

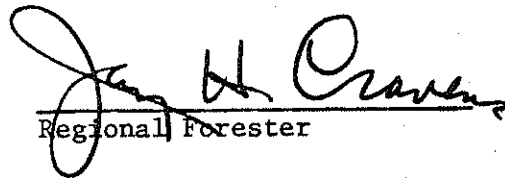
NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

Otter Creek Wilderness
Monongahela National Forest

I hereby certify that the legal description and map herewith represent the location of the boundary of the Otter Creek Wilderness on the Monongahela National Forest as covered in the National Wilderness Preservation System by the Act of January 3, 1975.

Signed

12-16-75
Date


Regional Forester

MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

OTTER CREEK WILDERNESS AREA

A parcel of land situate about 12 miles northeast of Elkins, West Virginia, in Dry Fork District of Randolph and Tucker Counties; more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING AT CORNER 1 of U. S. Tract 25 (Otter Creek Boom and Lumber Co.) on a north slope of Green Mountain, located about S 43° 45' W 39.50 chains from the mouth of Red Run.

THENCE two lines with U. S. Tract 25:

N 36° 45' E 23.30 chains,

N 73° 58' E 7.78 chains to Corner 3, at the foot of Green Mountain on the west bank of the Dry Fork of Cheat River.

THENCE continuing with U. S. Tract 25, 94.01 chains up and meandering the west bank of the Dry Fork of Cheat River to Corner 4, a point between Dry Fork and a small branch.

THENCE leaving the River, one line with U. S. Tract 25:

S 39° 16' E 16.65 chains to Corner 5 of U. S. Tract 25.

THENCE ascending a northeast slope, S 43° 00' W 23.00 chains to the top of the dividing ridge between Shavers Lick Run and (1) the Dry Fork River.

THENCE southerly along the top of the ridge about 18.00 chains to a point on a line of U. S. Tract 23 (C. Ed Long) between Corner 5 and Corner 6.

THENCE five lines with U. S. Tract 23 reversed:

N 38° 15' W 5.00 chains,
N 64° 01' W 4.34 chains,
S 82° 00' W 7.85 chains,
S 12° 03' E 22.99 chains,
S 44° 28' E 2.95 chains to Corner 1 of U. S. Tract 23, which
is Corner 2 of U. S. Tract 24 (H. C. Long).

THENCE eight lines with U. S. Tract 24:

S 40° 59' E 5.38 chains,
S 12° 35' W 5.16 chains,
S 34° 39' E 9.91 chains,
S 81° 47' W 1.15 chains,
N 80° 57' W 3.32 chains,
S 72° 54' W 1.65 chains,
S 57° 15' W 2.88 chains,
S 46° 02' W 4.75 chains to Corner 10 of U. S. Tract 24.

THENCE with the cliff line at the top of a southeast slope of Shavers Mountain, in a southwesterly direction about 320.00 chains to Corner 97 of U. S. 26d (Raine-Andrews Lumber Co.), on top of Shavers Mountain in a meander line of U. S. Tract 25 (Otter Creek Boom and Lumber Co.) between Corner 32 and Corner 33.

THENCE fourteen lines with U. S. Tract 25:

S 32° 00' W 13.87 chains,
S 62° 00' W 3.19 chains,
S 07° 00' W 50.28 chains,
S 48° 19' W 109.07 chains,
S 28° 05' E 5.80 chains,
S 26° 36' W 5.65 chains,
S 35° 58' E 7.89 chains,
S 08° 29' W 3.32 chains,
S 34° 40' E 5.11 chains,
S 17° E 17.57 chains,
S 12° 00' W 3.76 chains,
S 77° 49' W 9.50 chains,
N 40° 39' W 6.19 chains,
S 19° 58' W 16.70 chains to Corner 44 of U. S. Tract 25 on
a point of Shavers Mountain.

THENCE with the dividing ridge between Otter Creek and Taylor Run, in a northwesterly direction about 80.00 chains to a point in head of a drain of Otter Creek on the east side of Forest Road 91 near the intersection with an existing road.

THENCE down said drain in a northerly direction about 27.00 chains to its confluence with Otter Creek.

THENCE N 50° 00' E 9.00 chains to a point on the northeast side of an old road grade.

THENCE in a northwesterly direction with said road passing east of a stream improvement project, about 40.00 chains to a point on the northeast edge of Otter Creek.

THENCE in a southwesterly direction, crossing Otter Creek to a point on the west edge of an existing road, 0.50 chain from centerline.

THENCE in a southerly direction with a line 0.50 chain west of and parallel to the centerline of said existing road about 50.00 chains to a point on top of the divide ridge between Otter Creek and Condon Run.

THENCE in a southwesterly direction with the top of said ridge about 56.00 chains to a point on the northeast side of Forest Road 91, 0.50 chain from centerline about 23.00 chains northeast of the Bear Heaven Picnic Area.

THENCE in a westerly direction with a line 0.50 chain north of and parallel to the centerline of Forest Road 91 for about 110.00 chains to a point on top of McGowan Mountain where Forest Road 91 leaves the Otter Creek drainage.

THENCE with the top of McGowan Mountain, in a northerly direction about 425.00 chains to point on the east side of Forest Road 324, 0.50 chain from centerline.

THENCE in a northerly direction with a line 0.50 chain east of and parallel to the centerline of Forest Road 324 for about 25.00 chains to a point on top of McGowan Mountain.

THENCE with the top of McGowan Mountain in a northerly direction about 260 chains to Big Springs Gap.

THENCE continue with the top of McGowan Mountain and the boundary of the Fernow Experimental Forest in a northeasterly direction about 125 chains to a high point on the Mountain at the head of Fishing Trough Hollow and drains of Otter Creek.

THENCE continue with the top of McGowan Mountain, leaving the Fernow Experimental Forest Boundary in an easterly and southerly direction about 143.00 chains to Corner 19 of Tract 1 (T. J. Arnold).

THENCE with the boundary of Tract reversed:

S 20° 18' W 15.01 chains,
S 07° 52' W 8.51 chains,
S 69° 07' E 6.90 chains,
S 02° 40' E 15.89 chains to Corner 15 of U. S. Tract 1 which
is Corner 87 of U. S. Tract 25.

THENCE four lines with U. S. Tract 25:

S 60° 13' E 16.26 chains,
S 43° 35' E 19.52 chains,
S 53° 30' W 2.50 chains,
S 31° 17' E 4.80 chains to Corner 5 of U. S. Tract 182 (Amos G.
and J. B. Carr) being in a line of U. S. Tract 25 between Corner 90
and Corner 91.

THENCE four lines with U. S. Tract 182 reversed:

S 88° 45' E 12.41 chains,
S 86° 39' E 6.23 chains,
N 82° 09' E 9.41 chains,
S 41° 28' E 20.81 chains to Corner 1 of U. S. Tract 182
which is Corner 94 of U. S. Tract 25.

THENCE one line with U. S. Tract 25:

S 41° 37' E 19.65 chains to Corner 1 of U. S. Tract 25, the
POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 20,000 acres more or less.