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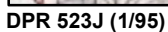
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\* Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) P-33-6831

\* Map Name: USGS Quad Corn Spring

\* **Scale:** 1:24,000

\* Date of Map:1983



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. 33-2239-18  
HABS: \_\_\_\_\_ HAER: \_\_\_\_\_ NR: 5 SHL: \_\_\_\_\_ Loc: \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM: A 654200/372200 B \_\_\_\_\_  
C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: None
2. Historic name: None
3. Street or rural address: 1 mi. west of Corn Springs on Corn Springs Rd.  
City Desert Center Zip 92239 County Riverside
4. Parcel number: 811-250-013-3
5. Present Owner: Dept. of Interior Address: Washington, D.C.  
City Washington, D.C. Zip 21401 Ownership is: Public X Private \_\_\_\_\_
6. Present Use: Vacant Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Vernacular Wood Frame

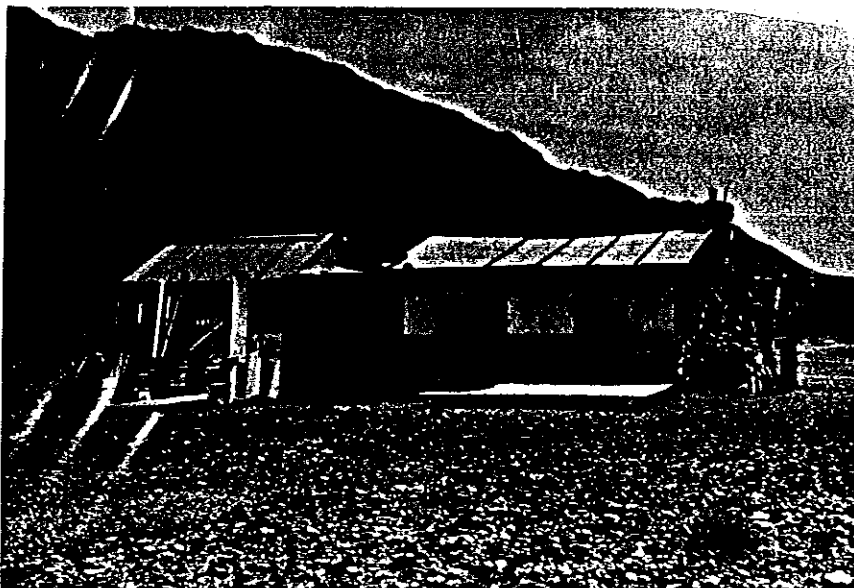
7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition: Structures on this property include a small cabin, a shed, the remains of a mill for ore processing, a water tank, a windmill, and a well.

The cabin is rectangular in plan with a gable roof, exposed rafters, a stone end chimney, a rock wall base with a wood frame structure and plywood siding over that, and mullioned casement and double-hung windows. A screened-in breezeway connects this cabin to a shed which has a corrugated sheet metal gable roof, plywood siding, and mullioned windows.

The mill site has wood foundations, ore chutes, and two-by-four buttress supports, and a large ore bin, all located on the side of an embankment next to the wash.

The water tank is about eight feet high, six feet in diameter, constructed of corrugated sheet metal.

The well is about four feet square, has a wooden platform next to it, and a metal frame, windmill tower, minus its propeller, over it, also located on the side of an embankment next to the wash.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated 1930 Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
1. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage 626.23 acres
2. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
March 24, 1982  
18-109-17-17  
18-109-16-16  
18-109-15-15

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good X Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_

14. Alterations: None

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15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land X Scattered buildings \_\_\_ Densely built-up \_\_\_  
Residential \_\_\_ Industrial \_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_ Other: Open space

16. Threats to site: None known \_\_\_ Private development \_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_ Other: Deterioration

17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? \_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_

18. Related features: Outhouse, water tank, mill

#### SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

These structures represent the efforts of miners and prospectors in the area to carry on mining operations in a hostile desert environment.

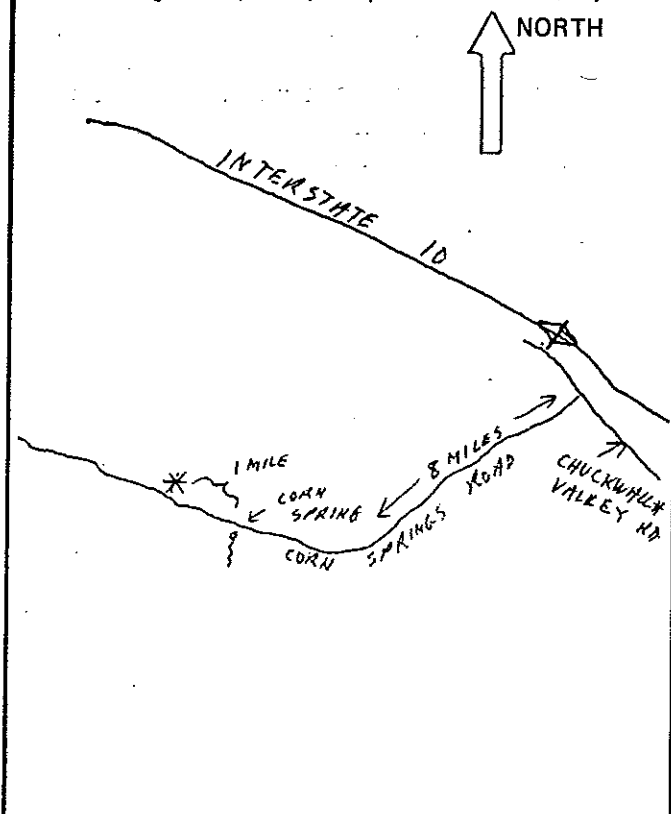
20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)

Architecture X Arts & Leisure \_\_\_  
Economic/Industrial \_\_\_ Exploration/Settlement X  
Government \_\_\_ Military \_\_\_  
Religion \_\_\_ Social/Education \_\_\_

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

22. Date form prepared July 28, 1982  
By (name) Margit Baldivid  
Organization Riv. Co. Historical Comm.  
Address: 4600 Crestmore Rd.  
City Rubidoux Zip 92519  
Phone: (714) 787-2551

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

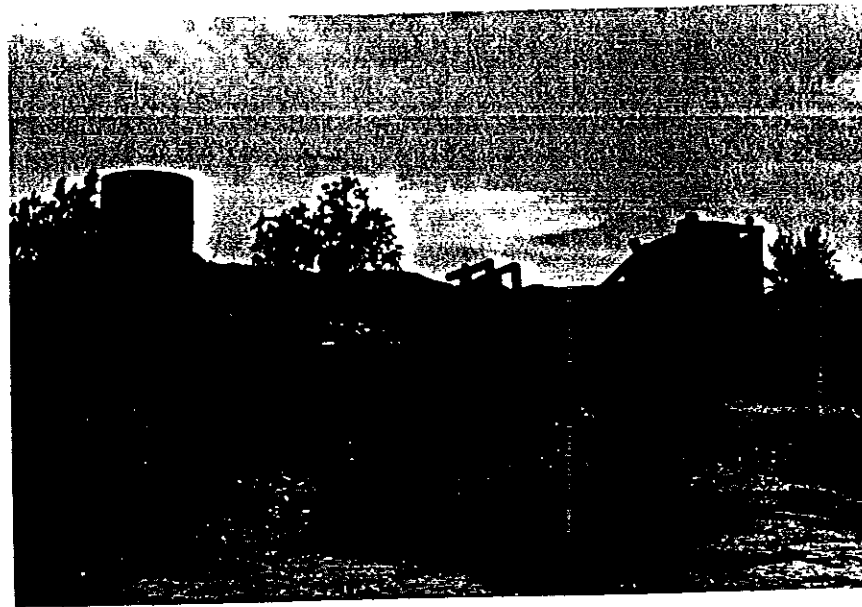
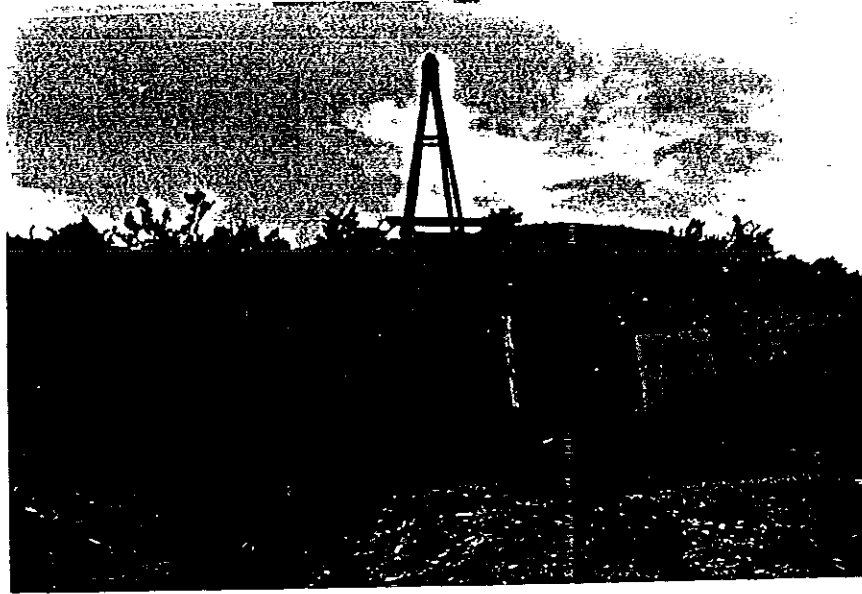




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## CONTINUATION SHEET

Primary # 33-6836 update

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\*Resource Name or # Desert Center Army Air Base

\*Recorded by: AECOM

\*Date: August 9, 2013

☐ Continuation

☒ Update

The property was comprehensively recorded in 2008. The former Desert Center Army Air Base includes the airfield with a landing strip, taxiways, access roadways, and various other features and concrete pad foundations. There are no remaining original buildings on-site.

The site was revisited on July 11, 2013. Few changes to the remaining building foundations and features as recorded in 2008 (Yarbrough and Wetherbee 2008) were observed. The northern runway was removed. The Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, including a racetrack and office building, was built adjacent to the remaining foundations and runways on the site after 2008. The remaining features associated with the former Desert Center Army Air Base should be considered an archaeological site.

The former Desert Center Army Air Base is associated with the activities of the Desert Training Center California-Arizona Maneuver Area (DTC-CAMA)(recorded as P-33-11638), which is a California Point of Historical Interest and is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). In 2008 (Yarbrough and Wetherbee 2008), it was evaluated as significant under NRHP Criteria C and D (although the arguments for meeting the NRHP criteria were not developed).

This property contains archaeological remains of the Desert Center Army Air Base that was associated with desert combat training operations that occurred during World War II, beginning under General George S. Patton, from 1942 through 1944. It is significant under NRHP Criterion A and CRHR Criterion 1. Although General Patton and other Army officials used the site, it does not have a specific association with a particular historical figure. There are no buildings remaining on the site, and the remaining concrete foundations and runways are not architecturally significant. The site has been reduced to foundations. It is possible that the site could yield information specifically related to the operations of the former Desert Center Army Air Base, but historical information about the air field is recorded, and the potential for important information is limited. The property does not appear significant under NRHP criteria B, C, or D or CRHR criteria 2, 3, or 4. The site does not retain sufficient integrity to convey its historic significance, and due to its lack of integrity, it is recommended not eligible for the NRHP or CRHR.

### Reference:

Yarbrough, E. and M. Wetherbee

2008 DPR 523 forms for Desert Center Army Air Field (P-33-06836 Update). Prepared by Stantec for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, LLC. On file at the EIC.

### Report Citation:

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