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General

Following a request from the Department of Public Works, Fred Chwojka and I made an investigation of possible springs and well sites in the above-mentioned area for an alternate supply to the present source on Clinch Creek. Assistance was given in line cutting, in order to provide access through the thick bush, by the staff and inmates of the camp. The bulk of the field work was done by Mr. Chwojka. Figure No. 1 shows the location of the camp and the existing and newly constructed trails. Figure No. 2 is a more detailed map of the camp area and location of the present water source to the camp.

Geology

Figure No. 3 is a bedrock geology map of the area. The camp site area, indeed all the area below the road between Clinch and Rosemond Creek, is underlain by Sooke Sediments, sandstones and sandstone-conglomerate. In the creek bottom on the west sides near the camp pump and dam however, is an outcrop of gabbro, which is in contact with the overlying sandstones and conglomerate. The gabbro appears to be more fractured and jointed than the overlying sandstone which is massive in appearance and shows little to no jointing in a number of exposures that were examined.

Figure No. 4 describes in brief note form the surficial geology of the coastal area. The area between Clinch and Rosemond Creek is described as a dissected remnant of a kame (?) terrace. Certainly over 60 feet of sands, silts and gravels (some dirty), some showing typical ice contact features etc., have been observed in exposures. Two dry holes drilled in the camp site area (see Figure No. 5) indicate the terrace and associated sands and gravels reach a thickness of 100 feet.

Spring Sites

A number of sketches have been prepared by Fred Chwojka of the general area and these are described below in figures six to nine. Figure No. 6 shows the access trails which were cut to intersect a number of spring flows observed from the beach. The approximate flows in gallons per minute, the location of three sampling points, approximate distances from the camp etc. are also shown. Using two precision altimeters approximate elevations were obtained by Mr.

Chwojka and these are shown with respect to a base of -15 feet at sea level. It was felt that more precise surveying through the thick bush is not warranted at this early stage of the investigation.

Figure No. 7 shows details of a spring located in gravels. At this location is a till layer, which in turn is apparently overlying (?) tertiary conglomerate. The spring flow has carved through the till sequence and exposes the (?) tertiary conglomerate which appears to form a prominent escarpment below to the beach. A sample sent to the laboratory was taken at the point indicated in Figure No. 7. Flow at the top above the escarpment is estimated at about 5 gpm. See Appendix for further data on samples taken for laboratory analyses. These results may not be made available for some weeks.

Figure No. 8 shows the spring area from which sample No. 2 was taken. This spring is referred to as "Fred's" spring in this report. Water issues at the base of sand and gravel layers usually along a silt lens or other less permeable strata. A wooden box structure could be constructed at the site where the sample is taken and several flows converge. The estimated combined flow from Fred's spring is approximately 10 gallons per minute. Distance to the camp from Fred's spring is approximately 2000 feet.

Figure No. 9 to the west of the beach access trail shows a spring area where No. 3 sample was taken for laboratory analyses. Estimated combined flow is approximately five gallons per minute. Distance to the camp is approximately 1200 feet. A wooden box structure could be constructed at this site from which water could be pumped to the camp at a later date if required.

Recommendations

Fred's spring (sample No. 2 site) and the spring west of the beach access trail (at sample No. 3 site) would both meet the minimum camp requirement of five gallons per minute. Both springs are apparently fed from groundwaters issuing from sand and gravels of the upper unconsolidated deposits making up the dissected kame (?) terrace, and ice contact deposits.

In order to determine if this flow will remain constant or will diminish during the summer months. It is suggested that wooden box structures and "collector" ditches be constructed on both spring areas mentioned above with a view to collecting the spring flows and allowing the overflow to issue from one point from the wooden box through a pipe overflow or weir. These flows should be measured once a week and the rate, time and date recorded. Meanwhile, the camp can continue to use the existing source. More sophisticated collector devices can be designed for the spring areas if required, including the placing of sand - and gravel-packed horizontal collector well screens, etc.

An alternative to the above is to drill and construct one or two wells. Well Site No. 1 would be near the beach access trail turnoff, on the old logging

road which runs southeast from the camp. This site is clearly marked. This drill hole would only penetrate to the base of the sand and gravel deposits and would (hopefully) intersect the groundwater flows which issue as the various springs mentioned above.

Well Site No. 2 is suggested on the opposite side of Clinch Creek to the present pump and dam site for the camp. Gabbroic rock showing joints and fracturing is present on the west side at this location and an old logging road could perhaps be cleared off to allow drilling rig access to the site. There was insufficient time available, however, to explore the old logging road and to see if, in fact, it joins the highway above. Further field work would be required if, a well site is to be considered at this location. Rock fractures in the gabbro are considered to be more favourable for storage of groundwater and the above site would avoid the necessity for additional drilling in overlying sandstone and conglomerates which are considered to be less likely to yield groundwater in this area.

Further field work could also be done to explore for spring locations downstream on either side of Clinch Creek.

I would summarize the foregoing as follows:

Two spring areas could be considered for development to provide a water source for the camp. One site is approximately 1200 feet from the camp and provides a present flow of about five gallons per minute, the second spring "Fred's" spring provides a flow of about 10 gallons per minute, but it is located approximately 2000 feet from the camp.

It is recommended that if these sites are a possibility for future water supply that wooden collector boxes and associated collector ditches be constructed at one or both sites now, and the flows monitored on a weekly basis to see if flow is diminished during the early summer months and into the mid-September period.

Two well site areas are suggested for consideration. One site on the old logging road is expected to encounter over 100 feet of sand and gravels and may (?) encounter groundwater flows immediately above the bedrock.

Approximate costs for this well are as follows:

Mobilization	= \$ 250.00
Drill and case 8-inch hole to 100 feet	
at \$21.00 per foot	= \$2,100.00
Development 8 hours at \$30.00 per hour	= \$ 240.00
Pumping test	
24 hours at \$30.00 per hour	= \$ 720.00
Screen and fittings	= \$ 750.00
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The second well site is located to avoid unnecessary expenditure on drilling through expected barren sandstone and conglomerate. Gabbroic rocks are found in sites on the opposite side of the river to the present pump and dam site for the camp. A 300-foot well located on the old logging road on the opposite side could intercept groundwater in rock fractures in the gabbro.

Approximate cost of a well which may yield one to three gallons per minute are as follows:

Overburden 10 feet at \$21.00 cased	= \$ 210.00
8-inch rock hole at \$13.00 per foot to 300 feet	= \$3,900.00
Mobilization	= \$ 250.00
Development and pumping test 30 hours at \$30.00 per hour	= \$ 900.00
Access road and site preparation	say \$2,000.00
Total	<u>\$7,260.00</u>

A final note: Clinch Creek appears at present to still be flowing strongly. Rosemond Creek due to the fact that a relief camp was at one time sited near the creek, would perhaps indicate a more reliable summer flow being available in this Creek.

Pipe line cost to this creek could be considerably reduced if the Department of Highways were to consider a wet crushing plant and then needed to bring water from Rosemond Creek to the gravel pits for this purpose.



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Appendix Page 1

Jordan River Camp Area Samples June 16, 1975

Sample No. 1 Most easterly flow:

Temp.	48°F	9°C
Micromhos	50	
Iron	0.5 mg/l	
Sodium Chloride	25 mg/l	
Hardness	2 Grains/Gall.	
pH	7.5	

Sample No. 2 West of above sample #1:

Temp.	49°F	9.5°C
Micromhos	65	
Iron	0.3	
Sodium Chloride	25 mg/l	
Hardness	2 Grains/Gall.	
pH	7.5	

Sample No. 3 West of beach trail, first flow below
camp Jordan River

Temp.	49°F	9.5°C
Micromhos	Nil	
Iron	0.3	
Sodium Chloride	12.5 mg/l	
Hardness	3 Grains/Gall.	
pH	6.5	

Appendix Page 2

Jordan River Camp Area Samples June 10, 1975

Sample No. 1 Rosemond Creek on Branch 50
under Bridge:

Temp.	52°F	11°C
Micromhos	Nil	
Iron	0.5 mg/l	
Sodium Chloride	12.5 mg/l	
Hardness	1 Grain/Gall.	

Sample No. 2 Boulder Creek Camp pump pond:

Temp.	58°F	14°C
Micromhos	Nil	
Iron	0.5 mg/l	
Sodium Chloride	12.5 mg/l	
Hardness	1 Grain/Gall.	

Sample No. 3 (Boulder Creek side) west branch of
Rosemond Creek under bridge on
Branch 50 extension due west:

Temp.	52°F	11°C
Micromhos	Nil	
Iron	0.5 mg/l	
Sodium Chloride	12.5 mg/l	
Hardness	1 Grain/Gall.	

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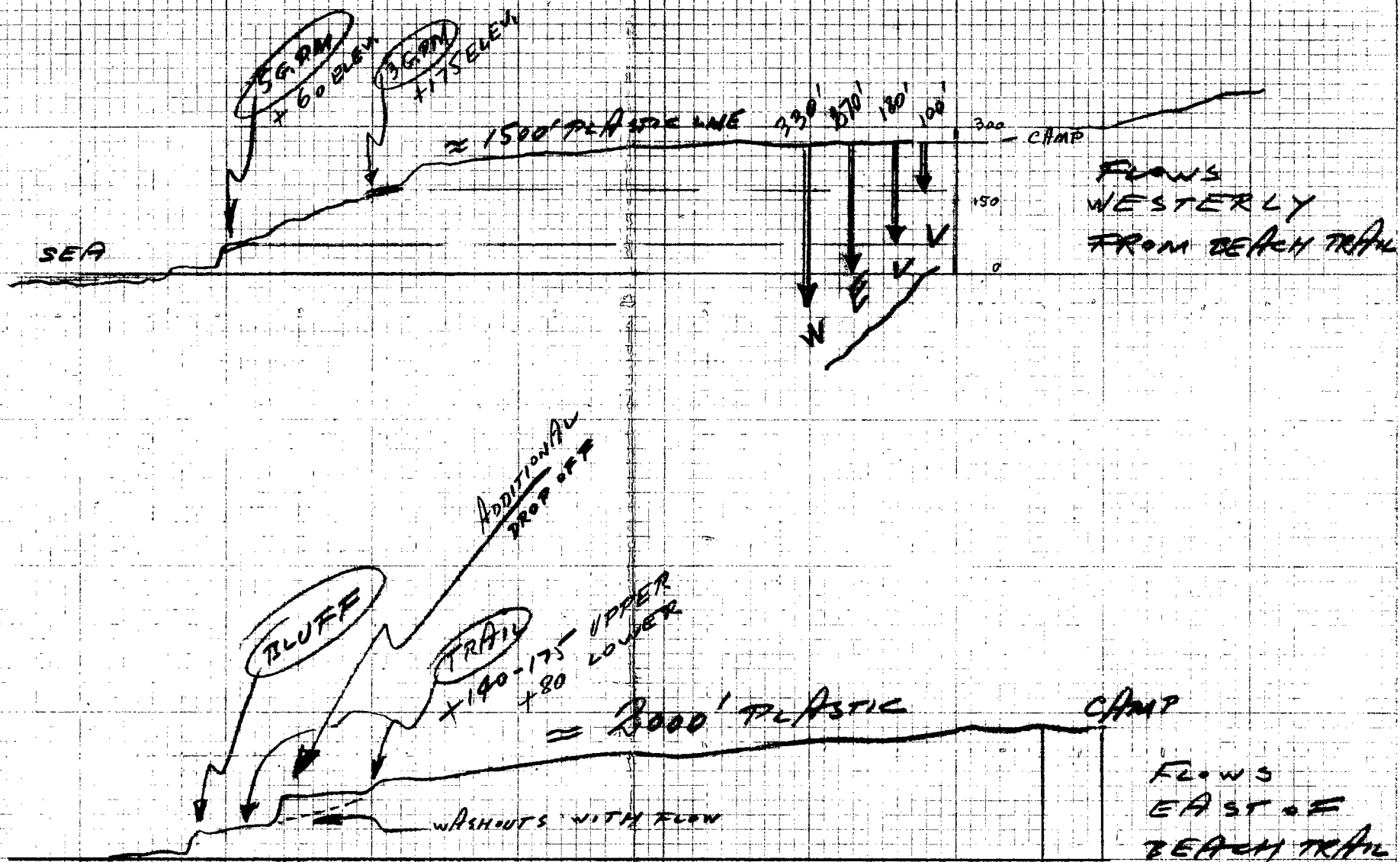


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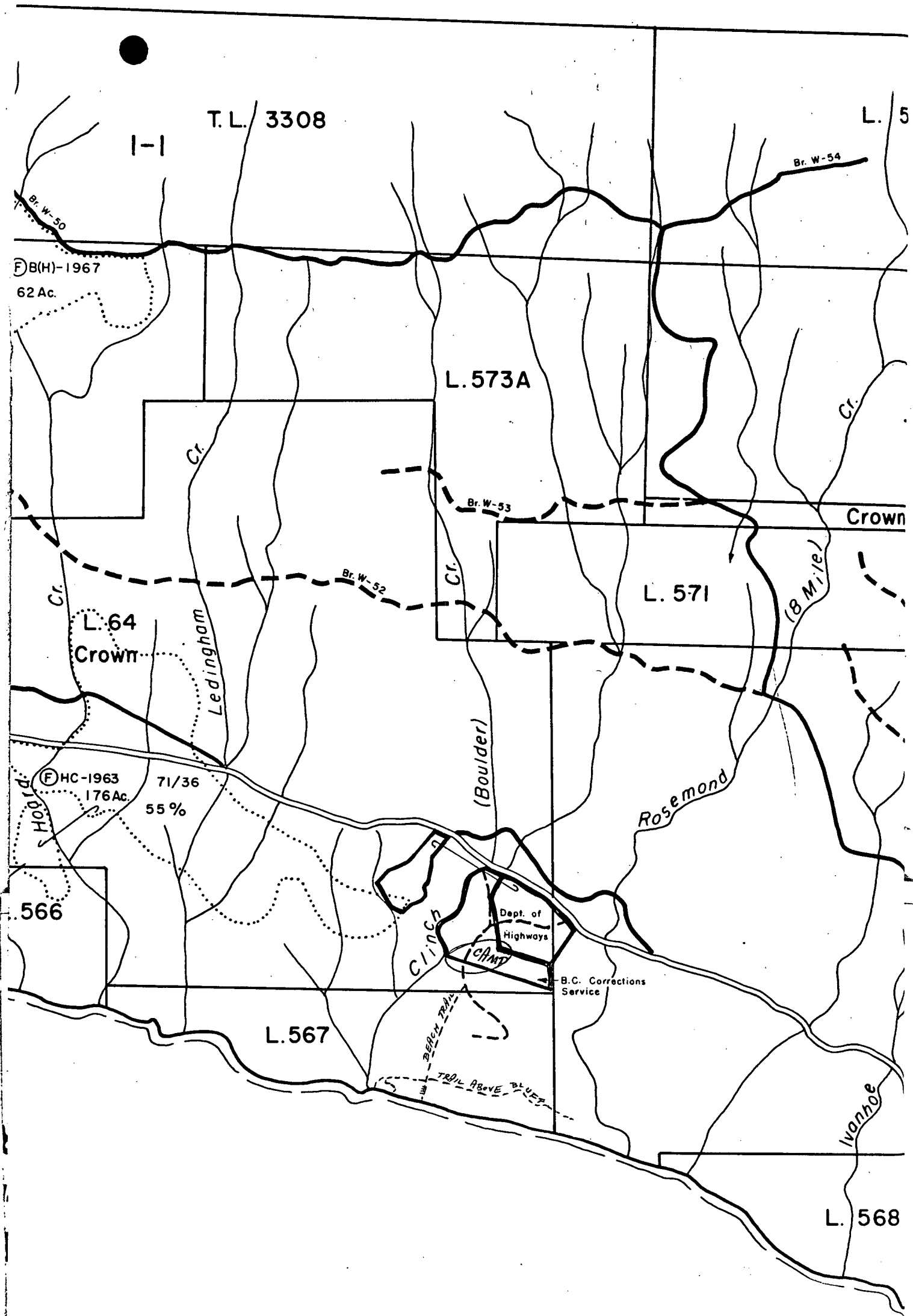
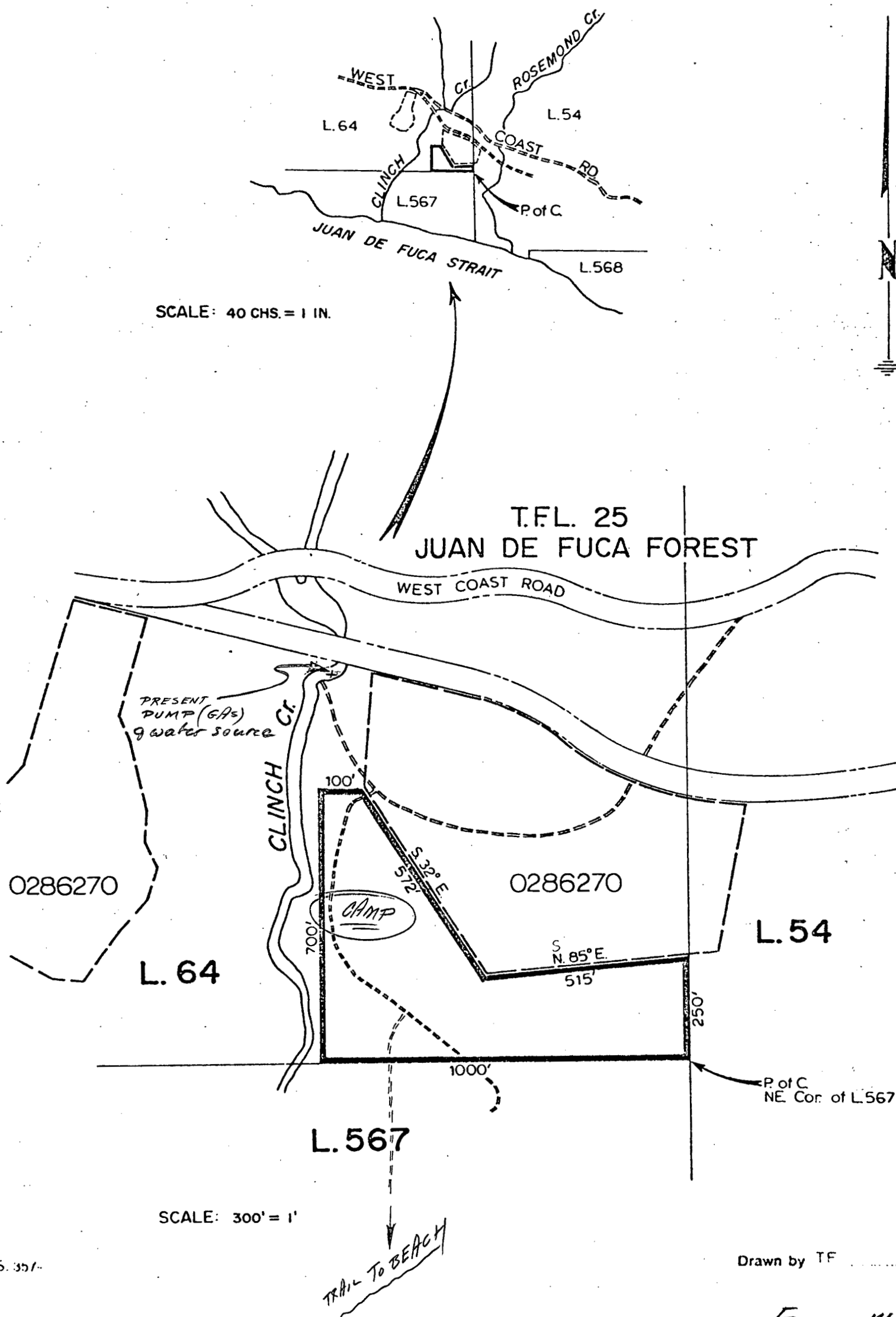


Figure 1.

MAP NOTATION 0331083 (INMATES CAMPSITE)

Shown _____ Acres = 14 R.D. 23 Scale _____ 1 in



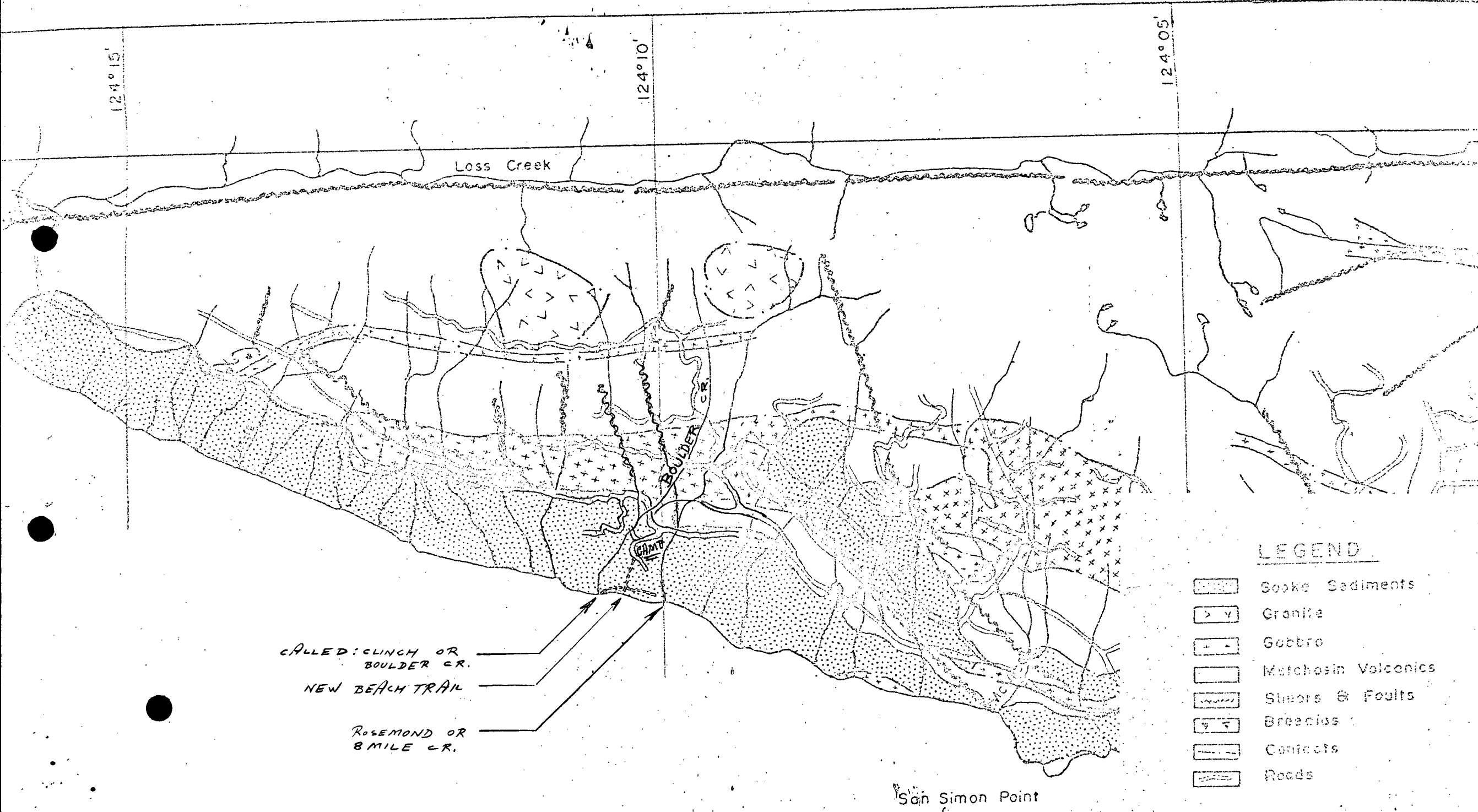


Figure N.3

