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BOUNDARY STATUS REPORT

Name of area HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT Date prepared Dec. 17, 1945.

Classification 2 (As outlined in Director's memorandum of 3/9/45, RD-109)

Adjustments recommended:

It is proposed to add the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, sec. 2, T. 36 N., R. 20 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, comprising approximately 48.02 acres, to the present monument in Colorado. This proposed addition contains the well known Hackberry Ruins. Sketch is attached showing the location of this proposed addition in connection with the present monument areas within the State of Colorado. Further reference is made to Land Status Atlas Map prepared by James M. Siler on Dec. 5, 1944, from dependent resurvey completed June 3, 1942.

As may be observed from the attached sketch, the southwestern section, or approximately 25% of the proposed addition, is shallow canyon terrain cut through the mesa caprock and into softer underlying formation. The balance of the area, approximately 75%, is comprised of softly rolling mesa land, with well developed drainage. Vegetative cover is meager to light, comprising grass, shrubs, pinyon, and juniper, principally. There are presently no physical improvements save temporary fencing about the Hackberry Ruins and canyon head. The block of fenced land is approximately 175 feet square.

The boundaries of the two separate portions of this monument that lie within the State of Utah are believed to be satisfactory. The 120 acres in sections 20 and 21, T. 39 S., R. 26 E., Salt Lake Base Meridian, was surveyed in 1899. The 40 acres in sec. 21, T. 40 S., R. 25 E., S.L.B.M., was also surveyed in 1899. Land Status Atlas Maps prepared by Mr. Siler on December 5, 1944, cover these separate areas.

Recommended by *J. W. Williams* Title Acting Superintendent Date DEC 18 1945

Concurred M. R. TILLOTSON, Regional Director, 1/5/46

Approved MAR 17 1947

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