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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
REVIEW & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPOTTED OWLS  
ON SLC HAM PASS OWNERSHIP  
Addendum item # 51

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51. A survey of spotted owls was done on the proposed harvest area on May 17, June 8, & July 17 & 18, 1990 by Ted Wooster of the Department of Fish and Game, his report is attached and made a part of this THP. Four owls were located [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The area where they're located was originally proposed for logging, but when they were found I felt it was appropriate at this time to exclude 50 acres from this plan, whereas DFG Biologist Wooster requested only fifteen acres be excluded. (see attachments)

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## Memorandum

To : Ham Pass Road, Covelo  
State Lands Commission Lands Files  
Wada McDonald, RPF

Date : July 26, 1990

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From : Department of Fish and Game

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Subject: Review and Recommendation for Spotted Owls Located on and in the Vicinity of State Lands Commission Lands at Ham Pass Road, Covelo, Mendocino County T23N, R11W, Sections 4 and 9

On May 17, 1990, I was asked by Wada McDonald, RPF, to examine Areas 19A, 19B, 19C, 19D, 19E, and 32 (Figure 1) for spotted owls. In addition, I surveyed adjoining lands.

One pair of spotted owls was located in [redacted] (Figure 2) (Tables 1 and 2). In addition, one male spotted owl was located 1.2 miles to the northeast of this pair (Figure 3) (Table 2). On May 18, an additional one year old female was located where the pair was located the day before. No birds were found in Areas 19A-E (Tables 1, 2, and 3).

[redacted] consists of a never-cut stand of Douglas fir ranging from a few scattered smaller Douglas firs in the understory and all large live and dead Douglas fir in the overstory (21" to 61" dbh) (Appendices 1-3). Overstory crown closure is plus/minus 60 percent except where there are large dead Douglas fir. Additional information is contained in my notes of July 17 and 18, 1990 (Appendix 4).

Based on my experience with these birds on four different days, I suspect there are two adults and one subadult located in the "bowl." There are numerous broken topped Douglas fir in the bowl. These dead and/or dying old fir also have cavities. It is my best professional judgment that the principal roosting and nesting area for these birds is in [redacted]. In order to ensure no take of these birds, I recommend an area, as noted in Figure 2, be set aside, and no trees be cut or roads constructed within this designated area. This area is approximately 15 acres. Harvesting of trees in [redacted] would not significantly affect the feeding, roosting, or nesting needs of these spotted owls. These operations are assumed, however, to be of a silviculture that will result in maintenance of perch trees throughout the area harvested.

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In addition to these spotted owls, an additional spotted owl site and further clarification of the location of the owl located to the north along Ham Pass Road on May 17, 1990 was obtained (Tables 4, 5, and 6).

Please contact me for further information on what additional information is needed before your file a THP.



Theodore Wooster  
Environmental Services Supervisor  
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California Department of Fish and Game  
Spotted Owl Plan Review Checklist/Worksheet

A. Spotted Owl Plan Name (if any) Narrow Pines Timber Sale  
 Plan Submitter Wade Mc Donald Watershed and Tributaries Eel system  
 Township 23 N Range 11 W Section 44 9 County Merced  
 Date Received 5/17/90  
 Date of Document Owl Plan Review 8/23/90  
 Dates of Field Inspection 5/17/90 6/7/90 7/18/90 7/17/90  
 Review team members, Names and Organization Theodore W. Winters, C.F.+G. +  
Wade Mc Donald, RPF State Lands Commission

A1. Document Review:

- | Check whether the plan content was:  | <u>Adequate?</u>                    | <u>Grading notes?</u> |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Map of Habitat Types  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____                 |
| b. Map Feasibility   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____                 |
| c. Map Content for Key Components (potential or actual nesting, feeding, roosting)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____                 |
| d. Map and Plan Content for Proposed Operations (haul, cable, tractor roads and landings, project scheduling, site preparation, preproject descriptions) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____                 |
| e. Description of Probable Project Results (stems per acre, stem size and age, canopy closure, understory, ground disturbance, species composition)      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____                 |
| f. Data Base Information (e.g., USFS, CDF, BLM, Private) <u>C.F.+G.</u>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____                 |
| g. Calling Response Results and Dates  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____                 |
| h. Known Owl Nest Sites and Roost Areas (on & off site within one mile of plan perimeter)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____                 |
| i. Aerial Photos   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____                 |
- Handwritten notes for item g:*  
 5/17/90, 5/18/90  
 2/17/90, 7/10/90, 8/14/90  
 2 checks 50% last year and on  
 on overall plan 1990.  
 8/14/90 50% overall total

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PLAN NAME Huron Pass Timber Lake

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A2. Field Review:

- |  | <u>Yes/Date</u>  | <u>No</u> |
|--|--|-----------|
| a. Was the review route adequate?  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Several dates (see notes)</u> | _____     |
| b. Were calls detected?<br>(if appropriate, fill in spotted owl information forms) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  | _____     |
| c. Maps accurate?<br>(If no describe on back page, note changes on map)            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  | _____     |

B. Project Evaluation

- |   | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u>                           | <u>N/A</u> | <u>Unknown</u> |
|---|------------|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| a. Will timber operation significantly disrupt or impair: |            |                                     |            |                |
| 1. Local movement (on site and within 1/2 mile)           | _____      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____      | _____          |
| 2. Dispersal opportunities (within 1 mile of known owls)  | _____      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____      | _____          |
| 3. Prey base (within 1/2 mile of known owls)              | _____      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____      | _____          |
| 4. Foraging habitat                                       | _____      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____      | _____          |
| 5. Roosting structure                                     | _____      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____      | _____          |
| 6. Roosting behavior                                      | _____      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____      | _____          |
| 7. Nesting structure                                      | _____      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____      | _____          |
| 8. Nesting behavior                                       | _____      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____      | _____          |
| 9. Microclimates (on site, short or long term)            | _____      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____      | _____          |
| 10. Other (e.g., predation, exposure to storms)           | _____      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____      | _____          |

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b. Is this a spotted owl area plan which may result in more than one THP, and is a map attached which adequately describes each proposed THP area? Yes

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PLAN NAME Horn Pass Timber Sale

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E1. I have reviewed the proposed timber operations and spotted owl information and <sup>FW</sup>

- ~~have not~~ completed a site specific review. The information provided is
- <sup>FW</sup> ~~sufficient~~ for me to complete my evaluation. The information provided and my observations • <sup>FW</sup> ~~lead me to conclude that~~ the proposed operations • <sup>FW</sup> ~~will~~ not likely result in take to the Northern Spotted Owl as described in the Federal Endangered Species Act and the Forest Practices Rules.

(\* Cross out inappropriate decision and initial above appropriate choice).

Name of Reviewer Theodore W Wood

Signature Theodore W Wood

Date August 24, 1990

- Copies to:
- RFF
  - CDF
  - DFG HQ Coordinator (Original)

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Four SO's have been located on 100 acres of ~~open~~ Douglas Fir forest. I recommended a set aside of 15 acres. See July 26, 1990 notes. The set aside eliminates the ~~main~~ road to the area, therefore the forester has chosen to remove a 50 acre piece from the Harvest Plan. In addition to these 4 acres, two additional SO sites have been located at mile 2.0 and mile 4.5 mile, south of ~~the~~ along Horn Pass Road on USFS lands.

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ARCHEOLOGICAL REVIEW  
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54a. Three cultural resources surveys have been made on the ownership and nothing was found. The reports are:

- i. A Preliminary Archaeological Survey of the Ham Pass Sale, by Pamela Roberts for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 1974.
- ii. Class III Inventory of Northwestern Timber tracts, by Levulett, Ruhstaller and Bell, for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 1980.
- iii. Leroy F. Weed, Senior Boundary Determination Officer, for the California State Lands Commission, 1983.

See attached Memorandum dated October 21, 1983 with attached map showing areas surveyed.

54b. A California Archaeological Inventory records search was done in 1990. (see attached)

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**Memorandum**

To : ROBERT SHIMER  
Chief Forester

Date : October 21, 1963

File No. : W 23181

From : STATE LANDS COMMISSION  
1807 - 13th Street, Sacramento 95814

Subject : Ham Pass Area Cultural Resources Survey

1. During the week of September 26, 1983 I made a cultural resources survey of the Ham Pass area and found no significant cultural resources. Two previous archeological reports give the background of the area and, although the most likely area for sites was surveyed, they found nothing. The reports are:
  - a) A Preliminary Archaeological Survey of the Ham Pass Timber Sale, by Pamela Roberts for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 1974.
  - b) Class III Inventory of Northwestern Timber Tracts, by Levelett, Ruhstaller and Bell, for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 1980.
2. The attached map shows the areas covered by the surveys.

*Leroy F. Weed*  
 LEROY F. WEED  
 Senior Boundary  
 Determination Officer

LFW:bk

Attachment

cc: Robert Lynch

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ALAMEDA  
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DEL NORTE  
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LAKE

MARIN  
MENDOCINO  
MONTEREY  
NAPA  
SAN GEMTO  
SAN FRANCISCO

SAN MATEO  
SANTA CLARA  
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SOLANO  
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YOLO

Northwest Information Center  
Department of Anthropology  
Sonoma State University  
Richter Park, California 94923  
(707) 634-2434

April 18, 1990

File No: 90-THP-170

Wade McDonald  
1807 13th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Ham Pass 1990 Timber Sale; T23N/R11W, Section 4 & 9, New House Ridge and Leech Lake Mtn 7.5' quads, Mendocino County.

Mr. McDonald:

Per your request, an archaeological records search for the above referenced project was conducted by reviewing the State of California Office of Historic Preservation archaeological maps and records of Mendocino County, and literature on file at this office.

**PREHISTORIC RESOURCES:** No recorded prehistoric archaeological sites are within or adjacent to this project. Prehistoric archaeological sites in this area are located along perennial water courses at vegetation ecotones, and along major ridge systems. The project area does not contain these environmental features, consequently, there is a low likelihood of unrecorded prehistoric archaeological sites.

**HISTORIC RESOURCES:** There are no previously recorded historical archaeological sites within or adjacent to this project. Review of historical literature and maps indicated no historical archaeological sites.

**PREVIOUS ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS:** All of the project area in section 4 has been surveyed: S-2542.

**LITERATURE REVIEW:** Review of the following literature and maps indicated no unrecorded cultural resources: National Register of Historic Places; California Inventory of Historic Resources; California Historical Landmarks; Historic Spots in California; California Place Names; Point of Historical Interest Log; General Land Office plats; Handbook of North American Indians, Volume 8; California; Handbook of the Indians of California; No other references were consulted.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Due to the low likelihood of unrecorded prehistoric archaeological sites, and the lack of historical evidence within the literature, no archaeological field inspection is recommended. If, however, any cultural remains are discovered, work in the immediate vicinity should be halted and all finds reported to Dan Foster, CDF archaeologist (916-322-0171).

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*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Jeff Rosenthal  
TRP Review Coordinator

cc: Dan Foster, CDF Archaeologist  
Thomas Osopowich, Region I  
Ukiah Resource Management

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60. Armillaria mellea, Polyporus abaxus, Polyporus schweinitzii, Fomes annosus, Fomes pini, and Dwarf mistletoe have all been identified in the stand. Trees identified as being infected with the above have been marked for removal. These diseases are endemic and no additional mitigating measures will be necessary to improve the health of the stand other than removing trees skinned up during logging operations.

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STREAM BED ALTERATION PERMIT, item #62.1

EROSION HAZARD RATING, item #62.2

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Addendum item 62.1  
 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
 Notification of Proposed Removal of Materials and/or  
 Alteration of Lake, River, or Streambed Bottom or Bank  
 RM-63B (10/83) (Pursuant to Sections 1603-1606, Fish and Game Code)

The following information that accompanies the Timber Harvesting Plan is not a part of the Timber Harvesting Plan to be enforced by the Department of Forestry. Such information is given only for convenience in providing notice to the Department of Fish and Game as required by Sections 1603 and 1606 of the Fish and Game Code of proposed timber operations that will substantially divert, obstruct, or change the flow or bed of any river, stream, or lake. If the proposed timber operations in the Timber Harvesting Plan area do not involve any such disturbance to rivers, streams, or lakes, this attachment should be left blank. If at a later date it is decided that operations will involve disturbances to rivers, streams, or lakes, a separate notification should be submitted to the Department of Fish and Game at that time.

Attach a sketch of the location of the proposed operation which clearly indicates the stream or other water, and access from a named public road. Locked gates and the compass direction shall be indicated. Please indicate the location of all proposed stream crossings, fills, dikes, excavations, log landings (near streams), streambed vegetation removal, channel changes, impoundments, diversions or other significant alterations to rivers, streams, or lakes. (This may require a larger scale map.)

Date September 5, 1990

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(1) Streambed Excavations:

- (a) Approximate volume of material to be removed from streambed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- (b) Type of material removed (rock, gravel, sand, soil, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Equipment to be used (bulldozer, backhoe, dragline, bucket dredge, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Type, density and area of vegetation to be removed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Stream Crossings, Channel Changes, Landings or Other Fills Near Streams:

- (a) Purpose of activity (culvert, bridge, skid crossing, ford, landing, dike, etc.). Please indicate which crossings are permanent: Temporary skid and truck crossings, i.e. Humbolt crossings over four class II watercourses. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Approximate volume and type of material to be deposited in streambed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cull logs covered with plastic sheeting, and then overlaid with dirt.
- (c) Type of equipment to be used: Bulldozer

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\* Excavations are generally not permitted within the flowline of a stream unless the water is diked off from the excavation.

(d) How long will equipment be used in flowing water to install crossings or isolate work area from flowing water? (Prolonged work in flowing water is usually not permitted): Equipment will not be in flowing water

Equipment will install and remove logs from stream banks.

(e) Type, density and area of vegetation to be removed: Some riparian vegetation along stream crossings.

(3) Impoundments and Diversions:

(a) Volume and type of material to be deposited in streambed: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Quantity of water to be used: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Intended water use (i.e., fire and dust control, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Describe the period of time in which operations will be carried out: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Name and/or Legal Description of Area (include names of USGS Quadrangle Map).  
Ham Pass - Section 9, 23N, 11W, MDM

Covelo Quadrangle, 15 minute series

(5) Work in or near the stream or lake is to be performed during the period Fall 1990 to Fall 1993

(6) If an onsite inspection, in your opinion, is not possible because of weather or other circumstances within the next 30 days, you may enter into a mutual agreement to extend the period for inspection an additional 30 days. If you agree to an additional 30 days, indicate a new notification date which will start the 30 day period.

Notification Date

Signature

If the proposed activity is amended to change any of the above, or if not completed within the agreed upon time period, the Department shall be notified

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Please fill in the following:

Wade McDonald/Calif. State Lands Commission  
Name (Print or Type)

  
Signature

1807 13th Street  
Address

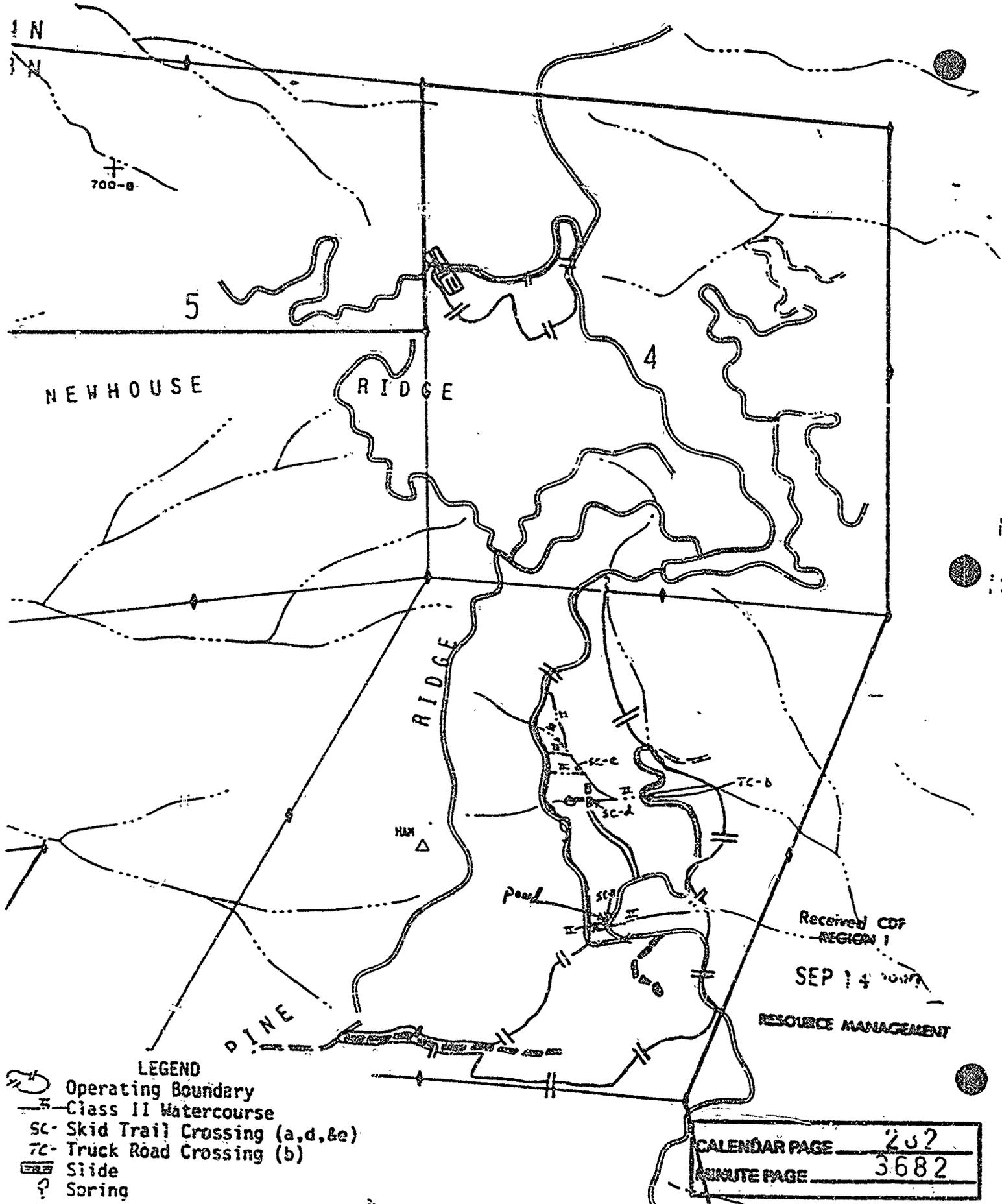
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City

Ca. State 95814 Zip Code

(916) - 323-6795  
Telephone No.

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STREAM CROSSINGS  
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LEGEND

- Operating Boundary
- Class II Watercourse
- SC- Skid Trail Crossing (a, d, & e)
- TC- Truck Road Crossing (b)
- Slide
- ? Spring

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