

THE HORSE RANCH, EQUIPMENT SHED  
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest  
Joseph vicinity *Eagle Cap Wilderness Area*  
Wallowa County  
Oregon

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THE HORSE RANCH (Red's Horse Ranch), Equipment Shed

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**Location:** The Horse Ranch is located within the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. The ranch lies in a valley along the Wild and Scenic Minam River in Wallowa County. It is approximately nine air miles northeast of Cove, Oregon and thirteen air miles southwest of Enterprise, Oregon. SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 2S, Range 41E, Willamette Meridian. The equipment shed is located southwest of the milk barn in the southwestern corner of the building complex.

**Significance:** This building is significant as it relates to the operations of the ranch. Although built recently (ca. 1986), the shed was built in the same manner as the other earlier shed buildings. There are two more of these equipment sheds (OR-165-R and OR-165-AD) in the ranch complex; they were built in the 1960s. The equipment shed fits visually into the context of the ranch.

According to the Determination of Eligibility for the National Register (letter dated, May 1, 1996) between the State Historic Preservation Office and the U.S. Forest Service, the equipment shed is a non-contributing building within the Horse Ranch complex.

**Description:** The equipment shed is a post and beam structure covered with a medium-pitched gabled roof. The open truss roofing system (made of peeled logs) is covered with corrugated metal. Four peeled log posts support the log beams which extend lengthwise (north/south). Two peeled logs, extending east-west, rest on the log beams. Diagonal brackets add support to the corner posts. The vertical corner posts rest on round concrete piers. The building is in good condition and currently shelters farming implements.

**Historical Context:**

The equipment shed (OR-165-D) was built in the mid-1980s to shelter various ranch implements. The equipment shed (OR-165-D) is almost identical to the equipment shed and sawmill (OR-165-AC and OR-165-AD), only varying in size. This equipment shed is the only shed built by Pete Decker (also worked on the addition to the kitchen/dining hall).

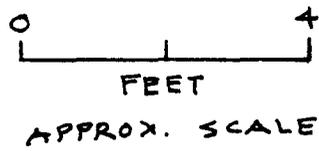
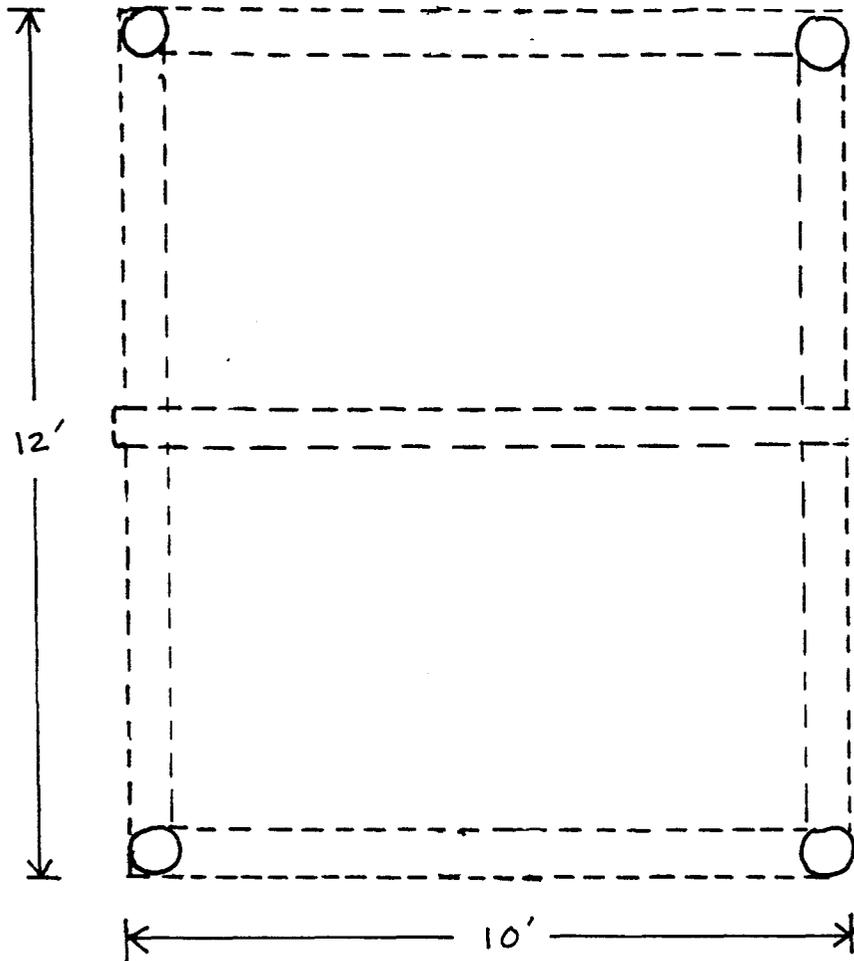
**Sources:** Cason, Richard, 8/12/96, Elgin, Oregon, former wrangler and pilot for Red's Horse Ranch, interviewed by Kimberly Lakin. Womack, Bruce, 8/96 and 10/96, Enterprise, Oregon, Eagle Cap Wilderness Area, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, National Register Determination of Eligibility. Site analysis by Kimberly Lakin and Sally Donovan, August 1996.

**Project Information:**

In 1994, the Horse Ranch (Red's Horse Ranch) was acquired for inclusion in the National Wilderness System by the USDA Forest Service. As a result of the property acquisition, the USDA Forest Service is preparing an Environmental Analysis Report and Future Use Determination for the site. This process will enable the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest to establish management direction and priorities for the property. As part of the environmental analysis, a Determination of Eligibility report was completed in the spring of 1996.

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