

8. Inspections, General

“Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument,” October 18, 1941, Folder: Inspections, General, Box 2319, Central Classified Files, 1907-49, RG 79, NARA-MD.

Contained is a report created by the National Park Service. It concerns two developments being constructed on private lands within Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. The National Park Service had been encouraging both owners (Mr. Charles Luke and Mr. Kalil) to construct residences for their employees on their developments. Because the buildings would be within the national park the NPS wanted them to conform to certain standards. The report claims that both owners were being cooperative.

“Report by O.A. Wesse on Organ Pipe National Monument,” Folder: Inspections, General, Box 2319, Central Classified Files, 1907-49, RG 79, NARA-MD.

Contained is a report made by the National Park Service. The author of the report briefly describes the state that Organ Pipe Cactus National Park is in. The author first describes the “biotic conditions” listing the plant and animal life present within the park. He also describes the effects of the current cattle population, stating that at the present population they were not harmful. The question of prospecting is also raised and is decided that the value that could be extracted from the park did not outweigh the lasting effects of the presence of vehicles and machinery. The author also suggests that the park should not be designated as a recreational area since he believes that it is not suited for recreation. Changing the name of the park was also considered so that it would more accurately describe the park. However, the name change was not a priority.