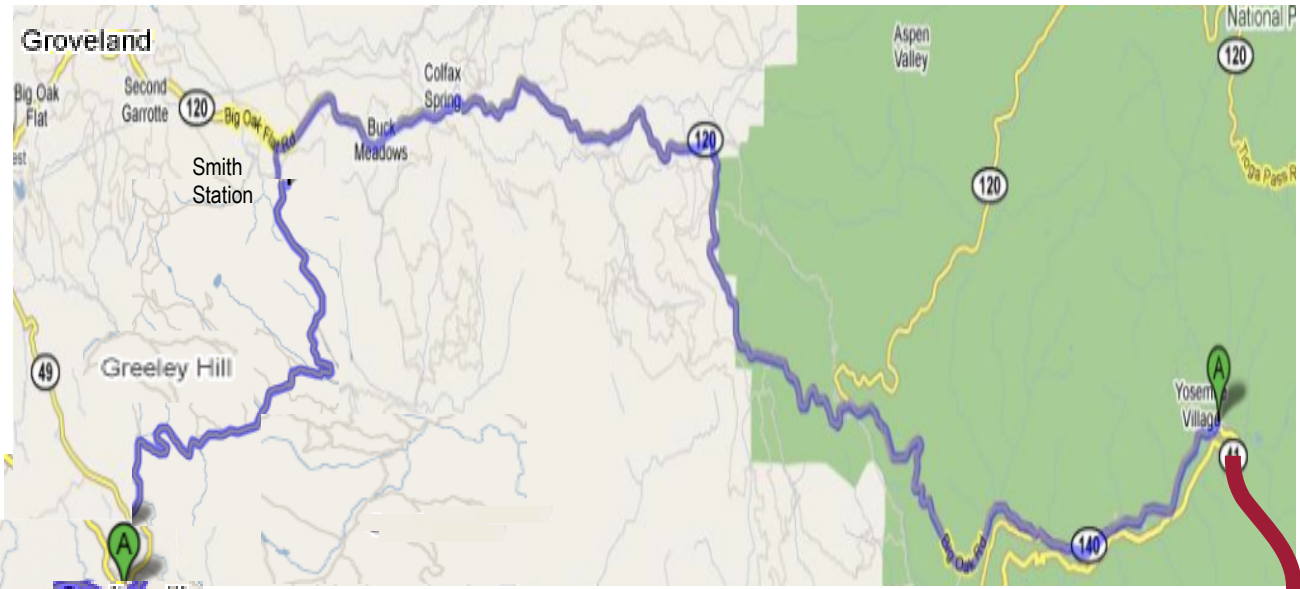


The proposal to name State Highway 132 as **John Muir Highway** includes portions of the road beginning in Modesto, then proceeding to Coulterville via Waterford and becoming Mariposa County Road J132. The junction at Smith Station connects with Highway 120 to continue the route to Yosemite Village. Much of this route **from LaGrange to the Old Yosemite Road follows the trail used by John Muir when he helped bring a flock of sheep to Yosemite Valley for his first visit.**



The expanded and detailed portion of the road shown above illustrates several **key parts of the journey written about in John Muir's famous journal - My First Summer in the Sierra.** Travelers will be able to view the surrounding countryside preserved and undeveloped in much the same way that **John Muir** observed it in his journals. This walk has been reenacted twice recently --- in 2006 by Donna & Peter Thomas & 2009 by Alex McInturf. Web sites and blogs are available from both of these trips. A geotourism map is being created to aid visitors interested in this extremely important event in the history of the worldwide conservation movement.

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**Honoring a man & renewing his Yosemite route**