

La Lake School District

Picard was the first town in butte Valley and was located approximately four miles west of the present town of Dorris. The small school which stood about one and a half miles west of Picard was called La Lake School. The La Lake District, established in 1886, was so named because the school house overlooked a lake. The lake would disappear during the summer, only to rise again in the fall and winter.

In 1899 Miss Emily K. Cuff taught at this school for the first two months. She left and Mrs. Lucy O. Gordon finished the year. School was held for an eight month period with 17 pupils in attendance.

The only thing left on the site is the concrete platform, part of a wall, and the remains of two outside toilets.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: September 7, 1886 – Boundaries described (4-140)

April 8, 1898 – Petition for boundary change rejected (6-213)

January 7, 1910 – Part of La Lake School District annexed to Dorris union School District (8-158, 159)

September 6, 1927 – La Lake School District annexed to Dorris Union School District (14-255)

August 7, 1928 – La Lake lapsed and annexed to Dorris (15-101)

August 7, 1929 – Authorization to sell La Lake school house (15-206)

September 3, 1929 – La Lake school house sold (15-217)

October 8, 1929 – Bill of sale executed (15-222)

March 6, 1934 – Authorization to sell La Lake school lot (16-328)

No photos available.