

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Authorizing Columbia 9-1-1            )  
Communications District to Construct a Gate in        )  
the Right-of-Way of Lookout County Road            )        ORDER NO. 62-2006

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 368.056, the Board of County Commissioners may authorize the issuance of a permit to a person to allow construction of a gate on a public road under the jurisdiction of the County; and

WHEREAS, in issuing such permit, the Board of County Commissioners may impose any conditions or specifications on the permit it determines to be advisable to preserve the purposes of the public road, and may include a requirement that the person issued the permit shall bear all costs of construction and maintenance of the gate; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District ("Columbia 9-1-1") is the owner of critical public safety communications system equipment installed at the Meissner Lookout Radio Site located on property owned by the Oregon Department of Forestry abutting Lookout County Road; and

WHEREAS, Columbia 9-1-1 has requested the authorization to construct a gate in the right-of-way of such Road, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment 1, and is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the other property owners who own property beyond the proposed gate on Lookout County Road have requested increased deterrents to vandals and trespassers to the Meisner Lookout Radio Site and have been notified by Columbia 9-1-1 of the proposed gate construction, and have consented to the gate; and

WHEREAS, the County Road Official has recommended that the County authorize Columbia 9-1-1 to construct and maintain a steel gate at the proposed location provided that the gate is highly visible, provided that there is an advance warning sign and further provided that there is a turnaround in the vicinity; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Road Standards prohibits the placement of any structure in the right-of-way of any County road or public road under County jurisdiction without first obtaining a Construction Permit from the Columbia County Road Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District is authorized to construct and maintain a steel gate at the location shown on the area map which is attached hereto as

Attachment 2, and is incorporated herein by this reference, upon the issuance of a Columbia County Construction Permit by the Columbia County Road Department.

2. The above authorization is subject to the following conditions:
  - i. Columbia 9-1-1, its assigns, and successors in interest, shall at all times be solely responsible for the maintenance and repair of such gate. Columbia 9-1-1 shall keep the gate in good repair.
  - ii. The gate shall be constructed of steel with two reflectorized object marker signs (zebra boards) on each side of the gate for visibility purposes.
  - iii. The County Road Department shall install an advance warning sign on Lookout County Road to warn of the presence of the gate, and shall be responsible for the maintenance and replacement of such signage.
  - iv. The County Road Department shall build a turnaround in front of the gate at the location.
  - v. A key to the gate shall be provided to all owners and occupants of property having access onto Lookout County Road beyond the location of the gate, the County Road Department, and to local fire and emergency services operators.
  - vi. Columbia 9-1-1, its assigns or successors in interest, shall remove the gate at its sole expense upon a determination by the Board of County Commissioners that the gate is no longer in the public interest, or immediately upon request of the County Roadmaster if an emergency situation occurs which requires its removal.
  - vii. Columbia 9-1-1, its assigns or successors in interest shall follow all applicable provisions of the Columbia County Road Standards, Ordinance No. 96-6, as may be amended.
  - viii. Columbia 9-1-1, its assigns or successors in interest shall provide insurance in an amount to be determined by the County Roadmaster, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its Board of Commissioners, the Roadmaster and all other County officers, agents and employees from any claim which might arise on account of the issuance of the Construction Permit, or this Gate Permit. The County Roadmaster shall require a certificate of insurance to be provided.

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- ix. The Columbia County Roadmaster shall issue a Public Road Construction Permit to Columbia 9-1-1 upon Columbia 9-1-1's compliance to the Roadmaster's satisfaction with all applicable Columbia County Road Standards.

Dated this 9th day of August, 2006.

Approved as to Form

By: Sarah Hanson

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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# Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District

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07/10/06

To: Board of Commissioners, Columbia County  
From: Steve Watson, Columbia 911 Communications District  
RE: Action Request: Lookout Road Security Gate

This document is prepared on behalf of the Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District, the users of the site known as Meissner Lookout including the Columbia County Road Department and certain affected property owners on Lookout Road. We are proposing placement of a gate across the county road named Lookout Road, approximately 120 yards east of the intersection of Lookout and Hollywood Roads specifically to reduce the opportunity for unauthorized public access to critical public safety radio site communications equipment and facilities.

The Meissner Lookout Radio Site is located at the end of Lookout Road off of Hollywood Road on property owned by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). This radio site has been in existence for many years as a cooperative use site, and has recently been upgraded with newer equipment serving the Columbia County Road Department and the Columbia County Emergency Management Department. Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District recently enhanced its public safety radio system with new equipment at the site to provide for better saturation of radio and data system coverage in the Meissner/Apiary area for the Sheriff and other police responders and for fire emergency medical responders.

The site also houses critical voice communications equipment for the Oregon Department of Forestry, The Rainier School District and ARES/RACES amateur radio group. The State of Oregon may also use this site as they upgrade the radio communication system for the state agencies in our area.

Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District, in collaboration with ODF and the Columbia County Road Department has made significant physical improvements recently to the site. Chain link fencing, gravel pad and driveway and a gate that surrounds the site buildings and towers has been installed. Columbia 9-1-1 is in the process of locating an emergency power generator at the site.

Providing 9-1-1 call answering, emergency dispatch and other support services for:

Clatskanie Fire & Medical  
Clatskanie Police  
Columbia City Police  
Columbia County Sheriff  
Columbia River Fire & Rescue  
Mist-Birkenfeld Fire & Medical  
Rainier Police  
City of Prescott  
Scappoose Fire & Medical  
Scappoose Police  
St. Helens Police  
Vernonia Fire & Medical  
Metro-West Ambulance  
Vernonia Police  
Columbia Co. District Attorney  
Columbia Co. Emergency Services  
Columbia Co. Juvenile Division  
Columbia Co. Road Department  
Columbia Community Mental Health  
Oregon State Police  
Oregon State Forestry,  
Columbia Unit  
Parole & Probation  
PGE Trojan Facility

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## Lookout Road Security Gate Request

The purpose of this request is to add an important security feature that will support the security of a critical radio site and support the peace of mind of neighboring property owners. This site has long been a location of unauthorized late night parties and illegal dumping. Two weeks ago, I picked up enough litter and beer bottles to fill 2 large paper bags. Damage to critical communications links potentially caused by such trespassers is a safety risk that we now have an opportunity to mitigate.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, I met with the property owners in the immediate are of the site. The property owners voice strong support for gating the area to promote security and reduce the presence of people that are not authorized to be at the radio site.

Placing a gate across the entrance road leading to the site would greatly restrict access to the site, yet would not interfere with access by nearby property owners. The gate would be constructed similar to the ones used by timber companies. The recommended manufacturer is based in Vernonia and is the supplier of gate for Longview Fibre timber operations.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Road Department Superintendent Dave Hill and ODF Unit Forester Mike Simek accompanied me to the site and determined the best location for the gate and for a turnaround area. The recommended location is east of the last address on Lookout Road and is a considerable distance from the radio site turnaround.

Approval of the proposal will support the security of this critical radio site and would provide an added benefit to neighboring property owners by reducing the opportunity for unauthorized persons in the area and potentially dangerous use of the site.

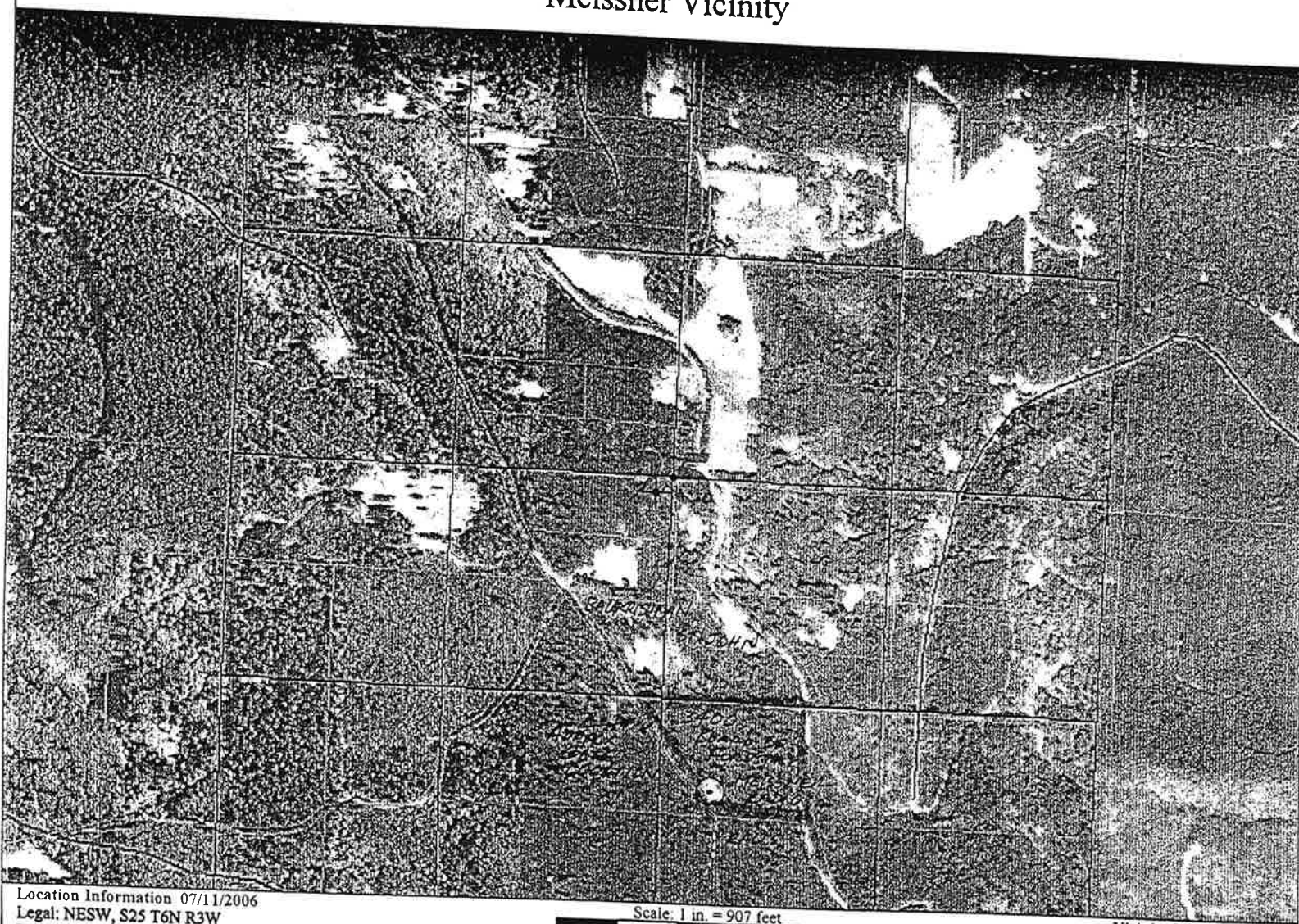
Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about this proposal.

# Meissner Vicinity

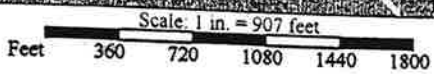


## Legend

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Construction
- Demolition
- Domestic
- Incinerator
- Industrial
- Slash
- Arson
- Debris Buring
- Equipment Use
- Juveniles
- Lightning
- Miscellaneous
- Railroad
- Recreationist
- Smoking
- Under Investigation
- Fire Water Source
- Green
- Red
- White
- Yellow
- Incidents
- Look Outs
- Mile Posts
- Roads Names
- Taxlot-Columbia
- Interstate Highway
- Municipal Highway
- State Highway
- US Highway
- Lakes



Location Information 07/11/2006  
 Legal: NESW, S25 T6N R3W  
 Latitude: 45°58'30", (45°58.5009' or 45.9750°)  
 Longitude: -123°0'4", (-123°0.680 or -123.0011°)  
 7 Miles Southwest of Prescott  
 8 Miles Southwest of Rainier  
 Elevation: 1060 ft.  
 LandMark: Shiloh Basin, Fish Ponds  
 Watershed Basin 5th and 6th: BEAVER CREEK/COLUMBIA RIVER-TIDE POND  
 Watershed 5th field #:  
 Quad Name & #: TRENHOLM, 45122H8  
 County and District: COLUMBIA, Forest Grove  
 Ownership: Private,

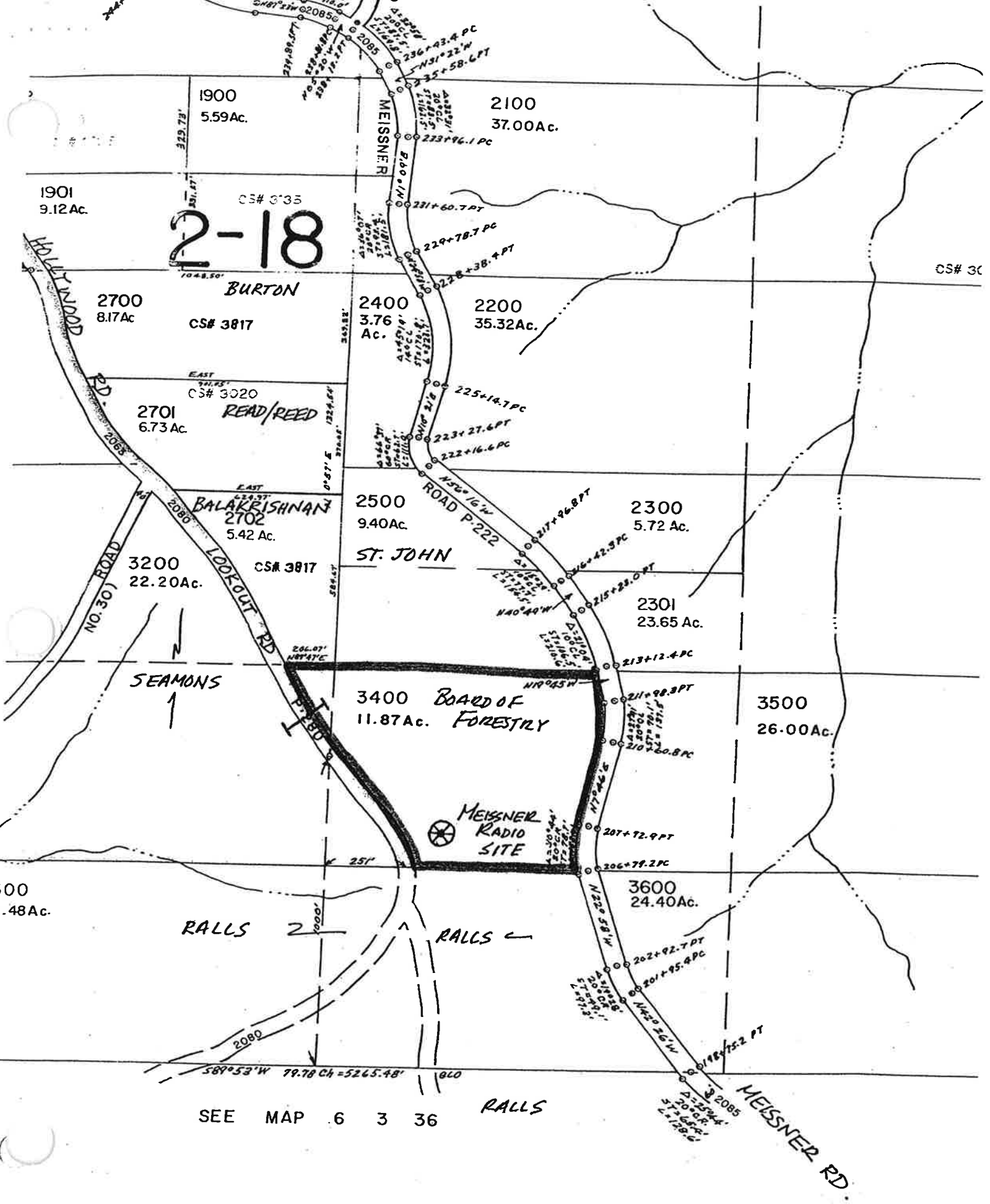


Stewardship Foresters (Practices, Assistance): Malcolm Hiatt, Malcolm Hiatt  
 Magnetic Declination 2005: -17.3  
 Owner Name and Assessor #: Colum BURTON JOANN E,  
 Regulated Use: NW-3  
 Weather: 602  
 Raw Station: CASE  
 VOR: BTG - Brg: 291.299°, 21.9 NM, BATTLEGROUND, OR  
 VOR: PDX - Brg: 307.050°, 28.3 NM, PORTLAND, OR

Vicinity Map



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1900  
5.59Ac.

2100  
37.00Ac.

1901  
9.12Ac.

2700  
8.17Ac

CS# 3817

2400  
3.76  
Ac.

2200  
35.32Ac.

2701  
6.73Ac.

CS# 3020  
READ/REED

2500  
9.40Ac.

2300  
5.72 Ac.

3200  
22.20Ac.

CS# 3817

ST. JOHN

2301  
23.65 Ac.

SEAMONS

3400 BOARD OF FORESTRY  
11.87Ac.

3500  
26.00Ac.

MEISSNER  
RADIO  
SITE

3600  
24.40Ac.

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SEE MAP 6 3 36

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MEISSNER RD.