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Because of its Oregon Trail location on a steep grade not far west of Bonanza Bar, Coldwater Hill has excellent emigrant road features. A variety of track patterns are preserved on a ridge ascending to a rest area there, and a sidehill segment of F. W. Lander's Fort Kearney, South Pass, and Honey Lake wagon road still is conspicuous there. Lander's Road, an important Oregon Trail improvement as far west as Coldwater Hill, reached there by 1858-1859. (Lander's Road project had additional importance for bringing Tim Goodale to Idaho.) Around Coldwater Hill, more than one local variant came by, but a bypass segment is close enough to be noticed from its summit.

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