

Greenhorn School District

In the early days of Thompson's Dry Diggings, a band of prospectors labored for weeks and finally abandoned this area south of Yreka as a waste of time and effort. An innocent newcomer, a "greenhorn", inquired where he might find a gold mine. The older miners, with sly humor, pointed to a ridge they had just quit. "Right over yonder son. We are tuckered out and can't carry any more. But there is lots of gold left and it is all yours." The greenhorn stammered his thanks and hurried off. Later, the old hands learned to their dismay that the young man had made one the richest strikes in Siskiyou County.

The Greenhorn District was established in 1859. The school house was located near the junction of Greenhorn Creek and Yreka Creek. No trace of the original building remains. The last school house used still stands and is used as a club house for the Trail Riders Organization.

The district was annexed to the Yreka Union District in 1951.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: October 3, 1859 – Boundaries described (2-153)

February 2, 1863 – Boundary change (2-362)

December 3, 1868 – Greenhorn School District taken into the Yreka School District (3-31)

August 2, 1927 – Part of Rose School District added (14-249)

February 6, 1951 – Annexed to Yreka Union (21-383)



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