

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.

1. Name of Property

historic name La Puerta Lodge

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 9710 Central Avenue SE not for publication

city or town Albuquerque vicinity

state New Mexico code NM county Bernalillo code 001 zip code 87123

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] [Title] [Date]
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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

La Puerta Lodge
Name of Property

Bernalillo 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	
3	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
3	0	Total

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

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: hotel

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: hotel

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Southwest Vernacular

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls stucco

roof asphalt

other wood

Narrative Description

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

La Puerta Lodge
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Bernalillo 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

architecture

Period of Significance

1949-1956

Significant Dates

1949, 1952

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Ralph Smith

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:

La Puerta Lodge
Name of Property

Bernalillo County, NM
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

4

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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, 1996

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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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7. Description

The La Puerta Lodge consists of three one-story buildings with flat roofs, white stucco walls, and concrete foundations. The eight-unit motel portion has a linear plan and is perpendicular to the street along the west side of the property. A former owner's residence is located at the southeast corner, and a discreet office and manager's residence is located in the central portion of the property and faces on Central Avenue. All three buildings have parapets and individual details reflecting the Southwest Vernacular Style. These stylistic details together with the spatial arrangement of the buildings and the motel's striking neon sign give the lodge a strong feeling of a family-run 1940s tourist court.

The eight-unit motel has a continuous portal with wood post supports and small corbels framing garages interspersed between the court's living units. The portal beam, the solid wood doors with small diamond lights at each of the units' entries, and the wood surrounds of the front unit facing northeast onto Central Avenue have ornately-carved floral designs. The former residence has exposed vigas and stucco hoods with viga-like supports at its front windows and door. The office/residence has a cut-out porch with a portal in the middle of the building. The motel office extends forward at the west end with three concrete steps leading to its entry, a multi-light wood frame door, and a red neon office sign to the left of the door. All of the buildings have metal casement windows.

A low-walled patio with trees and landscaping is located between the office and the motel building. Two curb cuts permit access to the property, with parking spaces in front of the office as well as in the garages. Perpendicular to the street at the sidewalk is the motel's sign. Framed by two large masonry piers, the sign consists of the motel's name outlined in neon. Additional neon lines the portal of the motel and the parapet of the office. The neon and the large sign are original, although

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the most flamboyant moving portions of the neon have been removed to conform to city sign ordinances. Changes to the property are small and include the addition of a greenhouse to the rear corner of the office/residence and the in-fill of one of the garage units.

8. Statement of Significance

The La Puerta Lodge is one of the best examples of a largely unaltered tourist court remaining along Route 66 in New Mexico. Ralph Smith who operated the court through 1954, built the motel and residence portions in 1949 and the current office/residence in 1952. The family of the present owner, Pauline Bauer, acquired the property in 1954. One of the easternmost motels along the East Central Avenue commercial strip in the late 1940s and early 1950s, the La Puerta Lodge with its moving neon sign became a favorite stopping place for many motorists travelling Route 66. Because of this close association with the golden era of tourism along Route 66, the property is eligible under Criterion A. The property also qualifies under Criterion C for the way in which its setting, location, design and materials reflect early tourist court construction in New Mexico. In particular, the garages framed by the elaborately carved wood portal, the spatial arrangement of the motel, office/residential and patio elements, and the continued use of early signage convey the historic significance of the property. Criterion Consideration G also applies to the property in that it is of exceptional importance within its property type. It reflects the continuation of the same building patterns for tourist courts, discussed in the Multiple Property listing, that appeared prior to World War II and continued through the period of significance.

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9. Bibliography

Albuquerque Progress. Sept, 1949, n.p.

Bauer, Pauline, owner. Interview with David Kammer, 11/20/91.
NMSHPO.

Verbal Boundary Description

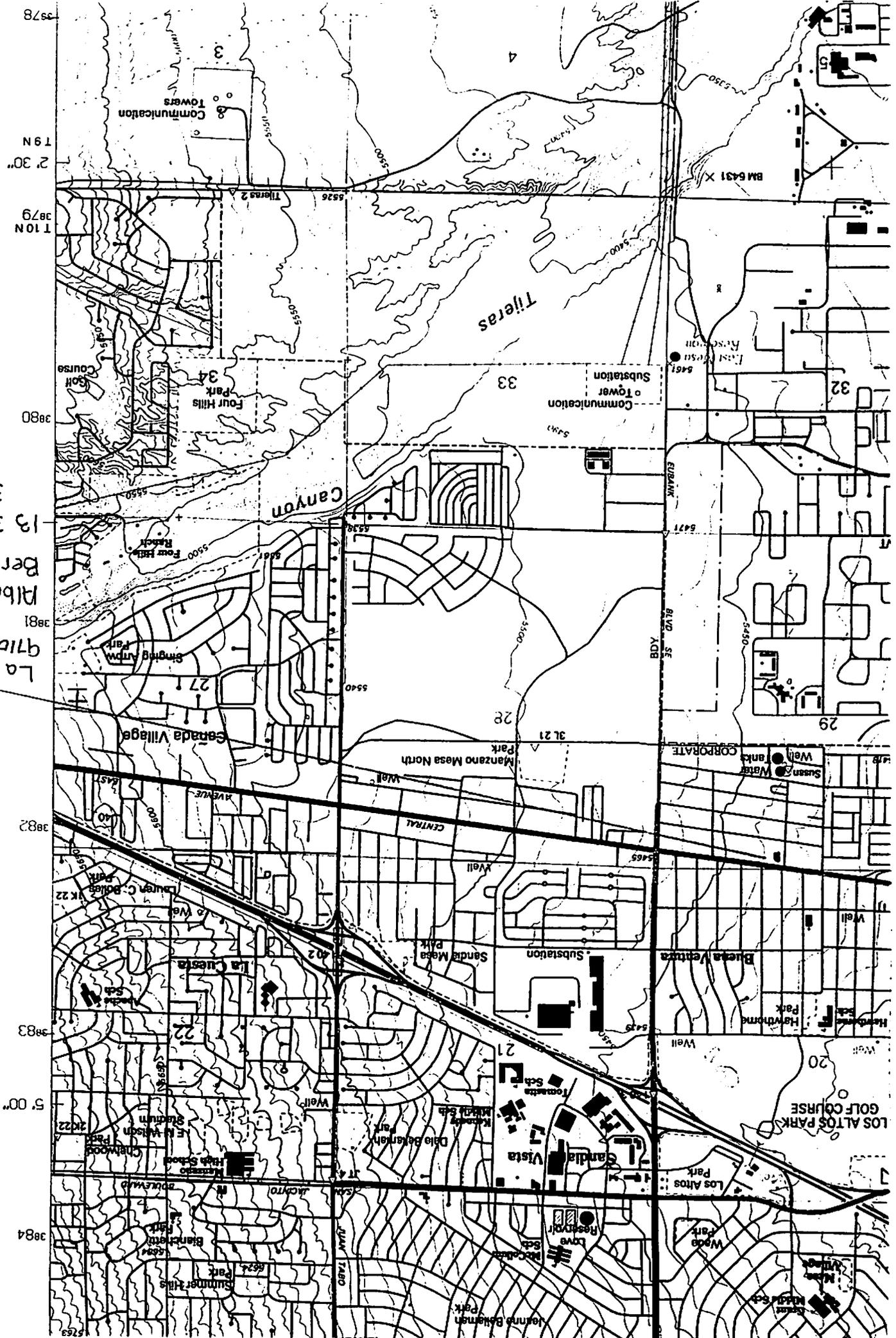
Lots 1-4 of Block 2 of the Unity Addition.

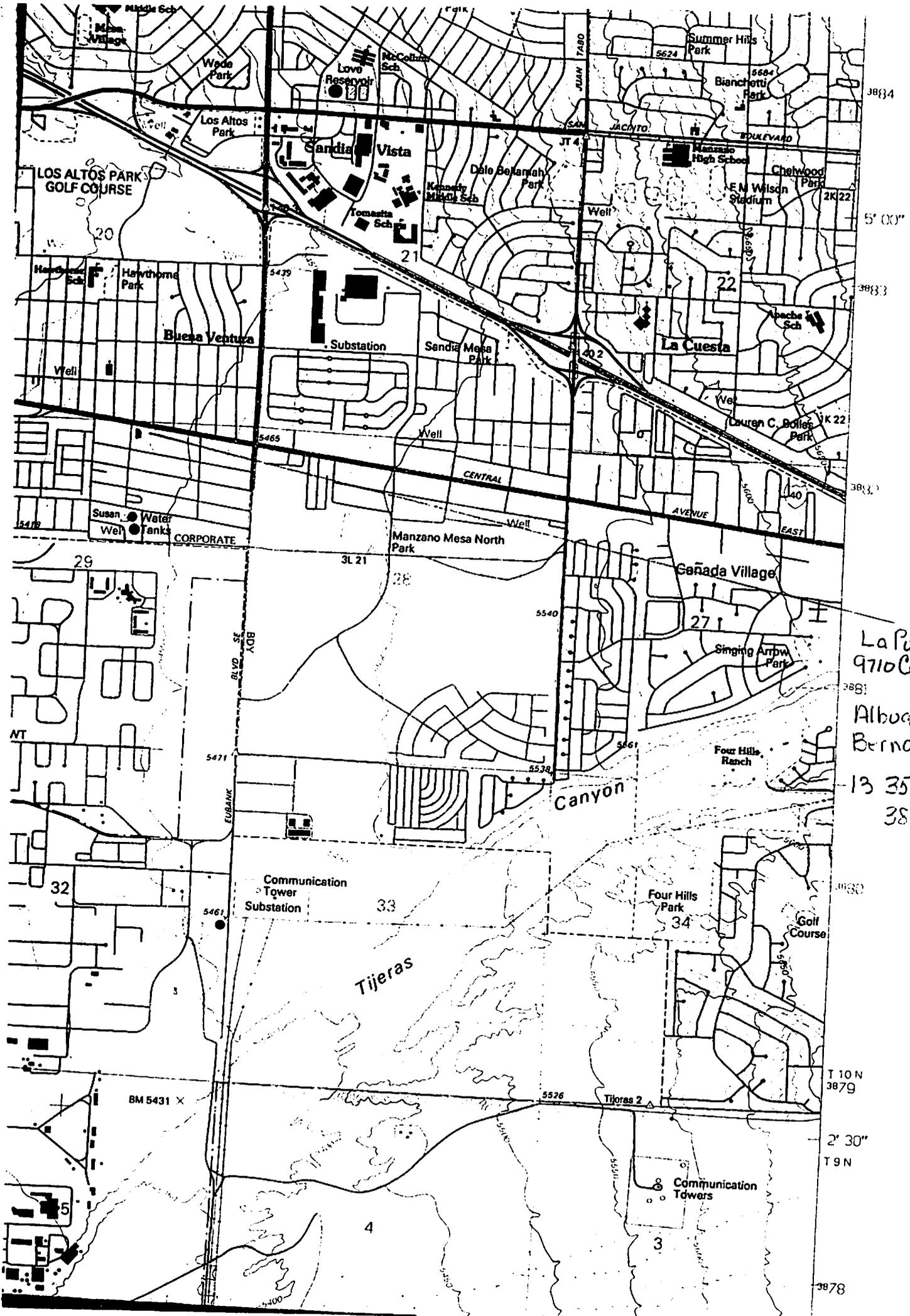
Boundary Justification

The boundary includes lots 1-4 on which the buildings comprising
La Puerta Lodge are located.



La Puerta Lodge
9710 Central Ave S
Albuquerque
Bernalillo Co
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3881600N





La Puerta
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