

County Surveyor's Record, Douglas County, Oregon

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T. 33 S., R. 5 W., Willamette Meridian, Oregon

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The lands included in the field notes of the foregoing survey are located about 2 1/2 miles easterly of the community of Wolf Creek, Oregon. The area is mountainous except for a narrow valley bottom along Coyote Creek which flows westerly to Wolf Creek. The elevation ranges from about 1500 feet above sea level near the southwest corner of section 19 on Coyote Creek, to about 3400 feet above sea level on St. Peter Mountain in section 28. Access into the area is by way of a paved county road leading up Coyote Creek and connecting with an improved BLM access road in section 21. Numerous improved and unimproved access roads lead from this main road into all the sections in the area.

The soil in the area is generally rocky clay with a few rock outcroppings of serpentine. The valley bottom is generally covered with piles of rocks with most of the soil being washed away during placer mining operations.

The timber consists primarily of fir, pine, cedar, oak, and madrone. Undergrowth consists chiefly of hazel, arrowwood, poison oak, manzanita, ceanothus, vine maple, salal, Oregon grape, blackberry, fern, and young timber. Most of the timber in the area has been selectively logged.

There are a number of occupied dwellings located on private lands in the valley bottom and in the foothills of Coyote Creek and its tributaries.

The area is famous for the gold mining operations that have been carried on since the 19th century. Evidence of extensive old placer mining operations were noted along Coyote Creek and Post Gulch. Several old mines were noted in sections 21 and 28. Some panning for gold and gold mining was noted during the course of the survey.

The average of a number of readings along the lines surveyed gives a mean magnetic declination of 19° 30' E. There is a range of 7° in local attraction.