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GENERAL LEASE
TEMPORARY RIGHT-OF-ENTRY

APPLICANT: United States Forest Service
Plumas National Forest
P. O. Box 1500
Quincy, California 95971

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION: A strip of State school land varying from 7.5 to 16.5 feet in width, situated in the SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 36, T23N, R8E, MDM in Plumas County.

PROPOSED USE: Construction and maintenance of the Pacific Crest Trail and a bridge across the Middle Fork of the Feather River.

LEASE TERM: One year and 4 months from July 1, 1978 to October 31, 1979, or earlier termination upon Commission authorization and award of sale of school land described in Exhibit "A" attached under the purchase application filed by the applicant.

CONSIDERATION: Eight percent (8%) per annum of the appraised land value or at the minimum rental of not less than \$100 per annum, whichever is greater, to be paid up to the date of Commission authorization and award of sale of the school land described in Exhibit "A" attached under the purchase application filed by the permittee.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:
A. Public Resources Code: Div. 6, Parts 1 & 2.
B. Administrative Code: Title 2, Div. 3, Arts. 1, 2, 10 & 11.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:
1. This right-of-entry is requested pending receipt of purchase application and completion of the transaction for the

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purchase of the school land described in Exhibit "A" by the United States Forest Service.

2. A Negative Declaration and an Environmental Analysis Report were prepared by the United States Forest Service, pursuant to NEPA and implementing regulations. A Notice of Determination will be filed by the State Lands Commission.
3. This project is situated on State school land identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code 6370.1, and is classified in a use category, Class A which authorizes Restricted Use.

Staff has coordinated this project with those agencies and organizations who nominated the site as containing significant environmental values. They have found this project to be compatible with their nomination.

- EXHIBITS:
- A. Land Description.
 - B. Location Map.
 - C. Negative Declaration.
 - D. Environmental Analysis Report.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN EIR HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT BUT THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS REPORT HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE ON MAY 16, 1978.
2. CERTIFY THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT.
3. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
4. FIND THAT ADEQUATE PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE PERMANENT PROTECTION OF THE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6370.1, OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE.
5. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE - PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST OF A TEMPORARY RIGHT-OF-ENTRY

CALENDAR ITEM NO. 4. (CONTD)

COMMENCING JULY 1, 1978 AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1979,
UNLESS TERMINATED EARLIER BY COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION
TO THE SALE OF THE SCHOOL LANDS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT
"A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

EXHIBIT "A"

LAND DESCRIPTION

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Two strips of land situated in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter, the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter, and the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 36, T23N, R8E, MDM, Plumas County, State of California, being more particularly described as follows:

STRIP NO. 1

BEGINNING at a point on the south line of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 36, said point lying S 65° 39' E 2047.1 feet from corner No. 5 of the South Butte Bar Quartz Claim M.S. No. 3730, said corner No. 5 lying within Section 35, T23N, R8E, MDM; thence 7.5 feet on each side of the following 18 courses:

1. N 9° 35' W 330.6 feet;
2. N 38° 28' W 236.3 feet;
3. N 26° 12' W 278.6 feet;
4. S 42° 50' E 279.5 feet;
5. S 65° 19' E 203.6 feet;
6. S 27° 49' E 203.5 feet;
7. S 44° 02' E 208.6 feet;
8. EAST 55.0 feet;
9. N 14° 56' W 46.6 feet;
10. N 24° 42' W 55.0 feet;
11. N 5° 12' E 55.2 feet;
12. N 23° 12' W 76.2 feet;
13. N 1° 51' W 155.1 feet;
14. N 60° 15' W 241.9 feet;
15. N 44° 13' W 258.1 feet;
16. N 7° 26' W 347.9 feet;
17. N 40° 33' W 546.1 feet;
18. N 73° 37' W 177.2 feet;

thence 16.5 feet on each side of the following course: N 34° 42' W 79.1 feet; thence 7.5 feet on each side of the following five courses:

1. N 34° 14' E 435.5 feet;
2. N 22° 56' E 423.5 feet;
3. N 4° 27' E 386.2 feet;
4. S 29° 33' W 557.5 feet;
5. S 57° 43' W 224.7 feet;

to a point on the west line of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 36, said point lying N 38° 54' E 1775.7 feet from said corner No. 5 of South Butte Bar Quartz Claim M.S. No. 3730.

STRIP NO. 2

BEGINNING at a point on the west line of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36, T23N, R8E, MDM, said point lying N 35° 05' E 1939.5 feet from corner No. 5 of South Butte Bar Quartz Claim M.S. No. 3730, said corner No. 5 lying within Section 35, T23N, R8E, MDM; thence 10 feet on each side of the following two courses:

1. N 15° 15' E 114.0 feet;
2. S 36° 52' W 50.0 feet to a point on the west line of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 36, said point lying N 33° 56' E 1997.2 feet from said corner No. 5 of South Butte Bar Quartz Claim M.S. No. 3730.

The basis of bearings is a survey made by D. C. Hall, 1884, and accepted by the Surveyor General's Office, San Francisco, California, March 21, 1885.

END OF DESCRIPTION

Prepared Carlos Najera Checked Garry A. Walton
Reviewed Roy Mark Date 23 June 78

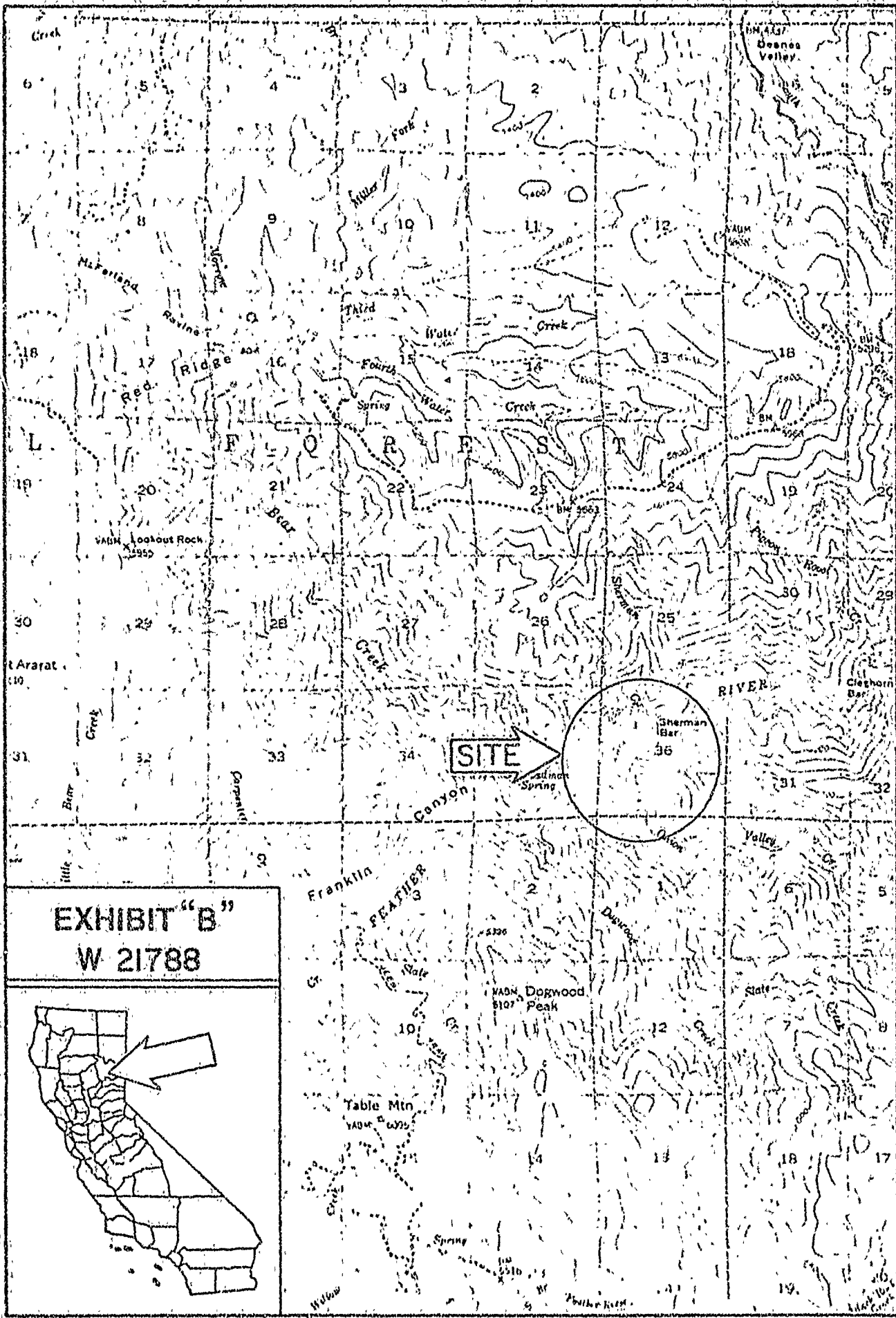


EXHIBIT "B"
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← Oroville 40mi. approx.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This document covers the effect of construction of the Pacific Crest Trail on lands owned by the State of California in Section 36, T. 23N., R. 8E., M.D.M. The project also includes construction of a trail bridge spanning the Middle Fork of the Feather River.

It is anticipated that the project will have no significant impact on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement is not needed.


Forest Supervisor

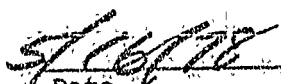

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Exhibit "C"

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS REPORT

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

BUCKS SUMMIT - MIDDLE FORK FEATHER RIVER

ADDENDUM No. 1

Quincy Ranger District
Plumas National Forest

Prepared by: E. T. Dickson Date 5/4/78
Resource Officer

Reviewed by: Douglas W. Taylor Date 5/15/78

E. C. Mason Date 5/15/78

W. J. [unclear] Date 5/16/78

_____ Date _____

Approved by: [Signature] Date 5/16/78
Forest Supervisor

Exhibit "D"

This addendum is to provide additional information concerning proposed Pacific Crest Trail construction as it impacts lands owned by the State of California in Section 36, T. 23N., R. 8E., M.D.M. The attached plat shows the proposed location.

I. Description of Project

Approximately 1.3 miles of trail, including a 140 foot bridge spanning the Middle Fork of the Feather, are proposed on State lands.

The Pacific Crest Trail is being constructed under mandate by Congress. The general location was determined by an Advisory Committee working with the responsible Governmental Agencies. Addressing the specific area in question, a suitable crossing of the Middle Fork was the key criterion. The proposed site was selected because it offered the best crossing considering economics, hydrology, and minimum construction and use impact on the environment within the Wild River. The crossing then became a control point for the trail itself.

The trail itself will generally have a 24 inch wide tread and, in a few critical areas, a maximum of 36 inches. The proposed bridge at the Middle Fork is being designed considering high water, construction methods, materials, loading, maintenance, and visual impact. Of prime importance is how the structure will blend with the surroundings.

An initial design of the bridge was much longer and higher, based on the record high water for the river. It was subsequently scaled down to where it is a pleasing, graceful design that, with care during construction, will blend into and lay lightly on the land. On the present design, the computed high water could reach the spring line of the arch. This is believed to be justifiable in that the reservoirs upstream should have a sufficient dampening effect to preclude large high water fluctuations.

II. Environmental Setting

The entire State of California ownership in Section 36 is within the boundaries of the Wild River Zone of the Middle Fork of the Feather River as established by Public Law 90-542. The management direction for the Wild River Zone is "to provide opportunities for river oriented recreation in a primitive setting offering considerable physical challenge and requiring well developed outdoor skills".

The same parcel is also classified under State Public Resources Code 6370 as "Restricted Use", meaning areas where public use

should be minimized to preserve the integrity of the natural environment as a whole.

The area is essentially wilderness. No development has occurred since early mining operations ceased. Early mining operations are becoming less obvious as each year passes. The parcel is currently accessible by arduous cross country hiking.

III. Environmental Effects

Soils - Construction of the trail will cause some soil disturbance and some temporary accelerated erosion but the significance of this impact is anticipated as being very minor.

Watershed - The impact of the trail and bridge on the water resource will be practically nil.

Fish and Wildlife - The trail construction will have no significant impact on fish or wildlife. The trail will provide additional opportunities for fishing and hunting but the significance of this impact on the environment is expected to be very minor.

Vegetation - The only impact on vegetation will be that removed during construction. This will be a very insignificant impact if required slash disposal methods are followed.

Range - The trail will have no impact on the range resource in this area. There is no grazing allotment in the area.

Recreation - The impact on recreation will be positive. The trail will provide public access to the Middle Fork which currently has very limited access. The underlying purpose of the Pacific Crest Trail and the Designated Wild River is to provide recreational opportunities for the public.

Public use of the current temporary location of the Pacific Crest Trail in the Plumas County area has been relatively low. Use can be expected to increase in the future but a dramatic increase is not expected.

The significance of the additional public use in the area is difficult to assess. The topography is extremely steep and rugged and public impacts off the trail itself are expected to be very minimal. An increase in fishing pressure can be expected but the amount is unknown.

Visual Resource - Due to the minor amount of excavation involved, the trail should not impact the visual quality. It is anticipated that bridge construction materials will be helicoptered into the area and that the concrete abutments will have minimum impact in

the way of excavation. By emphasizing the application of form, texture, and tone in the bridge design, the completed structure will be unobtrusive on the landscape. Due to the rugged topography and heavy vegetation, the bridge will be visible from a very limited area.

Cultural Resource

During location and survey of the trail and bridge, no cultural or historic item was identified by Forest Service employees. The topography is not conducive to occupation by humans and the area can be considered a low risk as far as possible disturbance of cultural resources. Before construction begins, a final survey will be made by the Forest Archeologist.

IV. General

Preserving the integrity of the natural environment is of prime concern to the State of California and the Forest Service. Construction of the trail will allow increased public use of the area but the total public use is expected to be minimal. Due to the remoteness of the area and the inaccessibility of the land adjacent to the trail, it is anticipated that the public use will have little impact on the environment. The objectives of the Wild River, the Pacific Crest Trail, and the "Restricted Use" designation all appear to be compatible.