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Reply to: 1920

Date: April 28, 1988

Dear Reviewer

An interdisciplinary team was convened to review several proposed corrections and changes in the Forest Plan. The substance of the proposals and the team's recommendations are displayed in the enclosure. Briefly their recommendations were: (a) return eleven proposals for further evaluation or rejected them as being inappropriate, (b) correct thirty-one identified map errors to eliminate confusion or more accurately display the intent of the plan, (c) adopt eight changes resulting from our negotiations with appellants of the Plan, and (d) make five changes to clarify and simplify the process of determining oil and gas lease stipulations. If you need additional information please contact Lee Foster, Forest Planner.

I have reviewed and decided to accept the ID team's recommendations. This decision is in conformance with the Amendment Section, Chapter IV, of the Forest plan and 36 CFR 219.10(e)(f), which permits either significant or nonsignificant amendments of the Plan. I have determined these amendments to be nonsignificant because they do not significantly alter the desired future conditions, goals, or objectives of the plan. Also, based on Forest Service Manual 1952.2 and informal contacts with several publics, I have determined these changes to be categorically excluded from further environmental assessment.

The proposed changes resulted in 56 decisions, each subject to administrative review pursuant to 36 CFR 211.18.

Sincerely,

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APPROVED CHANGES TO THE FOREST PLAN

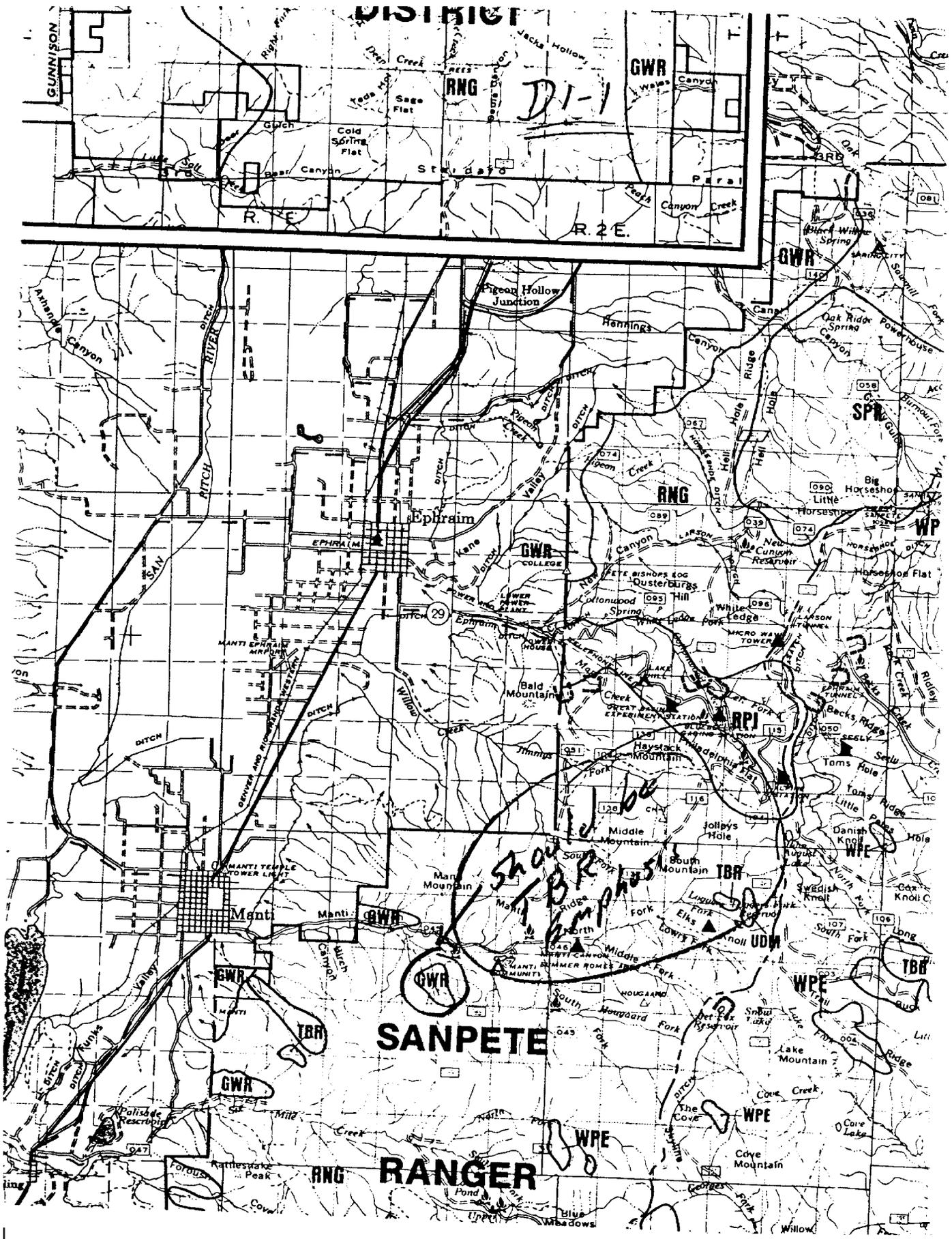
- D1-1 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE FOREST PLAN MAP TO SHOW CORRECT MANAGEMENT UNIT EMPHASIS IN MANTI CANYON. AREA SHOWN AS GWR SHOULD BE TBR. (SEE PLAT A)
- D2-1 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. ELIMINATE FOREST PLAN MAP CONFUSION CAUSED BY FINE ~~GREEN~~ LINE OUTLINING AREAS CLOSED TO OHV USE. (SEE PLAT B)
- D2-3 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE GWR AT THE MOUTH OF FERRON CANYON TO KWR. (SEE PLAT C)
- D2-4 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE THE IDENTIFICATION OF SITES ON NORTH HORN MOUNTAIN FROM ADMINISTRATIVE TO ELECTRONIC SITES. (SEE PLAT D)
- D2-5 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. IDENTIFY THE AREA IN COTTONWOOD CANYON AS MMA MGMT. UNIT. (SEE PLAT E)
- D2-6 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. DELETE INDIAN CREEK GUARD STATION. (SEE PLAT F)
- D2-7 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE A UDM SITE TO A DRS SITE. (SEE PLAT G)
- D2-9 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. DELETE ELECTRONIC SITE AT MIDDLE MOUNTAIN. (SEE PLAT H)
- D2-10 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. REMOVE THE DASHED LINE IN JOES VALLEY ON THE FOREST PLAN MAP. (SEE PLAT I)
- D2-12 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. DELETE PLANNED TRAILER SITE GUARD STATIONS. (SEE PLAT J)
- D2-13 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE BOUNDARY OF TER UNIT IN SEELEY CANYON SO IT ~~STAYS~~ SOUTH OF THE ROAD. (SEE PLAT K)
- D2-14 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. IDENTIFY A DRS IN JOES VALLEY. (SEE PLAT L)
- D2-15 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE LOCATION OF FERRON CANYON DRS. (SEE PLAT M)
- D3-1 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. ELIMINATE MMA AREA ABOVE WATTIS. (SEE PLAT N)
- D3-2 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. IDENTIFY SPR UNIT ON CANDLAND MOUNTAIN. (SEE PLAT O)
- D3-3 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CLARIFY MMA AREA AT THE LARSON-RIGBY MINE AREA. (SEE PLAT P)
- D3-4 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. REMOVE ORV BOUNDARY AT CLEAR CREEK. (SEE PLAT Q)
- D3-5 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE SPR UNIT BOUNDARY IN UPPER FISH CREEK SHOWN AS CROSSING SKYLINE DRIVE. (SEE PLAT R)
- D4-1 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE FOREST PLAN MAP TO SHOW ELECTRONIC SITE AT ~~BALD~~ MESA AND NOT IN PINHOOK VALLEY. (SEE PLAT S)
- D4-2 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. DELETE GUARD STATION SYMBOL NEAR BALD MESA (SEC.19 T26S, R24E). (SEE PLAT T)
- D4-3 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE FOREST LAND STATUS ON FOREST PLAN MAP IN SEC. 16 T25S, R25E IS NFS LAND TO DELETE PRIVATE LAND INCORRECTLY SHOWN. (SEE PLAT U)

- D4-4 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE FOREST LAND STATUS ON FOREST PLAN MAP IN SEC. 2, 3, 10, AND 11 T25S, R25E. AND SECS. 10, 11, 14, AND 15 T26S, R24E. (SEE PLAT V)
- D4-5 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE FOREST LAND STATUS ON FOREST PLAN MAP IN SEC. 16 T27S, R26E. (SEE PLAT W)
- D4-6 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE LOCATION OF BUCKEYE GUARD STATION. (SEE PLAT X)
- D4-7 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE FOREST LAND STATUS ON FOREST PLAN MAP IN SEC. 25 T48N, R20W. (SEE PLAT Y)
- D4-8 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE FOREST PLAN MAP TO SHOW THE LASAL LOOP ROAD AS BEING PAVED. (SEE PLAT Z)
- D4-10 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE MOUNT PEAL RPI UNIT BOUNDARY TO CONFORM WITH PROPOSED RNA. THIS WILL AFFECT THE ROS, VQO, AND TRAVEL MAPS. (SEE PLAT AA)
- D4-11 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. SHOW VISUAL QUALITY OBJECTIVES FOR SEC. 4 AND 5 T27S, R25E. (SEE PLAT BB)
- D4-12 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. SHOW VQO MAP IN SEC. 20 T27S, R24E. (SEE PLAT CC)
- D4-13 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE BASE MAP TO SHOW STATE (US?) HIGHWAY 191. (SEE PLAT DD)
- D4-14 - CORRECT MAP ERROR. CHANGE FOREST TRAVEL MAP TO SHOW AREAS AT GEISER AND LASAL PASSES CLOSED TO ORV'S. (SEE PLAT EE)
- D5-1 - REVISE ACTIVITY SCHEDULE ON PAGE A-2 TO INCLUDE RELOCATION OF RED BLUFF CAMPGROUND AND CONSTRUCTION OF 2-3 INTERPRETIVE OVERLOOKS.
- PLAN-1 - EXPAND ARCH CANYON SPR UNIT TO INCLUDE THE AREA ABOVE THE RIM. (SEE PLAT FF)
- PLAN-2 - EXPAND BEAR CREEK SPR UNIT WEST TO INCLUDE LAND BELOW THE RIDGE TOPS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF LAKE FORK AND COVE CREEK IN LITTLE BEAR CANYON, AND TO THE SOUTH TO INCLUDE LANDS BELOW THE BREAK INTO COVE CREEK BELOW LAKE FORK. (SEE PLAT GG)
- PLAN-3 - ADD STANDARD AND GUIDELINE (PAGE III-57) UNDER SILVICULTURAL EXAMINATION AND PRESCRIPTION (E03, 06, AND 07) UNDER GENERAL DIRECTION 01. *-a. Commercial timber sales will not be scheduled within SPR** Units during the period 1986 through 1995.-*
- PLAN-5 - ADD GENERAL DIRECTION (PAGE III-57) FOR MINERALS MANAGEMENT LEASABLES (G02 TO 07) *01 the Controlled or Limited Surface Use Stipulation will be included in recommendations for oil and gas leasing in SPR** Units.-*
- PLAN-6 - ADD GENERAL DIRECTION (PAGE III-57) FOR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT (L01 & 20) *-02. Close and obliterate newly constructed or reconstructed short term roads after initial intended use is complete in SPR** Units.-*
- PLAN-7 - ADD GENERAL DIRECTION (PAGE III-57) FOR MINERALS MANAGEMENT GENERAL (G00) *-02. Reclaim sites where mineral activities occur within 12 months after cessation of mineral activity in SPR** Units.-*

- PLAN-8 - ADD STANDARD & GUIDELINES (PAGE III-57) FOR DISPERSED RECREATION MANAGEMENT (A 14 & 15) NUMBER 01: *-a. Close or restrict motorized travel to specific roads and/or trails in SPR** Units. -* and *-b. Closure or restriction to motorized use does not apply; [a] when authorized by a permit or contract, or [b] to any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.-*
- PLAN-9 - LIST SPR** UNITS ON PAGE III-55 OF PLAN. SPR** UNITS INCLUDE: *-Upper Fish Creek, Candland Mountain, Black Canyon, Bear Creek, North LaSal Peaks, Middle LaSal Peaks, South LaSal Peak, Arch Canyon, and Hammond Canyon.-*
- MINE-1 - CLARIFY SPECIAL COAL LEASE STIPULATIONS #2 AND #16. ADD THE WORD "bird" BETWEEN THE WORDS "migratory" AND "species" IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF STIPULATION #2. ADD THE WORD "corner" BETWEEN THE WORDS "displaced" AND "monuments" IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF STIPULATION #16. ALSO, ADD THE WORDS "rectangular survey system" AT THE END OF THE FIRST SENTENCE OF STIPULATION #16.
- MINE-2 - CHANGE WORDING OF MINERALS MANAGEMENT LEASABLES (G02 TO 07) (page III-35) PARAGRAPH 01 TO READ *-Consent/nonconsent to coal leasing, permits, or licensing, or objection/ nonobjection to oil and gas leasing and permits are based on management requirements of individual management units.-* Stipulations for these actions should minimize and/or mitigate effects or conflicts with other resource uses and should return disturbed lands to conditions compatible with the emphasis of the management unit or adjacent management unit.
- MINE-4 - REQUIRE THE USE OF THE NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY STIPULATION FOR OIL AND GAS LEASING ON DRS AND SLD MANAGEMENT UNITS. ADD MINERAL MANAGEMENT LEASABLE (G02 TO 07) MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENT *-01 Lands within this unit may be leased for oil and gas with the no surface occupancy stipulation, with the understanding that the stipulation may be waived, excepted, or modified on a site specific basis.-*
- MINE-6 - GENERALLY PROHIBIT SURFACE OCCUPANCY WITHIN 200 FEET OF ARTERIAL AND COLLECTOR ROADS OR HIGHWAYS, IN OIL AND GAS LEASES. ON PAGE III-35 IN FOREST- W I D E DIRECTION ADD STANDARD AND GUIDELINE TO MINERALS MANAGEMENT LEASABLES (G02 TO 07) 01, c. *- (5) Within 200 feet of arterial or major collector roads or highways.-*
- MINE-7 - GENERALLY PROHIBIT SURFACE OCCUPANCY ADJACENT TO RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT UNITS. MANAGEMENT DIRECTION SHOULD READ *-02 No surface occupancy or use is allowed within 200 feet of riparian units, unless the lessee demonstrates that operations can be conducted without causing unacceptable impacts in which case the restriction can be waived, excepted, or modified on a site specific basis.-*

REJECTED CHANGES IN THE FOREST PLAN

- D2-2 - IDENTIFY THE AREA OUTLINED ON FERRON MOUNTAIN AS AN SPR UNIT. (THIS IS CURRENTLY A RANGE/WATERSHED PROTECTION AREA. MAKING IT AN SPR UNIT WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER ASSESSMENT.)
- D2-8 - CHANGE BOUNDARY TO REMOVE DITCH LINE FROM SPR UNIT. (BY THEIR PERMIT ~~WATER~~ USERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAINTAIN THE DITCH IN THE SPR UNIT. MOVING THE BOUNDARY WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER ASSESSMENT.)
- D2-11 - IDENTIFY ROUGH BROTHERS OF THE HILLS CABIN. (PRESENT POLICY DOES NOT SUPPORT SHOWING THIS TYPE OF USE ON THE FOREST PLAN MAP.)
- D2-16 - ELIMINATE UDM SITE AT BECKS CREEK. (MAKING THIS CHANGE REQUIRES FURTHER ASSESSMENT. WITH ACCESS RESTORED, THE USE MAY BE RESTORED.)
- D4-9 - CORRECT FOREST PLAN APPENDIX A TO REFLECT CHANGE IN ASQ TO ACCOMMODATE NEEDED HARVEST IN PONDEROSA PINE. (REQUIRES FURTHER ASSESSMENT.)
- D5-2 - REVISE FACILITIES DISCUSSIONS TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO A ROAD/TRAIL SIGNING POLICY OUTSIDE OF WILDERNESS AREAS. (REFERRED TO FOREST ENGINEER TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNS.)
- D5-3 - REVISE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES TO COVER PERMITTING OF OUTFITTING AND GUIDING. (REFERRED TO RECREATION STAFF OFFICER TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTFITTING AND GUIDING.)
- D5-4 - ONE-DECADE ADJUSTMENT TO TIMBER OUTPUT. (REQUIRES FURTHER ASSESSMENT.)
- PLAN-4 - CLARIFY THE DISCUSSION ON RESEARCH NATURAL AREAS IN THE RPI MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTION. (THE DISCUSSION IS ADEQUATE AS IT IS.)
- MINE-3 - CHANGE THE MANAGEMENT DIRECTION FOR WITHDRAWAL TO INCLUDE MINERAL LEASING. CHANGE WORDING TO *-Withdraw established RNA Units from locatable or leasable mineral entry.* (RNA UNITS ARE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED UNDER THE CURRENT MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.)
- MINE-5 - REQUIRE THE USE OF THE CONTROLLED OR LIMITED USE STIPULATION FOR OIL AND GAS LEASING ON RPI, SPR, AND KWR MANAGEMENT UNITS. (THESE UNITS ARE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED UNDER THE CURRENT OR PROPOSED MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.)



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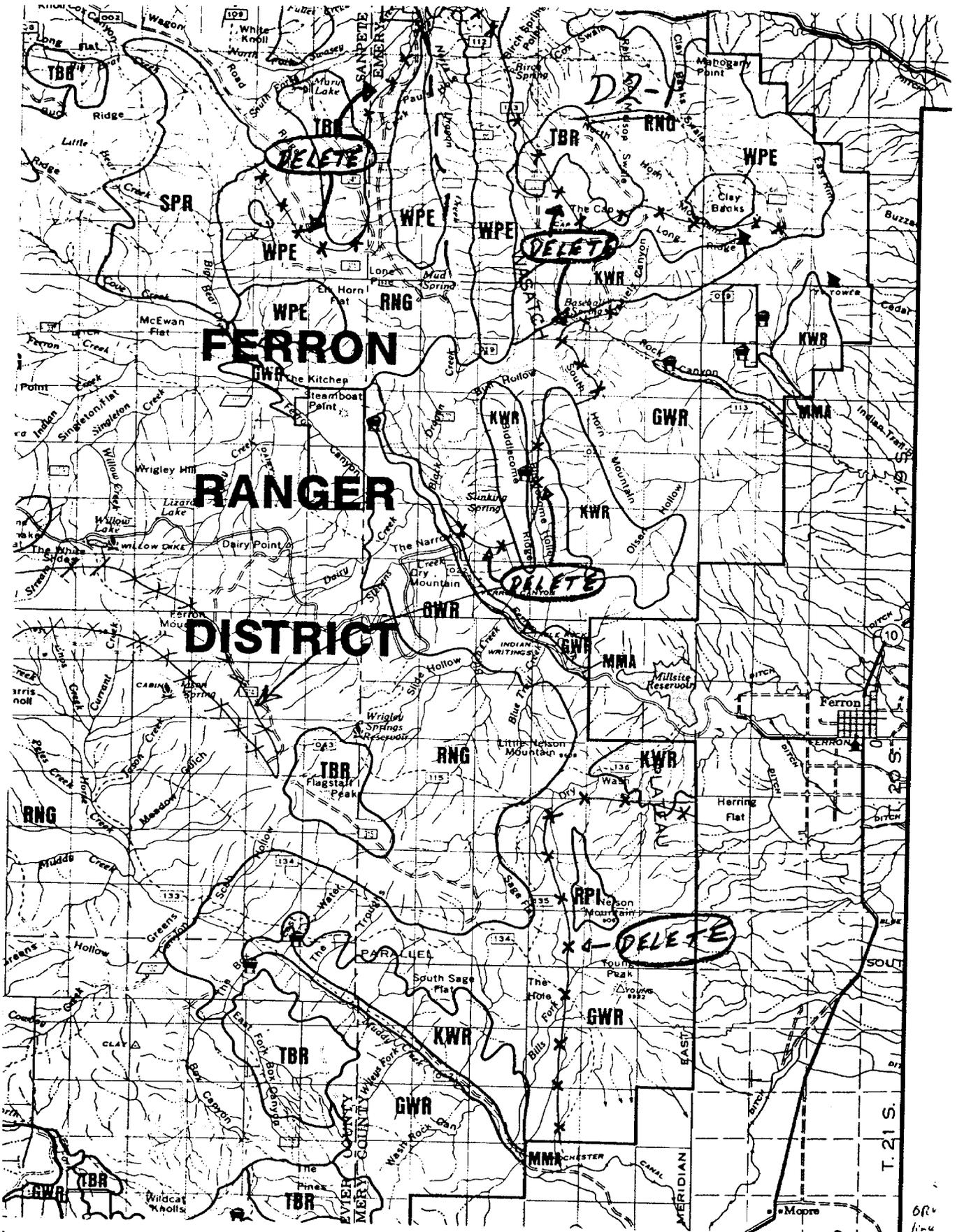
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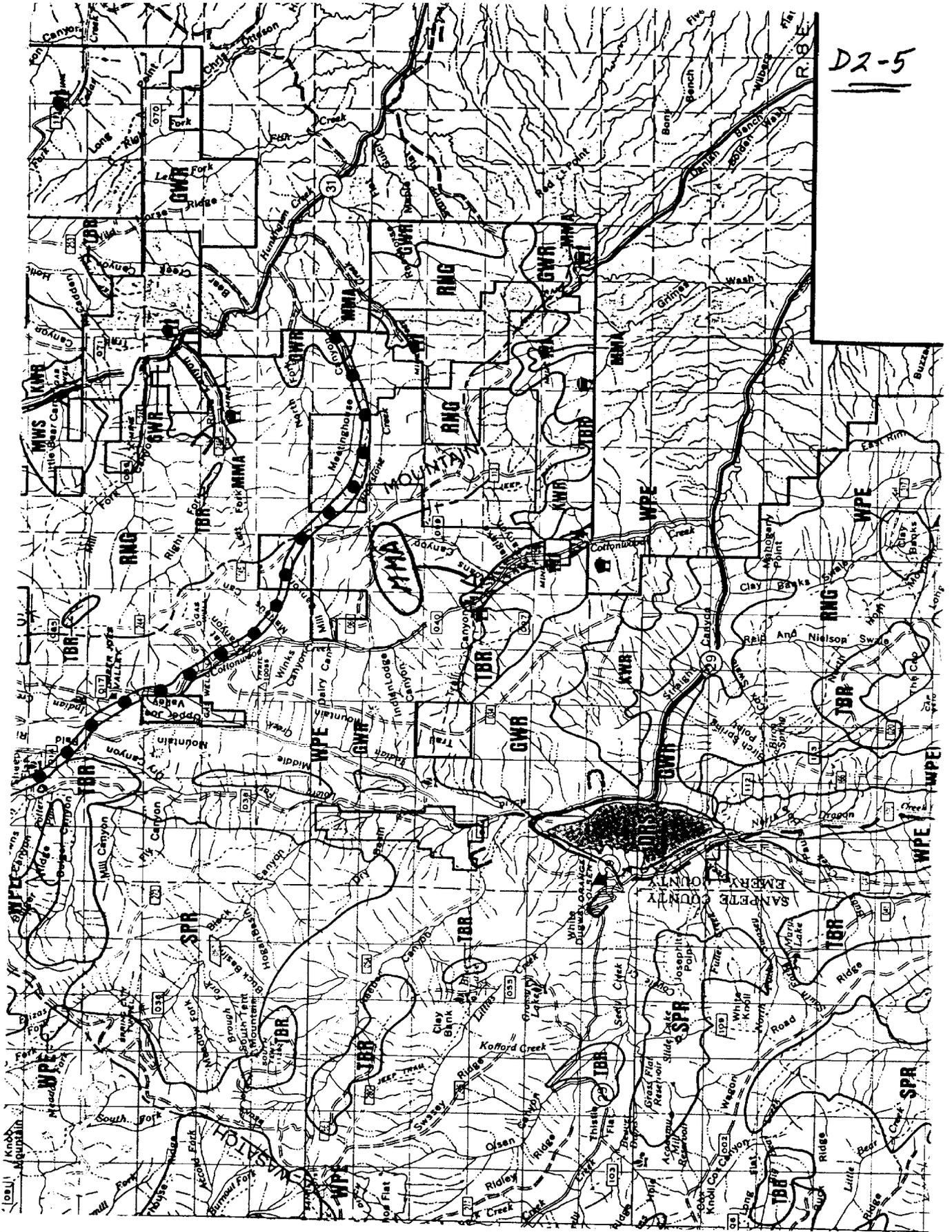
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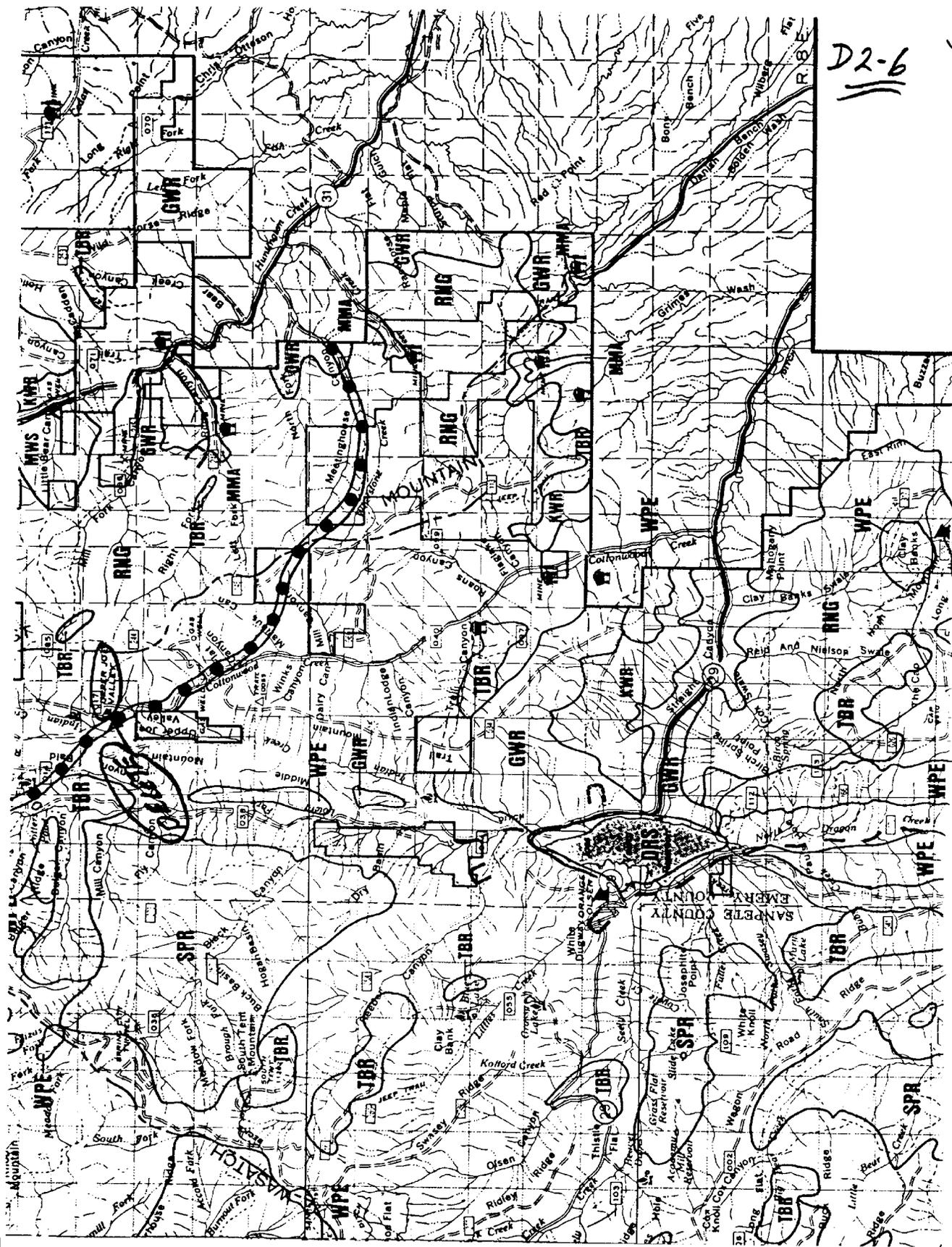


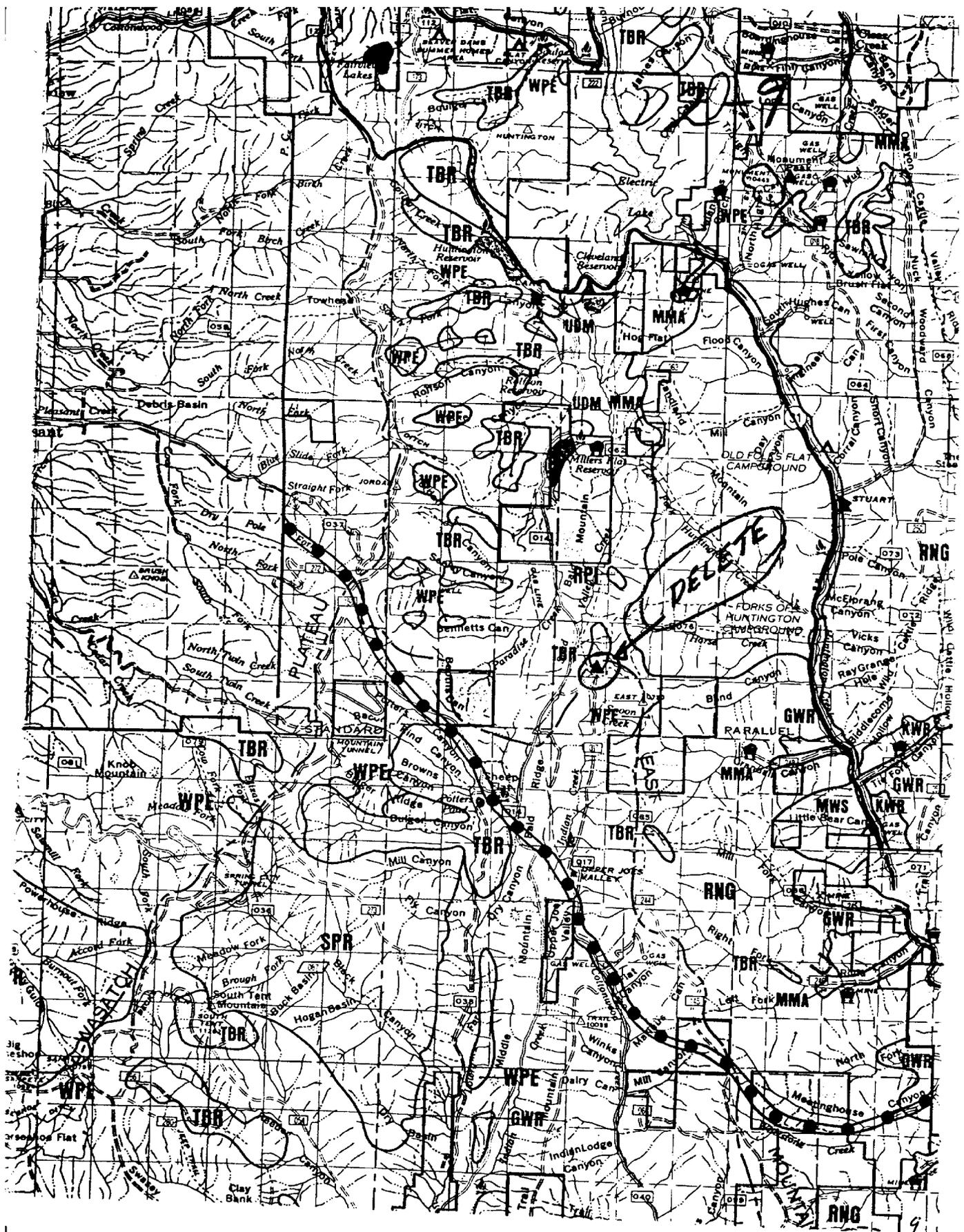
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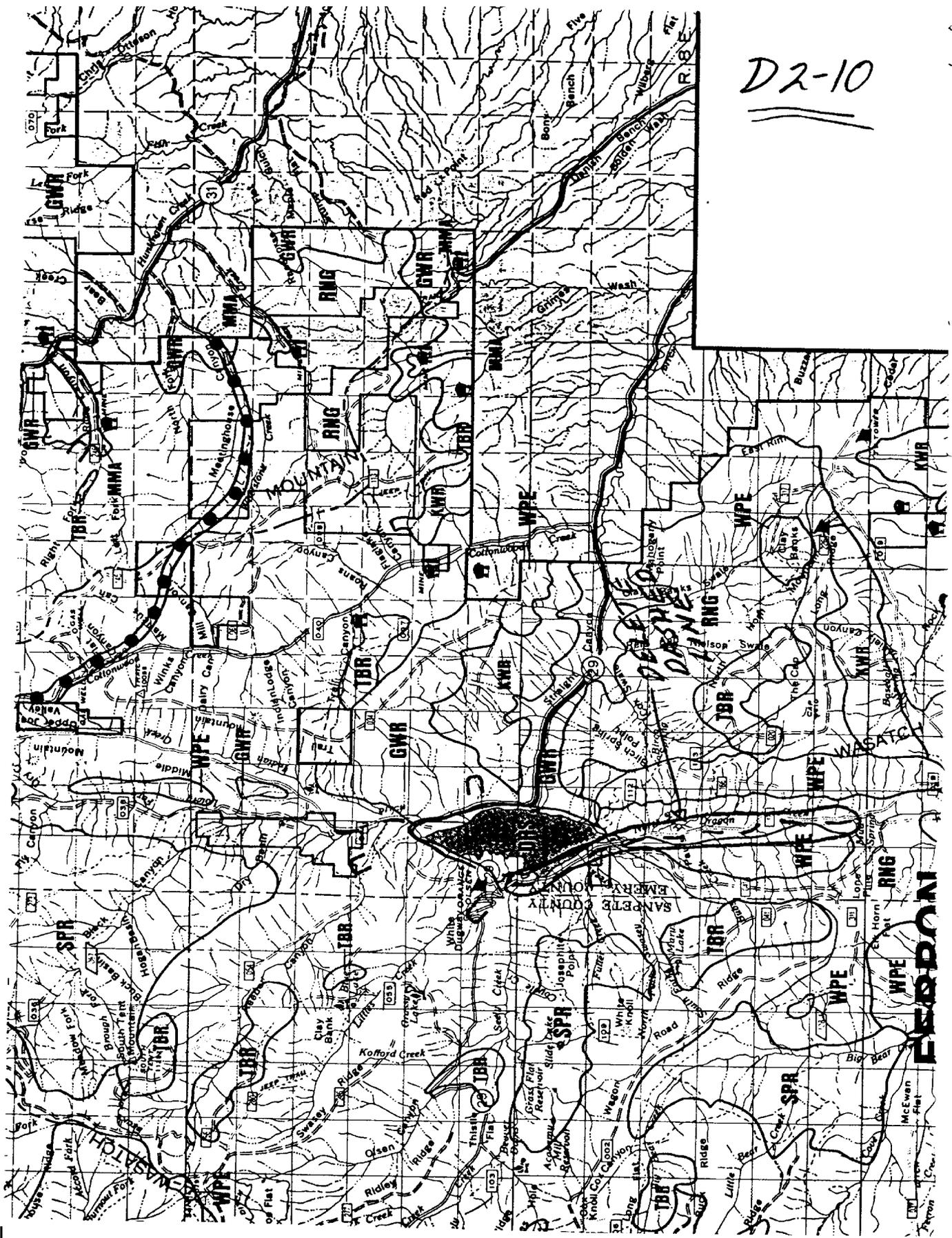


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