

MINUTES – November 24, 2013, Sunday

FIELD TRIP TO: West Access to North Oxbow of the Applegate Trail on the White Property: Following the Applegate Trail east to west: JA 14 to the ¼ section marker on the 22/27 section line which is along the upper portion of the Oxbow. And investigating three, north to south historic roads near JA 14.

Persons attending: Jim & Rene Ford, Mike Walker, Kelly Rarey, Joe Neiderheiser, Larry McStravog, Malcolm & Tommie Drake, and Bob Black.

JEFF WHITE'S HOME-HIKING IN THE NORTH DIRECTION: 'CENTRAL RD'-(upper Hasis Rd).

LOCATION # 1: Traveled north about ¼ mile on road which has had a wooden sign 'Applegate Trail'. It could not be located. Bearing tree was found in the general area of the not to be found sign. Malcolm took readings of Lat/Long, but I did not get them. If Malcolm has them, I will gladly add them.

UTM Jim 10T 0468322 E at Bearing Tree north on Central Road.
4715984 N
10T 0468318 E Jeff's north property line (wire fence on ground) Central Road.
4715976 N

We traveled north in section 22. Then Joe and Bob turned east towards I-5 and JA 14. They did not go all the way to JA 14. We then returned back to Jeff's house.

Jeff has found many wagon parts in Maple Creek over the years. This is believed to be a stage stop, and possibly part of the Applegate trail.

JEFF WHITE'S HOME-WEST DIRECTION-STAGE ROAD/APPLEGATE TRAIL/TOP OXBOW

LOCATION # 2: We walked about 200 feet south of Jeff's house and turned west on the possible Stage Road/Applegate Trail/top of Oxbow, parallel to the section line, in section 22. We crossed a significant ravine which is noted in the Surveyors Notes on the section line. (Advise getting GPS reading on our next trip to compare with survey notes.) This ravine can be seen on aerial photos.

UTM Jim 10T 0467962 E at a mid-distance in the first meadow.
4715750 N

LOCATION #3: Continued parallel to the section line to end of road (drop off into steep ravine) where we turned south and followed the ridge across a saddle and up to the ¼ section monument (located in our November 11 field trip from JA 13 east and across the top of the Oxbow). From the end of the road, where did the Stage Road go?

Kelly thinks the ¼ section Monument which is currently on the top of the knoll should actually be 5 feet in altitude lower than it's current location. The difference measures about 31 feet on the ground according to the Surveyor's notes. This is assuming the surveyor was traveling west to east.

The discussed road running south west to north east near the monument is thought to be by group consensus a quad road for fire wood. Cut lengths of fire wood were in several small piles along this

track. Accept for Jim who would like to investigate this road in both directions. These may be wagon traces.

JEFF WHITE'S HOME-EAST DIRRECTION –INVESTIGATING THE THREE NORTH SOUTH ROADS

LOCATION # 4: Jim's East Road (1911 County Road): Kelly traveled up eastward near and below I-5 and in the highway right-of-way. Kelly and Jim believe this is the 1911 County Rd. It was not paved, but had course gravel and was 16 feet wide. Kelly felt the road had a 10% grade. Survey data specifies a maximum grade of 7 & 3/4 degrees. They followed this road south until it disappeared under the freeway.

GPS readings on road segment:

Malcolm (north end)	123.38819 W (north end of the buried cable near the 1911 Rd) 42.59576 N Latitude
UTM/NAD 83 Malcolm	10T 0468149 E 471600 N
Malcolm (south end-under I-5)	123.38787 W Longitude 42.59465 N Latitude
UTM/NAD 83	10T 0468175 E 4715875 N
UTM Jim (north end)	10T 0468231 E at the north point of 1911 County Rd. 4715803 N
Jim (south end)	10T 0468286 E south point where the road goes under I-5 4715727 N

UPPER HASIS ROAD –STARTING WHERE THE PLANK BRIDGE CROSSES MAPLE CREEK-SOUTH EDGE OF JEFF'S PROPERTY

LOCATION 5: Our starting point is on Hasis Road where it crosses Maple Creek. It is a plank bridge. We walked south to north. We followed an old road trace which closely follows Maple Creek to the east side of the creek. This road was on flat ground and at the base of the hill. Of the 2 north/south roads found east of Maple Creek, this road looks oldest.

UTM Jim (south)	10T 068166 E at bridge on Hasis Rd. 4715721 N
Malcolm (south)	123.38957 W Longitude at bridge on Hasis Road. 42.59443 N Latitude 10T 0468039 E 4715843 N

Malcolm states that his datum “plots right on Hasis Road slightly off center to the east and approximately 100 feet south of the center of the stream crossing; as shown on the USGS 7.5 quadrangle map.”

Malcolm notices a difference between his and Jim’s UTM of about “600 feet south east of the Hasis Road bridge. Could this be due to using a different datum?” (NAD 83 vs NAD 27)

Jim plotted his location “too be very near the bridge on the USGS 7.5 minute Merlin quadrangle map.

Jim (north)	10T 0465166 E	taken at the north end of the road trace
	4615721 N	

Tommie kept track of mileage: about 4 miles total. She started at the bearing tree (0), took her next reading at the deep revenue traveling west, her next reading at the $\frac{1}{4}$ section and her last reading at the Hasis plank bridge.

See attachment for our photos. And does anyone want to submit photos?

DISCLAIMER: All names of all roads mentioned above (accept for Hasis Road) are only our working names at this time.

Jim suggests everyone take readings at the same location for comparison.

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