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ACCESS ROUTE: From Adel, OR, go S 17 miles to the CA border. Continue about ½ mile S to a faint 4WD road heading E. With a high clearance vehicle you can drive in the first mile. Otherwise, leave car at the main road and hike to the end of the 4WD road, then continue down into Cow Head Slough and up the other side of the ravine. Then, heading slightly N of E, cross flat, open terrain, passing a small dry lake bed on your right. At about 1¼ miles from the end of the 4WD road, you will reach the CA - NV fence line. Note, there is no fence on the OR - CA line. After reaching the CA - NV fence line, follow it N to the Von Schmidt marker, which is a large stone cairn dated 1872. This is on the Nevada side of the fence, with witness marker signs on several trees around the cairn. A survey to determine the NE corner of CA was made by D. G. Major in 1868. In 1872-73 W. A. VonSchmidt surveyed the CA - NV boundary and found Major's corner about ¾ miles too far W. VonSchmidt set the corner at the point he determined to be N 42°, W 120°. On the CA side of the fence, 117 ft. SW of the VonSchmidt post is a Geodetic Survey marker at N 41° 59.689', W 119°59.927'.

Mark your route on the way in, or take a compass heading, or GPS bearing. Otherwise, it is difficult to find the 4WD road on your return. If approaching from the South, from Cedarville, CA, go North 43 miles to the above mentioned 4WD path.



The 1872 Von Schmidt marker, at the then calculated Longitude 120°, Latitude 42°. The white between the rocks is mortar holding the cairn together. A cow's skull is hanging on the post set in the cairn.