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When he left Tim Goodale in charge of his Snake River ferry and came on to engage Boise Basin mining enterprises in 1864, John Brownlee also had interests west of Jerusalem Valley and in a route down Brownlee Creek to reach Jerusalem Valley, where miners had to manage a Payette River crossing at later Gardena. So Idaho ended up with two Brownlee Creeks, located many miles apart, associated with his activities. His route from Squaw Creek to Jerusalem Valley was mostly a pack trail because of obstructions to wagon traffic in other segments, but miners who came that way had a more direct approach that had grazing land advantages as well.

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