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The attached property, the Hayden Bridge in Benton County, OREGON, reference number 79002034, 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 17474. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

For the Keeper: Carla J. [Signature] 2-2-2010
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places Date

THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION
OREGON COVERED BRIDGES

Bridge Name and Number Hayden Bridge, Index No. 2

County Benton

Stream or River Alsea River

Location Hayden Road, off Highway 34, 1½ miles west of Alsea

SE¼ NW¼ Sec. 2, T.14S., R.8W., W.M.

Zone 10 E 449830 N4914430 Alsea 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 6660 square feet.

Present Owner Benton County Board of Commissioners

Benton County Courthouse

Corvallis, OR 97330

Date of Construction 1918

Description of Bridge

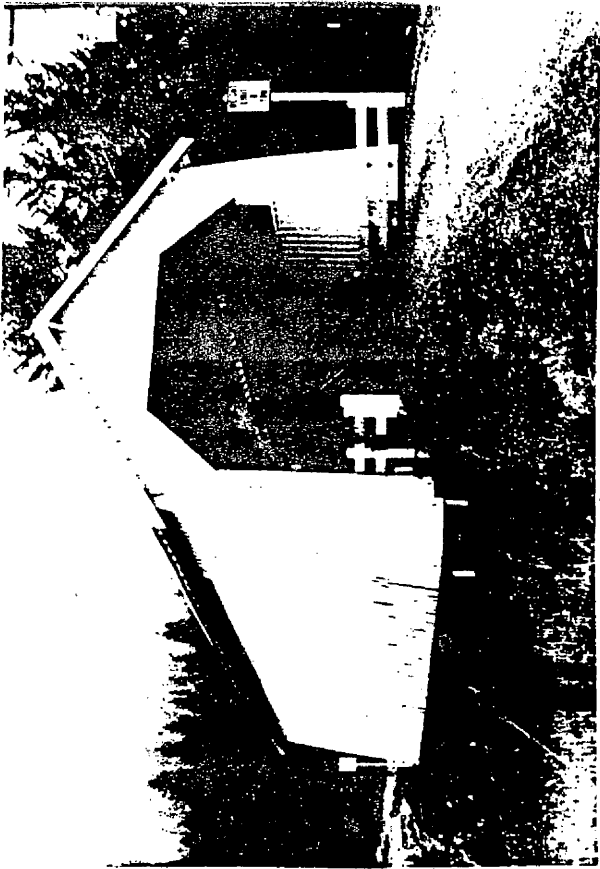
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| Length of span | 91 feet |
| Truss type | Howe truss |
| Cladding | Board and batten, battered side walls |
| Roofing | Tin-clad gable roof |
| Decking | Wood |

Other salient features Truncated rectangular portal arches. Ribbon openings under side wall eaves. Triangle brackets at gable ends. Wood piers.

This is among the oldest covered bridges in the state. Only six of those remaining pre-date 1920. It was restored in 1946. Portal arches, originally rounded, were modified to present shape in order to accommodate larger loads.

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.



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

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County Benton
Theme _____
Name
(Common) Hayden Covered Bridge
(Historic) (same)
Address Hayden Road at Highway 34, 1/2 m.
west of Alsea, Ore.
Present Owner Benton County
(Address) Corvallis, Ore.
Original Use Bridge
Date of Construction 1918

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Hayden Bridge, a covered structure ninety-one feet long, was built in 1918. It spans the Alsea River on Hayden Road about one and one-half miles west of Alsea, Oregon. The bridge has a vertical board and batten exterior which flares at the base. The gable roof is covered with tin. A long, rectangular opening at the eaves on the east and west elevations provides the lighting. The structure is in excellent condition and is in use.

Major restoration work was carried out on this bridge in 1946.

Continue back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 7 Apr. 1976 Sources Consulted:

For Oregon State Historic Preservation Office "Oregon Covered Bridges," State Highway Division
Typescript, April, 1973.

Please enclose map Township 14 ^N _S Range 2 ^E _W Section 2 (over)

Sources:

Matthews, Courtland. "Our Vanishing Covered Bridges," Oregon Journal,
Jan. 3, 1954, 10, 11M, photo.

Bridge Index No. 2
Hayden Covered Bridge
Vicinity of Alsea
Benton County, Oregon
South Elevation

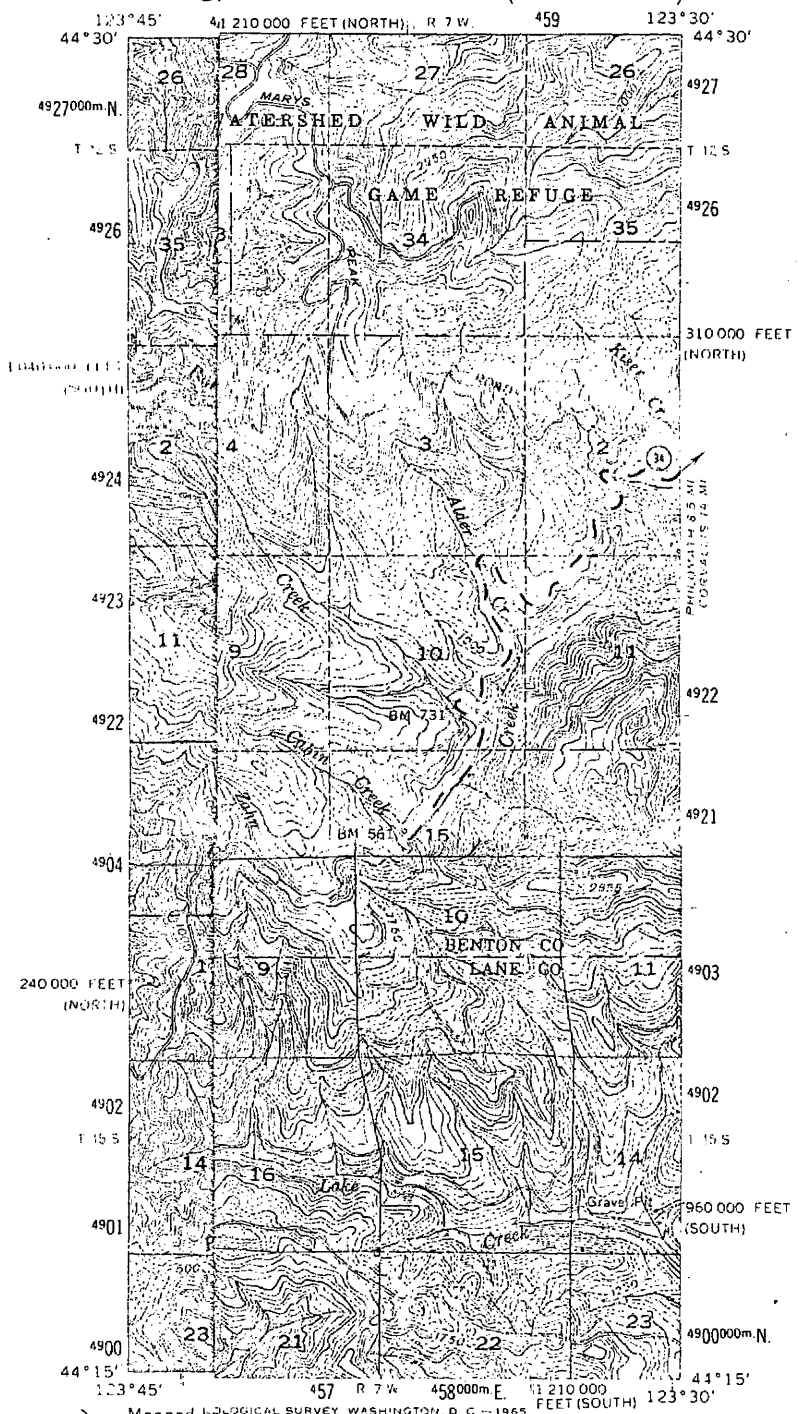
Stephen Dow Beckham Photo, 1976
History Department
Lewis and Clark College
615 SW Palantine Hill Road
Portland, OR 97219



1273 III
(TOLEDO)

1373 III
(CORVALLIS)

ALSEA QUADRANGLE
OREGON
DEPART
G1 15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



MAPLETON
1272 III

ELMIRA
1372 III

Geological Survey Washington, D.C. - 1965

Mapped by
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Control by
Topography taken 1941 photograph

Polyconic projection
10,000-foot north and south
1000-meter zone 10, spherical

Dashed lines
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Medium-duty Light-duty

Unimproved dirt

State Route

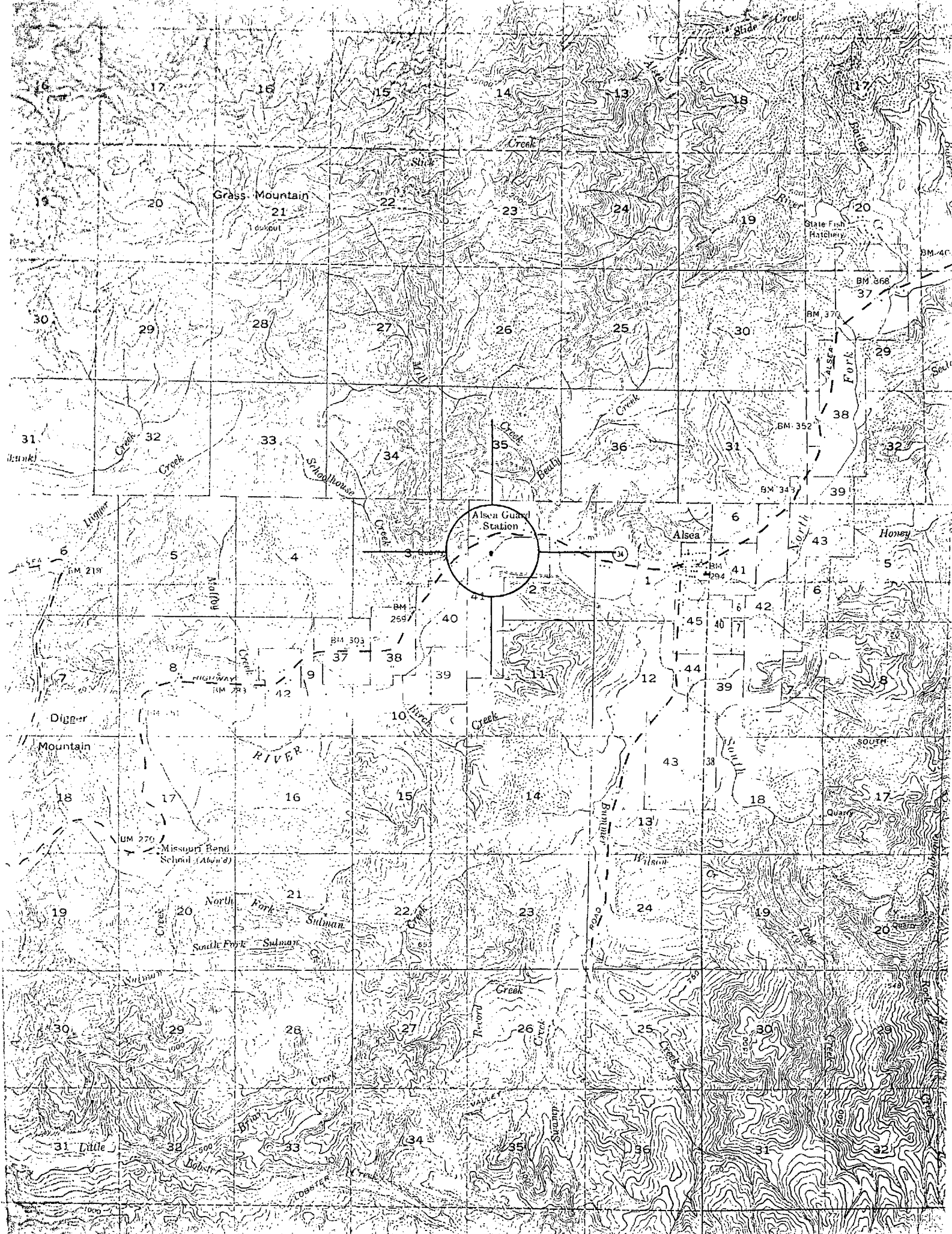
HAYDEN COVERED BRIDGE # 2

ALSEA, OREG.
N4415—W12330/15

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Grass Mountain

Alsea Guard Station

Alsea

RIVER

North Fork Sulman

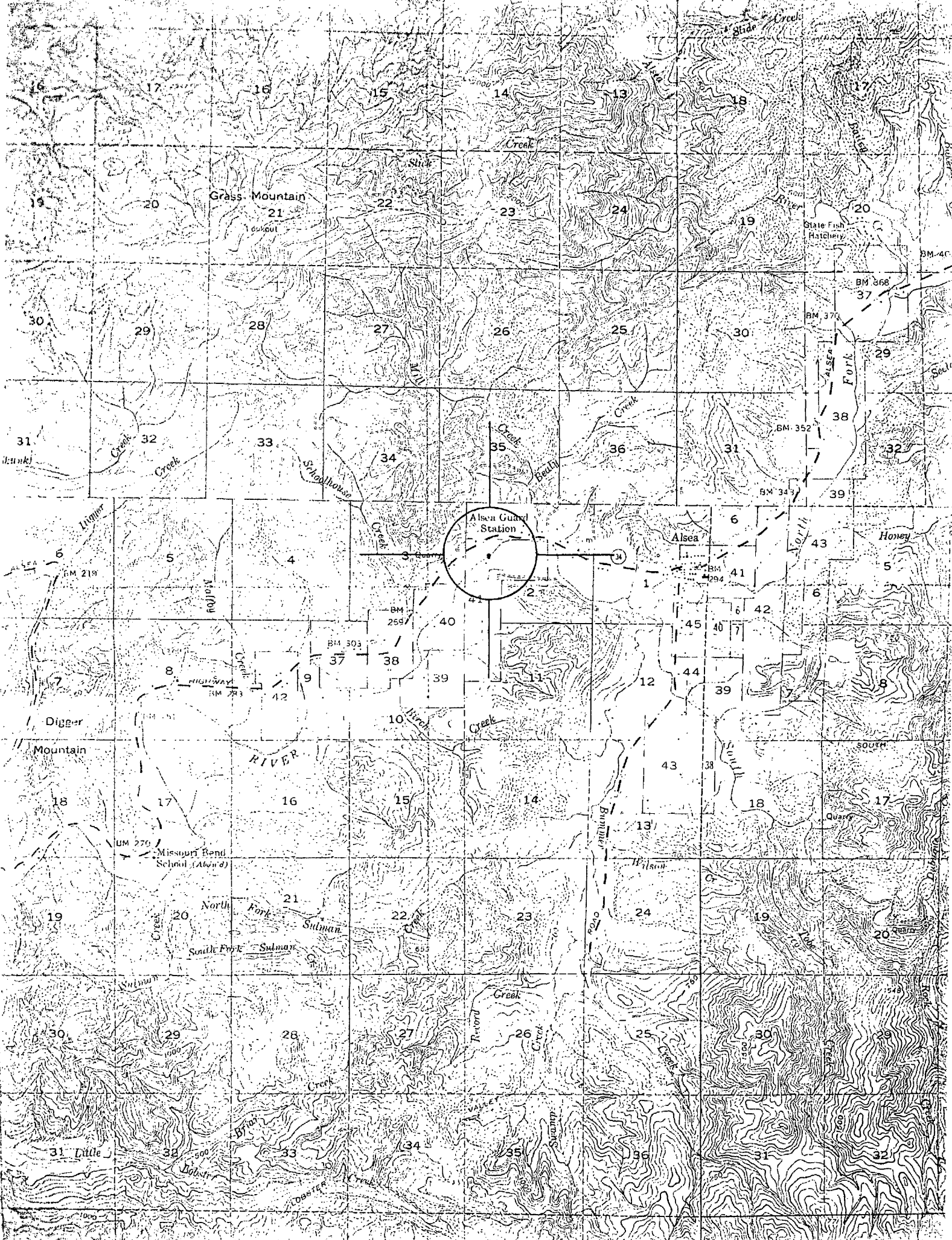
South Fork Sulman

Digger Mountain

Missouri Bend School (Aband.)

State Fish Hatchery

Honey



HAYDEN BRIDGE

Stream: Alsea R. er
Built: 1918
World Guide No.: 37-02-05

T14S I. 1
Truss: Howe
Length: 91 feet

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Spanning Alsea River just two miles west of Alsea, the Hayden Bridge is one of the oldest of the Oregon covered spans. The portals, once rounded in design, have been enlarged to a more modern design to facilitate larger loads. The exterior siding is of vertical board and battens which flares out at the base. A daylighting strip exists below the roof line of both sides of the bridge. The bridge atmosphere is enhanced by a wooden deck floor.

Alsea was a river community as early as 1850, known as Alseya Settlement. The name is a derivative of an Indian tribe living at the mouth of the river, originally pronounced in three syllables.

During the heyday of covered bridge construction, several of the covered structures were built closeby on the Alsea River and on the North Fork of the Alsea River. Oregon's last covered span on a primary State Highway, the Mill Creek Bridge on Oregon Highway 34, stood just two miles away. Only the Hayden Bridge stands today.

To get there: From Corvallis, take Highway 20-34 to Alsea and continue west on 34 two miles to Hayden Road. Turn left onto Hayden Road and continue for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the bridge.