

# HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1687/1688

## 1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Carrizo Bridges: Lithodendron and Little Lithodendron Wash Bridges

## 2. LOCATION

Interstate 40 Frontage road over Carrizo Wash  
13.2-15.8 miles northeast of Holbrook  
Navajo County, Arizona

## 3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

1932

## 4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

highway bridges/ abandoned highway bridges

## 5. RATING

NRHP eligible: local significance

## 6. CONDITION

excellent (west bridge); deteriorated (east bridge) owner: abandoned (Lithodendron); ADOT (Little Lithodendron)

### Lithodendron

span number: 22

superstructure: timber stringer

span length: 18.0'

substructure: timber piles, abutments and piers w/ timber sill plates

total length: 420.0'

floor decking: asphalt over timber deck

roadway wdt.: 22.7'

other features: timber guardrails w/ timber balusters; sand barrels (for firefighting) placed on timber platforms mounted on sides of west bridge

### Little Lithodendron

span number: 18

span length: 19.0'

total length: 343.0'

roadway wdt.: 23.0'

The two existing bridges over the branches of Carrizo Wash on U.S. 66 near Goodwater were known to be dangerous. At least nine accidents had occurred on them involving fatalities or serious injuries, and political pressure was mounting as the Arizona Highway Department moved to replace them late in 1931. The AHD bridge department designed these multi-span bridges as starkly utilitarian structures, with redwood decks, stringers, pile bent piers and abutments and timber plank retaining walls. In December, AHD awarded the construction contract (FAP 83-C, Schedule 1) to build the Carrizo Bridges and grade a 2.8-mile section of highway to Canon and Royden of Phoenix for \$57,157. The contractors began construction in January 1932, finishing in June. Both Carrizo Bridges have since been removed from the main highway. Today, they are a study in contrasts: the west bridge has recently been rehabilitated extensively by ADOT and the east structure, abandoned for years without maintenance, stands in severely deteriorated condition.

The Arizona Highway Department usually eschewed timber bridges for concrete structures, calculating the life of a timber structure as 35 years vs. 100 years for a concrete span. AHD nevertheless did develop design standards for timber spans and built numerous small-scale bridges on secondary routes during the 1920s and 1930s. Long, multi-span timber bridges on primary routes were rare, and the two Carrizo Bridges are the only such structures identified in the inventory. They are thus technologically noteworthy as perhaps the best examples of timber stringer construction among the vehicular bridges in the state. The two bridges are historically significant as integral links in the Old Trails Highway - the primary transcontinental route across northern Arizona.

7. DESCRIPTION

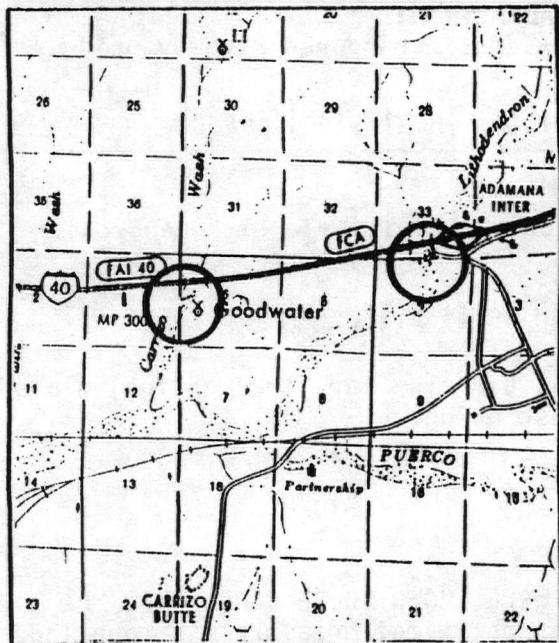
8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Carrizo Bridges; Lithodendron and Little Lithodendron Wash Bridges

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



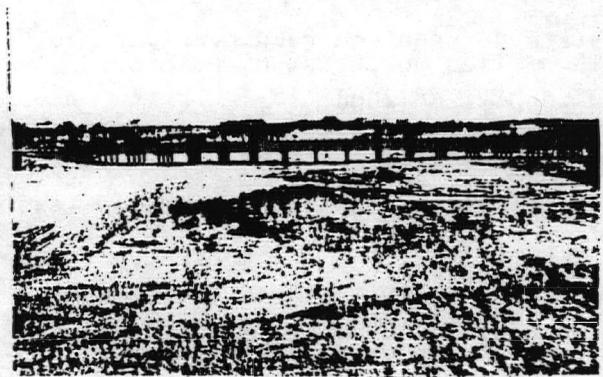
LOCATION MAP

TAKEN FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP

Little



Little



Litho



F.N. Grant, District Engineer, "Construction in District No. 2," Arizona Highways, 9:1932:3.

Arizona Highways: 11:1931:14; 1:1932:11,21; 2:1932:23; 3:1932:20; 5:1932:22; 6:1932:16; 7:1932:23.

Field inspection by Clayton Fraser, 8 October 1986.

13. INVENTORIED BY:

Clayton B. Fraser

AFFILIATION

Fraserdesign Loveland Colorado

DATE

1 April 1987

8/17/88

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Vehicular Bridges in Arizona MPS  
State Apache County and others, ARIZONA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Corduroy Creek Bridge Substantive Review for Keeper Patrick Andrus 9/30/88 <sup>scr</sup>  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

42. Holbrook Bridge Substantive Review for Keeper Patrick Andrus 9/30/88 <sup>scr</sup>  
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43. Holbrook Bridge Substantive Review for Keeper Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 3/31/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

44. Jack's Canyon Bridge Substantive Review for Keeper Patrick Andrus 9/30/88 <sup>scr</sup>  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

45. Lithodendron Wash Bridge Substantive Review for Keeper Patrick Andrus 9/30/88 <sup>scr</sup>  
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46. Little Lithodendron Wash Bridge Substantive Review for Keeper Patrick Andrus 9/30/88 <sup>scr</sup>  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

47. St. Joseph Bridge Substantive Review for Keeper Patrick Andrus 9/30/88 <sup>scr</sup>  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

48. Winslow Underpass Substantive Review for Keeper Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 3/31/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

49. Winslow Underpass Substantive Review for Keeper Patrick Andrus 9/30/88  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

50. Woodruff Bridge Substantive Review for Keeper Patrick Andrus 9/30/88  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

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## SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: Various Date Listed: 9/30/88

<u>Various</u>	<u>Various</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
<u>Property Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>

Vehicular Bridges in Arizona  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for Patrick Andrus  
Signature of the Keeper

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9/30/88  
Date of Action

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## Amended Items in Nomination:

There were several nominations included with this multiple property submission which defined and justified periods of significance extending into the less than fifty year old range to correspond with criterion A significance although the resources' dates of construction actually occurred well over fifty years ago. For all of these bridges, the period of significance should be concluded in 1938 to conform with National Register requirements. The following bridges are included in this category:

Petrified Forest, Querino, Hereford, Douglas Underpass, Dead Indian Canyon, Pumphouse Wash, Walnut Canyon, Fossil Creek, Black River, Salt River, Salt River Canyon, Reppy Avenue, Black Gap, Gila River, Park Avenue, Solomonville Road Overpass, Solomonville Road Overpass (Clifton), Gila Bend Overpass, Hassayampa River, Lewis and Pranty Creek, Mormon Flat, Fish Creek, Pine Creek, Sand Hollow Wash, Old Trails, Corduroy, Cedar Canyon, Holbrook, Jack's Canyon, Little Lithodendron Wash, Lithodendron Wash, St. Joseph, Woodruff, Cienega, Fourth Avenue Underpass, Sixth Avenue Underpass, Stone Avenue Underpass, Alchesay Canyon, Devil's Canyon, Queen Creek (Florence Junction vicinity), Queen Creek (Superior vicinity), Kelvin, Mineral Creek, Sacaton Dam, San Tan Canal, Winkelman, Santa Cruz No. 1, Broadway, Hell Canyon, Little Hell Canyon, Lynx Creek, Verde River, and Walnut Grove. (Period of significance issues discussed with Pat Stein of the AZ SHPO.)

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

**NRIS Reference Number:** 88001688      **Date Listed:** 9/30/88

Little Lithodendron Wash Bridge      Navajo      AZ  
**Property Name**      **County**      **State**

Vehicular Bridges in Arizona MPS  
**Multiple Name**

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*Patrick Andrus*

Signature of the Keeper

*9/30/88*

Date of Action

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**Amended Items in Nomination:**

The USGS map for this property was a 15 minute, 1955 version which had no UTM ticks. As a result, the property was nominated with no UTM coordinates. Longitude-latitude coordinates were established to resolve the issue. Longitude=109 degrees, 54 minutes, 27 seconds. Latitude=34 degrees, 59 minutes, 55 seconds. These changes were discussed with Pat Stein of the Arizona SHPO.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Little Lithodendron Wash Bridge

MULTIPLE NAME: Vehicular Bridges in Arizona MPS

STATE & COUNTY: ARIZONA, Navajo

DATE RECEIVED: 8/17/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/30/88  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/15/88 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/01/88  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88001688

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/30/88 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS (CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS SIDE)

SLR

Decision: accept  
Date: 9/30/88  
Signature: See frag sheet part  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached COMMENTS Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count  resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic  current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  materials  descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

criteria  criteria considerations  areas of sig.  
 periods of sig.  significant dates  cultural affl.  
 sig. person  architect/builder  sig. statement

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage  verbal boundary description  
 UTM's  boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps  USGS maps  photographs  presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning the nomination may be directed to

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



70) LITTLE LITHODENDRON WASH BRIDGE (ARIZONA VEHICULAR BRIDGE)

## Missing Core Documentation

**Property Name**

Little Lithodendron Wash Bridge

**County, State**

Navajo, AZ

**Reference Number**

88001688

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

Nomination Form

Photographs

USGS Map