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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Waldo Cemetery
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Approx. .5 miles s.w. of intersection of Waldo N/A not for publication
Road and BLM Road 40-8-28 (USDI BLM Medford District)
city or town Cave Junction vicinity
state Oregon code OR county Josephine code 033 zip code 97523

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination
 request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of
Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property
 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant
 nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
[Signature] 8/14/01
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Preservation Officer, Bureau of Land Management
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional
comments.)
[Signature] 12/12/00
Signature of certifying official/Title Deputy SHPO Date
Oregon State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the
National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the
National Register.
 removed from the National
Register.
 other, (explain): _____
Signature of the Keeper Entered in the
National Register 10-4-01
Date of Action

Waldo Cemetery

Josephine Oregon

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

- building(s), district, site, structure, object

Contributing Noncontributing buildings sites structures objects Total

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Mining Resources of the Upper Illinois Valley, Oregon 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

FUNERARY: Cemetery

NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

NO STYLE: Cemetery

foundation walls roof other Monuments: Marble, Granite

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

ETHNIC HERITAGE: European; Hispanic

Period of Significance

1858-1910

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

USDI BLM Medford District, Oregon

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 20.414

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization (for) USDI BLM Medford District date August 13, 2000

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Please See Continuation Sheets

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Summary Description

Initiated in the early 1850s, Waldo Cemetery is situated approximately eight miles south of Cave Junction, Oregon, near the former community of Waldo. Approximately one acre in size, the graveyard is laid out in a linear pattern and is cohesive in its known developed area. (For purposes of this nomination, the Waldo Cemetery and the Chinese Cemeteries are mapped together. Please see verbal boundary description and justification). As the earliest burial ground in the vicinity, Waldo Cemetery successfully represents its important period of use between 1858 and 1910, when many first generation residents who advanced settlement in the Upper Illinois Valley, were interred there. Containing both simple and elaborate headstones, the Waldo Cemetery retains its overall integrity of location, plan, setting, design, materials, feeling and association. Relatively undisturbed, the cemetery possesses significant associations with the Waldo area's historic development.

Location and Setting

The Waldo Cemetery is situated about one-half mile southwest of the former town of Waldo in Josephine County, Oregon. Located in the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 40 South, Range 8 West, WM., (Josephine County Assessor's Map 40-8-28 Tax Lot 100), the Waldo Cemetery is reached by a graveled road leading from the Waldo Road. The cemetery occupies an elongated oval site on a ridge that runs south/north and that lies between the historic placer diggings of Waldo and Fry Gulch. Soils of the site are sandy loam (Budy 1999:35HS11-20).

At an elevation of 1,600 feet above sea level, the cemetery is flanked by slopes covered by a mix of ponderosa pine, cedar, black oak and madrone with poison oak ground cover (Budy 1999: 35HS11-20). Although the land surrounding the cemetery has been heavily mined, a pure stand of mature Douglas fir survives near the burial ground. The main branch of Fry Gulch, located to the northwest and retaining pockets of water through late summer, comprises the nearest water source (Budy 1999:35HS11-20).

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Site Description

Approximately one acre in size, the Waldo Cemetery is elongated in plan, with the graves arranged in clusters lying north/south. Cemetery records and field surveys indicate that there are thirty-one known graves of which twenty-one are marked. Numerous depressions in the ground appear to be locations of unrecorded graves. The cemetery's headstones are fashioned primarily from marble. In addition to using imported materials, notably from Vermont and Italy, southwest Oregon monument makers employed local marble and granite. The headstones in Waldo Cemetery range in type from larger headstones to more recent wood posts and small metal plaques. Ornamentation is expressed in various forms typical of the pioneer period, including garlands, single flowers, and lambs.

Plot enclosures vary. The Bennett plot is surrounded by six concrete bollards linked by round steel fencing. The Weston family plot, approximately twelve by twelve feet in size, is surrounded by a deteriorated picket fence approximately five feet in height. Compatible, but non-historic wood and metal fencing surrounds some other plots.

Integrity

The Waldo Townsite Cemetery retains its original linear plan within an intact rural setting. The trees that shelter the cemetery and the surrounding vegetation reflect the land's character at the time the burial ground was established. The cemetery retains a variety of historic headstones in good condition and the grounds' overall integrity has not been compromised by the addition of more recent gravemarkers. Although some vandalism has occurred in past years, no major disturbances to the site's integrity have occurred. Members of the local community and the Josephine County Historical Society maintain the site (Budy 1999: 35HS11-20).

In feeling and association, Waldo Cemetery successfully represents late nineteenth and early twentieth century cemeteries. Through its location, plan and monumentation, (and in conjunction with the nearby Waldo Chinese Cemetery), the Waldo Cemetery enhances our understanding of the ethnic and social issues that characterized this historic placer mining community. The cemetery remains the place most importantly associated with the

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first generation of Euro-American settlers in the Waldo vicinity and provides a link between the early period of settlement and the people interred there.

Significance

The Waldo Cemetery, developed in the 1850s and expanded during the next several decades, is locally significant for its association with settlement and ethnic heritage in the Upper Illinois Valley, Waldo vicinity. Submitted as part of a multiple property submission, "Mining Resources of the Upper Illinois Valley, Oregon," the Waldo Cemetery represents its associated historic context, "Gold Placer Mining and Development of the Waldo Vicinity, 1851-1942." The Waldo Cemetery meets the registration requirements outlined in the registration document. The cemetery retains its integrity of location, setting, design and feeling and evokes direct historic associations with the settlement of the Upper Illinois Valley. The Waldo Cemetery is eligible to the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria Consideration D, Criterion A as an important, tangible representative of early settlement in the Waldo vicinity.

History

Following the discovery of gold in the Upper Illinois Valley in 1851, the town of Waldo grew up around the diggings north of Fry Gulch. The General Land Office survey map of 1856 indicates fifteen structures at the Waldo site (Kelly 1999a). Historic records describe early built improvements in the town as including a hotel, blacksmith shop, brewery, bowling alley, skating rink, ballroom and houses. It also included a row of buildings known as "Chinatown" (Street and Street 1973 12-15). A post office was established at Waldo on September 4, 1856 (McArthur 1974:763; Budy 1999 35HS11-20).

Settlers established the cemetery soon after the town's founding. Although the oldest recorded burial dates from 1858 (Winthrop 1995), earlier interments had most certainly occurred. Roman Catholic Church records indicate that on December 20, 1863, Father F.X. Blanchet blessed "four graves in the public graveyard of Waldo," including those of Andrew Myers, Michael McBrearty, John Meney, and Patrick McCool. The record also notes "Unblessed, couldn't be found: Michael McConnell, Jose the Spanish, and Murphy" (Munnick 1984).

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Headstones in the Waldo Cemetery chronicle the death of small children, including those in 1858 of two infant sons of Samuel R. Scott, member of the territorial legislature. These graves give testimony to the ravages of typhoid, diphtheria and other incurable diseases of the time (Budy 1999: 35HS11-20). Estimates place the total number of graves at about seventy-five; thirty-three burials are recorded (Phillips 1991: 410-416; Budy 1999: 35HS11-20). Graves of settlers prominent in Waldo and the nearby vicinity include those of Westons, Wimers, Valens, McIlwains, McBrietys, and Bennetts. The latest recorded burial occurred in 1918 (Phillips 1984). Waldo Cemetery gives evidence of early residents' wide ethnic backgrounds, although some area residents were consistently excluded. Beginning at an early date and extending into the early twentieth century, the area's Chinese were interred separately in the nearby Waldo Chinese Cemetery.

Associated with early settlement and development in the Upper Illinois Valley, the Waldo cemetery, together with the nearby Waldo Chinese Cemetery, enhances our understanding of the ethnic and social issues that characterized this historic mining community. Waldo Cemetery is significant as the final resting-place of the first generation of settlers who advanced development in the Upper Illinois Valley between 1852 and 1900. In those years and through first decade of the twentieth century, the graveyard received the remains of many of the area's earliest settlers and became the burial ground now associated with them.

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A map indicating locations of the twenty resources included in this Multiple Property Submission is contained with this document. A photocopied section of the USGS map indicating the location of the Waldo Cemetery accompanies the nomination document.

Boundary Description

The Waldo Cemetery is located in the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 40 South, Range 8 West, W.M., in Josephine County Oregon and is identified on USGS map O'Brien quadrangle, 7.5 minute series, included with this nomination. The nominated area, also containing the Waldo Chinese Cemetery, is further described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Tax Lot 300 in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, T.40S., R.8W W.M., (as shown on Josephine County Assessor's Plat 40-8-28), extend a line of convenience South 180 degrees for 990 feet (0.18 miles); then West 270 degrees for 300 feet (0.06 miles) to join the Fry Gulch Road in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, T.40 S. R. 8W W.M. Then continue North and West along the Fry Gulch Road to its intersection with the boundary between Tax Lots 100 and 300 in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28 T. 40 S. R. 8 W. W.M. Then continue East along this property boundary line to the point of beginning. The nominated area contains 20.414 acres.

Boundary Justification

The nominated area encompasses both the Waldo Cemetery and the Waldo Chinese Cemetery that, while not visually contiguous properties in their apparent developed areas, are located in close proximity to each other. The boundaries enclose both graveyards to ensure the inclusion of all interments within the two cemeteries and to contain the immediate forest setting that constitutes the primary loci of burials during the historic period of significance.

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	3	446101.09659	4655996.70936
	4	445850.45429	4656056.38610

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Photographs

Photograph No. 1

- 1) Waldo Cemetery
- 2) SW ¼ of Section 28, T 40 South, Range 8 West, W.M., Josephine County, Oregon
- 3) Photographer: Katherine Atwood
- 4) Date of Photograph: June 2000
- 5) Negative holder: Katherine Atwood
365 Holly Street Ashland, Oregon 97520
- 6) View: Cemetery looking northwest
- 7) Photograph number: 1 of 3

Photograph No. 2

- 1) Waldo Cemetery
- 2) SW ¼ of Section 28, T 40 south, Range 8 West, W.M., Josephine County, Oregon
- 3) Photographer: Katherine Atwood
- 4) Date of Photograph: June 2000
- 5) Negative holder: Katherine Atwood
365 Holly Street Ashland, Oregon 97520
- 6) View: Weston plot, looking northwest
- 7) Photograph number: 2 of 3

Photograph No. 3

- 1) Waldo Cemetery
- 2) SW ¼ of Section 28, T 40 south, Range 8 West, W.M., Josephine County, Oregon
- 3) Photographer: Katherine Atwood
- 4) Date of Photograph: June 2000
- 5) Negative holder: Katherine Atwood
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Ashland, Oregon 97520
- 6) View: Thurston child headstone
- 7) Photograph number: 3 of 3

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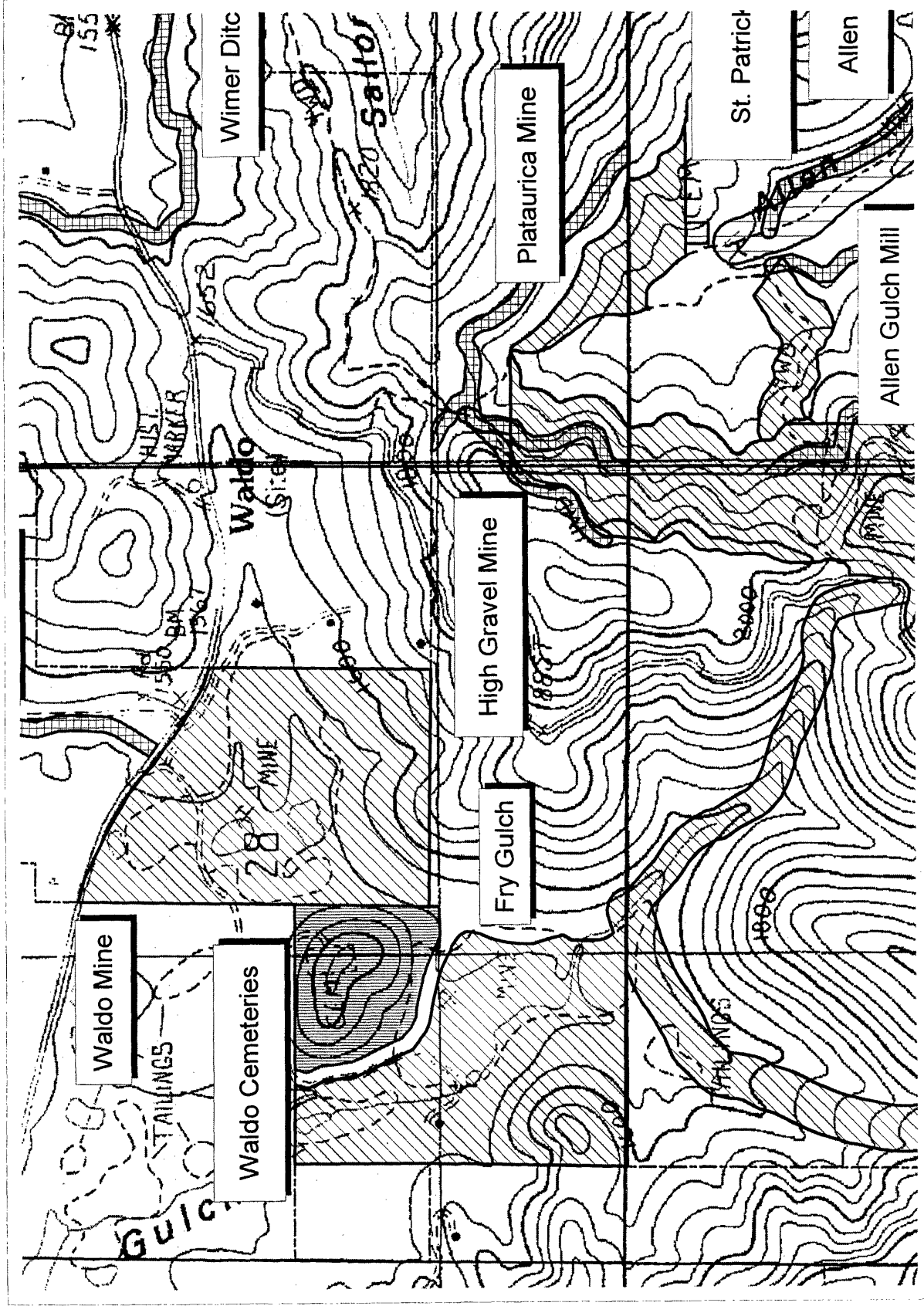
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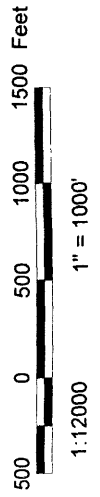
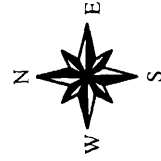
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Washington, DC 20240

Waldo & Chinese Cemeteries



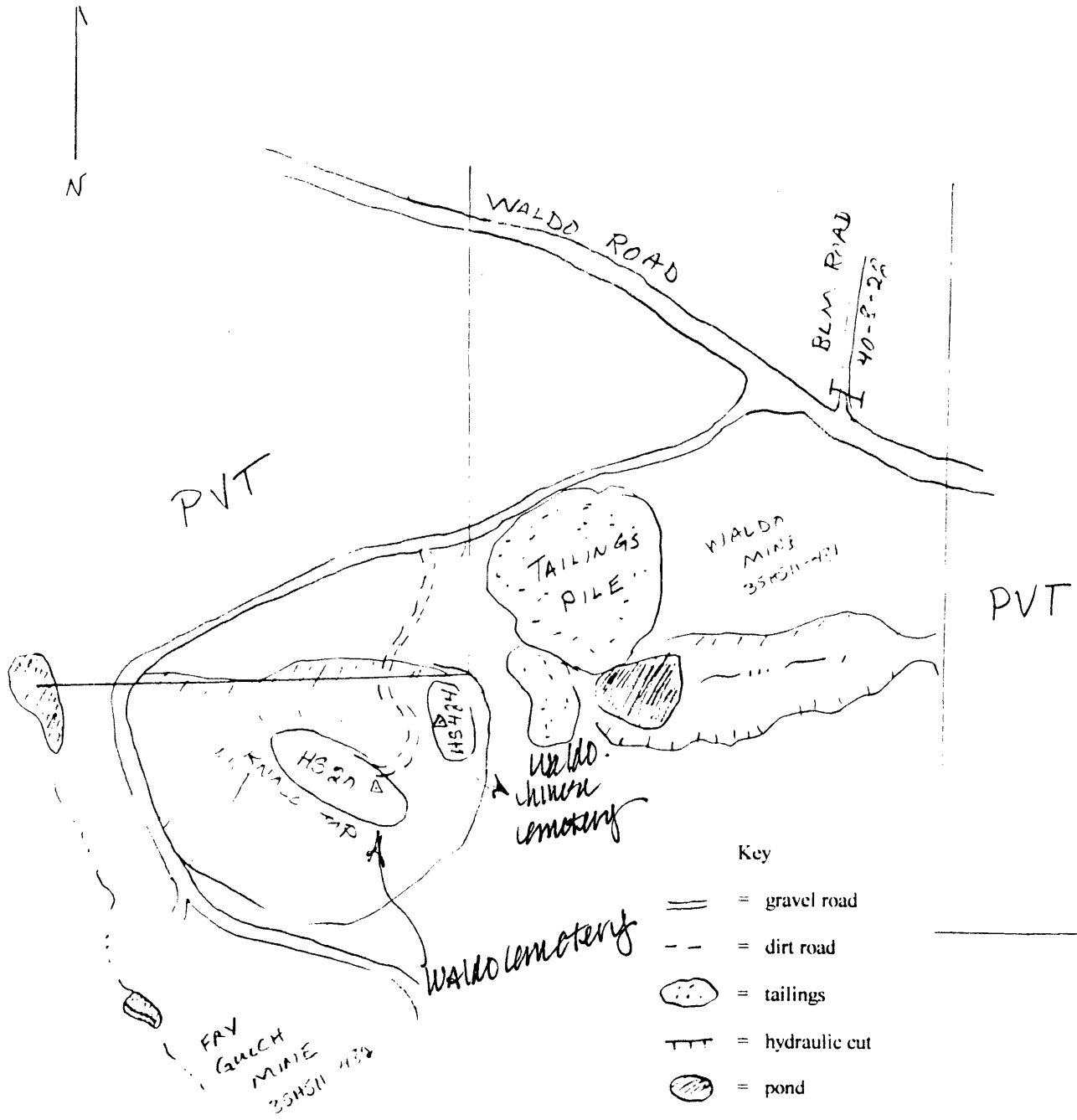
Waldo & Chinese Cemeteries
 35HS11-5
 A portion of the
 O'Brien Quad
 (Sec 28
 T40S, R8W, Wm)
 showing
 Historic Placer
 Mining Resources
 in the Waldo Vicinity.

- Other Area Sites
- Allen Gulch Town Site
 - St. Patrick's Cemetery
 - Waldo Cemeteries
- General Symbology
- Ditches
 - Mines
 - Town, cemetery
 - BLM boundary
 - Section Lines



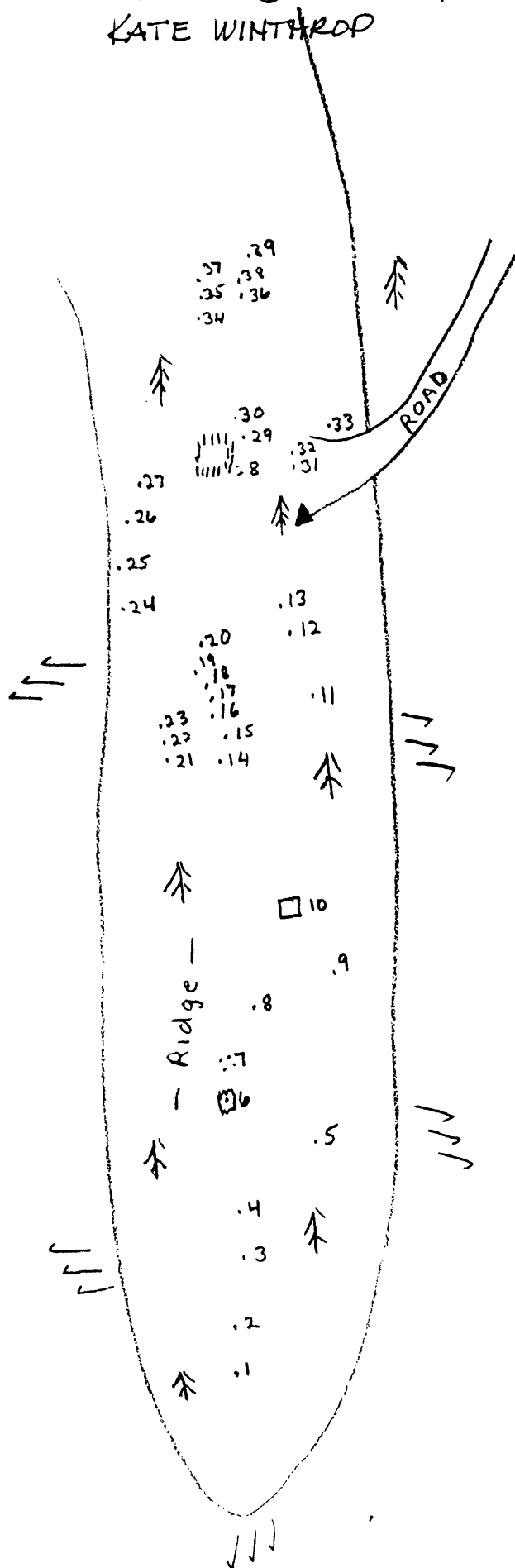
Map created August 2000 by Ralph Delamarter
 Features based on site investigations by W Tonsfeldt, E Budy and others
 Base Images: digital raster graphs (DRG) and digital orthoquads (DOQ)(1995)
 of O'Brien, Taklima and Broken Rib quads (scale 1:24000).

Sketch Map Showing Relationship of
 Waldo Townsite Cemetery 35HS11-20
 To Chinese Cemetery 35HS11-484
 E. Budy



SITE 35HS11-20
 WALDO CEMETERY
 KATE WINTHROP

7/13/95



↑
 NORTH

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 feet

Key

- 1 marked grave
- ▲ Datum, large Douglas-fir with sign
- ||||| Picket fence
- metal pipe fence
- ⊙ wrought-iron fence
- ∟∟∟ Downslope
- ⌘ Douglas-fir forest