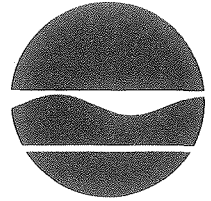


MEMORANDUM FROM  
THOMAS C. JORLING, Commissioner

New York State  
Department of Environmental Conservation



OCT 3 1990

TO: The Record  
FROM: Thomas C. Jorling *Thomas C. Jorling*  
RE: Unit Management Plan Amendment  
Independence River Wild Forest

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An amendment to the Unit Management Plan for the Independence River Wild Forest has been developed in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency. It is consistent with the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan, involved citizen participation is consistent with the State Constitution, the Environmental Conservation Law, rules, regulations and policy, and the stated management objectives of such area for a five-year period, accordingly is hereby approved and adopted.

cc: L. Marsh



ADDENDUM

Independence River Wild Forest  
Otter Creek Horse Trail

The Otter Creek Horse Trail System requires a 2.65 mile expansion as a mitigation measure to better control and direct horse back riders in the utilization of the existing marked trails. The new horse trail segments will connect the trailhead parking lot on the Sand Pond Road with the dragline trail 2.65 miles to the north. Included in the project will be a 100 foot three pier elevated bridge over Chase Creek. Cutting of trees over 3" diameter breast height will not be necessary.

A copy of the SEQR documentation for this project and a map showing the trail are part of this addendum. Implementation is planned during 1990.





**SEQR**  
**Negative Declaration**  
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance

Project # \_\_\_\_\_

Date April 11, 1990

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Department of Environmental Conservation, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below **will not** have a significant effect on the environment.

**Title of Action:** Otter Creek Horse Trail Modifications

**SEQR Status:** Type I   
Unlisted

**Description of Action:**

The Otter Creek Horse Trail System will be expanded by adding a new connector trail 2.65 miles in length between the Confusion Flats Trailhead parking lot and the dragline trail to the north. Overhead and side pruning, brushing trail markers and a 100 foot span three pier bridge over Chase Creek will all be required. The trail will average 4 feet in width and no trees over 3" DBH will need to be cut.

**Location:** (Include the name of the county and town. A location map of appropriate scale is also recommended)

Lewis County, Town of Watson

**Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

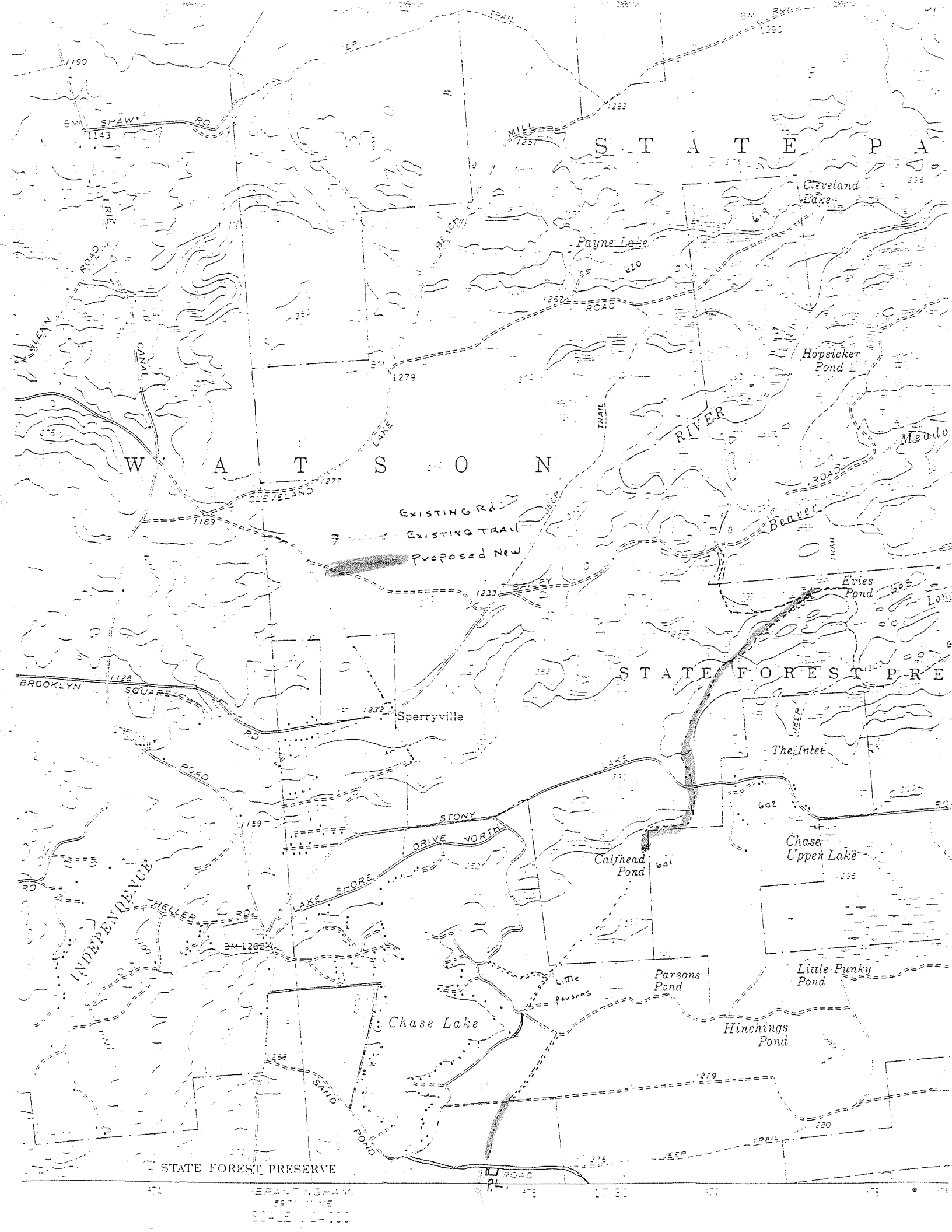
The project involves only limited brushing and pruning. 1.42 miles are on existing roads and trails and 1.23 miles will be newly marked. No trees over 3" DBH need to be cut. The only stream crossing is over Chase Creek where a 3 crib elevated bridge will eliminate the need to ford the stream. Unobtrusive trail markers will be installed to direct riders along the route mitigating a previous tendency to explore in this area. Since current rules and regulations allow horses to go anywhere on State land except foot trails, this will result in well-thought out direct route designed to avoid more settled areas.

**For Further Information:**

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Appropriate Regional Office of the Department of Environmental Conservation  
Office of the Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be  
principally located  
Applicant (if any)  
Other involved agencies (if any)



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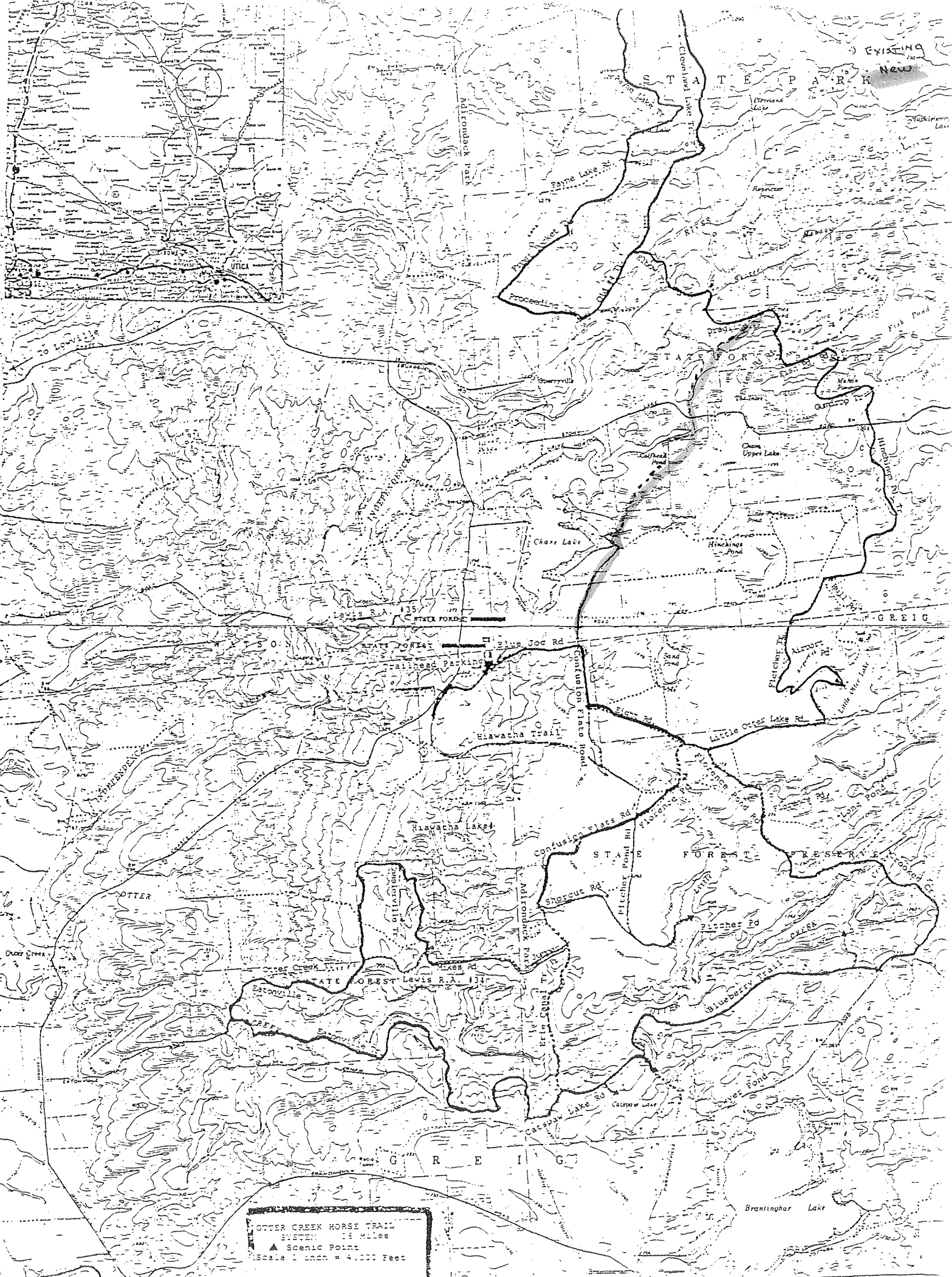
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**OTTER CREEK HORSE TRAIL SYSTEM**  
 15 Miles  
 ▲ Scenic Point  
 Scale 1 inch = 4,000 Feet