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(minimal, from recent era use)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The entire route of the Military Road from Brownsboro junction (OR Hwy 160) to Fort Klamath is known. However, much of the mileage is under private ownership and is not being nominated here. Other segments, which are under Federal ownership, have been modified to such an extent in the recent past (timber haul roads, county highways, etc.), that they are not considered eligible to the National Register.

The segments nominated here are felt to retain their integrity of workmanship (unaltered construction), association (original "wagon-width" wheel tracks), location, feeling and natural setting (existing vegetation communities are fairly representative of the late-nineteenth century environment).

The physical character of the nominated portion(s) is that of a road trace with obvious soil compaction (wheel ruts are visible in some places), modification/elimination of vegetation, with an average width of 8' at outer edges of the road grade.

The nominated segments of the Military Road are as follow:

Obenchain Segment:

- -administered by Bureau of Land Management Medford District;
- -located entirely within Sec. 35, T35S, R1E, WM;
- -approximate length: 1.5 miles.

This segment generally follows (although diverging from it in some places) the so-called Obenchain Road. The route is north-northeast to south-southwest. It passes through an open oak woodland vegetation type. The old road grade is easily discernable and cut-and-fill slope modification is evident in certain places.

Fourbit Ford-to-Camp Two Segment:

- -administered by Forest Service Rogue River National Forest
- -passing through: E½ NE¼ Sec. 25, T35S, R3E, W.M.; SW¼ NW¼, NE¼ SW¼ Sec. 30, T35S, R4E, WM;
- -approximate length: 0.8 mile.

This segment begins on the west at the original fording place (Fourbit Ford) on the north bank of Fourbit Creek, crosses the creek and trends east-southeast and then souteast to the site of a c.1920-40 logging/CCC camp ("Camp Two"). The road trace is clearly visible south of Fourbit Creek; in several places the old grade has been excavated (or worn) several feet below the surrounding ground. Evidence of construction/maintenance (rocks piled out of the road grade) is found adjacent to the Military Road at one place. The old road is crossed (north-south) by Forest Service road 3317, to the southeast of this intersection, the Military Road ascends 40' directly up a +10% slope, as is characteristic of other early wagon roads (e.g., the Applegate Trail). No switchbacking or slope modification is evident. The road then follows a straight, level course to the Camp Two site. Vegetation is mixed-conifer with some desciduous tree species. Although this area underwent timber harvest in the 1920's-1930's, a number of medium-to-large diameter ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir are located adjacent to the road grade.

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Sec. 35, Township 35 South, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian

Sec. 25, Township 35 South, Range 3 East, W.M.

Sec. 26, 27, 30, 35 and 36, Township 35 South, Range 4 East, W.M.

Sec. 31, Township 35 South, Range 5 East, W.M.

Sec. 5, 6 and 8, Township 36 South, Range 5 East, W.M.

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TITLE:

- 1. "Inventory and Evaluation Report, Jacksonville-Ft. Klamath Military Wagon Road, C.R. Job RR-195 (LaLande).
- 2. "2360 SIA, Jacksonville-Ft. Klamath Military Wagon Road" (Calvi).
- 3. "Field Notes Obenchain Section of Military Wagon Road" (Deich)

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

- 1. Rogue River National Forest, Cultural Resource Files.
- 2. Winema National Forest, """
- 3. Medford District BLM, " " "

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Camp Two-to-Twin Ponds Road Segment :

- -administered by U.S. Forest Service Rogue River National Forest;
- -passing through SW4 SE4, SE4 SE4 Sec. 30, T35S, R4E, WM;
- -approximate length: 0.6 mile

This segment begins just east of F.S. road 3520 (a north-south route which passes along the eastern margin of Camp Two). The Military Road trends east-southeast to the point where it is overlain by F.S. road 350 ("Twin Ponds Road"). The old road is quite visible. The western portion of this segment shows recent use, the eastern portion appears to have been abandoned for a number of years. The course is level and with a few broad curves. The vegetation type is similar to that of the previous segment.

Twin Ponds Trailhead-to-Fourmile Lake:

-administered by U.S. Forest Service - Rogue River and Winema National Forests;
-passing through E½ Sec. 27; SW¼ SW¼ Sec. 26; NE¼ NW¼, N½ NW¼, SE¼ NE¼ Sec. 35;
W½, SW¾ SE¼, SE¼ SE¼ Sec. 36, T35S, R4E, WM; SW¼ SW¼ Sec. 31,
T35S, R5E, WM; NE¾ NW¼, NW¼ NE¾, NE¾, NE¾, SE¼ NE¾ Sec. 6;
SW¾ Sec. 5, T36S, R5E, WM;

-approximate length: 4.5 miles.

This segment (currently utilized as the route of F.S. trail 993, the "Twin Ponds Trail") begins at the trailhead at the end of F.S. road 350 and trends southeast. It ascends the South Fork - Fourbit Creek drainage to the watershed divide between the Rogue and Klamath basins (this summit is located at the boundary between the two National Forests, on the northeast slope of Mt. McLoughlin) and continues southeast to the shoreline of Fourmile Lake (where it has been submerged by the higher lake level, resulting from 20th century dam construction).

From the trailhead west of the Twin Ponds (two shallow, snow-melt ponds), the old road ascends directly up a +12% slope for nearly .5 mile. The steepness of the slope gradually lessens above this point. Much of the original soil of this steep portion has been eroded away (probably the result of concentrated surface runoff following the devegetation caused by the 1910 Cat Hill Fire), leaving numerous large boulders exposed within the old grade. East of the Twin Ponds, the road negotiates several less steep slopes in the same direct (i.e., no switchbacking) manner. A pile of rocks (evidence of original clearing/maintenance) was found adjacent to the road; this is located in Sec. 35, about 100' from Fourbit Creek. The road is visible in some places. The vegetation is dense, evergreen brush in the Cat Hill Burn; other portions pass through stands of lodgepole pine (Twin Ponds and Fourmile Lake areas). The highest portions are within true fir forest (Shasta red fir, white fir, mountain hemlock).

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In conclusion, the Military Wagon Road relates directly to the events and trends described above due to its character as either (a) the physical site where those activities occurred; or (b) the site where "support" activities (e.g., transportation of war supplies, communication of important events between adjacent areas, etc.) took place.

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SPECIFIC DATES 1863 - circa 1909

built by men commanded by Col.
BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Drew, Oregon Volunteers,
U.S. Army

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jacksonville-Fort Klamath Military Road, built in 1863, is significant as the earliest trans-Cascadian wagon route to connect the Rogue River Valley and the upper Klamath Basin. It is believed to follow the path of a well-used Indian trail.

Its construction and first use was by the military during the establishment and maintenance of Fort Klamath. Fort Klamath was developed during the Civil War (by the Oregon Volunteers) in order to protect emigrants on the Southern Wagon Road. It was used to oversee the Klamath Indian Reservation (est'd. 1864), as well as serving as the base of operations during the mid-1860's campaign against the "Snakes" (Northern Paiute) in south-central Oregon. Later, it became the headquarters post for the regular Army troops during the Modoc War of the early 1870's. During this time, the Military Road served as a seasonal route for the transport of men and supplies from Jacksonville. The higher portions of the road were impassible from winter through spring due to the heavy snowpack.

After their capture, Modoc leader "Captain Jack" and several followers were tried and sentenced to death at Fort Klamath in 1873. On the day of the execution, three horsemen were dispatched to bring news of the hanging to the Rogue Valley settlements. Each took a different route. A man named Matthews is said to have followed the Military Road and to have been the first to arrive in Jacksonville.

The road was used to transport the first sawmill (1863) into the Klamath Basin, setting the stage for large-scale utilization of this region's immense stands of ponderosa pine in later years.

Although abandoned by the military (in favor of less snow-bound route which passed to the north), the road continued in use during the closing decades of the nineteenth century. Various users included Klamath county ranchers herding their cattle to market in the Rogue Valley; agricultural settlers moving from the Rogue Valley into the Wood River Valley of Klamath Basin (after the opening of the Military Hay Reservation to settlement); groups of berry-pickers from the present Eagle Point area traveling to the huckleberry patches at Twin Ponds; and young men going for seasonal work in the Klamath Basin hay ranches.

The last wagon is believed to have rolled over the full length of the road in 1909. The devastation and subsequent erosion caused by the 1910 Cat Hill Fire may have precluded further use of the higher elevation portions for wagon travel.

The nominated segments of the Military Road retain their historical integrity of location, design, natural setting, association and feeling. The old road grade is quite visible; has had only minor recent disturbance; the vegetational character, although modified in places, is representative of the original setting; and in some places, there are visible features which are probably associated with construction or early use of the road (i.e., small piles of rocks cleared from the grade).

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LAKE CREEK QUAD (USGS):

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a	10	527247.14	4704192.14
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c-1	10	549824.77	4704551.33
d-1	10	549048.19	4705238.80

CAMP TWO-TO-TWIN PONDS ROAD

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a-2	10	549984.85	4704506.32
b-2	10	550640.55	4704358.39
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TWIN PONDS TRAILHEAD-TO-FOURMILE LAKE

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i- 3	10	556269.13	4704057.73
j-3	10	554810.81	4704558.14

RUSTLER PEAK QUAD (USGS):

FOURBIT FORD-TO-CAMP TWO (northwest segment)

Point	Zone	Easting	Northing
a-4	10	549037.62	4705359.67
b-4	10	549116.40	4705263.70
c-4	10	548989.23	4705264.65
d-4	10	548958,26	4705376.15



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neg: CR Job file RR-195, Rogue River NF view southeast from road across meadow

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Jacksonville Ft Klamath Military Wagon Road "Fourbit Ford-to-Camp Two" sement (USFS) Butte Falls vicinity, Oregon J. LaLande - photographer October, 1977 neg: CR Job file rr-195, Rogue River NF view south across Fourbit Creek, road grade visible through timber, right-center Photo #4MAY 1 5 1979 APR 2 6 1978 Jackson & Klamath Counties



"Fourbit Ford-to-Camp Two" segment (USFS) Butte Falls vicinity, Oregon J. LaLande (USFS) - photographer October, 1977 neg: CR Job file RR-195, Rogue River NF

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view southeast, where road ascends 10% slope Photo #5| 5 1979 APR 26 1978 Jackson & Klamath Countile



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"Camp Two- to-Twin Ponds Road" segment (USFS) Butte Falls vicinity, Oregon by J. LaLande (USFS) October, 1977 neg: CR Job file RR-195, Rogue River NF view northwest, towards Camp Two site Photo #8 MAY 1 5 1979 APR 2 6 1978

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