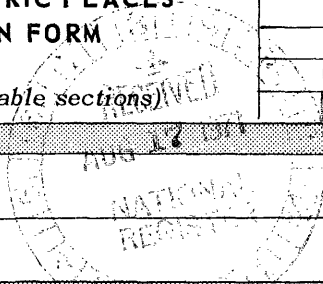


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON:
Bristol Wells

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Bristol City

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Off U.S. Highway 93, 23 miles north of Pioche

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: Nevada CODE: 32 COUNTY: Lincoln CODE: 017

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <u>Intermittent mining</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Public and private (see attachment)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Lincoln County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Pioche STATE: Nevada CODE: 32

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Nevada Historical Sites

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Western Studies
University of Nevada, Desert Research Institute, Center for

STREET AND NUMBER:
Stead Facility

CITY OR TOWN: Reno STATE: Nevada CODE: 32

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bristol City was a mining town situated on the western flank of the Bristol Mountain range 10 miles west of U.S. 93 via county maintained, graded, dirt roads (45 mph), at a point 14 miles northwest of Pioche, Lincoln County, Nevada.

The town site is in a sagebrush basin with the silver mines located on the cedar-pinion-juniper covered hillsides nearby.

By 1882 the town had 5 stores, 8 saloons, 2 hotels with restaurants attached, 3 stables, a lodging house, express office, printing office, 2 barbershops, butcher, laundry, shoemaker, blacksmith shop, and post office.

The charcoal ovens, remains of furnace residue, and 1 original stone building remain. In recent years the cattlemen have developed water, holding corrals, a stable and a weather shelter.

The facility is presently being maintained and operated by the cattlemen, and includes 3 charcoal ovens, stable, stone house, windmill and pump, water trough, small reservoir, and a holding corral.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

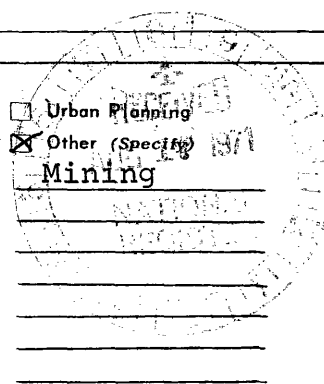
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1870-1950

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Mining</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |
- RM* No *RM* No



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mining claims were first located in the Bristol Wells area in 1870; the district was organized a year later; and the town of National City was built around the National mine. In 1872 a furnace was erected to treat silver-lead ores hauled from the Bristol Mine, 4 miles east of National City. New and richer deposits found in 1878 caused an increase in activity. A 12-stamp mill was installed. More people were attracted to the area, and the name of the town was changed to Bristol City.

A 5-stamp mill with smelter was built in 1880. The business district with post office and newspaper, the Bristol Times, served about 700 people in the outlying area. Ovens of shale and sandstone converted the pine logs into charcoal for the smelter. Water was obtained from wells at Bristol and was hauled a distance of from 3 to 5 miles to the mines. Bristol became the trading point for hundreds of nearby mines.

About 1890, when a new smelter began treating copper ores, Bristol Wells had a population of about 400. When the second burst of mining activity ended about 1893, Bristol Wells became inactive. About 1900 a small leaching plant was installed to recover copper from the Bristol Mine's ores. The mill operated only two years. After construction of the Salt Lake Railroad through Lincoln County, local milling was not resumed.

In 1911 operations at Bristol and at Jackrabbit, 2 miles northeast, were combined and after 1913 an aerial tramway linked the 2 points. Bristol's ores were then sent on the tram, loaded on railroad cars, and sent to Salt Lake City smelters via Pioche.

The mines were intermittently active until about 1918, when some were consolidated and then sold a number of times. In 1922, the camp was renamed Tempest after the Tempest mine, and in 1929 it was renamed again, this time after the Bristol Silver mines. The post office was discontinued in 1950.

Interpretation of the historical significance and preservation of the facilities are the immediate needs. The location of the charcoal kilns lends itself to interpretation of Nevada's significant mining industry during the late 1880's. It would be possible from the oven site to depict the sequence of events which led to the development of the Bristol town, furnace, mill site, and charcoal ovens. It is possible to see the mines, furnace sites, mill sites, and town site from the kilns site.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Major Bibliographical References:

Nevada Historical Sites; Mordy & McCaughey, Univ. of Nev., 1968
 Nevada Ghost Towns & Mining Camps; Paher, Howell-North, Berkeley 1970
 Reproduction of History of Nevada 1881, by Thompson & West, Angel, Myron, Howell-North, Berkeley, California 1958
 Nevada State Park System Project Proposals.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	38 ° 06' 49"	114 ° 42' 16"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	38 ° 06' 49"	114 ° 41' 08"		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	38 ° 05' 55"	114 ° 41' 08"		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	38 ° 05' 55"	114 ° 42' 16"		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 240

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
NA		NA	
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
W. E. Wierprecht, Recreation Park Planner

ORGANIZATION: **Nevada State Park System** DATE: **June 15, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
201 South Fall Street Nye Building, Room 221

CITY OR TOWN: **Carson City** STATE: **Nevada 89701** CODE: **32**

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *W. E. Wierprecht*

Title Administrator N.S.P.S.

Date 7-13-71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAR 24 1972

Date _____

ATTEST:

William M. Mautz
 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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BRISTOL WELLS

Owners of Property

County Treasurer holds in trust (foreclosed lands)

1. (Block 26 all
(Block 5 lot 12
(Block 4 lot 5
(Leigh lot
(5 acres of old furnace site
2. (5 acres - Mill Site, El Josephson 1216 Francis Avenue
 Huntridge Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

(Possessory rights - wells, water, pipeline and cabins
(
(Blocks 3 and 24
(Delmue Brothers
(S. A. Hollinger
3. (Kermit Hollinger
(Roy and Edith Lytle
(McCrosky Brothers
(Mary Lytle
(Dave Bliss
(Jimmie Rosa
4. (The lands adjacent to the townsite are public domain.



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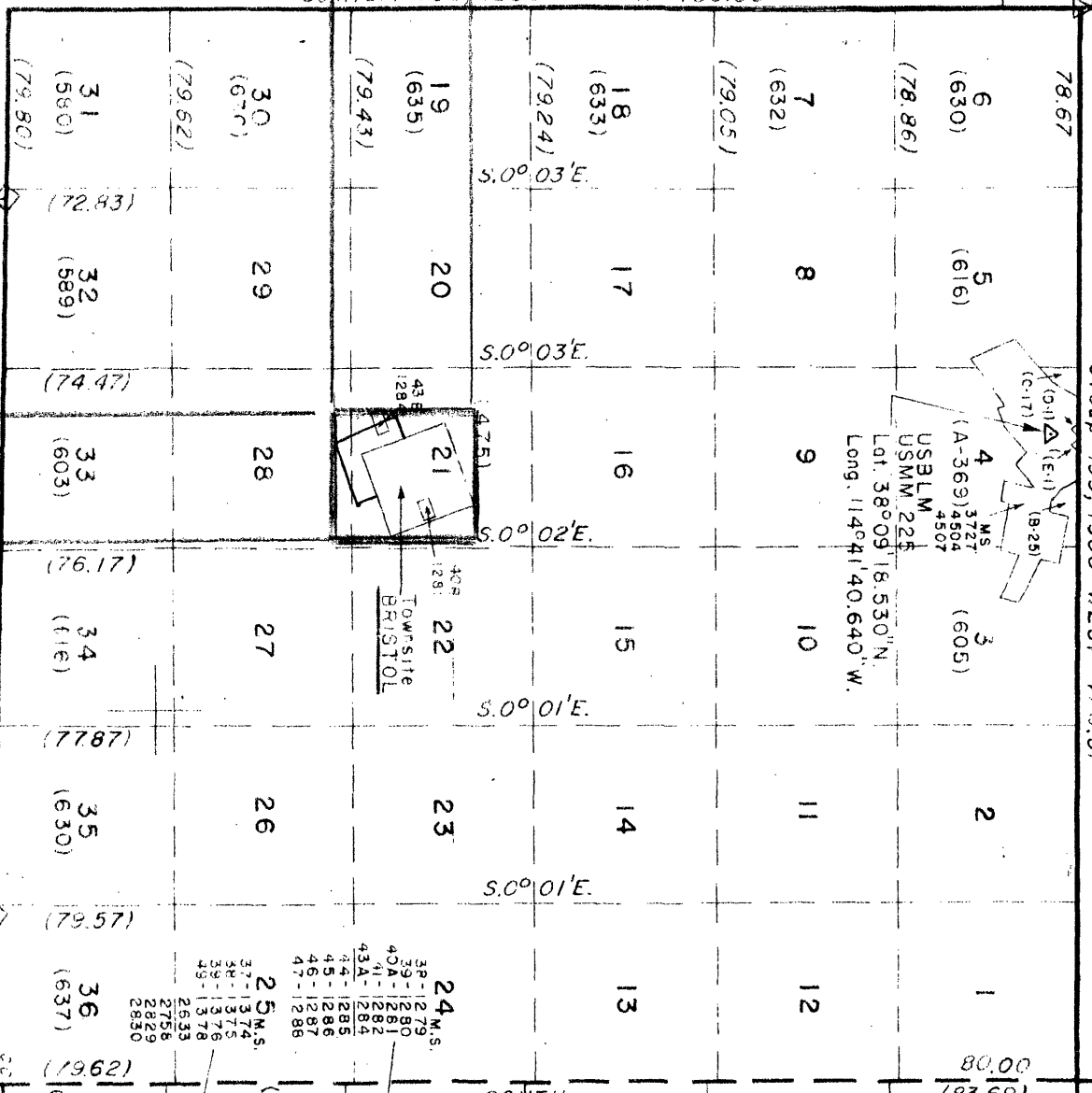
R. 65E.

Group 199, 1938 WEST 478.67

Group 199, 19
 NORTH 473.6

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 Long: 114°37' 41.18" W.

Contract 139, 1882 NORTH 480.00



14°42' 16"

114°41' 38"

114°40'

Contract 139, 1882 NORTH 480.00
 Lot: 38°04' 19.327" N.
 Long: 114°43' 08.720" W.

Contract 139, 1882 NORTH 480.00
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