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(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE: Idaho
COUNTY: Butte
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Goodale's Cutoff

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Original tracks from ~~T2N, R24E~~ Ada. 22 W to the

CITY OR TOWN: Blaine Co. line Congressional District: District #2

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Idaho	16	Butte	023

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☒ District ☐ Building	☒ Public	Public Acquisition: n	☐ Occupied	Yes:
☐ Site ☐ Structure	☐ Private	☐ In Process	☒ Unoccupied	☐ Restricted
☐ Object	☐ Both	☐ Being Considered	☐ Preservation work in progress	☒ Unrestricted
				☐ No

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☒ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☐ Other *(Specify)*	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE

STATE: Idaho

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Butte County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Arco | STATE: Idaho | CODE: 16

COUNTY: Butte

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☒ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	☐ Altered	☒ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

When Goodale's cutoff reached the lava beds around Craters of the Moon, the route had to hold to the edge of the hills north of the lava. Here the tracks still are visible through the present national monument. The part contained in this nomination includes the original tracks in Butte county from State Highway 22 west to the Blaine county line. The boundaries of this historic district take in a strip 10 chains (660 feet) wide centered on the old road.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

☐ Pre-Columbian	☐ 16th Century	☐ 18th Century	☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century	☐ 17th Century	☒ 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal	☐ Education	☐ Political	☐ Urban Planning
☐ Prehistoric	☐ Engineering	☐ Religion/Philosophy	☐ Other *(Specify)*
☐ Historic	☐ Industry	☐ Science	
☐ Agriculture	☐ Invention	☐ Sculpture	
☐ Architecture	☐ Landscape Architecture	☐ Social/Humanitarian	
☐ Art	☐ Literature	☐ Theater	
☒ Commerce	☐ Military	☒ Transportation	
☐ Communications	☐ Music		
☐ Conservation			

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Goodale's Cutoff left the Oregon Trail near Fort Hall, crossed the Snake River plains to Lost River, and then headed west. Camas Prairie provided an approach to the Boise region that stayed north of the broad valley of the Snake. Rejoining the Oregon Trail from Ditto Creek to Boise, Goodale's route again diverged to the north of the main emigrant road. A final reunion with the older trail came on Powder River not far from Baker. The route across Camas Prairie, an old Indian trail, was explored originally in 1820 by Donald Mackenzie.

"A very reliable" mountain trader in the Snake country before Idaho was settled, Goodale knew just about all of the Indian and fur trade trails of the valley and mountain country north of the Snake. His cutoff had been used by fur traders for many years, and emigrant wagons had traversed the eastern section as early as 1852. A manuscript map prepared in Willamette valley, May 4, 1853, identified Goodale's general route from Fort Hall through Camas Prairie as a "New road traveled by wagon first July 20th 1852". A decade later, emigrants traveling on Goodale's route noticed places along the trail where a trunk had been abandoned in 1853 and names had been carved in 1854 on rocks and trees along the new road. Then in 1855, Major Granville O. Haller's expedition to retaliate against the Indians who participated in the 1854 Ward Massacre came that way across Camas Prairie. Haller's men preceded north to the upper Salmon, but a special agent, Nathan Olney, continued eastward over the later Goodale route with a small force to Fort Hall to consult with the Indians there. Although traffic on this northern route must have been extremely light until after 1860, G.K. Warren labeled the eastern portion "Jeffers Road" on his large 1859 map of the west. Alonzo Leland's 1863 map of the Idaho mining country, used widely at the time, repeated Warren's identification of Jeffers Road and identified Goodale's route across Camas Prairie simply as the "New Emigrant Road".

With the Salmon River gold rush in 1862, an Oregon Trail emigrant party prevailed upon Goodale to take them over the northern route west from Fort Hall in the hope that they might approach the new mines more directly. Other wagons followed along. Goodale promised to lead them just as close to Florence as he could. So he used the Jeffers'Camas Prairie route. His party included a number of prominent later Idaho residents who renamed the route for Goodale. That was the name that stuck. (Most of them spelled Goodale's name in different ways, but Tim and his family used Goodale. They ought to have known.) Setting out from Snake River July 22,

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Carl Wheat, Mapping the Trans-Mississippi West 1540-1861, Vol. V, Part 1, San Francisco: Institute of Historical Cartography, 1963.

Victor O. Goodwin and John A. Hussey, History of the Sawtooth Range, United States Forest Service and National Park Service, 1964.

Thomas Howard Robb, Routes to Southwestern Idaho, 1855-1884, unpublished M.A. Thesis, University of Idaho, April 1971.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE				LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	43°	27'	30"	113°	37'	12"		°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	43°	30'	00"	113°	32'	47"							
SE	43°	29'	27"	113°	32'	13"							
SW	43°	26'	57"	113°	36'	37"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 400 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Merle Wells, State Liaison Officer

ORGANIZATION: Idaho State Historical Society

DATE: Feb. 24, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 610 North Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Boise

STATE: Idaho

CODE: 16

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name Merle Wells

Title State Liaison Officer

Date February 24, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A R Mortensen

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/1/74

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date 5.1.74

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8. Statement of Significance (Con't)

1862, Goodale's wagon train collected into a large force to avoid Indian trouble. Near Craters of the Moon Goodale stopped for a day (July 28) to gather up still more wagons. This precaution gave him a force of 795 men, augmented by another 300 women and children. With such a show of strength, his wagons escaped the kind of misfortune of some emigrants who ran into an Indian fight at Massacre Rocks, August 9, on the regular Oregon Trail south of Snake River.

West of Boise Basin, Goodale happened to meet up with the prospectors led by George Grimes who had just discovered the Boise mines and were returning to Walla Walla. So Goodale took the combined party on over the western part of his cutoff. Proceeding through the upper Weiser country to Pine Creek and Powder River, they opened the Brownlee ferry route which came into general use late in 1862 with the gold rush to Boise Basin. Brownlee's ferry across Snake River made the western part of Goodale's Cutoff practical, and at the other end, Gibson's ferry operated near Ferry Butte. With these two good Snake River crossings, Goodale's route became a popular one from that time on. Some of the old tracks still are visible in the vicinity of Craters of the Moon.

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Looking northeast toward Goodale's Cutoff at Craters of the Moon National Monument

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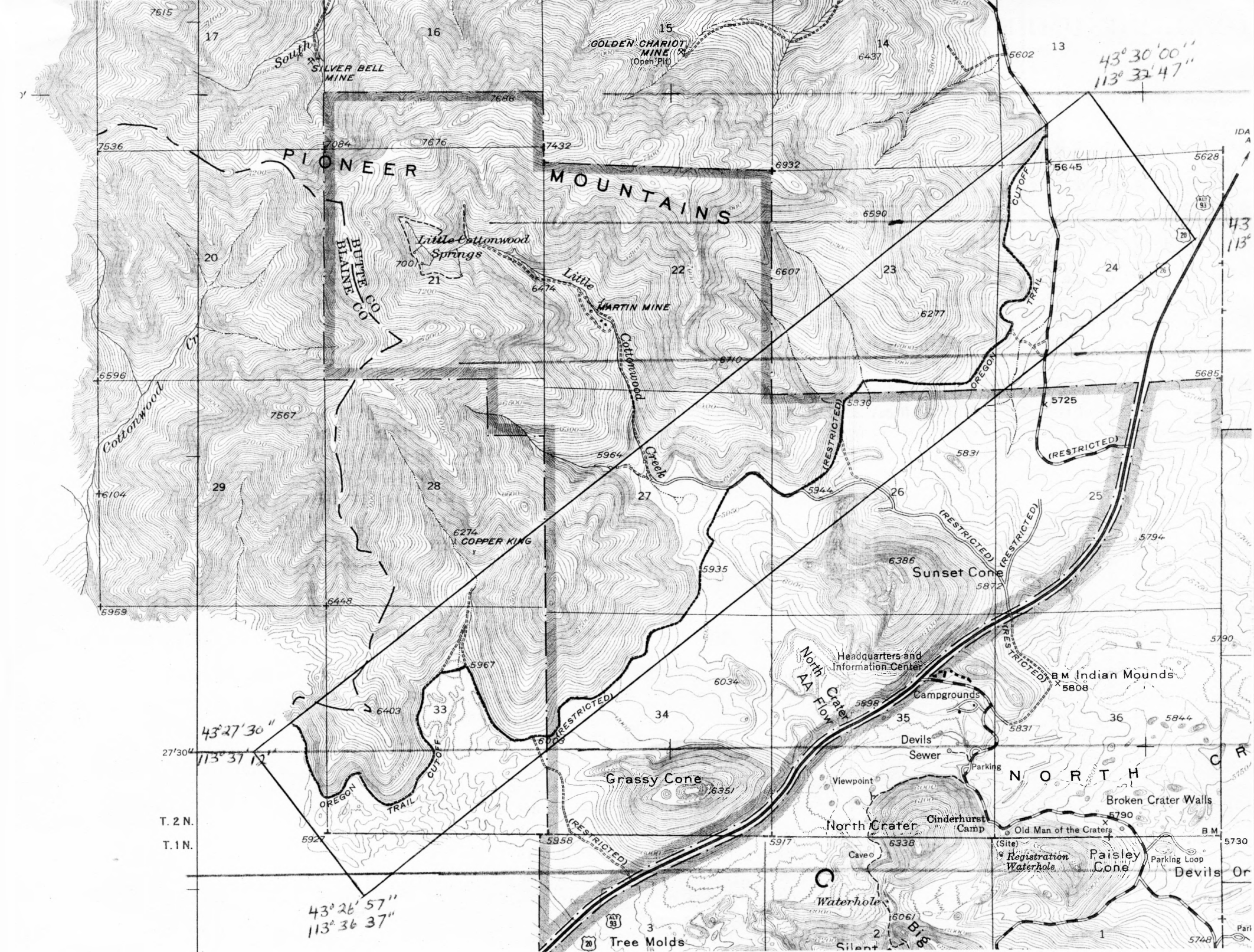

PIONEER MOUNTAINS
South
SILVER BELL MINE
GOLDEN CHARIOT MINE (Open Pit)
Little Cottonwood Springs
BUTTE CO
BLAINE CO
Little Cottonwood Creek
MARTIN MINE
Cottonwood Cr
COPPER KING
OREGON TRAIL CUTOFF
(RESTRICTED)
Sunset Cone
Headquarters and Information Center
North Crater AA Flow
Campgrounds
Indian Mounds
Devils Sewer
Parking
Viewpoint
Grassy Cone
NORTH CR
Broken Crater Walls
North Crater
Cinderhurst Camp
Old Man of the Craters
Registration Waterhole
Paisley Cone
Parking Loop
Devils Or
Cave
Waterhole
Tree Molds
Silent
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113° 32' 47"
43° 27' 30"
113° 37' 12"
43° 26' 57"
113° 36' 37"