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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

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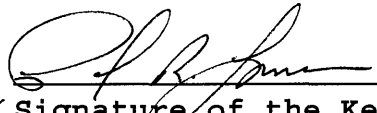
Wrangle Gap Shelter
Property Name

Jackson
County

OR
State

U.S. Forest Service Historic Structures
on the Rogue River National Forest, MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

12/29/00
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Significance:

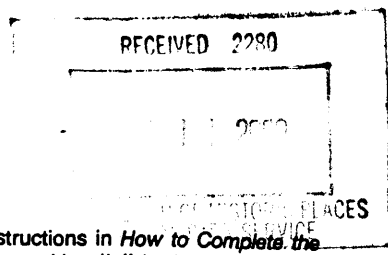
Architecture is added as an area of significance under Criterion C.

These revisions were confirmed with the Forest Service.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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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 Wrangle Gap Shelter

other names/site number Wrangle Campground Shelter

2. Location

street & number Forest Service Road 20 approx. 25 mi s.w. of Ashland, Oregon NA not for publication

city or town Ashland (Rogue River National Forest) vicinity

state Oregon code OR county Jackson code 029 zip code 97520

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 of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

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] March 10, 2000
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

Date of Action

[Signature]

12/29/00

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Historic Structures on the
Rogue River National Forest
MPS

SECTION 3: FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that the nominations listed below meet the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meet the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the properties meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that these properties be considered significant locally.


Signature of certifying official/FPO


Date

Federal Agency and bureau: *U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region*

Administrative

Star Ranger Station Building/"Tack Room" (1911)
Willow Prairie Cabin (1924)
Big Elk Guard Station (1929)

Fire Lookouts

Hershberger Mountain Lookout (1924)
Dutchman Peak Lookout (1927)
Mt. Stella Lookout (1933)
Squaw Peak Lookout (1943)

Snow Survey Cabins

Whaleback Snow-Survey Cabin (1937)
Honeymoon Creek Snow Cabin (1943)

CCC/FERA Recreation Facilities

McKee Bridge Campground (1935-1936)
Wrangle Shelter (1935-36)
Dead Indian Soda Springs Shelter (1936)
Fish Lake Shelter (1936)
Parker Meadows Shelter (1936)

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

Table with columns: 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.)

U.S. Forest Service Historic Structures on the Rogue River National Forest

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE: outdoor recreation

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE:

outdoor recreation

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY

AMERICAN MOVEMENTS: Rustic

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls WOOD: Log

walls

WOOD: Shakes

roof

other

Narrative Description

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

Please see Continuation Sheet

Name of Property

County and State

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)

RECREATION/ENTERTAINMENT

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Period of Significance

1936-1942

Significant Dates

1936

1936-1942

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown (CCC)

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:

Rogue River National Forest

Name of Property

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.0 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

UTM grid with values: 1 110 5120100 465521010

UTM grid with empty boxes for Zone, Easting, Northing

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

Name: Katherine C. Atwood, Organization: (for) USDA Forest Service, Date: November 4, 1999, Street: 365 Holly Street, Telephone: 541-482-8714, City: Ashland, State: Oregon, Zip: 97520

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: USDA Forest Service Rogue River National Forest, Street: P.O. Box 520, Telephone: 541-858-2200, City: Medford, State: Oregon, Zip: 97501

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Description

Setting:

The Wrangle Gap Shelter is located within the Wrangle Gap Campground in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 1 West, W.M., in southern Jackson County. The shelter stands at 6,800' elevation on gently sloping ground on the north-facing slopes of the Siskiyou Mountain range, between Little Red Mountain and Red Mountain near the Rogue-Klamath Divide. The site is located near the source of Wrangle Creek, a tributary of Glade Creek, which in turn flows into the Little Applegate River. The shelter is reached by Forest Road 2300 leading approximately one-half mile north from Forest Road 20, commonly known as the Ashland Loop Road. Geology of the site is dominated by gneiss and other metamorphic rocks of the Dutchman Peak melange from the Paleozoic Era. Rock nearby, composed of the Applegate Group, is lightly glaciated. Within the site, the dominant vegetation is composed of Shasta red fir and white fir, mountain hemlock, and incense cedar. Shrub species include snowbrush, currant, and huckleberry, with an understory of grasses and hellebore.

Description

Oriented with its main entrance to the east, the rustic-style wooden structure rests on a concrete foundation/floor. Shallow native rock steps lead to the front entry from the clearing. Rectangular in shape, the shelter measures approximately 18' x 26' in plan. Native rock walls that vary in height from two feet to six feet in height enclose the structure on the west, north, and south facades. The structure is fashioned by post-and-beam construction made from massive peeled logs and poles. Six-inch by twelve-inch hewn, wood sills rest atop the rock walls and vertical peeled log uprights. Vertical supports, 16" in diameter, extend from the center of the north and south elevations to brace the upper portion of the structure.

The shelter measures 16.5' from the inside of the peak of the roof to the top of the rock side wall on the north elevation. Supported by pole rafters with battered ends, the steeply pitched roof is composed of 12"- wide rough-cut planks covered by nailed sugar pine shakes. A massive native rock chimney that rises ten feet above the roof dominates the west elevation. Two window openings in the rear wall measure approximately 40" square and contain sills that measure 18" in width. On the interior, the mortared-rock fireplace and chimney is flanked on either side by iron fireboxes with doors bearing the Forest

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Service shield. The fireboxes measure 3' in length by 2.4' in width. A sink, positioned along the north railing, no longer functions.

The Wrangle Gap Shelter is in good condition with few modifications. During the last decade the vertical support posts were added on the exterior walls and a deteriorating horizontal beam was replaced (LaLande, 1999).

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The Wrangle Gap Shelter was constructed in 1935-1936 by Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) crews stationed at Camp Applegate F-41 on the Applegate Ranger District of the Rogue River National Forest. Also known as a "community kitchen," the shelter is generally typical of similar structures built on National Forest land. The structure is significant for its association with CCC recreation facility construction in southwestern Oregon. Submitted as part of a multiple property submission, "U.S. Forest Service Historic Structures on the Rogue River National Forest, Oregon," the Wrangle Gap Shelter represents its historic context, "CCC/FERA Recreation Development on the Rogue River National Forest 1933 to 1942." The site meets the registration requirements outlined for recreational shelters in the registration document. Constructed in 1935-1936, it was established during the historic period. The shelter retains its integrity of setting, design, and materials, and it evokes direct historic associations with its historic context. The property is eligible to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as a tangible example of the federal response to the crisis of the Great Depression and of CCC/FERA recreational development in southwest Oregon. The Wrangle Gap Shelter is the only intact feature built by the Civilian Conservation Corps remaining in the campground area. The shelter is one of five "community kitchen" shelters on the Rogue River National Forest. The others are at Union Creek, McKee Bridge, Fish Lake, and Dead Indian Soda Springs.

Additionally eligible to the National Register under Criterion C as an excellent representative of CCC/FERA-built recreational shelters on the Rogue National Forest, the Wrangle Gap Shelter embodies the characteristics of its type through its setting, design, and materials, and retains its integrity. In overall good condition, the shelter exemplifies the rustic-style facilities constructed by the CCC during the historic period.

History

The Wrangle Gap "Community Kitchen" Shelter was erected in 1935-1936 by Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) crews from Camp Applegate F-41. The site was chosen for its proximity to the Beaver Creek-Mount Ashland Loop Road, completed by the CCC the same year. The route immediately became a popular summer sightseeing drive for tourists and local people (LaLande 1980: 96). Camp work plans indicate that

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work on Wrangle Gap Campground and other sites along the "Loop Road" began in July 1935 and were completed by February 1, 1936 (Brown: Camp Work Plans, 1936). In the spring of 1936, Rogue River National Forest Supervisor Karl Janouch reported on the CCC's recent accomplishments in the mountains southwest of Ashland:

One of the most interesting projects in road construction is the completion of the so-called Ashland Mountain loop drive. This road extends from the city of Ashland to the mouth of Beaver Creek... giving one of the most picturesque mountain views that can be found anywhere in the state of Oregon...

...Recreational development has received special consideration in the work program to meet the fast-growing demands of the public who are turning to the forested areas of the pacific coast for summer outings and vacations. A total of 136 acres of public campgrounds have been cleared and improvements consisting of community shelters, individual camp stoves and tables and sanitation facilities have been installed... rustic design is emphasized in all the construction at these recreational areas" (Ashland Daily Tidings, April 16, 1936, 1:1, 4:3-4).

In 1949 Rogue River National Forest records described Wrangle Gap Campground as a campground that contained space for two trailers, three campstoves, tables, a community kitchen, two banquet tables, toilets, and piped spring water (Brown, n.p. 1949).

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1971 History of the Rogue National Forest, Volume 2, USDA Forest Service, Rogue River National Forest, Medford, Oregon.

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A USGS map of the Siskiyou Peak Quadrangle is included with this nomination. A photocopies section of this map with the site location marked by an arrow, is also contained within the nomination document.

Boundary Description

The Wrangle Gap shelter is located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 1 West, W.M., in southern Jackson County. The property is further identified on USGS map, Siskiyou Peak Quadrangle, 7.5 minute series, included with this nomination. For purposes of this National Register nomination, the boundary of the eligible property may be determined by measuring approximately 125 west from the southwest corner of the shelter. Using this point as the outer boundary, define a circle approximately 250 feet in diameter to include the Wrangle Gap Shelter and the deteriorated portion of one CCC-built camp stove, to include one acre, more or less.

Boundary Justification

This boundary encompasses the Wrangle Gap Shelter and the immediate surrounding of the forest site that historically has been part of camp activities. The area within this approximate 250' diameter circle defines a discrete, identifiable location associated with the historic CCC activities that took place at the Wrangle Gap Shelter.

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Photographs

Photograph No. 1

- 1) Wrangle Gap Shelter
- 2) NE ¼ Section 31, T 40 South, Range 2 West, W.M. Jackson County, Oregon
- 3) Photographer: Katherine Atwood
- 4) Date of Photograph: August 1999
- 5) Negative holder: Rogue River National Forest
P.O. Box 580
Medford, Oregon 97501
- 6) View of east and south elevations
- 7) Photograph number 1 of 4

Photograph No. 2

- 1) Wrangle Gap Shelter
- 2) NE ¼ Section 31, T 40 South, Range 2 West, W.M. Jackson County, Oregon
- 3) Photographer: Katherine Atwood
- 4) Date of Photograph: August 1999
- 5) Negative holder: Rogue River National Forest
P.O. Box 580
Medford, Oregon 97501
- 6) View of north and west elevations
- 7) Photograph number 2 of 4

Photograph No. 3

- 1) Wrangle Gap Shelter
- 2) NE ¼ Section 31, T 40 South, Range 2 West, W.M. Jackson County, Oregon
- 3) Photographer: Katherine Atwood
- 4) Date of Photograph: August 1999
- 5) Negative holder: Rogue River National Forest
P.O. Box 580
Medford, Oregon 97501
- 6) View of stove and chimney (interior)
- 7) Photograph number 3 of 3

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Photograph No. 4

- 1) Wrangle Gap Shelter
- 2) NE ¼ Section 31, T 40 South, Range 2 West, W.M. Jackson County, Oregon
- 3) Photographer: Unknown
- 4) Date of Photograph: 1937
- 5) Negative holder: Rogue River National Forest
P.O. Box 580
Medford, Oregon 97501
- 6) Historic view
- 7) Photograph number 4 of 4

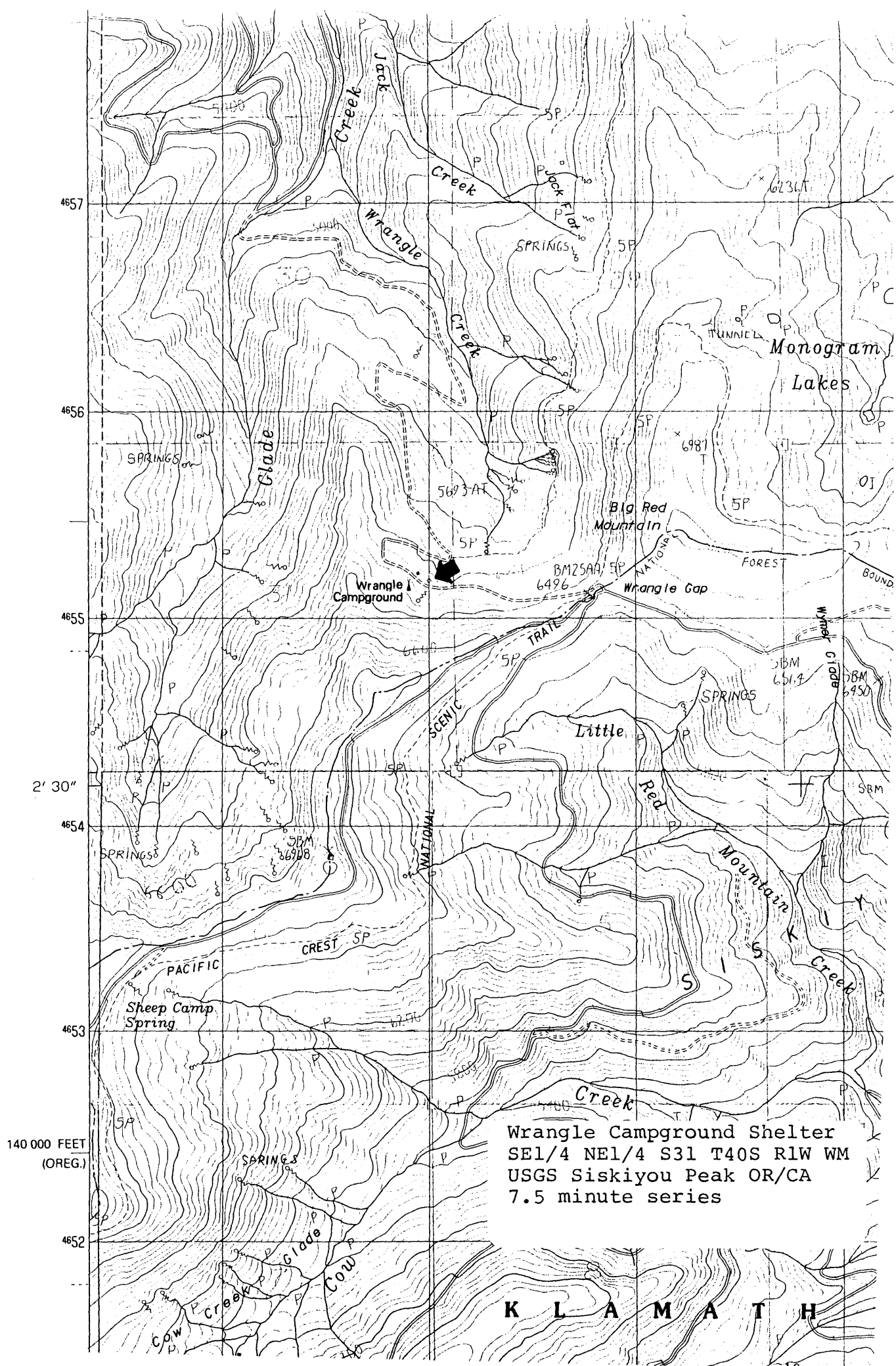
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Property Owner Notification

U.S. Forest Service
Rogue River National Forest
J. Michael Lunn, Forest Supervisor
Jeff LaLande, Forest Archaeologist
P.O. Box 520
Medford, Oregon 97501



Wrangle Campground Shelter
 SE1/4 NE1/4 S31 T40S R1W WM
 USGS Siskiyou Peak OR/CA
 7.5 minute series

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