

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

NORTH ABSAROKA WILDERNESS

SHOSHONE NATIONAL FOREST

I hereby certify that the description and map
herewith, represent the location of the boundary of
the North Absaroka Wilderness on the Shoshone National
Forest as it existed as of the date of the Wilderness
Act (Public Law 88-577).

Signed June 21, 1965


Regional Forester

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The Exterior Boundary of North Absaroka Wilderness,
Shoshone National Forest, Rocky Mountain Region,
May 28, 1965, as Reported to Congress Pursuant to
Section 3 (a) (1) of the Wilderness Act (Public Law 88-577).

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming: Beginning at a point where the Montana-Wyoming state line crosses the divide between Hayden Creek 1/ and the Clarks Fork of Yellowstone River, approximately 2/ 1.75 miles west of the Clarks Fork;
thence southerly 1.90 miles across Index Peak to Pilot Peak;
thence S. 0° 45' E., 1.65 miles to Pilot Creek at its confluence with a tributary from the south;
thence southeasterly up the divide east of said tributary 1.50 miles to an unnamed peak on the divide at the head of Tough Creek;
thence southeasterly along the divide north of Tough Creek and the North Fork of Crandall Creek 12.40 miles to Hunter Peak;
thence S. 17° 30' W., 2.40 miles across the North Fork of Crandall Creek to the confluence of Crandall Creek and Hoodoo Creek;
thence S. 13° 15' E., .60 mile to a point on the divide between Hoodoo Creek and Lodgepole Creek;
thence southeasterly along this divide separating the tributaries of Trail Creek, Hoodoo Creek, and Little Sunlight Creek, 9.60 miles to a point on Little Bald Ridge which is west 2.60 miles from Sunlight Ranger Station;
thence S. 41° 15' W., .70 mile to the junction of Little Sunlight Creek and Little Sulphur Creek;
thence south .27 mile to the top of the divide between Little Sunlight Creek and Sunlight Creek;
thence southwesterly along this divide 1.00 mile to an unnamed peak .30 mile southwesterly from the head of Burnt Gulch, from which peak the mouth of Burnt Creek bears S. 65° 00' E., 1.06 miles;
thence S. 54° 00' W., 4.43 miles, generally paralleling Sunlight Creek at a distance of about one mile to a point on the divide between Sunlight Creek and Spring Creek;
thence northwesterly along this divide 3.50 miles to an unnamed peak which lies S. 22° 00' W., .82 mile from Black Mountain;

1/ The 1950 Public Notice and map referred to Soda Butte Creek; this same divide is better described by using Hayden Creek.

2/ All distances cited in this description are approximate.

thence S. 49° 00' W., 4.51 miles across Blackbird Creek and Sunlight Creek to Land Mountain;
 thence S. 54° 00' E., 3.68 miles across Hughes Creek and Silvertip Basin to Sunlight Peak;
 thence along the divide south and east of Sulphur Creek 5.20 miles to a point which lies 1.08 miles S. 17° 00' W., of the junction of Sulphur Creek and Sunlight Creek;
 thence N. 85° 00' E., 5.50 miles to an unnamed peak on the divide between Dead Indian Creek and Sunlight Creek;
 thence easterly along this divide 1.70 miles to Elkhorn Peak;
 thence northeasterly along this divide, passing to the east of Elk Lakes at a distance of about one-half mile, to Bench Mark 8150 in the northwest corner of section 25, T. 55 N., R. 105 W.;
 thence east to Dead Indian Creek and easterly up an unnamed eastern tributary 3.65 miles to a point on the divide at the head of this tributary;
 thence southward along this divide 4.20 miles to Pat O'Hara Peak;
 thence southwesterly 17.00 miles along the divide south of the Dead Indian Creek drainage and around the headwaters of Rattlesnake Creek, Trout Creek, and Jim Creek to Jim Mountain;
 thence S. 70° 00' W., 3.30 miles to a point on the divide between Big Creek and Grizzly Creek;
 thence southward and southeasterly down the divide east of the East Fork of Spring Creek to the quarter corner common to sections 8 and 17, T. 52 N., R. 105 W., which is also a forest boundary corner;
 thence west 5.05 miles along the south boundaries of sections 7 and 8, T. 52 N., R. 105 W., and sections 9, 10, 11, 12, T. 52 N., R. 106 W., to a tributary flowing southwesterly into Sweetwater Creek, the mouth of said tributary being 1.16 miles north of the North Fork of Shoshone River;
 thence N. 18° 00' W., generally paralleling Sweetwater Creek at a distance of about one-half mile, 4.25 miles to Peanut Creek;
 thence down Peanut Creek .90 mile to its mouth;
 thence S. 49° 00' W., 1.27 miles to a point on the divide between Clearwater Creek and Sweetwater Creek;
 thence down this divide 3.45 miles to a point 1.00 mile north of the North Fork of the Shoshone River;
 thence S. 70° 00' W., .80 mile to the mouth of a tributary flowing eastward into Clearwater Creek, said tributary mouth being 1.03 miles north of the North Fork of the Shoshone River;
 thence N. 76° 30' W., 1.35 miles to the mouth of an eastward flowing tributary of Aspen Creek, said mouth being 1.00 mile north of the North Fork of Shoshone River;
 thence S. 79° 30' W., 4.35 miles to the mouth of a tributary flowing southwesterly into Gunbarrel Creek, said mouth being 1.23 miles north of the North Fork of the Shoshone River;
 thence N. 80° 00' W., 3.25 miles to the mouth of a tributary flowing southwesterly into Libby Creek, said mouth being 1.40 miles north of the North Fork of the Shoshone River;

thence N. 54° 00' W., 1.40 miles to the junction of the main branches of Mormon Creek, which junction is 1.37 miles north of the North Fork of the Shoshone River;

thence N. 75° 00' W., 1.82 miles to the divide east of Grinnell Creek;

thence northeasterly along this divide 2.30 miles to a point east of Crow Peak;

thence west 2.93 miles to Crow Peak;

thence southward along the divide between West Grinnell Creek and the North Fork of Shoshone River .40 mile to a point 1.35 miles north of the North Fork of the Shoshone River 1/;

thence S. 79° 00' W., 1.15 miles to a point on the North Fork of Shoshone River, which point is .48 miles north of Middle Creek;

thence across the North Fork of Shoshone River and westerly up the divide between Middle Creek and Crow Creek 1.90 miles to a point 2/ common to the boundaries of the Shoshone National Forest and Yellowstone National Park;

thence along the boundary between Yellowstone National Park and Shoshone National Forest in a clockwise direction 65.50 miles to the Montana-Wyoming state line;

thence east on the Montana-Wyoming state line 5.50 miles to the point of beginning, containing 351,104 acres 3/ more or less.

The above described area has been plotted on a 1 inch>equals-1 mile scale map, dated May 28, 1965, which is attached and made a part of this description.

- 1/ The 1950 Public Notice description of the boundary from this point is erroneous in stating "thence westward up the north side of North Fork of Shoshone River and Middle Creek", since the North Fork of Shoshone River flows almost south about 1.30 miles west of this point and, therefore, would have east and west sides but not a "north" side at this location.
- 2/ The 1950 Public Notice states....."to a point on the 110th Meridian common to the boundaries of the Shoshone National Forest and Yellowstone National Park." It is questionable that this point is actually common with the 110th Meridian, as shown on the 1950 $\frac{1}{4}$ "=1 mile scale map.
- 3/ Gross acreage within the described boundary (all ownerships).