

SITKA SPRUCE GROVE (Crescent City)

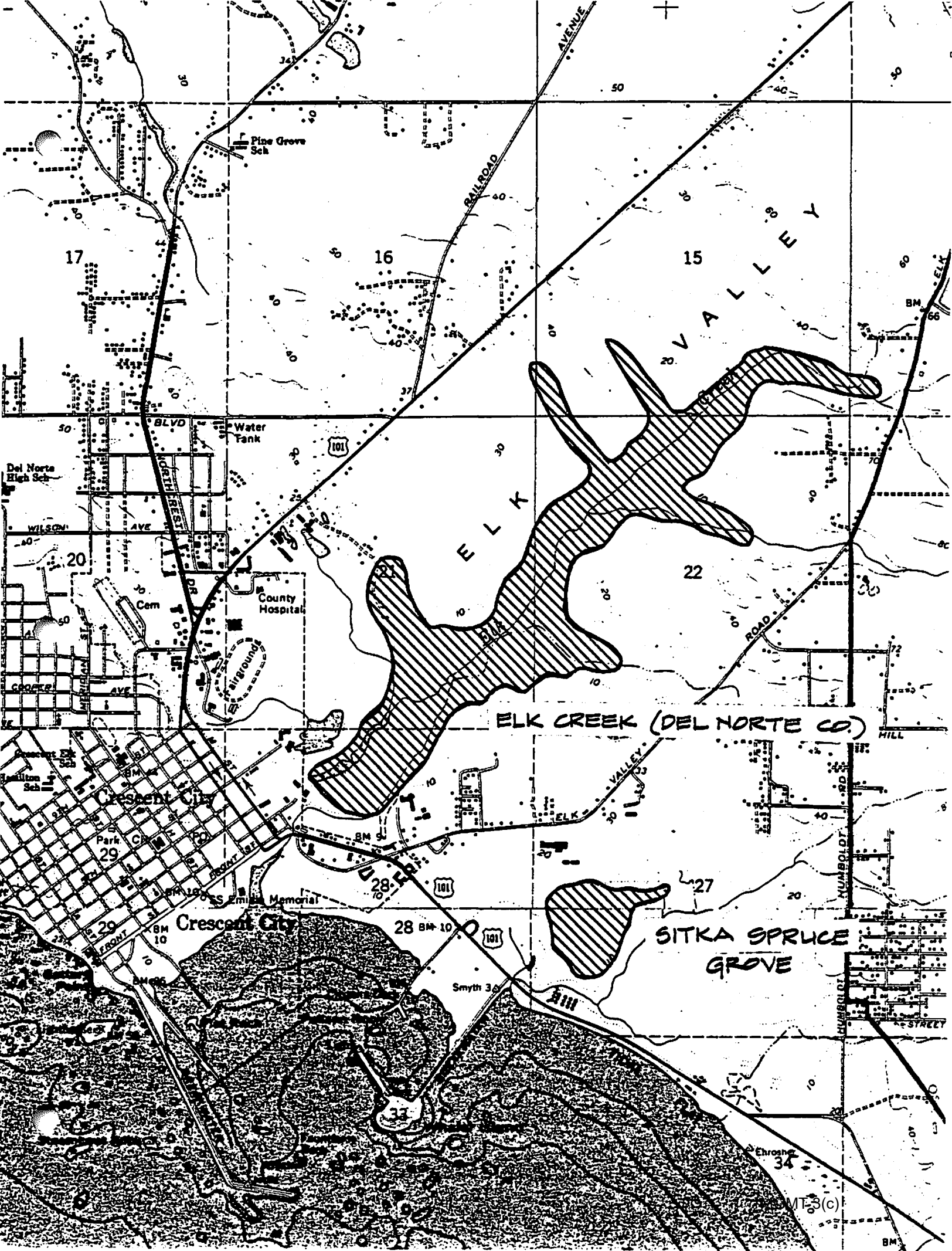
LOCATION: Two miles southeast of Crescent City.
T16N, RLW Sec. 27 Del Norte County

ACREAGE: 90

CRITERIA: D, A

DESCRIPTION: The Sitka spruce (Picea sitchensis) stand is one of the very few, mature, relatively undisturbed flatland, pure spruce forests remaining in the North Coast. Pure spruce forests were abundant, especially on bottomlands, prior to man's settling of the North Coast. The stand is continually studied by forest ecologists from Humboldt State University. The stand is highly visible from Highway 101 and provides a natural green belt between suburban development east of Crescent City and the coastline. Mature spruce dominates the stand, with some individuals in excess of five feet in diameter. The stand is easily identifiable from adjacent habitats — marsh, grasslands and industrial complex.

OBJECTIVES: The appearance of the stand when viewed from Highway 101 and the coastline should continue to present to the passer-by an attractive forest panorama. The environment should not be altered so as to become unfavorable to spruce. If portions are to be logged, the owner is encouraged to manage for spruce.



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FALSE KLAMATH COVE

LOCATION: Five miles north of the Klamath River.
T14N, R1E Sec. 17, 18, 19, 20 Del Norte County

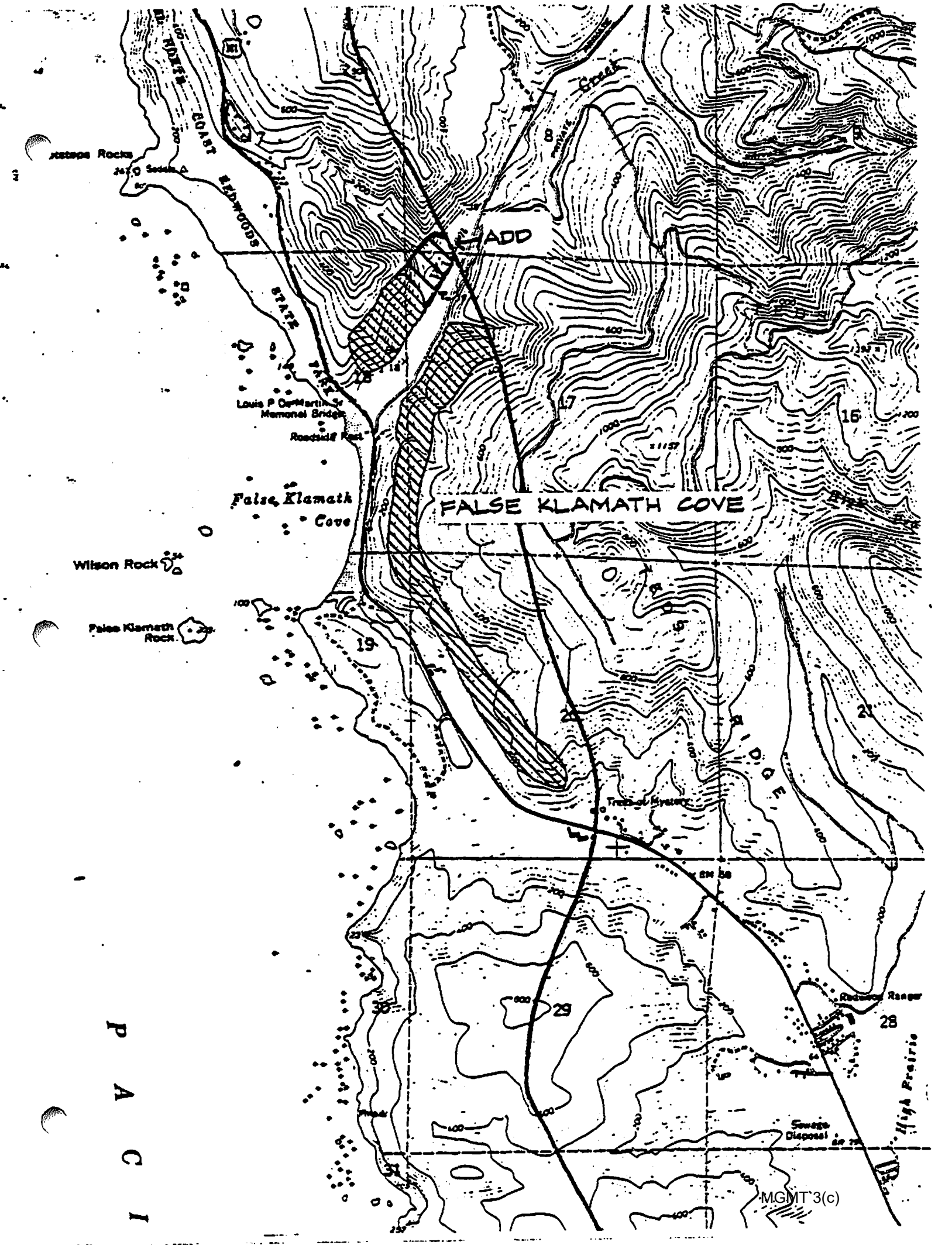
ACREAGE: Not yet computed

OWNERSHIP: Private

CRITERIA: B, A

DESCRIPTION: Geologists believe this interesting area to have been at what was the original mouth of the Klamath River. The cove is extremely scenic; comprised of offshore rocks, sandy beach, small lagoon, Wilson Creek, and spruce/redwood forestlands. The cove offers the first white water view to the northbound traveler on Highway 101 from Redwood Creek, 25 miles to the south. National and state park land ownerships protect the highly scenic coastline and portions of the adjacent forestlands. The recommended Special Treatment Area is highly visible from Highway 101 and the publicly owned state beach. The area is comprised of young growth spruce, fir and redwood. While two residences are along the Highway, the area is predominantly timberland free from development. Recreational use of the area is high, consisting of picnicking, hiking, fishing and beachcombing. False Klamath Cove is the destination point of a very scenic 5-mile coastal trail, beginning at the Klamath River.

OBJECTIVES: The appearance of the stands when viewed from Highway 101 or the public beach should continue to present to the passer-by an attractive forested panorama. Species composition may change due to succession or management, however, the aesthetic qualities should be retained. Roads and landings should be constructed on higher, flatter ground.



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