

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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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 State maintained Rt. 66: Iyanbito to Rehobeth

other names/site number National Old Trails Highway

2. Location

street & number Iyanbito Interchange at I-40 to St. Police Sta. Rehobeth not for publication

city or town Rehobeth vicinity

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

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 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

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Rt. 66: Iyanbito to Rehobeth
Name of Property

McKinley, 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.)

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)

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 asphalt surfacing, concrete
culverts

Narrative Description

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

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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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

transportation

Period of Significance

1937-1956

Significant Dates

1937

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

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 # _____

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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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 114 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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1	2	7	2	7	6	2	9	3	9	3	9	5	2	9
Zone	Easting				Northing									

3

1	2	7	1	7	7	4	0	3	9	3	4	2	3	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

4

1	2	7	1	2	1	0	0	3	9	3	4	3	5	0
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

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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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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Historic and Architectural Resources
of Route 66 through NM

State maintained Rt. 66 Iyanbito to
Rehobeth

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

7. Description

This 9.4 mile section of state maintained Route 66 serves as a frontage road along Interstate 40 from west of the Iyanbito exit ramp to the state police station at Rehobeth located near the east interchange of I-40 at Gallup. During the 1930s the road section was improved and finally paved in 1937. The alignment served as a part of Route 66 until it was replaced by I-40 after 1956. The road's course down the valley of the Rio Puerco of the West with red Entrada sandstone cliffs forming an unbroken wall to the north offers motorists a strong feeling of travel along Route 66 in the 1930s and 40s. Although I-40 closely parallels the western portion of this section of Route 66 and the road has received some alterations as a result of routine maintenance, the historic alignment, cross-section template, and surrounding landscape remain largely intact. Brown and white signs denoting "Historic Route 66" have recently been erected by the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department along the roadside.

The road section passes through the broad valley of the Rio Puerco of the West as it descends from the continental divide a few miles to the east. Several concrete box culverts dating to the paving of the road in the 1930s mark small arroyos. The alignment approximates the tracks of the former AT&SF Railroad, and I-40 parallels Route 66 to the south. At Ft. Wingate, a former army ordnance depot, a spur of the railroad crosses the highway. The road section ends where the highway widens to four lanes as it enters the Gallup commercial strip.

8. Significance

Designated as State Highway 6 in 1914 and a part of the National Old Trails Highway, a trans-regional road association that preceded the creation of the federal highway system in 1926, the road from Iyanbito to Rehobeth remained a gravel road until the 1930s. Funding under FAP 27 as well as several New Deal

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projects resulted in the improvement and paving of the highway in 1937. Notable for west-bound motorists were the striking sandstone cliffs to the north and increasing evidence of Navajo homesteads, or outfits, lining the road. This roadside geology and cultural landscape served to reinforce Gallup's efforts to promote itself as "the heart of Indian country," part of the attraction of automobile travel along Route 66 in New Mexico. 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 4, 27, 75 and 146 and FLH 2A, 2B and 8A," dated 4/26/50. 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 9.4 miles long and is maintained as a frontage and local road by the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department. The east end lies at the junction of Route 66 and the westbound exit ramp of I-40 at the Iyanbito interchange, and the west end is at the State Police station at Rehobeth one-half mile east of the junction of Route 66 and I-40 at the east end of Gallup. The sides are a corridor extending fifty feet on either side of the 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.

