

# Categorical Exclusion Documentation

## A. Background

**BLM Office:** Prineville Field Office

**NEPA Log #:** DOI - BLM - OR – P060 - 2013 -0024 - CX

**Project/Lease/Serial/Case File #:** OR-55889

**Proposed Action Title:** Church to Olin Assignment

**Location:** This right-of-way road is approximately 6 miles west of Bend, off Highway 20.

**Description of the Proposed Action:** To assign an existing right-of-way to new owners of the property for the remaining 17 years of the original 30 year term. This is a name change only.

Willamette Meridian  
T. 16 S. R. 11 E.,  
sec. 19, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
sec. 30, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

## B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Upper Deschutes Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (RMP) Date approved (ROD): September 2005.

The proposed action is in conformance with the above plan because it is specifically provided for in the following land use plan decisions: Page 135, Transportation and Utilities, "Provide new or modified rights-of-way for transportation... to meet expected demands and minimize environmental impacts". Also, on page 135, Guidelines, Item 1, "BLM administered lands will continue to be available for rights-of-way, including multiple use and single use utility transportation corridors, following existing routes and roads".

## C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 Departmental Manual (DM) 6 Appendix 5, E. Realty, (9) "Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations". (dated 1/30/08).

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 6 apply. See attached CX Extraordinary Circumstances Documentation checklist.

## D. Signature

I have considered this proposed action to assign this ROW and have found that this action has no significant affect either individually or cumulatively on the human environment.

Authorizing official: Stephen R. Roberts  
 Molly M. Brown,  
 Field Manager, Deschutes Resource Area

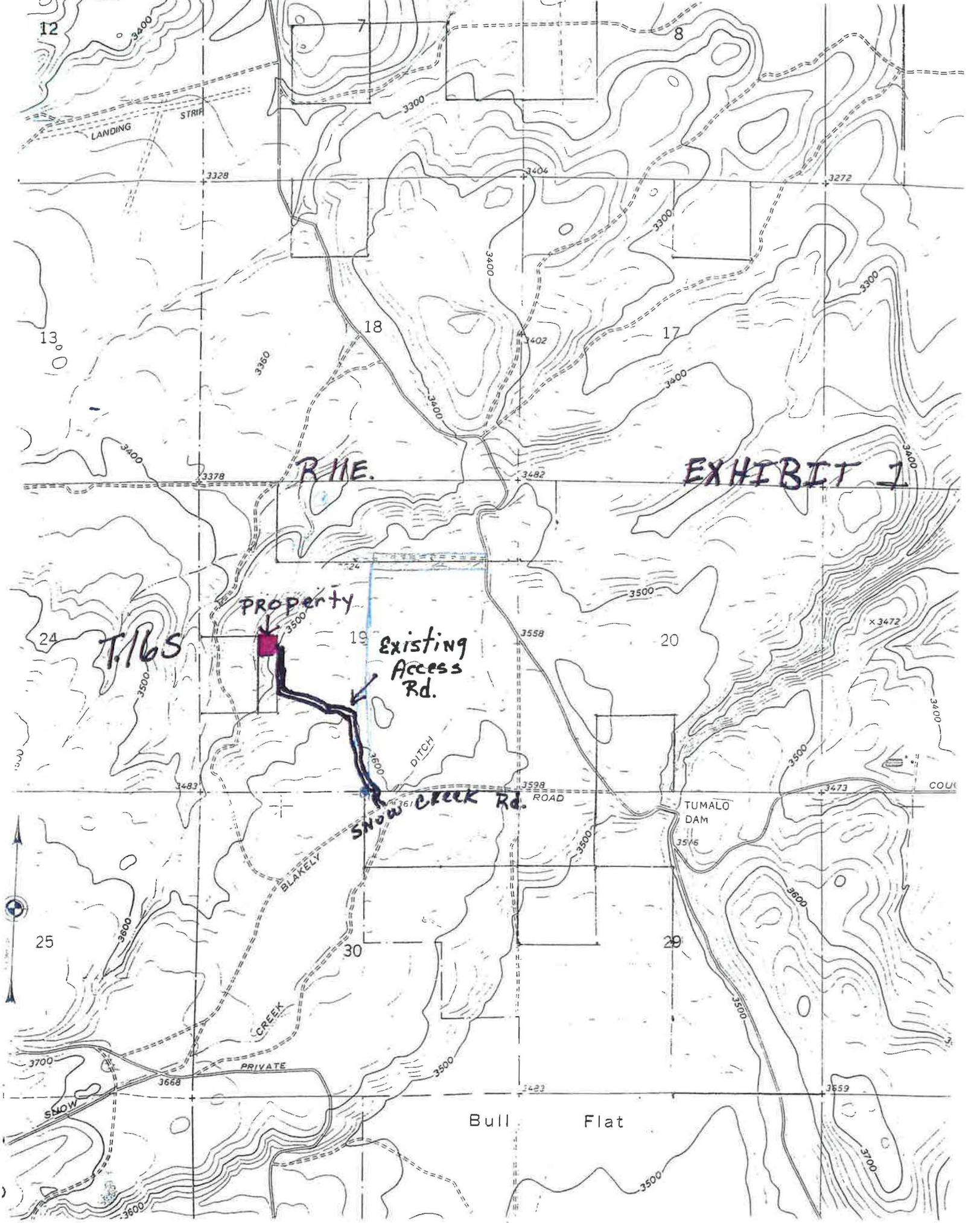
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 Date

## Contact Person

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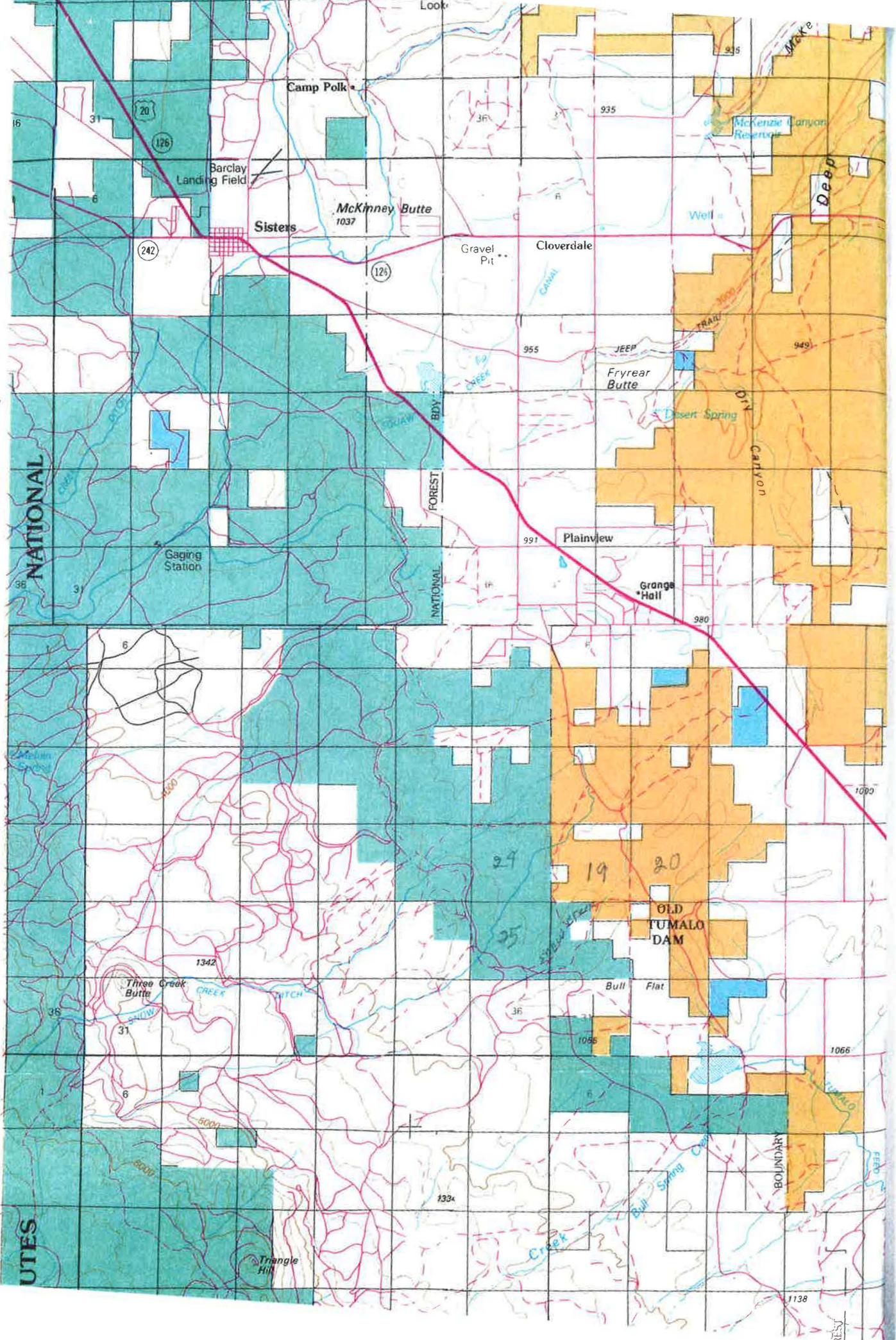
<b>CX EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION</b>			
The proposed categorical exclusion action will:		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
2.1	Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
Rationale: This proposed action is to change the name only.			
2.2	Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
Rationale: This proposed action is to change the name only.			
2.3	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		X
Rationale: This proposal is to change the name only.			
2.4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
Rationale: This proposed action is to change the name only.			
2.5	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: This proposed action is to change the name only.			
2.6	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: This proposed action is to change the name only.			
2.7	Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.		X
Rationale: This proposed action is to change the name only.			
2.8	Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the		X

List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		
Rationale: This proposed action is to change the name only.		
2.9 Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
Rationale: This proposed action is to change the name only.		
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
Rationale: This proposed action is to change the name only.		
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).		X
Rationale: This proposed action is to change the name only.		
2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).		X
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UTES

McKenzie Canyon Reserve

Sisters

McKinney Butte 1037

Gravel Pit

Cloverdale

Fryrear Butte

Plainview

Grange Hall

Three Creek Butte

OLD TUMALO DAM

Bull Flat

Triangle Hill

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