"). The site has long been the scene of human habitation and has bequeathed archeological evidence suggesting extensive use by Indians. In the early 1900s two men named Hubsteader and Powell wintered their cattle at Bull Pasture where there was abundant grass and water. Later, William G. Miller kept his livestock there. The theory behind wintering cattle at Bull Pasture held that by placing bulls with the cattle in such a confined location, the resulting calves would be of uniform age. Use of the area for cattle ended in the late 1920s.

The site played an interesting part in the border disturbances of the early twentieth century when groups representing various disfavored factions of Mexican politics crossed the border and hid in Bull Pasture to escape their revolutionary adversaries. In 1915 one group of Villistas was arrested in the basin by U.S. immigration authorities. As the threat of such visitations increased, the United States Government dispatched army troops to the scene. Still later, Arizona National Guardsmen made frequent patrols of the border in the area of Bull Pasture.

Today Bull Pasture is part of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. The historic values requiring preservation are the historic scene and archeology-prehistoric.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 150 acres

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This mountain basin is located in the rugged Ajo Mountains near the eastern boundary of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. The basin is quite irregular both in its geographical boundary and in its elevation. The average elevation is approximately 3,000 to 3,200 feet, with surrounding ridges on the east, west, and south averaging more than 3,400 feet. There is a vertical drop on the north measuring about 400 feet in extent. The area measures approximately 3,146 feet on the north, 2,549 feet on the south, 3,561 feet on the east, and 2,959 feet on the west.

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STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE Deputy Assistant Secretary

DATE FEB 14 1978

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPR OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 3/1/78

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DATE 3/21/78

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Bull Pasture is a site which is significant because of its important association with an evolving regional cattle industry in southern Arizona during the early part of the 20th Century, and because it was a particular rendezvous of armed Mexican refugees during the turmoil of the Mexican Revolution, and because, due to their use of this valley, it drew American Army patrols and served as an observation post from which American troops kept an eye out for potential violations of the border by groups of armed Mexicans. Obviously, it was the unique combination of the topography of a hidden valley with a spring, tinejas, and grass suitable for grazing which focused such activities in this particular basin rather than in other valleys and canyons along this section of the border. There are no other similar locations along the border within Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument which have any comparable significance or history of use. Thus Bull Pasture has local level of significance under Criteria A in that it was associated with events significant in the local history of southern Arizona and Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, namely the development of the cattle industry in this region, use as a refuge by Mexican dissidents in a time of political and military upheaval in Mexico, and American Army response to insure that such upheaval did not disturb the American side of the international border.
1.) BULL PASTURE
2.) ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT, ARIZONA
3.) KATHY LISKA
4.) MARCH 10, 1977
5.) NEGATIVE: ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT.
6.) BULL PASTURE, VIEW TO THE NORTHEAST.
7.) 1 OF 1 Pima County, AZ

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