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### Tusen Homestead

HF14 Map 4: T3S, R7E, S 10, S. 14.

No hard copy file. See also trail HTNF-20 and Feature 31a.

This is the general area of the location of the Tusen Homestead. It is depicted on the Base Map with dashed lines as the boundary, given the problems with the original GLO survey are not definitive. The tract of land is located just to the north of Raglan Flat and to the east of Soldier Basin. There is a homestead entry file #h-54-106 on file at HR SRNF. The file was not available for this study--it may contain significant information on this homestead.

Mary Williams Maniery and Gary Maniery recorded some of the important features and artifacts on this site in September of 1981 (05-10-54-201). The site record mentions a trail (HTNF-20) passing through the Tunsen Homestead claim and the location of historic artifacts and features.

The homestead application was filed in 1909. There is conflicting information on this site. It is recorded as the Tusen Homestead, but there is information (see below) that suggests that this may have been an Indian allotment at one time or that at the very least an Indian or Indian family was living (squatting) on the land in the late 1890s or first few years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The history of this tract is not well documented. It is unclear if the tract was patented as it does not show up as private on the FS 7.5' 1967 USGS Shannon Butte map. Further, none of the TNF maps from the early 1900s show anyone living at this location. More research and a review of the homestead file are needed on this tract. The name "Tusen" does not appear in the 1900 or 1910 census.

What is significant about this location are remarks in the site record noting that at the time of inspection, the Forest Service ranger who evaluated the claim noted "the only improvements on the claim are an old Indian hut, probably 10 x12' made of split boards and occupied by an Indian prior to 1904" (HR SRNF homestead file).

The rock alignments mentioned above are the approximate dimensions of Feature 31a. This feature is discussed in detail at the Unnamed Features F31a entry. What is significant about this statement is the following information from an interview I conducted with Lee and Irene Stapp in 1991 (A6: I#448) who provided the following information on this location.

When I inquired on whether Lee had seen the site north of Raglan with the stone foundation (05-10-54-201) he indicated that it was probably on the Dobie Indian Allotment. Nancy Dobie (Dobey in ethnographic records) lived there at one time. Irene is an apparent heir and somehow is related to her (the connection appears to be via her great grandmother). The subject of this Indian Allotment came up in the 1960's in relation to a timber company trying to buy land in the area. It

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appears that under Indian Allotments--unlike homesteads--the title can revert to the Government in the case of no heirs. In the 1950's the Government investigated a number of Indian Allotments in the area and those with no heirs reverted back to the government.

## Prehistoric and Protohistoric Site

I visited in 1989 and conducted an extensive mapping and recordation of the artifacts and rock feature. Refer to F31--Unnamed Features entry (also Keter 2017)-- for a complete overview, map, and photographs of the site. This is a significant site. The site contained a prehistoric and historic component. The site map is attached (Diagram 1). For location information refer to the original site record.

