

HISTORY -- POWERS GARDEN ADMINISTRATIVE SITE, May 1972

Powers Garden Administrative Site, Galiuro Mountains, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 13, T 9 S, R 19 E, Elevation 4932', Average precipitation 13".

Prior to 1917 the Power family constructed a double log cabin and picket corral.

In 1936 or 1937 the Forest Service constructed a dobie house, 14' x 22', with a fire tool room, $4\frac{1}{2}'$ x 7', on the outside. This house was used by a fire guard who also manned the Tent Lookout two miles to the southwest.

In the 1920's and early 1930's several mining claims and millsites were located in this portion of Rattlesnake Canyon.

In 1938 Ranger J. W. Girdner recommended 90 acres in Rattlesnake Canyon be withdrawn from mineral entry. This location was considered as a Ranger Station for the Aravaipa Ranger District.

Approximately seven acres of land were cultivated from 1913 to 1938 and possibly later. Parts of old plows and cultivators still remain on the site.

In 1908 to 1930, the area was part of the Rattlesnake Grazing Allotment. From 1930 to the present, the area has been a part of the Deer Creek Allotment. The grazing permittees used the facilities at Powers Garden in connection with their livestock operations. Permittees have been M. O. Simms, Mitt Simms, 1923 to 1945; Phil K. Lewis, 1945-1951; C. H. Prude, 1951-1965; Sewell Goodwin 1966 to 1970; and William I. Hamilton, 1970 to present.

1930-1933&
1937-1945;

On February 28, 1955, 120 acres were withdrawn from mineral entry at the Powers Garden Administrative Site.

The following improvements at Powers Garden are carried as range improvements and maintained by the grazing permittee:

- #29 - Powers Garden Water Development (water pipeline)
- #34 - Powers Garden Pasture Fence (4 mi.)
- #42 - Powers Garden Cabin

The house and outbuildings are Forest Service administrative improvements, used and jointly maintained by the Forest Service and grazing permittee.