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Hovenweep National Monument

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**US Dept of Interior (NPS) Hovenweep National Monument Square  
Tower Group: Hovenweep Memorandum**

National Park Service of the United States

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Weather Conditions.

July was almost rainless in the Hovenweep area. A series of extremely hot days marked the latter part of the month. This shortage of rain with its effect on the roads may have influenced travel into the Monument.

Increase or Decrease of Travel.

Travel increased sharply during July with a final total of 63. This number, more than twice the June total, sets a record for any single month's travel into Hovenweep. Less than half the visitors were from nearby towns.

Interpretive Service.

July was the first month in which there was a definite need for a planned interpretive service. This service took the form of walks around the Square Tower ruins, trips to Holly and Hackberry canyons, and discussions of the archeology of the area.

General.

Archeologist Aid James A. Lancaster finished his ruins stabilization work on July 22. The cabin he used is now incorporated into the ranger station making a two unit building with a porch between the two rooms.

The visitor register box was removed from its position near the entrance gate as many visitors fail to notice it when entering the Monument. Registration now takes place at the ranger station.

Carroll L. Riley,  
Park Ranger

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