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The attached property, Lake Creek Bridge in Lane County, OREGON, reference number 79002091, 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.

h *Print for the Keeper* *B.P.R. [Signature]*
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

2-02-2010
Date

THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION
OR, UNCOVERED BRIDGES

Bridge Name and Number Lake Creek Bridge, Index No. 18
County Lane (Also: Nelson Bridge, per Lane County)

Stream or River Lake Creek

Location Nelson Creek Road, off Highway 36, ca. 1 mile W of Greenleaf
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9, T.17S., R.8W., W.M.
Zone 10 E446190 N4883450 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 1928

Description of Bridge

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

Other salient features Truncated rectangular portal arches. Ribbon openings extend length of side walls under eaves. Timber piers and cribs. Decorative, solid S-curve brackets "carry" eaves at bridge ends. Width of roadway: 15'.

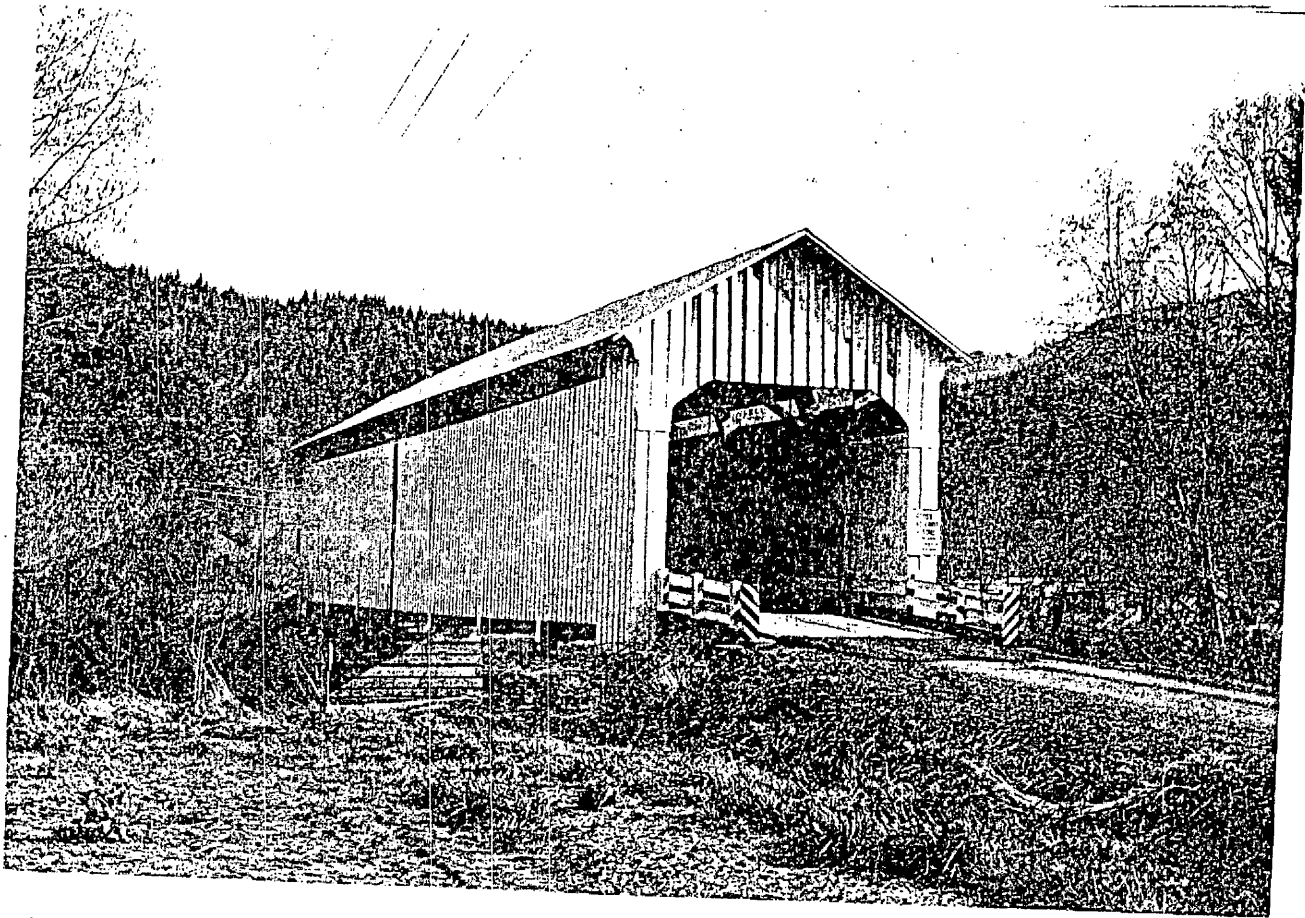
The bridge spans the creek which drains Triangle Lake to the northeast. Vertical sight distance and vertical clearance are considered poor. Truss and floor beams are split. Dry rot in deck. Piers and portal damage repaired in 1975. Rated load limit is 23 tons.

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. 18
Lake Creek Covered Bridge
Vicinity of Greenleaf
Lane County, Oregon
North West Elevation

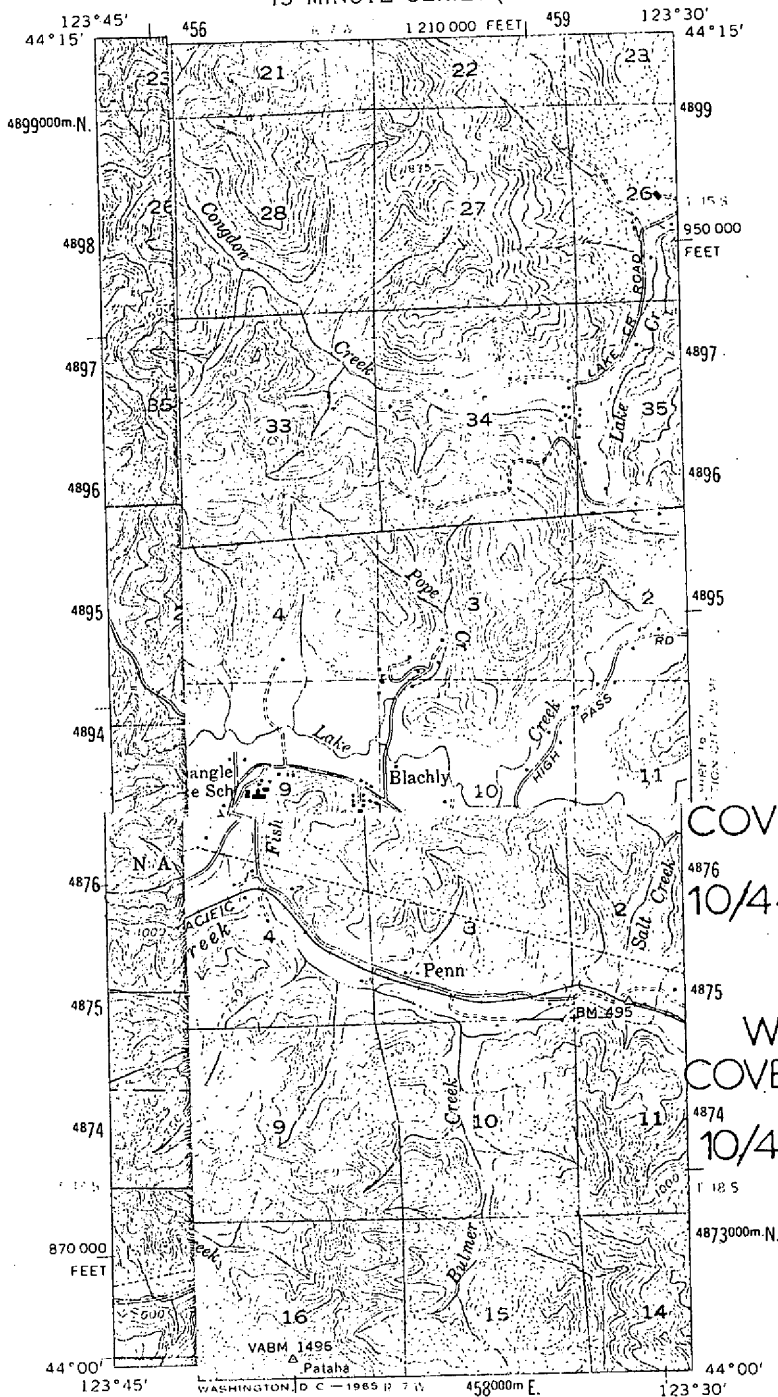
Stephen Dow Beckham Photo, 1976
History Department
Lewis and Clark College
615 SW Palantine Hill Road
Portland, OR 97219



1272 IV
(TIDEWATER)

BLACHLY QUADRANGLE OREGON-LANE CO. 15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1372 IV
(MONROE)



COVERED BRIDGE
10/442510/4887790

WILDCAT #17
COVERED BRIDGE
10/447680/4872280

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———
 Unimproved dirt - - - - -
 State Route

LAKE CREEK COVERED BRIDGE # 18

BLACHLY, OREG.
N4400—W12330/15

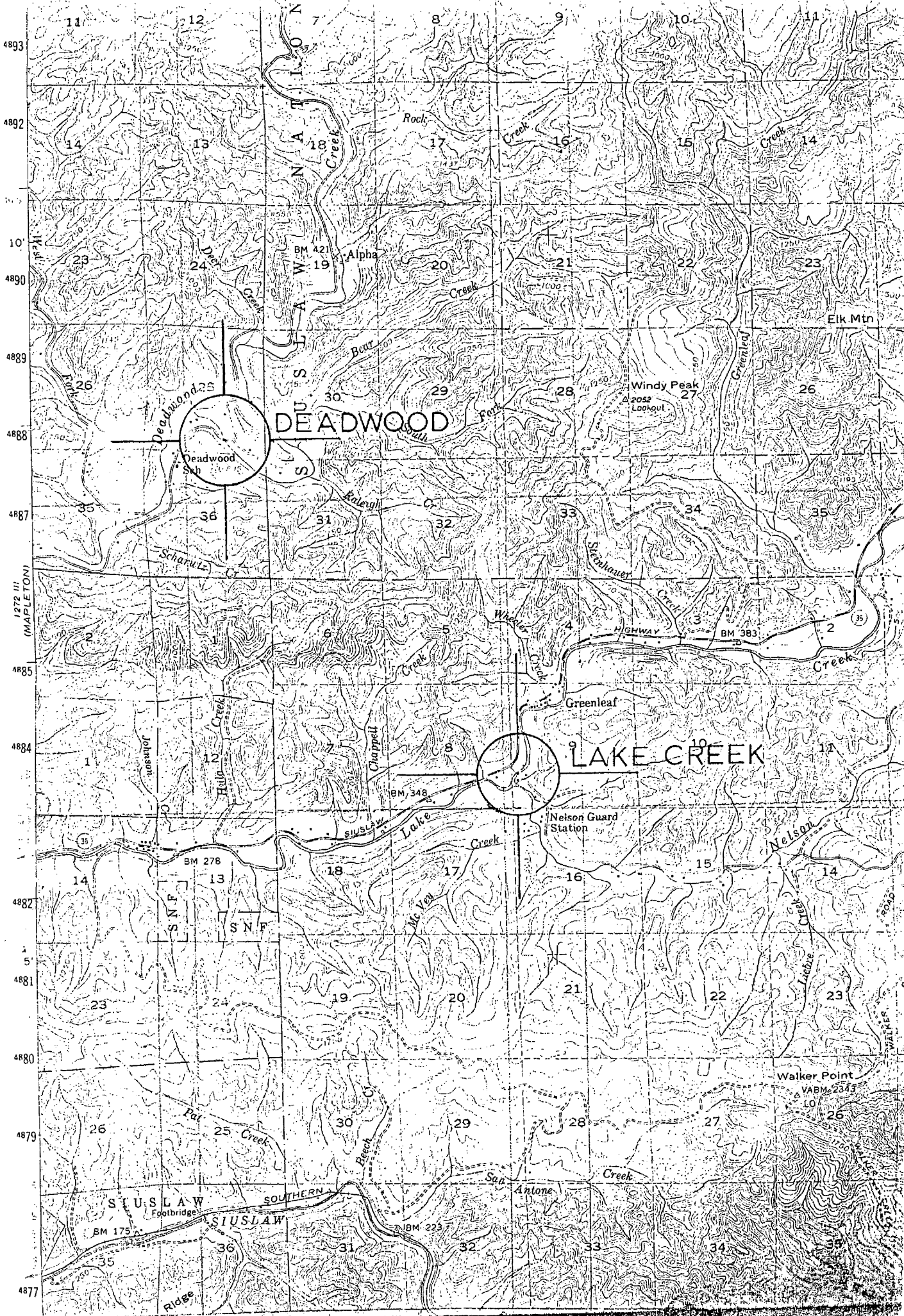
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VABM 2343
LO 26

DEADWOOD

LAKE CREEK

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Antone

Walker Point
VABM 2343
LO 26

Windy Peak
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Nelson Guard Station

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Lake Creek Bridge
Stream: Lake Creek
Built: 1928
World Guide No.: 37-20-06

17
T1S R8W S8
Truss: Howe
Length: 105 feet

#18

There appears to be some confusion as to the name of this bridge. Some prefer to call it the Lake Creek Bridge after the stream it crosses; to some it is the Nelson Creek Bridge, named after the Nelson Mountain Road of which it is a part. Still others dub it the Nelson Bridge, after a small forest service camp in the vicinity many years ago.

The bridge was built for the modest price of \$3,155. A year later, improvements totalling \$183 were made. The single piece chords measure 14" x 14" x 111 feet for the lower timbers and 12" x 12" x 79 feet for the upper ones.

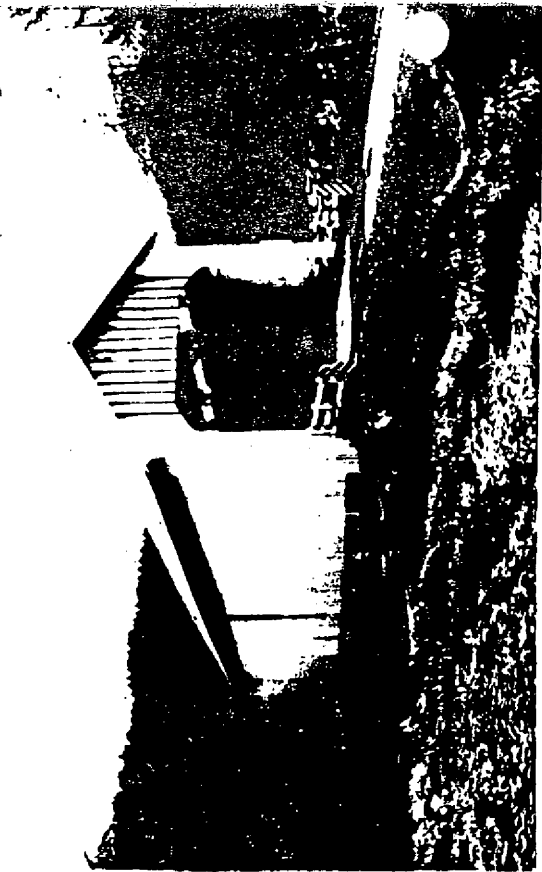
Portal boards on both ends were recently replaced because they had been broken by the high loads of log trucks.

TO GET THERE:

Travel north from Mapleton on Highway 36. The Nelson Mountain Road turnout is located near milepost 17. The bridge is situated only one half mile from the highway on the Nelson Mountain Road.

HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS
State Historic Preservation Office,
Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310

County Lane #18
Theme 6-A
Name
(Common) Lake Creek Covered Bridge
(Historic) (same)
Address Nelson Creek Road, c. 1 mile west of
Greenleaf, Ore., on Highway 36.
Present Owner Lane County
(Address) Eugene, Ore.
Original Use Bridge
Date of Construction 1928



Statement of historical significance:

The Lake Creek Covered Bridge spans the stream which drains Triangle Lake. The bridge is a structure of 105 feet and is surmounted by a board and batten cover with straight sides. The gable roof is covered with tin. The eaves are open on both sides to provide lighting. The bridge is of modified Howe Truss construction and is in good repair and has regular use.

Continue back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 21 Mar 1976 Sources Consulted:

For Oregon State Historic Preservation Office

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

Please enclose map Township 17 ^N _S Range 8 ^E _W Section 9

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Sources:

Coleman, Jean and John. "An Unforgettable Tour of Oregon's Beautiful Covered Bridges," Covered Bridge Topics, undated typescript, Vertical File, State Library, Salem, Ore.