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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name TONTO NATIONAL MONUMENT
other names/site number LOWER RUIN; AZ U:8:047A(ASM)

2. Location

street & number Highway 188 / /not for publication
city, town Roosevelt /XX/vicinity
state AZ code AZ county Gila code 007 zip code N/A

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
☐ private	☐ building(s)		buildings
☐ public-local	☐ district		sites
☐ public-State	☒ site	1	structures
☒ public-Federal	☐ structure		objects
	☐ object	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
ADOLPH F. A. BANDELIER'S ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY
OF TONTO BASIN, TONTO NAT'L FOREST, AZ

Number of contributing resources
previously listed in the National
Register 1

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Date

USDA Forest Service
State or Federal agency and bureau

1 In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Date

State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/Research

OTHER/Research

DOMESTIC/Multiple Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials enter categories from instructions) N/A

N/A

foundation

walls

roof

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Historic Appearance

Early in the morning of May 24, 1883, Bandelier visited the cliff dwellings, known today as Lower Ruin, Tonto National Monument [AR U:8:047A(ASM)], contained within Tonto National Monument Archeological District and listed on the National Register October 23, 1987. He recorded that "the caves are visible at a great distance". They are in a narrow canyon "where a spring rises, feeding a thicket of cottonwood and walnut trees...Visited the lower cave (Lower Ruin). The slope is ... steep, difficult, (on account) of the cactus and of the crumbling ... stone cropping out... about vertical at places... The cave is large... 363 feet ...the height of the cave is about 20 to 35 feet. Into it the house has been built. It is a perfect pueblo-house, but small. The walls are of larger stones, broken to suit, and laid in clay mixed with gravel, which gives it the appearance of concrete. The proportion of stone to concrete is about equal. - I found many metates about... The manos are small... The floors, as far as visible, are black. There is some pottery about, handsomely painted, similar to that of the ... Rio Puerco, only much older. I found an old sandal, much fragmentary basketry, rope, twine, and many corn-cobs. They are of the small variety and I found a small piece of obsidian. No red and black pottery, but some faintly corrugated ware. The majority however is dark red and very thick. - As to the timber, it is cedar as to the small cross pieces, heavy pine in regard to the central posts and the beams...Both ruins are burnt out. This was done by the Apaches, who used to celebrate their dances in the ruins.

Current Appearance

Owing to their protection as a National Monument, the Lower and Upper Ruins visited by Bandelier are essentially unchanged.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☒ nationally ☐ statewide ☐ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

EXPLORATION

1880-1890

1883

SCIENCE

1880-1890

1883

Cultural Affiliation

Salado

Significant Person

ADOLPH F. BANDELIER

Architect/Affiliation

N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Adolph Bandelier's 1883 archeological survey in Tonto Basin resulted in the identification and recording of sixteen 13th and 14th century Salado sites which represent the range of architectural and artifactual variability present in that cultural tradition. The Lower Ruin at Tonto National Monument is an example of the checkerboard property sub-type known as cliff dwellings.

Bandelier's exploration and documentation are historically important events in that they occurred at a significant period in the development of the science of archeology. Indeed, the 1880s has been referred to as the most important period in the development of southwestern archeological science; it was during this period that several principles were introduced, including the idea of archeological survey over large areas.

Adolph Bandelier was one of the men notable for introducing such principles and is regarded for the contribution he made to archeology. He began his comparative study of native peoples of the Southwest in the year 1880, exploring, "seeing everything, measuring everything, and...connecting everything he saw or heard with things he had read in literature" (Hammond and Goad 1949:7). As such, he is viewed as one of the first to take the study of American prehistory from mere curiosity and antiquarianism to the modern comparative science of archeology.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bandelier, A. F.

1883 Journals. MS on file, History Library, Museum of NM, Santa Fe.

Hammond, George P. and Edgar F. Goad

1949 A scientist on the trail: travel letters of A. F. Bandelier 1880-1881.
Quivira Society Publications Vol. X.

SEE SECTION H, MULTIPLE PROPERTY LISTING FOR MORE COMPLETE LISTING

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 hist. preservation office
☐ Other State agency
☒ Federal agency
☐ Local government
☐ University
☐ Other

Specify repository:

Tonto National Monument

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 1.0 acres

UTM References

A 12 489280 3722540
Zone Easting Northing
C
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing
D
Zone Easting Northing

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries described for the Lower Ruin, Tonto National Monument are the same as those in the previous National Register listing.

☐ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The extent of cultural materials recorded at the Lower Ruin, Tonto National Monument is used to define the boundaries described herein.

☐ See continuation sheet

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