

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

April 15, 2015

Agenda Item: 8a

Information

Topic: Heritage and Community Programs Report

Presented by: Chrissy Curran

The Look-Out on Cape Foulweather Listed in the National Register of Historic Places

A little over a year ago, we briefed you on the historical significance of The Look-Out on Cape Foulweather, a property adjacent to the Otter Crest State Scenic Viewpoint that was acquired by OPRD in December 2013. The pretty little 1930s building perched improbably on a knobby promontory on the jagged south flank of Cape Foulweather has since been successfully listed in the National Register of Historic Places. As a result of preparing the nomination, we've learned a lot more about the building's history and its significance to the coastal community.

The Look-Out was built in 1937 and operated by Wilbur "Buck" and Anna Badley. The business began briefly as the Foulweather Coffee Shop, taking advantage of the increase in coastal tourist traffic after the famous coastal bridges finally connected the remaining gaps in the 1932 Roosevelt Coast Military Highway (U.S. 101). The Badley's changed the business to a gift shop shortly after it opened, and it has been operating successfully for over 70 years.

A little-known aspect of The Look-Out's history is that it is associated with the U.S. Coast Auxiliary Beach Patrol, which operated in Oregon from 1942 to 1944. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States placed its western coastline under constant surveillance, anticipating additional enemy fire. Straddling a headland 453 feet above the Pacific Ocean, The Look-Out served as a strategic vantage point and living quarters for six members of the U.S. Coast Guard, who scrutinized the skies and seas along the central coast for several years during World War II.



Oregon Heritage Conference in Coos Bay

Coos Bay and the Coquille Tribe play host to Oregon's heritage community between April 22 and 24 as Oregon's Heritage Conference comes to town. The conference typically attracts 200 – 400 people, depending on the location, which changes every year. Conference attendees will include community leaders, staff and volunteers from historical societies, museums, archives, historic cemeteries, ethnic organizations, schools, historic preservation commissions, humanities groups, Main Street programs, the tourism industry, economic development, staff from local, state, and federal governments, genealogists and professional historians and preservationists.

The conference will feature Joaquin Lopez, award-winning musician and storyteller as the keynote speaker; eight winners of the 2015 Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards; and research presentations by this year's Oregon Heritage Fellows.

Prior Action by Commission: None

Action Requested: None

Prepared by: Chrissy Curran — Interim Deputy SHPO and Heritage Programs Manager

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Topic: Scenic Bikeway Lifecycle

Presented by: Alex Phillips

The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission has awarded the designation “State Scenic Bikeway” to 12 on-road routes in the past five years. Bikeways are selected from locally proposed routes and represent the "best of the best" road bicycle riding in Oregon after review by a commission-appointed advisory committee.

The same rules that govern the initial evaluation and designation of bikeways also directs staff to review bikeways every five years or sooner, and the potential outcome of that review is a recommendation to have the commission remove the designation from routes that no longer qualify for the distinction. The earliest bikeways will be up for review in the next year.

This information item is intended to familiarize the commission with the draft process for reviewing and potential un-designating existing state scenic bikeways.

Prior Action by Commission: Previous adoption of state scenic bikeway rules, and assignment of the state scenic bikeway designation to 12 routes.

Action Requested: None.

Attached: The State Scenic Bikeway Lifecycle.

Prepared by: Chris Havel



Oregon State Scenic Bikeway Lifecycle

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Creating a designation

State Scenic Bikeways are designated by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission by following Oregon Administrative Rule 736-009-0030. This rule says a State Scenic Bikeway Committee shall take proposals from local proponent groups and evaluate them, and:

1. Provide each recommendation for designation as an Oregon Scenic Bikeway to the director.
2. Hold public meetings on the recommended designation.
3. Consult with the Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Council.

After the public meetings, the director either:

1. Submit the committee's recommendation to the commission for approval or denial of the proposed Oregon Scenic Bikeway; or
2. Request that the committee provide further consideration of issues presented in the public meeting.

Removing designation

Administrative rules call for a review at every five years (or sooner). During the review, the advisory committee may suggest improvements to the route, signage, or publications. If a route no longer satisfies the criteria to justify its designation as a state scenic bikeway, and it cannot be improved, the advisory committee may also recommend the commission remove the designation.

Reasons to remove a State Scenic Bikeway Designation

- Significant degradation of the scenic values, road conditions, or the overall experience, such as a large increase in traffic.
- Lack of local proponent group for more than one year and no promise of one forming.
- Newly-discovered information which causes the existence of the bikeway to substantially conflict with previously-established use plans or designations. This could be things such as: plans or designations that preclude promotion of an area, a sign code that does not allow for bikeway signage, or other barriers to the purpose of a bikeway—to be the best road cycling in Oregon, and provide local and regional economic development by promoting outdoor recreation.

Proposed Steps to Remove Designation

After discussing options with the bikeway, any associated government or nongovernment organizations, and proponents, the committee may:

1. Conduct a vote of committee members to recommend removing the designation.
2. Forward the result of this vote, plus a report explaining the reason for the result, to the department director, who can accept it or direct further work.
3. If the director accepts a recommendation to remove a designation, the director shall place an action item on the next available agenda of the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission and instruct staff to notify interested parties and the general public about the pending decision.
4. If the commission acts to remove a designation, the department will act to remove map and promotional material from OregonScenicBikeways.org and RideOregonRide.com, ask the road jurisdictions to remove signage, and release additional public information explaining why the designation was removed.