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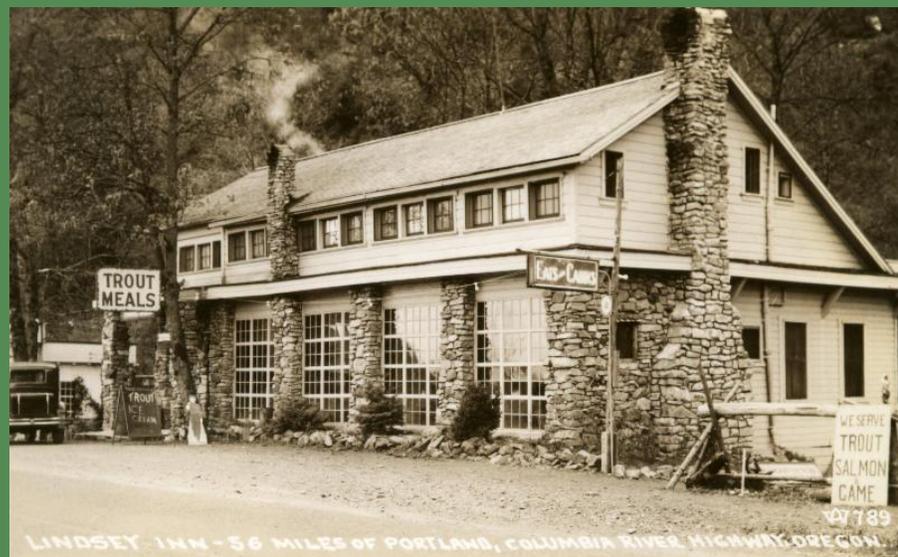
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The Historic Columbia River Highway News

Your source for updates and information regarding efforts to remember, restore and reconnect the Historic Columbia River Highway and State Trail--a world class adventure from Portland to The Dalles.



Lindsey Inn was on the Columbia River Highway at Lindsey Creek. This photo is circa 1935. Notice that the Lindsey Inn offered the typical country dinners of the day as seen at other places along the Historic Highway (trout, salmon, game). The Lindsey Inn was a casualty of the construction of the water-level highway in the late 1940s. The Inn was located where the proposed State Trail construction will start next spring. The segment will end at Lindsey Creek.

Historic Highway Advisory Committee To Meet in The Dalles on Sept. 30

The Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 10 a.m. at The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in The Dalles.

Agenda highlights include a presentation on the Gorge Bicycling Economic Study, a preview of the proposed Summit Creek Viaduct along the Historic Highway State Trail, and a discussion regarding a future Forest Management Plan along the Historic Highway Trail Corridor.

For more information on the Advisory Committee, contact [Kristen Stallman](#).

To view the meeting agenda and read past meeting minutes please click [here](#).

Starvation Creek to Lindsey Creek Trail Ready for Construction

In early July 2014, the Hood River County and the US Forest Service (Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area) received the 700-page Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area permit application for the construction of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail. The permit application covers the proposed trail construction between Starvation Creek Trailhead and Lindsey Creek. This is a 1.2 mile section of trail. Trail construction should be complete in the Fall 2016. Check it out and share your comments with Hood River County and the USFS by Oct. 15. The application is available on the [HCRH webpage](#) and at www.co.hood-river.or.us under community development planning services.



Proposed Improvements to the existing Starvation Creek Trailhead

Planning for the Historic Highway's 100th Anniversary Kicks Off

June 7, 2016 marks the centennial of the Historic Columbia River Highway. Over the past 100 years the highway remains as one of America's most iconic roads. The Columbia River Highway was celebrated as much for its engineering accomplishments as for its incomparable beauty. It was the first major paved highway in the Pacific Northwest, and it was later designated as a National Historic Landmark because it was the first scenic highway in the United States.

The highway that brings the majestic Columbia River Gorge and all its stunning vistas into view still plays a rich and multi-faceted role in the lives of Oregonians and Washingtonians. It is a living monument to the achievements of Samuel Lancaster, its chief engineer, his team, and to their standard of excellence in early 20th century road building.

Clearly, 2016 is an important milestone, not only as we recall past accomplishments, but by inviting and encouraging the best possible future for our beloved "King of Roads" and the delightful trail system that has reclaimed previously deactivated sections of its historic length. This is nothing less than a world class adventure undertaken in the spirit and enduring vision of the builders. Please join us as we plan and build our celebration. A committee has formed and is meeting regularly. If you or your organization is interested please contact [Kristen](#) to hear more or to get on our mailing list.

More Bikes Mean More Money for Local Economies

A recent economic [forecast](#), prepared by Dean Runyan and Associates and commissioned by Travel Oregon, shines a light on the economic impact cycling is making on the communities along the Historic Highway. This study provides a forecast on how the local economies will benefit from a complete Historic Highway connection through the Gorge. Support for the study was provided by the Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway and the Ports of Cascade Locks, Hood River and The Dalles.

Here are some highlights from the study.

Economic Significance

- In 2013, an estimated 230,000 bicycle recreation trips generated over \$21 million in visitor spending made within the communities located in the Columbia River Gorge. With the completion of bicycle trail development projects, bicycle recreation activity participants will make an additional \$6.3 million in expenditures per year in the local communities throughout the Gorge.
- Bicycle recreation spending supports approximately 270 full and part-time jobs, with earnings of \$5.7 million and generating over \$900,000 in state and local tax receipts. With the complete State Trail connection, additional bicycle recreation spending will support an additional 82 full and part-time jobs with approximately \$1.7 million in earnings and \$270,000 in state and local tax receipts annually.

The Dalles Welcomes Cycle Oregon with Open Arms and Fun Times

The City of The Dalles rolled out the red carpet for Cycle Oregon this September. Thousands of cyclists descended on The Dalles and greater Wasco County as Cycle Oregon took on "The Magnificent Seven," the seven Cascade peaks that stretch out to the north and south of The Dalles.



Wasco County views. Credit: The Dalles Chronicle: Pat Malach.

According to the Cycle Oregon website, The Dalles is a bona fide cycling destination for mountain bikers and roadies alike. According to Jim Moore, author of "75 Classic Rides: Oregon," the Dalles-Mosier loop, which includes sections of the Historic Columbia River Highway and the infamous 7-Mile Hill, is a must-ride Oregon classic. He also recommends the shorter Cherry Heights Loop, as well as the trek to Hood River from The Dalles, which can be added to the Mosier loop or done as an out-and-back on the HCRH. You can read more about these in his book or at www.rideoregonride.com, where a quick search for "The Dalles-Mosier" and "Cherry Heights" will provide you with everything you need to know.

State Parks Wants to Hear From You

At the fourth set of public meetings park staff will present the draft comprehensive plan for state parks in the Columbia River Gorge. The draft plan will include the assessments, public input, park values and desired benefits, and final recommendations for the future vision and management of state parks in the Gorge. This the last in-person opportunity to share your vision before the plan is finalized. The draft plan will be posted online on Oct. 8 prior to the public meeting. Go to www.gorgeplarksplan.com to review the materials.

Public Meetings: Cascade Locks, Wednesday, Oct. 22
5:30-7:30 p.m. at Port of Cascade Locks Pavillion,
355 Wa Na Pa St.

The Dalles, Thursday, Oct. 23
5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Gorge Discovery Center,
5000 Discovery Drive.

New Adventure for ODOT's Representative to the Historic Highway Advisory Committee



Jason Tell cycling the State Trail's McCord Creek Bridge.

Jason Tell, ODOT's Region 1 Manager and Historic Highway Advisory Committee member has taken a new position with Parsons Brinckerhoff, a private engineering firm. Jason's dedication to the Historic Highway should be noted. As Region Manager and ODOT representative on the Historic Highway Advisory Committee, Jason was instrumental in helping to prioritize projects and strategize how to fund the projects. Rian Windsheimer is presently serving as the Interim Region 1 Manager. Rian, like Jason, is a big supporter of the work of the Historic Highway Advisory Committee.

The Sergeants Leave their Mark on Cascade Locks

Jason and Rebecca Sergeant, a husband and wife duo, landed in Cascade Locks as AmeriCorps volunteers two years ago. Jason was hired by the Port of Cascade Locks to develop a park master plan and oversee the Bridge of the Gods improvements. He was also appointed to the City Planning Commission. Rebecca was hired by the City of Cascade Locks where she organized community events and staffed the Tourism Committee. In their two short years in Cascade Locks, the Sergeants helped foster a renewed sense of community pride and shared their enthusiasm for their new home town and the beauty of the Gorge itself.

While in Cascade Locks, Jason and Rebecca became integral parts of the Cascade Locks community and fulfilled their mission of the Americorps volunteer program, "to strengthen our communities by inspiring Oregonians to actively engage, volunteer, and serve."



Jason spent the last year at the Gorge Commission while Rebecca continued her tenure at the City where she successfully applied for a Cycle Oregon grant to install new wayfinding signs in Cascade Locks. We wish the Sergeants luck in their new adventure in Wisconsin where Jason is taking on his new role as Community Development Director for the community of Evansville, a few miles south of Madison, and await the birth of their second child. Mary Mae, their 6 year old daughter will likely miss Cascade Locks, too, where she learned to ride her bike on the Easy Climb trails and the Historic Highway State Trail.

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