

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property NATIONAL REGISTER
historic name TONTO NATIONAL MONUMENT
other names/site number UPPER RUIN; AZ U:8:048(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street & number Highway 188 / /not for publication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)		<u> </u> buildings
☐ public-local	☐ district		<u> </u> sites
☐ public-State	☒ site	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> structures
☒ public-Federal	☐ structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
	☐ object	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> 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.

Evann J. DeVilbiss
Signature of certifying official

2/22/89
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.

Shereen Kerner
Signature of certifying official

9/22/88
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

DOMESTIC/Multiple Dwelling

OTHER/Research

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 Upper Ruin, Tonto National Monument [AR U:8:048(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...led the horses up to the spring, about 1/2 mile farther up the canon, south, and to the foot of the 2nd cave (Upper Ruin), which is about 400 feet high and steeper than the other. The slope is disintegrated slabs, and hardly any cactus or shrubbery... The ruin is larger... Both ruins are burnt out. This was done by the Apaches, who used to celebrate their dances in the ruins. So Mrs. McIntosh tells me. This ruin is mostly 2 stories high. The walls are of the same thickness. 0.30 (meters) is an average. - The material is the same. In both cases, the stones are well broken... The lintels of the doors are of wood, several stalks laid across... No door opens to the front, but there are little square or quadrilateral holes. The roof is overhanging, or rather projecting... rain cannot affect the interior of the cave.

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	Architect/Affiliation	
ADOLPH F. BANDELIER	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 Upper 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 112 489280 3722150
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 Upper 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 Upper Ruin, Tonto National Monument is used to define the boundaries described herein.

☐ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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