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DISCUSSION

The purpose of this map is to show the locations of 10 abandoned mine land (AML) features on a digital raster graphic (topographic) base of the Rooster Rock 7.5' quadrangle, Marion and Clackamas counties, Oregon (Figures 1 and 2). A companion lidar map (Plate 6) is used to display the locations of the same AML features.

These plates are part of an exchange-of-technology project related to how lidar-derived terrain data can be confidently and practically applied to the inventory of mine openings and other features associated with abandoned mine land. Using lidar to inventory AML features has a large potential for cost savings as a tool to aid field surveys. Lidar cannot completely replace field inspection of AML features, but the technology does provide a screening tool that will makes field surveys more accurate and efficient.

For this project, the North Santiam Mining District (NSMD) in the Cascade Range of Oregon was used as an example locale. This district is one of five gold/base metal mining districts that occur throughout the Cascade Range from the Columbia River to the California line, and the only one with full lidar coverage. The NSMD lies near the northeast corner of Marion County (Figure 1), within the Willamette National Forest, with dimensions roughly 17 km (~11 mi) long from east to west, and as much as 8 km (5 mi) at its widest (Figure 2). The primary access route is via the North Fork Road to Forest Road 2209. As can be seen in Figure 2, the Little North Santiam River flows westward through a fairly precipitous valley, the course of which serves to bisect the district and as the boundary between the Opal Creek Wilderness to the north and the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area to the south.

Topography in the district is characterized by rugged mountains that rise 914 to 1,524 m (3,000 to 5,000 ft) above sea level and by steeply incised valleys. Most of the area is densely forested with Douglas fir, Pacific silver fir, and Western Hemlock plant associations. Only rock cliffs are barren of timber.

After five periods of known mining in the NSMD at least 226 AML features (by this study's count) in the form of adits and open cuts/exploration pits, waste rock areas, etc. remain. Table 1 lists AMLs indexed to map number and name. The first mineral claims were made in the 1890s immediately west of this map area, near the confluence of Gold Creek and the North Santiam River. Placer gold was first discovered there and an ensuing rush was short-lived. However, early prospectors also found well-defined fissure veins that carried copper with zinc and lead. By 1903, most claims for these minerals had been located. When Callahan and Buddington (1938) and Leever (1941) visited the district, the mines were inactive. It was not until 1977 that mining in the district resumed when the Shiny Rock Mining Corporation reopened the Ruth Mine and several other claims were developed. By 1992, all mining activity in the district ceased with the closing of the Ruth Mine.

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) compiled the important mines in the district in Bulletin 14-D (Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, 1951) and Bulletin 61 (Brooks and Ramp, 1968). The work of Olson (1978), Pollock and Cummings (1985, 1986), Cummings and Pollock (1984), and Ma and others (2009) put the district in its regional context with Cascade Range stratigraphy and structure. Cox (1985) and George (1985) provided cultural property inventories and historical surveys of the district. Niewendorp and Gettgey (2010) compiled those sites into Mineral Information Layer for Oregon, release 2.

The area of this project covers a portion of the Rooster Rock 7.5' quadrangle and extends into three other quadrangles: Battle Ax, Bagby Hot Springs, and Elkhorn (Figure 2; also see Plates 1–4 and 6–8).

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MAP SYMBOL

- 1 (index number) ● Location of AML feature; see Table 1

Warning: Respect the rights of private property owners. Understand that recreation in or around inactive mine sites is extremely dangerous and can result in serious injury or death. Stay out and stay alive!

Table 1. Index to map numbers and AML names.

1 Five Spot (discovery)	6 Upper Granger
2 Five Spot crosscut	7 08-05-18a
3 Santiam 11 claim	8 08-05-18b
4 Santiam 11 (c)	9 08-05-07c
5 Santiam 11 (d)	10 08-05-07b

Names of AML features are based on a claim map by the Shiny Rock Mining Corp. (DOGAMI archives).

Figure 1. Location map of the North Santiam Mining District.

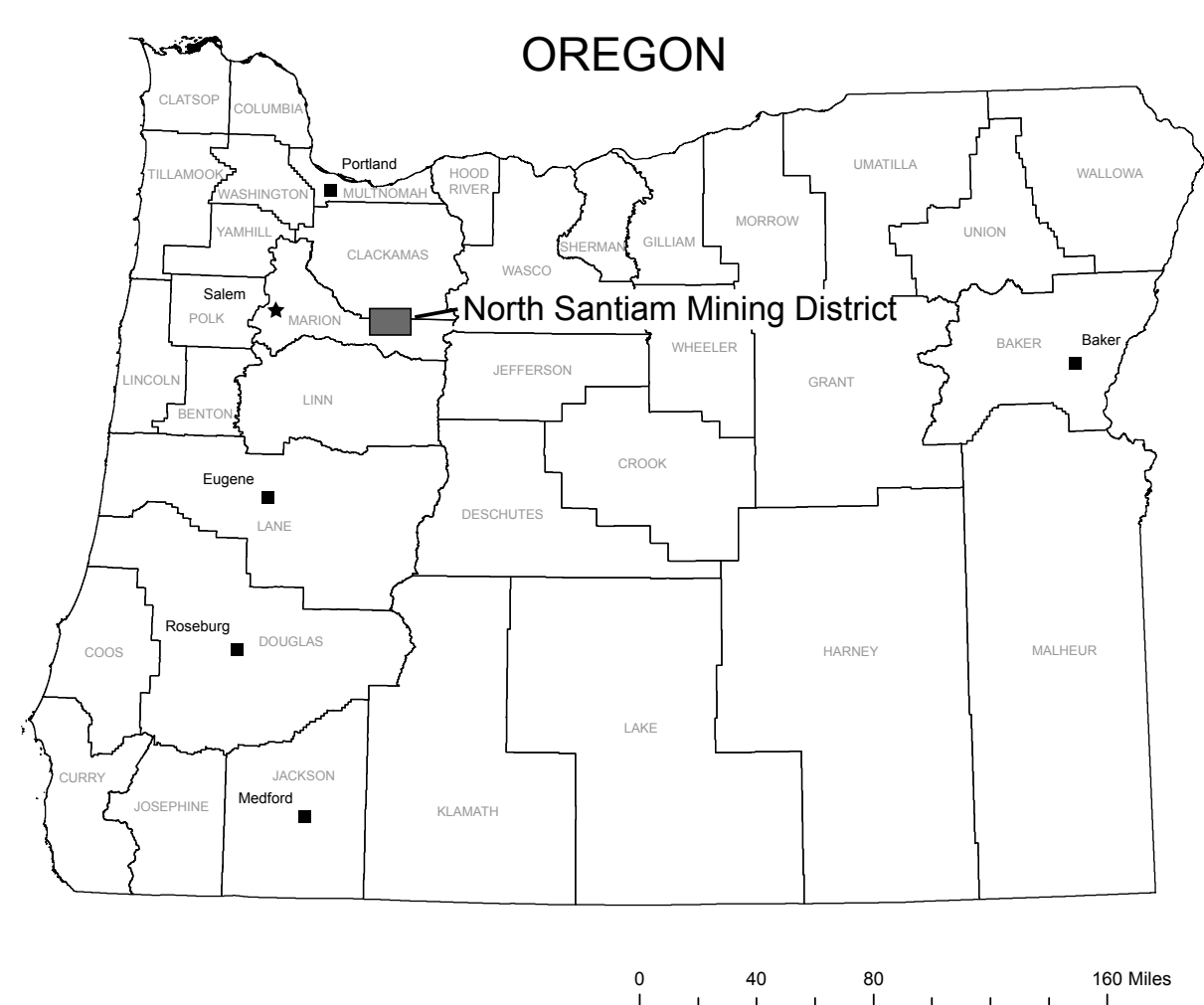
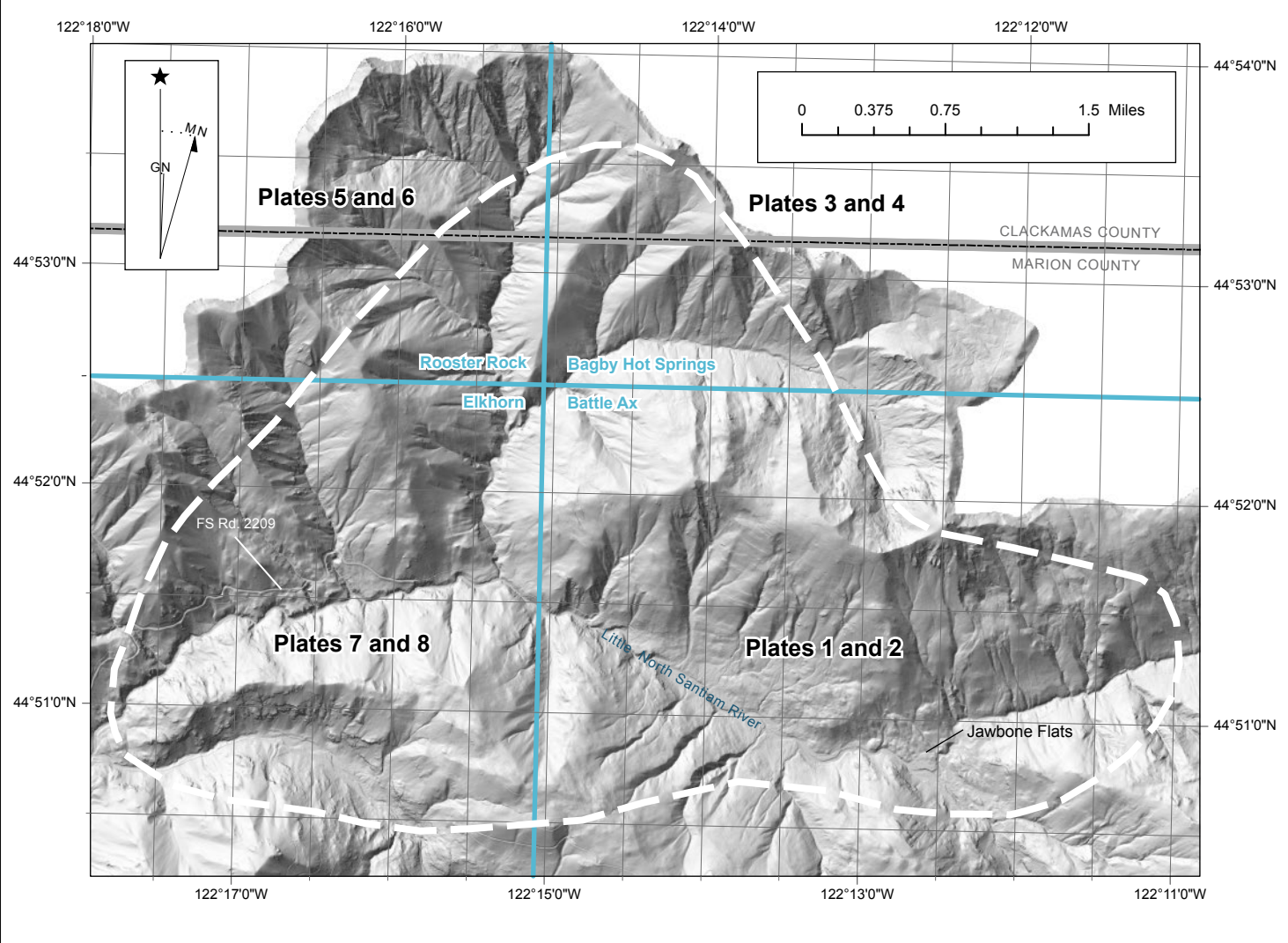
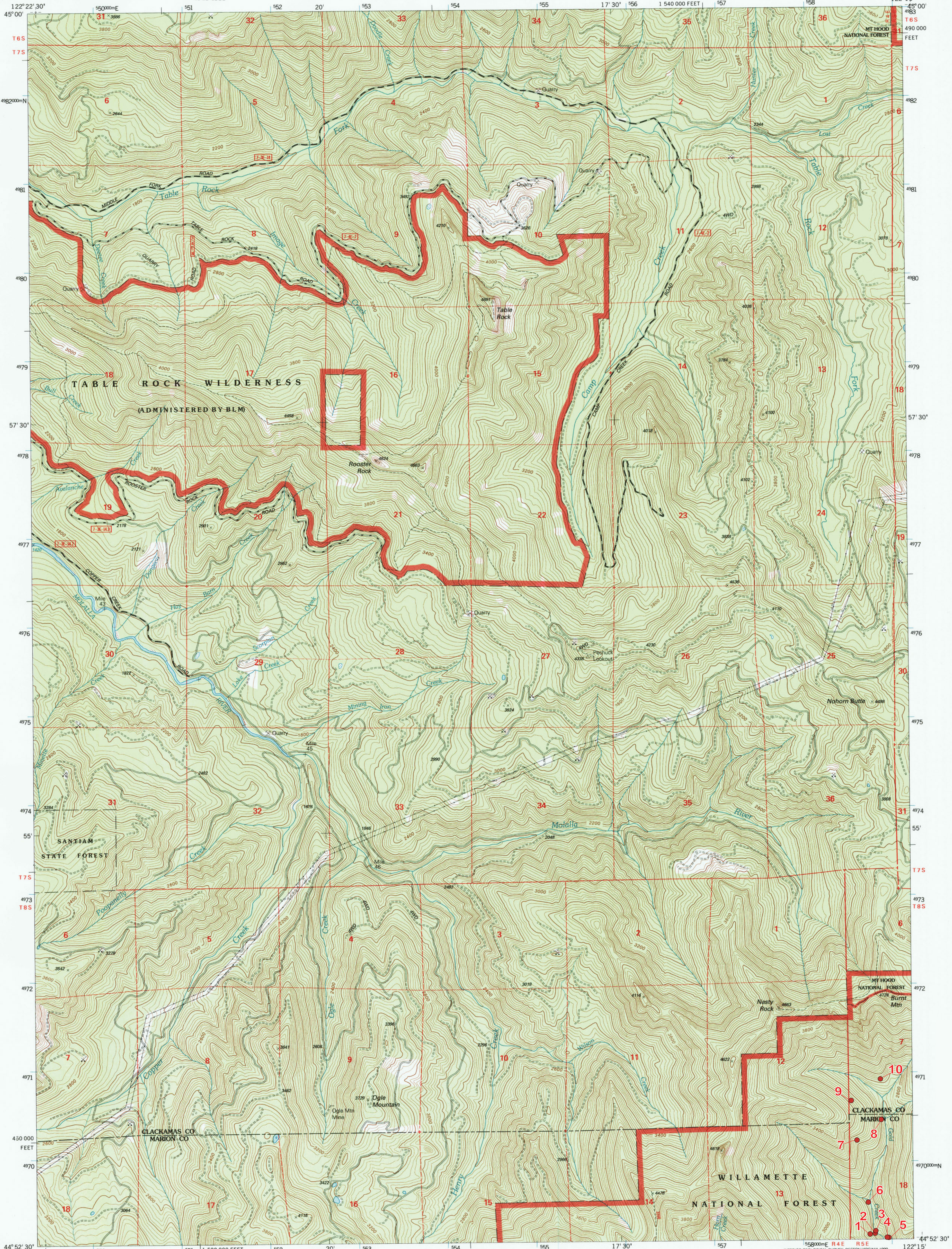


Figure 2. Hillshade image of the North Santiam Mining District (NSMD), Marion and Clackamas counties, Oregon. White dashed line represents the portion of the NSMD that contains the majority of abandoned mine land sites; blue lines are quadrangle boundaries.



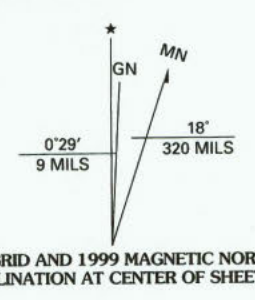
ROOSTER ROCK QUADRANGLE
OREGON
7.5-MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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QUADRANGLE LOCATION



1 2 3
4 5
6 7 8

1 Fremont
2 Swampy
3 Swampy
4 Swampy
5 Swampy
6 Swampy
7 Swampy
8 Swampy

Interstate

U. S.

State

County

National Forest, suitable
for passenger cars

National Forest, suitable for
high clearance vehicles

National Forest Trail

Primary highway

Secondary highway

Light-duty road

Composition: Unspecified

Gravel

Dirt

Unimproved, 4 wheel drive

Trail

Gate Barrier

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