

Between Glenrio (east) and Tucumcari (west)

Alignments on this Map

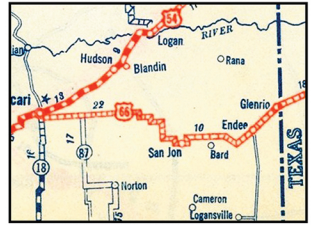
Green: 1926 original route. This stair-step alignment, while not proven, is supported by vintage aerial photos as well as one era roadmap, and it matches the distances described in the 1926 Bluebook. Multiple 90-degree turns also help explain why a new roadway was graded in 1928.

Green: 1928 improvement. This roadway was graded west from San Jon along the RR (previous map) where, according to the 1926 Bluebook, no road yet existed. This alignment is documented in era newspaper articles, particularly pertaining to Monument Rock (bottom right of map). It was replaced in 1930-1931 with the first paved route (red), for reasons not yet determined, though it is likely that the 1930 floods just east of San Jon could have prompted a relocation for the permanent, paved route.

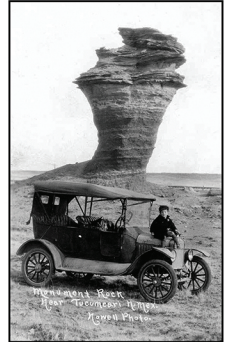
Note: Since it preceded paving, a new color code was not used for the 1928 alignment.

Red: First paved route (circa 1931).

Orange (upper left of map): Early 1950s improvements made to the red route (continues on the next map).



This 1929 Langwith was not updated after the 1928 change in US 66, but does illustrate the original stair-step alignment into and out of San Jon.



Monument Rock (bottom right of map) was so popular with tourists that in 1928 the new path of US 66 was altered to save it.

Note: The two drainage structures on the red route are culverts.