

National Wilderness Preservation System
Emigrant Wilderness
Stanislaus National Forest

I hereby certify that the legal description and map herewith represents the location of the boundary of the Emigrant Wilderness on the Stanislaus National Forest as covered in the National Wilderness Preservation System by the Act of P.L. 93-632 and P.L. 98-425.

Signed 2/14/86
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EMIGRANT WILDERNESS
STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

Boundary Description

The Emigrant Wilderness is located on the Stanislaus National Forest, Tuolumne County, State of California. The following description refers to the attached map titled "Emigrant Wilderness" dated October 25, 1985.

Beginning at Wheeler Peak midway along the boundary between Emigrant Wilderness and Yosemite National Park in Section 24, T.3N., R.20E., M.D.B.&M.

thence proceeding westerly 11.5 miles along the ridge forming a common boundary with Yosemite National Park and passing across Bartlett Peak and Mercur Peak to the quarter-corner common to Sections 10 and 15, T.2N., R.19E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence northwesterly 0.37 mile on a secondary ridge to the head of a pronounced draw in the middle of the SW1/4 of Section 10, T.2N., R.19E., M.D.B.&M.

thence southwesterly 0.87 mile down the bottom of said pronounced draw to a point where it turns abruptly to the northwest;

thence southwesterly 0.25 mile up the crest of a ridge to a secondary peak, 5,319 feet in elevation, in the middle of Section 16, T.2N., R.19E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence northwesterly 0.37 mile down a ridge into Cherry Creek to a point 0.4 mile downstream from the junction of an unnamed tributary and Cherry Creek;

thence 0.75 mile southwesterly to the high point of a ridge in the S1/2 of Section 17, T.2N., R.19E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence northerly 2.5 miles down the ridge and along the 6,000 foot contour to a secondary ridge running west to Hells Mountain Ridge and located in the N1/2 of Section 5, T.2N., R.19E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence westerly 0.6 miles up the said secondary ridge to Hells Mountain Ridge, which divides the west fork of Cherry Creek and the Reynolds Creek drainages.

thence northerly 2.5 miles along Hells Mountain Ridge crossing the high point of Hells Mountain to the high point in the ridge separating Bourland Creek and Cherry Creek in the W1/2 of Section 20, T.3N., R.19E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence 3.2 miles northeasterly along said ridge and crossing hill marked 7,922 feet in elevation to a point on the terminus of said ridge at elevation 7,846 feet approximately 0.3 mile west of the most southerly of the Chain Lakes.

thence northwesterly 0.4 mile down a ridge to a point on the section line common to Sections 3 and 4, T.3N., R.19E., and west of an unnamed lake;

thence 0.35 mile northeasterly across a low mound to a second low mound located 0.1 mile northwest of the most westerly of the Chain Lakes;

thence 0.3 mile north to a pronounced saddle 0.5 mile west of Grouse Lake;

thence northwesterly 0.2 mile to elevation point 7,478 about 0.1 mile southeast of the SW corner of Section 34, T.4N., R.19E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence northerly 0.4 mile to a mound elevation 7,200 and across a stream draining Grouse Lake to a mound elevation 7,040;

thence 0.55 mile northwesterly across Lily Creek to a point on a ridge elevation 7,660 which is 0.1 mile southwest of Camp Lake;

thence northerly 0.5 mile to a mound elevation 8,258;

thence 0.8 mile northeasterly across a broad saddle and along the westerly edge of an unnamed lake, and beyond up a pronounced ridge to the 8,560 foot contour in the NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 27, T.4N., R.19E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence northerly along said contour approximately 0.38 mile to a ridge running northwesterly into Bell Creek;

thence northerly 0.4 mile down said ridge into Bell Creek at its junction with an unnamed tributary;

thence northerly 0.49 mile up a secondary ridge on the opposite side of Bell Creek to a point 8,560 feet in elevation which is located approximately 0.06 mile southwest of the SW corner of Section 15, T.4N., R.19E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence northeasterly 0.1 mile along rim of a bluff into an unnamed tributary of Bell Creek;

thence northeasterly 0.86 mile along the crest of a prominent ridge to Burst Rock 9,161 feet in elevation.

thence northwesterly 0.5 mile down a prominent ridge to a point elevation 8,800 about the center of the NW1/4 of Section 15, T.4N., R.19E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence southwesterly 0.4 mile across a saddle to an unnamed peak approximately 0.1 mile west of indicated 1/4 corner, Sections 15 and 16, T.4N., R.19E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence northwesterly 1.77 miles down a well defined ridge to a point on the South Fork of Stanislaus River 0.12 mile west of the creek draining Waterhouse Lake;

thence northerly 0.7 mile to the 8,000 foot contour in the NE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 8, T.4N., R.19E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence easterly 1.1 miles along the 8,000 foot contour to a point of crossing a prominent northeast-southwest ridge in the SE1/4 of Section 4, T.4N., R.19E.;

thence northeasterly 2 miles up a prominent ridge to Cooper Peak;

thence easterly 5.6 miles along a ridge crest across Castle Rock, Eagle Pass, the Three Chimneys, and elevation point 9,888 to East Flange Rock;

thence northerly 1.0 mile along said ridge to a prominent unnamed peak in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 22, T.5N., R.20E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence southeasterly 0.62 mile down a ridge separating the Silver Mine Creek drainage which empties into Relief Reservoir and a west tributary of Relief Creek to a prominent unnamed point 0.07 mile east of indicated 1/4 corner between Sections 22 and 27, T.5N., R.20 E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence northeasterly 1.85 miles down a secondary ridge south of Silver Mine Creek to a point fifty (50) feet in elevation above the highwater line of Relief Reservoir;

thence south 2.4 miles and fifty (50) feet above the highwater line of Relief Reservoir around the south end and then north up the east side of said reservoir to Grouse Creek;

thence southeasterly 0.15 mile up Grouse Creek to the west edge of trail 20E11.1;

thence northerly 1.75 miles down the west edge of trail 20E11.1 to a point due east of an unnamed prominent point located on the section line common to Sections 11 and 12, T.5N., R.20E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence due west 0.25 mile across Summit Creek to the prominent point on the section line common to Sections 11 and 12, T.5N., R.20E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence northerly 0.4 mile down along the crest of a secondary ridge of the main ridge which separates a westerly tributary of the Middle Fork of the Stanislaus River and Summit Creek to the trail bridge crossing of the Middle Fork of the Stanislaus River which is located at the upper southeast end of Kennedy Meadow;

thence from the above mentioned trail bridge crossing of the Middle Fork of the Stanislaus River easterly 0.5 mile up a secondary ridge to a prominent ridge running northeasterly to Night Cap Peak;

thence northeasterly 1.0 mile up said ridge to Night Cap Peak; thence northeasterly 1.0 mile along a prominent ridge to an unnamed prominent peak at elevation 10,641 feet;

thence northerly 0.87 mile down a secondary ridge to the edge of the rim of the bluffs located approximately 0.18 mile south of Deadman Creek;

thence easterly 2.06 miles along the edge of said rim into Blue Canyon and the junction of Blue Canyon Creek and an unnamed tributary located approximately 0.25 mile upstream from Deadman Creek;

thence northeast 0.6 mile up the crest of a prominent secondary ridge and across a pronounced draw to the crest of a major secondary ridge running in a northwest direction from the crest of the Sierras, and the Forest and County boundary near the northeast corner of Section 3, T.5N., R.21E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence southerly 12.74 miles along said crest of the Sierra on a line common to the boundaries of Tuolumne and Mono Counties across Leavitt Peak, past Emigrant Pass to Grizzly Peak in the SE1/4 of section 13, T.4N., R.21E., M.D.B.&M.;

thence southeasterly 1.6 miles across a broad ridge separating the West Fork of the Walker River and the East Fork of Cherry Creek to the edge of a canyon overlooking Dorothy Lake;

thence southwesterly 0.3 mile to an unnamed peak elevation 10,386 feet;

thence southwesterly 2.90 miles along a ridge line common to the boundary of Yosemite National Park to Bigelow Peak;

thence westerly 3.4 miles along said ridge line to a unnamed peak elevation 9,115 feet which lies on the north boundary of Yosemite National Park;

thence southwesterly 3.75 miles along the ridge forming a common boundary between Yosemite National Park and the Stanislaus National Forest to Wheeler Peak, the point of beginning.

The above described area has been plotted on a 1-inch-equals-1-mile scale map which is attached and made a part of this description

Containing approximately 112,119 acres of National Forest lands and 61 acres of private lands for a total of 112,180 gross acres.