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## Cadastral maps

**Topic:** Cadastral maps

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### Cadastral maps

**Bill Cattrall** : 6/27/2009; 3:59:56 AM

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I found these old survey maps on the BLM site. They take forever to load and not every section is covered but they are a look back in time. The first link is to the state map index. Scroll over it and the township range numbers come up. Click on it and wait, then the cadastral maps will give a jpg image. Did I mention that they take forever to load.

[http://www.blm.gov/or/landrecords/survey/yGrdOr\\_A.php?ln=1110001](http://www.blm.gov/or/landrecords/survey/yGrdOr_A.php?ln=1110001)

Here is a link to the t 080s r060e map. It is one of the newer maps and is very interesting.

[http://www.blm.gov/or/landrecords/survey/yPlatView1\\_2.php?path=POR&name=t080s060e\\_001.jpg](http://www.blm.gov/or/landrecords/survey/yPlatView1_2.php?path=POR&name=t080s060e_001.jpg)

Bill

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**Re: Cadastral maps****Donald Presley** : 6/27/2009; 9:18:33 PMReads: 182, Responses: 0 ( [↩](#) view responses to this item)

Thanks for posting the link to old survey maps from the BLM site. I had seen maps from these early surveys, but I didn't know where they were located on the web. Not only a good source for old trails in our district, as well as the whole state of Oregon, I am sure they go into other states as well.

I am grateful personally, for I was finally able to locate my ancestors land plot just NE of Salem on an 1852 map they had posted on the site. I have read references to my family's Donation Land Claim, but this was the first time I had seen my great-great-greatgrandfathers name on an original map. The land plot covers portions of the present day Oregon State Fairgrounds and was 346 acres in size. Thank you

Donald Presley

[Discuss this message.](#)**Re: Cadastral maps****Karl Helser** : 6/29/2009; 4:03:12 AMReads: 171, Responses: 0 ( [↩](#) view responses to this item)

...best thing since sliced bread!

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**Re: Cadastral maps****Doug Firman** : 6/30/2009; 3:06:00 PMReads: 193, Responses: 0 ( [↩](#) view responses to this item)

Bill,

This is interesting stuff. Thanks for posting the link.

The T8S R6E map that you mentioned is particularly interesting because it shows two Elk Lake Creek trails heading south from Battle Creek shelter. I don't recall ever having seen this on any other maps. An "old" trail and a "new" trail. (EDIT: Since posting this, I found that the 1935 FS map on the Trail Advocates site shows two trails from Battle Creek shelter.)

[http://farm3.static.flickr.com/2507/3676145197\\_008f85ff8f\\_b.jpg](http://farm3.static.flickr.com/2507/3676145197_008f85ff8f_b.jpg)

I read through the field notes and sure enough the surveyor indicates crossing these two separate trails just as they're shown on the map, identifying them as the old and new Elk Lake Creek trails. The surveys were done in 1934 which was about the time that the ELC trail that we know today was constructed. So if there was an old trail, it would only have been recently abandoned at the time that the surveyors came through. Probably wouldn't be so easy to find today.

I also looked through the field notes for references to the trail which heads east from Battle Creek shelter after crossing Elk Lake Creek. We've been referring to that as Trail 563 in previous discussions, and I was hoping the the surveyors in 1934 would put a name to it in their notes. But it's simply referred to as a "way trail."

Can you imagine being one of those surveyors and having to run straight section lines through that country? Those guys were tough!

Doug

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**Re: Cadastral maps****Donovan** : 6/30/2009; 5:29:20 PMReads: 187, Responses: 0 ( [↩](#) view responses to this item)

Is it possible that someone could repackage these files into something more manageable?

(The townships in our District)

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**Re: Cadastral maps****Bill Cattrall** : 7/1/2009; 6:08:32 AMReads: 196, Responses: 1 ( [↩](#) view responses to this item)

Donald,

You are welcome. I found this site looking for old trails and mines but like you I looked my property next. The 1897 survey is only 20 years before my family moved here but no claim is listed, so there is more to find. There have to be later resurveys somewhere.

Karl,

I would agree, but most of these maps predate sliced bread.

Doug,

I can't believe you got through the field notes, was the connection faster where you are? I have a sort of fast connection and thought the problem was on the other end. As for the men that did this work they did the impossible and in many cases in only a summer it seems.

Donovan,

I am not quite sure what you mean. Make them easier to load? They are all jpg files and whenever I view a file I save it to picasa on my computer. I can then crop, print, or enlarge the image. I took what maps I had in the Bull of the Woods area and put them on a CD and went to the copy center. They made large prints of each for not much money. I wonder if these maps could be loaded onto a gps unit. The gps should know the survey lines that they put down but that we can't see except for the odd corner stake if you are lucky.

Bill

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**Re: Cadastral maps**

**Donovan** : 7/1/2009; 6:26:43 AM











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Yes, faster to load. I can't get them at all. Would like to link to them but they need to be smaller files. Or hosted at a better location.

That site was off line for a long time. Glad it's back, but . . .

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