

THE HORSE RANCH, STORAGE SHED
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
Eagle Cap Wilderness Area
Joseph vicinity
Wallowa County
Oregon

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THE HORSE RANCH (Red's Horse Ranch), Equipment Storage Shed

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Location: The Horse Ranch is located within the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. The ranch lies in a valley along the Wild and Scenic Minam River in Wallowa County. It is approximately nine air miles northeast of Cove, Oregon and thirteen air miles southwest of Enterprise, Oregon. SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 2S, Range 41E, Willamette Meridian.

The equipment storage shed is located beyond the main building complex to the southeast. The structure is not visible from the main complex. It sits in an open area near the forest's edge on the eastern boundary of the site.

Significance: This structure is significant as it relates to the building complex. Built in the 1960s, the structure was constructed by long time ranch hand, Pete Decker. The structure is similar in construction to the wood shed and the equipment storage structures (OR-165-D, R, AC).

According to the Determination of Eligibility for the National Register (letter dated, May 1, 1996) between the State Historic Preservation Office and the U.S. Forest Service, the equipment storage shed is a non-contributing building within the Horse Ranch complex.

Description: This structure, measuring approximately 12' E.W. and 18' N.S., is similar to the sawmill and equipment shed (OR-165-D) in construction technique. Six posts support two beams and a truss roof system. It is open on all sides. The medium-pitched gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. There is no foundation or flooring. Currently (1996), barb wire rolls, lumber, and metal drums are stored in the shed. Nearby is the remains of an old pickup truck.

Historical Context:

Built in the 1960s by Pete Decker, this equipment shed originally provided shelter for a tractor. Originally, the structure was located directly east of the workshop/generator shed, and later moved to its current (1996) location.

Sources: Cason, Richard, 8/12/96, Elgin, Oregon, former wrangler and pilot for Red's Horse Ranch, interviewed by Kimberly Lakin. Womack, Bruce, 8/96 and 10/96, Enterprise, Oregon, Eagle Cap Wilderness Area, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, National Register Determination of Eligibility. Site analysis by Kimberly Lakin and Sally Donovan, August 1996.

Project Information:

In 1994, the Horse Ranch (Red's Horse Ranch) was acquired for inclusion in the National Wilderness System by the USDA Forest Service. As a result of the property acquisition, the USDA Forest Service is preparing an Environmental Analysis Report and Future Use Determination for the site. This process will enable the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest to establish management direction and priorities for the property. As part of the environmental analysis, a Determination of Eligibility report was completed in the spring of 1996.

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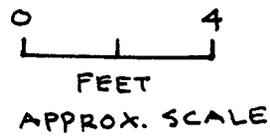
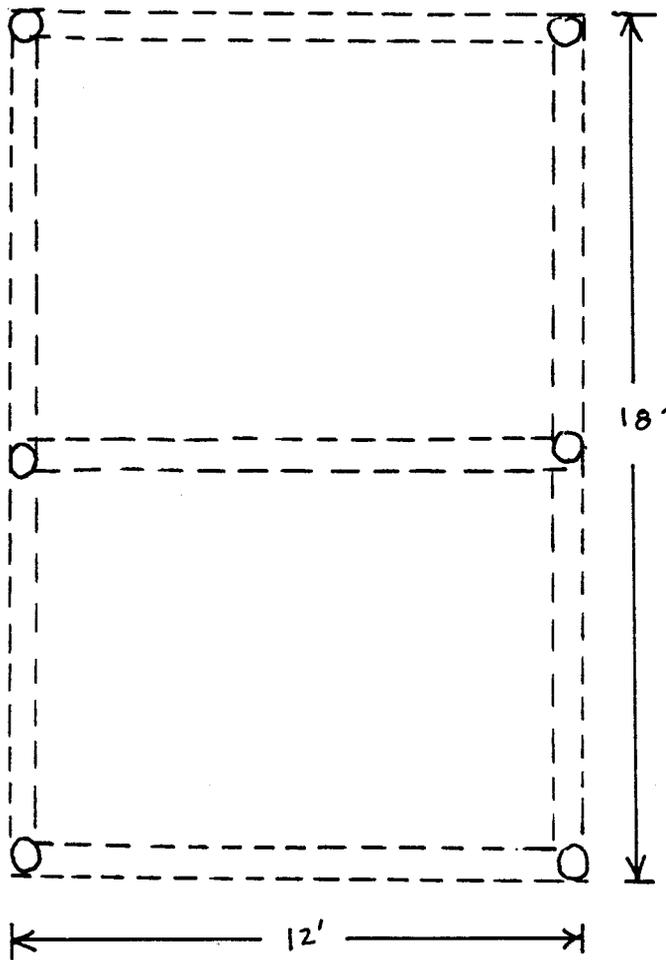
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