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The attached property, Deadwood Creek Bridge in Lane County, OREGON, reference number 79002099, and part of the Oregon Covered Bridges Thematic Resource, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 11/29/1979, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST Vol. 45 number 54, notice of Tuesday, March 18, 1980, page 17475. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.


Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

2-2-2010
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THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION
OREGON COVERED BRIDGES

Bridge Name and Number Deadwood Creek Bridge, Index No. 35

County Lane

Stream or River Deadwood Creek

Location Deadwood Loop, off Deadwood Creek Road, N of Highway 36, ca. 9 miles NE of
SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25, T.16S., R.9W., W.M. Swisshome

Zone 10 E442510 N4887790 Blachly Quadrangle

Acreeage and Boundary Description Full width of road right-of-way
for the distance between abutments and ten feet additional
at either end, containing in all approximately 7500 square feet.

Present Owner Lane County Board of Commissioners
Lane County Courthouse
Eugene, OR 97401

Date of Construction 1932

Description of Bridge

Length of span	105 feet
Truss type	Howe truss
Cladding	Board and batten, vertical side walls
Roofing	Shingled gable roof
Decking	Wood

Other salient features Semi-elliptical portal arches. Ribbon opening above deck, west elevation. False beams exposed at gable ends. Solid, decorative S-curve brackets "carry" eaves at bridge ends. Concrete piers. Road width: 20'.

The bridge's portal boarding has been damaged by high log-truck loads. The bridge is now closed to truck traffic. The latter is re-routed over a concrete span by-pass constructed in 1965.

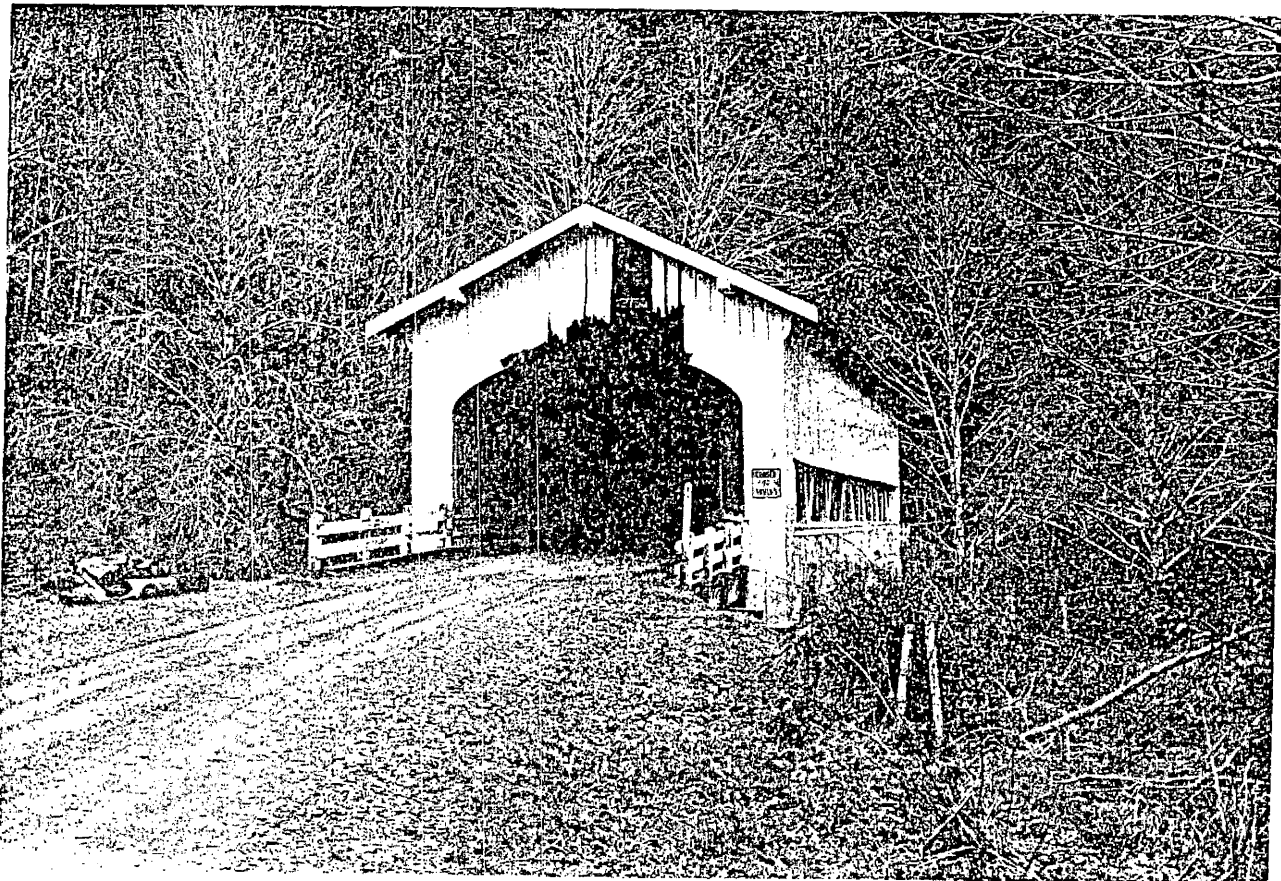
Truss reinforced by extensive use of steel rods. Rot in approaches; insect damage. East approach span repaired in 1975. Rated load limit: 20 tons.

Legal description is included in the appropriate County Road Department right-of-way files and County Deed Records.

Information based on following sources: Statewide Inventory Form prepared by Stephen Dow Beckham, 1976. Typescript on Oregon Covered Bridges by Nick and Bill Cockrell, 1977. Lane County Department of Public Works Covered Bridge Data Sheet, October 1976.

Bridge Index No. 35
Deadwood Covered Bridge
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Lane County, Oregon
North Elevation

Stephen Dow Beckham Photo, 1976
History Department
Lewis and Clark College
615 SW Palantine Hill Road
Portland, OR 97219

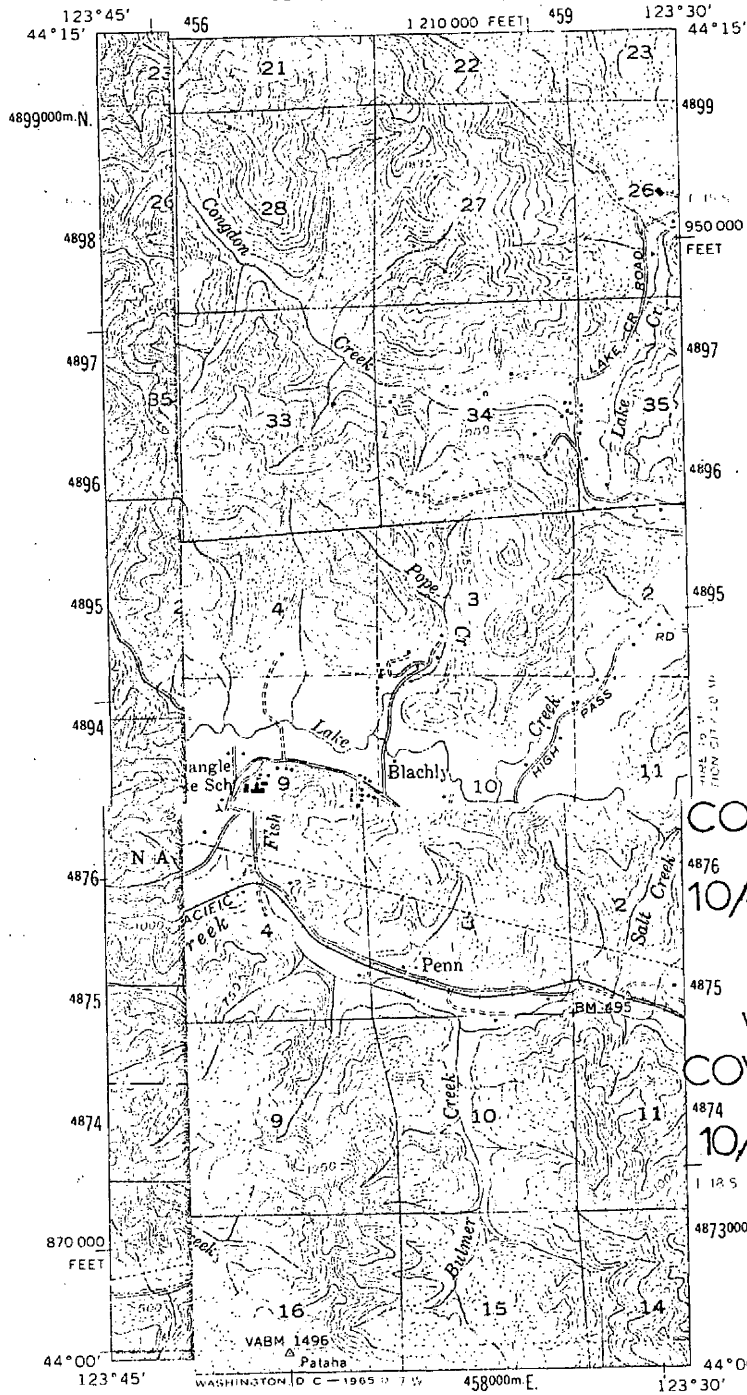


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OREGON-LANE CO.
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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(MONROE)



COVERED BRIDGE
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WILDCAT #17
COVERED BRIDGE
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LAKE CREEK COVERED BRIDGE #18

BLACHLY, OREG.
N4400-W12330/15

1956

(GOODWIN PEAK)
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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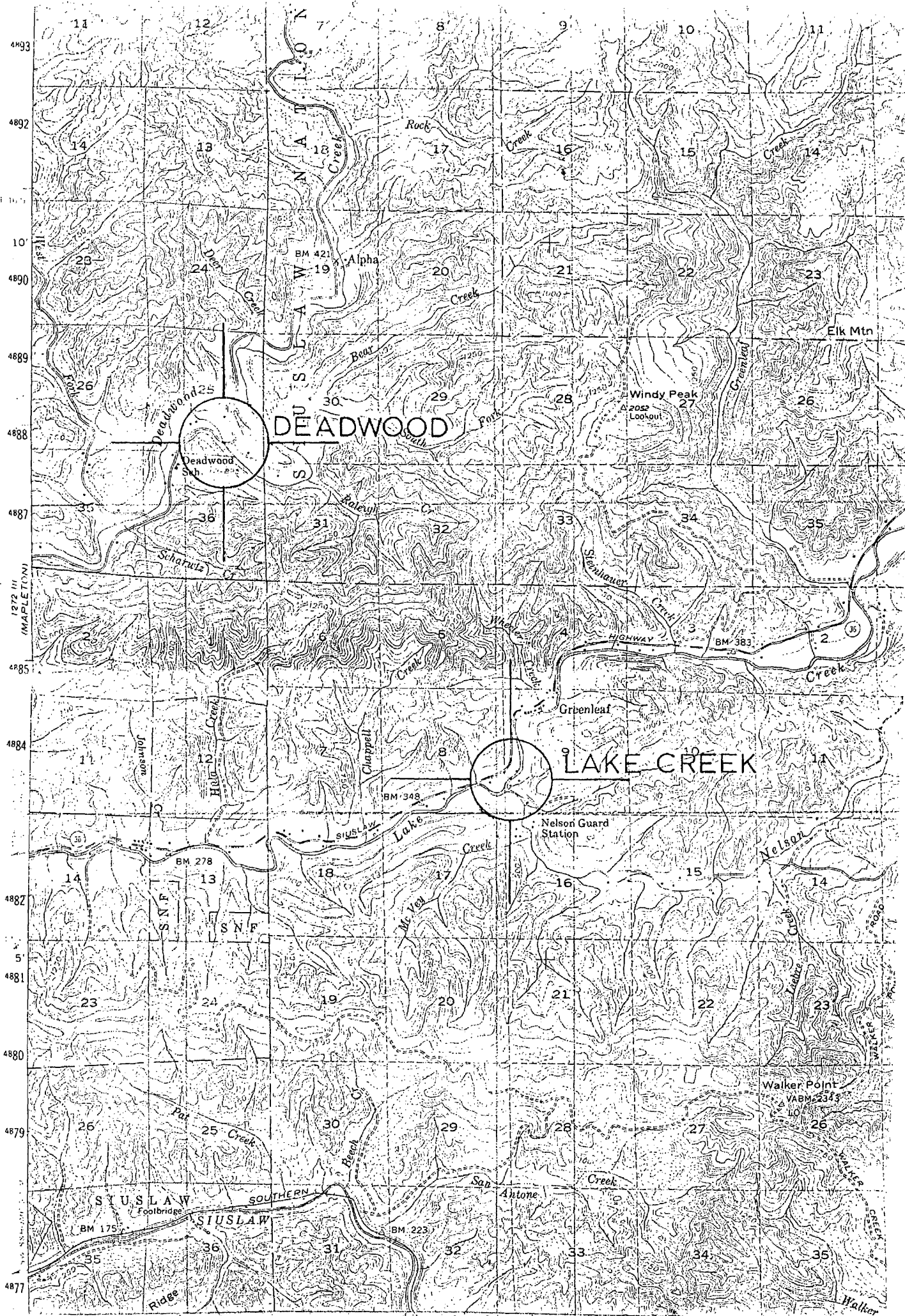
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DEADWOOD

LAKE CREEK

1272 III
(MAPLETON)

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Ridge

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Deadwood Bridge
Stream: Deadwood Creek
Year Built: 1932

T16S R9W S25
Truss: Howe
Length: 105 feet

#35

The Deadwood Bridge is one of Oregon's most interesting covered bridges primarily because of the general disrepair of the structure.

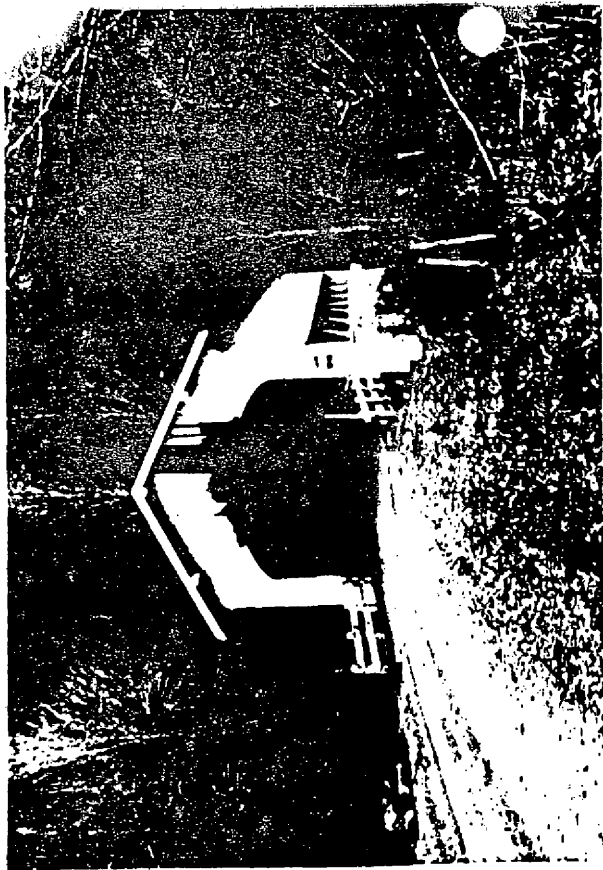
Built in 1932 by Lane County at a cost of \$4,814, the span was once considered to be a part of the State's secondary road system. One piece lower chord members, measuring 16" x 16" x 113', give strength to the Howe truss construction.

Deadwood Creek allegedly received its name due to the abundance of large timber snags found in the area, the result of forest fires in the Coast Range. The primeaval setting surrounding the bridge is suggestive of another place and time.

Both bridge portals have been splintered by high loads of log trucks and the bridge is in poor condition. Since heavy traffic has been rerouted onto a new concrete bridge nearby, the useful life of the bridge should be extended.

TO GET THERE:

Travel north from Mapleton on Highway 36 (or southwest from Junction City) to the town of Deadwood. Follow the Deadwood Creek road which is located near the Lane County Highway shop. In 5 miles Deadwood Loop, on which the bridge is situated, connects from the east.



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Sta Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310

#35

County Lane

Theme 6-A

Name
(Common) Deadwood Creek Covered Bridge

(Historic) (same)

Address Deadwood Creek, c. 5 miles n. of Highway 36 near Swiss Home, Ore

Present Owner Lane County

(Address) Eugene, Ore.

Original Use Bridge

Date of Construction 1932

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Deadwood Creek Covered Bridge is now bypassed by the paved road on Deadwood Creek and stands on the old, gravel road, now a scenic bypass closed to truck traffic. The bridge is 105 feet long. It is covered with a vertical board and batten structure which is not flared at the base. There is a full length, chest-high portal on the west elevation. There is no opening at the eaves for lighting. The eaves are open (i.e., not boxed). The roof is shingles. The bridge has modified Howe Truss construction.

Continue back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 21 Mar. 1976

For Oregon State Historic Preservation Office

Sources Consulted:

Oregon State Highway Division. "Oregon Covered Bridges," Typescript, April, 1973.

Please enclose map Township 16 ^N _S Range 9 ^E _W Section 25 (over)