

Imnaha, Oregon.
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Dick Lemon
District Ranger
Pendleton Ranger District
Pendleton, Oregon.

Dear Dick:

I understand that you are the District Ranger of the Pendleton District now. As such you will be planning the ride over the Marcus Whitman Trail for August 28 and 29.

I am enclosing an old map of the area on which I have shown some problems. In this day many ranchers are locking gates on their pastures and do not allow people unlimited access. Can't blame them for this with jeeps and motorcycles seeking out the back roads and cattle rustleing a big problem. Access down Gibbon Ridge through the Indian Reservation may no longer be possible. The old Wm. Hall Pasture may be fenced up tight now with locked gates on both South and North bndys. I believe that it has passed out of the ownership of the Hall family, (Jim Hall last Indian owner of Gibbon) and now is owned by either Cecil Curl or one of the Tubbs. (I think) If we could not ride on down to Squaw Creek, we could at least see the mountain that the Whitmans saw from the vicinity of the Indian Reservation Line. It would be well to check out the access down Gibbon Rdg. with drop off through pastures into Squaw Creek.

From the mouth of East Meacham up Meacham Creek toward Huron there used to be a good trail along the south side of the creek. It crossed several points through thickets but the last time I was over it (ten years ago) these places were logged in and we had to go up the creek bed over the rocks and boulders. If this old trail could be opened up it might save pulling a shoe or crippling a horse. Perhaps the trail is now one that the District maintains?

Whatever happened to the historical project that the Umatilla worked on several years ago? Did the Forest ever complete the project and print copies of the finished product?

Very Sincerely

Tucker

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