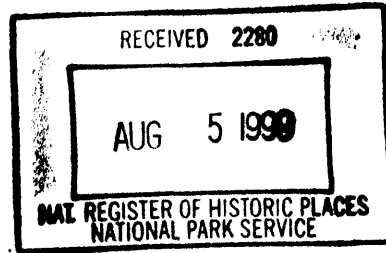


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**National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form**

1. Name of Property

historical name Civilian Conservation Corps Powder Magazine

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number N/A not for publication N/A  
city or town Torrey vicinity x  
state Utah code UT county Wayne code 055  
zip code 84775

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x 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 x meets      does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant      nationally      statewide x locally. (      See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Ronald M. Greenberg 8-4-99  
Signature of certifying official Date

National Park Service  
Federal agency

In my opinion, the property      meets      does not meet the National Register criteria. (      See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Max J. [Signature] 8-15-90  
Signature of commenting official Date

Utah State Historic Preservation Office  
State agency

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Melvin W. King 9/13/99

\_\_\_\_\_  
 for Signature of Keeper Date  
 of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

- \_\_\_ private
- \_\_\_ public-local
- \_\_\_ public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- \_\_\_ building(s)
- \_\_\_ district
- \_\_\_ site
- structure
- \_\_\_ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
___	___	buildings
___	___	sites
<u>1</u>	___	structures
___	___	objects
<u>1</u>	___	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing

Capitol Reef National Park MPS

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

Cat: Other Sub: Explosives storage

Current Functions

Cat: Vacant/Not In Use Sub: Vacant/Not In Use

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification

Other/Rustic

Materials

foundation Stone  
roof Stone  
walls Stone  
other Wood

**Narrative Description**

(See continuation sheet.)

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Applicable National Register Criteria

- 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 - none apply

Areas of Significance Politics/Government  
Period of Significance 1938-1941  
Significant Dates 1938  
Significant Person N/A  
Cultural Affiliation N/A  
Architect/Builder Civilian Conservation Corps

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(See continuation sheet.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References  
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O'Bannon, Patrick: *Capitol Reef National Park Historic Resource Study and Survey Report*, NPS, Rocky Mountain Region, Denver, CO, June 1992.

Capitol Reef N.P. Archives, Torrey, Utah.

National Park Service Records (RG-79), National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Paige, John C. *The Civilian Conservation Corps And The National Park Service, 1933-1942: An Administrative History*, n.p.: National Park Service, 1985.

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: Capitol Reef N.P. Archives, Torrey, Utah.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 0.1

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>12</u>	<u>478042.281</u>	<u>4236232.5</u>	3	_____	_____
2	___	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary encompasses a 0.1 acre area in which the CCC Powder Magazine is located. This area corresponds with the UTM reference point noted above.

Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses only the historic powder magazine.

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Benjamin Brower, Historian  
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city or town Denver state CO zip code 80225-0287

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Additional Documentation

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Continuation Sheets - included.

Maps - see attached USGS map indicating the property's location.

Photographs - included.

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Property Owner  
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name Capitol Reef National Park  
street & number HC 70, Box 15 telephone (801) 425-3791  
city or town Torrey state UT zip code 84775-9602

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Wayne County, Utah  
Capitol Reef National Park MPS

**Description**

The Civilian Conservation Corps Powder Magazine is located in the north central portion of Capitol Reef National Park, approximately .8 miles to the south of the Visitors' Center. It is 400 feet to the south of an auxiliary road which itself is located off the west side of the Scenic Drive. It is located some 8 feet above the bottom of a natural wash. The powder magazine retains a strong degree of integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association with the historic period.

The powder magazine is a small, one-room storage structure built of sandstone and partially built into the side of a hill. It is approximately 6 feet high, 10.5 feet wide, and extends back into the hillside 7.5 feet. The walls of powder magazine are constructed of coursed cut sandstone, with a stone slab roof and a wood entry door. The door is constructed of wood planks and is equipped with hardware which allowed it to be securely closed and locked. The floor is earth.

The powder magazine has undergone no documented or discernable alterations since the historic period, and retains its original appearance. It is in good condition.

**Statement of Significance**

This nomination is part of the "Capitol Reef National Park Multiple Property Submission." The CCC Powder Magazine is associated with the historic context "National Park Service and Government Development in Capitol Reef National Park, 1937-1946."

The Civilian Conservation Corps Powder Magazine has local significance under National Register Criterion A for its association with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and the programs of the Works Progress Administration. The powder magazine originally served to safely store explosives used in the construction projects of the CCC at Capitol Reef National Park. The powder magazine and the Ranger Station are the only two CCC resources in Capitol Reef which retain physical integrity and qualify for National Register listing. The period of significance for the CCC Powder Magazine dates from its construction in 1938 to 1941 when the public work projects at the park ceased and the CCC camp was disbanded.

A Civilian Conservation Corps side camp was established in Capitol Reef National Monument in July 1938. This camp, originally designated NM-2, and later NP-6, was situated at Chimney Rock to the west of Fruita. This initial CCC presence consisted of a foreman and seventeen laborers detailed from Bryce Canyon National Park. During the next four years the CCC side camp at Capitol Reef was expanded and more permanent structures such as a frame mess hall and the powder magazine replaced the original tents as support facilities. The CCC played a key role in

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**Statement of Significance (continued)**

developing modern facilities within the newly created National Monument. In 1940 CCC work included construction of a ranger station, a highway bridge across Sulphur Creek, improvements to the Hickman Bridge Trail, and improvements to the Torrey to Fruita road. In 1941, the CCC also worked on improvements on the Capitol Gorge Highway, which extended south of Fruita through Capitol Gorge.

The explosives stored in the powder magazine were central to CCC construction activity; nearly all of the construction work undertaken by the CCC within the monument entailed quarrying sandstone into blocks or slabs a process which required the use of explosives. Furthermore, prior to the widespread use of heavy machinery, explosives were essential in road construction projects.

The CCC powder magazine relates to an important period in the development of the National Park system, a time in which great strides were made in park improvements. It also serves as evidence of the unprecedented federal relief efforts organized under the President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" to address the disastrous unemployment problems of the Great Depression.





- 1) Civilian Conservation Corps Powder Magazine
- 2) Capitol Reef National Park, Torrey, Utah
- 3) Patrick O'Bannon
- 4) November 1990
- 5) John Milner Associates
- 6) View to west
- 7) 1



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- 4) November 1990
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- 6) Detail, View to East
- 7) 2