

General Land Office (GLO) Surveyed Points of Interest (POIs): 1893 JA-15 South Rat Creek to 1855 JA-16 Old Stage Road: 1970

Map 13. Roads In Rat Creek: 1970
Base Map: 1970 Metsker Map¹

September 2, 2010 The 1970 Metsker Map clearly shows an improved and unimproved road west of Rat Creek from JA-16 south to just past JA-15. R. R. Leidecker owns the old Light homestead.

I-5 The biggest difference from the previous 1955 Metsker map (Map 12A) is the I-5 freeway (widest black line) built from Mount Sexton to Canyonville in 1965 - 1966.

1855 JA-16 plots in Rat Creek; road is west of creek (see Map 9 for JA-16 and JA-15 survey data).

1893 GLO JA-15 plots on the 1970 road; road is west of Rat Creek if creek is extended south.

A significant map error is the conflict with the 1954 USGS Glendale Quad (Map 11), the 1998 USGS Merlin Quad (Map 14A), and the physical Old Stage Road (“paved” maintained and “gravel” non-maintained) being plotted on the west side of Rat Creek when it is on the east side of the creek.

The improved road west of Rat Creek is clearly an error as there never has been an improved (paved) road in that area. It is Old Stage Road, both maintained (paved) and non-maintained (Map 14A). This error is considered conclusive evidence that Maps 9 and 12A have the same error.

Footnote 1. Metsker, Chas. F. *1970 Metsker Map. Josephine County, Oregon.* Portland, OR.

