MINUTES of field trip Monday, Nov. 11, 9 am, West Access to North Oxbow of the Applegate Trail on the Boldway Property and JR of the Applegate Trail: Penny Ridge (JA-13A).

Participants: Jim Ford, Rene Ford, Joe Neiderheiser, Bob Black, Bruce Martin, Malcolm Drake and Kelly Rarey.

Mike Walker gave a pre field trip introduction but was not able to hike. Kelly Rarey and Malcolm Drake lead the field trip.

We commenced at Verne Bates home (Grace Boldway property) and proceeded up Penny Ridge in a NE direction. We passed through the Penny cabin area. Jim (GPS) and Malcolm (cell phone) located JA-13 on the ridge near a fence line with a private home on the far side of the fence. Their data agrees with previous HETC calculations. Mike's stake no longer marks JA-13.

Malcolm Drake presented his observation of the 1856 GLO map. Looking at the surveyors charted locations on the Section Line, Malcolm noticed they do not match what is found on the ground: 4 out of 5 locations! He then turned this line around and found 5 out of 5 locations on the map do match findings on the ground. Did the surveyor chart these locations traveling west to east instead of the usual east to west? Malcolm and Kelly both agree surveyors always survey east to west. Did the cartographer error? Or is JA-13 really located to the east on the section line? If this is true then the Ox Bow would not have historically existed.

From Penny Ridge, we traveled SE. The developed road may be associated or built over the northern portion of the OX BOW. We passed through the 'Saddle' located in the SE portion of the Hugo High Road where we located a ¼ section monument iron pipe with an aluminum cap) between sections 22 & 27. All agree the ¼ corner between Sections 22/27 is UTM 4715591 N.

Summary data for Longitude East in UTM follows:

 Jim
 0467582 East

 Joe
 0467500

 Malcolm
 0467490

 Bob
 0467587

The average is 0467540 E. (See raw data page attached.)

From this monument we reversed our travels.

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