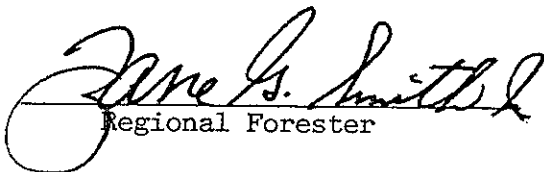


NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

Granite Chief Wilderness

Tahoe National Forest

I hereby certify that the legal description and map herewith represent the location of the boundary of the Granite Chief Wilderness on the Tahoe National Forest, Pacific Southwest Region, brought into the National Wilderness Preservation System by the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (PL 98-425).


Regional Forester

12/22/86
Date

GRANITE CHIEF WILDERNESS

TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

The Granite Chief Wilderness is located in the Tahoe National Forest, County of Placer, State of California. The following description is derived from the attached map titled "Granite Chief Wilderness" dated 10-25-1984;

Beginning at a point on the boundary of the Granite Chief Wilderness which is the southeast corner of Section 16, T.14 N., R.15 E., M.D.M.;

thence, northerly along the east line of said Section 16 to the northeast corner of said Section 16;

thence, northwesterly along a straight line through Section 9, T.14 N., R.15 E., M.D.M., to the northwest corner of said Section 9;

thence, northerly along the west line of Section 4, T.14 N., R.15 E., M.D.M., to its intersection with the 7,200 foot contour;

thence, along the 7,200 foot contour northeasterly, southerly and southeasterly to its intersection with the south line of said Section 4;

thence easterly along the south line of said Section 4 to the point of intersection with the 7,000 foot contour;

thence, northeasterly along the 7,000 foot contour to a point on the east line of said Section 4;

thence, northerly along the east line of said Section 4 to the quarter corner common to Sections 3 and 4, T.14 N., R.15 E., M.D.M.;

thence, in a northeasterly direction through said Section 3 to the intersection of Little Powderhorn Creek at its intersection with the 6,800 foot contour;

thence, continuing northeasterly across said Section 3 to the 7,200 foot contour at a point approximately 1,200 feet south of the north line of said Section 3 and in the NW 1/4 of said Section 3;

thence, continuing northerly and northeasterly along the 7,200 foot contour to its intersection with the north line of said Section 3;

thence, easterly along the north line of said Section 3 to the northeast corner of said Section 3;

thence, southerly along the west line of Section 2, T.14 N., R.15 E., M.D.M. to the southwest corner of said Section 2;

thence, easterly along the south line of said Section 2 to the southeast corner of said Section 2;

thence, northerly along the east line of said Section 2 to the southwest corner of Section 6, T.14 N., R.16 E., M.D.M.;

thence, easterly along the south line of said Section 6 to the center of the ridge between the Rubicon River and the Truckee River drainages;

thence, northeasterly and northerly passing over the top of said ridge across the E 1/2 of said Section 6 and over a peak 8,620 feet in elevation and beyond through the SE 1/4 of Section 31, T.15 N., R.16 E., M.D.M., to the peak 8,652 feet in elevation located in the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of said Section 31;

thence, northeasterly along said ridgetop to the peak 8,434 feet in elevation located approximately in the center of Section 32, T.15 N., R.16 E., M.D.M.;

thence, northeasterly across the NE 1/4 of said Section 32 in a straight line to the eastern peak of Twin Peaks;

thence, northwesterly and northerly, crossing the western peak of Twin Peaks and along the top of the ridge between the Rubicon River and the Truckee River through Sections 29, 30, 20, and 18, T.15 N., R.16 E., M.D.M., to a point on the northwest shoulder of Ward Peak approximately 300 feet southwest of the top of Ward Peak;

thence, northwesterly downhill through Section 18, T.15 N., R.16 E., M.D.M., to a point on the 8,000 foot contour, and continuing northerly to a point on the south line of Section 7, T.15 N., R.16 E., M.D.M., which is on the east boundary of the parcel of land acquired by the United States of America, described in that deed recorded in the Official Records of Placer County as document 14082 on May 14, 1976;

thence, northerly along the east boundary of said parcel to the end of the seventh course in the traverse describing the east boundary of said parcel, which said parcel begins at a point on the south line of said Section 7, from which point the southwest corner of said Section 7 bears West, a distance of 3,609.74 feet, and the first seven courses in the said traverse are as follows:

- 1) N 16° 36' W, 783.41 ft.; 2) N 6° 10' E, 113.90 ft.; 3) N 8° 25' W, 304.32 ft.; 4) N 15° 15' W, 270.62 ft.; 5) N 28° 16' W, 372.54 ft.;
- 6) N 37° 12' W, 213.52 ft.; 7) N 13° 42' E, 266.77 ft.;

thence, northeasterly to the northeast corner of said Section 7;

thence, northeasterly, northerly and northwesterly in a curve concave to the west to the point where the Five Lakes Trail crosses the west boundary of Section 5, T.15 N., R.16 E., M.D.M.;

thence, westerly across Section 6, T.15 N., R.16 E., M.D.M., ascending a ridge bearing easterly and westerly in the S 1/2 N 1/2 of said Section 6 and along this ridge top to a point on the 8,160 foot contour;

thence, southwesterly to a point on the 8,560 foot contour on the south shoulder of Squaw Peak in Section 2, T.15 N., R.15 E., M.D.M.;

thence, northwesterly and northerly across said Section 2 and the NE 1/4 of Section 3, T.15 N., R.15 E., M.D.M., to a point on the south line of Section 35, T.16 N., R.15 E., M.D.M., 200 feet west of the south quarter corner of said Section 35;

thence, northerly and northwesterly through the west half of said Section 35 to the 9,006 foot benchmark on top of Granite Chief;

thence, westerly and northwesterly along the ridge between the North and Middle Forks of the American River, crossing Needle and Lyon Peaks, and continuing to the north line of Section 29, T.16 N., R.15 E., M.D.M.;

thence southeasterly through said Section 29, along the 7,800 foot contour to a point on the east line of said Section 29;

thence, southeasterly downhill 1,300 feet to a point on the south line of Section 28, T.16 N., R.15 E., M.D.M., lying approximately 750 feet east of the southwest corner of said Section 28;

thence westerly along the south boundaries of Sections 28 and 29, T.16 N., R.15 E., M.D.M., to the southwest corner of said Section 29;

thence, westerly to a point on the west line of Section 6, T.15 N., R.15 E., M.D.M.;

thence southerly along said west line of Section 6 to a point south of the Middle Fork of the American River where said west line of Section 6 intersects the 7,040 foot contour;

thence, southeasterly along a ridge bearing southeast-northwest to a point on the 7,800 foot contour;

thence, southeasterly, through an elevation of 8,071 feet and continuing beyond to the top of Mildred Ridge, elevation 8,509 feet;

thence, continuing southeasterly along the top of Mildred Ridge through the 8,458 foot elevation;

thence, southwesterly to the 8,304 foot elevation in the NE 1/4 of Section 18, T.15 N., R.15 E., M.D.M.

thence, southeasterly along the top of Mildred Ridge to a point on the west line of Section 17 due west of the top of Mt. Mildred;

thence, southerly along the west lines of Sections 17, 20, 29 and 32, T.15 N., R.15 E., M.D.M., to the southwest corner of said Section 32;

thence, westerly along the north line of Section 6, T.14 N., R.15 E., M.D.M. to the northwest corner of said Section 6;

thence, southeasterly and southerly through the west half of said Section 6 and beyond to the 4,800 foot contour on a ridge bearing northwest-southeast near the center of Section 7, T.14 N., R.15 E., M.D.M.;

thence, southeasterly along said ridgetop to a small knoll in the SE 1/4 of said Section 7;

thence, descending southeasterly to a point on the north bank of the Rubicon River 400 feet west of the east line of said Section 7;

thence, along the north bank of the Rubicon River in a generally southeasterly direction through Sections 7, 8, 17 and 16, T.14 N., R.15 E., M.D.M., to a point in the SE 1/4 of said Section 16, at which point the Rubicon River begins a curve concave to the west;

thence, leaving the north bank of the Rubicon River and continuing southeasterly to a point on the south line of said Section 16;

thence, easterly along the south line of said Section 16 to the southeast corner of said Section 16, the Point of Beginning.

The above-described area is shown on a one inch equals one mile scale map which is attached hereto and made a part of this description.

Contains approximately 25,682.51 acres, of which approximately 6,753.26 acres are private lands and 18,929.25 acres are National Forest System lands.