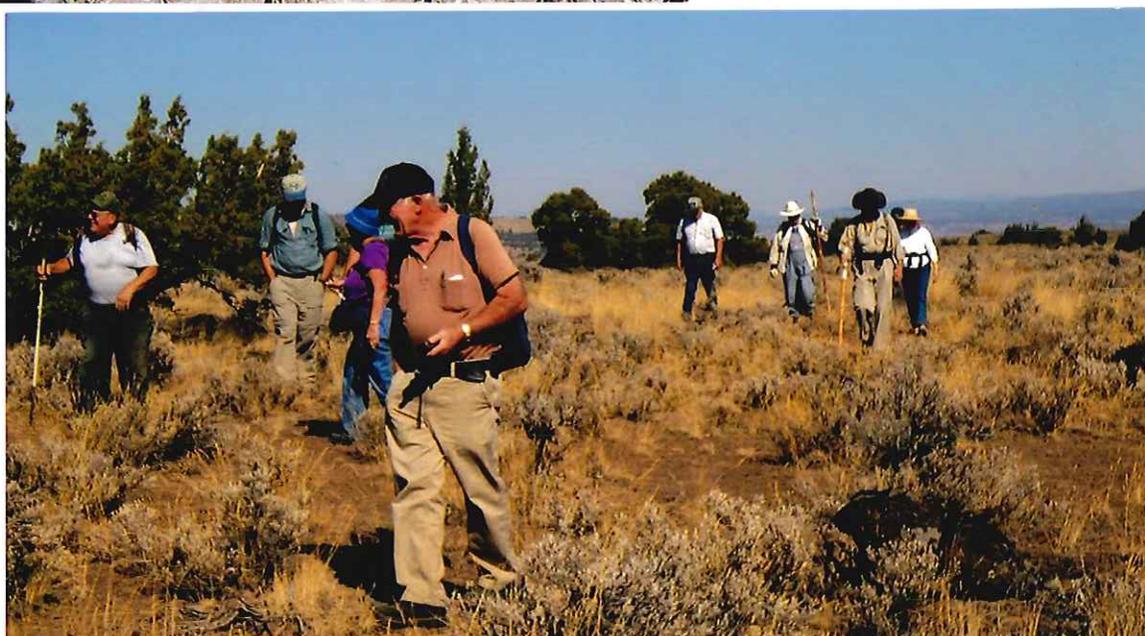
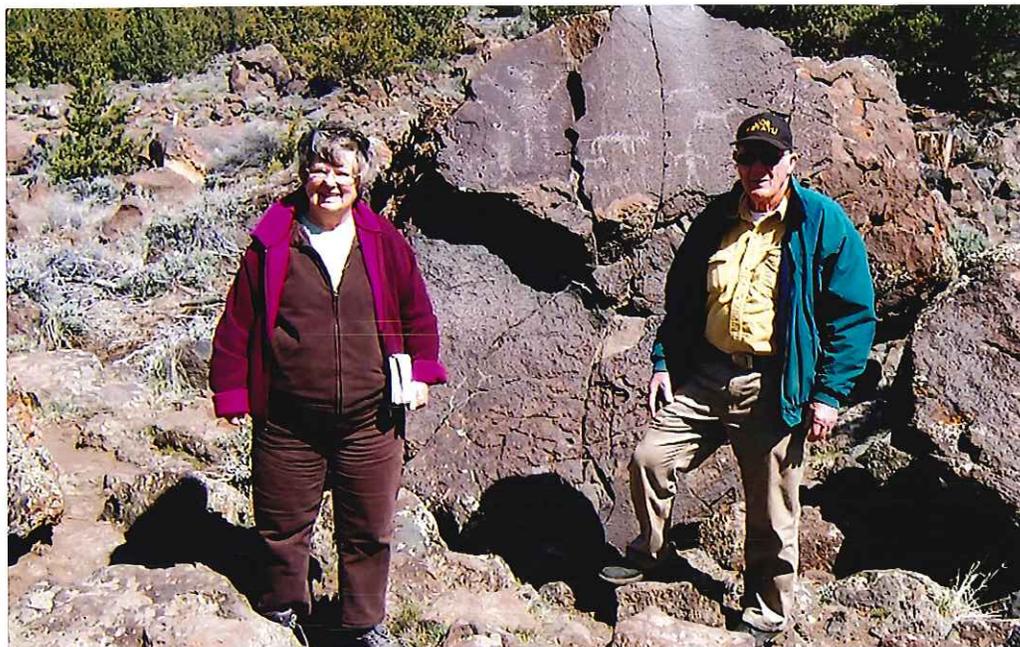


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2010 Annual Report



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Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council 2010

Introduction

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC) was established in 1998 by the Governor to oversee and provide advice on the sixteen designated historic trails in Oregon. The council is made up of nine volunteer citizens from across the state who work together to preserve and promote the historic trails of Oregon. Ex-officio members from a variety of state, federal, and trail related agencies and organizations provide technical information and input to OHTAC.

This report describes OHTAC's activities for 2010. It includes council roster, council procedural rules, Executive order EO-98-16, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, field trip notes and recommendations, a treasures report, copies of correspondence and information concerning the Montague Wind Power Facility .

Summary of 2010 Activities

The OHTAC members met three times during the year and conducted our annual business meeting on October 3, 2010 in Burns, Oregon. Our outings take place over a weekend and consist of a Saturday field trip and a Sunday morning business meeting. The field trip usually involves consultation with an expert(s) who has spent time researching the trail(s) we are gathering information on. We gather potential recommendations from the expert, OHTAC members, and various groups and agencies concerned with trail preservation. Day two is our public business meeting and it gives the public a chance to have input concerning the historic trails in the area.

April 30-May 2 - Lakeview, Oregon Fremont Route

We met Loren Irving at the Best Western Motel on Friday night and he gave us a one hour presentation on the Fremont Route. Many of the sights he showed us we would have the opportunity to see on our Saturday outing. Loren is a talented photographer and his presentation was breathtaking. On Saturday we drove out to the Silver Lake USPS Ranger station where we viewed the Fremont coins and a cooking pot believed to be Fremont's. We then moved on to the Fremont Kiosk at Summer Lake and a view of Fremont's descent from Winter Ridge. Over the course of the day we were able to observe several more Fremont camp sights and ended the day at the Dec. 20 and 21st camps at Albert Lake. We also saw Indian Petroglyphs and Lodge Rings at Albert Lake.

Recommendations:

1. Woodpecker damage was noted on the Fremont Route sign located at Summer Lake.
2. It was recommended that a letter of support be drafted by OHTAC to encourage the relocation of the Fremont coins and pot from the Forest Service Office at Silver Lake to a more appropriate location such as the Deschutes County Historical Museum, where other Fremont Expedition items are housed.
3. It was noted that the Fremont Route is not well signed or interpreted in the area, and it was suggested that OHTAC might contact OTIC to see if better signage or a pamphlet could be produced.

August 27-29 - Oakridge, Oregon- Free Emigrant Road

After dinner we met at the Best Western Oakridge Inn for a short meeting with Delbert Spencer. Delbert shared maps of the Free Emigrant Road that he has created over his years of research. Saturday morning we had a quick tour of the Oakridge Museum before we drove out to the Hills Creek Reservoir and onto Forest Service Road 2160. At this point we began our hike on the Diamond Peak Trail until we intercepted the FER trail. Wood and metal signs, plus colored ribbons, marked the trail. Our guide led us along the FER road until we intersected Forest Service Road 2160 near where we had left the van. Estimated distance of our hike on FER was 2.5 miles.

On our return trip to Oakridge we stopped at Rigdon Prairie. This is the location of a camp for a stranded wagon train (Lost Wagon Train of 1853) awaiting rescuers from the Willamette Valley. The site is on unimproved Forest Service land.

Recommendations:

1. Need for appropriate signage-directional and informational
2. Need to develop the Rigdon Prairie site with signage that tells the story of the "Lost Wagon Train".
3. Inclusion of information concerning the trail into local tour guides.

October 1-3 -Burns, Oregon - Meek Cutoff Route

On Friday night we met after dinner in the motel conference room where James Hambleton gave a 45 minute presentation on his research concerning the Meek Cutoff.

On Saturday morning we traveled east of Burns on Highway 395/20 for about 35 miles to North Beede Reservoir where we turned onto a dirt BLM road and proceeded for about five miles, crossing a spring branch running into Stinkingwater Creek.

James Hambleton, a professional land surveyor for 46 years, and his wife Theona, then led us on a two and a half mile hike along the Meek Cutoff. We saw evidence of trail ruts and places where large rocks had been cast aside to make a path for the wagons. At one point James pointed out a survey point set by cadastral surveyor, Henry Cook, in 1884.

Our hike was a gradual climb up onto a high plain, arriving at the edge of a high bluff where the wagons had to cut a trail for a short distance out of the side of the mountain and then make a steep decent into the valley below.

Recommendations:

1. Because of the rocky ground, we recommend the route be marked with Carsonite markers plus rebar with a cap.
2. Place an interpretive panel at a location where it can be seen-perhaps at the Meek Cutoff campsite at Pine Creek on BLM land. Information concerning the 1854 Meek Cutoff, the Free Emigrant Road and its 1853 Elliot Wagon Train could possible be included.
3. An interpretive panel regarding the Meek Cutoff should be placed at the rest area on Highway 20 west of Stinkingwater Pass.

Other Historic Trails Related Functions

Concern about wind farms and their impacts on the historic trails of Oregon still dominate much of OHTAC's time. This year Montague Wind Power Facility was the main focus of our concerns and time. We did reach an agreement with them concerning protection of the trail through their project. I believe that agreement will help us have a little more validity with other wind farm projects. Antelope Ridge Wind Energy Project has also been in our circle of concern this year and a letter was sent in December addressing our concerns with this project.

At long last the Santiam Wagon Road has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. OHTAC can take pride in helping this come about.

OHTAC continues to have concerns about protecting the Historic Trails of Oregon from intrusion by ATV users as well as the wind farms. We need to take advantage of every educational opportunity we have to promote Historic Trails in Oregon.

Summary of OHTAC
Field Trips 1999-2009

<u>Trail</u> <u>Traveled</u>	<u>Segment</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Oregon Trail	Barlow Road Cut-off John Day River to Tygh Valley	June, 1999
Nez Perce Trail	Joseph to Dug Bar Enterprise to Joseph Canyon Viewpoint	October, 1999
Lewis & Clark	Fort Clatsop Astoria to Cannon Beach	April, 2000
Oregon Trail/ Lewis & Clark Whitman Mission Route	From Boardman to Walla Walla, Whitman Mission, Tamastlikt, Blue Mtn Crossing, Emigrant Springs, Squaw Creek Overlook	August, 2000
Oregon Trail	Oregon/Idaho border to Baker city	April, 2001
Santiam Wagon Road	Cache Creek Toll Station to Lost Prairie and from Tombstone Pass to Albany	June, 2001
Oregon Trail	Barlow Road from The Dalles to Barlow Pass, Barlow Pass to Devil's Backbone to Phillip Foster Farm and End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center	October, 2001
Nez Perce Trail	Wallowa Lake to Dry Creek Fork of Corral Creek, Auto Tour Route from Enterprise to Wallowa Lake and tour spur from Enterprise to Wallowa	July, 2002
Free Emigrant Road	East from Oakridge to Big Marsh	October, 2002
Oregon Trail	Vicinity of Echo, Well Springs, Corral Springs, Nature Conservancy managed Property	May, 2003
California Trail Applegate Branch	Auto Tour Route from Dallas to Roseburg	October, 2003
Lewis & Clark/ Oregon Trail	NHT along the Columbia River from Hat Rock to Boardman, O.T. Cut-off ruts near Irrigon	October, 2004

California Trail Applegate Branch	California border at Malin to Yoncalla	May, 2005
Lewis and Clark 2005	Prescott Beach to Astoria, Astoria to Ecola and Sunset Beach to Ft. Clatsop	September,
Jedediah Smith	From California Border to Coos Bay	June, 2006
Jedediah Smith 2006	Reedsport vicinity	September,
Santiam Wagon Road	Cache Creek Tollgate to Fish Lake	June, 2007
Oregon Trail 2007	McDonald Crossing to The Dalles Wasco/Klondike wind farms	September,
Oregon Trail	East McDonald Crossing to Irrigon & Boardman Bombing Range	April, 2008
Oregon Trail	Baker City to Farewell Bend	July, 2008
Nez Perce (Nimi'ipuuu) 2008 Trail	Old Joseph Gravesite, Joseph Overlook, Buckhorn Lookout, Indian Village Grove	September,
Whitman Route Fremont Route	Pendleton, Oregon to Walla Walla Washington Milton Freewater area	April 2009
Fremont Route Santiam Wagon Road	Bend, Oregon area	July 2009
Oregon Trail	South Alternate to Vale, Oregon then Malheur Desert Crossing to Farewell Bend	September
Fremont Trail	Lakeview- Summer Lake Area, OR	April 2010
Free Emigrant Road	Oakridge, Oregon area	August 2010
Meek Cutoff Route	Burns, Oregon area	October 2010

Executive Appointments Board Roster

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EO 98 - 16**OREGON HISTORIC TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The *Oregon Historic Trails Report* presented by the Oregon Trails Coordinating Council in May, 1998 was the first step in the development of a statewide Oregon Historic Trails Program. The report serves as a general guide and planning document for future efforts in developing historic trail resources in Oregon. The Executive Summary of the *Oregon Historic Trails Report* noted the following:

“The objective of the Oregon Historic Trails Program is to establish Oregon as the nation’s leader in developing historic trails for their educational, recreational, and economic values. The Oregon Historic Trails Program, when fully implemented, will help preserve and leverage existing heritage resources while promoting rural economic development and growth through heritage tourism.

The opportunity to realize these benefits will depend on the entities that have the authority to act and collaborate on the program’s behalf: land management agencies, government commissions, heritage organizations, and tourism associations. The Council recommends that these entities move forward with the Oregon Historic Trails Program.”

The dissolution of the Oregon Trails Coordinating Council creates the need for a statewide advisory body to continue to recognize the value and significance of Oregon’s historic trails as outlined in ORS 358.057. The Oregon Trails Coordinating Council has recommended the reactivation of the Oregon Trails Advisory Council to oversee and advocate on behalf of Oregon’s historic trails.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

- 1) The Oregon Trail Advisory Council was created by Executive Order No. EO-84-10 and revised under Executive Order No. EO-94-02. This order restates the previous orders, revises the council’s scope, increases the membership, and changes the name to the “Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council.”
- 2) The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council is hereby created. The council shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the Governor’s pleasure. Members shall be appointed to terms of four years. The council shall reflect the demographic

1.2 Hold statewide meetings two to four times annually to explore a segment of any of the 16 historic trails guided by residents and public agency experts to evaluate and record trail conditions and discuss opportunities for marking and interpretation of the trails. <council, ex-officios, SHPO staff>

1.3 Collect and share information on locating and marking trails; encouraging local communities and agencies to develop directional and interpretive signs, brochures and maps, and helping them find the resources to protect, share and maintain these corridors of history. Pursue O.C. F. Grant for Santiam Wagon Road Documentation <council, ex-officios, SHPO staff>

1.4 Use listservs, websites, traditional publications and other means of communication for communicating and sharing information where appropriate. Prepare an informational packet for public and private land owners of trail preservation options. <council, SHPO staff>

1.5 Speak for preservation of trails sites whenever possible. <council>

1.6 Encourage significant properties to be listed on the National Historic Register and/or local registers. <council>

1.7 Expand and improve the OHTAC library of documentation of trail locations. <council, sub-committee, SHPO staff>

1.8 Address heritage tourism and other visitor impacts on the long-term sustainability of trail sites. <council, SHPO staff>

1.9 Partner with the Oregon 150 program to help promote and encourage visitation to the historic trails. <council, SHPO staff>

1.10 Review High Potential Historic Sites and High Potential Route Segments as designated in the 1999 Comprehensive Management Plan with attention to Section 1(b) Protecting the trail corridors associated with to the degrees necessary to ensure that the values for which each trail was established remain intact. Review impact of EO 13195. Make recommendations for acquisition by State Parks when appropriate. <sub committee, SHPO staff, OCTA ex-officio>

Goal #2. Advise, Recommend

Objectives:

2.1 Strengthen communication/networking among Oregon agencies, bureaus, commissions, councils and committees. <council, SHPO staff>

2.2 Advise on the enforcement of existing cultural resource protection statutes as they apply to remaining trail sites. <council SHPO staff>

2.3 Advise on and recommend passage of legislation that promotes any or all of the mission goals of OHTAC. <executive committee, council>

2.4 Meet whenever possible with agencies to advise and recommend any or all of the goals of OHTAC <Chair or council members>

2.5 Provide recommendations annually through the OHTAC Annual Report to the Governor that will be put on the SHPO website and disseminated to pertinent parties. <Chair or sub-committee>

Goal #3. Plan, Coordinate

3.1 Develop a working rapport and/or formal agreement with agencies and organizations such as DOE, BPA, BLM, NPS, NFS, OCTA, etc. so that when trail issues come forward, OHTAC can be a working partner in discussions regarding development along the historic trails. <chair, council, SHPO staff>

3.2 Coordinate fact finding by agencies when development may impact the use of trails sites. <council, SHPO staff>

3.3 Strengthen relationships with preservation groups and research groups involved in efforts to locate and preserve trail site resources. <council>

Note:

Executive Committee

The executive committee is a sub-committee of the council comprised of the current chair, the vice chair and the immediate past chair.

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diversity of the state of Oregon to the greatest extent possible. Current members of the Oregon Trail Advisory Council are eligible to serve on the OHTAC under their original term expiration dates.

The Governor shall designate the council chair. The chair shall designate a vice-chair who shall carry out the duties of the chair in the chair's absence. The council may add non-voting ex officio members, associate members, and subcommittees as it deems appropriate.

The council shall have regular stated meetings as determined by a majority of its members and shall meet on special occasions upon the calling of the chair. Five voting members shall constitute a quorum. A vote of the majority shall be sufficient for all actions of the council.

No members of the council, regardless of their status as voting members, ex officio members, associate members, or any other classification, are entitled to compensation for their services or reimbursement for their expenses.

- 3) The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council shall serve as an advisory body for activities and policies involving Oregon's historic trails as listed in ORS 358.057, particularly as they concern the State of Oregon. The council shall:
 - Promote public awareness of the historical significance of the trails and encourage the development, protection and interpretation of historical sites and outdoor recreation resources along their routes.
 - Act in an advisory capacity to Oregon agencies, bureaus, commissions, councils and committees, making recommendations about activities and policies that relate to the history of the trails and associated sites.
 - Serve as Oregon's official liaison with other states, associations, federal departments, bureaus and committees concerned with these trails to plan and coordinate activities which foster state and national recognition of the significance of Oregon's historic trails.

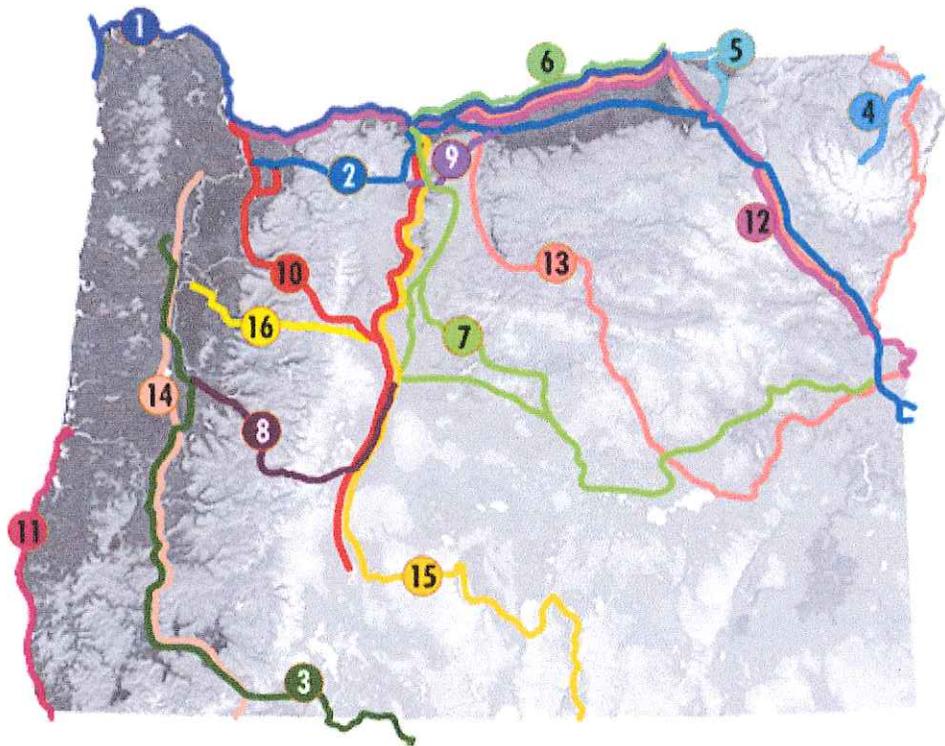
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Oregon's Historic Trails

There are 16 Oregon historic trails recognized by the state legislature ([ORS 358.075](#)).

View the historical information on each trail by clicking on its number on the map, or from the list below the map.



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<p>Strategic Plan 2008-2013</p>
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Introduction

In 1998 the Governor established the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council to oversee and provide advice on the 16 historic trails in Oregon. We are nine volunteer citizens working together to advise the Governor and to locate, preserve and encourage the use of these historic trails by Oregonians and visitors alike. *Ex-officio* members from a variety of state and federal agencies and related organizations provide advice and technical information.

On the 10th anniversary of the establishment of OHTAC in 2008 it is time to set a direction for the future. This strategic plan describes that future direction. The OHTAC mission, vision, and broad goals for future achievement are included. These provide the foundation for a strategy of specific objectives and actions to be implemented. These actions are to be considered critical, and therefore of the highest priority, for realizing the OHTAC mission.

This strategic plan is expected to have a five-year life span and will be reviewed annually at the council's annual business meeting to track progress and implementation.

Vision

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council is the OFFICIAL liaison for locating, preserving and encouraging use of Oregon's unique 16 corridors of historic trails.

Mission

The mission of OHTAC is established by Executive Order 98-16.

Mission Goals as established by Executive Order NO. EO 98-16

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council was established to:

Goal #1 Promote public awareness of the historical significance of the trails and encourage the development, protection and interpretation of historical sites and outdoor recreation resources along their routes

Goal #2 Act in an advisory capacity to Oregon agencies, bureaus, commissions, councils and committees, making recommendations about activities and policies that relate to the history of the trails and associated sites.

Goal #3 Serve as Oregon's OFFICIAL liaison with other states, associations, federal departments, bureaus and committees concerned with these trails to plan and coordinate activities which foster state and national recognition of the significance of Oregon's historic trails.

Goal #1. Promote, Encourage, Protect, Interpret

Objectives:

(Following objective is the <lead> responsible for the sub goal.)

1.1 Support efforts of local community, non-profit, tribal advocates, and other groups that work towards our mutual goals for the 16 historic trails of Oregon. <council>

F. Meetings

1. The council holds regularly scheduled meetings as determined by a majority of its members and meets on special occasions upon the calling of the chair. Five voting members constitute a quorum. A vote of the majority is sufficient for all actions of the council. The chair, if present, is included in the determination of a quorum and shall participate in voting. Ideally, the Council shall conduct minimum of three meetings per year and arrange for at least two field trips to any of the historic trails. The final meeting of the year is the "annual business meeting" and will set the agenda for the upcoming calendar year as well as designate the next vice chair and recommend to the Governor the current vice-chair to become the next chair at the beginning of the calendar year. The other meeting should be held in conjunction with the field trips to afford an opportunity of public comment along the historic trail field trip area. (See #8 below) Dates and times of future meetings will be agreed upon by the majority of the council at a regularly scheduled meeting.
2. All meetings of the council are conducted as public meetings and are duly announced in accordance with state law. Public announcements and news releases concerning the council's business are made by the Oregon parks and Recreation Department.
3. Notice of meetings, including date and place is given:
 - a. In writing, at least 10 days in advance of all regular meetings; and
 - b. At least 24 hours in advance of all special meetings.
4. The agenda for council meetings is set and modified when necessary by the chair.
5. The chair is responsible for conducting all meetings of the council and in the chair's absence, the vice-chair has that role. When the chair and vice-chair are absent or have to be excused from council proceedings that are underway, the council shall choose an interim chair to conduct the meeting.
6. Meetings of the council are conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order except where they conflict with state or federal law, such as in the determination of a quorum.
7. A period of public comment is included in all council meetings and is generally limited to five minutes per speaker.
8. As often as practicable, the council meets around the state in order to visit historic trail sites and to hear from advocacy groups and constituencies.

G. Amendment of Procedural Rules

An amendment to these procedural rules may be adopted by the council during any meeting provided the amendment is submitted in writing to the council no less than two weeks in advance of the meeting.

OREGON HISTORIC TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL

PROCEDURAL RULES

A. Authorization

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council was created by Governor's Executive Order EO 98-16 on August 11, 1998. The order restates previous orders of the Oregon Trail Advisory Council (EO 84-10 and EO 94-02), revises the council's scope, increases membership, and changes the council's name. The council receives staff assistance from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and reports to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission.

B. Council Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Council include but are not limited to:

1. Developing an Oregon Historic Trails Program using the Oregon Historic Trails Report as a general guide and planning document.
2. Serving as an advisory body for activities and policies involving Oregon's historic trails as listed in ORS 358.057, particularly as they concern the State of Oregon.
3. Promoting public awareness of the historical significance of the trails and encouraging the development, protection and interpretation of historical sites and outdoor recreation resources along their routes.
4. Acting in an advisory capacity to Oregon agencies, bureaus, commissions, councils and committees, making recommendations about activities and policies that relate to the history of the trails and associated sites.
5. Serving as Oregon's official liaison with other states, associations, federal departments, bureaus, recognized tribes and committees concerned with these trails to plan and coordinate activities which foster state and national recognition of the significance of Oregon's historic trails.
6. The council chair shall prepare an annual report of work and meetings in that year and submit it to the State Parks Commission. The report will begin with a brief summary of actions and recommendations made by the council followed by minutes of the meetings, field trip reports and correspondence. The chair will submit the report no later than March 1 of the year following the report year.

C. Membership and Officers

1. The council consists of nine members who are appointed by the Governor. Members serve terms of four years and serve for no more than two terms consecutively. The council reflects the demographic diversity of the state of Oregon to greatest extent possible as well as the interests of a variety of trails.
2. The Governor designates the council chair. The chair designates a vice-chair who carries out the duties of the chair in the chair's absence. The Council from its members select at the final meeting of the year a new chair (generally this will be the current vice-chair) to serve during the following calendar year and recommend his/her appointment by the Governor. The council will then select a new vice-chair from the group. The council

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may add non-voting ex-officio members, associate members, and subcommittees as it deems appropriate. The executive council will consist of the immediate past-chair, current chair and vice chair.

3. Attendance at council meeting is required unless a member is granted an excused absence by the council chair. A pattern of unexcused absences will result in a recommendation to the Governor that the member be replaced.
4. No members of the council, regardless of their status as voting members, ex-officio members, associate members, or any other classification are entitled to compensation for their services or reimbursement for their expenses other than meals, lodging and mileage to attend meetings and field trips as provided for by reimbursement under the agreement with the National Park Service and the State Historic Preservation Office.

D. Committee Conduct

1. Council members shall remember that they are seen as representatives of the Council when they speak on matters pertaining to historic trails and shall take care not to appear to be speaking for the council unless specifically authorized by the council to do so. This also pertains to written correspondence.
2. Members may be asked to attend public meetings regarding historic trails in their area of residence as a representative of the Council. Any decisions that need to be made must be brought back to the Council body or to the executive council for consideration.

E. Conflict of Interest

1. Members of the Council shall disclose and act upon actual, potential or apparent conflicts of interest.
2. "Actual, potential or apparent conflicts of interest" means any action, decision, or recommendation taken by a council member in the course of council business that results, might result or may appear to result in a direct pecuniary benefit or detriment to council member, to a member of the council's household, or a business with which the council member or a member of the council member's household is associated, unless the pecuniary benefit is a result of the following:
 - a. An interest or membership in a particular business, industry, occupation or other class required by law as a prerequisite to the holding by the person of the office or position;
 - b. Any action which would affect to the same degree a class consisting of an industry, occupation, or other group to which the council member, or a member of council member's household or business with which the council member is associated, is a member or is engaged; or
 - c. Membership in or membership on the board of directors of a non-profit corporation that is tax-exempt under section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code.
3. A member shall publicly announce an actual, potential or apparent conflict of interest prior to any council action on the matter in conflict. The member shall disclose the nature of the conflict, but need not disclose any monetary value involved. Each member is responsible for ascertaining and disclosing his or her interest, but not conflicts of other council members.

**Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council Funds
2010 Bank Account**

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council needed some funds that would not detract from the OHTAC grant funds that could help defray the expenses for others with trail knowledge to assist the OHTAC Board members with field trips.

In accordance with the November 1999 agreement with the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council and the Oregon Community Foundation, in June 2010 OHTAC received from the OCF a portion of the OTCC Fund for OHTAC use. OHTAC Vice Chair Glenn Harrison was selected as the OHTAC Treasurer with Chair Leta Neiderheiser as an alternate signer on the account. Harrison obtained an IRS EIN (01-0967055), opened a bank account at Key Bank, and filed with the office of the Secretary of State as a Government Entity. There is no bank fee for checks, but there is a \$3.50 imaging fee each month that a check is processed on the monthly bank statement. The underlined portions in the report are the monthly bank statement figures.

During 2010 three payments were made of \$200 each that in turn helped support a museum, the development of a DVD, and a book - all trail related. So the OHTAC funds have been well spent. A Form 990 will be filed with the IRS and a Form CT-12 will be filed with the Oregon Department of Revenue. We operate on a calendar year basis.

Date	Activity	Income	Expense	Balance
6/7/10	Bank account opened with OCF check from OTCC Fund	\$3,151.00		\$3,151.00
6/7/10	Loren Irving Fremont Trail field trip expenses (Lakeview) (Used for producing a DVD about Fremont in Oregon)		\$200.00	\$2,951.00
<u>6/30/10</u>	Bank Fee		\$3.50	<u>\$2,947.50</u>
<u>7/31/10</u>	July Statement			<u>\$2,947.50</u>
<u>8/31/10</u>	August Statement			<u>\$2,947.50</u>
9/3/10	Oakridge Historical Museum Free Emigrant Road field trip expenses (Oakridge)		\$200.00	\$2,747.50
<u>9/30/10</u>	Bank Fee		\$3.50	<u>\$2,744.00</u>
10/5/10	James Hambleton Meek Cutoff field trip expenses (Burns) (Applied to cost of publishing a book on the Meek Cutoff)		\$200.00	\$2,544.00
<u>10/29/10</u>	Bank Fee		\$3.50	<u>\$2,540.50</u>
<u>11/30/10</u>				<u>\$2,540.50</u>
<u>12/31/10</u>				<u>\$2,540.50</u>

Glenn Harrison
OHTAC Treasurer

Subject: Action Item: OHTAC draw-down request of funds set aside by Oreg Historic Trails Fund Advisory Committee must be approved or denied

From: "Megan Schumaker" <MSchumaker@oregoncf.org>

Date: Tue, 18 May 2010 16:23:53 -0700

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Hello, everyone! I hope you're having a good year so far. I have an action item for you. I need you to respond to this email with a "Yes, I approve the draw-down herein described" or "No, I do not approve the draw-down herein described." Although technically I need only the approval of the committee chair (Mary), I assume that all of you want to weigh in on this.

Here are the specifics. In 2001 and 2004, we set aside \$3,000 each (\$6,000 total) from the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council Fund for staffing assistance and support for the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council. The language of the fund agreement reads "...to be used as the members of the Oregon Historic Trails Fund Advisory Committee shall deem necessary or desirable to provide meeting coordination and secretarial services for the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council." We used only \$2,849 of that funding, so the \$3,151 balance has remained set aside in a special fund here since 2004. When we met last fall, I asked you if you wanted to keep this funding set aside or if you wanted it returned to the fund. You said you wanted to keep it set aside (that is, keep it available).

So we now have a formal letter from Leta – in her role as chair of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council – requesting a draw-down of this funding. It will be used by OHTAC for its meetings, to ensure that all members can participate and meeting expenses are covered. This is an appropriate use of the funds.

Please let me know your "vote" on this and contact me if you have any questions. Thanks!

Megan Schumaker

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Draft Agenda
Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council
May 2, 2010
Lake County Fairgrounds
Lakeview, Oregon

Call to Order and Welcome-8:00 A.M.

- Introduction of members, staff and guest
- Additions/changes to agenda

Public Comment Time

Review and approve minutes of last meeting-September 27, 2009-Ontario

Staff Report

- Terms, vacancies
- Other

Old Business

- . Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line-(Glenn Harrison-report)
- . Umatilla Army Depot- (Wendell Baskins-report)
- . Oregon Energy Facility Sitting Council-(Wendell and Glenn-report)
- . Shepherds Flat Wind Farm Energy Project-(Leta-report)
- . Rezoning of Tutuilla Road parcel, Pendleton-(Keith May-report)
- . Other Wind Farm concerns
- . Umatilla County Department of Resources Services and Development-GIS overlay map for Oregon Trail.

New Business

- . Upcoming meetings- Oakridge-Free Emigrant Road-August 27-29
- Burns-Meek-October 1-3.
- . Housing of Material from Jim Renner
- . Heritage Program-Salem-May 20 (Ross)
- . Other

Adjournment

Draft Agenda
Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council
August 29, 2010
Oakridge Museum
Oakridge, Oregon

Call to Order and welcome-8:30 a.m.

Introduction of members, staff and guest
Additions/changes to agenda

Public Comment Time

Review and approve minutes of last meeting-May 2, 2010 - Lakeview

Staff Reports

Terms, vacancies
Introduction of David Bogan
Other

Old Business

Correspondence with wind and transmission line developers

- . Montague Wind Power Facility- (Wendell-report)
- . Shepherd's Flat Wind Energy Projects
- . Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line
- . Other Wind Farm Concerns

Meadow Lakes Project/Santiam Wagon Road

- . Letter
- . Glenn-report

Funds from OTCC

- . Letter requesting funds
- . Glenn-report
- . Use of funds by Loren Irving

Housing of Jim Renner Material

Heritage Program-Salem- May 20-(Ross and Wendell report)

New Business

Upcoming meeting-Burns- Oct. 1-3

Other

Presentation by Montague Wind Power Facility—11:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Agenda
Annual Business Meeting
Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council
October 3, 2010 -8:00 am
Harney County Chamber of Commerce
484 N Broadway
Burns, OR

Call to Order and welcome-8:00 a.m.

Introduction of OHTAC members, staff and guest
Additions/changes to agenda

Public Comment Time

Review and approve minutes -August 29, 2010-Oakridge

Corrections/additions

Staff Reports

Terms, vacancies, new members (David)
Other

Old Business

Correspondence with wind and transmission line developers

- . Montague Wind Power Facility
- . Helix
- . Antelope Ridge (Wendell)
- . Cascade Crossing Transmission Line -still no contact with OHTAC
- . Rock Creek Wind Power

Santiam Wagon Road- (Glenn) – Letter in support of funding for Santiam Wagon Road

Loren Irving- film presentation – Tues. October 5, 2010-Bend

Reimbursements (David)

New Business

Review of Oakridge field trip

- . Recommendations or Actions needed by council

- . OHTAC/SHPO – Shared Goals
 - . National Register Nominations

- . Section 106
- . Improvement of Trails database (electronic and paper)
- . Improvement of OHTAC web page features and content
- . OHTAC participation in Oregon Heritage Conference-Astoria, April 7- 9, 2011

Use of funds from OHTAC's Oregon Community Foundation Account

- . Reimbursement of those who went on the Montague outing/ future trips concerning wind mill development

Plans for 2011 Meetings

- . Suggestions: (Need some with possible dates before the meeting)

Chair Rotation

- . Recommendation to Governor: appointment of Glenn Harrison to become 2011 chair
- . Elect new vice-chair (to become 2012 chair)

Individual Reports

- . Council members have opportunity to discuss what is happening in their locale concerning trails and related issues.

- . Other

Adjourn

OHTAC SPRING MEETING MINUTES
Lake County Fairgrounds
Lakeview, May 2, 2010

In Attendance

Connie Colton, OHTAC Keith May, OHTAC; Glenn Harrison, OHTAC Vice Chair; Leta Niederheiser, OHTAC Chair; Wendell Baskins, OHTAC; John Hayes, OHTAC; Ross Curtis, OPRD/SHPO; Joe Niederheiser, Citizen; Gordon Colton, Citizen, Lynn Baskins, Citizen.

OHTAC Members Absent With Previous Notification

John Chess, Sam Woolsey, Dick Spray.

Call to Order and Welcome (Leta)-8 am.

Public Comment

None.

Adopt Agenda (Leta)

Agenda adopted with a few new additions (reflected in the present meeting minutes) and flexibility was proposed by Chair.

Minutes from September 2009 in Ontario (Ross)

Meeting minutes from Ontario in September were reviewed. Motion to approve-Wendell, Second-John H., motion carries with unanimous approval.

Review of Field Notes from September Meeting in Ontario (Leta)

Field notes from the last field trip to Ontario in September were reviewed. Chair asked that they be approved as presented, and Council agreed.

Staff Report (Ross)

Ross provided an update on travel reimbursement. Roger Roper had requested another \$6500.00 from NPS to help cover the cost of OHTAC travel for 2010. This was approved by NPS and with a small amount remaining from last year, makes a total of about \$7000 available for 2010. Partial travel reimbursement (25%) was approved by NPS for this field trip and meeting in Lakeview, because the trail is not a National Historic Trail (NHT); but NHT (s) would be part of the business meeting discussion. Full reimbursement through NPS will be available for the upcoming meetings in Oakridge and

Burns because these meetings and field trips will be examining two proposed routes under consideration by NPS for NHT designation. Kim Garner had sent out State of Oregon expense sheets for all OHTAC members to fill out prior to the meeting. Ross will pass these along on Monday (or when all lodging receipts were received-some members requested that they have the opportunity to record the amounts at home and send in their receipts later) to Kim for reimbursement.

Checking on the member terms, it was noted that several members will be coming to the end of their terms in 2010. Richard, Wendell, Connie, and Sam will be reaching the end of their first terms in 2010 and will need to reapply. It was not known if Richard and Sam will be reapplying for another term. Richard had indicated during the previous meeting at Ontario in September 2009 that he had some reluctance in reapplying but would give it consideration (his term ends on July 16, 2010). Sam has a term which ends on October 31, 2010. Connie has a term ending October 31, 2010 and Wendell has a term ending October 31, 2010, and both were positive about reapplying for another term. Leta indicated she would follow up with Richard and Sam to see if they intend to reapply. Keith will be at the end of his second consecutive term in 2010, and will be going off the council. A replacement will be needed, and the name of Ann Rodgers, who has previously served on OHTAC, and is from Pendleton, was proposed for consideration. If more than one replacement member is needed, the name of Loren Irving of Bend was also proposed.

OLD BUSINESS

1 Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) Transmission Line

OHTAC was consulted early in the development process for the project and continues to monitor the development of the project. The proposed route for the project has still yet to be agreed upon. Leta submitted a letter to BLM (federal lead agency) asking for OHTAC status as an interested part. She had not heard back from BLM.

2. Umatilla Chemical Depot (Wendell)

Wendell attended a meeting in April at the depot to discuss the decommissioning and surplus of the property. It sounds as though the property will be split between the Port of Umatilla and the Port of Morro, and these groups will take over management of the land. The Army indicated at the meeting that they were aware of the historic trails in the property and would be taking them into consideration as the process evolves. Ross indicated that he had heard that the federal Section 106 compliance process had begun, and the Army had been consulting with Oregon SHPO. SHPO is aware of the OHTAC trail preservation concerns, and has been asking the Army to provide information on the history and significance of the trail segments. At present this information has not been received from the Army.

3. Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (Wendell and Glenn)

Wendell reported that he and Glenn Harrison had attended a meeting of the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council in Hood River on March 12th. Wendell sent out a more detailed report of the meeting to OHTAC members via email. One of the topics at this meeting included the potential of opening up the process of rule making to amend the process where by wind farms of less than 105 megawatts are not required to go through the state environmental review. With the present system a series of several related wind farms of less than 105 megawatts each are developed at once resulting in a large farm made up of several farms below the limit. Environmental group are the proponents of the rule change to remove the "loop-hole" that allows this type of dissection to avoid environmental review. A meeting was held in Portland in April 29th to determine if the council would open up the rule making process, but this was the travel day for the OHTAC meeting and field trip, and it was not known if the Siting Council approved opening up the rule making process. OHTAC will wait to see what happens with opening the rule making process, and determine if the group wants to support the process of changing the rules.

4. Shepherd Flat Wind Farm (Leta)

This project continues to be monitored by OHTAC. Recent developments included the project being placed on-hold because of FAA and military concerns regarding interference to national radar systems. Leta indicated she had heard these concerns were being addressed and the project would proceed. Glen noted that the senators from Oregon were going to hold-up the military budget approval in the senate until these problems were resolved and the project approved.

5. Rezoning of Tutuilla Road Parcel, Pendleton (Keith)

The county recently approved rezoning for apartments on a piece of land in Pendleton where the Oregon Trail had passed through. OHTAC was concerned that there may be intact ruts from the route on the property. Additional examination of the area and a look at aerial photographs from the 1950s showed a driveway had been put in on top of the trail, and the area thought to represent intact ruts was actually this historic driveway. No further preservation recommendations were requested, and OHTAC was satisfied that "due diligence" had been exercised by the county to show that this was not an intact section of Oregon Trail.

6. Other Wind Farm Concerns-Antelope Ridge (Wendell)

Wendell represented OHTAC and Glenn represented OCTA at a meeting with Horizon Energy and their cultural resource consultants AINW (with Terry Ozbun representing the company) regarding the findings of their cultural resource investigations for the Antelope Ridge Wind Farm. Also present were Dave Welch from OCTA, Susan White, Assistant State Archaeologist from SHPO, and Valerie Franklin, Project manger. On speaker

phone were Lee Kreutzer, NPS National Historic Trails Office, and Nick from Horizon Energy.

The significance of the segment of trail was discussed and all were in agreement that it was an important section, and should be avoided. Developer is in agreement to have no impacts on the trail by adjusting the locations of turbines, etc. The consultants are continuing to evaluate what the impacts to the view shed will be. The project is just going through the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council process, so has not moved into the Section 106 process at this time. The section 106 process will begin based on either wetlands (US Fish and Wildlife) or an Army Corps 404 permit for stream course. No decisions have yet been made regarding what the impact of the project might be to the view shed. OHTAC and OCTA are wondering what mitigation might be for the view shed, but the impacts are still to be evaluated. It was the understanding of OHTAC that they are not at the point yet to discuss mitigation. Dave Welch from OCTA apparently brought up mitigation measures consisting of land purchase that were used recently in Wyoming, but it was not clear if this type of mitigation would be appropriate in this instance since there are not direct impacts to the trail, and the potential view shed impacts are still being analyzed. OHTAC is not presently taking the position of asking for this type of mitigation, and will wait to see what kind of view shed impacts will be identified in the on-going analysis.

7. Applegate Kiosk at Rickreal

A discussion developed regarding who is responsible for repairing the Applegate Kiosk at Rickreal. OHTAC had hoped that someone from the county would apply to the Oregon Historic Trails Fund for money to repair the roof on the kiosk. Apparently the county is still maintaining that OTCC paid for the kiosk and is responsible for the maintenance. This does not seem like something the group would have agreed to, but nothing is being done. It was suggested by Ross that perhaps someone from OHTAC could in essence fill out the application for funding from OHTF, and provide to the county a "guide" to help facilitate their application. It was suggested that their might be an agreement somewhere in the records of OTCC regarding this arrangement. These records are in the state archives, so would require the efforts of someone to go in and track down the agreement.

8. Umatilla County GIS Overlay Map of Oregon Trail

Umatilla County is requesting some information for their GIS overlay of the Oregon Trail, but Wendell was not sure what they want. They already have a copy of the GIS data provided by SHPO, so it is not clear what else they would like from OHTAC. Leta will follow up with a letter of inquiry.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Upcoming Meeting Planning-Oakridge (Free Emigrant) and Burns (Meek Cutoff)

Planning is underway for both trips. For the trip to see the Free Emigrant Route based out of Oakridge, August 27-29, Kim Garner has made a block of reservations at the Best Western Motel. Information for this was sent out to all OHTAC members, for each to make their own reservations under this block to get government rate. Leta found a local spot at the Oakridge Museum where the business meeting can be held on Sunday morning. A local trails expert will be assisting as a guide. There will be more information to come on this trip. Keith and Wendell indicated they had schedule conflicts and would probably not be able to attend. Leta will check to make sure there will be enough members in attendance for a quorum before the meeting. John Hayes suggested it might be good to invite the local Forest Service archaeologist to the field trip and meeting. Leta indicated she would do this. It was noted that this would be a joint trip with OCTA and they would be invited to the field trip.

Planning is also underway for the Meek Cutoff based out of Burns, October 1-3. Kim Garner has also made a block of reservations at the Best Western Motel in Burns. Information for this was sent out to all OHTAC members, for each to make their own reservations under this block to get government rate. The motel has a conference room that OHTAC can use for the Sunday business meeting. It was suggested that the BLM be invited, and a Leta will contact the BLM. Loren Irving is in contact with someone who is also working on documenting the Meek Cutoff, so Leta will contact him to get the name and see if they would like to be involved in the field trip.

10. Housing Materials from Jim Renner (Wendell)

Wendell recommended that the group enter a fact finding mode and try to come up with a place to house materials from Jim Renner. A motion was made by Wendell, and a second was made by Glenn. Motion passed unanimously. Wendell noted that Leta has the Applegate Trail materials from Jim Renner, but he is currently in position of the remainder of the materials. It was suggested that the members consider potential repositories, email suggestions to Leta, and then bring any other ideas to the annual meeting in Burns.

11. Historic Preservation Month Fair in Salem-May 20, 2010 (Ross)

OPRD Heritage Programs will be hosting a historic preservation month fair at the State Capitol Grounds in Salem, May 20, 2010. OHTAC was invited to attend, and initially Leta and Wendell agreed to come. Due to the distance required for Leta to attend she asked if Wendell would be ok without her, and he said he would. OCTA was also invited to attend, and Glenn agreed to represent the group. Both groups will share a table, and have the opportunity to talk with the public about historic trails preservation. Ross noted that Heritage Programs was compiling a map based on the Oregon Community Fund map

of the 16 historic trails OHTAC advises on. The map will be mounted on a large poster and could be used as a back drop, and have uses at other events in the future.

12. Funds from OTCC

Wendell noted that there are funds remaining from the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council (OTCC) that could be available for the use of OHTAC. These are housed at the Oregon Community Fund with the Historic Trails Fund, and there needs to be more inquiry to determine how they could be accessed by OHTAC. Vice Chair Glenn Harrison was asked to serve as the OHTAC treasurer with the ability to open a bank account and have check signing abilities (Chair Leta Neiderheiser would be the other signer on the account). A motion was made by Keith that this authorization for Glenn and Leta be approved and that Wendell talk with Megan Schumaker of OCF to further determine what the process for accessing the funds was. Connie was second, and the motion passed unanimously.

13. Field Trip Review and Recommendations- (Leta)

Wendell will write up detailed field trip notes but several action items and recommendations were made.

There was woodpecker damage noted on the Fremont Route sign located in Summer Lake.

It was recommended that a letter of support be drafted by OHTAC to encourage the relocation of the probable Fremont coins from the Forest Service Office at Silver Lake to a more appropriate location such as the Deschutes County Historical Museum, where other Fremont Expedition items are housed, and where more people could see them. John Hayes noted that he would check with Deschutes County to make sure they thought this was appropriate. If they respond positively, Leta will send the letter.

Thank you notes to Summer Lake Lodge for lunch, Loren Irving for his field trip, and to the Lake County Fairgrounds for use of the meeting facility.

It was noted that the Fremont Route is not well signed or interpreted in the area, and it was suggested that OHTAC might contact OTIC to see if better signage or a pamphlet could be produced. It was suggested that Annie Von Domitz might be a good contact for this at OTIC.

More details on the field trip will follow in the field trip notes.

14. Other Business and Individual Reports from Council and Ex-Officio Members None.

15. Public Comment None.

OTHER

None.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

OHTAC SUMMER MEETING MINUTES
Oakridge Museum
Oakridge, August 29, 2010

In Attendance

Sam Woolsey, OHTAC; Glenn Harrison, OHTAC Vice Chair; Leta Niederheiser, OHTAC Chair; Wendell Baskins, OHTAC; John Hayes, OHTAC; Ross Curtis, OPRD/SHPO; David Bogan OPRD/SHPO; Roger Roper, OPRD/SHPO; Aaron Mahr Yanez, NPS; Lee Kreutzer, NPS; Joe Niederheiser, Citizen; Sara McMahon Parsons, Citizen/Consultant, Chase Whitney, Citizen/Consultant; Elaine Albrich, Citizen/Consultant Attorney; Robin McClintock, Citizen/ Archaeological Consultant.

OHTAC Members Absent With Previous Notification

John Chess, Connie Colton, Keith May.

Call to Order and Welcome (Leta)-8:30 am.

Minutes from April 2010 in Lakeview (Ross)

Meeting minutes from Lakeview in April were reviewed previously via email, and it was proposed that they be approved as previously corrected in a motion to approve presented by Glenn; Second-John H. The motion carries with unanimous approval.

Public Comment

NPS representatives presented an update to the group about future funding and their feasibility study for the Free Emigrant Trail and other potential additions to the Oregon Trail. NPS Superintendent Aaron Mahr Yanez described the positive partnership between OHTAC and NPS, and reiterated the support NPS has for the work of OHTAC. He went on to describe potential budget cuts in the future to the National Historic Trails Program. In 2011 the budget looks good, but there may be cuts in 2012 and 2013 that could affect the ability of NPS to continue to help support OHTAC with travel reimbursement.

NPS Archaeologist Lee Kreutzer gave additional information to the group about the status of the feasibility study for the Free Emigrant Trail. She indicated that NPS had most of the preliminary historic data (including information pulled together in the Evans-Hatch study) and mapping data needed to do the feasibility analysis. They will be working on this in the near future and having a public comment period that will begin in the Spring of 2011. Based on the analysis and public comments, a preferred alternative will be selected from the information.

Glenn noted that OHTAC had met with Evans-Hatch while they were working on the information for their study of the Free Emigrant Trail in about 2004 when OHTAC last

visited the trail. Glenn noted that OHTAC never saw the results of the study. Aaron explained that the results were a file of information, not a report.

Lee indicated there was not a synthesis of the data ready at present but that it would be in the draft feasibility study that will be produced in the future, and which will be provided to OHTAC for review.

Aaron also noted that the Evan-Hatch study was really a compilation of existing source information on the trail copied and provided to the NPS. From this information a synthesis will be produced, but is not currently available.

Leta asked if they needed anything from OHTAC to help with this feasibility study ?

Lee thought they had all the information they needed at present.

Lee also shared information on an initiative by the trails program to encourage the listing of more trails on the National Register of Historic Places that are National Historic Trails or are related. NPS would like to encourage states to nominate more segments of these trails to the National Register to help elevate their profiles. They would especially like to encourage more private land owners to nominate segments.

Roger indicated that this would be especially useful if private land segments could be nominated that the public could access. He also noted that Oregon State Parks would be interested in nominating segments of the Oregon Trail that fall on parks lands.

Staff Report (Ross)

Ross told the council he would be leaving Oregon State Parks, and introduced his replacement David Bogan. David is the SHPO Heritage Programs Communication Coordinator and familiar with the work of OHTAC.

Checking on the member terms, it was noted that several members will be coming to the end of their terms in 2010. Dick Spray had a term that ended in July, and he decided he would not reapply for a second term with OHTAC. Wendell, Connie, and Sam will reach the end of their first terms in October 2010. Wendell and Connie have reapplied (and approved by the Governor's Office), and Sam is deciding if he will be reapplying for another term. Keith will be at the end of his second consecutive term in 2010, and will be going off the council. Replacements for Dick and Keith will be needed, and the name of Loren Irving of Bend was previously proposed. Loren was contacted, and has indicated to Wendell that he will be applying for one of the positions. Wendell also noted that there was not OHTAC representation from the coast, and indicated he would check to see if there was anyone in Astoria or other parts of the coast that might be a good fit for the council. Leta mentioned the name of Jim Ford from Grants Pass who is interested in historic trails as another possible replacement.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Montague Wind Power Facility (Wendell)

Leta indicated that there had been recent activity with this on-going project and that recently two separate letters had been sent by her to the Department of Energy regarding the project. She was aware that the second letter had not been reviewed by Heritage Programs (the first letter had been) and that there were some issues that arose as a result. She asked that Roger wait to comment until the council had discussed the project.

The first letter reiterated request OHTAC had for avoiding view shed impacts and requests for an interpretive panel. The second letter requested "limited party status" to initiate a "contested case" with the Department of Energy site certificate. It was the understanding of Wendell and Leta that this was what was required if they wanted OHTAC to be able to stay in the process. Unfortunately, previous discussions with Iberdola by OHTAC and OCTA that resulted in an "action plan" that had not been summarized in writing before this point, and with only two days to respond, Leta and Wendell felt pressured into making a decision. The items in the "action plan" would address the concerns of both groups, but since Wendell and Leta had not seen these in writing, they were afraid they would not be instituted if the "contested case" were not pursued through a request for "limited party status".

There was discussion among OHTAC members regarding the reasons why this needed to be done. The council felt that what was being proposed by Iberdola was close to what OHTAC wanted except that they had not seen a commitment for perpetual maintenance of the interpretive panel and how this might work, and it was not all in writing.

Roger was able to discuss the project after the council concluded there general discussion. Roger described that the Department of Justice (DOJ) had received information about the "contested case" and OHTACs request for "limited party status" and had contacted him about this. It appeared that this was a status that OHTAC would not be able to have given their associations as an advisory group.

Leta understood this was probably not the role for OHTAC, and indicated she could withdraw the letter and request. It was decided that the council would see what the representatives from Iberdola had to say when they addressed the council later in the public meeting before making a final decision.

2. Shepherd Flat Wind Farm (Leta)

This project continues to be monitored by OHTAC. The project has been split up into three separate entities to get under the 103 megawatt limit that kicks in environmental review.

Ross asked if the "loophole" which allows wind farms to be split up in this manner has been addressed by DOE as previously discussed.

Wendell indicated that the request to open up the rule making process to amend the rules was not approved by the DOE Siting Council, so the rules will stay the way they are. There is potential even with the smaller farms for the counties to address environmental concerns including cultural resources.

Glenn noted that there were changes made during the development of this wind farm project to protect the Oregon Trail. He thought the input from OHTAC had helped in achieve this protection.

Wendell noted that farmers are now receiving as much as \$10,000 per year for each wind turbine on their lands, so there is a financial cost to avoiding and protecting the trail.

3. Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) Transmission Line-Wendell

OHTAC was consulted early in the development process for the project and continues to monitor the development of the project. The proposed route for the project has yet to be agreed upon, but the most recent information indicates that the developers may stay within a corridor previously developed with another power line that parallels Interstate 84 for much of the route. When the project corridor splits off in Baker Valley there is still consideration of how it will be routed, and if it will pass through the valley below the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

4. Other Wind Farm and Power Line Concerns-(Leta)

Baseline Wind Farm will be coming up. Helix will also be coming up in the future and will also be developed by Iberdrola. It's not yet known if historic trails will be impacted by either of these wind farms.

The Cascade Crossing Transmission Line will also be coming up and runs through the central part of the state. It has the potential to cross several historic trails including the Meek Cutoff, Cutoff to the Barlow Road, Klamath Trail, Fremont Route, etc. OHTAC is aware of this project, but has not been contacted by anyone yet regarding the project.

5. Meadow Lakes Project/Santiam Wagon Road (Glenn)

Glenn indicate there was a meeting about the use of trails for OHV use, and an area previously examine by OHTAC on the Willamette side close to the Deschutes border on the wagon road route that had been recommend by the group as an area that should not be open to OHV use. A letter was sent by Leta requesting that this area not be open to OHV use.

6. Funds from OTCC

Wendell noted that there are funds remaining from the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council (OTCC) that are available for the use of OHTAC. These are housed at the

Oregon Community Fund with the Historic Trails Fund. These funds are available to help defray the costs of speakers and field trip guides when they come to OHTAC events.

7. Housing Materials from Jim Renner (Wendell)

Based on previous discussions, Glenn and Leta have been looking into potential repositories to house the materials received from Jim Renner. Leta checked with Josephine County, and Glenn had checked with the U of O Knight Library and Oregon State Library. Oregon State Library was the only potential repository that expressed interest in housing the collection. A motion was made by Wendell, and a second was made by John to have Glenn pursue housing the Jim Renner Collection at the Oregon State Library in Salem. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Historic Preservation Month Fair in Salem-May 20, 2010 (Ross and Wendell)

OPRD Heritage Programs hosted a historic preservation month fair at the State Capitol Grounds in Salem, May 20, 2010. OHTAC was invited to attend, and Wendell agreed to come. OCTA was also invited to attend, and Glenn agreed to represent the group. Both groups shared a table, and had the opportunity to talk with the public about historic trails preservation.

Glenn and Wendell felt that the interaction was positive and Wendell said he would be willing to do it again in the future.

David noted that the Heritage Conference this next year would be in Astoria and that perhaps OHTAC could be involved again.

Roger noted that it might be a good context to talk about how OHTAC has been working with NPS on feasibility studies for the Free Emigrant and Meek Cutoff routes.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Meeting Planning- Burns (Meek Cutoff)

Planning is underway for the Meek Cutoff based out of Burns, October 1-3. Kim Garner has also made a block of reservations at the Best Western Motel in Burns. The motel has a conference room that OHTAC can use for the Sunday business meeting. James Hambleton is a local expert on the trail and is planning to lead the field trip for OHTAC. It was previously suggested that the BLM be invited, and Leta has contacted the BLM archaeologists. Dianne Pritchard from the Vail District will be in attendance, but the local Burns District Archaeologist, Scott Thomas will not be able to attend due to a previous engagement.

Leta noted this would be the annual meeting for OHTAC and that members should give some thought to where the group should visit in 2011.

Wendell noted that the field trip location in Burns would be near the Steen Mountains. He shared a visit to a public information presentation he attended about possible wind farm development in the area. The proposed development will not impact any of the 16 historic trails OHTAC has oversight for.

9. Field Trip Review and Recommendations- (Leta)

Wendell will write up detailed field trip notes and email to members. As a follow up to this trail visit, Leta will send letters of thanks to the field trip guides Del and Keith. It was suggested that perhaps OHTAC could make a donation of \$200.00 to the Oakridge Museum as thanks for hosting OHTAC. Wendell made a motion to make this donation and John was second. Motion passed unanimously.

BREAK

10:45-11:00 AM

10. Public Comment-Montague Wind Farm Consultants Presentation

Proponents of the Montague Wind Power Project working for Iberdrola Renewables, made a presentation to OHTAC. The group included Business developers Sarah McMahon Parsons and Chase Whitney, Legal Counsel (Stoel-Rives) Elaine Albrich, and Archaeological Consultant Robin McClintock. The goal of their presentation was to negotiate with OHTAC to come up with a settlement that would satisfy the council and result in withdraw of the limited party status as part of a contested case. Iberdrola wanted to avoid a contested case and was willing to put into writing all of the previous concessions that they had discussed with OHTAC.

The presentation noted that conditions of the site certificate issued by DOE included removing any wind towers from the route of the Oregon Trail and moving them at least 1000 feet away. Also, the height of two towers potentially visible from the Four Mile Canyon segment of the trail where the BLM interpretive kiosk is located, would not have their height reduced to minimize visual impacts.

In addition to the conditions of this permit, Iberdrola was willing to host a site visit to OHTAC and OCTA in September to allow them to visit the trail segment on private lands. An additional concession is that the developer will sponsor an additional more detailed historic study in 2011. An interpretive sign or possibly more will be created and placed in an agreed upon location. A fund will be established to maintain the sign(s) in perpetuity. A maximum of \$22,000 will be paid by the developer to accomplish the interpretive sign creation.

Discussion was held by OHTAC regarding the agreement, and the group agreed this would be sufficient to address their concerns. There was some concern about who would insure the signs were maintained in perpetuity, but in the end it was decided this could be worked out in the future.

A motion was made by Wendell that the council would authorize Leta upon receipt of the written agreement outlining the agreed upon conditions to withdraw limited party status. The motion had a second from Glenn and carried unanimously.

It was agreed that Iberdrola would email Leta the revised settlement agreement outlining all agreed upon conditions. Upon satisfactory review, Leta would then sign and return the settlement agreement. Leta would then send a letter to DOE formally withdrawing the limited party status.

Wendell asked the proponents why "recreational standard" was used as a basis for initially analyzing the Oregon Trail in the present wind farm?

Attorney Albrich responded that DOE applies the standards and was looking at this case at the BLM interpretive kiosk as being a significant use/value. She noted that historic values were considered in the project under different standards and were also taken into account. The recreational standard actually results in an analysis scale that is five miles in diameter, while the site standard used for individual cultural resources has a much smaller scale of analysis restricted to an area right around the resource.

OTHER

None.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 12 PM.

OHTAC FALL MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2010
Harney County Chamber of Commerce
Burns, Oregon

In Attendance

Sam Woolsey, Glenn Harrison, Leta Niederheiser, John Hayes, Keith May, John Chess, Connie Colton, David Bogan OPRD/SHPO; Joe Niederheiser, citizen; Gordon Colton, citizen

OHTAC Members Absent With Previous Notification

Wendell Baskins

Call to Order and Welcome (Leta)-8:30 am.

Public Comment

None

Review & approval of 8/29/10-Oakridge Minutes

Corrections

Keith: page 3, paragraph 4 – should be “their”

Sam: p. 6 –should be “Steens” Mountain

Connie moved that the minutes be accepted as amended; Keith seconded the motion.

Staff Reports

New & continuing members

Sam Woolsey said that he had reapplied for another term. David mentioned that new member paperwork for Loren Irving (Bend) and Jim Ford (Grants Pass) had not yet been submitted to Governor’s office. Leta will contact both to encourage them to send in the information asap.

Old Business

Montague project

Leta said that she had signed and mailed the agreement worked out at the last OHTAC meeting.

Helix project

Leta reported that in emails she received from Hazelett he indicated there was no impact.

Antelope Ridge

Leta said she has received an email from Wendell who reported that this project is moving slowly. Connie mentioned that the Nov. election ballot included Ladd Hill portion and wondered what might be the outcome of that vote. Glenn said he had

been in contact with Bill Mohler who provided the photograph of the old tree that still has the rope burn marks from lowering wagons down the steep slope. Leta said that there could be profound impacts, but that there was no action for OHTAC at this time.

Cascade Crossing

Leta said that she had sent a letter on July 5 asking for protection of trail, to avoid degradation of view shed and positioning of access roads. Glenn showed a map of potential contact with nine historic trails. David will check with SHPO archaeologists on the status of this project. Keith noted that there are not many physical monuments on these trails.

Rock Creek

Leta read Glenn's email re the project being six miles from endangered eagle habitat. Glenn mentioned that the Oregon Desert Group had stated that in Nevada there was a potential for a \$20 million mitigation for a natural gas line.

Santiam Wagon Road National Register nomination

Leta said that the US Forest Service would erect a one-panel kiosk. Glenn agreed to help Leta with a letter of support to Cascadia for their involvement.

New Business

Glenn reported that there would be a Oct. 5 showing of "Finding Fremont in Oregon 1843" in Bend and that he had sent an OHTAC check for \$200 to Loren Irving and Deschutes County Museum. Glenn showed the first several minutes of the video to the OHTAC group and said that he purchased a copy (\$20) from Deschutes County Historical Museum. Leta asked if there was any further action required from OHTAC. Glenn suggested writing a letter commending them for work on the video project. Connie moved that the letter be written and sent; Keith seconded the motion.

David will check on reimbursement forms and determine why "zeroes" appear.

Leta mentioned that Glenn, Wendell and John (Chess) travelled to Montague wind project for on site visit at invitation of company and wondered if travel reimbursements could be made to these members from secondary fund. David reported that Roger Roper felt it was okay for reimbursements for this type of travel if there were funds left over from regular budget. Keith moved for partial or full reimbursement policy to come from regular fund for field trip; Glenn seconded the motion. John (Hayes) mentioned that this policy is appropriate given an ever expanding role of OHTAC members to make extra trips for on-the-ground observation of wind farm and similar projects. Sam said that the first priority of the travel budget should be to cover meeting expenses. Keith mentioned that reimbursements had been submitted but not yet paid. John (Chess) asked if OHTAC had made a request for next year's NPS funds. Keith suggested that the OHTAC executive members and or up to three people on a sub-committee be authorized to make these extra trips as required. Glenn added that the company (Montague) had restricted number of observers. Keith moved that there should be a revised travel

policy on par with yearly meeting budget to send official OHTAC representatives up to three people for these on site visits; Connie seconded the motion. Members present approved without objection.

Leta distributed Wendell's field notes for Free Emigrant Road (FER) for council to look over. David asked about the follow up procedure for FER (and other trail) recommendations made by Council. Keith mentioned that the OHTAC chair writes a letter to appropriate agency citing recommendations. Sam added that the Council is charged with making advisory recommendations. Keith said that letter should be sent to Forest Service/Willamette National Forest.

Glenn reported his research on deaths on the FER and passed out information he found. Connie asked about FER maps.

Keith suggested that the Council get in touch with Jim Hamilton to provide the materials that he has developed on Meek Trail including the Powerpoint he presented to the group. Sam moved that an honorarium be given to Jim in the amount of \$200 for his expenses; Connie seconded motion. Members present approved without objection. There was general discussion about signage for Meek Cut Off.

2011 Meeting Dates

Leta opened discussion regarding next year's meetings and trail field trips and asked about Fort Clatsop being a good meeting site. Keith said that Oregon Heritage Conference would be held in Astoria in April and wondered if OHTAC meeting could be held in conjunction with conference. David mentioned that there was very limited meeting space available to groups outside of official conference activities. Leta read a list of past years' locations and field trips. Keith suggested that Cottage Grove be considered for Spring meeting location focusing on a section of the Applegate Trail to assess signage while also researching Ewing Young Route. Glenn suggested a field trip/meeting date of April 29-May 1. Keith suggested June 3-5 for Summer meeting focusing on Barlow Road Cut Off as well as Bonneville Route, and that the Fall meeting could be September 30-October 2 focusing on Klamath Trail/Barlow Road with meeting at Oregon City or Phillip Foster Farm.

Glenn made a motion that John Hays become vice chair of Council next year; Sam seconded motion. Members present approved without objection.

Glenn said he would be compiling field notes for Meek Trail field trip.

Individual Council Members Activities

Connie told about a private pilots association visiting Baker City, Vale, Sicily Creek. Leta reported that Hugo Neighborhood Society had worked hard to make a presentation on Durkee; was disappointed not to see many OCTA members there. Glenn mentioned Santiam Wagon Road National Register status and need for Forest Service archaeologist to obtain more information. Keith added that SWR nomination was a good model for future NR nominations.

Meeting Adjournment

John (Hayes) made motion to adjourn; Connie seconded. Members present approved.

Draft of Field Trip Notes
Fremont Trail
May 1, 2010

Left Best Western Motel in Lakeview at 0800 A.M.

Drove to the Winema-Fremont Forest Service Ranger Station at Silver Lake, Oregon. Met with Doug Uran , USFS Cultural Officer for the Fremont-Winema National Forests. Viewed the coins believed to be associated with the Fremont party, and a cast iron pot believed to be part of the supplies lost, when according to the Journal, a mule rolled down the hillside.

In the talks with Doug Uran he stated that it is his belief that the coins should be transferred to the Deschutes County Historical Society's Museum so more persons could view them. Also noted was the Fremont-Winema National Forest was going through a review and update of its management plan. There is the need to make sure that the needs of the Fremont Route and the Yreka Trail are taken into account.

Stopped at Picture Rock Pass -- Impressive remnants of an old road. The site is significant and needs protection, but not marking.

Stopped at site across from Summer Lake Lodge. Viewed the site believed to be the descent route from Winter Ridge and Fremont Point. At the park site the sign denoting the Fremont Memorial was in good repair, but the woodpeckers had created holes in the cross support beam that need repair. Also observed was that the Fremont panel on the Kiosk was in good repair and the face of the Wildlife Refuge sign needs repair.

Lunch was at the Summer Lake Lodge.

The afternoon was spent traveling the expeditions route and overlooking potential campsites and visiting sites with petroglyphs, pictographs, and living areas.

The Lake Abert Rim Geologic Marker is severely weathered and in need of replacement and is possibly beyond repair. The framing holding the sign is showing extreme rot and weathering. The sign itself is legible but very weathered.

Recommendations

1. The coins believed to be from the Fremont expedition be moved to the Deschutes County Historical Society Museum. If left at the Silver Lake Ranger Station location need better security.
2. OHTAC should comment on the need to protect the Fremont Route and Yreka Trail in any update or change in the management plan for the Winema-Fremont National Forest.
3. Contact appropriate party about the repair of the woodpecker damage to the Fremont Memorial Sign.
4. Contact appropriate party about the very needed replacement of the Abert Rim Geological Sign.
5. The creation of a pamphlet or brochure to direct travelers to the Fremont information that does all ready exist on the various Oregon Outback Scenic Byways signs.

Field Notes
Free Emigrant Road
August 28, 2010
Oakridge, Oregon

OHTAC has filed two previous field trip reports. ???? and 2002 on various sections of the Free Emigrant Road (FER). The following is the third report.

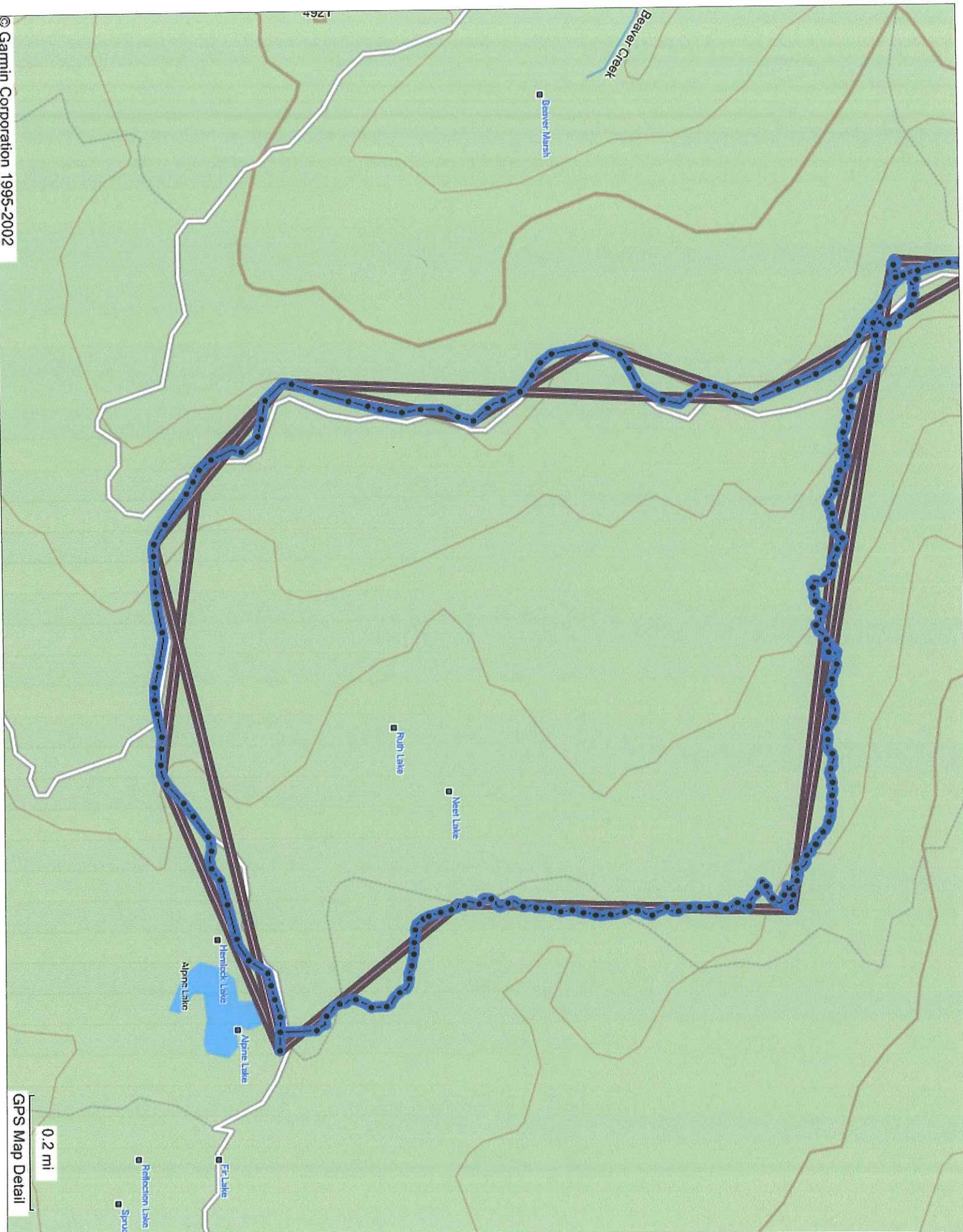
1. We left the motel at 8:15 AM and traveled to the Oakridge Pioneer Museum at the corner of Pine and Commercial. Here we met our guides Del Spencer and Keith Leavitt. We toured the Museum and found it to be much more extensive than it appears to be from the outside. Looks like a good collection of various time periods. It is well kept and is worth the time and effort for a stop.
2. Left the museum drove out to Hills Creek Reservoir and traveled along Forest Service Road # 21, which runs on the side of Hills Creek Reservoir. We turned left onto Forest Service Road 2160, which intercepts the FER. At this point we left one vehicle on a side road marked Pioneer Gulch Road and traveled further on 2160. The Military Road Sign on 2160, which includes mention of the FER (Lost Wagon Train) in the vicinity, is in serious need of repair. It is very heavily weathered.
3. We left Road 2160 at the Diamond Peaks Trail and traveled along this trail until we intercepted the FER. Wood and metal signs plus colored ribbons mark the route of the FER. Our guides led us along the FER until it intersected with Forest Service Road 2160. Near the spot we had left one vehicle parked. Estimated length of the hike on this section of the FER is 2.5 miles.
4. On our return to Oakridge we stopped at Rigdon Prairie. It is now an unimproved Forest Service Park. It is the location of a camp for a stranded wagon train (Lost Wagon Train) awaiting rescuers from down in the Willamette Valley. It needs signage to tell the story. It could be an impressive site.
5. Lost Wagon Train Sign located in Green Waters Park. Sign is in good repair, but kiosk needs some repair.
6. Returned to Oakridge Museum at 4:00 PM.

Note: While the Free Emigrant Road is the official designation by both state and federal legislation, the first wagon train to use it in 1853 is emphasized locally.

Recommendations:

1. Needs for appropriate signage - directional and informational.
2. Need for inclusion in tour guides.
3. Need to develop the Rigdon Prairie site.

Free Emigrant Road



Field Notes
Meek Cutoff
October 1, 2010
Burns, Oregon

At 8:00 am we left the Best Western Motel in Hines and traveled through Burns on Highway 395/20, then east on Highway 20 for 35 miles to North Beede Reservoir where we turned to the left onto a dirt BLM road for five miles, crossing a spring branch running into Stinkingwater Creek before we reached our destination.

James Hambleton, a professional land surveyor for 46 years, and his wife Theona, then led us on a two and a half mile hike along the Meek Cutoff. We saw evidence of trail ruts and places where large rocks had been cast aside to make a path for the wagons. At one point James pointed out a survey point set by cadastral surveyor, Henry Cook, in 1884.

Our hike was a gradual climb up onto a high plain, arriving at the edge of a high bluff where the wagons had to cut a trail for a short distance out of the side of the mountain and make a very steep descent into the valley below. We descended the trail for about a ¼ to the valley floor.

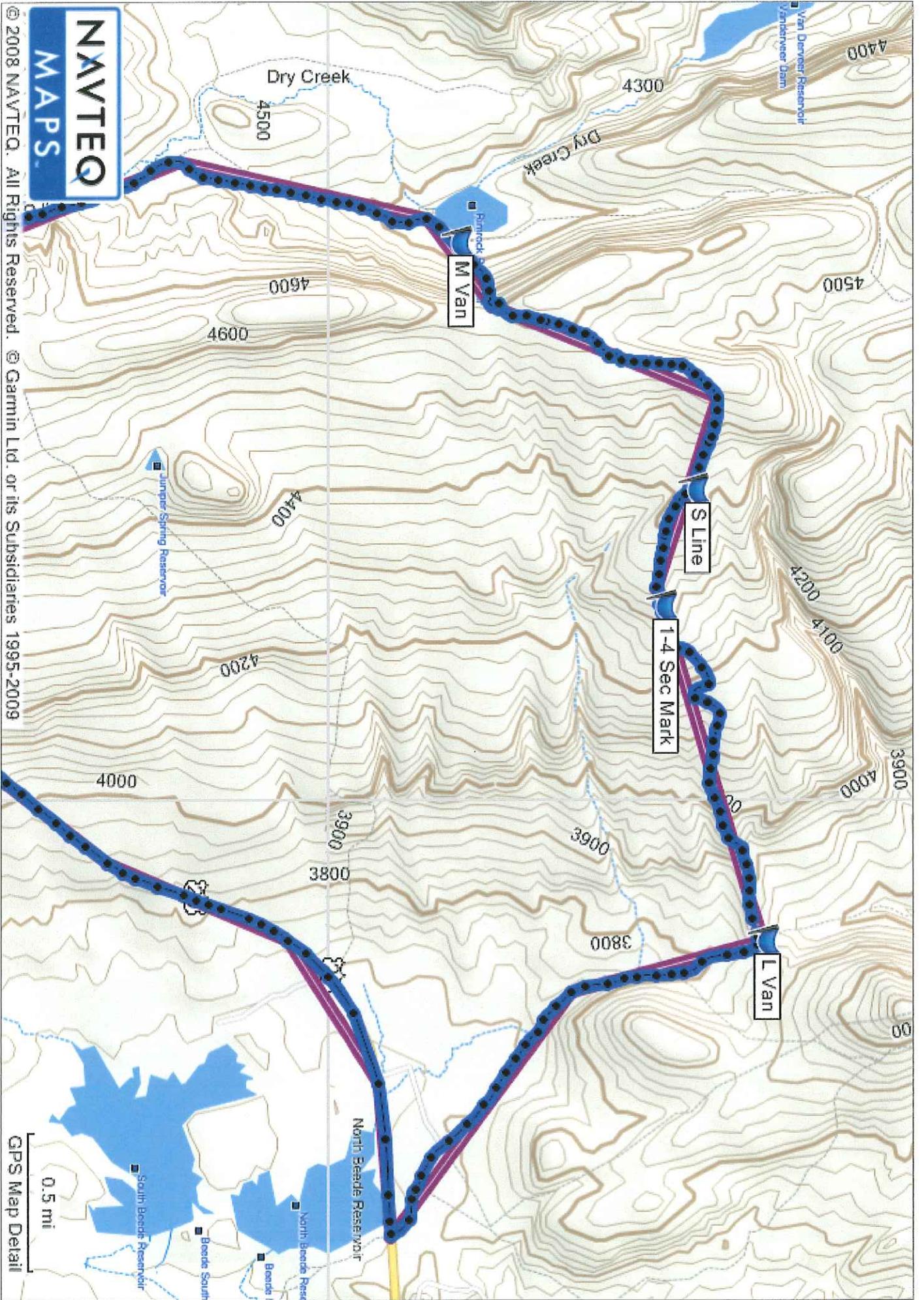
While most of the group hiked, two drivers moved vehicles around to the pick up point at Rimrock Reservoir. It was a six mile drive on BLM road 8205 back to Highway 20 for the drive back to Burns. We arrived at the motel at about 2:00 pm. This was a combined OHTAC-NWOCTA outing and fifteen people hiked the trail.

Recommendations:

1. Because of the rocky ground, we recommend the route be marked with Carsonite markers plus rebar with a cap.
2. Place an interpretive panel at a location where it can be seen-perhaps at the Meek Cutoff campsite at Pine Creek on BLM land. The 1854 Meek Cutoff and the extension to the Free Emigrant Road and its 1853 Elliott Wagon Train and 1854 Macy Wagon Train could possibly be included.
3. An interpretive panel regarding the Meek Cutoff should be placed at the rest area on Highway 20 west of Stinkingwater Pass.

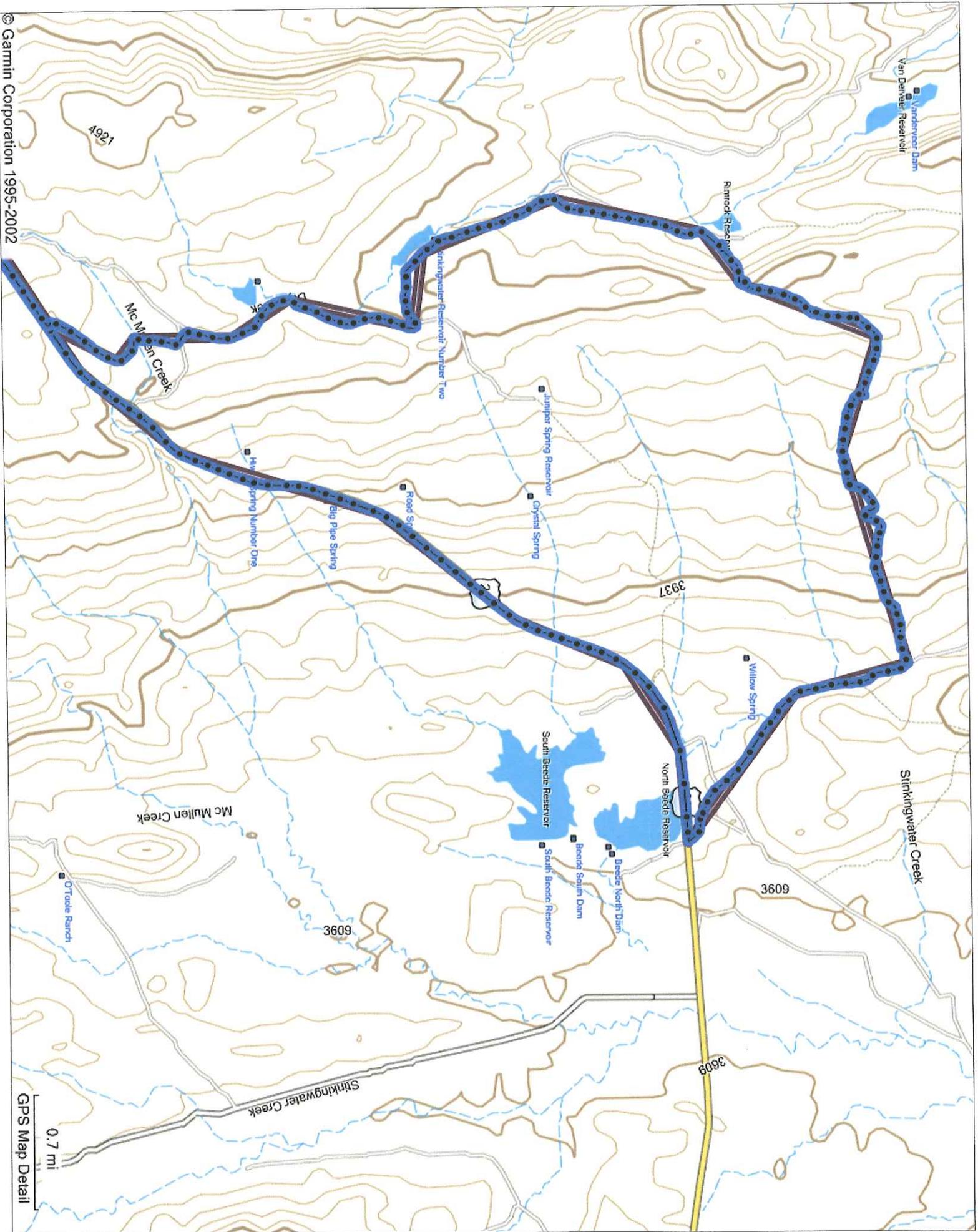
Note: There are funds available from several sources to assist with the implementation of these efforts.

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BURNS



Report for OHTAC
Meeting of Stakeholders Concerning Antelope Ridge Wind Development
April 29, 2010

Present: Dave Welch, Preservation Officer, NW OCTA; Valerie Franklin, Project Manager for Horizon Wind; Glenn Harrison, NW OCTA and Past President of National OCTA; Nick Benjamin, Project Developer for Horizon Wind; Terry Ozbun, Archeologist for AINW; Nicholas Smits, Archeologist for AINW; Susan White, Cultural Specialist for SHPO; Wendell Baskins for OHTAC; Lee Kreutzer, NPS Cultural Resource Specialist; Brian Antiock Project Manager for Horizon Wind Lee Kreutzer and Brian Antiock were joining by telephone

After introductions a presentations was made by Dave Welch concerning Wind Farms and OCTA's concerns.

Valerie Franklin gave an over view of wind farm projects and then dealt with the specifics of Antelope Ridge. For a wind project to happen there are four things that need to come together. They are wind, willing landowners and developer, permits, and a buyer for the power including transmission.

Antelope Ridge – process started 2001 with a wind map and transmission map coming together. In 2009 Horizon Wind filed its NOI (Notice of Intent) to officially begin the process. The site is valuable because it has winter peak winds, which counterbalance the winter winds along the Columbia River Gorge. 47,000 acres of land signed up from owners. 11,000 acres are impacted and 250 acres only are under the footprint. Horizon Wind is working with the Confederated Tribes on cultural resources in the area. The Army Corps of Engineers are involved due to a .28-acre section of wetlands. Federal Fish and Wildlife is involved through a connection with Oregon Fish and Wildlife.

Susan White, representative of SHPO who will be overseeing the 106 process, spoke about the process. Since multiple Federal Agencies are involved, The Corps of Engineers will take the lead since there are 22 wetland crossings. The project will be treated as a whole. SHPO will make sure all parts are taken care of. State Permitting process: 1. State law does not consider viewshed. 2. Physical cultural remains only – state law does not cover traditional cultural properties. 3. Oregon has no SEPA (State Environmental Protection Act). (Needs one) 4. Scenic Resources – Only will look at those areas where there is a management plan in place to see if it is being impacted. 5. 106 deals with viewsheds. Question is how to address it. 6. State Site Certification deals with direct impacts to resources identified. 7. Potential Effect – direct and indirect effects must be agreed upon by both SHPO and the Corps.

Corps office in LaGrande, Or. will be dealing with this, and it will make it easier. State and Federal process will go along together

Ms. White in several instances stated that agreements can be made outside of the process. I believe she was referring to concerns over mitigation, monitoring, micro-siting, and visibility studies. Ms. Franklin pointed out that all of the numbers such as towers and siting needs are always set at the maximum upper limits.

I think there is much agreement that Horizon Wind as made good effort to protect the Trail route and its remains. The major point of discussion will be viewsheds and their mitigation. I spoke about there being a limited number of places where diary after diary speaks to what I call Ah Ha moment. The view from the top looking down over the Grande Ronde Valley is one of these places. I noted it just to put it on the table.

There was no agreement reached, but it was a good meeting with all the stakeholders being represented.

Wendell



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Nature
HISTORY
Discovery

Dear Mr. White:

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC) has corresponded with the Oregon Department of Energy on several occasions over the past three years concerning the Shepherd Flat Wind Farm. We have been pleased and encouraged with the Shepherd's Flat Wind Energy Project's willingness to protect Oregon Trail ruts within the boundaries of the project. Our last communication with the project included the following paragraph on page 21 on the Record of Decision:

"The current project area includes portions of the Oregon Trail, some parts of which have wagon ruts still visible. The initial project proposed would have impacted the Oregon Trail, but the Wind Project now proposed will avoid disturbing the Trail by having no project facilities, access roads or work areas sited in the identified rutted remains of the Oregon Trail. No project facilities, access roads or work areas will be sited on undeveloped land where the trail alignment is marked by existing Oregon-California Trail Association markers. CSF will provide pre-construction photographic documentation of the presumed Oregon Trail alignments within the site boundary."

It is OHTAC's request that these restrictions be maintained in the new proposed boundaries for Shepherds Flat Wind Farm.

Thank you for continuing to keep OHTAC in the communication loop concerning the many wind farms and their potential impact on the historic trails in Oregon.

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council is a group of nine citizen volunteers from across Oregon appointed by the governor under Executive Order NO.EO 98-16. We are charged with overseeing Oregon's sixteen historic trails as named in ORS.358.057. The Oregon Trail is one of the named historic trails.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser, Chair

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April 20, 2010

United States Bureau of Land Management
Dave Henderson, District Manager
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Dear Mr. Henderson,

A recent posting on the website of the "proposed route" for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project was noted. We would like to express our concerns since the route appears to be on or near the Oregon National Historic Trail in many areas.

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC) was established to recognize all 16 of Oregon's historic trails as recognized in ORS 358.057, which includes the Oregon National Historic Trail. The nine members of the council were appointed by the governor. OHTAC was formed to promote public awareness of the significance of Oregon's historic trails as well as to advise a variety of public and private agencies and organizations of policy matters. OHTAC is Oregon's official liaison to other states, associations and federal agencies in acquiring national as well as state recognition of Oregon's historic trails.

As the transmission line project proceeds to the next planning phase, we would like to request that detailed maps of the routing and its relationship to the ONHT be prepared. We are concerned about physical impacts to the trail and its viewshed. Crossing should be minimized and intrusions into otherwise near-pristine settings should be avoided.

OHTAC request interested party status. The proposed route crosses significant stretches of federal land and is therefore subject to a NEPA process that is just beginning and will conclude in 2012 or 2013. If there are trail crossings, each will be subject to and adverse effect determination under section 106 of the NHPA. Mitigation will be necessary. OHTAC should be part of the process. OHTAC members are willing to provide assistance in helping locate high potential sites and segments of the Oregon Trail, or in field consultation.

Please include OHTAC in all future communications. The point of contact is Ms. Leta Neiderheiser, Chair, 279 Ridgefield Road, Grants Pass, OR 97527, ph: 541-862-9077, email: letan@oigp.net. Our contact at the SHPO office in Salem is Ross Curtis. We look forward to working with you in preserving this important historic and tourism resource. Enclosed is a map showing the proposed transmission line route (red) and the Oregon Trail (blue) and the 1981 map of the Oregon Trail in the North Powder Quad.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser
CC Ross Curtis



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May 2, 2010

City of Pendleton
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We, the members of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, wish to extend our appreciation to the City Of Pendleton, and in particular the work and assistance of Bob Paterson, Public Works Director, in placing Oregon Trail marking signs on the new Barnhart-Airport Connector Road in Pendleton.

Your commitment to the marking the route of the Oregon Trail throughout Pendleton is something to be proud of – and something that tourists and local citizens alike can share with future generations.

Thank you,

Leta Neiderheiser



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May 3, 2010



Lake County Fair Grounds

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Lakeview, Oregon

Dear Staff of Lake County Fair Grounds:

On behalf of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, I want to say thank you for the use of your meeting room at the Fair Grounds. Finding a meeting room for our meetings is often a challenge. Thank you for making yours available to us. The room was well suited to our needs and the water and coffee was a very nice extra, thank you.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser

Chair

Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council





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May 3, 2010

Mario's Dinner House
9 North F Street
Lakeview, Oregon

Dear Staff of Mario's Dinner House:

On behalf of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, I want to say thank you for the warm hospitality, great service and extraordinary food prepared and served to our group on Friday evening, April 30th. Our visit to your restaurant was one of the highlights of our visit to the Lakeview area. All commented that your steaks and prime rib were some of the best they had ever had the pleasure of eating. Again thank you for accommodating our group of twelve.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser

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May 3, 2010

Loren Irving
4150 Sawyer Ct.
Bend, OR 97701



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Dear Loren,

On behalf of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, I would like to say thank you for a wonderful, informative outing on Saturday. Your presentation of Friday night was very informative and your pictures are works of art that truly convey the grand scope of Fremont's journey. Thank you for being so willing to give of your time and knowledge.

Thanks to your research and attention to detail this is an outing the members of the Council will not soon forget. Also, thank you for suggesting lunch at the Summer Lake Lodge. The food was wonderful and knowing we were eating where Fremont camped gave it a very special feel.

If there is any way the Council can be of help to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser
Chair
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May 3, 2010

The Lodge at Summer Lake
53460 Highway 31
Summer Lake, OR 97640

Dear Summer Lake Restaurant Staff:

On behalf of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, I would like to thank you for accommodating our group of 12 for lunch on Saturday, May 1. The food was wonderful and the young lady who served us went out of her way to be pleasant and accommodating.

The Council was visiting Fremont camp sights. Your café is on, or very near, a Fremont camp sight and it gave special meaning to our lunch to know we were eating where Fremont camped. Again, thank you for a wonderful lunch.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser

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Oregon Historic Trail Advisory Council



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May 6, 2010

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Megan Schumaker
The Oregon Community Foundation
1221 SW Yamhill, Suite 100
Portland, OR 97205

Dear Ms. Schumaker:

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, a group of nine citizen volunteers appointed by the governor to oversee the Historic Trails in Oregon, hereby request that a draw down of \$3151.00 from the funds set aside by the OTCC Fund be sent to Glenn Harrison, vice-chair and treasurer. This matter was discussed and voted on at our spring meeting in Lakeview on May 2, 2010.

Mr. Harrison's address is: Glenn Harrison
1132 30th Place SW
Albany, OR 97321-34d19

Thank you for your help in processing this matter in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser

Chair

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May 7, 2010

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Doug Uran
Cultural and Recreational Specialist
Silver Lake Ranger District
Silver Lake, OR 97638

Dear Mr. Uran:

On behalf of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, I would like to thank you for taking the time to come into the ranger station on your day off to show us the Fremont coins and pot. To be able to view items that in all probability were a part of the Fremont's exploration brought the reality of his trip into sharper focus for the Council. Again, thank you for your dedication to the research and preservation of the history of your district.

OHTAC is very concerned about the display of these important historical artifacts and would encourage pursuing the idea of removing them to the Deschutes County Historical Society Museum. If we can be of help in facilitating this move, please let us know.

As you start your review and update of the Winema-Fremont National Forest plan we encourage you to make sure the Fremont Route and Yreka Trail are protected and reflected in your printed material.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser
Chair
Oregon Historic Trail Advisory Council



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July 16, 2010

John White
Energy Facility Analyst
Oregon Department of Energy
625 Marion St. N.E.
Salem, OR 97301-3737

Dear Mr. White:

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC) is a group of nine citizen volunteers from across Oregon appointed by the governor under Executive Order No. EO 98-16. We are charged with overseeing Oregon's sixteen Historic Trails as named in ORS 358.057.

The Oregon Trail is one of those trails and it runs through the Montague Wind Power Facility. The information meeting held at Arlington, OR on December 9, 2009 made it clear that the developer is aware of the trail within the boundaries of this project.

We have expressed our concerns in a previous letter to you but understand that only the concerns stated after June 22, 2010 will be considered "on the record".

Concerns at this point:

1. While the historic view shed may be hard to protect, the view shed should be better protected than provided for in the Draft Proposed Order. The EFSC has proposed to order a 1,000 foot corridor free of visible intrusions only from the visitor's ramada at the Fourmile Canyon Interpretive Site near the bottom of the canyon. The 1,000 foot corridor on either side of the Oregon Trail should be extended to include the view point from the summit of the hiking segment that is on public land. This site meets the criteria for eligibility on the Historic Register and every effort should be extended to protect it.
2. OHTAC has grave concerns that six sites were identified by the Developers' archaeologists as "likely eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places" in Exhibit S, but we have not had the opportunity to review this information and are especially interested in such sites with respect to the Oregon Historic Trails. OHTAC should be offered an opportunity to comment on protection of those sites.
3. OHTAC continues to request that OHTAC, or its designee, be kept in the information and review loop of the Montague Wind Power Facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to state our concerns.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser, Chair
Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council
letan@oigp.net
cc. Ross Curtis



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Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

July 29, 2010

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Rob Bonacker, Project Manager
Meadow Lakes Restoration and Travel Management Project
Deschutes National Forest
P.O. Box 249
Sisters, Oregon 97759

Dear Mr. Bonacker:

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC) is a group of nine citizen volunteers from across Oregon appointed by the governor under Executive Order No. EO 98-16. We are charged with overseeing Oregon's sixteen Historic Trails as named in ORS. 358.057. The Santiam Wagon Road is one of the named Historic Trails.

Over the years OHTAC has worked with various user groups to protect and restore parts of the Wagon Road. Reading of the Proposed Action for the Meadow Lakes Project EA raises several grave concerns for us:

1. The probability of the destruction of important archaeological treasures along the historic Santiam Wagon Road as well as the degradation of the road bed by increased ORV use in the area. Cultural sites, such as the Santiam Wagon Road, are to be managed in a manor that will maintain the cultural integrity of the site: "when a cultural resource is threatened by another resource activity, a reasonable effort should be made to redesign the activity in order to avoid damage or destruction to the property."
2. Use and enjoyment of historic roads and trails are incompatible with ORV vehicles, primarily dirt bikes and quads. Dispersed camping in connection with such ORV use is also incompatible.
3. We strongly encourage the Forest Service to consider alternatives that would effectively protect all know cultural and natural resources while minimizing conflicts among user groups, as directed by Executive Order 11644.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue. Please keep us informed as your planning process for the Meadow Lakes Project progresses.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser, Chair

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August 22, 2010

John Burgess
The Equitable Center
Suite 700
530 Center St. NE
Salem, OR 97301-3740



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Dear Mr. Burgess:

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC) is a group of nine citizen volunteers from across Oregon appointed by the governor under Executive Order No. EO 98-16. We are charged with overseeing Oregon's sixteen Historic Trails as named in ORS 358.057.

The Oregon Trail is one of those trails and it runs through Montague Wind Power Facility. The Montague Wind Power Facility Proposed Order indicates that you have read OHTAC's letter of July 16, 2010 and have taken under consideration several of our concerns for the Oregon Trail in the Fourmile Canyon area. However, we still have concerns for the viewshed from the summit of the hiking segment that is on public land. This site meets criteria for eligibility on the Historic Register and every effort should be extended to protect it.

OHTAC would like to request that OHTAC, or its designee, be granted limited party status as the Montague Wind Power Facility project moves forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to state our concerns.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser, Chair
Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council
letan@oigp.net
279 Ridgefield Rd.
Grants Pass, OR 97527



August 30, 2010

VIA FAX (503) 585-1006

Mr. John Burgess
Administrative Law Judge
The Equitable Center, Suite 700
530 Center Street, N.E.
Salem, OR 97301-3740

Re: Withdrawal of OHTAC's Petition for Limited-Party Status for the Montague Wind Power Facility

Dear Mr. Burgess:

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council ("OHTAC") has been in discussions with Montague Wind Power Facility, LLC ("Montague") regarding OHTAC's concerns over the Montague Wind Power Facility's potential impacts on the Oregon Trail, which were the subject to OHTAC's Petition for Limited-Party Status filed on August 24, 2010 ("Petition").

Through the discussions with Montague, OHTAC's concerns have been addressed and OHTAC hereby withdraws its Petition. OHTAC requests that you take no further action on this matter and treat the Petition as withdrawn upon the receipt of this faxed letter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Leta Neiderheiser, Chair
Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council
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279 Ridgefield Road
Grants Pass, OR 97527

cc: John White, Oregon Department of Energy (503) 373-7806
Elaine R. Albrich, Stoel Rives LLP (503) 220-2480



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August 31, 2010

Mannings Café
4764 Hwy 58
Oakridge, Oregon 97463

Dear Staff of Mannings Café:

On behalf of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, I want to say thank you for your willingness to accommodate our group of twelve for dinner on Friday, August 27. I know that the number of people in our group stretched your staff, but the young lady who served us went out of her way to be pleasant and accommodating. The food was great and everyone commented on the generous portions. Again thank you for accommodating our group.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser

2010 Chair

Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council



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August 31, 2010

Mazatian Mexican Restaurant
47720 School St.
Oakridge, Oregon 97463

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Dear Staff of Mazatian Mexican Restaurant:

On behalf of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, I want to thank you for your warm hospitality, great service and the extraordinary food prepared and served to our group on Saturday evening, August 28. Your service was outstanding. Again thank you for accommodating our group of thirteen. Next time we are in Oakridge we certainly will visit you again.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser

2010 Chair

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August 31, 2010

Keith Leavit
76667 Westoak Rd.
Oakridge, OR 97463



Dear Keith,

On behalf of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, I would like to say thank you for a wonderful, informative outing on Saturday. Your map of the Free Emigrant Road shows years of dedicated research. It is wonderful to know that there are people like yourself and Del working to preserve our heritage. Thank you for being so willing to give of your time and knowledge.

The on the ground exploration of the road, along with your map and documentation, will help with the feasibility study for the Free Emigrant Road to become a part of the National Register of Historic Trails.

If there is anyway that the Council can be of help to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser

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September 28, 2010

Pat Rodgers Fisher
ODOT Transportation Enhancement Program
355 Capitol St NE Room 326
Salem, OR 97301-3871



Dear Pat:

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council is a group of nine citizen volunteers from across Oregon appointed by the governor under Executive Order No. EO-98-16. We are charged with overseeing Oregon's sixteen Historic Trails as named in ORS 358.057.

The Santiam Wagon Road is one of the sixteen historic trails under our charge. The Santiam Wagon Road is eligible for placement on the National Register of Historic Places and a nomination has been submitted.

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council supports the grant application made by the Willamette National Forest for developing and placing interpretive displays and kiosk at the Cascade site. The Cascade site allows people the unique opportunity to walk on a section of the wagon road. Signage that shared the history of the road would add to the overall experience.

The construction of the parking area and restrooms will give visitors a safe and comfortable place to enjoy this historic site. We encourage all efforts that promote and protect the history of Oregon and its Historic Trails.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser

Chair-2010

Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council



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October 4, 2010

Apple Peddler
540 N. Highway 20
Hines, OR 97738

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Dear Apple Peddler Restaurant Staff:

On behalf of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, I would like to thank you for accommodating our group of seventeen for dinner on Friday, October 1. The food was wonderful and the young lady who served us went out of her way to be pleasant and accommodating.

The Council was in town for an outing on the historic Meek Cutoff route. Knowing there is a restaurant in the area that is willing to serve a group as large as ours will encourage us to come back to the area for another outing. Again, thank you for accommodating our group.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser

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October 4, 2010

James and Theona Hambleton
18483 W. Campbell Loop
Baker City, OR 97814

Dear James and Theona,

On behalf of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, I would like to say thank you for a wonderful, informative outing on Saturday. Your presentation on Friday night was very informative and shows years of dedicated work locating the Meek Cutoff. Thank you for being so willing to give of your time and knowledge.

The Council voted to send you an honorarium of \$200 for your dedicated service in preserving the history of Oregon. Glenn Harrison will be sending that check in a few days.

If there is any way the Council can be of help to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser
2010 Chair
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October 4, 2010

Pine Room Restaurant and Lounge
543 West Monroe St.
Burns, OR 97720



Dear Staff of Pine Room Restaurant:

On behalf of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, I want to say thank you for your willingness to accommodate our group of seventeen for dinner on Saturday, October 2. I know that the number of people in our group stretched your staff, but the young lady who served us went out of her way to be pleasant and accommodating. Considering our number, the service was timely and the food was great. Again, thank you for being willing to accommodate us on short notice.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser

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October 7, 2010

Harney County Roads

Eric Drushella

266 S. Date

Burns, OR 97720



Dear Mr. Drushella:

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC) is a group of nine citizen volunteers from across Oregon appointed by the governor under Executive Order No. 98-16. We are charged with overseeing Oregon's sixteen Historic Trails as named in ORS, 358.057. The Meek Cutoff is one of the National Historic Trails of Oregon.

OHTAC participated in a field trip on the Meek Cutoff over the week-end of October 1-3. While returning from an outing on Saturday we stopped at a rest stop on Highway 20 west of the Stinkingwater Pass. We noticed there were no interpretive signs at this site. We would encourage the county to develop an interpretive panel regarding the Meek Cutoff and place it in this rest site. It is always beneficial to develop the resources that allow you to share the history of your area.

Please let us know if there is any way the council can be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser, Chair

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October 7, 2010

Willamette National Forest
Middle Fork Ranger District
46375 Highway 58
West Fir, OR 97477

Dear Middle Fork Ranger District:

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC) is a group of nine citizen volunteers from across Oregon appointed by the governor under Executive Order No. 98-16. We are charged with overseeing Oregon's sixteen Historic Trails as named in ORS. 358.057. The Free Emigrant Road is one of the National Historic Trails.

OHTAC recently participated in a field trip on the Free Emigrant Road in the Oakridge area. On our return to Oakridge we stopped at Rigdon Prairie. It is now an unimproved Forest Service Park. It is the location of a camp for a stranded wagon train (Lost Wagon Train) awaiting rescue from the Willamette Valley. This is an impressive site with an exciting story. We would encourage the Forest Service to develop this site with the appropriate signage that tells the story of the stranded emigrants of 1853.

OHTAC would gladly provide expertise in developing signage for this site. Please let us know if there is any way the council can be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser, Chair

Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council





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October 8, 2010

Bureau of Land Management
Burns Office
28910 Hwy. 20 West
Hines, OR 97738



Dear Sir/Madam:

The Oregon Historic Trail Advisory Council (OHTAC) is a group of nine citizen volunteers from across the state appointed by the governor to oversee the Historic Trails in Oregon as named in ORS 358.057.

OHTAC is very aware and appreciative of BLM's stewardship and promotion of the Oregon Trail in Oregon. The wonderful interpretive center at Flagstaff Hill does more to promote and save the trail in Oregon than any other site.

The council was in the Burns area last week-end hiking a portion of the historic Meek Cutoff. The Meek Cutoff is one of the sixteen trails we oversee. Our field notes reflect a need for additional signage concerning the Meek Cutoff in the general area. We would like to encourage you to place an interpretive panel at a location where it can be seen-perhaps at the Meek Cutoff campsite at Pine Creek on BLM land. This signage could include information about the 1845 Meek Cutoff as well as the extension of the Free Emigrant Road and its 1853 Elliot Wagon Train. You might also wish to include information on the 1854 Macy Wagon Train. Members of OHTAC would be willing to assist with the panel information.

If you should endeavor to carry out these recommendations, there are funds available from several sources to assist with the implementation of these efforts. If OHTAC could be of assistance, please feel free to contact us.

We enjoyed our field trip to the Burns area and look forward to visiting the area again in the future.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser
Chair

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December 13, 2010

Ms. Sue Oliver

Oregon Department of Energy

625 Marion St. N. E.

Salem, OR 9701-3



Dear Ms. Oliver:

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC) is a group of nine citizen volunteers from across Oregon appointed by the governor under Executive Order No. EO 98-16. We are charged with overseeing Oregon's sixteen Historic Trails as named in ORS 358.057.

OHTAC has expressed concern in the past about the impact on the Oregon Trail by the proposed Antelope Ridge Wind Energy Project. Horizon Wind's draft application makes it clear that the developer is aware of the Oregon Trail Route through the project and their need to protect the trail. OHTAC does still have some concerns and would like to place those concerns before the Energy Department at this time.

Our concerns/ request at this point:

1. To protect the view shed from any point on 1-84 between La Grande and the entrance to Ladd Canyon.
2. Provide a visitor's site with public access and appropriate signage on Craig Mountain above Ladd Canyon. This will require funds for development, installation, and long term maintenance.
3. Conduct comprehensive mapping of the Oregon Trail in the project area.
4. Place a 1000-foot buffer on both sides of the established route of the Oregon Trail Route with a specific agreement not to impact the "intact segments".

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project and please continue to keep OHTAC in the information loop.

Sincerely,

Leta Neiderheiser

2010 Chair

Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into on August ___, 2010, between the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, an Oregon governor-appointed citizen council ("OHTAC") and Montague Wind Power Facility, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company ("Montague") (collectively, the "Parties").

Recitals

A. On August 9, 2010, the Oregon Department of Energy ("ODOE") issued the Proposed Order for the Montague Wind Power Facility ("Proposed Order"), a wind energy facility with a peak generating capacity of up to 404 megawatt in Gilliam County, Oregon ("Facility"). The Proposed Order recommends that the Energy Facility Siting Council approve the Facility subject to conditions. The Facility would be located on private land for which Montague has negotiated long-term leases or easements ("Leased Lands"). There are approximately 33,485 acres of the Leased Lands within the Site Boundary, as defined in the Proposed Order.

B. On August 9, 2010, ODOE issued the Notice of Contested Case Proceeding for the Facility and gave persons eligible to request party or limited party status until August 24, 2010 to send a written request. OHTAC filed a timely Petition for Limited-Party Status raising concerns limited to the Oregon Trail and the Facility's potential adverse impacts to the Oregon Trail ("Petition").

C. The Parties wish to resolve this matter entirely and without further proceedings.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

Terms

1. Continuing Identification Efforts.

a. 2010 Site Visit. Montague will arrange for OHTAC on September 23, 2010, along with members from the Oregon-California Trails Association ("OCTA") and Stafford Hazelett ("Hazelett"), to have access and visit the route and visually-intact portions of the Oregon Trail within the Facility Site Boundary.

b. 2011 Field Survey. Montague will organize and provide access to Leased Lands for OHTAC, OCTA, and Hazelett to visit and survey the Oregon Trail route. Montague will also fund an archeologist from CH2M Hill to participate in the survey.

2. Interpretative Exhibit. Montague will provide funding in an amount up to \$2,000 and additional in-kind services to create and install a wayside Oregon Trail interpretative exhibit ("Exhibit") and will install the Exhibit near the Facility. The location of the Exhibit will be determined by Montague, in consultation with OHTAC, OCTA, Hazelett, and the private

landowner(s), and the Exhibit will be placed at the subject location in a public access area (e.g., on private land adjacent to the County Cedar Springs Road right-of-way).

a. Exhibit Interpretative Plan. The content and design of the Exhibit will be developed collaboratively between the Parties as well as OCTA, Hazelett, and the private landowner(s). The specific Exhibit text will be developed, and “mock-ups” will be reviewed, by the Parties, OCTA, Hazelett, and the private landowner(s).

b. Exhibit Maintenance. Montague will establish an endowment with the Oregon Community Foundation, or other qualified organization upon which the Parties agree, with a one-time contribution of up to \$20,000 for the maintenance of the Exhibit, consistent with the terms of the endowment

3. Withdrawal of Petition. OHTAC will withdraw the Petition before September 1, 2010 and agrees not to make, participate in, file, or support any informal or formal comment, complaint, appeal, challenge, objection to, or otherwise oppose the permitting of the Facility in any forum or by any proceedings of any nature.

4. General Provisions.

a. Governing Law. This Agreement shall in all respects be interpreted, enforced, governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon.

b. Authority. Each Party to this Agreement represents, warrants, and agrees that the person who executed this Agreement on its behalf has the full right and authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of that Party and has the full right and authority to fully bind that Party to the terms and obligations of the Agreement.

c. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and all documents so executed shall constitute one agreement, binding on the Parties hereto, notwithstanding that the Parties did not sign the same original or the same counterparts. Delivery of an executed signature page to this Agreement by facsimile or email transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually signed counterpart of this Agreement.

d. Binding Nature. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns.

(signatures on next page)

STATE OF OREGON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ___ day of _____, 2010
by _____,
and _____ of
MONTAGUE WIND POWER FACILITY, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company.

Notary Public for Oregon
My commission expires: _____
Commission No.: _____

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

This Indemnification Agreement ("Agreement") by and between the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, an Oregon governor-appointed citizen council ("OHTAC") and Montague Wind Power Facility LLC, an Oregon limited liability company, with its principal place of business located at 1125 NW Couch., Suite 700, Portland, OR 97209 ("Company") is dated _____, 2010, (the "Effective Date").

WHEREAS, OHTAC and Company entered into that certain settlement agreement dated August 30, 2010 pursuant to which Company agreed to grant OHTAC visitation rights to the Montague Wind Power Facility (the "Project") located in Gilliam County, Oregon.

WHEREAS, OHTAC is planning a tour on September 23, 2010 ("Tour") of the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, OHTAC and Company agree that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are as follows:

1. OHTAC understands and agrees that the Project is located on private land leased to the Company for the purposes of wind development. As such, the Company has certain contractual obligations to the landowners and OHTAC must strictly follow all instructions provided by the Company. In particular, OHTAC may take photographs of the Oregon Trail for purposes of studying the trail but is not authorized to publish those without consent from the Company and landowner. In addition, OHTAC is not authorized to remove any items from the property, including but not limited to archeological resources.
2. OHTAC must be accompanied by a Company representative at all times.
3. 3.Indemnification: OHTAC hereby releases, acquits, forever discharges and indemnifies, and agrees to demand and hold harmless, the Company from and against any and all accountings, demands, proceedings, claims (including regulatory or administrative claims), complaints, grievances, lawsuits, actions, causes of actions, damages, losses, costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses) of any nature whatsoever (any "Claims and Losses") under, in connection with, arising out of or relating or attributable to the Tour.
4. Any provision of this Agreement prohibited or rendered unenforceable by operation of law shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions of this Agreement.
5. All correspondence, including notices where required in this agreement, shall be made to the following representatives for the parties:

OHTAC
Leta Neiderheiser, Chair
Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council

Company
Contracts Administration
Iberdrola Renewables, Inc.

279 Ridgefield Road
Grants Pass, OR 97527

1125 NW Couch, Suite 700
Portland, OR 97209

6. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oregon without regards to its choice of law provisions. This Agreement supersedes and replaces all written and oral agreements previously made or existing between the parties and states the entire agreement of the parties.
7. This Agreement may be executed by facsimile and in counterparts, and each counterpart shall for all purposes be an original, and all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same Agreement.
8. OHTAC's indemnity obligation under this Agreement shall not extend to any liability caused by the negligence of Company.
9. **IN NO EVENT SHALL COMPANY BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOST OR PROSPECTIVE PROFITS OR ANY OTHER SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, EXEMPLARY, CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL OR INDIRECT LOSSES OR DAMAGES (IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) UNDER OR IN RESPECT TO THIS AGREEMENT OR FOR ANY FAILURE OR PERFORMANCE RELATED HERETO HOWSOEVER CAUSED.**

**Montague Wind Power Facility
LLC**

By: _____
Print Name: Leta Neiderheiser
Title: Chair

By: _____
Print Name:
Title: