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Hovenweep National Monument

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

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traveling west on an unimproved road.

POPULATION - Sparse

ATTENDANCE: 168 estimated for travel year 1939

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Elevation: Approx. 5,000 feet above sea level. The general topography is that of a plateau or mesa sloping to the south and covered by a growth of pinion, juniper, and sagebrush. The mesa is cut by numerous canyons which run to the south and join McElmo Canyon.

MAJOR FACILITIES: None

DOMINANT VALUE

Preservation of prehistoric dwellings of archeological interest.

ANALYSIS

Located partly in Utah and partly across the line in Colorado. Hovenweep National Monument preserves four groups of prehistoric towers, pueblos, and cliff dwellings. It has been designated to preserve fine masonry walls of a peculiar specialized construction and unique towers usually situated at the heads of box canyons. No travel is encouraged to this monument until facilities and adequate protection is provided. The monument contains 285.80 acres.

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