

COTTONWOOD CREEK WILD AND SCENIC RIVER

USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region
Inyo National Forest
BLM California Desert District
Ridgecrest Field Office

As established as a component of the
National Wild and Scenic Rivers System
by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009

Cottonwood Creek was designated as a Wild and Scenic River, March 30, 2009, by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, Public Law 111-11, Wild and Scenic River Designations, Inyo and Mono Counties, California.

This description and the accompanying final map are based on the Congressionally designated sections of the "Cottonwood Creek" for the creation of the Cottonwood Creek Wild and Scenic River contained within the Wild and Scenic River Designations (Public Law 111-11). This description and the accompanying final map shall govern all boundaries of the Wild and Scenic River.

Where Public Land Survey System boundaries are referenced, Bureau of Land Management, Manual of Surveying Instructions, 2009 edition, standard procedures will be used to define the legal section line and corners. Unless otherwise specified, calls to watercourses shall be to the Ordinary High-Water Mark. In those cases where offset calls from certain features are used to define a line, the offset line shall be determined from the Ordinary High-Water Mark.

This is the final description as required in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. It describes the boundary for the Cottonwood Creek Wild and Scenic River located in Inyo and Mono Counties, California, and managed by the Inyo National Forest. The boundary is more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL A

A strip of land lying 1/4 mile on each side of the ordinary high-water mark along Cottonwood Creek. More particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the point where Cottonwood Creek enters section 3, Township 6 South, Range 36 East, on the line between Sections 2 and 3 of said Township, Mount Diablo Meridian. From the point of beginning Cottonwood Creek flows northwesterly through section 3, Township 6 South, Range 36 East, Sections 34, 33, 28, 29, 20, 19, 18, and 7, Township 5 South, Range 36 East, Sections 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 4, 5, and 6, Township 5 South, Range 35 East, Sections 32, and 31 Township 4 South, Range 35 East, and Sections 36, 35, 25, 26, 23, and 27, Township 4 South, Range 34 East, terminating within Section 27, Township 4 South, Range 34 East at approximate Latitude 37° 34' 14" North, Longitude 118° 12' 23" West.

The sidelines of said description shall be lengthened or shortened to begin at the East line of Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 36 East, and the East line of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 36 East.

END OF DESCRIPTION

The above descriptions contain 5,425 acres, more or less. The acreage is calculated from Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and is subject to change with a field survey.

PARCEL B

Beginning at the intersection point of the parcel A boundary with the line between sections 2 and 3, also being common with a portion of the Inyo National Forest (INF) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) boundaries, said point being the **point of beginning** for Parcel B, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 28" N., Longitude: 118° 00' 15" W.;

Sec. 2

Thence southeasterly, leaving the INF boundary, into BLM managed land, along a line parallel with and 1/4 mile perpendicular in distance from the Ordinary High-Water Mark of Cottonwood Creek, **to point 1**, on southeast slope, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 11" N., Longitude: 117° 59' 36" W.;

Thence southeasterly, leaving parallel line, up the slope, **to point 2**, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 06" N., Longitude: 117° 59' 35" W.;

Thence southeasterly down slope **to point 3**, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 05" N., Longitude: 117° 59' 32" W.;

Thence easterly, **to point 4**, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 07" N., Longitude: 117° 58' 09" W.;

Sec. 1

Thence northeasterly, down slope, **to point 5**, the intersection with line between section 1, T6S R36E, and section 6, T6S R37E, and bottom of a draw, approximately 1/3 mile distance south, of the centerline of Cottonwood Creek, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 11" N., Longitude: 117° 58' 04" W.;

Sec. 6

Thence, easterly to northeasterly, on a line parallel with and 1/3 mile distance south from the centerline of Cottonwood Creek, **to point 6**, at rock outcrop, 1/4 mile distance south of Cottonwood Creek, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 24" N., Longitude: 117° 57' 07" W.;

Thence easterly **to point 7**, at intersection of road and 5600 feet elevation contour in section 5, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 24" N., Longitude: 117° 56' 56" W.;

Sec. 5

Thence northeasterly, along 5600 feet elevation contour **to point 8**, on trail, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 40" N., Longitude: 117° 56' 06" W.;

Thence continue thru section 5, **to point 9**, at intersection with the line between sections 4 and 5, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 49" N., Longitude: 117° 55' 53" W.;

Sec. 4

Thence, northeasterly **to point 10**, at the intersection of the line between section 4, T6S R37E, and section 33, T5S R37E, also being the county line between Inyo and Mono Counties at elevation of 5325 feet, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 53" N., Longitude: 117° 55' 46" W.;

Sec. 33, Mono County

Thence northeasterly **to point 11**, at southeast end of line perpendicular to Cottonwood Canyon Road, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 59" N., Longitude: 117° 55' 44" W.;

Thence northwesterly along perpendicular end line, **to point 12**, at 300 feet distance to the northwest end of said line, 250 feet distance from Cottonwood Creek, approximate Latitude: 37° 28' 01" N., Longitude: 117° 55' 46" W.;

Thence southwesterly, up river, along line parallel with and 250 feet perpendicular distance from the centerline of Cottonwood Creek, thru sections 33 and 32, T5S R37E, crossing a portion of the southeasterly tip of the White Mountains Wilderness, and thru section 5, T6S R37E, into Inyo County, **to point 13**, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 38" N., Longitude: 117° 56' 54" W.;

Inyo County

Thence northwesterly, on southwest side of outcrop, crossing into section 6, T6S R37E, southwesterly **to point 14**, point on south slope, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 39" N., Longitude: 117° 57' 16" W.;

Sec. 6

Thence northwesterly, up slope, **to point 15**, in southeast area of rock outcrop, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 45" N., Longitude: 117° 57' 18" W.;

Thence westerly **to point 16**, on ridgeline, 1/4 mile distance northerly from the Ordinary High-Water Mark of Cottonwood Creek, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 44" N., Longitude: 117° 57' 29" W.;

Thence southwesterly, along ridgeline, thru section 6, T6S R37E, and section 1, T6S R36E, **to point 17**, up draw, 1000 feet distance north of the centerline of Cottonwood Creek, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 35" N., Longitude: 117° 58' 23" W.;

Sec. 1

Thence northwesterly, across south slope, **to point 18**, on ridge, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 41" N., Longitude: 117° 58' 50" W.;

Thence northwesterly, along ridge, thru sections 1 and 2, **to point 19**, at intersection with contour line at 7200 feet elevation, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 48" N., Longitude: 117° 59' 25" W.;

Thence westerly, along 7200 ft. contour line, cross line between section 2, T6S R36E, and section 35, T5S R36E, also being the line between Mono and Inyo Counties, also being the southern boundary of the White Mountains Wilderness, **to point 20**, a point 1/4 mile north from the Ordinary High-Water Mark of Cottonwood Creek, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 51" N., Longitude: 117° 59' 55" W.;

Sec. 35 Mono County

Thence, inside White Mountains Wilderness, on arc northwesterly **to point 21**, at intersection point at 1/4 mile distance north from the Ordinary High-Water Mark of Cottonwood Creek, on line between sections

35 and 34, T5S R36E, also being an intersection point on the boundary of Parcel B and A, also being the line between the Inyo National Forest and Bureau of Land Management, approximate Latitude: 37° 28' 01" N., Longitude: 118° 00' 15" W.;

Thence south, on line between sections 35 and 34, also line between Inyo National Forest and Bureau of Land Management, through White Mountains Wilderness, **to point 22**, at the township line between T5S R36E and T6S R36 E, also the dividing line of Mono and Inyo counties, approximate Latitude: 37° 27' 50" N., Longitude: 118° 00' 15" W.;

Thence, continuing south, leaving White Mountains Wilderness, on the line between sections 2 and 3, T5S R36E, and crossing Cottonwood Creek, **to the point of beginning**.

The above descriptions contain 1,303 acres, more or less. The acreage is calculated from Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and is subject to change with a field survey.

Approximately **6,728 acres** in total.

NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

Cottonwood Creek Wild and Scenic River

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
United States Forest Service
Pacific Southwest Region**

I hereby certify that the boundary description and map/s made a part of this description herewith represents the location of the boundary of the Cottonwood Creek Wild and Scenic River on the Inyo National Forest.

Signed: _____
Regional Land Surveyor

Date: _____

I hereby certify and accept the boundary description described and final map of the Cottonwood Creek Wild and Scenic River on the Inyo National Forest as entered into the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, Public Law No. 111-11, March 30, 2009.

Signed: _____
Regional Forester

Date: _____

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
California State Office**

I hereby certify and accept the final map and legal boundary description of the Cottonwood Creek Wild and Scenic River within the jurisdiction of the California State Office as entered into the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, Public Law No. 111-11, March 30, 2009.

Signed: _____
Chief Cadastral Surveyor of California

Date: _____

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Signed: _____
State Director, California

Date: _____