**WEAVER BASIN TRAIL SYSTEM - TRAIL DESCRIPTORS FORM**

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***PHYSICAL INFORMATION***

TRAIL NAME: **Howe Ditch Trail**

START/ENDPOINT (intersection): **Garden Gulch Trail/Ten Cent Gulch Spur – trail post markers 20 & 14**

LENGTH (to 1/10 mile): **1.8 miles**

MIN/MAX ELEVATION: **2428’ to 2480’**

***CONDITIONS AND USE***

TRAIL TREAD: [ ] gravel [ ] dirt [ x] single track trail [ ] fire break [ ] old Forest Service road

PREFERRED TRAIL USE: [ ] equestrian [x] hiker [ ] bicyclist [ ] other

DIFFICULTY: [x ] easy [ ] moderate [ ] difficult

CROSSINGS: [ ] bridge[ ] streams [ ] seasonal [ ] year-round[ ] other

***GENERAL INFORMATION***

DESCRIPTION: **A flat Trail that parallels Howe Ditch. It runs east-west in a mixed stand of oak woodland and conifers. It is an excellent trail for all user groups.**

VIEWPOINTS**: There are several views of Oregon Mountain to the west when hiking from east to west.**

HISTORICAL POINTS OF INTEREST: **Howe Ditch was Weaverville’s water source at one time. The ditch was built in the latter half of the 1800’s by James Howe, a self-professed 49er.**

OTHER FEATURES:**Teacher Rock lies just below this trail segment at the western intersection of Howe Ditch and Garden Gulch Trails (see photo)**

2 PHOTOS (8 megapixel or greater) SEND AS ATTACHMENTS WITH AN EMAIL WITH CLEAR IDENTIFICATION (trail name, direction, etc.)**See attached photos**

COMMENTS: **Wooden footbridges are used where the trail crosses Howe Ditch.**



Looking west to Oregon Mountain from the Howe Ditch Trail



Teacher Rock from the west junction of Howe Ditch and

Garden Gulch trails. Garden Gulch trail is to the right of the rock.