

Fannie Powell Willburn Homestead Entry

HF06 Map 7: T4S, R8E, S20, S29.

H.E. #369 (on file HR SRNF) (Second file number H.E. 15342 Sacramento Land Office)

Fannie Willburn then applied for a second parcel of 40 acres just to the east on July 3, 1914: H.E. #390. See HF07 for more details.

The history of this tract is problematic. The contents of this file (see hard copy file HF06) are incomplete; there may be further documents in the HE files at the HR office SRNF. There are, however, a number of documents regarding this claim. See also IA02 and HF01.

There is a significant amount of information on Fannie Willburn who was at the time living with her family immediately to the north of this tract --for a discussion of her living in this area in the early 1900s and for census records related to Fannie Willburn and her family see HF01. See B02 for more information on the Willburn Family.

A note in one homestead file for a tract of land that did not get listed (see file F. R. Powell T4S, R8E S 7/8) indicates that in the spring of 1907 the original applicant for this tract of land F. R. Powell: "went to Round Valley...to shear sheep and was killed on the 16th day of May 1907..." A sworn affidavit by Fannie Willburn states that Powell was married but divorced and was living alone on the homestead he declared entry.

Robert Powell's mother was Ellen Powell—see the Powellville (Blocksburg) 1880 census (A3: 1880), and Irene Stapp interview (A6: I#361, I#448). There is a hand-written letter in Powell's file indicating that Fannie Willburn filed entry for this parcel as an heir of Robert Powell, who was her brother. He had made entry (H.E. 5431) on this tract in 1907 but died before the tract was listed

A letter in the file dated September 11, 1913, noted that a portion of the tract H.E. #369 applied for was already "patented by James E. Willburn on January 10, 1913 (HF01). An amended application was then submitted. A letter in the file dated November 20, 1913 indicates that "120 acres have been found to be chiefly valuable for agriculture and will be recommended for listing" (as Plotted on Base Map).

There were no improvements on the land at the time entry was declared. It appears this entry was an effort to "block up" a larger tract of land by combining it with the James Willburn tract (HF01). Refer to the hard copy file for a copy of the Report on Forest Homestead Application report. It contains a description of the area. There was no listing of any improvements.

A note in the file (see jpg below) indicates that "Settlement No. 369 ...Land Restored to entry, effective May 14, 1914.

Prinity Settlement
No. *369* *Fannie Gillham*

MAY 14 1914

Land restored to entry, effective

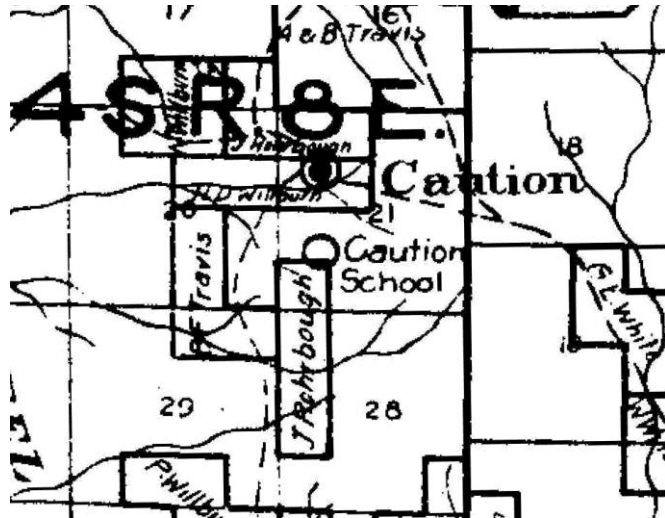
see letter of restoration filed in No. *375*

Prinity Forest.

Frank Staley

Restored to Entry May 14, 1914

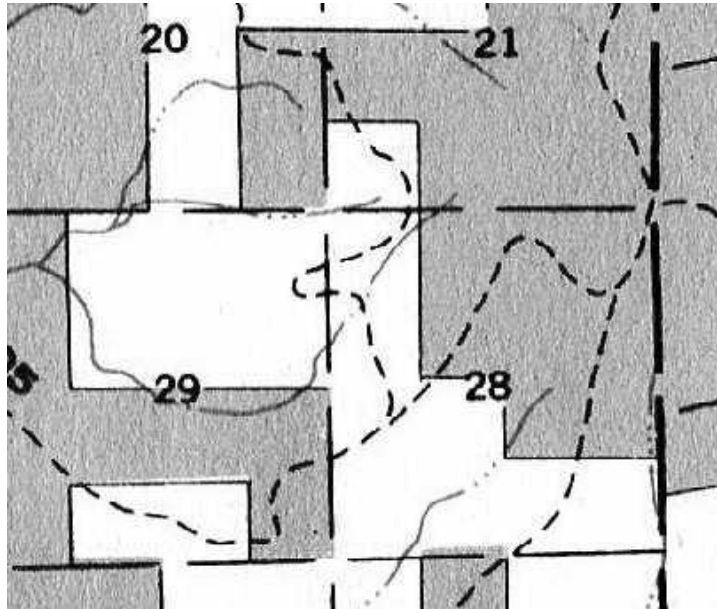
Note that the 1915 TNF maps does not show the tract as private property.



1915 TNF map.
(A2: 28)

HF06

The 1977 SRNF map appears to show the tract as private property. It is plotted this way on the Base Map. More research will be needed to determine the chain of ownership for this tract.



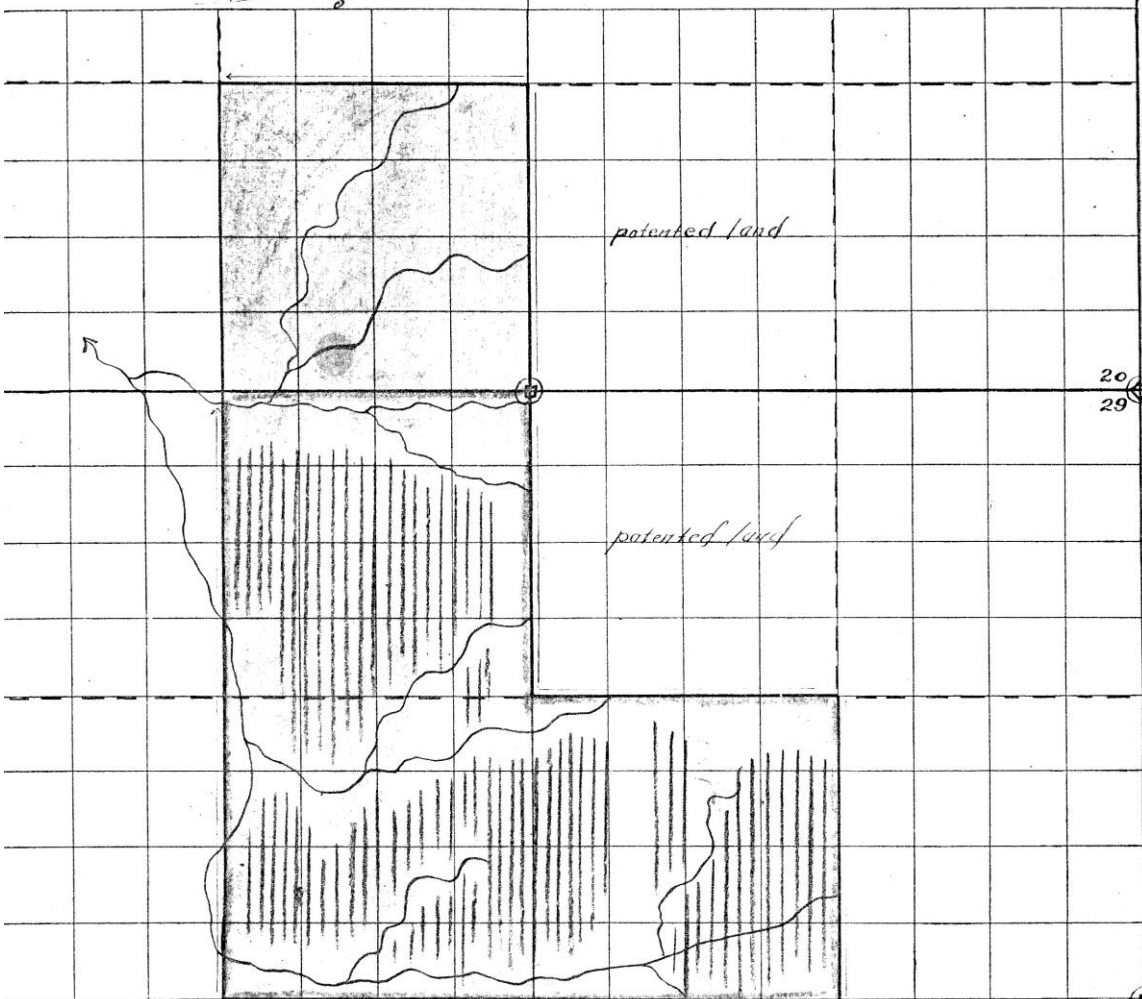
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Map HF06: H.E. #369 tract map for HE NOV 17,1913 below

Note that the 40 acre tract in Section 20 was dropped due to its not being considered "agricultural lands."

MAP SHEET

Trinity Settlement
Willburn, Fannie H# 4369
 Division _____ *Trinity* National Forest.
 District *Eureka Land*, Block _____
 T. *4 S.*, R. *8 E.*, _____, _____
 _____ *H. M.*, Section's *20 & 29*, Quarter _____
 Mapped by *John L. Gray* Scale: *8* inches = 1 mile.



	Open grass land,
	Oak timber & brush, 5 cords per acre,
	Yellow Pine, 4 to 5 ft. dia. per acre,
	Indicates, lines run,
	" , corners found,
	" , stable land
	" , land recommended for listing

Various Documents in the HE file
The hard copy file contains additional documents.

Fannie Willburn Letter

Mrs Fannie Willburn states that Robt W. Powell who made Homestead Entry no. 5-131 is her brother ^{in law} for that she is the nearest relative except their mother, (Ellen Powell) who now lives at Coverts. This entry man was married at the time of making this entry but his wife Ellen Powell died some months after the decession of the entry man.

In the spring of 1907 he commenced to build a house on the claim (Laid up the logs and raised the claim) and had to leave in order to shear sheep but never returned to the claim was killed on the 16th of May 1907. From that time nothing has been done

to use it for grazing
 purposes in common
 with other stock in the
 range, thought perhaps
 that the Entryman's
 wife would go aboard
 with the claim but that
 she never done and
 later died. The mother
 of the Entryman is now
 70 years of age and too
 feeble to have lived upon
 the claim alone.

Improvements
 A log crib 12' x 16'
 walls 7' high - consists
 of 7 logs. Openings
 averaging 2" to 6" not
 chinked, gables are open
 roof of split shakes, 4
 rows or courses to a side

No other improvements

A good spring system of
 cabs, spring flow out of
 tank in gully

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Form 253 S
(Revised March 15, 1912.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE



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APPLICATION UNDER ACT OF JUNE 11, 1906.

369 Trinity

*Hoaglin Calif
Sept 6. 1913*

THE DISTRICT FORESTER,
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

I hereby make application for the examination and listing, under the Act of June 11, 1906, of the following-described lands in the *Trinity* National Forest, *E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 Section 20, NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 Section 29, T4S, R8E* (If the land is surveyed, give each smallest legal subdivision and the section, township, and range. If the land is unsurveyed, describe it by reference to natural objects, streams, or improvements, with boundary lines sufficiently definite to identify the land, so that the examiner may easily locate it. When convenient, submit sketch of the land on the township plat, last page.)

I am entitled to make entry under the homestead laws and the Act of June 11, 1906. I have actually been upon the land above described and believe it to be chiefly valuable for agriculture, having settled upon it (or examined it). (Give the date of settlement or the date of the examination, the character of the improvements, if any, and the amount of cleared land.)

My present address is *Hoaglin Trinity Co. Calif.*

Mrs. Fannie Millburn
Applicant.

NOTE.—If the applicant, upon the request of the Forest officer detailed to examine the land, will accompany him, it will usually facilitate the examination. All applicants are cautioned against irresponsible and untrustworthy "locators." Only agricultural lands can be listed, and every applicant should satisfy himself, before applying or incurring any unnecessary expense, that the lands are agricultural.

News

Form 110.
(Revised Feb. 14, 1912.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

REPORT ON FOREST HOMESTEAD APPLICATION

Application No. 569, Trinity National Forest,
Eureka Land District.

Willburn, Fannie. Hoaglin, California.
(Name of applicant.) (Address of applicant.)

Report submitted Nov 14, 1913, by John J. Gray
(Signature of examiner)

Forest Ranger.
(Title.)

Approved NOV 17 1913, 1913
E. V. Joster.

Acting Forest Supervisor.

Approved _____, 191

District Forester.

OUTLINE OF REPORT.

General Description.

1. *Location.*—(a) Acreage applied for. (b) Location of tract, by legal subdivisions if surveyed or metes and bounds if unsurveyed, stating approximate section, township, and range. Make clear any discrepancy between the description of the area examined and that applied for. (c) Watershed in which tract is located; its relation to roads, trails, large streams, settlements, and railways, and any other information bearing upon its accessibility.

2. *Settlement.*—(a) For any occupancy or settlement by applicant or other parties give inclusive dates, status (trespass, squatter's claim, special use permit), and whether initiated before withdrawal of land or creation of Forest. (b) Improvements on the land and value; live stock or other property; crops grown, etc., stating by whom constructed, owned, or raised. (c) Other facts as to the use to which the land has been put and its value as indicated by such uses.

3. *Claims.*—(a) Give the nature and names and the exact status of any conflicting claims, and the name and address of the claimant; give area in conflict with this application; what improvements, if any, have been made upon such conflicting claims. What use has been made of such claims in the past? (No attempt should be made by the examiner to pass upon the validity of such claims whether mineral or agricultural, but should merely give all the information available.)

4. *Climate.*—(a) Precipitation; rainfall, snowfall, wet and dry seasons. (b) Temperature; range, duration of growing season, occurrence of killing frosts. (c) What typical crops can be matured? (d) Can home be maintained during entire year?

5. *Public uses.*—(a) Need of portions of tract for ranger stations, banking grounds, lambing grounds, mill sites, and state whether area has or has not been posted as being required for ranger station; if posted, give date. (b) Needed exceptions or reservations for roads, trails, logging railroads, chutes, telephone lines, or flumes. (c) Relation of tract to use of drivable streams. These points should be covered fully in every report. Submit exact survey of exceptions or reservations referred to under (b) to accompany listing letter. (d) Does the tract include or control any power or reservoir site? Fill out Form 107. (e) Is tract essential for the protection of an important watershed to prevent contamination of a city's water supply?

Area Recommended for Listing.

6. *Location and acreage.*—(a) Description by legal subdivisions or metes and bounds; show relation to entire tract applied for and to adjoining claims. Will small areas of National Forest land be isolated? (b) Area. (c) Was applicant present and consulted during examination?

7. *Topography and soil.*—(a) Topography, slope, exposure. (b) Rock formation, outcrops, surface

(c) Hay, fruit, and vegetables.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

1. Location

- (a) One hundred and (100) sixty acres applied for.
- (b) SE SW Section 20, E 1/2 NE and SW NE Section 29, T 4 S, R 8 E, N. E.
- (c) This tract is situated in the North fork of Hel river watershed, and is East about 1 mile distance from this river. The nearest wagon road is at Hoaglin valley 4 miles distance, the only means of reaching the tract is over rough mountain trails. Eight or ten families reside in this same township. Covelo, Mendocino County the nearest town of importance, 28 miles distance.

2. Settlement:

- (a) There has been no settlement of any kind made on the tract.
- (b) There is no improvements of any kind on the tract and no crops grown.
- (c) These lands have been used for grazing purposes only in the past.

3. Claims:

- (a) There is no conflicting claims to the land. No mining claims or mineral in any quantity known to exist. If listed no small tracts of National Forest land would be isolated. No listed tracts near. The tract ~~now~~ adjoins patented land for 3/4 mile on the East.

4. Climate:

- (a) Moderate. Annual precipitation about 60 inches, 3/4 rainfall, 1/4 snowfall. Dry season usually extends from June 15 to October 15. Rainy season October 15 to June 1.
- (b) Greatest summer heat 105°. Extreme winter cold 10° above. Growing season March 15 to August 15, for gardens extending later. Killing frosts last occur about May 15 and again occur about October 15, with possible exceptions.

(c) Hay, fruit, and vegetables.

(d) A home could be maintained on this land during the whole year.

5. Public Uses:

(a) This tract is not needed for any public use. It has never been posted for any public use.

(b) No needed exceptions for roads, trails, telephone lines or other purposes. No trails or roads cross the tract.

(c) The tract has no relation to a drivable stream.

(d) The tract does not include or control any power or reservoir sites. (Form 107 is attached)

(e) The tract is not necessary in the protection of a watershed or City's water supply.

Area Recommended For Listing

6. Location and Acreage:

(a) E 1/2 NW 1/4 and SW NE, Section 29, T 4 S, R 8 E, H.M.
No small areas of National Forest land will be isolated.

(b) Area of tract recommended for listing, 120 acres.

(c) The applicant was present and consulted during the examination.

Soil:

7. Topography and Acreage

(a) The entire tract is mountainous land, however, the slope of fifty to sixty acres is light and the surface is even. The slope of the entire area runs from 6 to 30 percent. One half the area recommended can be successfully plowed and cultivated after necessary clearing has been done. The remaining portion is first rate grazing land.

(b) There is 60 acres of arable land free of rock. The remaining part of the tract has loose scattering rock, and in some places the rock is found in solid form.

(c) The greater part of the arable land on this tract is a black loam, the non arable portion is mostly a gray sand loam. The subsoil where found is a yellowish clay. The top or surface soil varies in depth from a few inches to several feet.

This soil appears to hold moisture until late in the summer and thus makes it possible to grow crops without water for irrigation.

- (d) One good spring in the south central part of the tract will afford plenty of water for domestic use. There is no water available for irrigation. There is no possible show to develop water for irrigation.

8. Agricultural Value:

- (a) The arable land (30 acres) will grow good crops of hay, such as wheat, oats, barley, corn and garden truck. These crops are grown in paying quantities on adjoining land to the east, and where soil conditions are practically the same. Hay crops yield about 1 1/2 to 2 tons per acre on this land. There is scarcely any demand for hay in this locality but when sold usually brings about \$20.00 per ton. There are no roads for transporting crops grown, hay crops would have to be fed on the land.
- (b) The cost of clearing this land and otherwise preparing it for tilling will average between \$20.00 and \$25.00 per acre.
- (c) In present condition the land is worth about \$7.00 per acre. 2. After removal of the timber and brush the land will be worth about \$13.00 per acre. 3. In a high state of cultivation would sell for \$30.00 per acre.

9. Forest Value:

- (a) 20 acres of the tract is open grass land. 12 acres is covered with a scattering growth of yellow pine timber, averaging, about 1 M B.M. per acre. 48 acres is covered with scrubby white oak and black oak timber with patches of manzanita brush. The yellow pine timber on the tract will not exceed 40 ft. B.M., and its value is about \$80.00. This timber can be used in developing the claim. In addition to the above timber there is about 250 cords of cordwood which has no commercial value at the present time.
- (b) A small amount yellow pine reproduction is found scattered over 12 or 15 acres of the tract. It ranges in age from 6 to 20 years.

Trinity-Settlement
Willburn, Fannie 369

September 11, 1913.

Very truly,

Mrs. Fannie Willburn,
Hoaglin, California.

Dear Madam:

Your application for the examination and listing of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW Sec. 20, NE NW, NW NE Sec. 29, T 4 S, R 8 N, E 1/4 NE, in the Trinity National Forest, was received September 11.

The records of the local land office show that the NW NE Sec. 29 was patented to James H. Willburn on January 10, 1913. I regret to inform you, therefore, that your application for that area must be rejected.

You have been recorded for the balance of the area, and may if you wish amend your application to include other contiguous areas of vacant public land. The enclosed plat shows the status of the land in that locality.

Please inform this office of your wishes in the matter within thirty days.

Very truly yours,

Charles S. ...

Acting Assistant District Forester.

Enclosure

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copy sent Supervisor.

For information of Ranger.

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UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
WEATHERSVILLE, CALIF.
NOV 20 1913
RECEIVED
Answered

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Trinity, Settlement
Willburn, Fannie #369

November 20, 1913.

Mrs. Fannie Willburn,
Hoaglin, California.

Dear Madam:

The land for which you applied in the Trinity National Forest has been examined and the following described 120 acres have been found to be chiefly valuable for agriculture and will be recommended for listing:

E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW, SW NE, Sec. 29, T 4 S, R 8 E, H M.

The balance of the area was reported as not chiefly valuable for agriculture and is not recommended for listing. You will be duly informed of the action taken.

Very truly yours,

Acting Assistant District Forester.

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Trinity, Settlement
Willburn, Fannie #369

Trinity National Forest
WLAVERVILLE, CALIF.
DEC 26 1913
RECEIVED
Answered.....

Mrs. Fannie Willburn,
Hoaglin, California.
Dear Madam:

December 22, 1913.

I am very glad to inform you that on December 13, 1913,
120
..... acres of the tract of land applied for by you
under the Act of June 11, 1906, described as follows, were
listed with the Secretary of the Interior to be declared open
to settlement and entry:

Township 4 South, Range 8 East, H. Meridian;
Section 29, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW, SW NE.

Further information concerning this tract may be ob-
tained from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Wash-
ington, D. C. In writing for information you should refer yto
List No. 5-2006, and give the name of the applicant. Your
local land office will notify you when your entry can be ac-
epted, and you are cautioned against incurring any unnecessary
xpense toward filing on the land until you receive notice from
he Land Office that it is subject to entry.

Very truly yours,

L. A. Barrett

Assistant District Forester.

For Supervisor

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 Trinity- Claims
 Wilburn, Fannie
 H.E. 015342

Sacramento Land District

Reference is made to notice of application to submit final proof on May 19, 1926.

1. Claimant:

The postoffice address of Fannie Wilburn, the entryman, is Caution, California. The entry man is married and has several children, none of whom are dependents.

2. Description of Claim:

Homestead entry number 015342, embracing the following described lands; SE NE, E $\frac{3}{2}$ NW, SW NE, of section 29 Township 4 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Meridian. Final three year proof was made before the U.S. Commissioner at Covelo, California, on May 19, 1926.

3. Topography and Surface:

This tract lies on the west side of Red Mountain about three fourths miles from the North Fork of Eel river between Willow Creek and Red Mountain Creek. The elevation is about 3500 feet above sealevel. The tract has a general westerly exposure. The surface is comparatively smooth and rolling slightly broken up by small gulches and patches of oak brush. About forty acres of the claim are arable. The average slope of this part of the claim is about 1%.

4. Settlement and Residence:

Date of entry March 14, 1921. The entry man alleges that she made settlement and established actual residence on the claim in the early summer of 1921 and that she has lived there continuously since except when having to leave because of illness requiring medical attention. This statement has been verified by Frank Travis one of the witnesses for claimant. On the claim were noted plow, harrow, mower, shovels saw, pick, axes and other tools of agriculture and residence. The interior of the house was roughly furnished with chairs, tables, beds, stove and other household equipment. Part of this home made, and part had been packed in to homestead.

AREA NOT RECOMMENDED FOR LISTING6. Location and Acreage:

- (a) The SE SW Section 20, T 4 S, R 8 E, N.M.
- (b) The area is 40 acres.
- (c) The applicant was present and consulted during the time the examination was being made.

7. Topography and Soil:

- (a) The tract is comprised entirely of rough mountainous land. Its slopes vary from 20 to 40 per cent. Its surface is broken by numerous small canyons and sharp narrow ridges. 18 acres has a general West exposure, 22 acres a general East exposure. As a whole, the land is rough and broken and of no possible value for cultivation. Might be classed as second or third class grazing land.
- (b) Considerable loose rock is found over the entire area, and a number of solid ledges is noted, especially along the tops of ridges.
- (c) The general character of the soil in the east half is a gray sandy loam which varies in depth from a few inches to several feet. The subsoil is a yellow clay. The west half the tract is yellow clay entirely, the surface soil is the same as the subsoil.
- (d) There is no water available for irrigation and none for domestic purposes. There is no chance to develop water for irrigation. Water for domestic purposes might be secured by sinking wells.

8. Agricultural Value:

- (a) The soil is too dry for farming and the surface is also too rough to cultivate. No lands similar in character under cultivation in this locality. The land will not produce paying crops of the most hardy grains, even though it be cleared.
- (b) The cost of clearing this land of timber and brush, will range from \$35.00 to \$50.00 per acre.
- (c) Presently, the land has no possible value for cultivation. Similar land has sold for grazing purposes at prices ranging from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per acre.

POWER POSSIBILITIES OF TRACTS APPLIED FOR THE S.T.P. UNIT IN JUNE 11, 1906

2. The land being unsuited for cultivation, with clearing its ^{value} would increase but little, if any. (3) The land is entirely unsuited for cultivation and could not be put in a state that it would be valuable for such a purpose.

9. Forest Value:

- (a) On the tract there is 5 acres of open land. 10 acres with a mixture of Yellow Pine and Douglas Fir, 4 to 5 M ft. B.M. per acre. The timber is tall and of good form and appears healthy. 25 acres of the tract is covered with Black oak and White oak timber and brush, averaging 6 cords per acre. For the entire tract, 45 M ft. B.M. Douglas Fir and Yellow Pine, worth \$150 per M ft. B.M., total value \$67.50. On the tract there is 200 cords of cordwood.
- (b) Reproduction of the merchantable species is very scattering, over about 10 acres of the tract there is a fairly good stand of Yellow Pine. Its age is run from 5 to 20 years.

Trinity, ^L Settlement
Willburn, Fannie #369

November 20, 1913.

Mrs. Fannie Willburn,
Hoaglin, California.

Dear Madam:

The land for which you applied in the Trinity National Forest has been examined and the following described 120 acres have been found to be chiefly valuable for agriculture and will be recommended for listing:

E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW, SW NE, Sec. 29, T 4 S, R 8 E, E M.

The balance of the area was reported as not chiefly valuable for agriculture and is not recommended for listing. You will be duly informed of the action taken.

Very truly yours,

Acting Assistant District Forester.

Supervisor

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Trinity, Settlement
Willburn, Fannie #369

October 4, 1913.

Mrs. Fannie Willburn,
Hoaglin, California.

Dear Madam:

Your amended application for the examination and listing of the SE SW, Sec. 20; E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW, SW NE, Sec. 20; T 4 S, R 8 E, H M, in the Trinity National Forest, the area indicated on the plat accompanying your letter, was received October 4 and is accepted.

The Supervisor has been requested to make an examination of this tract, and if it is found to be chiefly valuable for agriculture and not needed for public use, it will be listed with the Secretary of the Interior and opened to settlement and entry.

If the report shows that the land is chiefly valuable for agriculture, you may obtain from the Forest Supervisor at Weaverville, California, a free permit to occupy and improve the land, pending its opening to entry in the local land office. You will be notified of the action taken upon your application.

Very truly yours,

Acting District Forester.

for information of Field Officer.

FOR INFORMATION OF RANGER. 5

June 11, 1926

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Claims, Trinity
Willburn
H.E. 015342 Sacramento

Forest Supervisor -

Dear Mr. Mace:

It is noted that sixty days have expired since notice of intention to make final proof in the above case was sent you.

If this report is to be much delayed, you should write the Sacramento U.S. Land Office informing them when report may be expected; a copy of your letter to that office should be sent here for our information.

Very sincerely yours,



Assistant District Forester.

L.P.S.

Please let me know if you