

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

## National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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### 1. Name of Property

historic name State maintained Route 66: Palomas to Montoya

other names/site number Ozark Trail, Texas-New Mexico Mountain Highway, SR 3, US 54

### 2. Location

street & number State frontage road from Palomas to Montoya ☐ not for publication

city or town Montoya ☒ vicinity

state New Mexico code NM county Quay code 037 zip code 88401

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☒ statewide ☐ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]  
Signature of certifying official/Title

10-4-93  
Date

Historic Preservation Division, State of New Mexico  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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

[Signature]

Date of Action

3/24/94

Rt. 66, Palomas to Montoya  
Name of Property

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County and State

## 5. Classification

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☐ private  
☐ public-local  
☒ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☒ structure  
☐ object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
0	0	sites
1	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register**

Hist. & Arch. Resources of Rt. 66 through NM

0

## 6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION: road-related

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION: road-related

## 7. Description

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

no style

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other earth fill, asphalt surfacing,  
concrete culverts and bridges

## Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Historic and Architectural Resources of Rt. 66 through NM  
Quay County, New Mexico

7. Description

This 10.4 mile section of state-maintained Route 66 serves as a frontage road for local traffic. Except for a subway in which the road passes under Interstate 40, deviating from the historic alignment for less than a quarter mile, it represents the alignment of the completed road project of 1933 and is marked by five concrete culverts and three reinforced concrete slab bridges. These structural elements as well as the original cross section template and surrounding landscape contribute to the historic feeling of Route 66 that this road section conveys.

Passing through the Parajito Creek Valley with Mesa Rica to the north and Palomas Mesa to the south, Route 66 remains on relatively flat terrain at an elevation of about 4,300 ft. As a result few bank or slope cuts mark the road. Several sections, however, are marked by raised grades with the culverts and bridges permitting water from small intermittent streams to flow into Parajito Creek just to the north.

Of particular interest are the road section's three bridges. Located 6.0, 7.2 and 8.0 miles west of the eastern end of the road section, each is a single-span measuring approximately 40 ft. in length and consisting of a reinforced concrete beam construction with concrete abutments. Each bridge has a 24 ft. wide concrete deck flanked by concrete curbs and reinforced concrete railings. WPA project number plates are affixed to their headwalls.

As the road approaches Montoya, it diverges from its close parallel with I-40, passing a series of small roadside businesses, now vacant and some deteriorating, as well as the Montoya cemetery. Combined with other landscape elements including the nearby railroad grade and the low telephone line paralleling the road, this portion of old Route 66 evokes a strong feeling of travel across rural New Mexico. With the exception of the subway and a few cattleguards, little of the

Rt. 66, Palomas to Montoya  
Name of Property

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County and State

## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☒ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

transportation

### Period of Significance

1933-1956

### Significant Dates

1933

### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

### Cultural Affiliation

N/A

### Architect/Builder

N/A

### Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

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Rt. 66, Palomas to Montoya  
Name of PropertyQuay County, NM  
County and State**10. Geographical Data**Acreage of Property 126 acres**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	13	600870	3886210
Zone	Easting	North	ing
2	13	596260	3887300
Zone	Easting	North	ing

3	13	584990	3883770
Zone	Easting	North	ing
4			
Zone	Easting	North	ing

☐ See continuation sheet**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title David J. Kammer Ph.D

organization contract historian date August, 1993

street & number 521 Aliso Dr. NE telephone (505) 266-0586

city or town Albuquerque state NM zip code 87108

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets****Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.



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Quay County, New Mexico**

**Description (continued)**

1930s-era road has been altered.

**8. Statement of Significance**

This road section was realigned from an earlier course in 1933 under FAP 5 (REO). This "reopening" of road work for further improvements is a good example of the Bureau of Roads' "staged construction" policy discussed in the historic context section of the Multiple Property listing and, particularly with its bridges, illustrates the changes New Deal road building projects brought to Route 66. It served as Routes 66 and 54 (coinciding with 66 from Tucumcari to Santa Rosa) until it was replaced by I-40 following the Interstate Highway Act of 1956. This section of state-maintained Route 66 is significant for its association with the rise of automobile tourism in New Mexico and thus is eligible under Criterion A.

**9. Bibliography**

"Plan and Profile of FAP 5 REO" dated 6/14/33. On file at the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, Records Control Unit of Records Management, Santa Fe.

Rae, Steven R. et. al. New Mexico Historic Bridge Survey. Santa Fe: New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, 1987.

**10. Geographical Data**

**Verbal Boundary Description**

This property is 10.4 miles long and is maintained as a frontage road by the State Highway Department. The east end lies at the junction of Route 66 with the Palomas interchange overpass road one hundred yards south of the interchange, and the west end is

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**Verbal boundary Description (continued)**

at the cattleguard marking the entrance to the Montoya interchange at the west end of the village of Montoya. The sides are defined by a corridor extending fifty feet on either side of the centerline of the road, marking a right of way of 100 feet, a minimum width used by the State Highway Department during the 1930s.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the entire parcel historically associated with this section of Route 66.

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Route 66 Through New Mexico MPS

## COVER

1. Atzec Auto Court
2. Cottage Bakery
3. El Vado Auto Court
4. Jones Motor Company
5. La Mesa Motel
6. Maisel's Indian Trading Post
7. Modern Auto Court
8. Pig'n Calf Lunch
9. Tower Courts
10. Abandoned Route 66--Cuervo to NM 156
11. Herman's, Roy T., Garage and Service Station
12. Log Cabin Motel
13. State Maintained Route 66--Manuelito to the Arizona Border
14. Blue Swallow Motel
15. Locally Maintained Route 66--Glenrio to San Jon
16. State Maintained Route 66--Palomas to Montoya
17. Evans, Greene, Garage

## Date Listed

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REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY State Maintained Route 66--Palomas to Montoya  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Route 66 Through New Mexico MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW MEXICO, Quay

DATE RECEIVED: 10/13/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/26/93  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/11/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/27/93  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001208

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: Y  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: Y PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ ACCEPT ☒ RETURN \_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Bridge info*

RECOM./CRITERIA *Return*  
REVIEWER *Bob*  
DISCIPLINE *Historic*  
DATE *11/22/93*

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY State Maintained Route 66--Palomas to Montoya  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Route 66 Through New Mexico MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW MEXICO, Quay

DATE RECEIVED: 2/07/94

DATE OF PENDING LIST:

DATE OF 16TH DAY:

DATE OF 45TH DAY:

3/24/94

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93001208

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 3/24/94 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept - A  
REVIEWER Roland  
DISCIPLINE Historic  
DATE 3/24/94

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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**CLASSIFICATION**

☐ count      ☐ resource type

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**STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

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**FUNCTION**

☐ historic      ☐ current

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**DESCRIPTION**

☐ architectural classification  
☐ materials  
☐ descriptive text

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

☐ summary paragraph  
☐ completeness  
☐ clarity  
☐ applicable criteria  
☐ justification of areas checked  
☐ relating significance to the resource  
☐ context  
☐ relationship of integrity to significance  
☐ justification of exception  
☐ other

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**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

☐ acreage      ☐ verbal boundary description  
☐ UTM's      ☐ boundary justification

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**ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION**

☐ sketch maps    ☐ USGS maps    ☐ photographs    ☐ presentation

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**OTHER COMMENTS**

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_







BUILT 1936  
SAFE LOAD  
15-TONS  
KAR 5-REQ.  
SECOND SECTION

BR. IN  
1757





BRUCE KING  
GOVERNOR

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**OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
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January 31, 1994

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Washington, D.C. 20013-7127

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Dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed for your approval are the revised nominations for **State Maintained Route 66--Palomas to Montoya** and **Locally Maintained Route 66--Glenrio to San Jon**. These individual nominations are part of the multiple property nomination, **Historic Resources of Route 66 through New Mexico**.

The revisions have been made in accordance with the comments of the National Register reviewer.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Merlan  
State Historic Preservation Officer

TWM/MAA  
Enclosures

DATE WED, OCT 27, 1993 4:00 PM Page: 3  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY REPORT  
REFERENCE No.: 93001208 Control No.: 931025/MMK

PROPERTY NAME: State Maintained Route 66--Palomas to Montoya

OTHER NAME/ SITE No.: Ozark Trail; Texas-New Mexico Mountain Highway; NM 3; US 54

MULTIPLE NAME: Route 66 Through New Mexico MPS

ADDRESS/ BOUNDARY: State frontage rd. from SE of Palomas W to Montoya

CITY: Montoya

VICINITY

COUNTY: Quay

STATE: NEW MEXICO

Restricted Location Information: Owner: STATE Resource Type: STRUCTURE

Contributing Noncontributing

Buildings	0	0
Sites	0	0
Structures	1	0
Objects	0	0

Nomination/Determination Type: MULTIPLE RESOURCE

Nominator: STATE GOVERNMENT

Nominator Name:  
NOT APPLICABLE

Federal Agency: NOT APPLICABLE

NPS Park Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Certification: DATE RECEIVED/PENDING NOMINATION

Date: 10/13/93

Other Certification: NOT APPLICABLE

Historic Functions: TRANSPORTATION

Historic Subfunctions: ROAD-RELATED

Current Functions: TRANSPORTATION

Current Subfunctions: ROAD-RELATED

Level of Significance: STATE Applicable Criteria: EVENT

Significant Person's Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Criteria Considerations: SIGNIFICANCE OF LESS THAN FIFTY YEARS

Area of Significance: TRANSPORTATION

Periods of Significance: 1925-1949 1950-1974 Circa: Specific Sig. Years:

1933



Architect/Builder/Engineer/  
Designer:

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

NOT APPLICABLE

Other Documentation:

NOT APPLICABLE

HABS No. N/A

HAER No. N/A

Architectural NO STYLE LISTED  
Styles:

Describe Other Style: NOT APPLICABLE

Foundation Materials: INAPPLICABLE

Wall Materials: INAPPLICABLE

Roof Materials: INAPPLICABLE

Other Materials: EARTH ASPHALT

Acreage: 126.0

UTM	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
Coordinates:	13/	/6 00 870/	/38 86 210	13/	/5 96 260/	/38 87 300
	13/	/5 84 990/	/38 83 770	/	/	/