

West of the corner which we set for the corner common to Sections 16 and 21, T7S, R35 $\frac{1}{2}$ E is a 2" iron pipe set in a small mound of earth with two 6" diameter rounded stones. There is also a rotted wood post, the remaining surface of which is rounded and a 1x4" piece of wood with an old, unreadable "K" tag nailed to it. Mr. Don McKinney, of Mount Vernon, says that he placed the pipe in the earth mound in 1968. Mr. McKinney believes that the pipe monuments the corner to Sections 16 and 21. Based on my research and phone conversations, the following is a recent chronology of the pipe:

1962 - Don McKinney wants to sell some land and finds an old post which he believes is the corner to Sections 16 and 21. McKinney and his partner sell land based on this corner location.

1968 - Mr. McKinney decides that the corner location as determined in 1962 is not correct and finds another post and what he considers original pits and sets the pipe. McKinney and his partner file a correction deed based on the 1968 corner location.

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1972- John Mitchell finds McKinney corner and turns in a corner search card to Wallowa Whitman Forest stating that he believes this is the corner.

1974 - BLM remonuments certain corners in the area and will not accept the McKinney corner location (according to telecon with Glen Weideman).

We have spent 20 hours of field time plus about 15 hours of office time searching for this corner and researching history of the corner, etc. We find that the "pits" Mr. McKinney mentions appear to be depressions in the old creek channels which run North and South of the location of the pipe. "Pits" such as these are evident throughout the area. We have excavated the mound where Mr. McKinney placed his pipe in an attempt to find the marked stone called for by the original surveyor in 1882 or the remains of the wood post underground. We have probed the entire area with pitch forks to try to locate any stone which we could excavate and inspect for markings. We have stripped the sod off the meadow in the vicinity of McKinney's corner location and in the vicinity of the corner we set. We have applied topographic calls from earlier field notes and find that our corner location matches the topographic calls as well as McKinney's corner location.

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