



Oregon-California Trails Association

# Mapping Emigrant Trails Example Trail Classifications

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1. Unaltered
2. Used
3. Verified
4. Altered
5. Approximate

**Class 3**

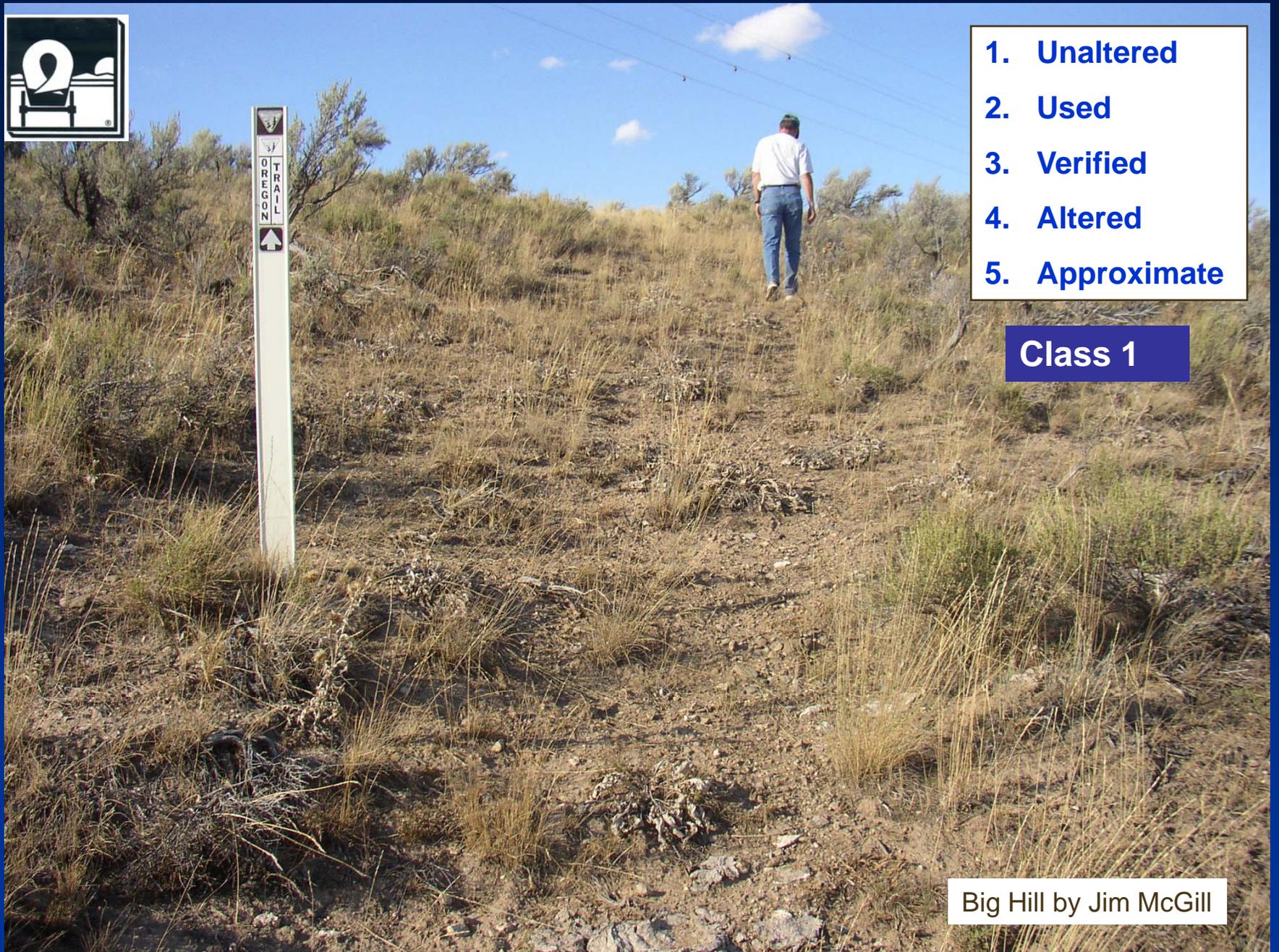
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**Class 1**

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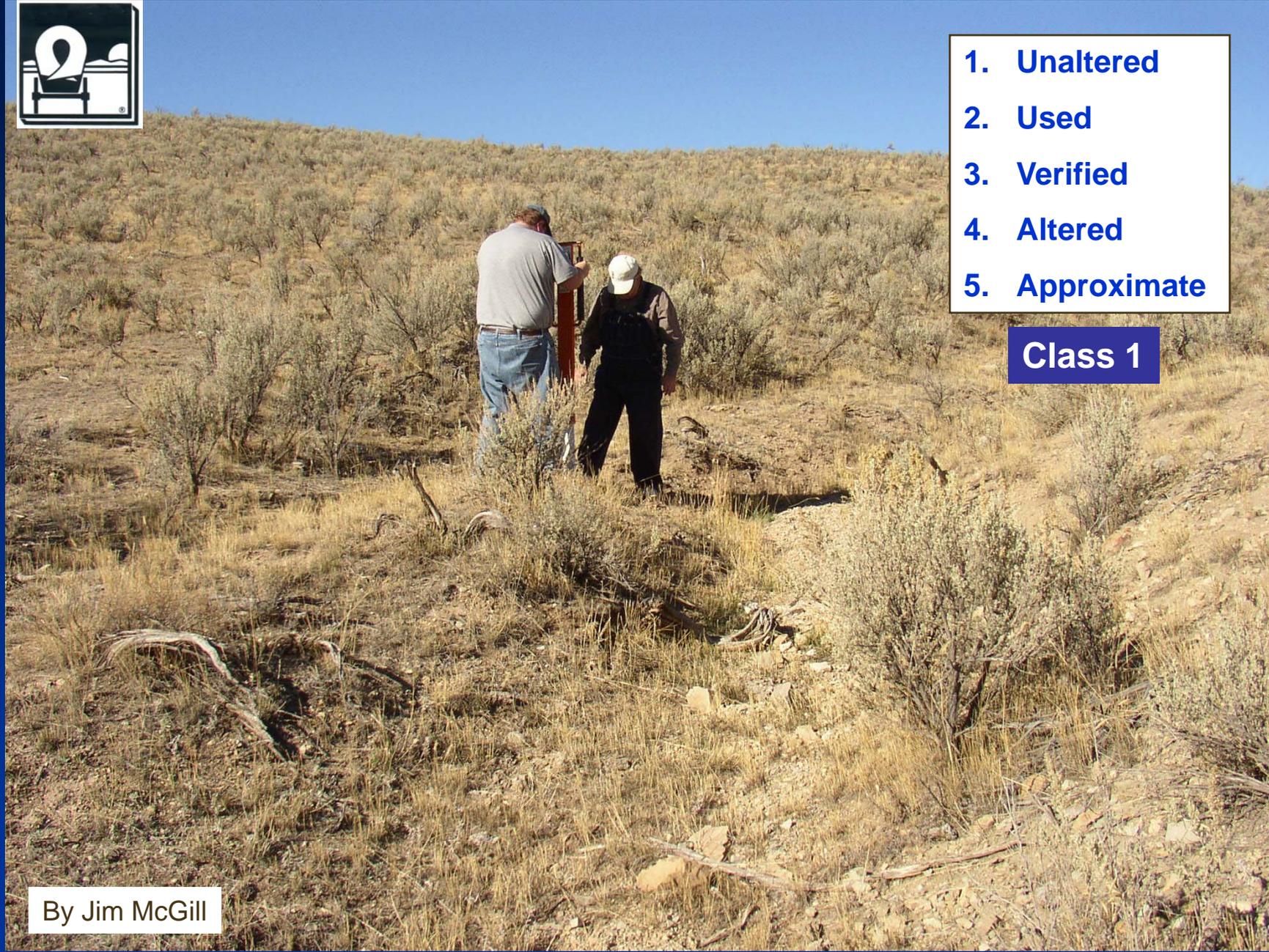
**Class 1**

Big Hill by Jim McGill



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## Goodale North Sand Hollow



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**Class 3  
and  
Class 1**

Badly eroded trail  
down ridge to the east  
of Big Willow Creek.

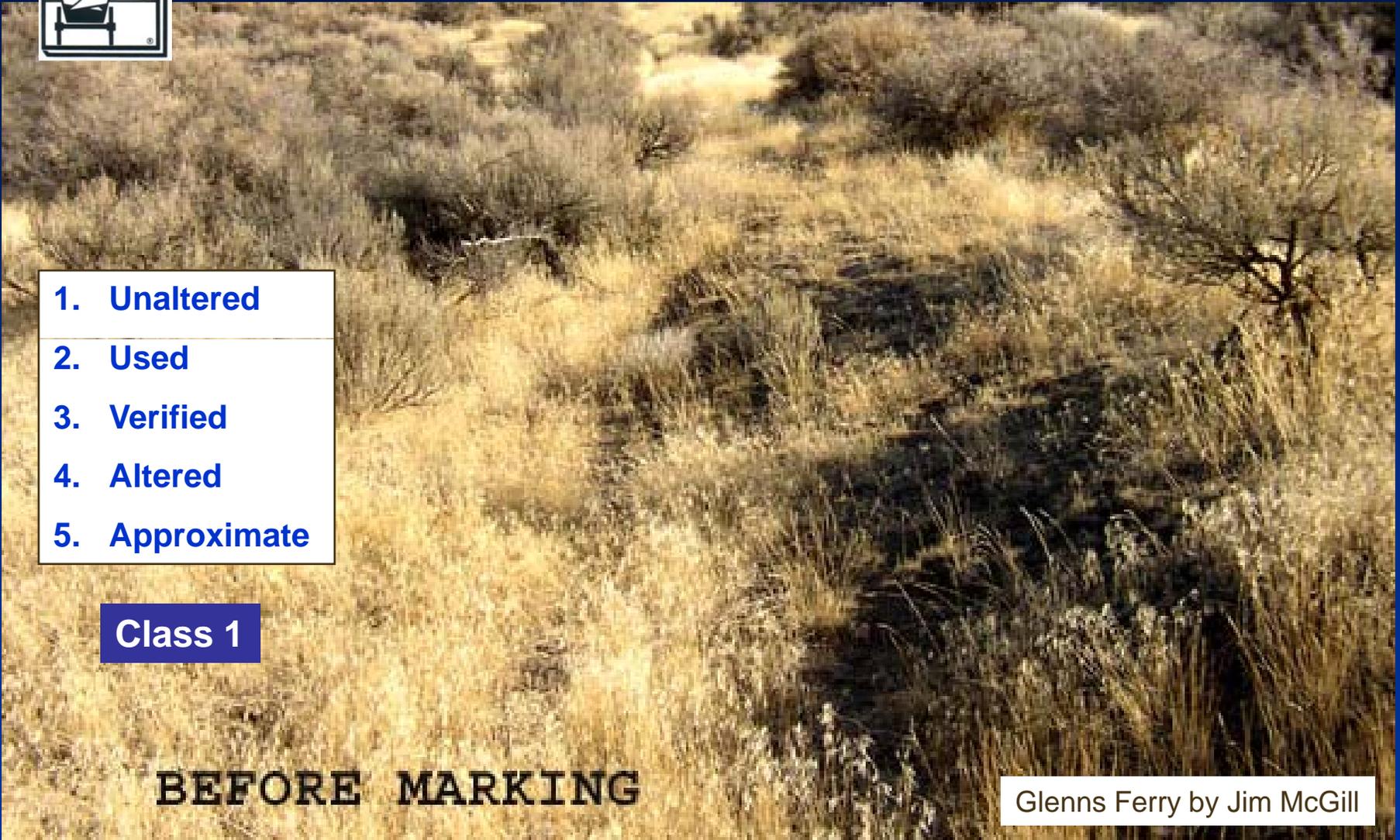
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**Class 1**

**BEFORE MARKING**

Glenns Ferry by Jim McGill

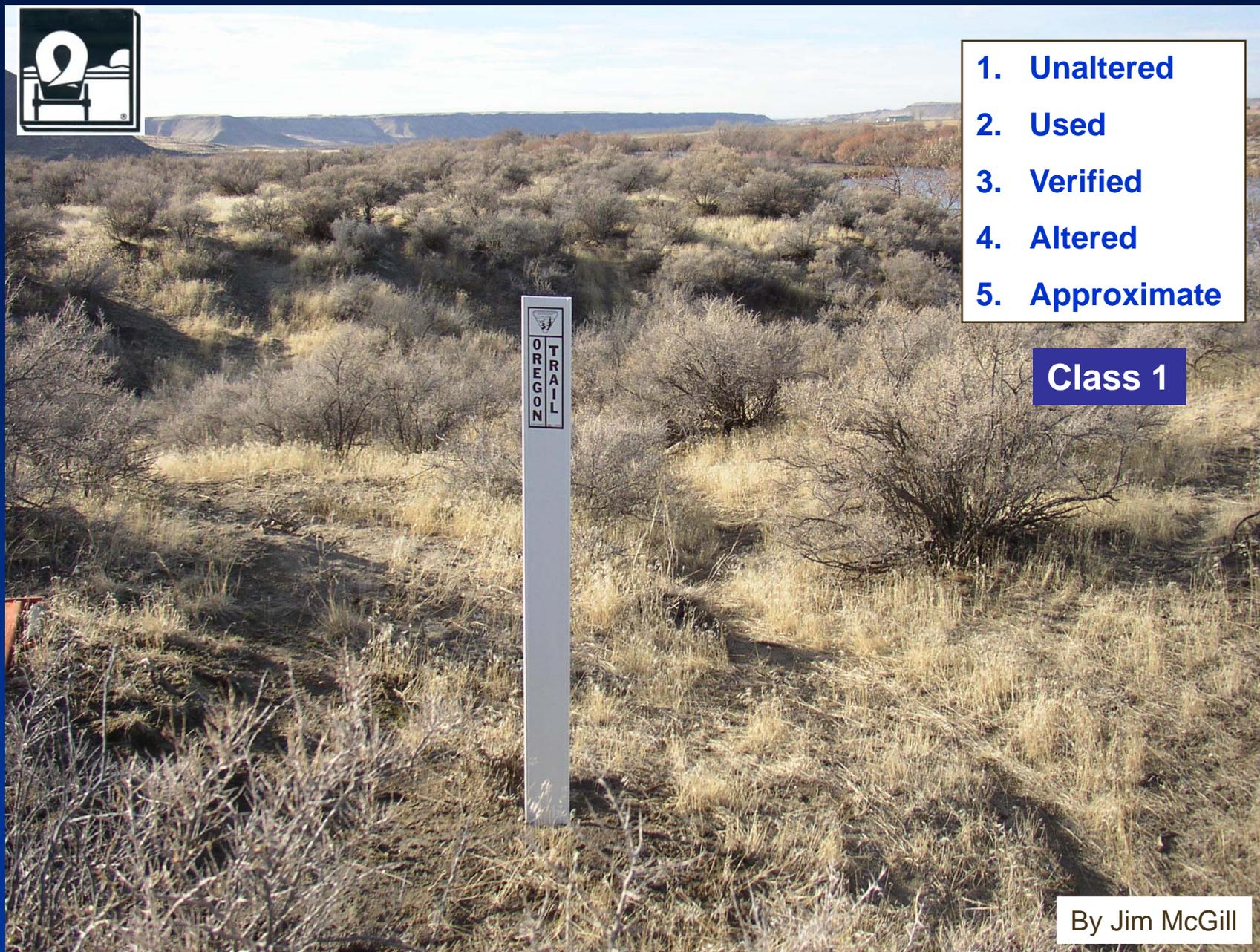


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**Class 3 or 4**



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**Class 3**

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**Class 2 (width?)**

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**Class 1**

TRAIL  
RUTS  
DOWN  
GOODALE'S  
STEEP  
RIDGE

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**Class 1**

SWALE COMING  
OUT OF BIG GULCH

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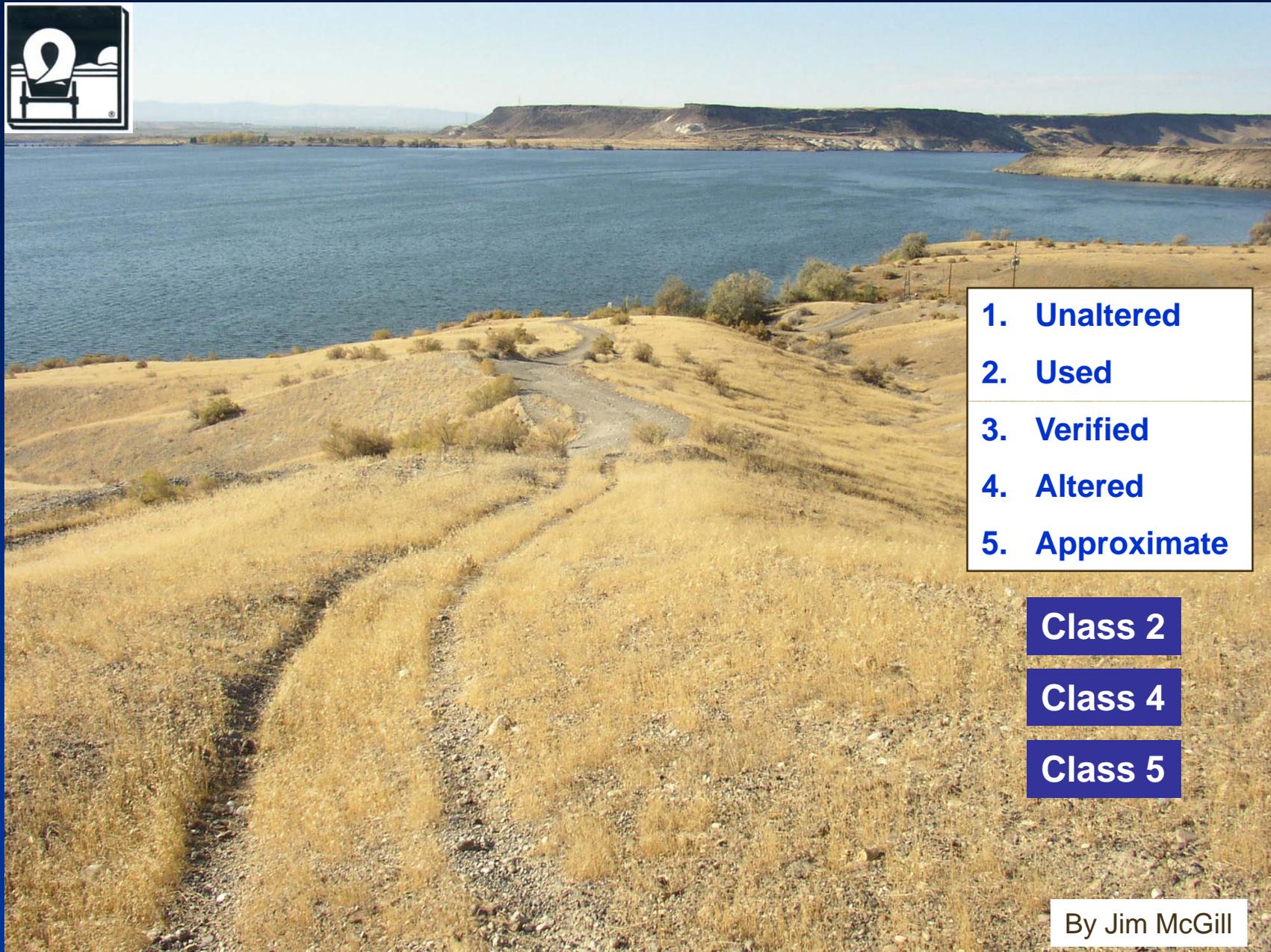


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**Class 2**

NORTH OF SKYLINE DR.,  
TOWARD LITTLE GULCH

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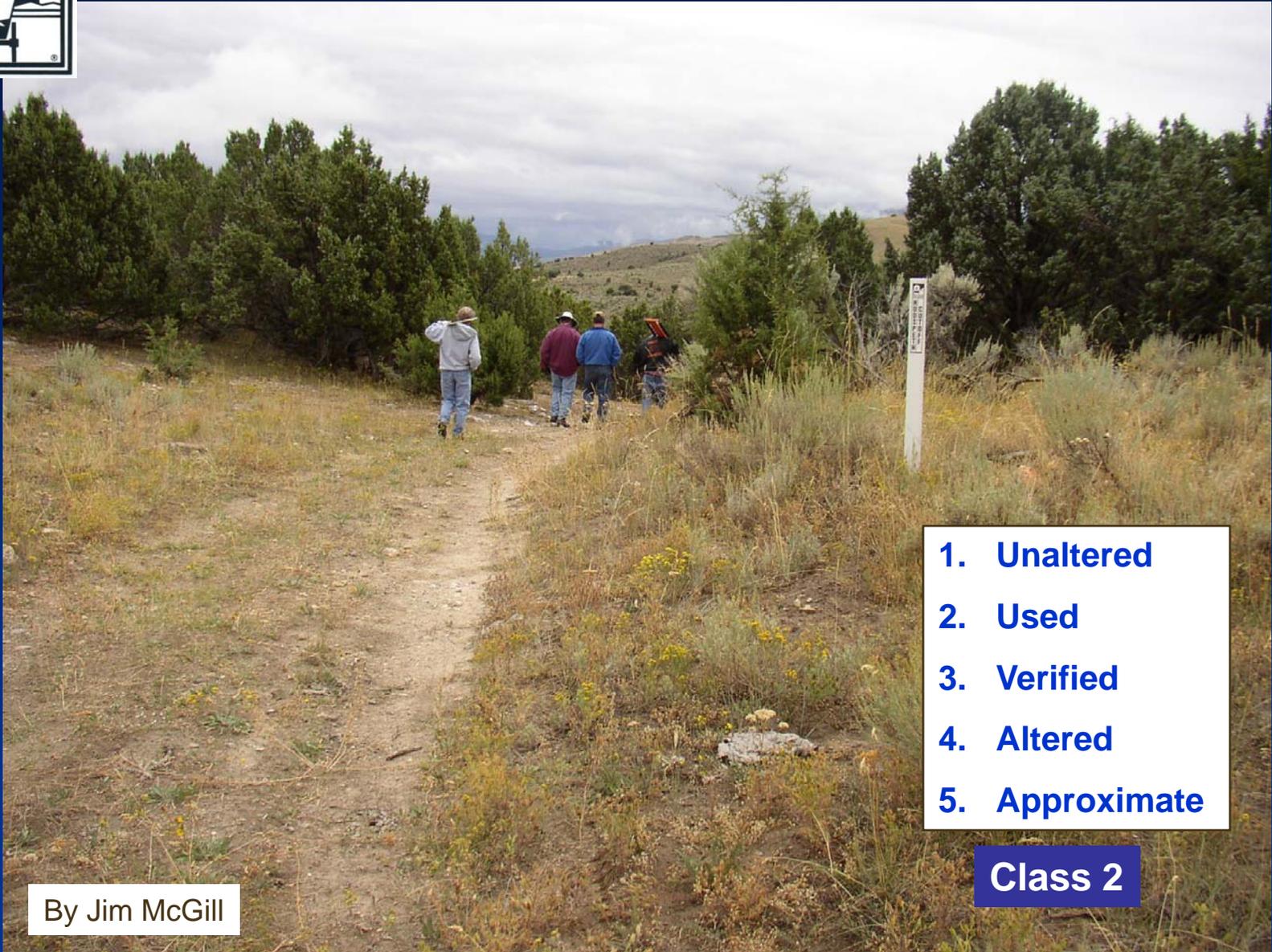
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**Class 2**

**Class 4**

**Class 5**

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**Class 2**



NEW  
ROUTE  
AWAY  
FROM  
THE  
RIVER

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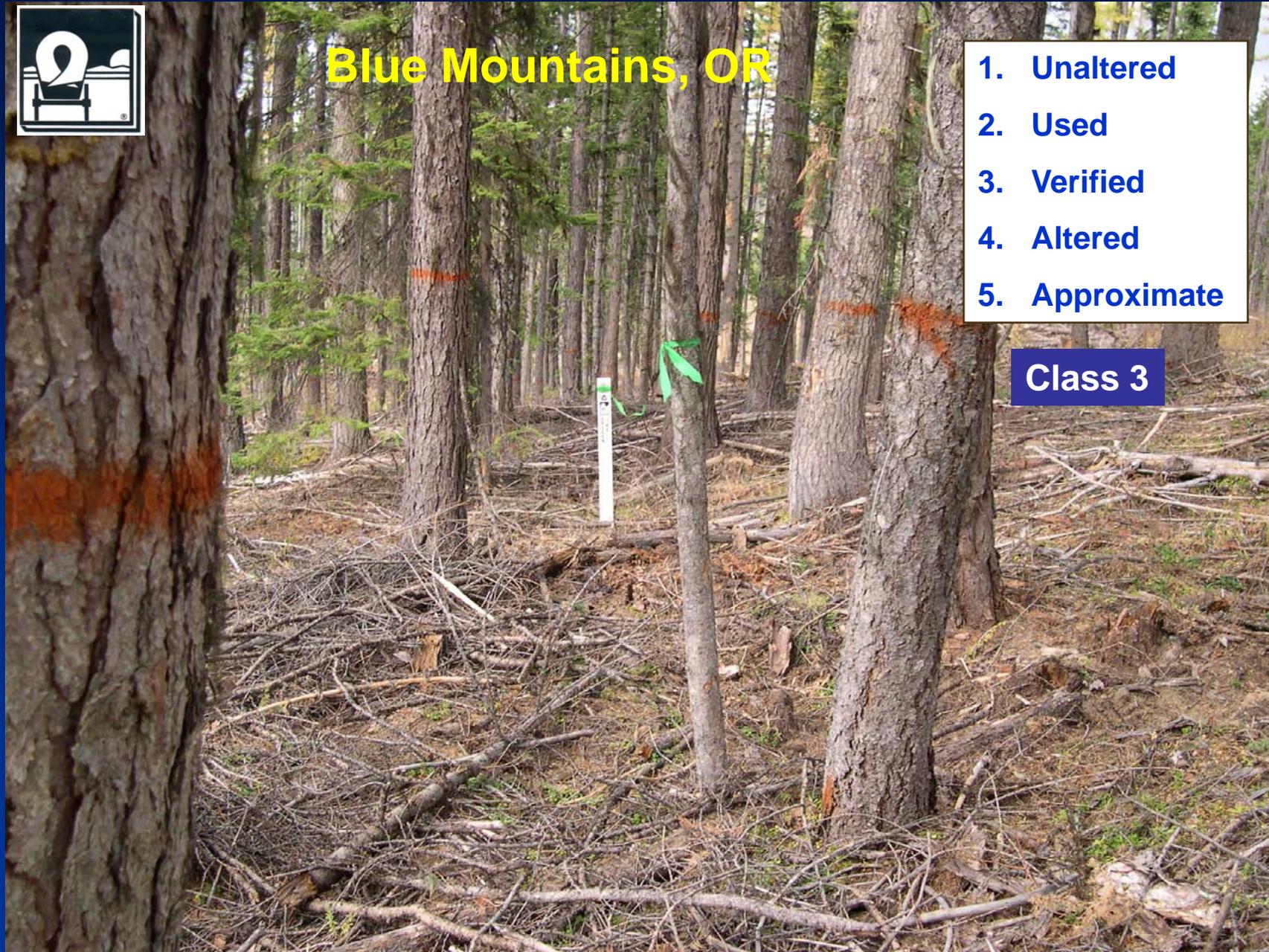
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## Blue Mountains, OR

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**Class 3**





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**Class 4**

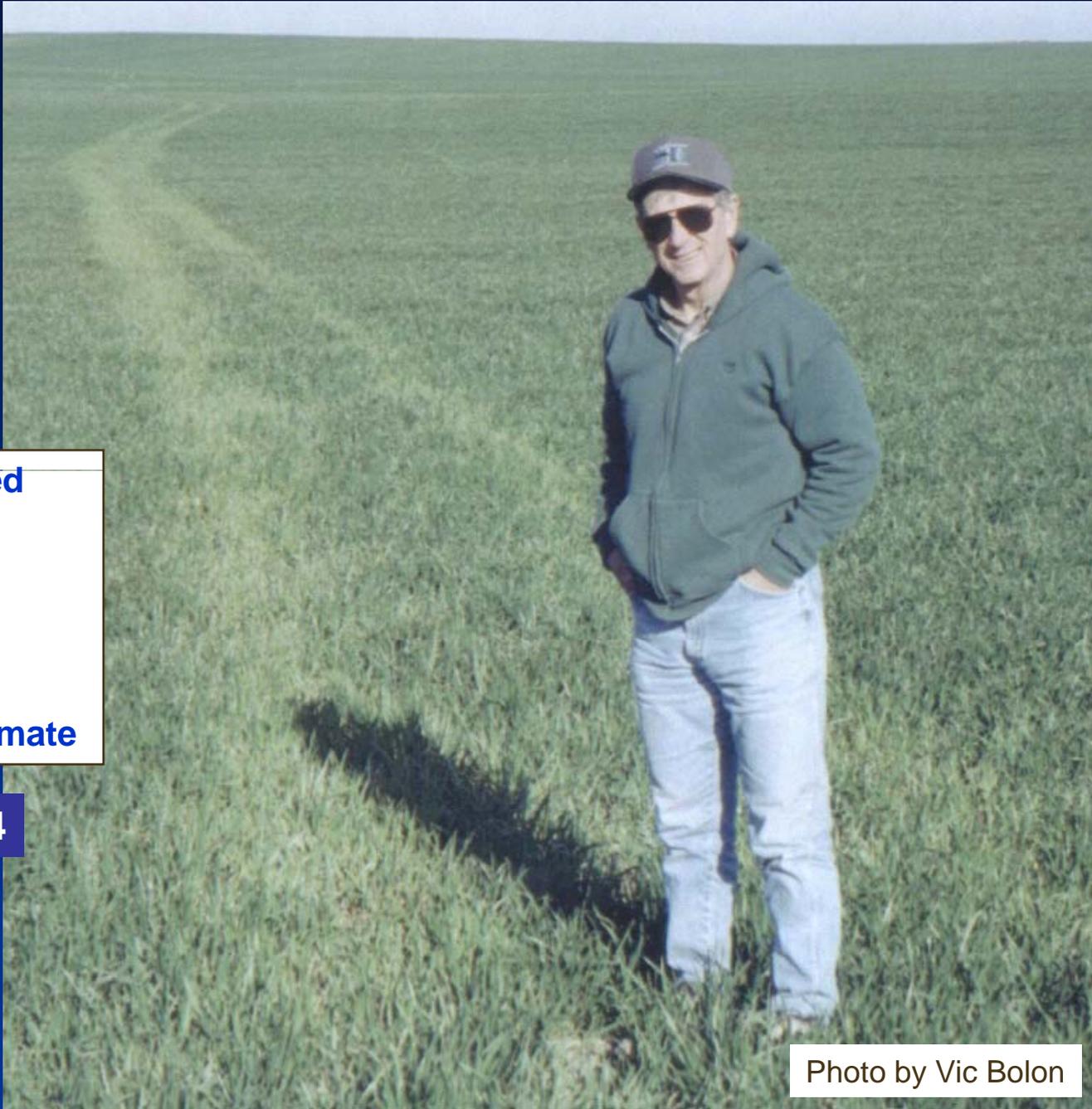


Photo by Vic Bolon



# Trail Classification

- Classifications are subjective to a degree; the analysis and documentation are as important as the result.
- Class 1 and Class 2 easiest to rate
- Classifications can change yard-by-yard

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