

Copies of Snow Survey Shelter
huts marked on Forest Service
Maps of the Humboldt, Nevada,
Tahoe, etc. Forests.

Originals sent to McLaughlin for
use in preparing a map for
Government use in offering refuge
to stranded airplane victims.

Ans Oct 3, 1934

Box 31

CRITICISMS ON SNOW CABIN
PLAN.

ROOF:

Too flat, snow will not slide
or blow off. More material needed
to make it hold up weight than to
make $\frac{1}{3}$ pitch. Shingles better than roofing.

MAN FLUE:

Not necessary on Ruby, snow
will not cover cabin. Entry way
may be made in cable if pitch
roof is used.

A. E. McHenry

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AIR MAIL IMMEDIATELY ARMY AIR FORCE, FORT GEORGE WRIGHT, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON: 1. EXACT LOCATION WITH SECTION, TOWNSHIP AND RANGE ALL SHELTER CABINS IN YOUR AREA. 2. INFORMATION REGARDING COMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN EACH CABIN IF ANY. 3. TYPICAL CABIN INVENTORY INCLUDING I PRESUME FOOD, ACCOMMODATIONS, ETC. SEND COPY YOUR REPLY HERE AND TO CHARLES D. JARRETT, REGIONAL OFFICE, PORTLAND=

MCLAUGHLIN.

*Sent Airmail
Oct 8th*

TELEGRAM

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BUREAU Division of Irrigation, SCS

APPROPRIATION _____

CONFIRMATION

Berkeley, Calif.
October 5, 1942

Dr. James E. Church
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada

Air-mail immediately Army Air Force, Fort George Wright, Spokane, Washington:
1. Exact location with section, township and range all shelter cabins in your area. 2. Information regarding communication facilities in each cabin if any. 3. Typical cabin inventory including I presume food, accommodations, etc. Send copy your reply here and to Charles D. Jarrett, Regional Office, Portland.

McLaughlin

PAID - GOVT RATE

Charge to: Division of Irrigation, SCS
Box 180
Berkeley, Calif.

October 8, 1942

W. W. McLaughlin, Chief
Division of Irrigation
Soil Conservation Service
Box 180
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

We are inclosing copy of our letter to the Army Air Force, Fort George Wright, Spokane, Washington, containing information regarding shelter cabins in our area, as requested in your telegram of October 6th.

Most sincerely,

J. E. Church, Meteorologist

By

October 8, 1942

U. S. Army Air Force
Fort George Wright
Spokane, Washington

Dear Sirs:

In answer to a telegram received from Mr. W. W. McLaughlin, Chief of the Division of Irrigation, Soil Conservation Service, Berkeley, California, we are sending you all the information we have available pertaining to the location of all snow survey cabins, shelter huts, ranger stations, etc. in our area. We cannot on such short notice get all the details that you desire such as accommodations and communication. Prof. Boardman, Chairman of the Forecast Committee, Nevada Cooperative Snow Surveys, states that the cabins in the Sierra Nevadas used by them are stocked with food late in the fall for use by the snow surveyors in early spring when they go out to take the surveys. I believe this is the general rule in all sections where snow surveying is done.

As Dr. Church is out of town and I do not expect him back for several days, Prof. Boardman is assisting me in assembling the data that we have available and which is as follows:

Humboldt National Forest

(The Section, Township, and Range description for all of the state of Nevada and Northern California refers to Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian)

Section 13, T. 45N, R. 57E	Coon Creek Cabin	For
Section 6, T. 44N, R. 58E		Badger etc (?)
Section 36, T. 43N, R. 53E	North Fork	For.

Ruby Range, Humboldt Forest

Section 19, T. 32N, R. 59E	Lamoille	
Section 3, T. 28N, R. 57E	Harrison Pass	(?)

A. R. Torgerson, Supervisor of the Humboldt Forest writes in his letter of November 12th, 1941, "All the cabins are locked, but it would be possible to enter the building by breaking a window glass and opening the inside fastener of the window. The information suggested by Mr. McLaughlin regarding the direction of travel from the cabin to point of escape will be attached to the door of each building.

"It is suggested that each building be equipped with an extra pair of snow shoes and ski poles to enable a lost person to make his way to a human habitation."

Nevada National Forest

Section 4, T. 17N, R. 65E Berry Creek Ranger Station
Section 28, T. 14N, R. 59E Ellison Ranger Station

Supervisor A. E. Briggs states that maps will be posted on the doors showing location and the nearest way to civilization.

Toiyabe National Forest

N.W. 1/4, S.W. 1/4 Section 25, T. 45N, R. 39E Lower Buckskin Snow Survey cabin. About 12 x 16 ft.

Section 29, T. 11N, R. 41E, W.D.M. Reese River Snow Survey Cabin. About 14 x 16 ft.

Mono National Forest

Section 15, T. 20N, R. 17E	Bald Mountain
Section 12, T. 21N, R. 18E	Hunter Lake
Section 18, T. 21N, R. 19E	Mt. Rose
Section 25, T. 12N, R. 18E	Freel Peak
Section 31, T. 9E, R. 21E	Vaquero Camp (Private Cabin)
Section 27, T. 8N, R. 21E	Soda Springs
Section 33, T. 6N, R. 22E	Leavitt Meadows
Section 1, T. 4N, R. 23E	Buckeye Meadows
Section 29, T. 4N, R. 23E	Buckeye Forks

not used by New S.S.

Supervisor D. M. Traugh stated in his letter of December 19, 1941 that "they would arrange as soon as possible to have a map posted at the cabins showing its location and the direction to be taken to get back to civilization."

Tahoe National Forest

Section 8, T. 21N, R. 12E	Small store and living quarters, bed, stove and wood.
Section 22, T. 21N, R. 12E	Snow Survey hut. Bed rolls, stove, wood, supplies for two men for two days. U. S. Forest Service and State.
Section 29, T. 21N, R. 12E	Summer resort, the owner is in all winter. Beds, stoves and supplies
Section 25, T. 21N, R. 11E	Mine buildings on the south edge of the meadow. Beds, stoves, wood for several days. No supplies.
Section 27, T. 21N, R. 11E	Mine buildings. Beds, stoves, wood, and limited supplies.
Section 34, T. 21N, R. 11E	Mine buildings. Beds, stoves, wood, and limited supplies.
Section 1, T. 21N, R. 11E	Stockman's headquarters. Beds, stove, wood but no supplies. G.N. Robinson.
Section 5, T. 20N, R. 12E	Summer Resort. Owner leases bedding and limited supplies.

- Section 18, T. 20N, R. 11E Mine buildings. There is a caretaker there. Beds, stove, wood and limited supplies.
- Near intersections of
3,4,9 and 10, T.20N, R.12E Summer resort; owner in all winter. Beds and supplies.
- Section 1, T. 19N, R. 8E Miners' cabins. There is a caretaker there. Bedding, stoves, wood and limited supplies.
- Section 4, T. 20N, R. 9E Guard Station. Bunks, stove, wood. No supplies. U.S. Forest Service.
- Section 11, T. 20N, R 12E Summer Resort. Owner in all winter. On highway. Bedding, supplies, stoves and ample wood.
- Section 31, T. 21N, R. 13E Summer Resort. Owner in all winter. On highway. Bedding, supplies, stoves and ample wood.
- Section 26, T. 20N, R. 12E Guard Station. Beds, stove and wood. No supplies. U.S. Forest Service.
- Sections 11 and 12, T. 19N,
R. 12E Sheepman's headquarters--hut. Stove and wood. No bedding or supplies. Paul Ahart.
- Section 20, T. 20N, R. 13E Guard Station. Bed, stove, wood and limited supplies. On County road. U. S. Forest Service.
- Section 20, T. 19N, R. 13E Cattleman's summer headquarters, south end of meadow and easily seen from air. Beds, stove and wood. No supplies. J. Ennor.
- Section 24, T. 19N, R. 13E Sheepman's summer headquarters. Near road and north edge of meadow. Bunk, stove and limited wood. E. Ahart.
- Section 21, T. 19N, R. 14E Old Webber Lake Club Buildings, used as snow survey shelter during the winter. Beds, stove and wood. No supplies. Hobart Estate Company.
- Section 29, T. 19N., R.14E Private home--sheepman's summer headquarters. Beds, stove and wood. No supplies. W. Johnson.
- Sections 11 and 14, T.19N,
R. 15E Cattleman's summer headquarters. Near county road crossing of Little Truckee River. Bed, stove and limited wood. No supplies. G. Holcomb.
- Section 24, T. 19N, R. 15E Cattleman's summer headquarters. Upper end of small meadow. Beds, stove and wood. No supplies. Leavell Brothers.

- Section 7, T. 19N, R. 16E Sheepman's summer headquarters. North end of meadow. Bed, stove and wood. No supplies. Mrs. Wheeler.
- Section 29, T. 19N, R. 16E Cattleman's summer headquarters. On highway, in meadow, and easily seen from air. Bed, stove and wood. No supplies. Bickford.
- Section 35, T. 19N, R. 16E Cattleman's summer headquarters. In meadow along Sagehen Creek, 2 miles up from bridge. Bed stove and wood. No supplies. Dale Euer.
- Section 18, T. 19N, R. 17E Cattleman's headquarters. Telephone, stove, beds and limited wood. No supplies. E. E. Payen.
- Section 6, T. 19N, R. 17E Sheepman's headquarters. In upper end of big meadow. No supplies.
- Section 24, T. 20N, R. 16E Guard Station. Bea, stove, wood in garage. On edge of small meadow, U.S. Forest Service.
- Section 22, T. 18N, R. 15E Private house. On North Fork Prosser Creek. Wood, cook outfit and limited grub. Fishing Club and Schmeer Estate.
- Section 26, T. 18N, R. 15E Euer Valley cabins. Wood, cook outfits and limited grub. Frank and Bryce Euer.
- Section 34, T. 18N, R. 15E Euer Valley cabins. Wood, cook outfits and limited grub. Frank and Bryce Euer.
- Section 33, T. 18N, R. 15E Frog Lake Summer home. Grub, wood, and cook outfits in caretaker's quarters. Felix Smith.
- Section 2, T. 17N, R. 14E Peter Grub Shelter Hut. Beds, stove, cooking outfit, and limited supplies. Locked during week but open weekends, west side down under Castle Peak. Sierra Club.
- Section 10, T. 18N, R. 14E White Rock Lake Shelter Hut. West side of lake and visible from air. Beds, supplies, wood, etc. all winter. Sierra Club.
- Section 31, T. 18N, R. 14E Cattleman's headquarters. Beds, stove and wood. No grub. T. Magonigal.

- Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35,
T. 18N, R. 13E Mine Buildings. Beds, stove
and wood. Limited supplies.
Anderson.
- Section 3, T. 17N, R. 13E P. G. & E Shelter buildings.
Along south branch of reservoir.
beds, limited supplies, cook outfit,
stove and wood. Pacific Gas &
Electric Co.
- Section 27, T. 18N, R. 13E Mine building. No equipment left
in but building sound and available.
- Section 32, T. 19N, R. 13E Sheepman's summer headquarters.
Near Old English Dam. Bed, stoves,
cook outfit and wood. No supplies.
C. Church.
- Section 6, T. 18N, R. 13E English Mountain Mine Buildings.
Stove, wood, but no supplies.
- Section 2, T. 18N, R. 12E Summer homes used by Grass Valley
permittees. Bed, stoves and wood.
No supplies.
- Section 8, T. 18N, R. 12E Nevada Irrigation District Dam
caretakers headquarters. Beds,
supplies etc. Headquarters open
year long. N.I.D.
- Section 17, T. 18N, R. 12E Cattleman's summer headquarters.
Stove and wood. No supplies. Loney
Bros.
- Section 19, T. 18N, R. 12E Cattleman's summer headquarters.
Stove and wood. No supplies. W. Black.
- Section 31, T. 18N, R. 12E Miners' buildings. Stove and wood.
- Section 1, T. 18N, R. 11E N.I.D. ditch tenders shelter hut.
Beds, stove and wood, limited supplies.
- Section 8, T. 18N, R. 12E Grass Valley Sportsmen's Club. Beds,
stoves and wood. No supplies.
- Section 8, T. 17N, R. 12E Summer home. Near Onion Valley Meadow.
No equipment.
- Section 25, T. 16N, R. 12E Big Valley Bluff Lookout. Bed rolls,
stove, wood, and emergency rations.
U. S. Forest Service.
- Section 9, T. 17N, R. 14E Auburn Club.--several buildings and
club house, Equipment, stoves, wood
and supplies. Robie, et. al.

- Section 13, T. 16N, R. 14E Cedars or North Fork Association Club. There is a caretaker here. Nine miles south of Soda Springs. Telephone, beds, stove, wood and supplies.
- Section 9, T. 16N, R. 15E Soda Springs summer homes. There is a caretaker here during the winter. Fully equipped. A. Chickering.
- Section 32, T. 16N, R. 14E Lost Emigrant Mine. Bedding, stove and wood. No supplies.
- Section 33, T. 17N, R. 14E Boy Scout Lodge on Kilborn Lake. There is a caretaker here. Telephone and fully equipped.
- Sections 19 and 30, T. 17N, R. 17E Cattleman's summer headquarters. Five miles from Truckee. No equipment.
- Section 8, T. 17N, R. 17E Cattleman's summer headquarters. Five miles from Truckee. Joerger.
- Section 33, T. 17N, R. 17E Brockway Road Cabin, Guard Station. Limited cook outfit and wood for one day. U. S. Forest Service.
- Section 25, T. 17N, R. 17E Martis Lookout. Cook outfit, grub for one day, and wood for one month. U. S. Forest Service.
- Section 22, T. 16N, R. 18E Guard Station. Bed, stove and cook outfit. U. S. Forest Service.
- Sections 29, 30, 31 and 32, T. 16N, R. 16E Squaw Valley Cabin. Stove and wood for one day. U. S. Forest Service.
- Section 35, T. 14N, R. 15E Diamond Crossing Cabin. (unlocked during winter) 2 bed rolls, grub, for two man days, wood for four days, and cook outfit. U.S.F.S.
- Section 2, T. 16N, R. 14E Deadman Flat Snow survey shelter hut. 4 bed rolls, grub for 2 man for a week, stove, and wood for a week.
- Section 10, T. 15N, R. 13E Robinson Flat Guard Station. Telephone, bed, cook outfit, stove and limited wood. U.S.F.S.
- Section 9, T. 15N, R. 13E Mine buildings. At end of branch road. There is a caretaker here. Bed, stoves, wood and limited supplies.
- Section 13, T. 15N, R. 12E Mine Buildings, stove and wood. No supplies.

Sections 27 and 34, T. 15N, R. 12E	Last Chance buildings. Stove and wood. No supplies as there is seldom anyone in there in the winter.
Section 16, T. 15N, R. 12E	Mine buildings. Beds, stove, wood and cook outfit. No grub.
Section 4, T. 16N, R. 12E	Westville Resort. Beds, stove, cook outfit and wood. No supplies in winter.
Section 9, T. 15N, R. 11E	Elliott Ranch. Cattleman's headquarters. Telephone but no equipment.
Section 36, T. 14N, R. 11E	Mosquito Ridge Lookout. Bedroll, stove, cook outfit. wood. U. S. F. S.
Section 8, T. 14 N, R. 13E	Greek Store Guard Station. Bed, stove, wood, cook outfit. No supplies.
Section 36, T. 15N, R. 14E	Maguire Cabin. Lower end of French Meadows on road, near crossing of American River. Stove and wood.
Sections 29 and 32, T. 15N, R. 14E	French Meadows Guard Station. Bed, stove, cook outfit, and wood in garage. No supplies. U. S. F. S.

We trust that the information as given will meet your immediate needs and if we can be of further service please let us know.

Most sincerely,

J. B. Church, Meteorologist

By

Secretary

cc: Charles D. Jarrett
W. W. McLaughlin

O(ND)
Cooperation
General

Truckee, Calif.
January 21, 1942.

FOREST SUPERVISOR:

The attached letters are self explanatory.

I do not have a complete map of the Forest on a large enough scale to start listing the information which will need to be completed in your office. Consequently, I believe, Mr. Smith could fill out the needed information on the map, which will largely be about stockmen's cabins, the limited snow survey cabins that we have, and a few isolated summer homes, such as the one at Frog Lake.

are:	Name:	Equipt. & grub:	Ownership:
	Diamond Crossing cabin--- (unlocked this winter)	2 bedrolls, grub 2-man days, wood 4 days, cook outfit.	Forest Service.
	Squaw Valley cabin----	No supplies, Stove. Wood 1 day.	Stockman.
	Frog Lake summer home-----	Grub, wood, cook outfit in caretaker's quarters.	Felix Smith.
	Euer Valley cabins-----	Wood, cook outfits, and limited grub.	Frank and Bryce Euer.
	N. Fork Prosser Creek---	Wood, cook outfit, limited grub.	Fishing Club and Schneer Est.
	Sage Hen Creek-----	Wood, cook outfit, limited grub.	Dale Euer.
	Payen Ranch---	Wood, cook outfit.	Ed Payen.
	Brockway Road cabin--	Wood, 1 day; limited cook outfit.	Forest Service.
	Martis Lookout----	Wood for month, cook outfit, grub 1 day.	Forest Service ice. nearest

It is suggested a red arrow be placed from each cabin to the/
habitated road on the map.

You will note by Miss Moore's letter the information is
desired as soon as possible.

H. I. Sieder
District Ranger.

cc - Winifred Moore, Secretary, Dept. of Meteorology,
University of Nevada, Reno, Nev.

Forest Service maps file

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE
Division of Irrigation

Box 180
Berkeley, Calif.
February 26, 1943

To: Messrs. Work, Marr, Marshall, Clyde, Church, Conkling

From: W. W. McLaughlin, Chief, Division of Irrigation

Subject: Information for Budget Hearings

In connection with Budget Hearings and as a means of answering questions asked by our Washington office, we need the following information, which I suggest you supply as soon as it is convenient. If possible, the questions should be answered by States:

1. How many shelter cabins do you utilize?
2. How many of these shelter cabins are owned by the Federal Government?
3. How many shelter cabins do we stock?
4. How many snow courses are we operating?
5. When are the snow courses measured and usually how many at each measurement?
6. How many cooperators assist in snow survey work?
7. How many snow survey releases do we make each year and when are they issued?
8. How many men take part in the actual snow surveys each season?
9. How many reservoirs have you listed from which you receive reports as to storage?
10. How many radio talks are given each season, and how many radio stations do you utilize? For instance, if a forecast was put out over a station in Portland and another put out over a station at Klamath Falls, it would be counted as two stations.
11. Does the press give much publicity to the snow survey data?

W. W. McLaughlin

Answers to
W.W. McLaughlin's letter of 2/26/43

Question
no

1 - 17 cabins

2 - 11 Fed. Gov.

3 - 14 stocked (in NW Nevada)

4 - 79 incl. 2, surveyed under direction of
Oregon organization

also incl. 25 courses within the state
of California which are surveyed
by the Nevada Cooperative S.S.

5. Feb 1 - 15

March 1 - 62

Apr. 1 - 79

May 1 - 8

6 - Twelve (12)

7. Nine (9) Early in each month

Feb - March & April for newspapers
& published bulletins about middle
of ~~of~~ March and April.

8 About 76

9) Nine (9)

10) None for several years

11) Yes

cc: Work
Marr
Parshall
Clyde
Conkling

March 8, 1943

W. W. McLaughlin, Chief
Division of Irrigation, S.C.S.
Box 180
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

Answering your memorandum dated February 26th, 1943, to all field men, we are herewith submitting our answers to the questions asked and in the order given in your questionnaire:

1. We utilize 17 cabins for snow surveys.
2. Eleven of these cabins are owned by the Federal Government.
3. Fourteen of these cabins are stocked.
4. We are operating 79 snow survey courses. Two of these in Northwest Nevada are surveyed under the direction of the Oregon Cooperative Snow Surveys. Also 25 of these courses are within the state of California but are surveyed by the Nevada Cooperative Snow Surveys.
5. These snow courses are measured as follows:

February 1.....	15	courses
March 1.....	62	courses
April 1.....	79	courses
May 1.....	8	courses
6. Twelve cooperators assist in snow survey work.
7. We make nine releases each year and these are given early in each month of February, March, and April, for newspapers and published bulletins about the middle of March and April.
8. About 76 men take part in the actual snow surveys each season.
9. We receive reports of water storage from 9 reservoirs.
10. No radio talks have been given for several years.
11. The press gives a good deal ^{of} publicity to the snow survey data.

Very truly yours,

H.P. Boardman

J. E. Church, Assistant Meteorologist

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
HUMBOLDT NATIONAL FOREST



ADDRESS REPLY TO
FOREST SUPERVISOR
AND REFER TO

ELKO, NEVADA

November 12, 1941

M
STUDIES - Humboldt
Snow Surveys

Dr. J. E. Church,
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada.

Dear Dr. Church:

Your letter of November 11, is received.

Attached are the maps you requested showing the location of the snow survey cabins and indicating by a dotted line and arrow the nearest distance to human habitation.

All the cabins as you state are locked, but it would be possible to enter the building by breaking a window glass and opening the inside fastener of the window. The information suggested by Mr. McLaughlin regarding the direction of travel from the cabin to point of escape will be attached to the door of each building.

It is suggested that each building be equipped with an extra pair of snow shoes and ski poles to enable a lost person to make his way to a human habitation.

Very truly yours,

A. R. Torgerson
A. R. TORGERSON, Forest Supervisor.

cc: McLaughlin

January 19, 1942

H. I. Snider
District Forest Ranger
Tahoe National Forest
Truckee, California

Dear Mr. Snider:

A telegram has just been received from W. W. McLaughlin, Chief, Division of Irrigation, Berkeley, asking us to send immediately the various Forest Service maps showing the location of shelter cabins in their respective areas.

Upon assembling the maps for sending to Mr. McLaughlin we do not find a checked map from the Tahoe National Forest and wonder whether you have already sent your map to Mr. McLaughlin or whether we failed sending a request to you.

For your further information a copy of Mr. McLaughlin's letter of November 8th is inclosed giving full details.* If you have not already done so would you please send the map immediately to Mr. McLaughlin with a copy to us.

Most sincerely,

Secretary, Department of
Meteorology

* Also inclosed is a copy of Dr. Church's circular letter of November 11th which was sent to various forest supervisors and rangers.

January 19, 1942

W. W. McLaughlin, Chief
Division of Irrigation
Soil Conservation Service
Box 180
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

In compliance with your telegraphic request received today we are inclosing checked Forest Service Maps showing the location of various shelter cabins in the Humboldt and Ruby, Mono, and Nevada National Forests. Also inclosed is a letter from Alexander McQueen, Supervisor of the Toiyabe National Forest, giving the location of the shelter cabins of his district.

However, we have not received a checked map from the Tahoe National Forest. We are writing H. I. Snider, District Ranger, Truckee, California, today asking him to send the information direct to you if he has not already done so.

Most sincerely,

Secretary, Department of Meteorology

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST



ADDRESS REPLY TO
FOREST SUPERVISOR
AND REFER TO

PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA

O (ND)
COOPERATION - Eldorado
General

December 3, 1941

Mr. J. E. Church
University of Nevada
Agricultural Experiment Station
Reno, Nevada

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 29.

The two cabins used by the survivors of the B-17 aeroplane disaster on the Eldorado Forest were what is known as the Bassi Cabins, owned by a grazing permittee named Swift, located as follows: Upper Bassi Cabin in Section 5, T. 12 N., R. 15 E., M. D. M. and the Lower Bassi Cabin located in Section 14, T. 12 N., R. 14 E., M. D. M. Both of these cabins are summer headquarters for one of our cattle grazers and of course upon leaving in the fall the permittees usually leaves some food properly protected, blankets and enough dry wood so that when he returns in the spring some of the necessities for opening camp would be available.

We have no cabins on the Forest that are stocked with the necessities by the Forest Service but nearly all the cabins of the stockmen are so fixed up as well as several Forest Service and Stockmen cabins which are used by the snow survey people from the Department of Public Works on their trips into the mountains during the winter months.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edwin F. Smith".

EDWIN F. SMITH
Forest Supervisor

cc: Mr. Langdon

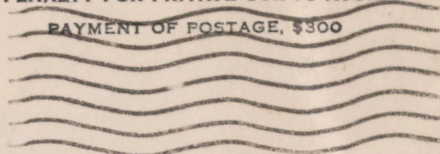


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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ADDRESS REPLY TO
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RENO, NEVADA

M
COOPERATION - Mono
Snow Survey

December 19, 1941

Dr. J. E. Church
Agricultural Experiment Station
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada

Dear Dr. Church:

Please refer to your letter of November 14.

We are attaching a map of the Mono Forest showing the shelter cabins that could be used in an emergency by anyone stranded in the high mountain areas. All of these cabins with the exception of the one near Freel Bench are within the boundaries of the Mono Forest and are fastened with a government lock with the exception of the one at Vaquero Camp which is a private cabin. There is some question as to the ease of access to any of these cabins unless a person possesses a key, but under a dire emergency entrance might possibly be made.

We will arrange as soon as possible to have a map posted at the cabins showing its location and the direction to be taken to get back to civilization, but this may not be done until spring.

Very truly yours,

D. M. TRAUGH, Forest Supervisor

By:

D. G. Mac Bean
Acting

Enclosure

cc: McLaughlin

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November 21, 1941

Dr. J. E. Church
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada

Dear Dr. Church:

Your letter dated November 14 together with copies of other related correspondence has been received.

Attached are maps showing the location of our outlying cabins within the Nevada National Forest and routes to be taken to reach the nearest human habitation.

We do not have snow survey cabins on the Nevada Forest since all our courses can be reached from other shelter buildings.

We will post maps inside the doors of these buildings as suggested and are very glad to cooperate in any other way we can.

Yours very truly, ,

A. E. BRIGGS, Forest Supervisor

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November 26, 1941

Dr. J. E. Church, Meteorologist
Agricultural Experiment Station
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada

Dear Mr. Church:

In accordance with your recent request, we are showing below
a legal description of the Buckskin and Reese River snow survey
cabins.

*no telephone
no food* → The Lower Buckskin Snow Survey cabin is is the NW 1/4 SW 1/4,
Section 25, T45N, R39E. The cabin is about 12 X 16 feet.

The Reese River Snow Survey cabin is in Section 29, T.11N.,
R.41E. M.D.M. The cabin is about 14 X 16 feet.

Very truly yours,

ALEXANDER MCQUEEN
Forest Supervisor

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