Pigeon's Ranch HSR

Administrative data

The Pigeon's Ranch house, a one story, three room adobe structure with gabled roof, is located in the northeast ¹/₄ of the southeast ¹/₄ of Section 34, T16S, R11E, New Mexico Prime Meridian, Santa Fe County, New Mexico. It sits adjacent State Rout 50, about 20.7 miles from the Santa Fe plaza.

The structure was the site of the Battle of Pigeon's Ranch, March 28, 1862, a part of the Civil War Battle at Glorieta, March 26-28, 1862.

The Glorieta Battlefield is a National Historic Landmark, designated November 5, 1961. The building is a contributing structure to the National Historic Landmark, and as such is listed on the National Register of Historic Places at the national level of significance.

On November 8, 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed the act authorizing the 682 acre Glorieta Unit of Pecos National Historical Park, which includes the Pigeon's Ranch sub-unit of approximately 350 acres.

According to the 1996 park General Management Plan, until the issue of the location of State Route 50 is resolved, there will be limited work at the Pigeon's Ranch sub-unit. The approved plan states: "the battlefield will be preserved and interpreted. The Pigeon's ranch structure would be stabilized. A staffed visitor contact facility in an existing structure, interpretive exhibits, and trails near Pigeon's ranch would be developed. However, as long as NM 50 remains, limited facilities including an interpretive kiosk and a short trail would be provided but no other facilities would be developed."

The structure is on the park's List of Classified Structures (#66265).

The landscape is listed in the Cultural Landscape Inventory as number 850092. A CLI will be conducted in FY 2008.

The Pigeon's Ranch site is listed under the State of New Mexico's Laboratory of Anthropology archeological site number LA49315. It is also listed on the Historic Preservation Division's State Register as SR-92.

Materials generated for this report will be curated at Pecos National Historical Park.

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