

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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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.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name State maintained Route 66: Manuelito to the Arizona border

other names/site number SR 118

## 2. Location

street & number W side of the Manuelito grade separation to Az. border ☐ not for publication

city or town Mentmore ☒ vicinity

state New Mexico code NM county McKinley code 031 zip code 87319

### **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.)

Am well

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Signature of certifying official/Title

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State of Federal agency and bureau

State of 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

Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Savage

11-22-93

Rt. 66, Manuelito to Az. border  
Name of Property

McKinley County, NM  
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, bank cuts

### Narrative Description

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

Rt. 66, Manuelito to Az. border  
Name of Property

McKinley County, NM  
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

1930-1956

### Significant Dates

1930

### 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:

Ut. 66, Manuelito to Az. border

McKinley County, NM

Name of Property

County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 102 acres

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	12	685760	3924680
Zone	Easting	Northing	
2	12	681960	3921480

3	12	679600	3918040
Zone	Easting	Northing	
4	12	677530	3914870

☐ 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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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
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McKinley County, New Mexico

## 7. Description

This 8.4 mile section of state-maintained Route 66, now designated as SR 118, serves local residents. It follows the upper contours of the Rio Puerco of the West floodplain, crossing the AT&SF tracks three miles east of Manuelito and then paralleling them to the Arizona border. Yellow and red sandstone cliffs often covered by juniper and pinon trees line the river valley with their walls rising abruptly. Since the valley floor is unstable and susceptible to flooding, both the railroad and road cling to the slopes just beneath the mesas as they pass through narrow portions of the valley. Here large and often unstable cuts result in brief rises above the 6,200 ft. high valley floor, affording motorists spectacular vistas of the sandstone cliffs lining the valley. Two large slope cuts, five concrete box culverts and the historic cross template of the road convey a strong feeling of early motor travel in western New Mexico.

The road section begins at the west end of a reinforced concrete grade separation. West of Manuelito the road climbs above the railroad to make its way around the lower slopes of two mesas including Devil's Cliff. Both cliffs have substantial slope cuts, conveying a feeling of the challenges facing early road builders. Chronic problems with land and rock slides at Devil's Cliff have resulted in the installation of steel mesh fencing along the escarpment. As the road descends the slope at Devil's Cliff, it stretches west to the Arizona border, passing through a narrow portion of the valley lined by red sandstone cliffs.

## 8. Statement of Significance

Realigned and paved in 1930, as a part of FAP 76, this road section was one of the first rural portions of Route 66 to be paved. With trading posts and other evidences of the nearby Navajo Nation lining the road, it had a close association with the "Indian Country" image that drew many motorists to the

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**Significance (continued)**

Southwest. This section of state-maintained Route 66 is significant as a reminder of the rise of automobile tourism in New Mexico and thus is eligible under Criterion A.

**9. Bibliography**

"Final Plans for FI 76-2" dated 2/28/48. On file at the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, Records Control Unit of Records Management, Santa Fe.

**Verbal Boundary Description**

This property is 8.4 miles long. The east end lies at the west end of the Manuelito grade separation, and the west end lies at the Arizona border. The sides are defined by a corridor extending fifty feet on either side of the road's centerline, 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

	Date Listed
COVER	11/12/93
1. Atzec Auto Court	11/22/93
2. Cottage Bakery	11/22/93
3. El Vado Auto Court	11/22/93
4. Jones Motor Company	11/22/93
5. La Mesa Motel	11/22/93
6. Maisel's Indian Trading Post	11/22/93
7. Modern Auto Court	11/22/93
8. Pig'n Calf Lunch	2/15/94
9. Tower Courts	11/22/93
10. Abandoned Route 66--Cuervo to NM 156	11/22/93
11. Herman's, Roy T., Garage and Service Station	11/22/93
12. Log Cabin Motel	11/22/93
13. State Maintained Route 66--Manuelito to the Arizona Border	11/22/93
14. Blue Swallow Motel	11/22/93
15. Locally Maintained Route 66--Glenrio to San Jon	
16. State Maintained Route 66--Palomas to Montoya	
17. Evans, Greene, Garage	11/22/93

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY State Maintained Route 66--Manuelito to the Arizona Border  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Route 66 Through New Mexico MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW MEXICO, McKinley

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: 93001209

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 11/22/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept  
REVIEWER Bolant  
DISCIPLINE Historian  
DATE 11/22/93

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

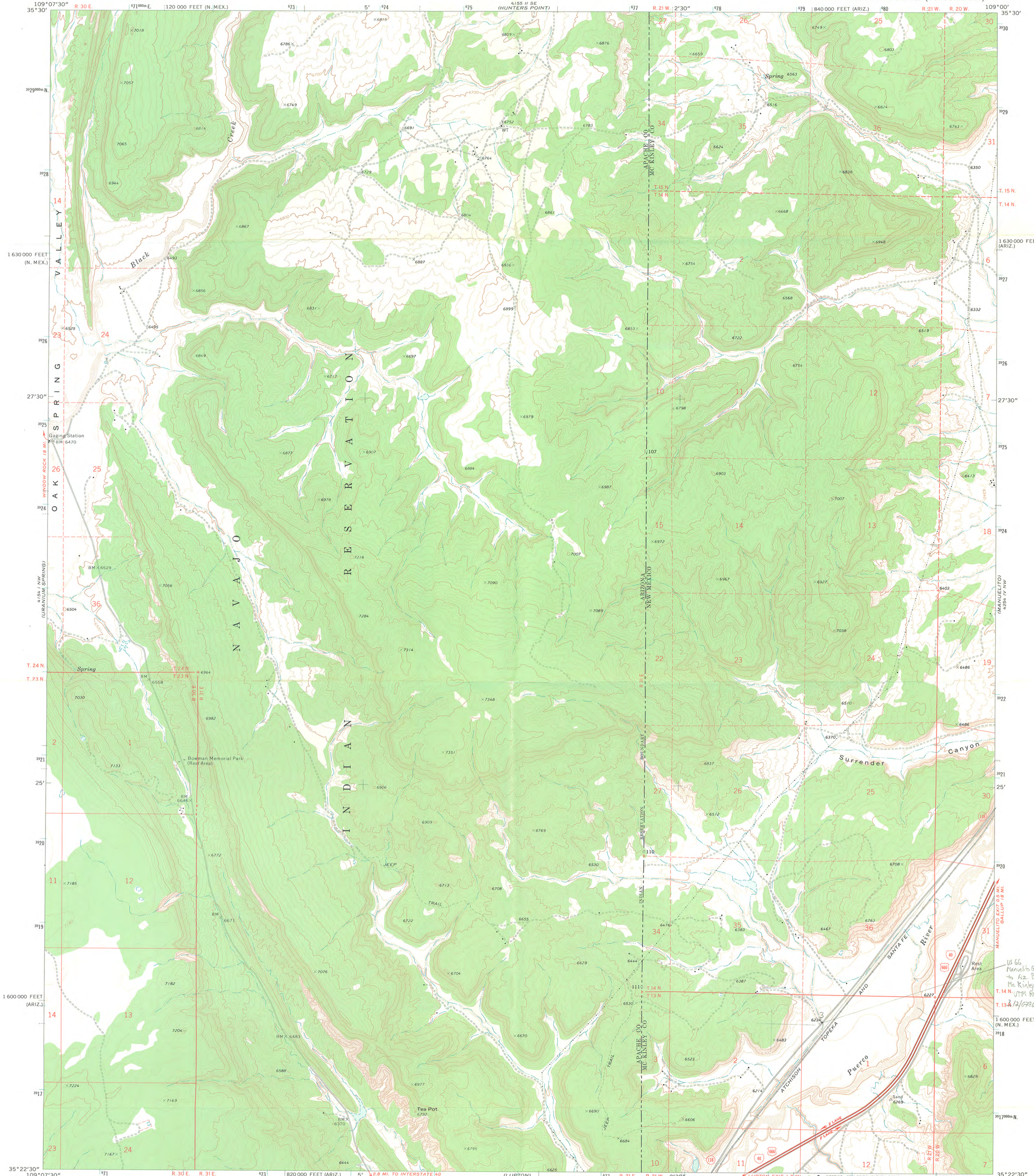


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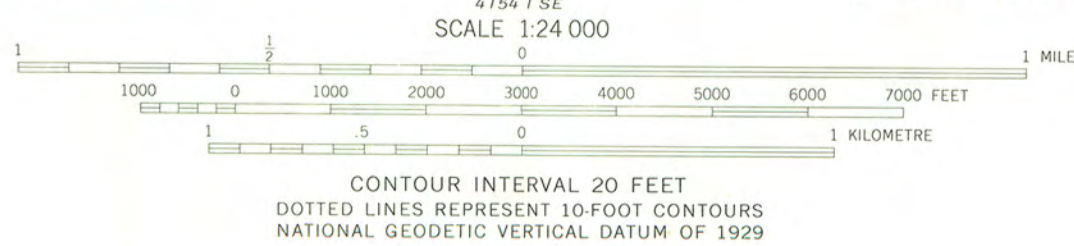
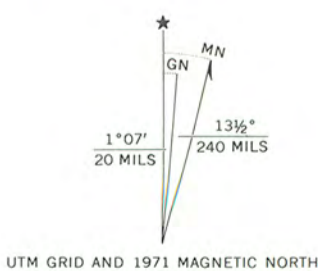
SR 118 (formerly Rt. 66), Manuelito to Az. border  
McKinley Cty. NM

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SURRENDER CANYON QUADRANGLE  
ARIZONA-NEW MEXICO  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 12, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines  
Where omitted, land lines have not been established  
or are not shown because of insufficient data



ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

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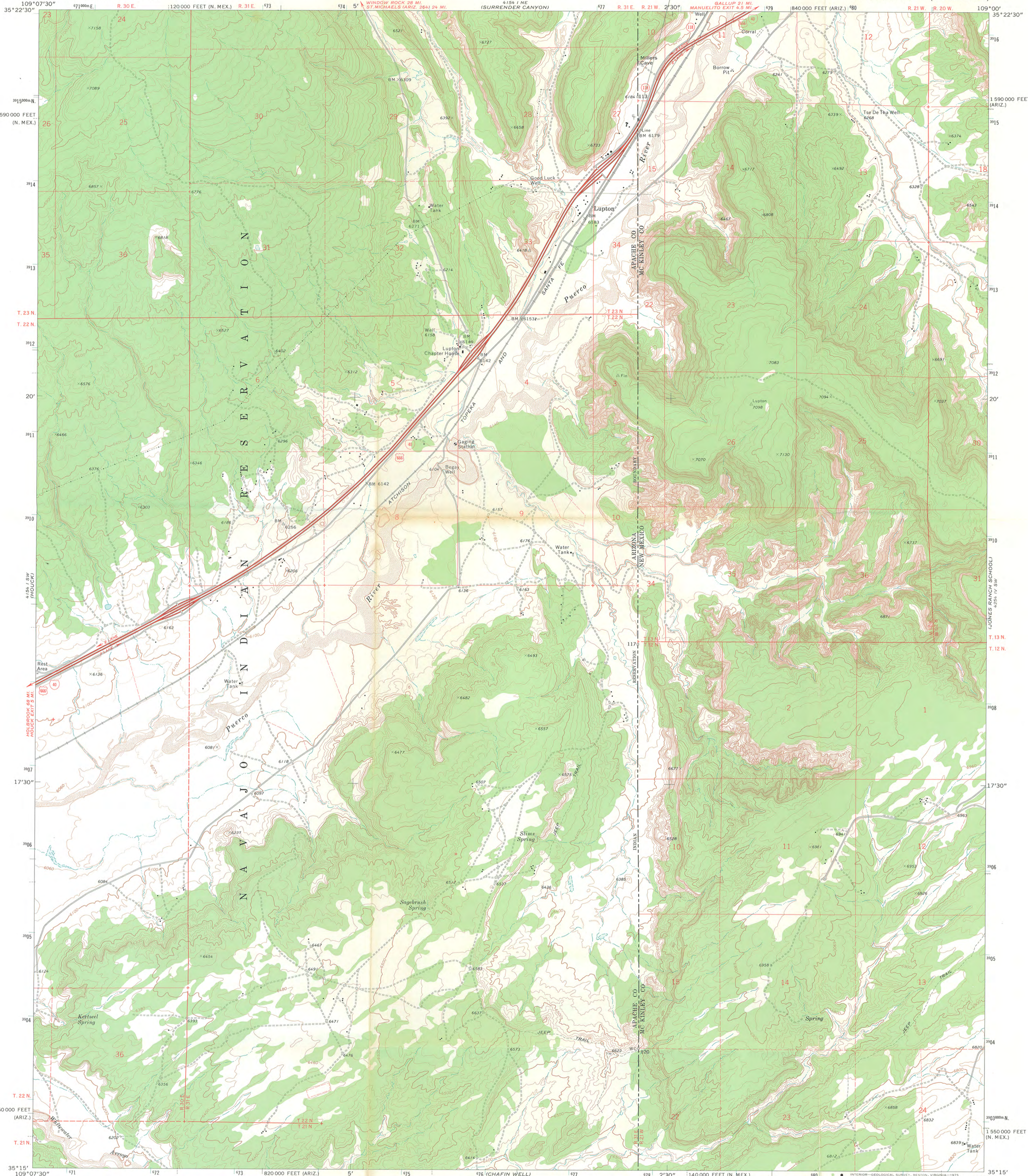
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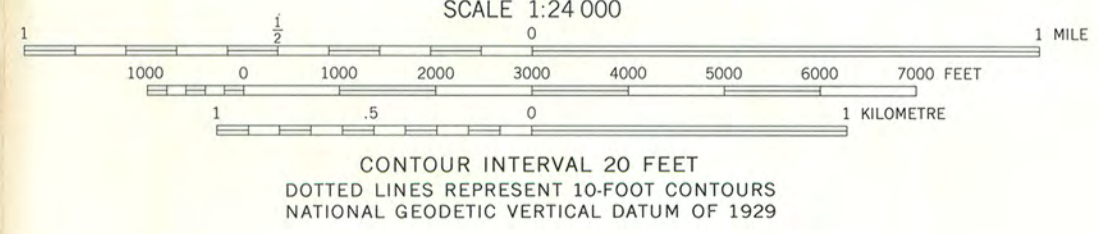
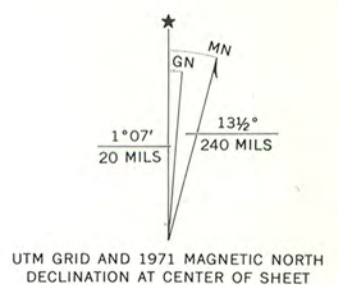
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ARIZONA-NEW MEXICO  
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Rt. 66  
Manuelito Grade Crossing W to Az. Border  
McKinley City, NM  
UTM Reference  
4 12 674530/314670

4254 IV NW  
(MANUELITO)

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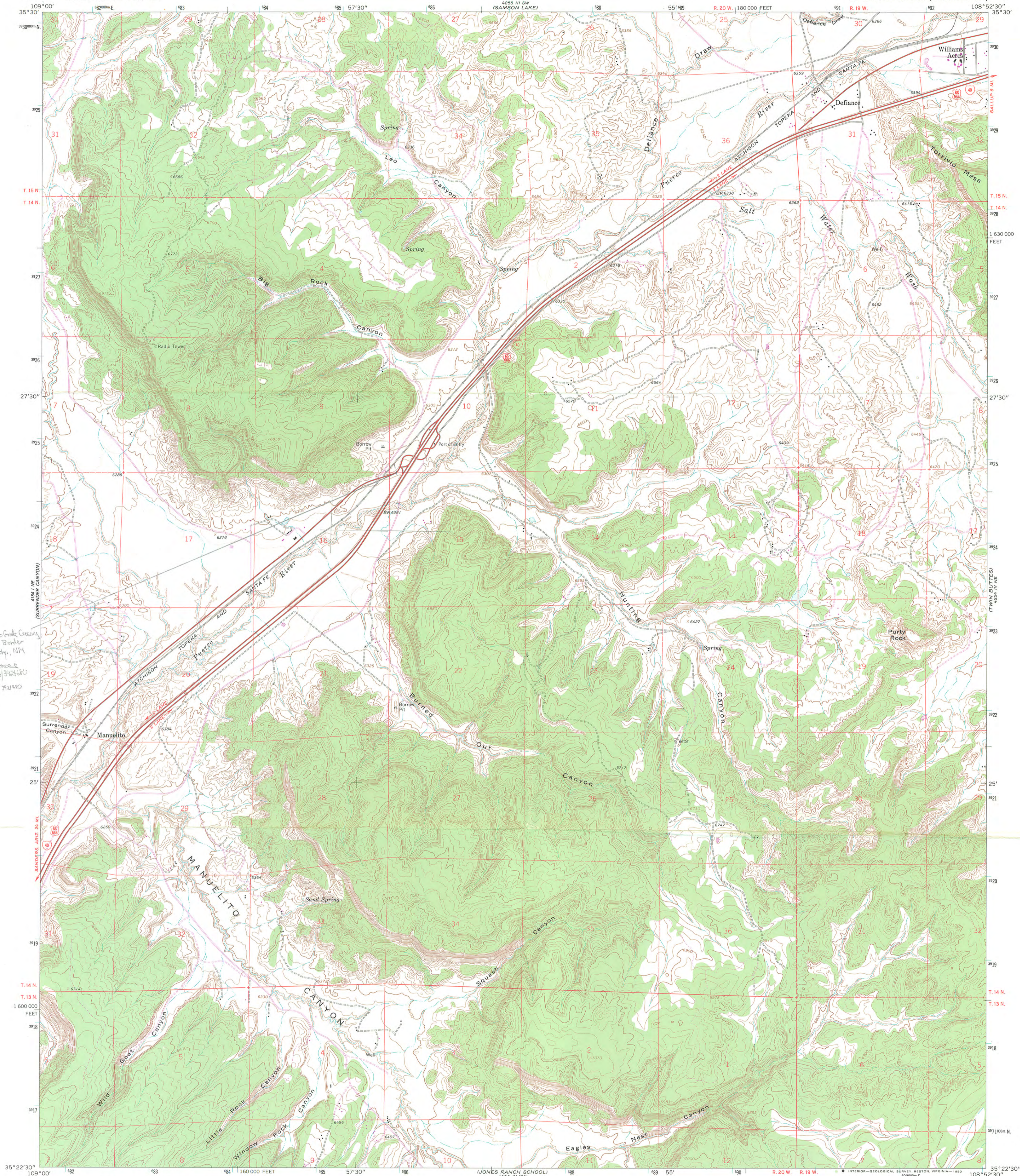
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Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

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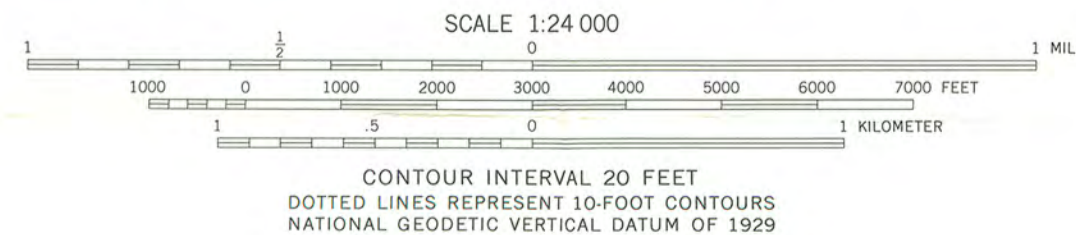
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At. 66 Manuelito Grade Crossing  
W. to Az. Border  
Mc Kinley Cty., N.M.  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Unimproved dirt ———  
Interstate Route ——— U.S. Route ———

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