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PREFACE

The comparison photography taken from the Missouri Breaks Grazing Environmental Statement provided documentation of vegetation changes over time. That project was so successful that BLM undertook a similar venture for the Mountain-Foothills Grazing Management Environmental Impact Statement in the Dillon Resource Area. Now the same thing has been done in the Headwaters Resource Area of the Butte District.

The original photography, which was taken as early as 1884 and as late as 1940, showed a great deal of what the country was like almost 100 years ago.

This comparison photography is most interesting, and not only from a scientific standpoint. A graphic message is presented here of man's historical use of the land and its resources. One hundred years from now—if we are good stewards—the land will still be sustaining us with its many products, and the scenic beauties of the Big Sky Country will be undiminished.

It is BLM's hope that these photographs will add more to the understanding of long-term environmental changes and perhaps inspire others to pursue this kind of photographic documentation.

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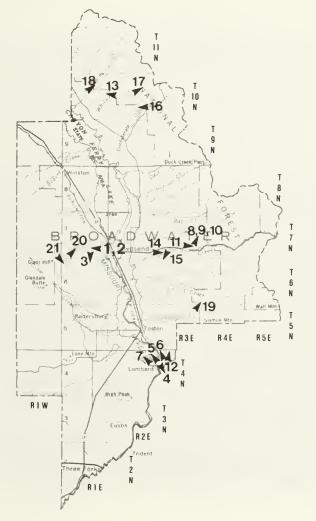
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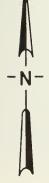






Photo: #H526A

Date: 1898

Panorama Index



Part 1 of 2



Walcott C.D.

View of Paleozoic Rocks at mouth of Indian Creek west of Townsend, MT

Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County
T7N, R1E, Section 26, SW SE

Facing SW

Public Land



Smith G., Schumaker B.

This photo shows little change except roads, powerline and juniper increase in hills.

Vegetation: Broom snake weed, blue grama, needle and threadgrass, squirrel tail, fringed sagewort, pussytoes

Photo: #H526C

Date: 1898

Panorama Index



Part 2 of 2



Walcott C.D.

Part of panorama with pictures on preceding page.

Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County

T7N, R1E, Section 26, SW SE

Public Land

Facing West



Smith G., Schumaker B.

This photo is part of panorama with pictures on preceding page.

Date: 1898



Walcott C.D.

Hogback formed by upturned basal Cambrian sandstone Indian Creek, four miles west of Townsend, MT

Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County

T7N, R1E, Section 34, NW SE

Public Land

Facing South



Smith G., Schumaker B.

The photo shows increased limber pine and juniper growth and a new road on right.

Vegetation: Broom snakeweed, blue grama, yucca, bluebunch wheatgrass, black sagebrush, fringed sagewort.

Date: 1913



Lupton C.T.

Missouri River looking south from the Northern Pacific Railway Station at Lombard, MT.

Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County

T4N, R3E, Section 7, South

Private

Facing SW SE



Smith G., Schumaker B.

New powerline and shacks have been added. Grasses have increased.

Vegetation: Basin wildrye and standard crested wheatgrass

Date: 1913



Lupton C.T.

Northern Pacific Station at Lombard, MT showing Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad bridge over the Missouri and Northern Pacific tracks.

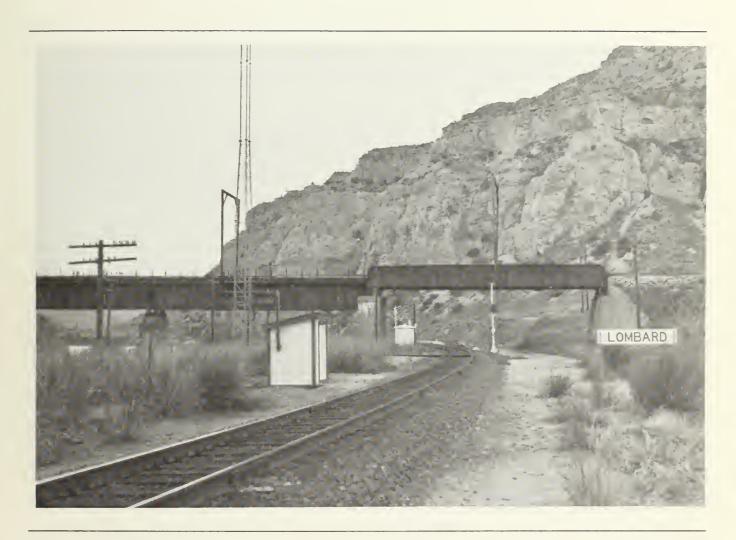
Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County

T4N, R3E, Section 7, South

Private

Facing SW SE



Smith G., Schumaker B.

Some public land may be visible beyond bridge at left. New powerline and shack have been added and station and loading ramp have been removed.

Vegetation: Grasses have moved in. Basin wildrye and standard crested wheatgrass.

Date: 1916



Conditt D.D.

View northeast down Missouri River. Big bend near Lombard, MT. Bluffs of Quadrant Quartzite. Northern Pacific Railroad on right side of river.

Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County

T4N, R3E, Section 7, SE NW

Private

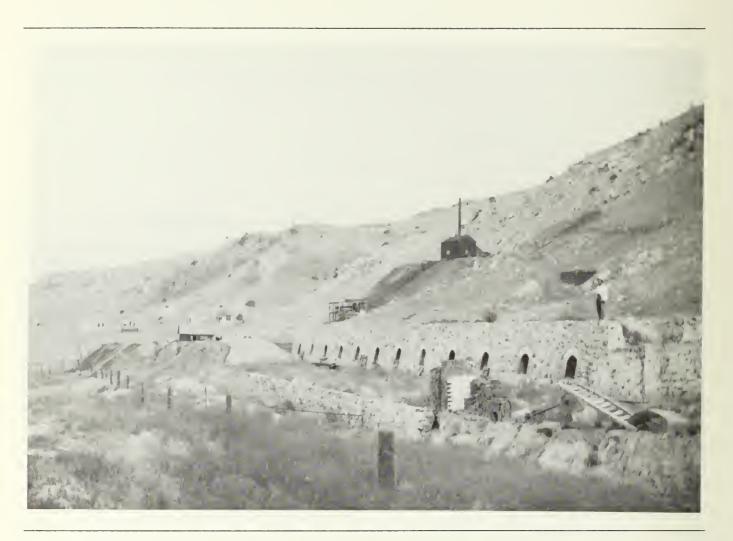
Facing North



Smith G., Schumaker B.

Taken from high ridge, Ridge visible on left is BLM. Picture taken about 10 feet below original spot. New road to left of river, island at bend has increased and new irrigation canal added along left side of river.

Date: 1913



 $Lupton\ C.T.$

The K.O. Hegg Coal Mine and coke ovens about one mile north and slightly west of Lombard, MT.

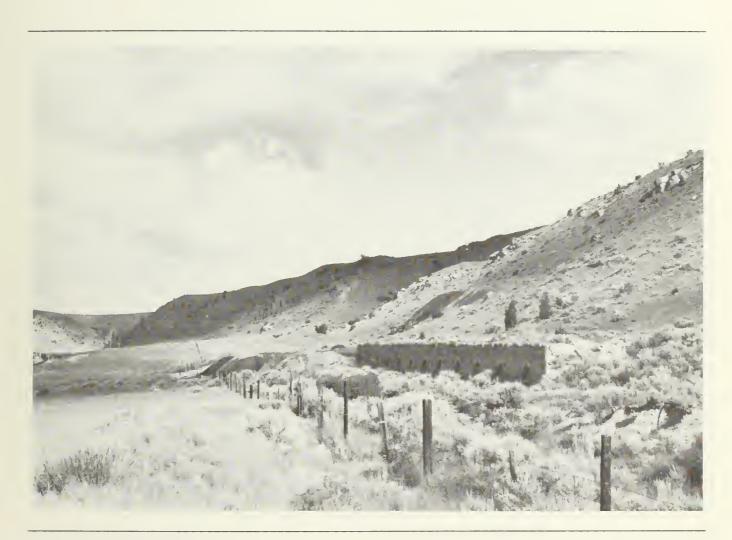
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Broadwater County

T4N, R2E, Section 12, SW SE

Private

Facing NW



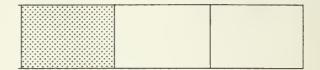
Smith G., Shumaker B.

Hills in background are public land. The buildings are gone and the vegetation has increased. Wrong location was recorded in 1913; actually one mile west of Lombard along river.

Vegetation: Big sagebrush, rubber rabbit brush, bluebunch wheatgrass, needleandthread grass, prickly pear cactus, blue grama, prairie june grass, Kentucky bluegrass

Date: July 11, 1921

Panorama Index



Part 1 of 3



Pardee J.T.

High bench east side of Townsend Basin, north of Deep Creek. Belt Mountains in background east of Townsend, MT.

Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County

T7N, R3E, Section 24, SE SE

Private

Facing East



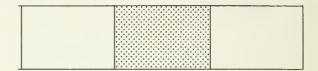
Smith G., Schumaker B.

Fence was moved 15 feet west and trees have increased.

Vegetation: Limber pine, Douglas-fir, juniper, cheat grass, needleandthread grass, crested wheatgrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, broom snakeweed, alfalfa, fringed sagewort, horsebrush, locoweed, western wheatgrass, daisy

Date: July 11, 1921

Panorama Index



Part 2 of 3



Pardee J.T.

High bench east side of Townsend Basin, north of Deep Creek. Belt Mountains in background east of Townsend, MT.

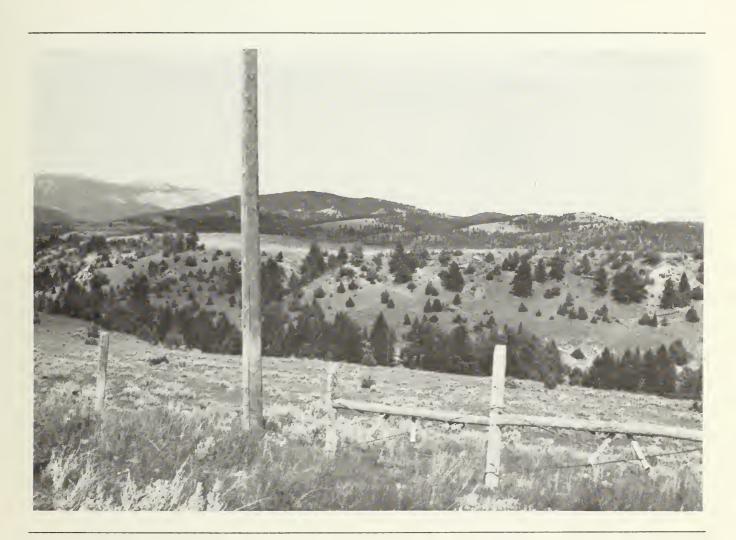
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Broadwater County

T7N, R3E, Section 24, SE SE

Private

Facing NE



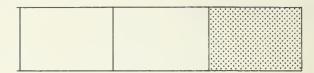
Smith G., Schumaker B.

Fence moved, powerline added and trees increased.

Vegetation: Limber pine, Douglas-fir, juniper, cheat grass, needleandthread grass, crested wheatgrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, broom snakeweed, alfalfa, fringed sagewort, horsebrush, locoweed, western wheatgrass, daisy

Date: July 11, 1921

Panorama Index



Part 3 of 3



Pardee J.T.

High bench east side of Townsend Basin, north of Deep Creek. Belt Mountains in background east of Townsend, MT.

Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County

T7N, R3E, Section 24, SE SE

Private

Facing North



Smith G., Schumaker B.

A new road and powerline have been added and trees have increased.

Vegetation: Limber pine, Douglas-fir, juniper, cheat grass, needle and thread grass, crested wheatgrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, broom snakeweed, alfalfa, fringed sagewort, horsebrush, locoweed, western wheatgrass, daisy.

Date: July 14, 1921



Pardee J.T.

No. 1 Bench North of Deep Creek, east of Townsend, MT. Belt Mountains in background, looking northeast.

Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County

T7N, R3E, Section 23, SE

Private

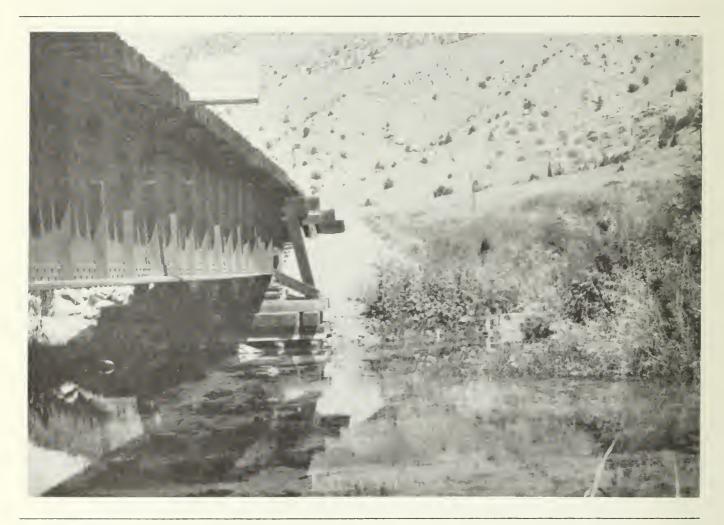
Facing NE



Smith G., Schumaker B.

Grass and trees have increased and the old road in background is now in a cultivated field. Vegetation: Douglas-fir, limber pine, bluebunch wheatgrass, needle and thread grass, broom snakeweed, fringed sagewort, Japanese brome, western wheatgrass, salsify, horsebrush. Alfalfa in field.

Date: July 27, 1921



Pardee J.T.

Pool formed by Big Spring on right bank of Missouri River, five miles upstream from Toston, MT.

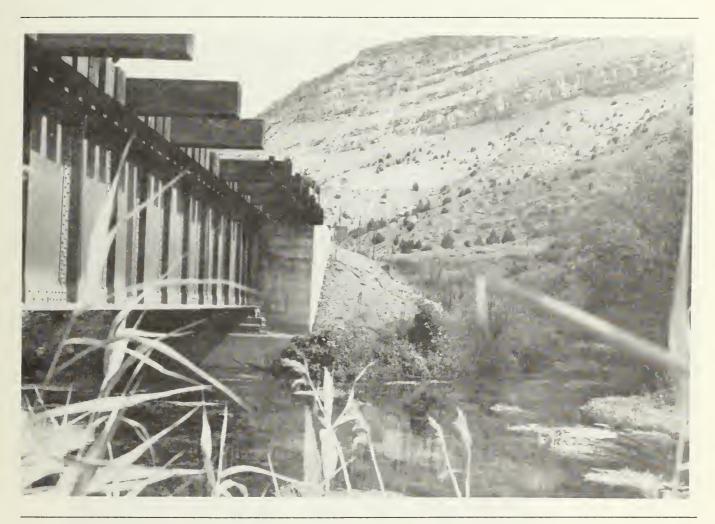
Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County

T4N, R3E, Section 7, NW NE

Private

Facing North



Smith G., Schumaker B.

This shows a northern Pacific right-of-way with a new bridge and increased grasses. Vegetation: Common reed grass

Date: 1898



Walcott C.D.

Looking down White's Gulch in cut through Cambrian and Precambrian - about 14 miles east south east of Canyon Ferry in Big Belt Mountains.

Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County

T10N, R2E, Section 19, SE NE

Private

Facing West



Smith G., Schumaker B.

The photo was taken right up against public lands' boundary. All vegetation is greatly increased.

Vegetation: Big sagebrush, bluebunch wheatgrass, broom snakeweed, juniper, Douglas-fir, prairie june grass, daisy, rubber rabbit brush, locoweed.

Date: July 3, 1921



 $Pardee\ J.\ T.$

Conglomerate in Tertiery lake beds, east of Townsend, MT. Slope north of Deep Creek.

Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County

T7N, R3E, Section 31, NW NW

Private

Facing East



Smith G., Schumaker B.

This photo was taken adjacent to public land. Vegetation has increased.

Vegetation: Juniper, limber pine, bluebunch wheatgrass, yucca, Indian ricegrass

Date: July 13, 1921



Pardee J.T.

No. 1 Bench Valley at Deep Creek, east of Townsend, MT.

Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County

T7N, R3E, Section 31, NE NE

Private

Facing SW



Smith G., Schumaker B.

A new highway can be seen below in the valley. On top of bench, cultivation has increased although a small portion has gone back to native range. Grass in foreground has increased.

Vegetation: Juniper, limber pine, needleandthread grass, fringed sagewort, broom snakeweed, Indian ricegrass, locoweed.

Date: August 21, 1928



Pardee J.T.

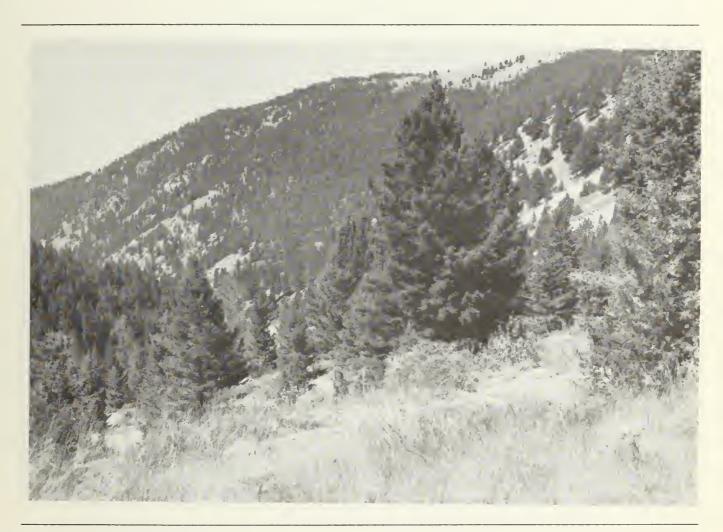
Upper Terrace (bar) at Diamond City, MT down Confederate Gulch.

Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County
T10N, R2E, Section 25, NW NW

Public Land

Facing West



Smith G., Schumaker B.

Trees obscured original spot but this was taken nearby.

Vegetation: Douglas-fir, big sagebrush, bluebunch wheatgrass, locoweed, Kentucky bluegrass, common clover, strawberry, western yarrow, phlox

Date: September 7, 1928



Pardee J.T.

Old placer mine in White Gulch on low terrace.

Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County
T10N, R2E, Section 15, NW

Public Land

Facing East



Smith G., Schumaker B.

This may be on a mining claim. Could not find original spot due to increased trees. Taken on top of a high dirt wall.

Vegetation: Douglas-fir

Date: September 6, 1938



Pardee, J.T.

Gorge of Avalanche Creek, walls of upturned Madison limestone.

Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County

T10N, R1E, Section 14, NE NW

Private

Facing East



Smith G., Schumaker B.

Background hills are public land. Trees have increased, grass has decreased and buildings are gone.

Vegetation: Needleandthread grass, broom snakeweed, fringed sagewort, phlox, locoweed, threadleaf sedge

Date: July 22, 1937



Pardee J.T.

Benchlands at east border of Townsend Valley, north of Six Mile Creek.

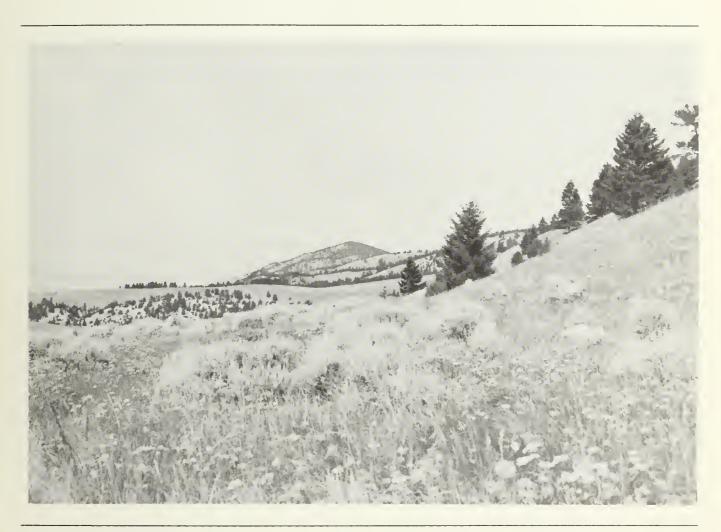
Date: July, 1980

Broadwater County

T5N, R3E, Section 1, SE

Private

Facing NW



Smith G., Schumaker B.

Vegetation has increased and a water tank has been added in the background. Vegetation: Horsemint, big sagebrush, bluebunch wheatgrass, western yarrow, cheat grass.

Date: Early 1900s



 $Unknown\ photographer$

Donated by Royal Smith of Townsend, MT. Slough was built by Smith's father.

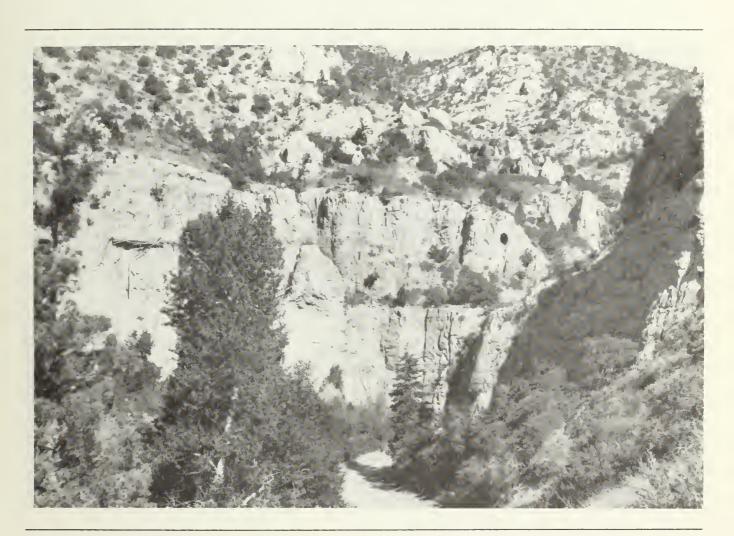
Date: July, 1981

Broadwater County

T7N, R1E, Section 32, SW

Public Land

Facing NW



Smith G., Ostenburg K.

Trees amd grasses have increased. Slough is nearly gone.

Vegetation: Limber pine, juniper, mountain mahogany, bluebunch wheatgrass, needle-andthread grass.

Date: Early 1900's



 $Unknown\ photographer$

Donated by Royal Smith of Townsend, MT. Town of Hassel, MT, up Indian Creek.

Date: July, 1981

Broadwater County

T7N, R1W, Section 36, SW

Public Land

Facing SE



Smith G., Ostenburg K.

There is a thin strip of private land along the creek and the rest is public land. It was hard to find the exact spot due to a poor photo and extensive mining. The creek was heavily dredged. Trees on the hills have increased.

Vegetation: Douglas-fir, limber pine, juniper, quaking aspen (creek)



CASCADE COUNTY

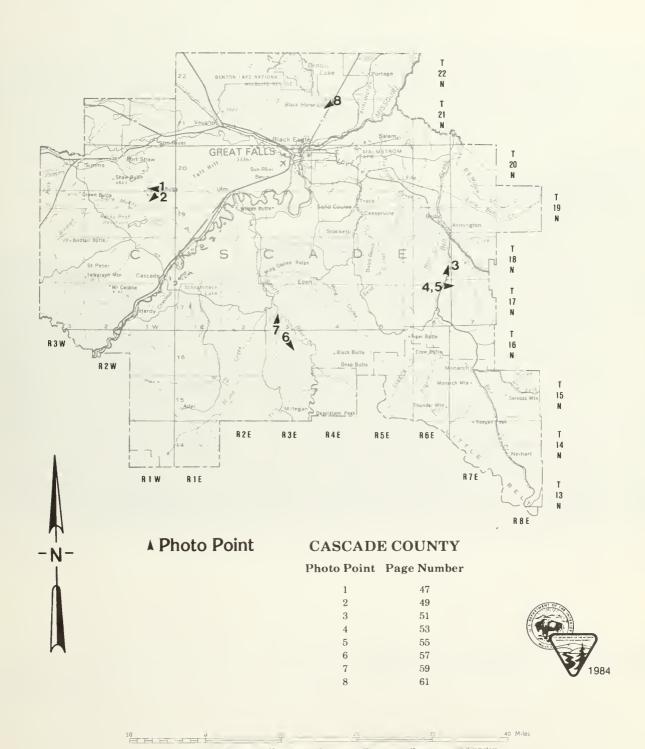


Photo: #H47A

Date: No Date

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Part 1 of 2



Fisher C.A.

Square Butte from NE near Fort Shaw.

Photo: #22A

Date: August, 1982

Cascade County

T19N, R1W, Section 3, NW

Private

Facing SW



Smith G.

Grass is unchanged and sage and trees are increased.

Vegetation: Bluegbunch wheatgrass, needleandthread grass, prairie june grass, fringed sagewort, daisy.

Date: No Date

Panorama Index



Part 2 of 2



Fisher C.A.

Square Butte from NE near Fort Shaw.

Date: August, 1982

Cascade County

T19N, R1W, Section 3, NW

Private

Facing West



Smith G.

This photo is a panorama with #63. Local rancher believes original picture was taken prior to 1900 when fences were built. Heavy grazing was by sheep and horses. Grass has come back extremely well. Top of butte is grazed by cows and also used by deer, prairie falcon, Golden Eagles, merlins, grouse and huns.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, needleandthread grass, prairie june grass, fringed sagewort, daisy.

Date: No Date



Fisher C.A.

Views down Belt Creek showing ancient valley five miles south of Armington, Montana.

Date: 1983

Cascade County

T18N, R6E, Section 25, SE

Private

Facing North



Minkoff A.

Grass type may have changed. This picture was taken farther back than the original. The trees are decreased in the mid-ground and increased in foreground. Buildings are gone from the foothills to the far right and a new home has been added in mid-ground to the right. A highway has been added.

Vegetation: Western wheatgrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, Sandbergs bluegrass, green needlegrass, slender brome, prairie junegrass, fringed sagewort, yellow yarrow, golden pea, pussytoes, shrubby cinquefoil, broom snakeweed, skunkbrush, cottonwoods, willow, Douglas fir, quaking aspen.

Date: No Date

Panorama Index



Part 1 of 2



Fisher, C.A.

View of Belt Creek valley showing old and new valleys, three miles north of Riceville, Montana. Shows shale exposures of quadrant.

Date: 1983

Cascade County

T17N, R6E, Section 1 SW

Private

Facing East



Minkoff A.

The fences have been changed. Pine has increased on far bank. Cottonwood trees have decreased. Road has been added in mid-ground.

Vegetation: Western wheatgrass, green needlegrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, bluegrama, Sandbergs bluegrass, prairie junegrass, yellow yarrow, pussytoes, buckwheat, Canadian thistle, shrubby cinquefoil, skunkbrush, broom snakeweed, gumweed, cottonwoods, ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, willow.

Photo: #H35A

Date: No Date

Panorama Index



Part 2 of 2



Fisher C.A.

View of Belt Creek valley showing old and new valleys, three miles north of Riceville, Montana. Shows shale exposures of quadrant.

Date: 1983

Cascade County

T17N, R6E, Section 1, SW

Private

Facing East



Minkoff A.

In foreground, both grasses and shrubs have increased. Cottonwoods have decreased, and Pine has increased in mid-ground. This picture was taken higher up the hill from original spot.

Vegetation: Western wheatgrass, green needlegrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, bluegrama, Sandbergs bluegrass, prairie junegrass, western yarrow, pussytoes, buckwheat, Canadian thistle, shrubby cinquefoil, skunkbrush, broom snakeweed, gumweed, cottonwoods, ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, willow

Date: No Date



Barnett V.H.

Smith River on Deep Creek valley and cliffs of Madison limestone from NE 1/4 Section 10, T16N, R3E.

Date: 1983

Cascade County

T16N, R3E, Section 10 NE

Private

Facing SE



Minkoff A.

Grasses have increased in the foreground. Trees, mainly Pine, have greatly increased throughout.

Date: No Date



Barnett V.H.

Ellis sandstone ledge in SE 1/4, Section 29, T17N, R3E, north side of Smith River.

Date: 1983

Cascade County

T17N, R3E, Section 29 SE

Private

Facing North



Minkoff A.

Grasses have greatly increased throughout. Shrubs and rocks were removed for a new road.

Vegetation: Western wheatgrass, Kentucky bluegrass, crested wheatgrass, intermediate wheatgrass, western yarrow, fringed sagewort, Canadian thistle, skunkbrush, broom snakeweed, gumweed

Date: July 17, 1932



Pierce W.G.

A wave-cut bench which encircles a butte that rises 200 feet above the bed of the Quaternary Lake in the Great Falls region. The butte is probably in the NE 1/4 Section 8, T21N, R4E, about five miles northeast of Great Falls. The top of the butte rises almost to the elevation of the summit plain beyond the bordering valley. The elevation of the wave-cut bench is between 3,575 and 3,600 feet. It is within the area covered by U.S.G.S. Bulletin 356, "Geology of the Great Falls Coal Field." Two other buttes nearby have similar benches.

Date: 1983

Cascade County

T21N, R4E, Section 4, NE

Private

Facing SW



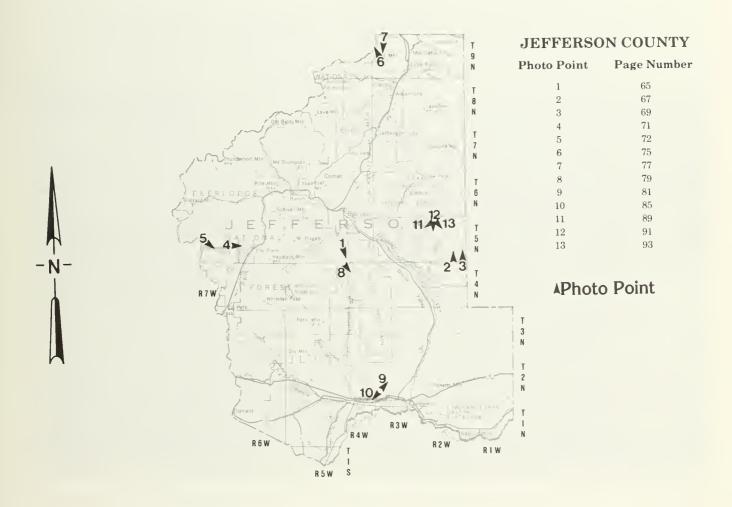
Minkoff A.

Grasses have greatly increased. There is a new fence in mid-ground and a road plus a few new trees.

Vegetation: Western wheatgrass, inland saltgrass, Indian ricegrass, foxtail barley, downy brome, western yarrow, broom snakeweed, gumweed



JEFFERSON COUNTY





Date: July 17, 1937



Pardee J.T.

West side of Bull Mountain.

Date: November, 1980

Jefferson County

T5N, R4W, Section 28, NE NW

Public Land

Facing SE



Smith G., Schumaker B.

Taken a little farther away to the NW than the original. Grasses and shrubs are unchanged. Aspen in center has increased.

Vegetation: Big sagebrush, rubber rabbit, brush bluebunch wheatgrass, lupines.

Date: No Date



Stone R.W.

View northwest from hill, 600 feet west of southwest corner, Section 35, T5N, R2W. Showing wooded ridge of Flathead quartzite and higher limestone ridge in background.

Date: November, 1980

Jefferson County

T5N, R2W, Section 35, SW SW

Private

Facing North



Smith G., Schumaker B.

The background is public land. Vegetation is about the same. Although the juniper has increaseed. The water hole in midground is now dry.

Vegetation: Big sagebrush, juniper, bluebunch wheatgrass, needleandthread grass, prairie june grass.

Date: No date



Stone R.W.

General view north along east line of T5N, R2W from hill in Section 36, sagebrush flat on belt shales and wooded ridge of Flathead quartzite.

Date: November, 1980

Jefferson County

T5N, R2W, Section 36 SW NE

Public Land

Facing North



Smith G., Schumaker B.

Some public land is in the distant background. Timber has increased on the hill. Grasses and shrubs are unchanged.

Vegetation: Needleandthread grass, big sagebrush, bluebunch wheatgrass, locoweed, pussy toes

Date: July 13, 1931



Alden W.C.

Boulder River Valley west of Bernice showing sloping grassy benches above lower bluffs. Looking east to Pole Mountain, background.

Date: November, 1980

Jefferson County

T6N, R7W, Section 24, NE SE

Public Land

Facing East



Grasses are unchanged; trees on midground benches have increased and the powerline is gone. Just below Pole Mountain in the background, a hill has been logged.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, rubber rabbit brush, green rabbit brush, Idaho fescue, fringed sagewort, lupines, daisy

Date: No Date



Knofp A.

Boulder River Valley west of Lowland Creek.

Date: November, 1980

Jefferson County

T6N, R7W Section 21, NW NW

Public Land

Facing SE



Smith G., Schumaker B.

Grasses and trees have both increased.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, Idaho fescue, green rabbit brush, Douglas-fir, lupines.

Date: August 16, 1928



Schradder F.C.

Hamilton silver-lead prospect in quartz monzonite, near Old Jacket Mine four miles south of Helena in head of Holmes Gulch. Includes large brown dump prospect in gulch in right. View from Yellow Jacket Hill, looking north across Holmes Gulch.

Date: August, 1982

Jefferson County

T9N, R3W, Section 17, NW NW

Public Land & Private

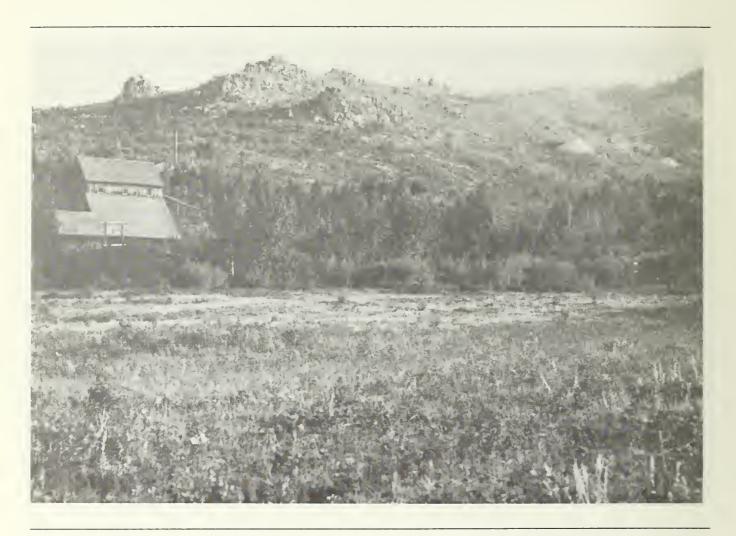
Facing NE



Smith G., Wickmire J., Burris J.

Taken from rock outcrop, approximately northwest of original spot due to increased trees. Vegetation: Douglas-fir, quaking aspen, wild rose, Missouri golden rod, cudweed sagewort, buckwheat.

Date: August 16, 1928



Schrader F.C.

Yellow Jacket Gold and Silver mine and mill four miles south of Helena on Holmes Gulch in Quartz Monzonite. Important openings are to right of mill in gulch hidden by timber. View taken from opposite slope looking south 10 degrees west.

Date: April, 1983

Jefferson County

T9N, R3W, Section 8, SE SW

Private

Facing SW



Smith G.

The hills are public land. This was taken from a slightly different spot due to trees. Bushes in the foreground are gone and the trees have greatly increased which obscure stone foundation of building in old picture. Lack of trees in old picture was due to a fire according to a local resident.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, Sandbergs bluegrass, prairie june grass, broom snakeweed.

Date: July 17, 1937



 $Pardee\ J.\ T.$

West side of Bull Mountain, valley of Whitetail Creek, looking south.

Date: November, 1980

Jefferson County

T4N, R4W, Section 4, SE NW

Border of Public lands

Facing SE



Smith G.

The hills are mostly public land. Trees have increased throughout.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, big sagebrush, rubber rabbit brush, prairie june grass, broom snakeweed, fringed sagewort

Date: July 17, 1937



 $Pardee\ J.\ T.$

Oversteepened lower slope, mountain north of Sunlight Mine.

Date: November, 1980

Jefferson County

T2N, R3W, Section 30

Private

Facing NE



Smith G, Schumaker B.

Hill shown is public land. Little change except new mining roads and some trees and bushes.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, prairie june grass, blue grama, needle and thread grass, pussytoes, broom snakeweed, fringed sagewort.

Date: April, 1983

Jefferson County

T2N, R3W, Section 30

Private

Facing NE



Smith G.

This photo was taken south of original spot because of buildings. Parking lot of Sunlight Mine is foreground.

Date: 1910



Unknown photographer

This was borrowed from Don Jenkins of Golden Sunlight Mines of Whitehall, MT. Hills at far right are the same as those shown in the three pictures following this one. Additional photo for historical perspective.

Date: July 16, 1937



Pardee J.T.

Mountain slope rising from benchland south of Sunlight Mine.

Date: November, 1980

Jefferson County

T2N, R3W, Section 30

Private

Facing SW



Smith G., Schumaker B.

Vegetation is nearly the same with some juniper increase. The area below is being cleared off for mine. New roads have been added.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, needle and thread grass, prairie june grass, rubber rabbit brush, broom snakeweed, fringed sagewort.

Date: April, 1983

Jefferson County

T2N, R3W, Section 30

Private

Facing SW



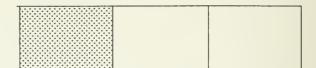
Smith G.

Taken from parking lot of Sunlight Mine north of original spot.

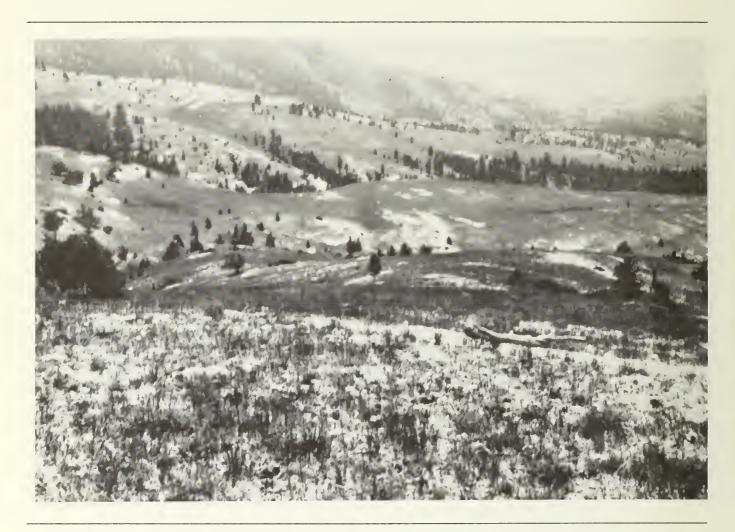


Date: No Date

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Part 1 of 3



Stone R.W.

T5N, R2W toward ridge in Section 14 Panorama with #462 and #463

Date: July, 1983

Jefferson County

T5N, R2W, Section 4, SE SW

Private Land

Facing SE



Smith G., Levy C.

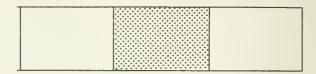
Hills in background are both public and private lands. This was taken slighty higher than the original. Trees have increased throughout and grasses have increased in the foreground.

New powerline and maintenance road have been added in the background. A new trail and spring were added in the midground.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, Idaho fescue, prairie june grass, black sagebrush, big sagebrush, Douglas-fir, limber pine, juniper.

Date: No Date

Panorama Index



Part 2 of 3



Stone R.W.

T5N, R2W shows Limestone Hill in Section 27.

Date: July, 1983

Jefferson County

T5N, R2W, Section 4, SE SW

Private Land

Facing South



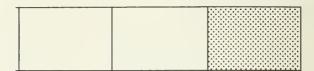
Smith G., Levy C.

Hills in background and some of plains are public lands. This was taken slightly south of original spot. Trees have increased throughout and grasses have increased in foreground. New powerline has been added in background.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, Idaho fescue, prairie june grass, black sagebrush, big sagebrush, Douglas-fir, limber pine, juniper.

Date: No Date

Panorama Index



Part 3 of 3



Stone R.W.

T5N, R2W shows view from Section 4 toward wooded Butte in Section 17.

Date: July, 1983

Jefferson County

T5N, R2W, Section 4, SE SW

Private

Facing SW



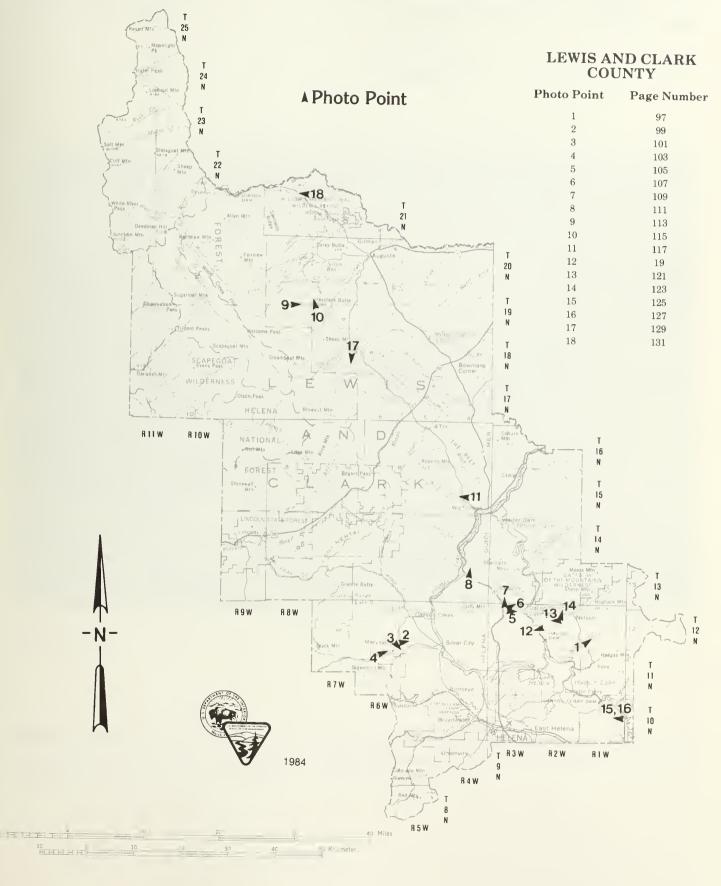
Smith G., Levy C.

Hills in background are public land. This was taken slightly south of original spot due to tree increase. Trees have increased throughout and grasses in foreground have increased.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, Idaho fescue, prairie june grass, black sagebrush, big sagebrush, Douglas-fir, limber pine, juniper.



LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY



Date: 1900



Walcott C.A.

Bedded carboniferous limestone on Soup Creek 1/4 mile above Radford's Ranch, six miles from Missouri River, Big Belt Mountains.

Date: July, 1980

Lewis and Clark County

T12N, R1W, Section 31, NE NE

Private

Facing NE



Smith G., Schumaker B.

The background is public land. All vegetation greatly increased.

Vegetation: Douglas-fir, chokecherry, green needlegrass, basin wild rye, western wheatgrass, fringed sagewort, wild onion, salsify, pussytoes.

Date: 1901



Chapman R.H.

Looking down Sawmill Gulch.

Date: November, 1980

Lewis and Clark County
T12N, R6W, Section 36, NW SE

Public & Private

Facing East

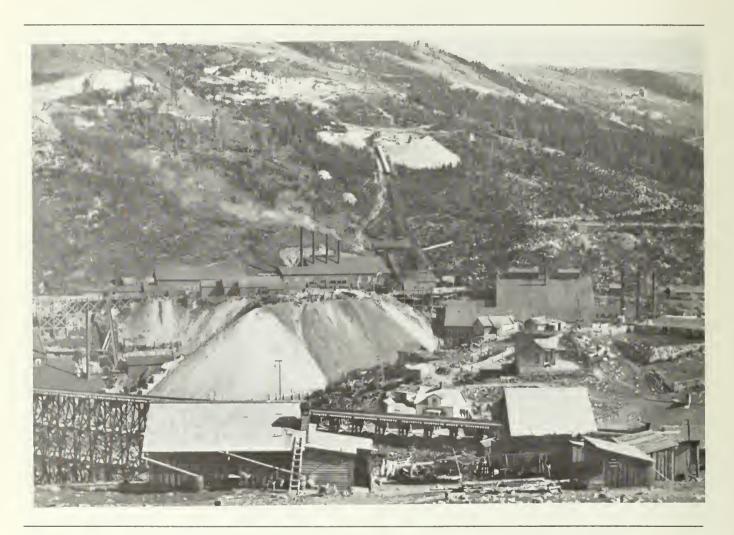


Smith G., Schumaker B.

This photo looks down Silver Creek rather than Sawmill which is beyond the ridge. The ridge is private land. Some of the benches in the background are public lands.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, western wheatgrass, Kentucky bluegrass, wild onion, daisy and buckwheat.

Date: 1901



 $Chapman\ R.H.$

Plant of Montana Mining Company. Caved workings above and to left.

Date: September, 1982

Lewis and Clark County
T12N, R6W, Section 36, Mid Sec.

Public & Private

Facing SE



Smith G., Christianson D.

Taken just east of Marysville. Buildings were wiped out by fire. Hills are completely reforested. This was taken slightly higher on hill.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, bluegrass (species unknown), Oregon grape, pussytoes, buckwheat, fringed sagewort.

Date: 1901



Chapman R.H.

Looking east from east slope of Mt. Belmont. Marysville in foreground.

Date: August, 1982

Lewis and Clark County T12N, R6W, Section 3, SW

Public and Private

Facing NE



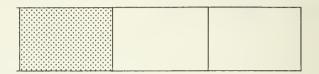
Smith G., Burris J., Wickwire J.

This was taken a couple of hundred yards southwest of original spot due to trees which were greatly increased throughout. Grasses in foreground have increased.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, rough fescue, white point locoweed, western yarrow, daisy - trees are Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine.

Date: August, 1936

Panorama Index



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Pardee J.T.

Panorama: Hilger Valley and Belt Mountains.

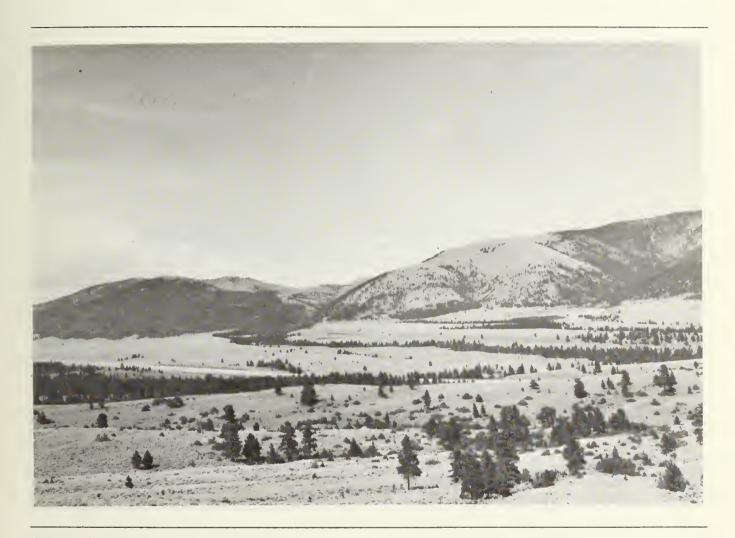
Date: August, 1982

Lewis and Clark County

T12N, R3W, Section 5, NE NE

Private

Facing North

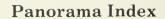


Smith G., Burris J., Wickmire J.

Some of background mountains are public land. Foreground is owned by Sieben Livestock and managed jointly with Montana Fish and Game. Interstate 15 is in midground. Trees have increased some and grasses have greatly increased.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, rubber rabbit brush, big sagebrush, horsebrush, ponderosa pine.

Date: August, 1936





Part 2 of 3



Pardee J.T.

Panorama: Hilger Valley and Belt Mountains, "Bear Tooth" in background.

Date: August, 1982

Lewis and Clark County
T12N, R3W, Section 5, NE NE

Private

Facing NE



Smith G., Burris J., Wickmire J.

Only three pictures from original four picture panorama were used.

Some of background mountains are public land. Foreground is owned by Sieben Livestock and managed jointly with Montana Fish and Game. Interstate 15 is in midground. Trees have increased some and grasses have greatly increased.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, rubber rabbit brush, big sagebrush, horsebrush, ponderosa pine.

Date: August, 1936

Panorama Index



Part 3 of 3



Pardee J.T.

Panorama: Hilger Valley and Belt Mountains

Date: August, 1982

Lewis and Clark County

T12N, R3W, Section 5, NE NE

Private

Facing East



Smith G., Burris J., Wickmire J.

Only three pictures from original four picture panorama were used. Some of background mountains are public land. Foreground is owned by Sieben Livestock and managed jointly with Montana Fish and Game. Interstate 15 is in midground. Trees have increased some and grasses have greatly increased.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, rubber rabbit brush, big sagebrush, horsebrush, ponderosa pine.

Date: September 16, 1928



Pardee J.T.

Hilger Valley looking west from top of bench above boat landing at Hilgers.

Date: August, 1982

Lewis and Clark County

T13N, R4W, Section 16, SE NE

Public Land

Facing North



Wickmire J., Burris J.

Most of the foreground up to the hills is private. Hills are public and private both. Taken on Interstate 15 just before Sieben exit. Levings Gulch on left has lost trees. Trees in midground have increased.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, blue grama, prickly pear cactus, ponderosa pine.

Date: 1900



Walcott C.D.

Haystack Butte from North

Date: August, 1982

Lewis and Clark County
T19N, R8W, Section 15 SW SW

Private

Facing East



Smith G., Burris J.

This photo shows hayfields that were formerly grazing land. Douglas-fir is gone from creek and quaking aspen has increased. On Butte, trees have increased. Fences have all been changed.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, Missouri goldenrod, dotted gayfeather, arrowleaf balsamroot, salsify.

Date: No Date



Fisher C.A.

Haystack Mountain from the southeast, near Augusta.

Date: 1983

Lewis and Clark County

T19N, R7W, Section 19 NE

State Land

Facing NE

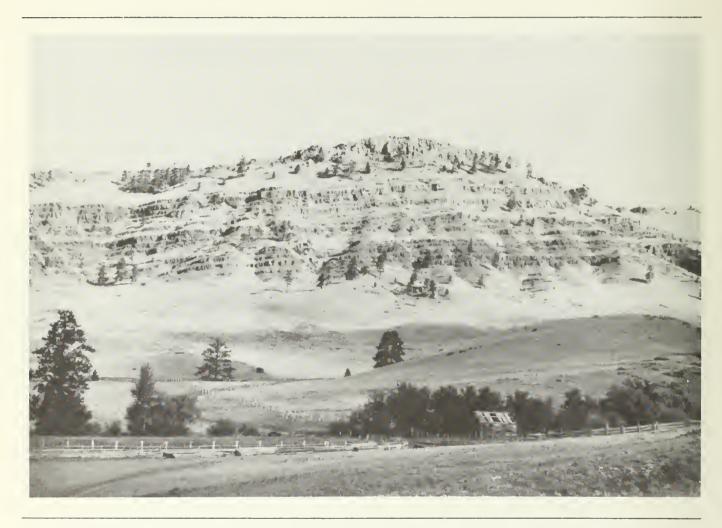


Minkoff A.

Trees have decreased in the mid-ground.

Vegetation: Western wheatgrass, Sandbergs bluegrass, Kentucky bluegrass, prairie junegrass, salsify, cottonwoods, quaking aspen, willow

Date: 1900



Walcott C.D.

Bedded ardesitic breccias, about two miles above Wolf Creek on road to Stearns Post Office.

Date: June, 1981

Lewis and Clark County

T15N, R4W, Section 28

Private Land

Looking West



Smith G., Ostenburg K.

This photo shows that the grasses and trees have increased, the old road is gone, the creek crossing has been moved and the fences changed.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, blue grama, prickly pear cactus, fringed sagewort.

Date: 1900



Walcott C.D.

Looking down Missouri River from mouth of Beaver Creek, northern portion of Big Belt Mountains.

Date: September, 1982

Lewis and Clark County

T12N, R2W, Section 19, NW NE

Public Land

Facing West



Smith G.

Trees on hills have increased.

Vegetation: Smooth brome, fringed sagewort, needleandthread grass

Photo: #H536.1

Date: 1898

Panorama Index



Part 1 of 2



Walcott C.D.

Panorama: view of north side of Beaver Creek, Big Belt Mountains, showing succession from Cambrian to Carboniferous.

Date: April, 1983

Lewis and Clark County

T12N, R2W, Section 15, NW NE

Public Land

Facing West



Smith G.

This photo shows part of a panorama. Only two of the three original pictures were taken. Taken a short distance down the road to the west because trees obscurred view. Road is improved. Trees increased throughout and brush was cleared in valley for cultivation.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, needle and thread grass, rubber rabbit brush, hoodsphlox.

Photo: #H536.5

Date: 1898

Panorama Index



Part 2 of 2



Walcott C.D.

Panorama: view of north side of Beaver Creek, Big Belt Mountains, showing succession from Cambrian to Carboniferous.

Date: April, 1983

Lewis and Clark County
T12 N, R2W, Section 15, NW NE

Public Land

Facing North



Smith G.

This photo is part of a panorama. Only two of the three original pictures were taken. Trees have increased throughout. This was taken a short distance down the road to the south because trees obscurred view. In the valley, brush has been cleared for cultivation.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, needle and thread grass, rubber rabbit brush, hoodsphlox.

Date: August, 1921

Panorama Index



Part 1 of 2



 $Pardee\ J.T.$

Lake Sewell, an artificial storage reservoir on Missouri River. Built in 1898, owned by Montana Power Company. Spokane Hills in background near Canyon Ferry, looking west.

Date: July, 1980

Lewis and Clark County
T10N, R1W, Section 24, NW NE

Public Land

Facing West



Smith G., Schumaker B.

Taken from Hellgate picnic area. Lake Sewell later became Canyon Ferry and was enlarged. Many private cabins can be seen on distant shore. The hills are public land.

Date: August, 1921

Panorama Index



Part 2 of 2



Pardee J.T.

Lake Sewell, an artificial storage reservoir on Missouri River. Built in 1898, owned by Montana Power Company. Spokane Hills in background near Canyon Ferry, looking west.

Date: July, 1980

Lewis and Clark County

T10N, R1W, Section 24, NW NE

Public Land

Facing West



Smith G., Schumaker B.

This was taken from Hellgate picnic area. Lake Sewell later became Canyon Ferry and was enlarged. Many private cabins can be seen on distant shore. The hills are public land.

Date: 1900



Walcott C.D.

Terraces on south side of canyon of North Fork of Dearborn River at Walter's Ranch.

Date: August, 1982

Lewis and Clark County

T18N, R7W, Section 24, NW SW

Private Land

Facing South



Smith G.

Table Mountain in background is public land. Taken near old Walker Ranch (only chimney left), which now is a hay field. Prior to 1900, a fire had wiped out trees on Table Mountain and now is completely reforested.

Vegetation: Foreground hay field.

Date: September 21, 1920



Alden W.C.

Sun River gorge cut in wall of upturned limestone as seen from a point nine miles southeast. Top of the valley represents bottom of an old valley, probably correlated with highest gravel-capped bench in T22N, R6W. Glacial lakes in foreground.

Date: 1983

Lewis and Clark County

T21N, R8W, Section 1, SW

State Land

Facing West



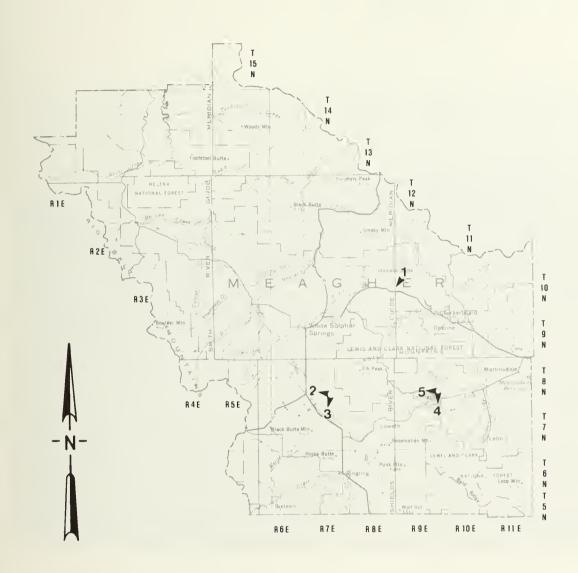
Minkoff A.

Buildings at right are removed. Vegetation is about the same. Water may have decreased some.

Vegetation: Bluegrama, prairie junegrass, western wheatgrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, Japanese brome, western yarrow, pussytoes, fringed sagewort, gumweed, buckwheat, broom snakeweed, shrubby cinquefoil, skunkbrush



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Date: No Date



Stone R. W.

View across N 1/2 Sec. 7, T10N, R4E, from NE corner

Date: March, 1983

Meagher County

T10N, R9E, Sec. 7, NE

Private

Facing SW



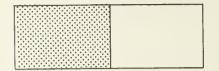
Smith G., Risberg E.

Foreground improved to grasses. Trees were logged off along left slope of draw and several logging roads are visible. Trees have increased on right slope of draw. Elk and horse sign is present.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, needle and thread grass, Sandbergs bluegrass.

Date: 1906

Panorama Index



Part 1 of 2



 $Stone,\,R.\,W.$

Theralite sill, east side of Gordon Butte near Martinsdale, MT.

Date: March, 1983

Meagher County

T8N, R11E, Section 27, SW SW

Private

Facing South



Smith G., Risberg E.

Grass is unchanged and sage and trees are increased.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, needle and thread grass, rubber rabbit brush, big sagebrush, fringed sagewort, Douglas-fir.

Date: 1906

Panorama Index



Part 2 of 2



Stone R.W.

Theralite sill, east side of Gordon Butte near Martinsdale, MT.

Date: March, 1983

Meagher County

T8N, R11E, Section 27, SW SW

Private

Facing West



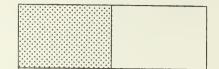
Smith G, Risberg E.

Grass is unchanged and sage and trees are increased.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, needle and thread grass, rubber rabbit brush, big sagebrush, fringed sagewort, Douglas-fir.

Date: 1906

Panorama Index



Part 1 of 2



Stone R.W.

Musselshell Valley and upturned igneous sills, Lennep, MT, at Grande Ranch.

Date: March, 1983

Meagher County

T8N, R9E, Section 25, NE SW

Private

Facing SW



Smith G, Risberg E.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, needle and thread grass, prairie june grass, fringed sagewort

Date: 1906

Panorama Index



Part 2 of 2



Stone, R.W.

Musselshell Valley and upturned igneous sills, Lennep, MT, at Grande Ranch.

Date: March, 1983

Meagher County

T8N, R9E, Section 25, NE SW

Private

Facing South



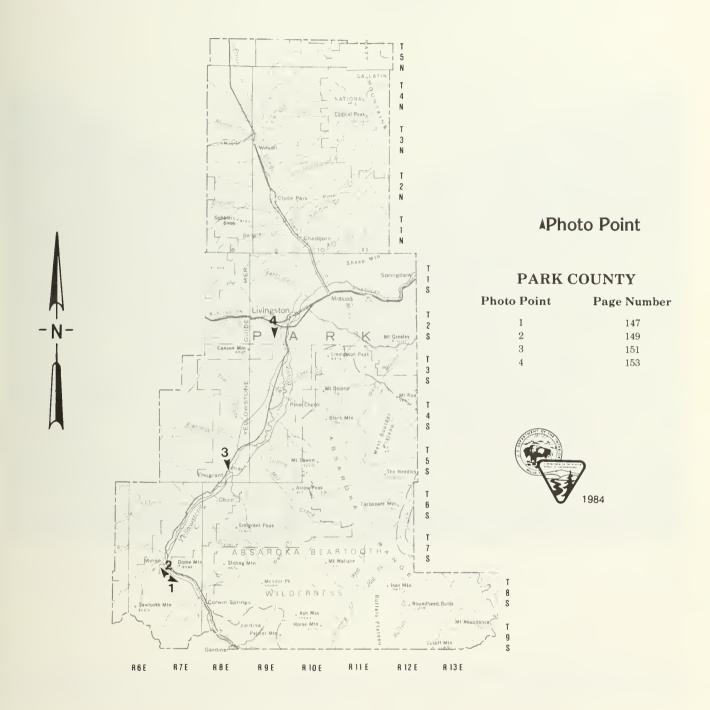
Smith G., Risberg, E.

There are new buildings in town and some old ones remain, Foreground vegetation is unchanged. Hills in background are public land. Trees have increased in background.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, needle and thread grass, prairie june grass, fringed sagewort.



PARK COUNTY





Date: 1921



Lee, W.T.

Yellowstone Valley and Yankee Jim Canyon about 200 miles north of Gardiner, MT. Looking upstream.

Date: October, 1982

Park County

T8S, R7E, Section 4, NW NW

Public Land

Facing SE



Smith G.

This photo was taken also in 1921 by W. T. Lee #2052 which showed slight vegetation change from 1898. Since 1921, a lot has changed. A new highway was added along left side of river. Trees have increased throughout. Old tracks are now a road.

Vegetation: Douglas-fir, bluebunch wheatgrass, big sagebrush, rubber rabbit brush.

Photo: #H539C

Date: 1898



Walcott C.D.

View looking SE down Yankee Jim Canyon, Yellowstone River 1 1/2 miles north of Yankee Jim, MT. Addition photo for historical perspective.



Photo: #H539B

Date: 1898



Walcott C.D.

View looking north down Yankee Jim Canyon, Yellowstone River, 1 1/2 miles north of Yankee Jim, MT.

Date: October, 1982

Park County

T8S, R7E, Section 4, NW NW

Public Land

Facing NW



Smith G.

This was taken slightly north of original spot due to heavy brush. All vegetation has increased. Old railroad track was replaced by a road. A new highway was added along right side of river.

Vegetation: Douglas-fir, bluebunch wheatgrass, rubber rabbit brush, big sagebrush.

Date: 1921



Lee W.T.

Mountains east of Yellowstone River north of Gardiner.

Date: October, 1982

Park County

T5S, R8E, Section 22, NE SW

Public Land

Facing Southeast



Smith G.

This area is one and one-half miles north of Emigrant, MT, on Old Highway. Fore and midground trees have decreased. Canal was added in foreground. Midground is private, and mountains are public land above Chico, MT. Trees have increased.

Vegetation: Needle and thread grass, blue grama, cheat grass, Sandbergs bluegrass, prairie june grass.

Date: No Date



Barnett V.H.

Irrigable flat and mouth of Livingston Canyon, Livingston, MT.

Date: June, 1983

Park County

T2S, R9E, Section 27, SE NE

Public Land

Facing South



Smith G.

Homesites are replacing farm land. Mountains are both public and private land. Mountain to right is known as Wine Glass Mountain. Trees are much increased on mountains.

Vegetation: Bluebunch wheatgrass, needleandthread grass, prairie june grass, fringed sagewort, Sandbergs bluegrass, blue grama



PONDERA COUNTY

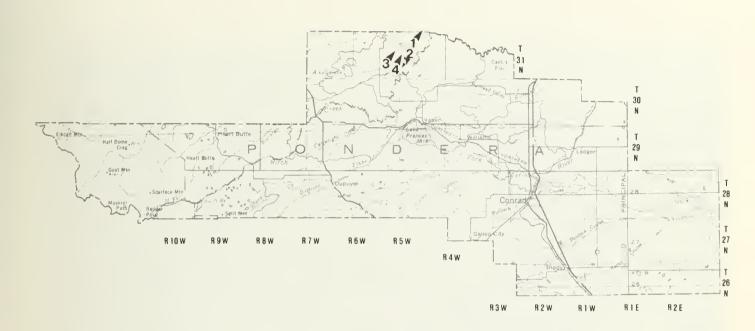




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Date: 1910



 $Stebinger\ E.$

View looking NE down the Two Medicine River to its junction with Cutbank Creek, showing to lower end of the box canyon cut in the Eagle sandstone.

Note the prominent buttresses cut along the left wall of the canyon. Slopes to the right and in the middle distance are cut in the drift of the Continental ice sheet. Section 2, T31N, R5W.

Date: No Date

Pondera County

T31N, R5W, Section 2, NW 1/4

Private

Facing NE



Minkoff A.

Grasses have decreased in the foreground. River channel has decreased in size and an island has appeared. Grasses have increased on cliff at right.

Vegetation: Western wheatgrass, green needlegrass, prairie junegrass, bluegrama, western yarrow, buckwheat, skunkbrush, fringed sagewort, broom snakeweed

Date: 1910



Stebinger C.

View looking southwest in Section 15, T31N, R5W, showing the box canyon cut by the Two Medicine River in Eagle sandstone.

Date: 1983

Pondera County
T31N, R5W, Section 15, NW 1/4
Indian Reservation

Facing SW

Minkoff A.

No changes are visible.

Vegetation: Prairie junegrass, western wheatgrass, Sandbergs bluegrass, bluegrama, western yarrow, green needlegrass, skunkbrush, fringed sagewort.

Date: 1910



Stebinger E.

View looking SW in Section 17, T31N, R5W. Another view of the box canyon cut by the Two Medicine River in Eagle sandstone.

Date: 1983

Pondera County

T31N, R5W, Section 17, NW

Indian Reservation

Facing NE



Minkoff A.

Grasses in foreground have decreased somewhat.

Vegetation: Western wheatgrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, green needlegrass, Sandbergs bluegrass, bluegrama, prairie junegrass, yellow yarrow, broom snakeweed, pussytoes, skunkbrush

Date: 1910



Stebinger E.

On Birch Creek looking NE in Section 21, T31N, R5W, showing the box canyon cut in Eagle sandstone.

Date: 1983

Pondera County

T31N, R5W, Section 21, NW

Indian Reservation

Facing NE



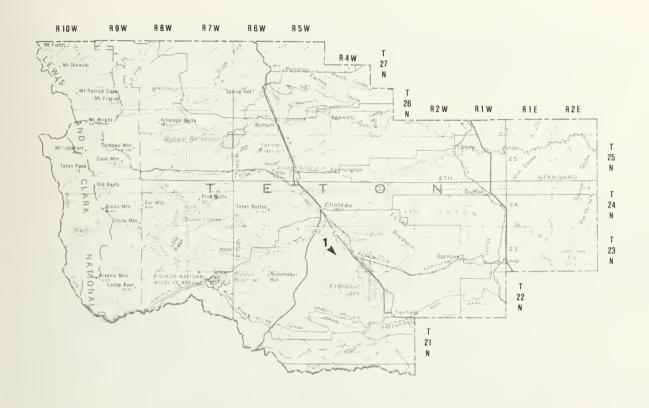
Minkoff A.

In the foreground grasses have decreased.

Vegetation: Prairie junegrass, western wheatgrass, Sandbergs bluegrass, bluegrama, yellow yarrow, pussytoes, skunkbrush, fringed sagewort



TETON COUNTY





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Date: 1925



Collier A.J.

Sweetgrass Arch. Priest Butte about three miles south of Choteau. This butte is capped with Eagle sandstone.

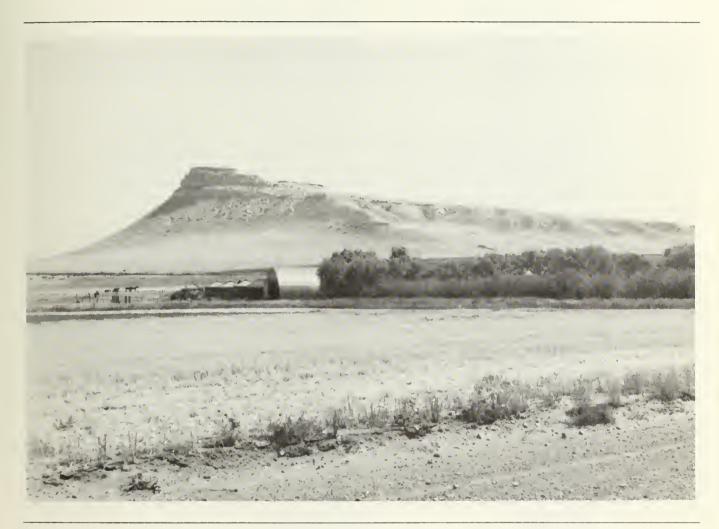
Date: 1983

Teton County

T23N, R4W, Section 18, NE

Private

Facing SE



Minkoff A.

Old homestead was replaced with newer buildings and trees have been added possibly as a shelter belt. Fence has been removed. The land was formerly used for grazing and now is a cultivated field.

Vegetation: Prairie junegrass, western wheatgrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, Sandbergs bluegrass, green needlegrass, bluegrama, pussytoes, fringed sagewort, shrubby cinquefoil, broom snakeweed

GUIDE TO PLANT NAMES GRASS AND GRASSLIKE

Common

Scientific

Basin wildrye

Bluebunch wheatgrass

Blue grama

Bottlebrush squirreltail

Cheatgrass Clover

Common reedgrass
Crested wheatgrass
Foxtail barley
Green needlegrass
Idaho fescue
Indian ricegrass
Inland saltgrass

Intermediate wheatgrass

Japanese brome
Kentucky bluegrass
Needleandthread grass
Needleleaf sedge
Prairie junegrass
Rough fescue
Sandbergs bluegrass
Smooth brome

Standard crested wheatgrass

Western wheatgrass

Elymus cinereus Agropyron spicatum Bouteloua gracilis Sitanion hystrix Bromus tectorum Trifolium spp. Phragmites commun

Phragmites communis
Agropyron cristatum
Hordeum jubatum
Stipa viridula
Festuca idahoensis
Oryzopsis hymenoides
Distichlis stricta
Agropyron intermedium

Bromus japonicus
Poa pratensis
Stipa comata
Carex eleocharis
Koeleria cristata
Festuca scabrella
Poa sandbergii
Bromus inermis
Agropyron desetorum

Agropyron smithii

GUIDE TO PLANT NAMES FORBS

Common

Scientific

Alfalfa

Arrowleaf balsamroot

Buckwheat Canada thistle Chokecherry Daisy

Gumweed Dotted gayfeather Horsemint

Hymenoxys Locoweed Lupine

Missouri goldenrod

Phlox Pussytoes Salsify Western yarrow White point loco

Wild onion Wild strawberry Yellow sweetclover Medicago sativa

 $Balsamorrihiza\ sagittata$

Eriogonum spp.
Cercium arvense
Prunus virginiana
Erigeron spp.
Grindelia spp.
Liatris punctata
Monarda fistulosa
Hymenoxys spp.
Astragalus spp.
Lupinus spp.

Solidago missouriensis

Phlox spp.
Antennaria spp.
Tragapogon dubious
Achillea millifolium
Oxytropis sericea
Allium spp.

Fragaria americana Melitotus officinalis

GUIDE TO PLANT NAMES TREES

Common	Scientific
Cottonwood	Populus spp.
Douglas fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii
Limber pine	Pinus flexilis
Lodgepole pine	Pinus contorta latifolia
Mountain mahogany	Cercocarpus ledifolius
Ponderosa pine	Pinus ponderosa
Quaking aspen	Populus tremuloides

GUIDE TO PLANT NAMES SHRUBS

Common	Scientific	
Big sagebrush Black sagebrush Broom snake Weed Cudweed sagewort Fringed sagewort Green rabbit brush Horsebrush	Artenesia tridentata Artemesia arbuscula Nova Xanthocephalum sarothrae Artemesia iudouiciana Artemesia frigida Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus Tetradymia canescens	
Juniper Oregongrape Prickly pear cactus Rubber rabbit brush Shrubby cinquefoil Skunkbush Wild rose Willow Yucca	Juniperus spp. Berberis repens Opuntia polycanatha Chrysothamnus nauseosus Potentilla fruiticosa Rhus tuilobata Rosa spp. Salix spp. Yucca glauca	

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