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Manti-La Sal
National Forest

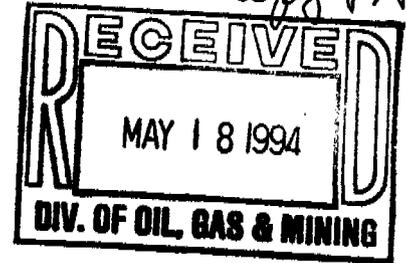
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Lowell Braxton
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Dear Lowell:

Recently, the BLM forwarded an application for coal exploration drilling to the Manti-La Sal National Forest. As the surface management agency for the Federal lands involved with this project, it is the role of the Forest Service to address management concerns and public issues for surface resources through the environmental analysis process. The BLM has requested that this Forest submit to them an environmental analysis with recommended stipulations or mitigating measures.

The Price Ranger District of the Manti-La Sal National Forest is currently conducting an environmental analysis of the proposal submitted by Cyprus Plateau Coal Company. The proposed action is to conduct a 7-hole coal exploration project during 1994-95, on Trough Springs Ridge and Gentry Mountain, approximately 11 miles west of Huntington, Utah, in Emery County. Forest Service administered lands included in this proposal are being managed with emphasis on forage production pursuant to the direction contained in the Manti-La Sal National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan).

The proposal calls for 3 holes to be accessible by existing roads, 1 hole would require 1/2 mile of temporary road, and the remaining 3 would be helicopter supported. The temporary road and the pad sites will be recontoured and reseeded upon completion of the operation.

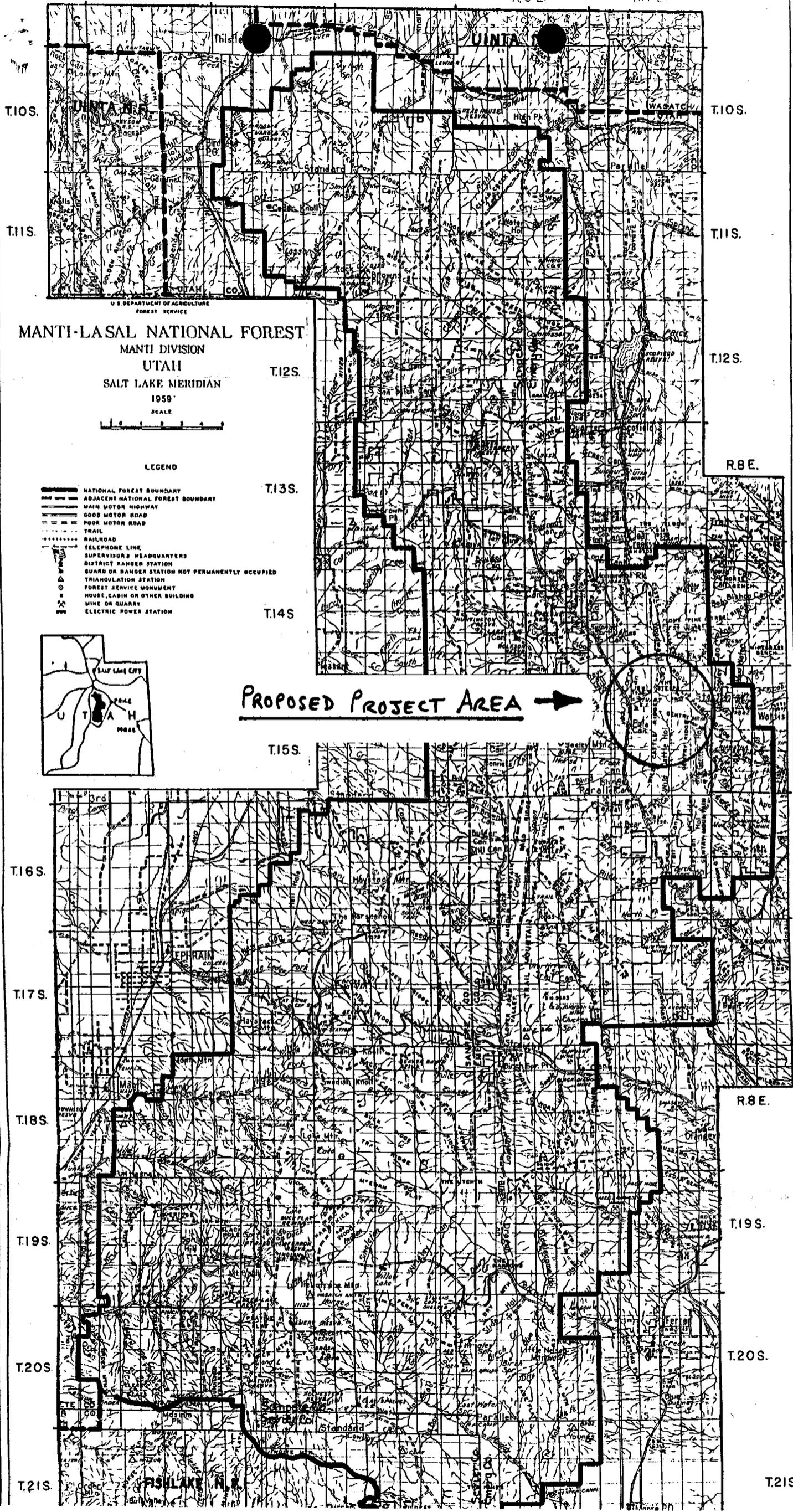
I am addressing this correspondence to you since you have been identified as a potentially interested party. The environmental analysis will consider an alternative that fulfills the purpose and need of this drilling operation. A No-Action Alternative will also be considered. Your comments will help us develop public involvement and refine the issues and alternatives that may be analyzed.

Please provide any comments that you may have on the proposal by May 27, 1994. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff DeFreest or me at the above address, or call (801) 637-2817.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Jankiewicz
CHARLES J. JANKIEWICZ
Price District Ranger

Enclosures

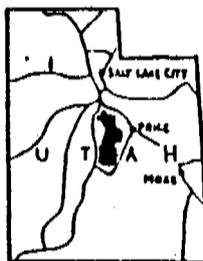


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- TELEPHONE LINE
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- FOREST SERVICE MONUMENT
- HOUSE, CABIN OR OTHER BUILDING
- MINE OR QUARRY
- ELECTRIC POWER STATION



PROPOSED PROJECT AREA →

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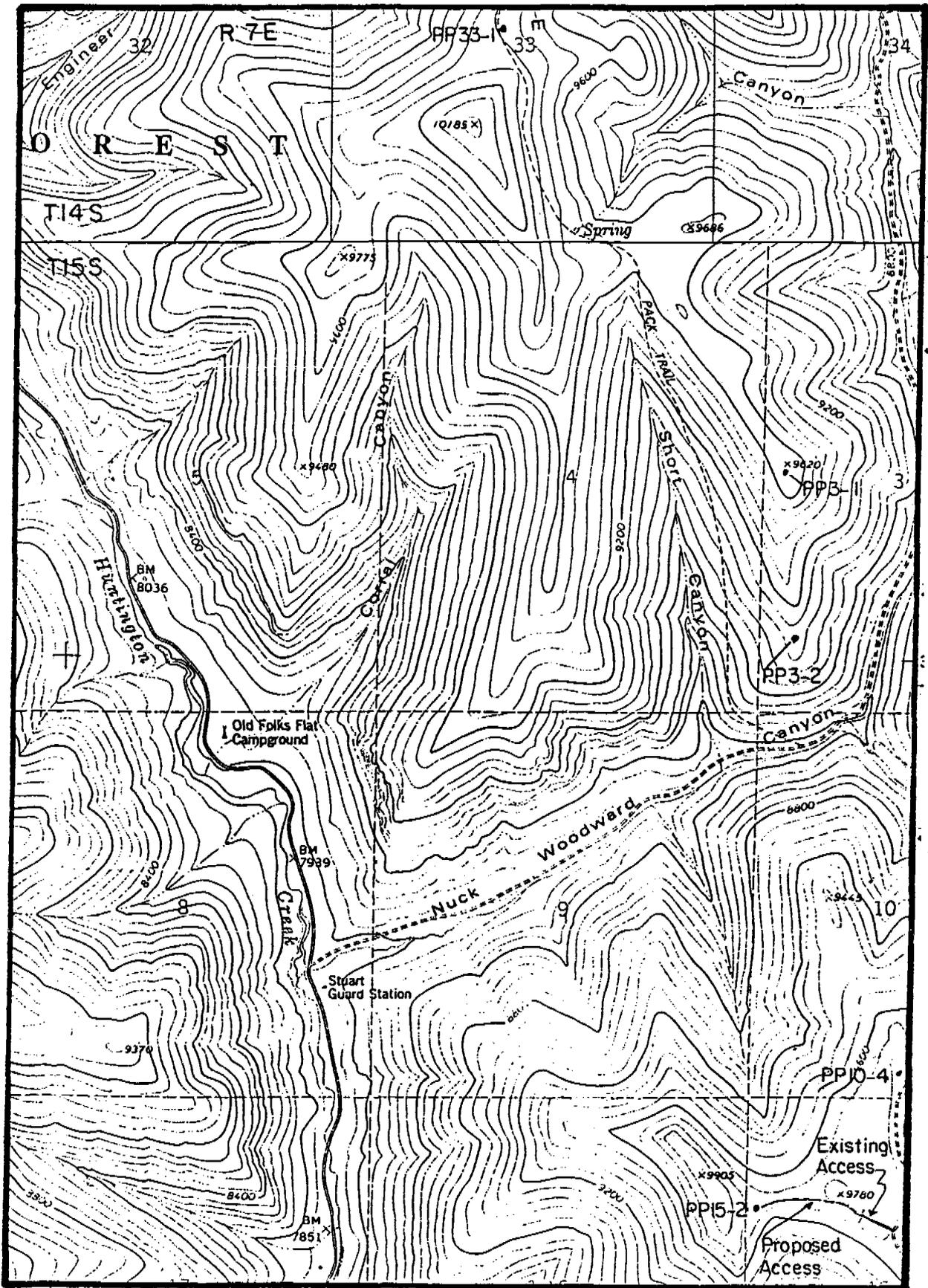


Figure 1. Project Area for Cyprus Plateau Mining Drill Locations and Access Routes. USGS Candland Mtn. UT, 7.5' 1979 Scale 1:24 000

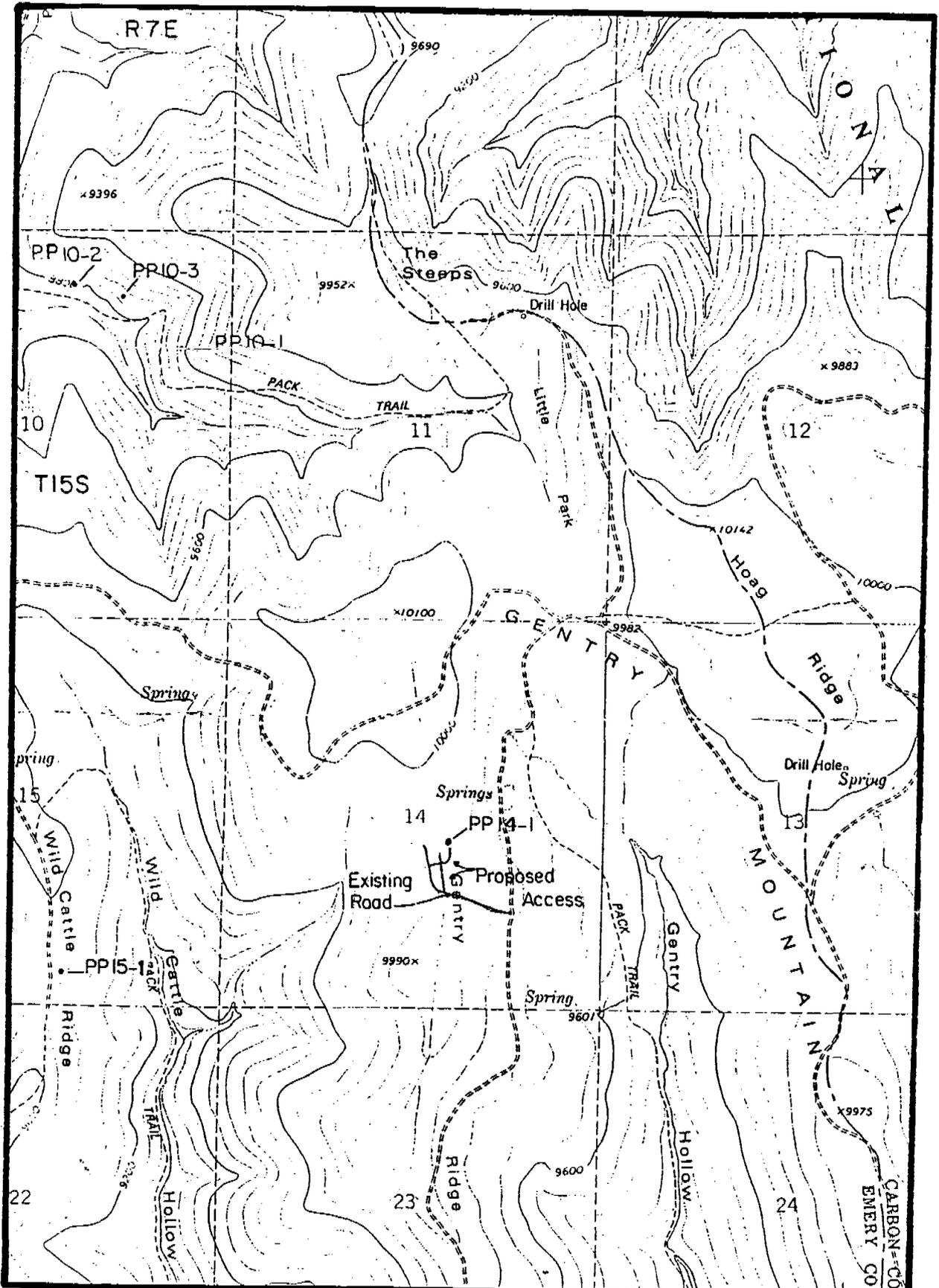


Figure 2. Project Area for Cyprus Plateau Mining Drill Locations and Access Routes. USGS Wattis, UT 7.5', 1979 Scale 1:24 000