

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Rocky Mountain National Park
515 Custom House, Denver, Colorado
March 14, 1936

The Director,
National Park Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

Attached hereto is the following inspection material, accumulated by Mr. Roger W. Toll, on the Proposed Dinosaur Canyon National Monument, Arizona.

Unedited transcript of travel notes

Photographs (7)

Portions of maps, issued by:

National Park Service
The Tannock Company
Automobile Club of Southern California
Arizona State Highway Department
U. S. Geological Survey and
Arizona Bureau of Mines
Office of Indian Affairs
General Land Office
U. S. Geological Survey

The area was inspected by Mr. Toll on December 1, but he did not have an opportunity to assemble his material in report form before leaving this office for the Washington conference.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

Enclosures

Unedited Transcript of Travel Notes By Roger W. Toll on
Proposed Dinosaur Canyon National Monument, Arizona

ITINERARY

<u>Time</u>	<u>Cyclometer:</u>	
:	:	:
:	:	:
:	:	: December 1, 1935 (Sunday)
:	:	:
: 1:00 p. m.:	255	: Left Cameron, Arizona.
:	:	:
: 2:00 p. m.:	270	: Left car after rough, rocky route in
:	:	: wash.
:	:	:
:	:	: Space 60' x 20' cleared. About three
:	:	: hundred dinosaur tracks, of various
:	:	: sizes. Largest about 16" long. Said
:	:	: to be the most numerous group of dino-
:	:	: saur tracks in the United States.
:	:	:
:	:	: There are six or eight other locations
:	:	: in the vicinity where a few tracks are
:	:	: found.
:	:	:
: 3:45 p. m.:	270	: Left Dinosaur Canyon.
:	:	:
: 4:45 p. m.:	285	: Cameron.
:	:	:
:	:	: Dinosaur Canyon is not a true canyon.
:	:	:
:	:	: The road starts toward Tuba City,
:	:	: crosses the Little Colorado River, and
:	:	: within less than a mile from Cameron
:	:	: it leaves the highway, follows an old
:	:	: freight road (which went to Tuba City),
:	:	: then an old Mormon freight road toward
:	:	: Winslow, then goes up the wash.
:	:	:
:	:	: Disapprove for national monument.
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Barnum Brown of the American Museum of Natural History says: "Near Rock Springs, Wyoming, are found the largest tracks of dinosaurs so far discovered--larger than could have been made by any dinosaur known from skeleton."

"Days in the Painted Desert and the San Francisco Mountains," by Harold S. Colton and Frank C. Baxter, 1932, page 63: "Dinosaur Canyon, fourteen miles southeast, can be reached from Cameron. As the trail is poorly marked, it is wise to procure a guide.

"Dinosaur Canyon was discovered by Hubert Richardson in 1928. In 1929 a party from the American Museum of Natural History under Barnum Brown and Gilbert Gable visited the site and gave it great publicity.

"Dinosaur Canyon lies in the wingate sandstone at the base of a great escarpment composed of Navajo sandstone. Curious erosion figures stand about. On a slab of white calcareous sandstone dozens of footprints of three-toed biped dinosaurs are preserved.

"A trip to Dinosaur Canyon in the late afternoon when the setting sun sets fire to the red cliffs is one of the memorable occasions in a lifetime."

Class II c

Legislation proposed prior to the 71st Congress, but did not pass and was not renewed at the 71st Congress:

PARKS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date introduced</u>
✓ Arizona (Maricopa County, Arizona)	{H.R.16097, April 28, 1914. S. 5585 May 14, 1914.
✓ Blue Knob (Blair County, Penna.)	{H.R.7354, February 28, 1924.
✓ Cabinet (Lincoln County, Montana)	S. 3026 January 5, 1916.
✓ Denver (Mt.Evans) Park & Clear Creek Counties, Colorado)	S. 5228 December 15, 1918.
✓ Kentucky (Kentucky, Tenn., & Virginia)	H.R.14308, February 12, 1923.
✓ Lake Tahoe (Calif. & Nevada)	{H.R.22832, April 3, 1912. H.R.11625, April 23, 1918
✓ Mount Adams (Washington)	{S. 5612, February 13, 1919. S. 1709, January 3, 1924. S. 2676, November 4, 1924.
○ Mount Baker (Whatcon County, Washington)	{H.R.9805, January 22, 1916. S. 3775, January 22, 1916. S. 312, April 4, 1917. H.R. 6066, September 14, 1917. S. 371, May 20, 1919. S. 626, May 23, 1919. S. 20, April 12, 1921. S. 6397, June 20, 1916.
✓ Mount Hood (Oregon)	{H.R. July 15, 1911.
✓ Mount Olympus(Jefferson County, Washington)	{S. Feb. , 1912.
✓ Mount Shasta (Shasta County, Calif.)	{H.R. 22353, March 27, 1912. H.R.53, April 7, 1913. H.R. 12408, February 24, 1925.
✓ Nicolet (Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin)	S. 1429, December 7, 1923 S. 7372, December 9, 1908.
○ Saddle Mountain (Clatsop Co., Oregon)	{H.R. 1210 1910. H.R. 2981, April 10, 1911. S. 2186, May 9, 1911. S. 531, April 9, 1913.
✓ Sawtooth (Custer County, Idaho)	{H.R. 2925, April 17, 1913. H.R. 6799, January 4, 1916.
✓ Shepherd of the Hills (Stone & Taney Counties, Missouri)	H.R. 11477, February 27, 1928.
✓ Sierra Madre (North & east of Los Angeles, California)	H.R. 11321, February 11, 1916.
✓ Bandelier (Cliff Cities, New Mexico)	

CLASS III

Proposed parks and monuments which the Director or the Secretary desire looked into, not including any of the above.

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PARKS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
✓ Kings Canyon (California)	
✓ Ozark (Missouri & Arkansas)	
✓ Rainbow Bridge (Utah)	
✓ Toroweap (Arizona)	
✓ Katahdin (Maine)	
✓ Mescalero (New Mexico)	

Proposed parks and monuments which the Director or the Secretary desire looked into, not including any of the above:

MONUMENTS.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
✓ Canyon De Chelly (Arizona)	
✓ Death Valley (Inyo Co. Calif.)	
✓ Desota (Florida)	
✓ Dinosaur Canyon (Arizona)	
✓ Isle Royale (Michigan)	
✓ Johnson Canyon Hieroglyphics (Utah)	
✓ Kolob Plateau (Utah)	
✓ Moapa Valley (Nevada)	
✓ Santa Cruz Island (California)	
✓ Virgin (Arizona, Nevada & Utah)	
✓ White Sands (New Mexico)	

CLASS IV

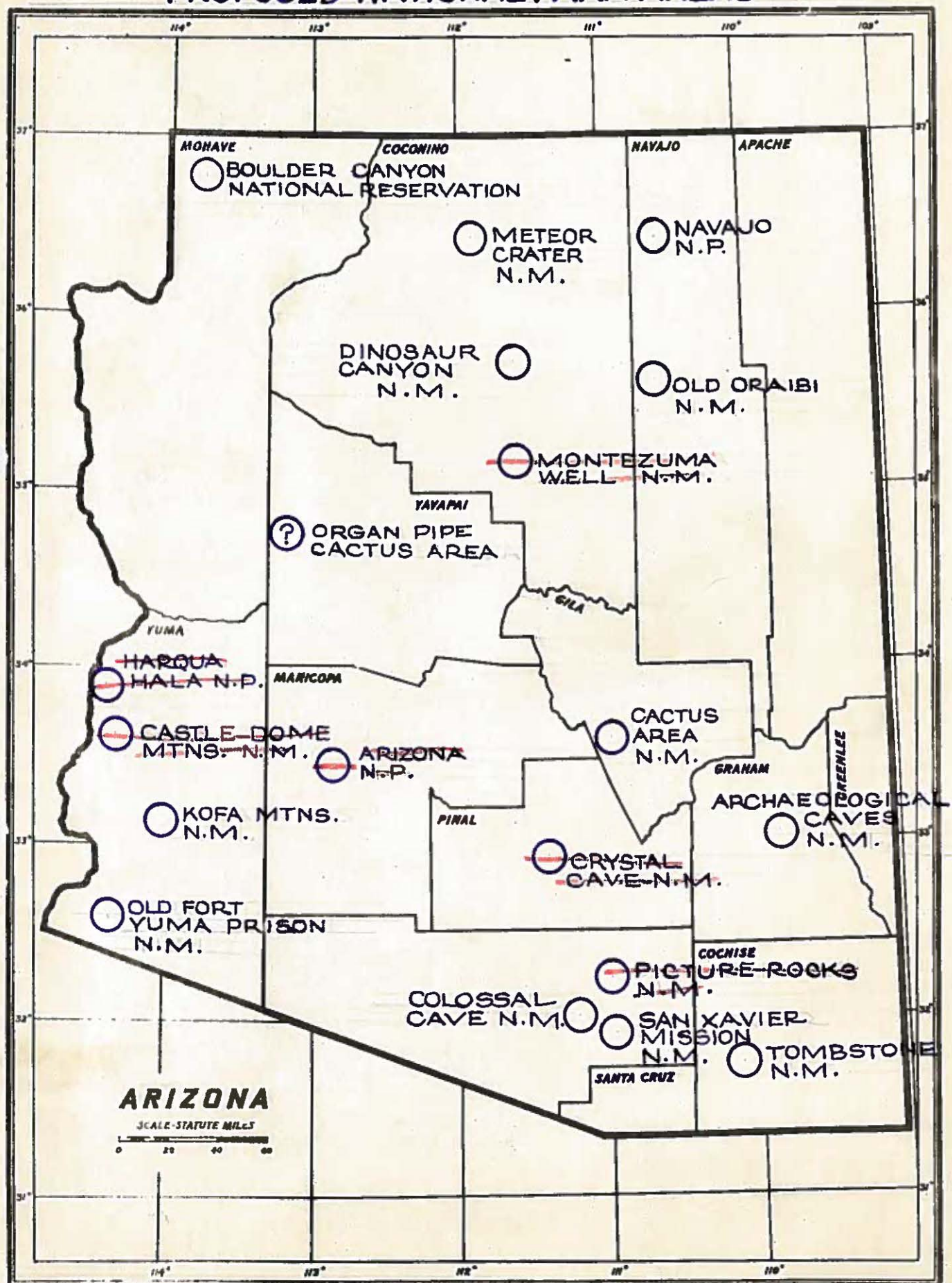
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All other proposed National Parks and Monuments not mentioned above:

PARKS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
✓ Absaroka (Montana)	
✓ Big Horn Mountain (Montana & Wyoming)	
✓ Dismal Swamp (North Carolina & Virginia)	
✓ Hocker Hammock (Florida)	
✓ Keweenaw Point (Michigan)	
✓ Mark Twain (Missouri)	
✓ Meteor Crater (Arizona)	
✓ Palo Duro (Texas)	
✓ Pikes Peak (Colorado)	
✓ Wallowa (Oregon)	

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARK AREAS



Proposed Area

Dinosaur Canyon National Monument, Arizona.

General:

Location: 18 miles southeast of Cameron and 15 miles south of Tuba City.

Area: Unknown

General Characteristics:

(a) Scenic:

(b) Historical:

(c) Geological: Prehistoric remains

(d) Recreational:

(e) Biological:

Accessibility: See "General"

Interested Cong. Colton.

Individuals: Gilbert E. Cable, American Museum of Natl. History.

Reports

Suggested by Gilbert E. Cable, in March 1930. In March 1916, Spec. Agent, W. J. Hanna, Gen. Land Office, submitted a favorable report. Supt. Toll made a report but it does not appear in the record.

and

H.R. 7672 was introduced Jan. 14, 1926, by Cong. Colton. No further action. 10-3-33.

Action:

No correspondence or report can be found on the project. 7-18-34 JLB.

ARIZONA.

DINOSAUR CANYON

NATIONAL MONUMENT.