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Forest Service Seeks Historic Information About the Challenge Area

Plumas National Forest archaeologists are seeking information to develop a historic overview of the area.

Areas of interest include the following:

- Milk Ranch, located southeast of the present day town of Challenge, CA, and was home to “Stroud’s,” a historic rest stop.
- Donlys Palmetto Ranch was located east of the Oroville/Quincy Highway near Soapstone, CA.
- Hughes Place and Swayne Lumber Company Camp were both near French Creek just east of Brush Creek, CA.

Data has been collected for years in the hopes of saving stories of early settlers and their surroundings.

“Information about the history of an area helps us understand what occurred there,” said district archaeologist Deborah Tibbetts. “It will add to our understanding of the Butte, Plumas, Sierra, and Yuba County past,” she noted.

If you or someone you know is interested in sharing historic photos or other materials related to the areas mentioned above, please contact Deborah Tibbetts at (530) 534-6500.

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Key points:

- 1) The Feather River District is seeking historic photos and information concerning Milk Ranch, Donlys Palmetto Ranch, Hughes Place and Swayne Lumber Company camp.**
- 2) For more information, contact Deborah Tibbetts at (530) 534-6500.**