

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: California	
COUNTY: Plumas County	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUL 16 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Plumas-Eureka State Park District

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Plumas-Eureka Mill, Jamison Mines *District*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Plumas-Eureka State Park

CITY OR TOWN:
Near Blairsden *mine*

STATE California	CODE 06	COUNTY: Plumas	CODE 063
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" 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) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Department of Parks and Recreation

STREET AND NUMBER:
1416 - 9th Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Sacramento

STATE: California	CODE 06
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Quincy

STATE: California	CODE 06
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Department of Parks and Recreation

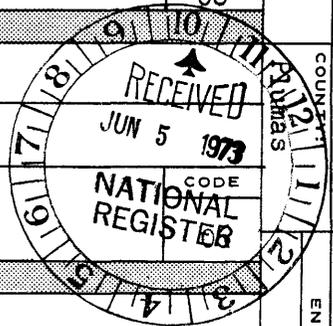
DATE OF SURVEY: 1959 (Orig.) Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Department of Parks and Recreation

STREET AND NUMBER:
1416 - 9th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Sacramento	STATE: California	CODE 06
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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
	(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

Other than for the Plumas-Eureka Stamp Mill and tunnels-shafts, few of the attached list of structures possess unique architectural values. They are important, however, as the environmental and historical accessories required to convey the story of hard-rock gold mining in California; each structure having played its part in the development of the Plumas-Eureka Mine, Jamison City and Johnsville area.

They are therefore submitted for registration as a historical building complex. Whatever modification they may have undergone was made early in their history as a result of previously unforeseen need of work and storage space. Without them all it is doubtful that an adequate impression of early day mining in the Plumas-Eureka, Jamison City and Johnsville area can be effectively interpreted. **

PLUMAS-EUREKA STAMP MILL:

This 75 ft. high wood structure, erected in 1873, measures approximately 73'6" north to south by 60', and faces north. It has a new cedar shingle roof, and board and batt siding in the east and south exterior. The window and door openings are vacant, and the horses used to support the building during Phase 1 restoration are still in place.

Phase 1 restoration of this building was accomplished in 1961. Additional work is anticipated as related to repair and/or replacement of deteriorating timbers, undermined foundations, and stairways. It is estimated another \$50,000 may be required to complete the job.

This building is the largest and best preserved of its kind remaining in California.

BOARDING HOUSE: (Plumas-Eureka Mill Area)

This two-story, balloon type constructed frame structure was erected in 1873. It measures 128' north to south by 25' and faces west. The patched roof is currently covered by metal; the interior finish is of wood; the exterior is 5" clapboard. The building possesses a 97' x 25' basement.

This structure is in good condition structurally except for the south and west wall foundation where fill has been added against the wood sheathing and foundation.

**Within the boundaries of Plumas-Eureka State Park, two significant assemblages of buildings remain as representative of late 19th century mining complexes. The structures described in the following section are grouped around the Jamison Mine and the Plumas-Eureka Stamp Mill.

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TRAMWAY STATION: (Plumas-Eureka Mill Area)

An important part of the mill-ore transport story, this building was built in the 1870's. It is 20' high, of mortice and tenon timbers bolted, and measures 20' east to west by 40' and faces northeast. It is open with no protection from the elements. Its timbers are rotting and may be hazardous. If retained, it must be thoroughly restored. A one of its kind structure.

ASSAY OFFICE: (Plumas-Eureka Mill Area)

This two-story, balloon type constructed building was erected in 1873. It measures 20' east to west by 49', and faces north. The pitched roof is currently covered with corrugated iron. The interior finish is of 1" boards. Except for 5" clap boards on the gable end, the building is covered by corrugated iron. This building is in good condition, and is presently used as a workshop and storage area.

STABLE: (Plumas-Eureka Mill Area)

Erected in 1873, this partial two-story frame building of hewn, pegged, mortice and tenon timbers, measures 37' east to west by 24'6" and faces south. It is in excellent condition. Its pitched roof is covered with corrugated iron. The interior is open frame. The exterior has 5" clapboard siding.

This structure was restored in 1969, however, its shake roof was not replaced and its nails were changed from square to galvanized iron.

THOMAS RESIDENCE: (Plumas-Eureka Mill Area)

This partial two-story balloon type constructed building erected in 1873, measures 22'4" east to west by 26' (original buildings). A 22.4 x 16'6" section was later added to the south, with another to the south measuring 22.4 x 16'. A 10' porch wall was added to the east wall of this section. The interior finish is vertical wood and the exterior is of 8" "V" rustic siding. The pitched roof is covered with corrugated iron. This building is in fair condition structurally, though the porch should be replaced or restored. With its openings sealed, its present use is storage.

JAMISON BARRACKS: (Jamison Mines Area)

This partial two and one-half story balloon type constructed frame structure was erected in 1890. It measures 26'6" east to west by 41' with a single story wing in the east wall measuring 34' x 17" and faces west. It also has a partial basement. The interior finish is of 5" vertical wood, the exterior has 8" "V" rustic siding nailed with square nails. The pitched roof is covered with corrugated iron. Sheathing on the south and east walls is loose and in need of repair. Openings are sealed and the building is being used for storage. Structurally the building is worthy of repair.

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JAMISON BLACKSMITH SHOP: (Jamison Mines Area)

Erected in 1890, this single-story frame building measures 30' east to west by 50'. The interior finish is open frame; the exterior as well as the pitched roof is covered with corrugated iron. The forge box still remains in the building, and could be restored to operable condition.

JAMISON POWDER MAGAZINE: (Jamison Mines Area)

This rock, single-story structure erected in 1890 measures 19' east to west by 19' and faces south. The walls are of stacked rock 36" thick partially dug back into the hillside. The interior is lined with 1" x 12" boards. The roof is pitched and covered with corrugated iron. The structure is in fair condition and can be restored at minimal cost.

SMITTIE'S CABIN: (Jamison Mines Area)

This single-story balloon type constructed building was built in 1890. It measures 12' east to west by 24' (original building) with a 12' x 22' and an 8' x 12' addition to the west wall south end. The interior finish is beaver-board and wood. The exterior has 8" "V" rustic siding. The pitched roof has a corrugated iron covering. The building is in good condition structurally.

JAMISON BARN: (Jamison Mines Area)

This two-story frame structure erected in 1890 measures 24' east to west by 30' 4" and faces south. It has a 13' addition to the west side of the building. The interior finish is open frame; the exterior has 8" "V" rustic siding nailed with square nails. It has a pitched roof covered with corrugated iron. The building is in fair condition but will require some work on its bedding timbers and siding. It is currently being used for general storage and is sealed to the public and weather.

REED CABIN: (Jamison Mines Area)

This single-story balloon type constructed building was erected in 1890. It measures 12' east to west by 24' (original building) with a 12' x 12' wing on the west wall south end. The interior finish is of beaver-board and wood, the exterior is 8" "V" rustic siding. The pitched roof is covered with corrugated iron. Structurally the building is in sound condition, all openings having been sealed to the public. The roof has been proven secure.

JAMISON WAREHOUSE: (Jamison Mines Area)

A two-story frame structure, this building, erected in 1890, measures 24' 6" east to west by 30' 6" and faces west. It has a 6' porch in the west wall. The interior is open frame, the exterior has diagonal sub sheathing with 8" "V" rustic siding fastened with square nails. The pitched roof is covered with metal.

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The building is in fair condition--with some dry rot in the foundation and a few loose boards on the south and east walls. It is presently in use as general storage space and is sealed to the elements and park visitor.

JAMISON POWER PLANT: (Jamison Mines Area)

This single-story frame structure was erected in 1890. It measures 7' east to west by 14'. The interior finish is open frame with the exterior and roof covered by corrugated iron. It is sealed to the elements and to the public.

BIANCHINI CABIN: (Jamison Mines Area)

Erected in 1890, this single-story balloon type constructed building measures 14'4" east to west by 24' (original building) with a 12' x 14'4" wing on the west wall south end, and a 14'4" x 16'2" wing on the east wall north end. The interior has 5" vertical tongue and groove boards; the exterior has 8" "V" rustic siding and the pitched roof is covered with corrugated iron.

The building is in good condition structurally and is sealed to the elements and the public. Some roof leak and pack rat damage has occurred.

MINER CABIN: (Jamison Mines Area)

This single-story balloon type constructed building was erected in 1890. It measures 14'6" east to west by 24'6" and faces south. The interior finish is open frame; the interior is double 1" x 12" boards. The pitched roof is covered with cedar shingles. The structure is in poor condition--but salvagable if a restoration program is applied without further delay.

BAILEY CABIN: (Jamison Mines Area)

This single-story balloon type constructed building, erected in 1890, measures 14'6" east to west by 28'6" and faces west. The interior finish is of beaver board, the exterior has double 1" x 12" boards on the side walls and "V" rustic on the end walls. It has an 8' open porch on the west and the pitched roof is covered with metal. Structurally the building is in fair condition and is protected from the weather and the openings are boarded up. Porch and stairs will require some repair.

This submission encompasses only sites which are located within the boundaries of Plumas-Eureka State Park. The town of Johnsville is owned by individual property owners, and although relating to the history of the area, is not included in this district. It was felt that Johnsville should be submitted as a separate district initiated by local sponsors.



SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

PLUMAS-EUREKA AREA

The history of the Plumas-Eureka -- Johnsville area is derived primarily from mining operations which began in that vicinity as early as the 1850's. Despite Plumas-Eureka's ^{location in} being in a relatively high and remote part of the State, placer claims along Jamison and Little Jamison Creeks were early established and hard rock or quartz mining was underway almost as soon. On the flats along the Creek, below present day Johnsville, the little town of Jamison City sprang up.

Soon, however, placer mining would be overshadowed by the tunnels and shafts of the hard rock miners. In 1872, an English company, the Sierra Buttes Mining Company, acquired most of the mines that were tapping the ore body beneath Eureka Peak. Consolidating these miscellaneous holdings, this company launched a highly efficient mining operation which was for the next 20 years or more among the most productive in the State.

Under the direction of Superintendent William Johns, the company established a new town called Johnsville, while at the same time taking over the existing town of Eureka Mills higher up on the mountain. Placer mining Jamison City, gradually died and was assimilated into Johnsville which became the area's major settlement. Here was established the central mill. Fed by three ore-carrying tramways, the mill and its subsidiaries hired as many as 400 men all thru the '70's and '80's.

After 1890, the mines began to taper off in productivity. Anticipating the reduction, the Sierra Buttes Mining Company liquidated its holdings which were then operated by a succession of small companies. Little by little mining operations dwindled until they were finally discontinued in 1943.

In 1959, the State Park System acquired the first increments of property in the Plumas-Eureka -- Johnsville Area. While much of the emphasis on the unit relates to its recreation and camping, there are many visible historical reminders within the State Park and its immediate surroundings. Not the least of these are the 70 miles of sealed off mine shafts and tunnels and the partially restored Plumas-Eureka mill. The building that houses the park headquarters and museum originally served as a miners' boarding house. Part of the old tramway is still standing. It is said to have served as the world's first ski lift.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rensch - Historic Spots in California
 W. Turrentine Jackson - History of Mining in the Plumas-Eureka Area - 1851-1890.

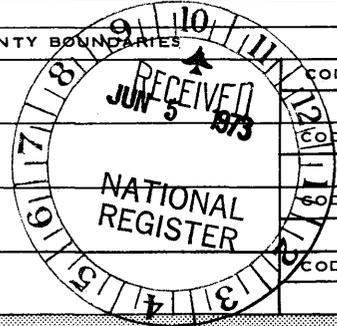
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	39° 45' 40"	120° 41' 41"				
SE	39° 44' 25"	120° 41' 41"				
SW	39° 44' 25"	120° 42' 40"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 594 acres

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

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



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Allen W. Welts, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Department of Parks and Recreation DATE: 3/2/73

STREET AND NUMBER:
 1416 - 9th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Sacramento STATE: California CODE: 06

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: [Signature]
 State Historic Preservation Officer
 Title: _____
 Date: MAY 16 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

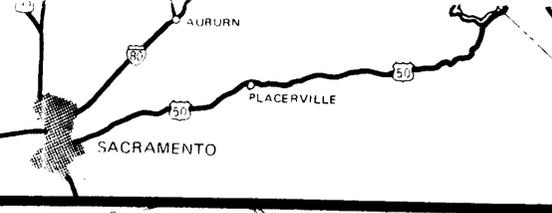
[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/16/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7 10 73

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PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST

120°42'40"
39°45'40"

120°41'41"
39°45'40"

Eureka Peak Trail

EUREKA PEAK
Elev. 7447

District Boundary

Plumas-Eureka
Mill Area

UPPER JAMISON
CAMPGROUND
(SEE DETAIL)

JAMISON MINES

Jamison Mines
Area

120°42'40"
39°44'25"

120°41'41"
39°44'25"

La Porte Creek

Little Grass Lake Creek Trail

Smith Lake Trail

Smith Lake

Grass Lake

Madora Lake Loop Trail

WARMING HUT & SKI TOWS

SKI AREA

JOHNSVILLE

MINING COMPLEX

Amphitheater

MUSEUM & PARK HQTRS.

LA PORTE ROAD
JOHNSVILLE

Jamison

Creek

Creek

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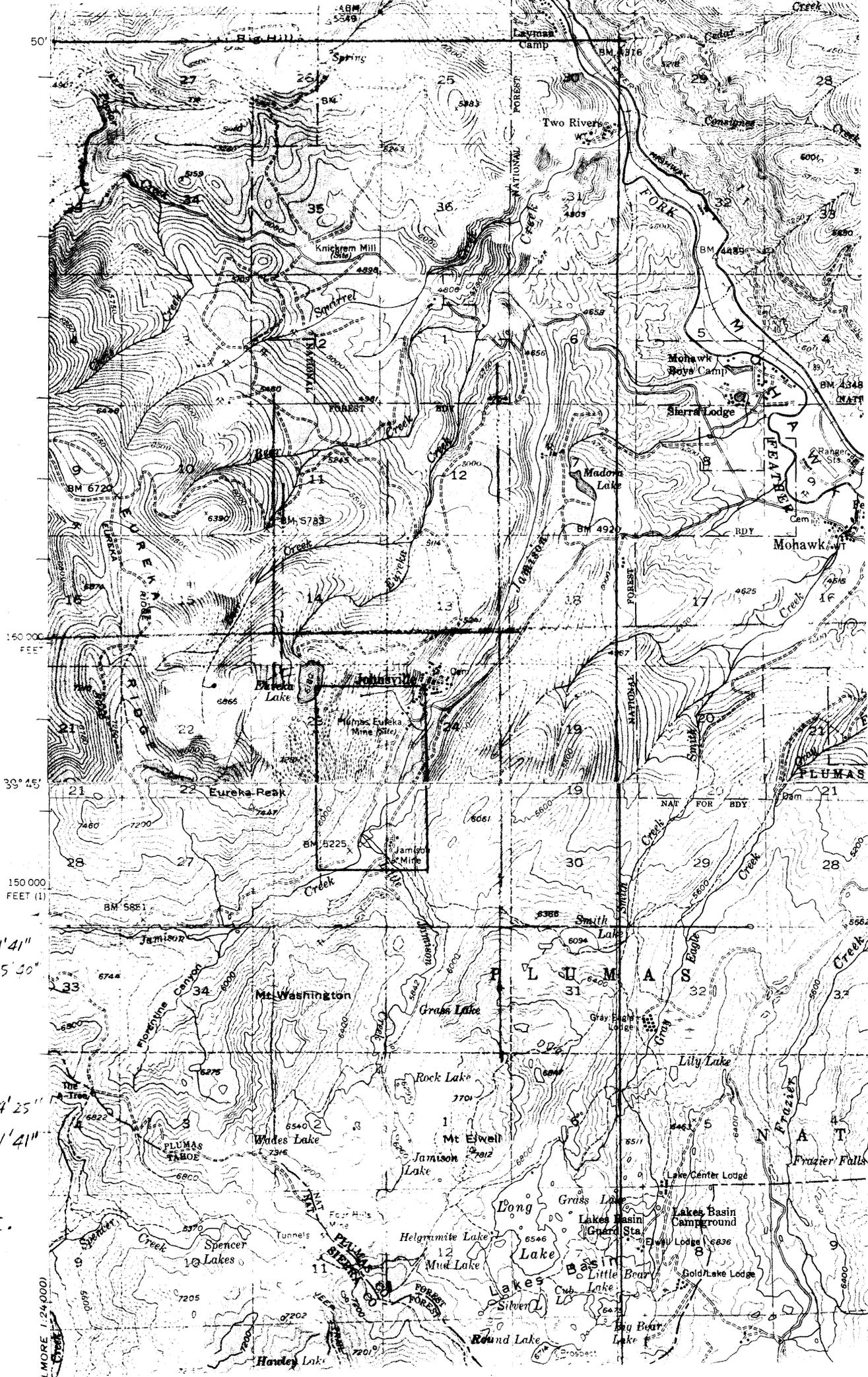
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