

HAMBONE TRAIL Commentary - 5/22/78 Evans

Trail was flagged by Explorer Post 700 from Abbot Rd to point X. From point X to sign on Salmon River there are a few small flags at critical points only. Apparently the bulk of the trail is mapped incorrectly.

From all indications, this trail should be a priority for reconstruction. A one day trip (starting at Abbot Rd) reflagging and staking any minor trail improvements (creek crossings, unnecessary rolling, etc) should be accomplished soon. The deterrent is the ^{built} ~~fall~~ bridge across Salmon River. An ^{ages} ~~trail~~ ^{be more expensive and} mean approximately two miles of rough trail building, as there is not even a consistent foot path tread on the south side.

Access for reconstruction could be gained by:

Abbot Rd

wading across Salmon River

possibly by bushwacking $\approx \frac{2}{3}$ mi from the present end of Salmon River Road.

Once the trail was logged out, the remaining tread and brushing would be an ideal project for supervised volunteers. YCC would work

well as a campsite project in the middle section.

Advantages to Re-opening HAMBONE

- ① Consistent with the direction given in Salmon River Planning Unit EIS
- ② provide opportunity for dispersing campers as there are excellent potential campsites w/ water sources
- ③ provide an excellent loop if Bear Springs re-opened the old Finney Creek trail. Careful co-ordination needs to occur.
- ④ the trail is in excellent shape for the number of years it hasn't been maintained and is basically a resource that is being wasted. Most of the reconstruction can be done by volunteers.

Explorer Post 700 Hambone Forest Camp to Salmon River

Explorer Post 700 August 15 & 16, 1977 to Salmon River

Start, Hambone F.C. Water available, Sign marks Trail, Blazes good, Tread visible needs brushing out, Trail shows moderate use for $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. to way trail to Hambone Butte.

Way trail should be brushed out to base of Hambone Butte about 400' and a definite trail established to the top of the Butte to stop the present practice of people scrambling to the top by different routes. ~~There are two sets of blazes, one set is 10 years old, the other is 15 to 18 years old.~~

From the Junction with Hambone Butte way trail blazes are good, brush light, tread is poor but visible for about 3/4 mi. to Iron Creek. Iron Creek is 5' wide flowing 6" deep, Area shows signs of light use as a camp site over several years,

~~there are very few down trees that could not be cut out with a~~
From Iron Creek blazes are good to a point about 3/8 mi. passed Helispot # 246, at about the 2720' contour the blazes run out with 2 or 3 false trails. Cross country about 500' on compass bearing 290 degrees magnetic from last blaze and pick up blazes about $\frac{1}{2}$ way down in the middle of a small draw. Blazes good, some tread visible for about 600' to Copper Creek. Stream 6' wide flowing 6" deep. Brush moderate on this section.

From Copper Creek to an unnamed almost dry creek blazes are good, tread deteriorates, usually visible, brush is very heavy with many small 6" or less down trees, From this unnamed creek (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2TS. 4S.R7E) there is a map error as to where this stream goes also where the trail is. The Firemans map is completely inaccurate. The best of 4 different maps we used is Rhododendron Quadrangle. (After this creek crossing there is a false trail that we followed South for about $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. and elevation gain of 700' to 800'.) Unable to locate the trail we contoured North about $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. crossed to the East side of the Canyon and picked up the trail and followed it out to the sign at the Salmon River. The brush in this section is very heavy with many down trees. Blazes are good, tread sometimes visible.

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COMMENT

Blazing is good the length of the trail. There are two sets of blazes. One about 70 years and a later set 35 to 40 years old, these sometimes deviate slightly.

In several places there are other blazes in the 35 to 40 year group that indicate side trails, we did not check out as they are not on any of our maps.

If the trail was brushed out the tread would be 99% visible, in poor condition.

There are very few down trees that could not be cut out with a 30" bow saw.

A bridge of some sort is a MUST at Salmon River. This trail has indication of some use even now ie: foot prints, old camp fires, gum, and candy wrappers, tin cans.

From Copper Creek to an unnamed stream my crash blazes are good, tread deteriorates, usually 100' to 150' apart with many smaller 60' or less down trees. From 2100 ft. to 2200 ft. there is a map error. See Post # 700 where the trail is. The Fireman's map is completely inaccurate. The best of 4 different maps we used is Shadedendron Quadrangle. (After this creek crossing there is a false trail that we followed South for about 1 mi. and elevation gain of 700' to 800'.) Unable to locate the trail we contourred North about 1/2 mi. crossed to the East side of the Carson and picked up the trail and followed it out to the sign at the Salmon River. The brush in this section is very heavy with many down trees. Blazes are good, tread sometimes visible.

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Hambone Trail #792

Trail Description

Length: 7-1/2 miles

Hiking time: slow, 4 hours one way

Tread condition: narrow and steep

Brush clearing: narrow and poor

Water: available, except on middle 3 miles

Recommendations for use:

Hiker - yes, but rugged

Horses - yes

Scooters - no, impassable

Snow-free season: mid-June to November

Caution: A rough, steep trail, definitely for the initiated. You must ford Salmon River to get on this trail from the Salmon River Trail. The ford is rough, slick, two feet deep and 50 feet wide.

Aesthetic Description

This trail affords interesting views of the Salmon River area, from bluffs close to the river to overall views from high intermediate ridges.

The landscape starts in deep river canyon and climbs intermediate ridges to the mountain top.

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| 0.0 | 9.3 | Start on Salmon River Trail #742 at Road S-38. Hambone Trail starts 1.9 miles further up the trail. |
| 1.9 | 7.4 | Start on Hambone Trail. Ford Salmon River. |
| 2.8 | 6.5 | Viewpoint of Salmon River. |
| 3.6 | 5.7 | Follow along bluffs over Salmon River. |
| 4.2 | 5.1 | Cross Copper Creek. |
| 5.5 | 3.8 | Cross Helispot #246. |
| 7.2 | 2.1 | Cross meadow. Trail poorly marked in meadow. |
| 7.7 | 1.6 | Start up Hambone Mountain. |
| 8.4 | .9 | Cross ridgeline; abandoned trail departs to left. |
| 9.0 | .3 | Enter Hambone Springs Campground. |
| 9.3 | 0.0 | End of trail at Road S-457. |

To reach start of trail, go east from Portland on U.S. Highway #26 for 42 miles to the Salmon River Road (just before Zigzag, Oregon). Turn right and go 5 miles. (This road becomes forest Road S-38 after 2 miles.) The trail starts on your left at the first concrete bridge. You pass Green Canyon Campground 1/2 mile before the trail.

To reach top end of trail, drive up the Clackamas River highway to Road S-45 at North Fork Guard Station. Turn left on S-45 for about 7 miles to Road S-457 and turn right on Road S-457. Go about 15 miles on Road S-457 to Hambone Springs campground. The trail starts from the upper left corner of the campground.

Harvey - 3/4 mi from S.R. trail - X county

(does not X Bighorn C.)

comes down a canyon ≈ 300' E of existing sign
on E side then 1/4 mi from

from sign 300' E to carry-up W side Xes to
E side (<1,000' not flagged).

① exist sign (flagged S- 3-400' Xes @ bottom)
(sawed log) on E side of C → then 1/4 mi
further - map shows it on W. side - but ?able
3 1/4 mi from sign to flagging needs to be reconned

Ridge bet. Cut & Cuts

DAVE ALL - 1920's Sal. River G.S.

Rolling Riffle G.S. (3rd R.R) West end

Salmon Mt Tr'd from G. Canyon 30% grade

phone line still prob remains

Kinzel Sites Salmon Riv.

full of erosion

HAMBONE TRAIL (PARADISE VALLEY on 780-9T?)

start: 50' West of Bighorn Creek (Section 2 4S 7E) with

Sign: HAMBONE TRAIL

HAMBONE SPRINGS - 8

COPPER CREEK WAY - 2

Big horn Way - 1

good blazes/tread - tread is earth

grade +20 fm \approx 200', then rolls -10 to +10

DF, cedar 2-4' diameters, sahla, ore. grape

Reopen tread by cutting down log (\approx 20+) + a min.

of brushing

trail parallels Bighorn Creek - tread deteriorates

Rebuild tread, cut down log (20+), min. of brush.
Note: could construct tread on E side of
trail crosses Bighorn Creek Bighorn from start to this point

good blazes, good crossing

tread disappears, blazes fewer but followable

Small red flagging is used at critical points

starting here

trail parallel to Big horn Cr.

Grade +10, side hill 30-40

DF, cedar 4-6' diameters, fern huckleberry

large amount of blowdown

trail crosses small live creek (good campsite potential)

blazes/tread hard to find - look for logcut in

Creek + blazes opposite side

2.

tread is rock + earth

trail is on ridge between Bighorn + other creek
grade +20-30' fn \approx 200 yds.

S-curve

on Ridge above and parallel to Bighorn
good blazes/cuts to follow

visible tread covered w/ moss

brush (rhododendron, huckleberry) 2-4" diameter trees heavy

DF, Hemlock 2-4" diameters

grade +10 - +15

on W. side of ridge overlooking Bighorn

trail rolls -10 + +10 w/ one short +20 pitch

sidehill grade \approx 60-80

→ tread excellent 18-24" (reopen tread)

smaller trees across trail

Switchback Left (marked by 3 red flaps + large root wad)

Explorer flagging starts here (consistent)

Bighorn Way Tr straight ahead (?)

marked by red flagging

visible tread

grade +15 for \approx 400'

Cross Ridge point

Switchback Right

trail rolls +15 to -15

trees X trail \approx 8-16" diameters

minimum of brush (sahale)

3.

- 30% fa \approx 200'

Cross small, live creek again
potential for campsites

reconstruct stream crossing (higher to maintain
grade + eliminate the +30 and -30)

short pitch +30

Switchback Right

grade +15-20

hvy. brush starts again (small trees, vine maple)

trail rolls unnecessarily -15 to +15 (straighten it out)

Cross Ridge Point

grade $\frac{1}{2}$
grade +12
North facing slope 20-60 side slope

partial view of Hunchback - hear Salmon Riv. below

hvy brush - thody, vine maple

Across from Pyramid (Hunchback)

→ tread starts to deteriorate (widen by sloughing)

grade rolls -5 to +5

Two red flags on footpath heading NE towards Salmon River

→ tread needs reworking, heavy brushing
water above trail?

3-4" diameter 12' high hemlock growing in center of tread
flats appear to be below trail

Small, uproot in tread

Two red flags mark Way trail heading NE toward Salmon R.
50' beyond way trail heading uphill

3.

4.

grade -30 for 50'

Cross small ^{live} stream (intermittent?)

grade +30 fm 50' (reconstruct stream crossing)

Cross flats

good blazes, no tread

Cross larger, live stream ($\geq 400'$ from last crossing)

Bluffs across Salmon River, just east of
creek crossing

good opportunity for campsites

- END OF SURVEY - EVANS 5/10/78

Note: Red flagging continues to Abbot Rd.

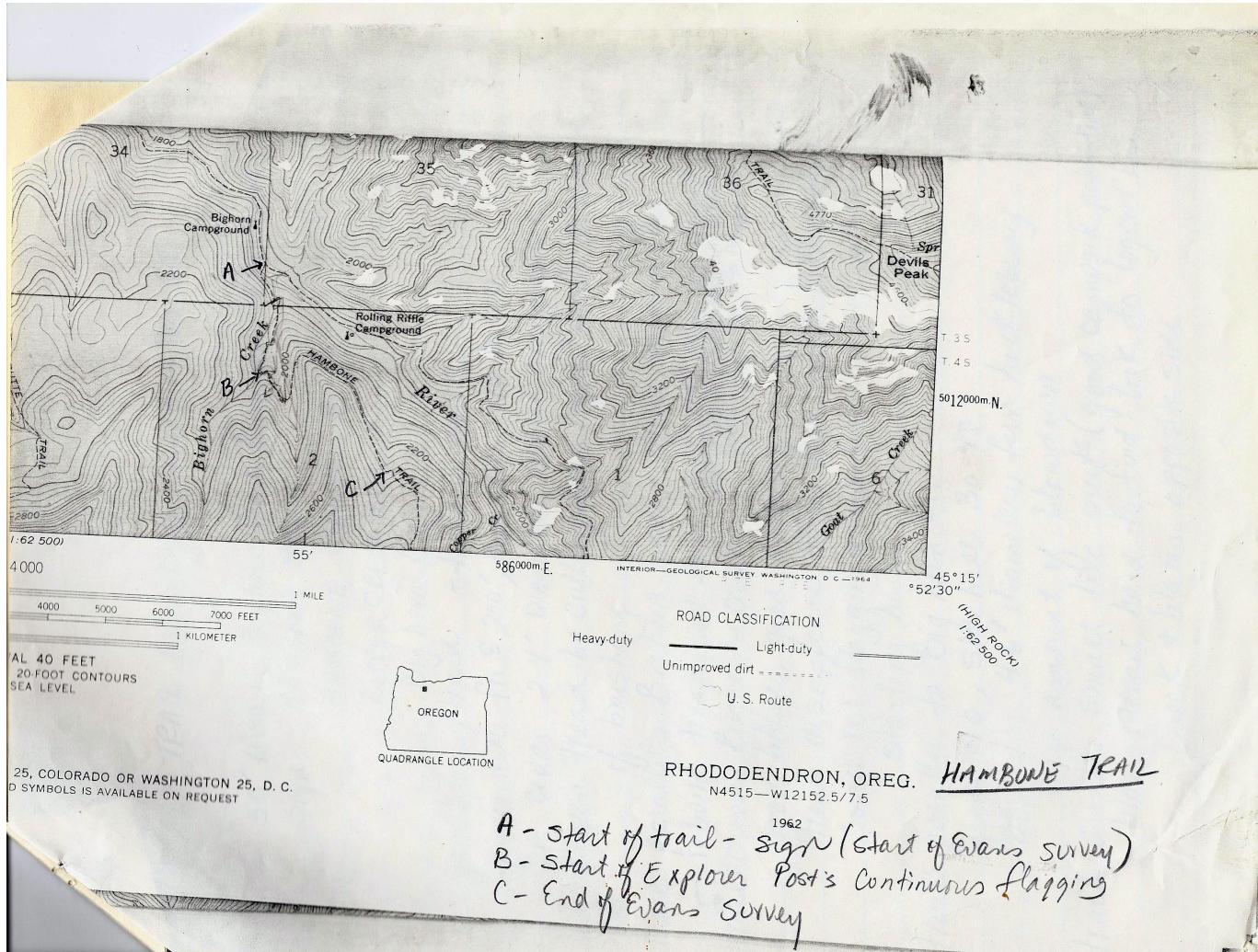
Comment: Bridge across Salmon River

There are several (≥ 4) 4-6' diameter cedars and DF on S. side of Salmon River that would provide bridge materials - some would require winching.

Span of River is $\approx 60+$ ft wide

A bridge similar to Linney Crk is suggested

Undoubtedly replacement would be needed every
1-5 years, depending on river conditions



HAMBONE

Un Logged

Revised _____

Trail No. 1377

Maint Class. M-3

Length 6.0

Starting Point: On Highcreek Road at Hambone Springs Camp Ground.
Ending: Salmon River Trail in SW 1/4 Sec. 35, T. 30., R. E.

0.00 Sign at this point at edge of road reading:

Hambone Trail
Salmon River Trail ----6
Paradise Valley Camp----2

