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Mr. Steve Martin
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Re: N. Fork Walla Walla River Rd.

Dear Mr. Martin:

Umatilla County has been contacted by landowners in the vicinity of the N. Fork Walla Walla River Road. This letter is to clarify the position of the county regarding the road.

At the present time, the road is somewhat improved from the intersection with Powerline Road, east until the west line of Section 28, Township 5 North, Range 37. At that point, the condition of the road deteriorates. There is also a question if the existing road is on the dedicated right of way. Without the benefit of a survey, the county cannot make any representation that the road is within the right of way, or the rights of any party to use the road. If you want to obtain a survey of the road at your expense, you are able to do so, but the county is not in a position at this time to pay for a survey or to conduct a survey of the road.

Regardless of the issue of the location of the road, it is clear that a county road right of way does not extend beyond the centerline of Section 27, Township 5 North, Range 37. There is no county road right of way extending east along the course of the current road, or at any other location.

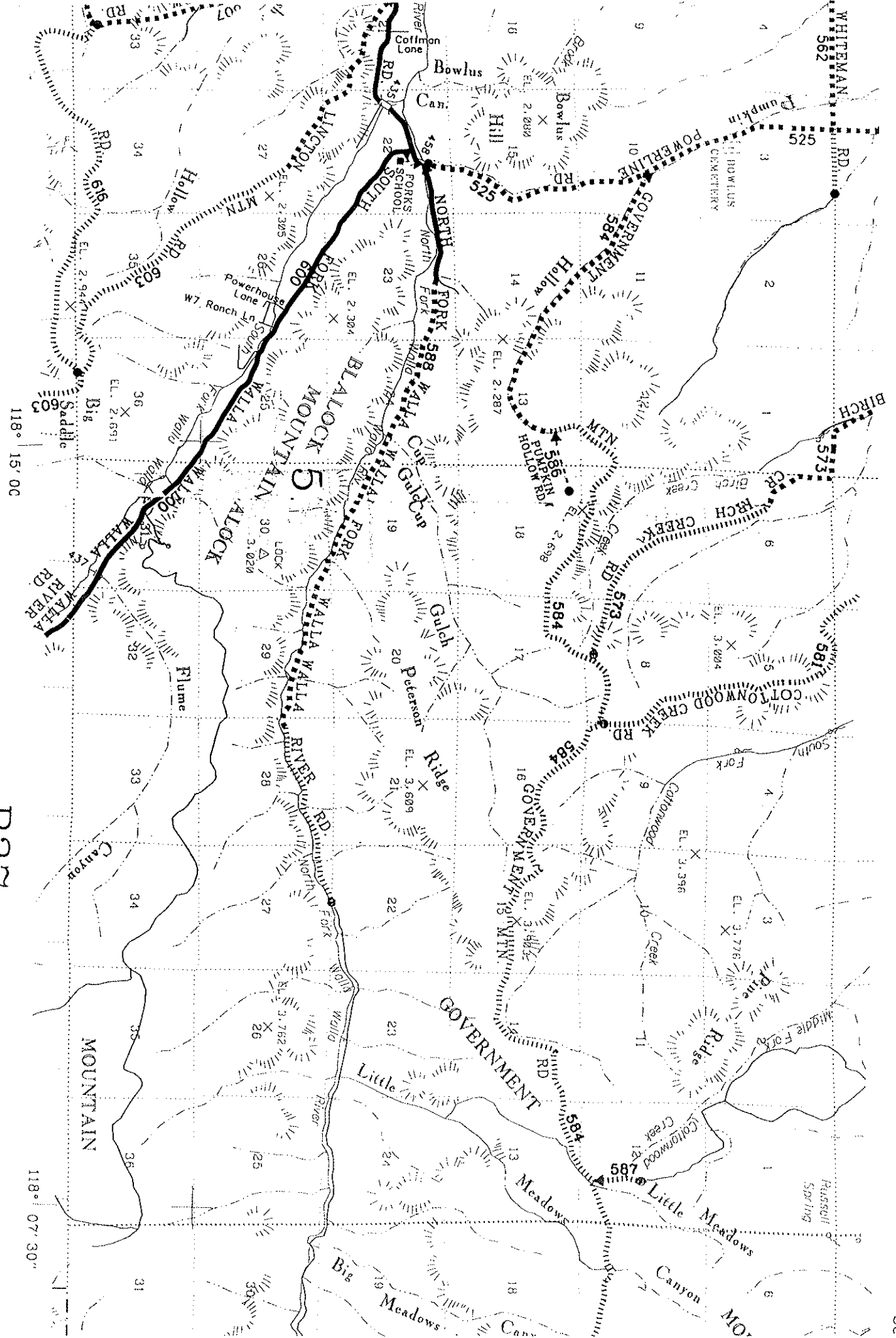
I hope this explains the situation of the road from the perspective of Umatilla County. If you have any questions, please contact me. A map is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely yours,
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