

**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
SECTION 106 LEVEL OF EFFECT FORM**

Agency/Project: FHWA/Fern Valley Interchange Project (ODOT Key #12723, Federal Aid #S001164)	
Property Name: Coleman Ranch (currently known as Arrowhead Ranch)	
Street Address: 3001 North Phoenix Road	City, County: Phoenix, Jackson

**Preliminary Finding of Effect:**

No Historic Properties Affected       No Historic Properties Adversely Affected       Historic Properties Adversely Affected

**State Historic Preservation Office Comments:**

Concur       Do Not Concur:       No Historic Properties Affected  
 No Historic Properties Adversely Affected  
 Historic Properties Adversely Affected

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**

**Provide written description of the project, and its potential effects on the subject property per 36 CFR 800. Include maps, drawings, and photographs as necessary to effectively describe and discuss the project. Use continuation sheets as needed.**

**INTRODUCTION**

This statement of finding discusses the effect of the proposed project on the Coleman Ranch (currently called the Arrowhead Ranch) in Jackson County. A Determination of Eligibility form has been completed in which the property has been determined eligible for the National Register; the determination is currently under SHPO review.

It is the finding of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in concurrence with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) that the proposed project will have an effect on the National Register eligible Coleman Ranch, but this effect is "not adverse."

This statement of finding is made pursuant to the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (36 CFR 800), Executive Order 11593, and the National Environmental Policy Act.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Fern Valley Interchange Project is located in Phoenix, Oregon in Jackson County. The purpose of the proposed action is to reduce congestion and improve operational conditions at the Interstate 5 (I-5) interchange with Fern Valley Road (exit 24). In addition, the Fern Valley Road Bridge over Bear Creek is proposed for replacement. An Environmental Assessment is being compiled to assess the impacts of one no build and two build alternatives ("N. Phoenix Thru" and "Fern Valley Thru").

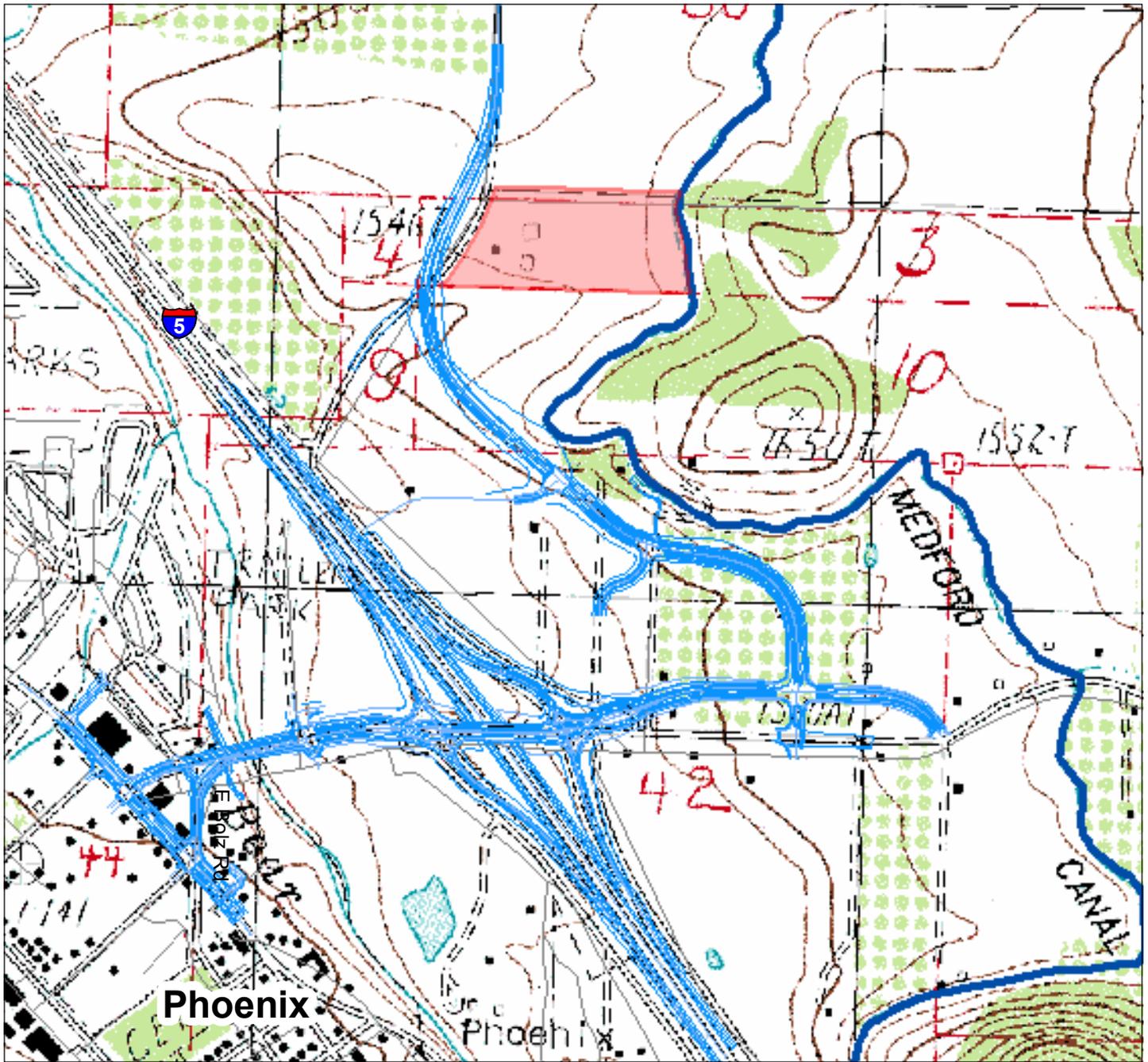
The two build alternatives would reconstruct the existing I-5 interchange at exit 24, replace the Fern Valley Road Bridge, and realign some of the nearby surface streets. Maps of the two alternatives are attached. In the vicinity of the Coleman Ranch, which is in the northeast corner of the project area, both of the alternatives are the same and would have the same impacts. A map of the vicinity of Coleman Ranch is attached. Because both alternatives are the same in the vicinity of Coleman Ranch, impacts from the two build alternatives would be the same. For the purposes of this evaluation, the build alternatives are simply referred to as "the proposed project."

**IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCE**

The Coleman Ranch is significant for its demonstration of the early settlement and agricultural development of the lower Rogue Valley. It is located approximately one mile northeast of Phoenix, Oregon on the east side of N. Phoenix Road. The ranch consists of two houses (a main house and a smaller guest house), two barns, a new horse arena, and assorted small sheds and farm-related structures. The house was built c. 1880, the older barn was built c. 1900, and the newer, larger barn was built in the first quarter of the twentieth century.

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**Continuation Sheet**

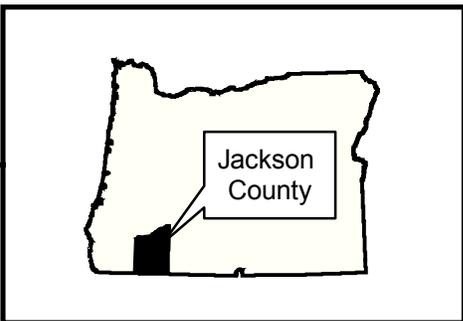
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<p><b>AVOIDANCE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED</b></p> <p>An extensive study of potential solutions for the Fern Valley Interchange project was conducted over a period of more than three years. Over 37 conceptual designs were considered, sometime with mix-and-match options. These included a wide variety of interchange types, connecting roadway alignments, and highway cross-sections. The Coleman Ranch is at the eastern edge of the project area; in the vicinity of the ranch, most of the roadway alignments focused on Fern Valley Road and N. Phoenix Road, and included various locations and cross-sections. Additional connections were considered north of Campbell Road, at the Coleman Ranch access, to S. Phoenix Road, and to Breckinridge Drive. In addition, connections outside the urban growth boundary east of Coleman Ranch were discussed, but were not advanced because of the extensive impacts to farmland. Throughout the alternatives development process, alternatives were evaluated for their potential impacts to natural and cultural resources.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT/COORDINATION</b></p> <p>There have been (and will continue to be) numerous opportunities for public comment throughout the project development. During the alternatives development phase of the project, there were monthly Project Development Team (PDT) and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings starting in March 2004. These meetings were open to the public, and included a public comment period. There have been three public open houses, held on March 30, 2004; September 1, 2005; and March 1, 2006. At each of these meetings, public comments have been recorded. In addition, ODOT has maintained a project website, issued periodic press releases regarding project updates, mailed newsletters to interested parties, and has responded to numerous individual requests for project information. The comments that have been received (and will continue to be received) throughout the project development have helped ODOT staff to refine the alternative designs to minimize impacts wherever possible.</p> <p><b>EVALUATION OF EFFECTS</b></p> <p>In the vicinity of the Coleman Ranch, the proposed project would realign N. Phoenix Road to contour around the hillside just south of the ranch property. The realigned road would curve around the ranch to the west of the ranch property, but would not require the use of any of the historic portion of the ranch. Where the ranch fronts N. Phoenix Road, the realigned road would be as much as 150 feet west of its current location. The current owners of the ranch also own the tax parcel on the west side of N. Phoenix Road (this tax parcel is not part of the historic portion of the ranch), so the realignment of the road would not create an access problem. The westward realignment of N. Phoenix Road would not adversely affect the Coleman Ranch's historic setting or context; although the realigned road would be slightly farther from the ranch than it is now, the relationship of the property to the road would be similar, and the area's rural context would be maintained. As a result, the finding is that there would be "No Historic Properties Adversely Affected."</p>	



**Map Features**

-  Fern Valley Thru Alternative
-  Coleman Ranch
-  Medford\_Canal

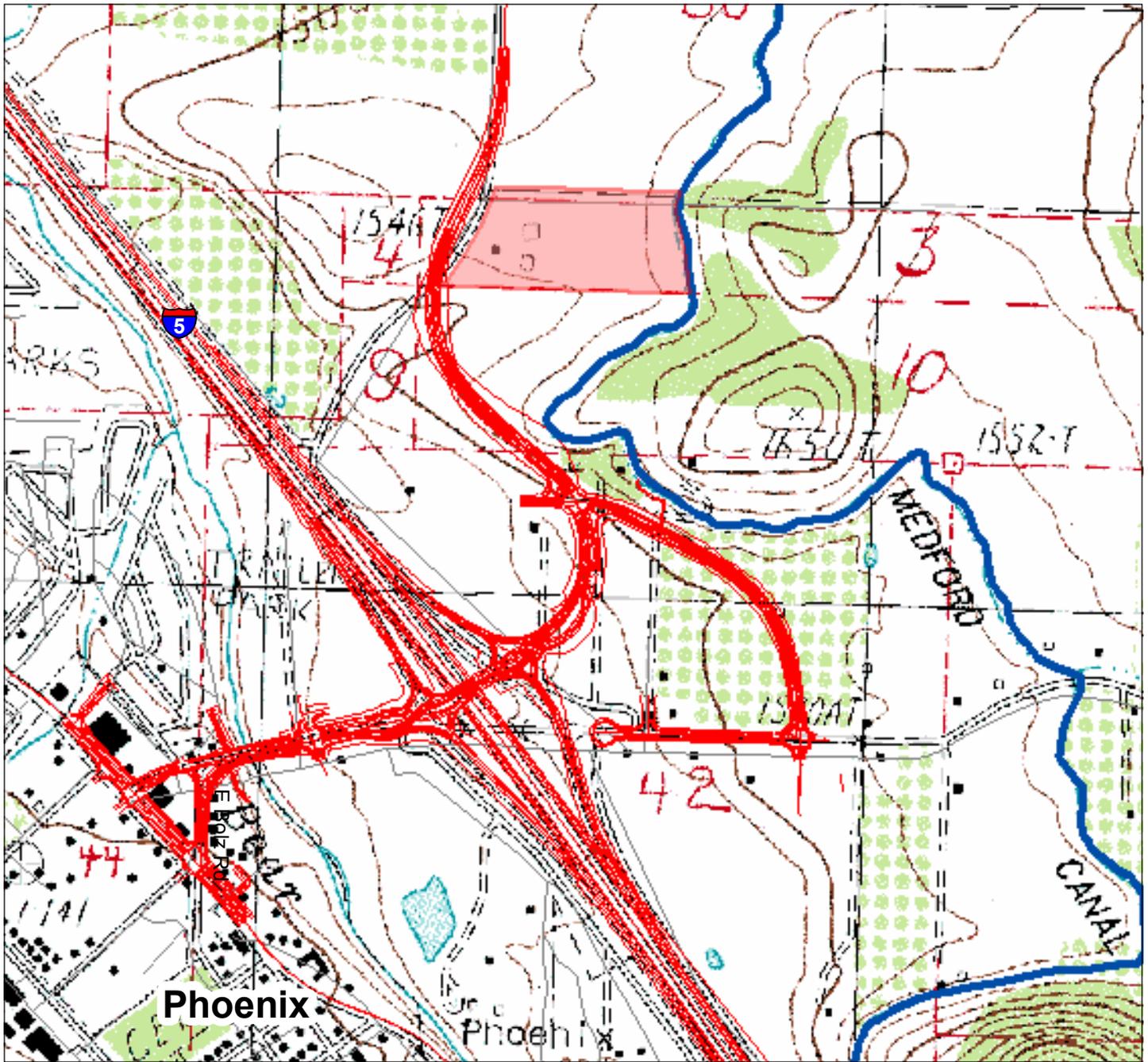
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## Fern Valley Thru Alternative

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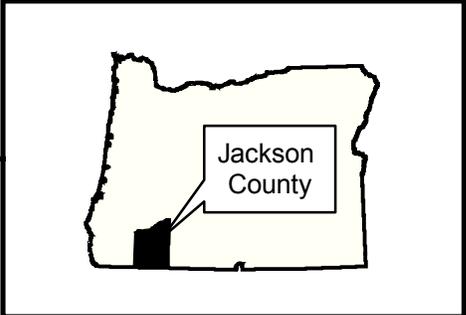




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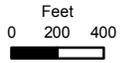
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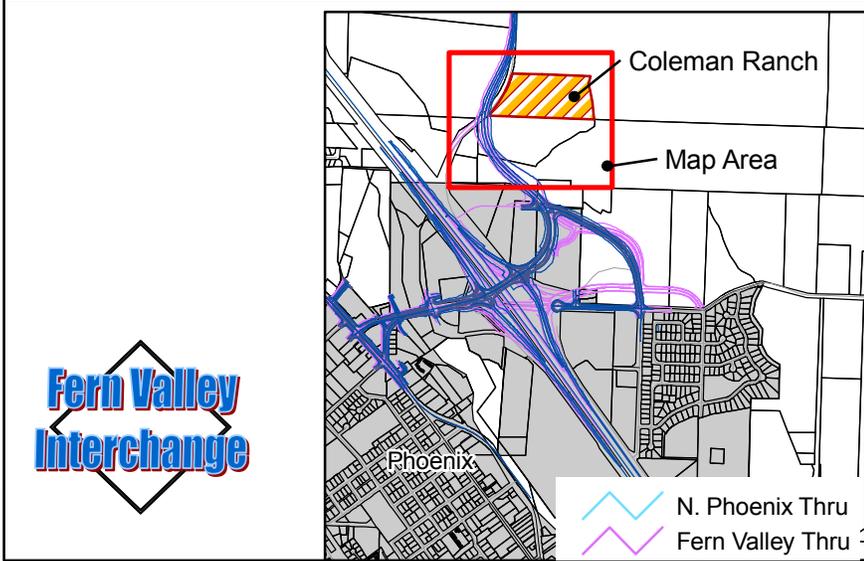
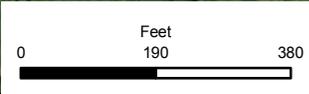
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## N. Phoenix Thru Alternative

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## Coleman Ranch

### Legend

- Coleman Ranch
- ~ Centerline
- ~ Edge of Asphalt
- ~ edge of cut/fill slope



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