



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mr. Larry B. Bishop  
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Roseburg, Oregon 97470

Dear Mr. Bishop:

This is in reply to your letter of February 10, 1970, requesting an opinion on the procedure for reestablishing the  $\frac{1}{2}$  section corner of sections 5 and 32, on the south boundary of T. 24 S., R. 7 W., Willamette Meridian, Oregon.

It is the opinion of this office that the  $\frac{1}{2}$  section corner is common to both sections. The areas in section 5, T. 25 S., R. 7 W., were on a plat approved April 24, 1858. The areas of the NE., NW., and SW., quarters of section 32, T. 24 S., R. 5 W., were returned on a plat also approved April 24, 1858. Land disposals of areas returned on these two plats were based on the common  $\frac{1}{2}$  section corner established by Dennis Hathorn in 1857. We feel the subsequent survey by William R. Whipple, in which the SE. quarter of section 32 was returned as surveyed cannot change the status of a corner previously used for disposals.

The areas in the SE. quarter of section 32 were returned on a plat approved June 27, 1895. These areas appear to be erroneous and are probably a reversal of the areas shown for the lots in the SW. quarter of section 33.

Reestablishing the  $\frac{1}{2}$  section corner at midpoint on the north boundary of section 5 and common to both sections 5 and 32 would best protect the integrity of the plats.

This letter is advisory in nature and should not be construed as instructions to you. However, the method outlined is the procedure we would employ under similar conditions.

We hope that we have been of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

*William W. Glenn*

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Chief, Branch of Cadastral  
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