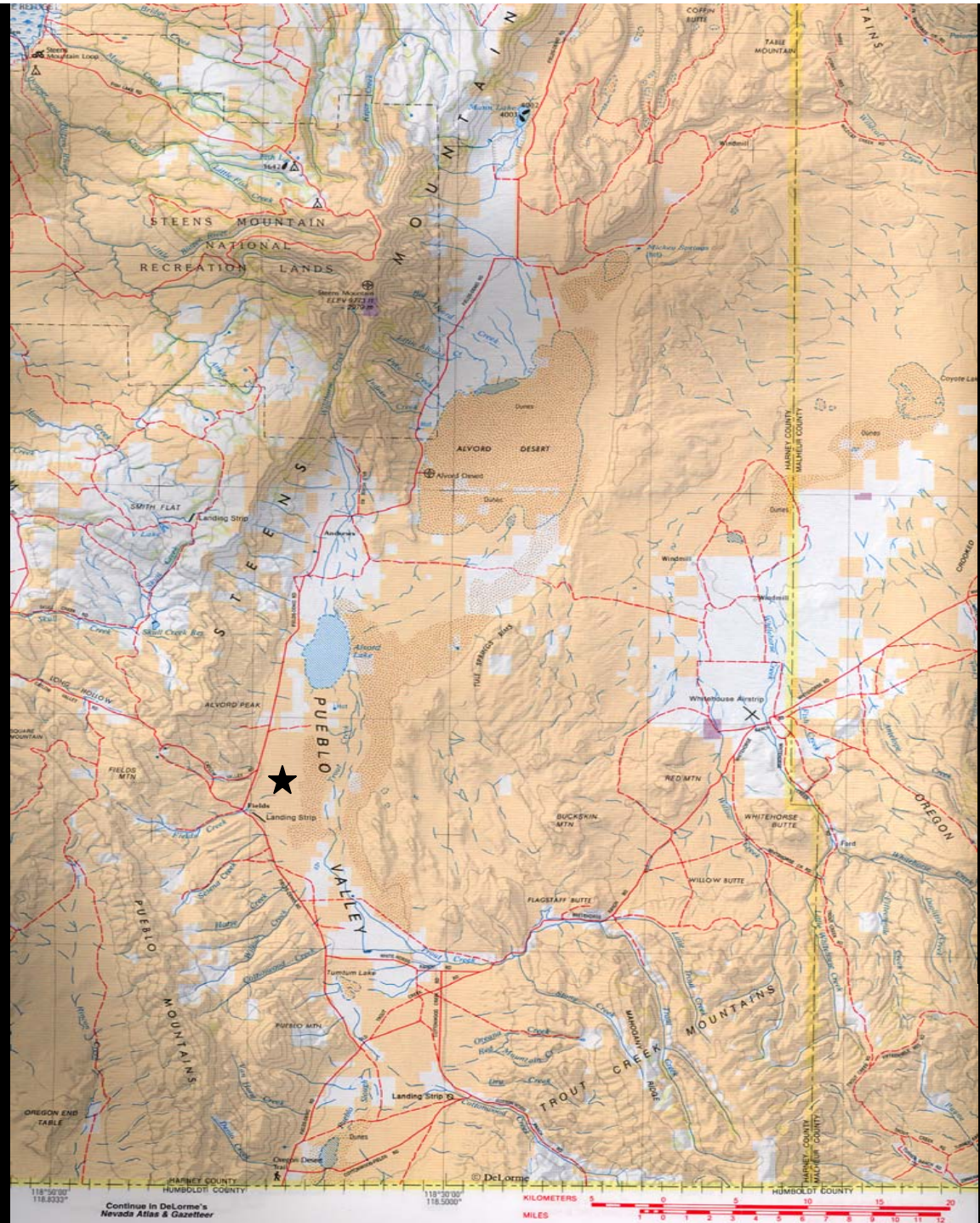


**The Alvord
Basin
stretches
many tens
of
kilometers
NNE x SSW**

**(study site is at
black star)**



**Alvord Dry Lake (aka Alvord Desert) was wet in the center,
dry on the edge in September 2006**



South view of Alvord Basin from Steens Mt.

Arrow indicates location of study site, south of Little Alvord Dry Lake



View of Steens from the middle of Alvord Dry Lake **(ADL a.k.a. Alvord Desert)**



***Ericameria nauseosa* (yellow) & *Artemisia tridentata* (gray) “fields” on west side of the Alvord Basin, and north of Little Alvord Dry Lake**



Steens has a lot of snow throughout June in most years



**View to west of the camp:
Alvord Peak at dawn**



**The powerline road that we use
actually crosses the entire basin**



**View to the
east of the
study site
during a
light rain**



Summer lightning causes fires

(Alden McCurdy's photo, 2006)



Fire just west of the Alvord Basin, summer 2006



**Patchwork of burned and unburned hillsides along
Catlow Valley Road, as seen in September, 2006**



Much of the east side of Alvord Mt burned in summer 2006



Early morning clouds over Alvord peak



View of the uplands and sky east of Alvord Basin



**The study
area is east
of the
intersection
of these two
roads**



Magnificent mailbox!



Old ranch cabin near Fields



Breakfast Fly-in at Fields Station

