

# #100 - MT. JOSEPH RANCH AT BASE OF EAGLE CAP WILDERNESS NEAR JOSEPH, AIRPORT, AND WALLOWA LAKE - JOSEPH

Mt. Joseph

Eagle Cap Wilderness



	BULK	PARCEL A	PARCEL B
<b>PUBLISHED RESERVE:</b>	\$2,250,000	\$1,855,000*	\$395,000*
<b>LAST ASKING:</b>	First Time Offered	First Time Offered	First Time Offered
<b>SIZE:</b>	923± acres	727± acres	196± acres
* Sales of Mt. Joseph Ranch Parcels A and B are subject to total bids in the aggregate to equal, or exceed, the bulk Published Reserve Price of \$2,250,000			

**ELEVATION:** 3,900± Feet to 5,200± Feet

**ZONING:** EFU / TG (Exclusive Farm Use and Timber Grazing)

**PROPERTY INSPECTION:** By Appointment Only - Please Contact Auction Information Office  
 Saturday, May 26, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
 Saturday, June 23, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
 Saturday, July 7, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**FINANCING:** None – All Cash

**DESCRIPTION:** The 923± acre Mt. Joseph Ranch is located in a spectacular setting three miles southwest of the town of Joseph on the northwest side of Wallowa Lake, mostly along a ridge between the West Moraine and base of Eagle Cap Wilderness, with towering 9,616± foot Mt. Joseph. The Ranch has paved frontage along Ski Run Road which provides access to the town of Joseph, Highway 82, and nearby Joseph State Airport, with paved 5,200 foot runway that can accommodate small jet aircraft. There is also property frontage east of Ski Run Road along Lakeshore Drive to Wallowa Lake cabins, and residences.

The 923± acre Ranch is being offered in both its entirety, and in two parcels. Parcel A is 727± acres and includes all improvements. Parcel B is 196± acres and is located east of Ski Run Road, overlooking

Wallowa Lake. Sale of either parcel is subject to total bids in the aggregate to equal, or exceed, the bulk Published Reserve Price of \$2,250,000.

Mt. Joseph Ranch has an eighty year legacy as a guest ranch. Many original buildings remain, including: main home in lodge log cabin-style, dining hall, and two small cabins. The Chief Joseph Summer Camp, established in 1961 and supported by the Buhler family, had used the property for 56 years. Marr Flat Cattle Company has also used the property for its livestock facility, shop and hay base. In recent years, the horse barn was renovated into an event venue which has accommodated up to 125 guests for weddings and celebrations. The Ranch has been used as a Buhler family retreat throughout its history. Included on the property are three homes and two cabins, totaling fourteen bedrooms that can accommodate, along with the main home, over twenty guests and owners.

Landscape of the Mt. Joseph Ranch is mostly gently sloping and rolling open meadows, with timberland along the southwest hillside, and steep slopes on: the eastern section of the Ranch, along the West Moraine, and along Lakeshore Drive. The main block of 727± acres, or Parcel A, is fenced and cross fenced.

The Ranch has 260 acres of water rights. There is a pump along Moonshine Creek, but only 51.87± acres are currently irrigated by wheel and handline. Additionally, there are 10± acres of irrigated meadow. The balance of the water rights to 196± acres at the Ranch has not been used.

The property has a main entry drive from Ski Run Road which serves all improvements at the Ranch. The Ranch complex, located at the edge of the timber, has outstanding views to Joseph and to the Wallowa River Valley, and includes: original log cabin-style residence of five bedrooms and three bathrooms; three bedroom, two bathroom guest house; newer three bedroom, one bathroom home with garage; two older small cabins with bathrooms; dining hall with kitchen and restroom. These improvements are all located near a small outdoor amphitheater.

There is a renovated 1,872± square foot barn used as an event venue located just below the main ranch complex of buildings. It is surrounded by a fence, and easily suited for both indoor and outdoor use. Along the main entry drive are a 3,750± square foot metal clad shop and office, two hay sheds, and livestock facility with corrals, chutes, pens, scale, and small work area, all used for the cattle operation. The Ranch has wells for domestic water, septic systems, electricity, and telephone. Cellular service is good at the property.

*Please note: No furnishings or personal property are being sold with Mt. Joseph Ranch*



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# MT. JOSEPH RANCH COMPLEX



Entry



One bedroom cabin with sleeping loft, bathroom and kitchen



Log cabin-style original home with 5 bedrooms and 3 baths



One room cabin



Dining hall



Shop with office



1,800 square foot restored event barn

Access road to timberland



Newer 3 bedroom 1 bath caretaker home with garage



2 small bunk cabins



3 bedroom 2 bath guest home

## ORIGINAL LODGE LOG CABIN - STYLE HOME

The 2,843± square foot five bedroom, three bathroom main home was built around 1938 and has a rock foundation, and gable cedar shake roof. There are both front and rear covered decks. The interior has wood floors and log beams throughout, with large living and dining rooms, and rock fireplace. The fully-equipped kitchen has entry from the rear deck. A hallway serves the laundry area, and there are two full bathrooms and four bedrooms. A parlor room used as an office has large wood stove and is at the front entrance. The master bedroom suite is next to the parlor.

Both interior and exterior of the home will require investment in repairs and maintenance.



*Original home located near caretaker residence, cabins, and dining hall*



*Rock fireplace in living room*



*Dining area*



*Kitchen has entrance from rear deck*



*Master bedroom suite next to entry parlor*

## GUEST HOUSE

The 1,708± square foot three bedroom, two bathroom guest house is located near the original lodge home and is of newer construction. It has concrete foundation with large deck overlooking Wallowa River Valley, and views to Eagle Cap Wilderness. The main entry to this one level home is at the south end of the kitchen and laundry room. There is a dining area, living room with fireplace and access to the deck, two bedrooms, full bathroom, and large master suite with bathroom.



*Guest home and deck off living room with view of Wallowa River Valley*



*Home can accommodate six guests*



*View from deck*



*Living room with fireplace*



*Updated kitchen*

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# CARETAKER RESIDENCE AND CABINS

## CARETAKER RESIDENCE

This newer three-story, 1,344± square foot three bedroom, one bathroom home with garage is located across from the lodge, and near the two small cabins, amphitheater and dining hall. The lower level has enclosed garage and laundry area. The second level has great room with kitchen, dining room, full bathroom and bedroom. The third level has two bedrooms. The home could serve as a caretaker residence, or for guest accommodations.



## CABINS

Two small seasonal cabins are located between the caretaker residence and dining hall. Cabin 1 is 240± square feet with one room on stone foundation, enclosed porch, and sink. Cabin 2 is 840± square feet with one bedroom, one bathroom and sleeping loft, and small kitchen on stone foundation.



*Caretaker residence has great room with kitchen and bathroom on level above garage*



*The 840± square foot cabin has a small kitchen, full bathroom and bedroom on main level with sleeping loft*



*Outdoor amphitheater has been used by Chief Joseph Summer Camp*

## DINING HALL AND RESTORED BARN

### DINING HALL

The 1,150± square foot dining hall had been used for Chief Joseph Summer Camp, and to support the restored barn event venue. It is an older log structure on stone foundation, with kitchen, restroom, and deck by the entry.

### RESTORED BARN

The 1,872± square foot barn was used originally for horses. It is completely renovated, and has been used to host weddings and other celebrations. It is located at the north end of the meadow and has commanding views.

### BUNK HOUSES

Two small, one room bunk houses are located above the original lodge, near the guest house. Both are in poor condition.



*Restored barn*



*Dining hall could be reused for artist studio*



*Two bunk houses need renovation*



*Dining hall*

# SHOP AND LIVESTOCK WORKING FACILITIES

## SHOP BUILDINGS AND OFFICE

The 3,750± square foot shop building is located along the entry drive. It was used by Marr Flat Cattle Company as an office, maintenance facility for equipment, and for storage. It is metal clad on concrete slab, and is heated, with restroom and three phase power. There is covered storage, a gravel parking lot, and an above-ground fuel tank.

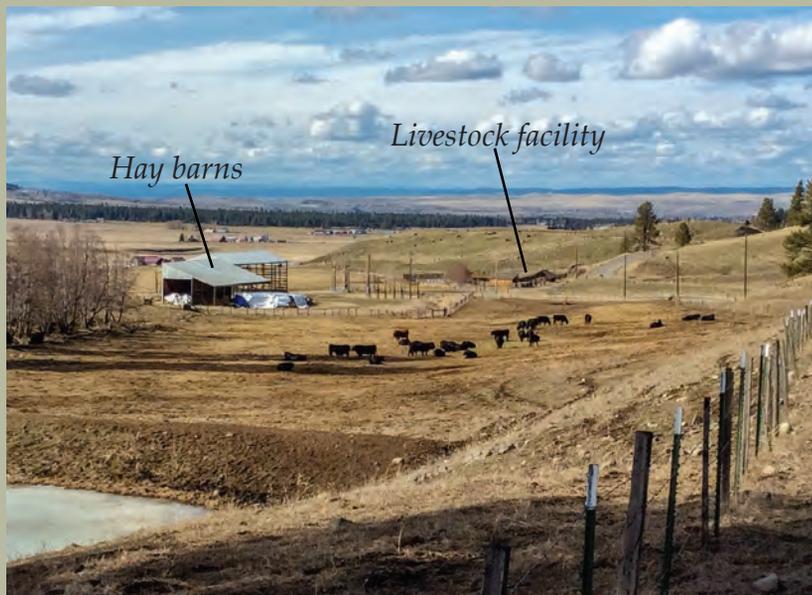
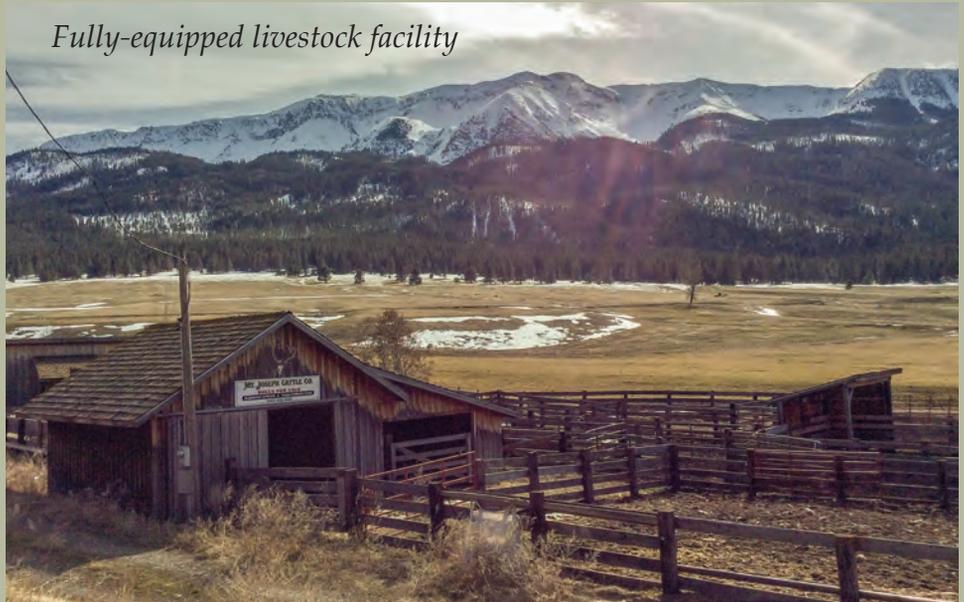
## LIVESTOCK FACILITY

The livestock facility is located by the entry, with access from Ski Run Road. It has a small feedlot with covered and enclosed work area, livestock scales, squeeze chute, crowding alley, and pens. There are several stock ponds on the property.

## HAY BARN

There are two hay barns at the entry, each 2,800± square feet.

*Fully-equipped livestock facility*



*Two hay barns near entry*



*Shop has an office*

# WATER RIGHTS AND TIMBER

## WATER RIGHTS

Mt. Joseph Ranch has seven Water Rights Certificates for a total of 260± acres, with priority dates of 1901 to 1968, from Hurricane Creek via Moonshine Ditch Company, and Stanley Creek. Only 51.87± acres are currently irrigated by wheel and handlines. The majority of the land with water rights is used for grazing. Copies of the Water Rights Certificates are included in the Supplemental Information Package.

## TIMBER

There is an estimated 1,476 MBF of merchantable timber on the Ranch, based on a 2017 report. Please see Supplemental Information Package for details. Bulk of the volume is in the southwest section of the Ranch, with some timber located on the slopes of the West Moraine, south of Lakeshore Drive. Forty-four percent is ponderosa pine, forty-three percent is Douglas-fir/larch, and the balance is white fir. There has been some thinning of the stands, and some stands are understocked. All stands can be harvested using conventional ground harvest technology.



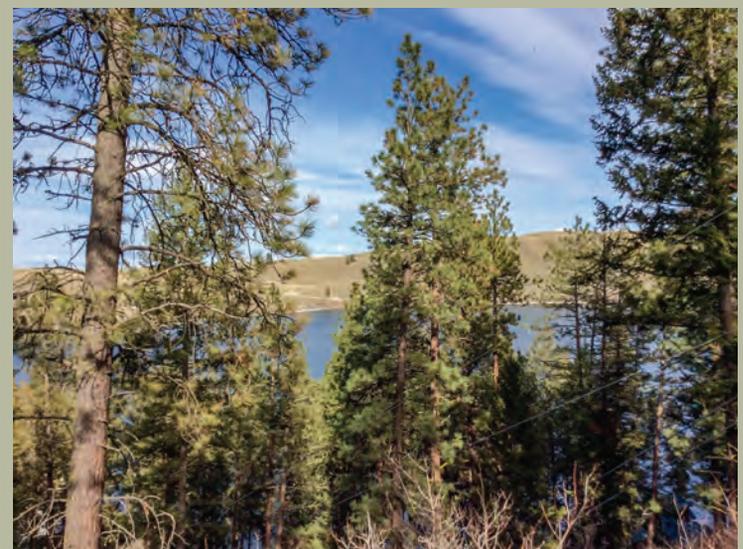
*Views west from Parcel B to Main Ranch and Eagle Cap Wilderness*



*Bulk of timber is located on hillside at base of Mt. Joseph*



*There is some timber on Parcel B*



*View of Wallowa Lake from property*

# POTENTIAL REUSE OPTIONS AND CONSERVATION POTENTIAL

## POTENTIAL REUSE OPTIONS

Mt. Joseph Ranch has a long history of camp and event use, providing a new owner with a number of reuse options for the complex, with fourteen bedrooms within a combination of homes and cabins. It could easily accommodate additional seasonal individual or family cabins. The dining hall could be converted to a meeting area, classroom, or art studio. Other uses for the complex include retreat center for workshops, and event venue.

The EFU (Exclusive Farm Use) and TG (Timber Grazing) zoning have minimum lot sizes of 160 and 240 acres, and would require partition approval by Wallowa County.

Parcel B, the 196± acre Lake Shore Drive Tract, is zoned EFU and has restrictions which limit new development from obstructing views of the crest of the moraine. See Supplemental Information Package for details.

## CONSERVATION POTENTIAL

The property has a total of eight discrete parcels, according to Wallowa Title Company, that were created when the property was sold by United States of America in the 1890s. Six of the discrete parcels are located on Parcel A and two on Parcel B. Please see Supplemental Information Package for maps. There may be opportunity for a new owner to obtain value from a conservation easement which extinguishes the right to sell these eight parcels, along with additional restrictions on harvesting any timber within

the West Moraine view shed, and along the hillside west of the Ranch complex.

Wallowa Land Trust, The Trust for Public Land, Wallowa Legacy Fund, and The Nature Conservancy, have all been active in acquiring lands or property rights which meet their goals. Many properties in Wallowa County have significant conservation values which potentially align with these non-profits.

Acquisition of Mt. Joseph Ranch is a rare opportunity to own a legacy ranch with potential reuse options and conservation value, and excellent access to Joseph and Wallowa Lake.

**LOCATION:** 61969 Ski Run Road, Joseph, Oregon. Township 3 South, Range 45 East, Tax Lots 2200, 2201, and 3300, Wallowa County, Oregon

**SEALED BIDS DUE NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM, JULY 11, 2018**



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