

Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council

2011 Annual Report



Decent to the Deschutes River on the Meek Cutoff

2011 OHTAC Annual Report

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Summary of 2011 OHTAC Activity

Throughout the year 2011 Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council members participated in many public meetings and meetings with representatives of wind energy and transmission line developers, their hired archaeologists, their attorneys, Oregon Department of Energy staff, and Oregon Energy Facility Sighting Council. Those meetings occurred around a table, in the field, or by conference call-webinars. We also participated in a National Park Service led feasibility study of the federally proposed additional alternates and cutoffs to the existing Oregon and California Trails. At the invitation of the developers, we made two on-site visits to proposed wind development area.

During 2011 the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council met three times. Each weekend included a gathering and shared trail information, went on a guided trail field trip, and a conducted a Public Meeting.

1) The Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1, 2011 weekend centered in Cottage Grove. The focus was on the Applegate Trail and by using the video "Ewing Young's Venture with Destiny" the Ewing Young Trail.

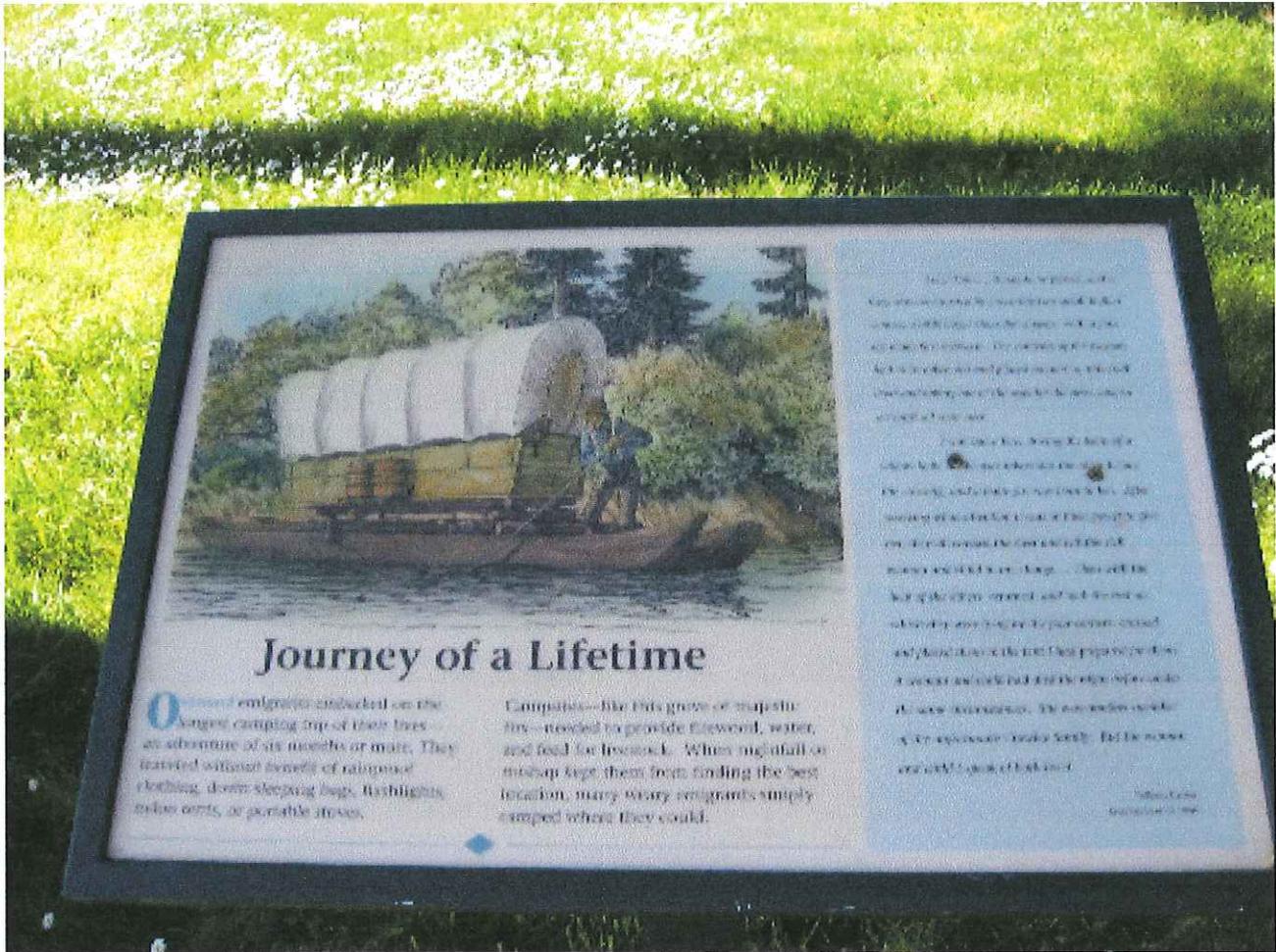
Past OHTAC Chair Leta Neiderheiser led an extensive Saturday outing along the route of the Applegate Trail in Douglas and Lane Counties. As a Jesse Applegate descendent and author of "Jesse Applegate: A Dialogue with Destiny," she has considerable knowledge about the route. In addition we had the opportunity to visit the Charles Applegate House with Shannon Applegate and walk in the Applegate Cemetery near Yoncalla.



Shannon Applegate in the Charles Applegate House along the Applegate Trail



Along the way we noted the condition of the signage and cleaned each fiberglass sign along the route. We reported that one post for the beaver board sign at the Jesse Applegate property was being undercut by the widened drainage ditch. It will be corrected and possibly moved. We received a thank you letter from the City Manager of Cottage Grove for the sign cleaning and stating that he would pass on our cleanup suggestions to the maintenance staff.



Imbedded Fiberglass Applegate Trail sign in Washburn Park, Lane County

2) The Friday, June 3 to Sunday, June 5, 2011 weekend centered at The Dalles. On Saturday morning we attended and participated in a National Park Service feasibility study meeting concerning branches of the Oregon Trail under study for possible inclusion as part of the National Historic Trail designation system. Written material has been submitted from the OHTAC file. Routes under consideration are the Meek Cutoff, Free Emigrant Road, Cutoff to the Barlow Road, Upper Columbia River Route, Whitman Mission Route, Applegate Trail (additional segments), Goodale Cutoff, Naches Route, and Cowletz River Route. The first six are already recognized as Historic Trails in Oregon.

Then OHTAC members, some OCTA members, a NPS representative, and others traveled south following the route of the Barlow Road, Klamath Indian Trail, Fremont Trail, and Meek Cutoff, to the top of a plateau and led by James Hamberton hiked the decent to the Deschutes River following the Meek Cutoff to near Sherars Falls. James is working on a book about the Meek Cutoff. Fremont made use of the Klamath Trail.

That evening we returned to the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center theater for a public showing of the DVD "Finding Fremont in Oregon 1843", which OHTAC member Loren Irving had assisted in producing.

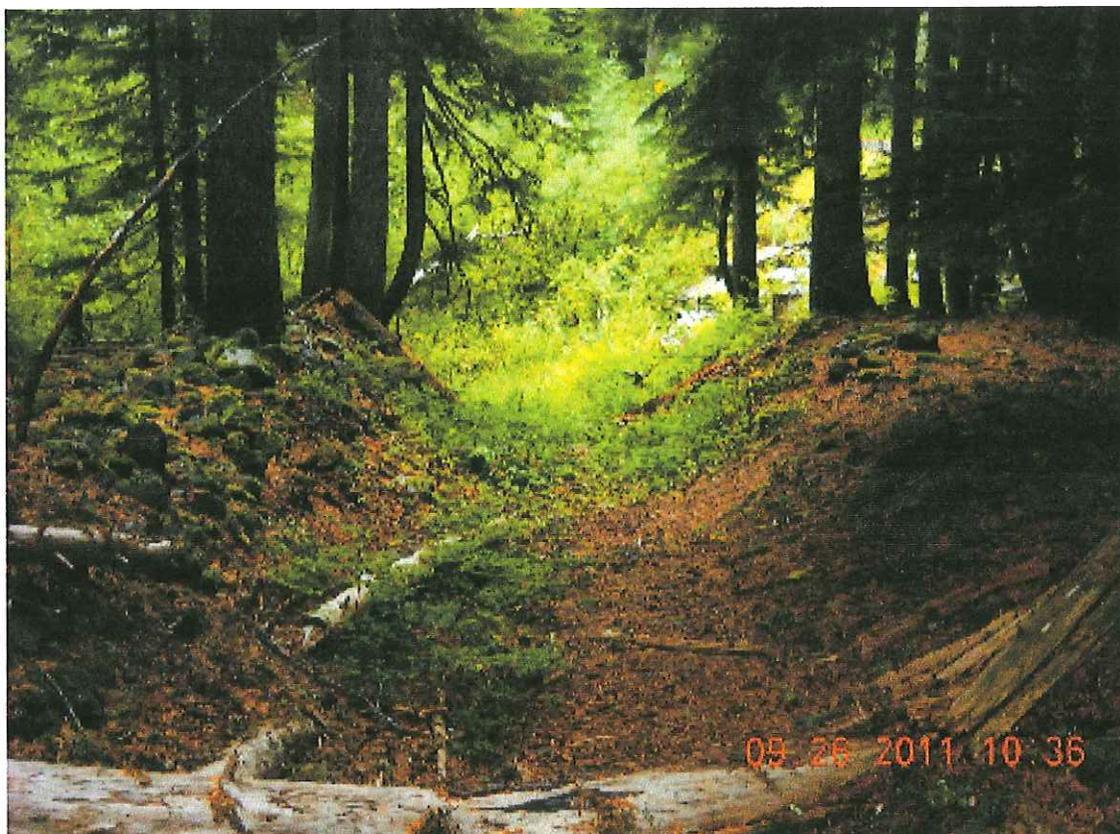


James Hamberton and Loren Irving on the Meek Cutoff approaching the Deschutes River

3) The Friday, September 30 to Sunday, October 2 weekend centered at Oregon City. The western branch of the Klamath Trail to Willamette Falls was acknowledged. The Saturday outing focused on the Barlow Road with a visit to a newly discovered section of the trail on a golf course and the improved Foster Farm facility. Stafford Hazelett and OHTAC member Wendell Baskins led the outing. During the hike it was noted that there was considerable evidence of downed trees in the forest from past winter storms.



Barlow Road with downed trees



Wagon ascent from the crossing of the East Fork of the Salmon River on the Barlow Road



Staged lineup on the Barlow Road (3 Stafford Hazlett photos)

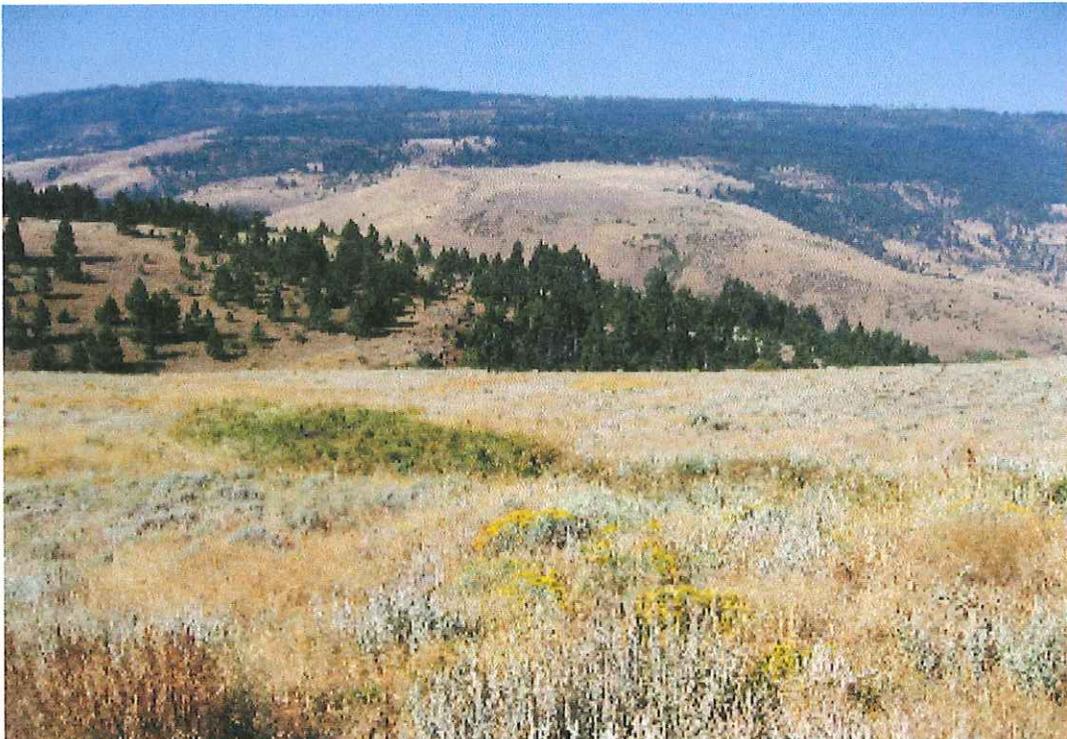


Barn at the Phillip Foster Farm

That evening we had a reunion dinner with former members of OHTAC and its predecessors.

As the 2011 OHTAC chair, Glenn Harrison, had the opportunity to send several letters on behalf of the OHTAC. Copies of these letters are included as part of this report.

In one area we observed a flowing spring that was mentioned in several trail diaries.



Spring and view from Ladd Hill

A follow up visit to another energy development site occurred after a grass fire had made the Oregon Trail more visible between the ranch driving route and the creek.



Note two people walking on the Oregon Trail

OHTAC Recommendations

1) Ladd Hill: There should be no road, transmission lines, or wind towers in Township 4 South Range 38 East Section 13 or in Township 4 South Range 39 East Section 18.

There should be a protective corridor for the Oregon National Historic Trail that is at least equal to the protected areas around the historic fences and the prehistoric lithic scatter sites within the Antelope Ridge project.

The view toward the descent from Ladd Hill should be preserved. So towers A8 - A11 and towers A1 - A5 should not be built, which would mean the access road to that area also should not be built.

2) Near Clover Creek: The area near the Ladd Canyon - North Powder Road at Clover Creek Crossing has several pristine Oregon Trail ruts with a Railroad T- marker beside the road. In addition to the area west of the trail on Ladd Hill this area should be preserved.

Note: All expenditures of funds were approved.

Oregon's Historic Trails

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



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| 1. Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail | 9. Cutoff to the Barlow Road |
| 2. Oregon National Historic Trail | 10. Klamath Trail |
| 3. California (Applegate) National Historic Trail | 11. Jedediah Smith Route |
| 4. Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) Natl Historic Trail | 12. Nathaniel Wyeth Route |
| 5. Whitman Mission Route | 13. Benjamin Bonneville Route |
| 6. Upper Columbia River Route | 14. Ewing Young Route |
| 7. Meek Cutoff | 15. John Fremont Route |
| 8. Free Emigrant Road | 16. Santiam Wagon Road |

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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

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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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- 4) The council shall have the authority to negotiate for staff assistance from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The council shall report to the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

Done this 11th day of August, 1998, at Salem, Oregon.

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John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
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Phil Keisling
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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 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.

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

Strategic Plan

2008-2013

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 AC mission.

This strategic plan is expected to have a five-year life span and will be reviewed annually at the council's unique 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, nonprofit, tribal advocates, and other groups that work toward our mutual goals for the 16 historic trails of Oregon. <council>

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, exofficios, 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, subcommittee, 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 subcommittee>

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 subcommittee of the council comprised of the current chair, the vice chair and the immediate past chair.

Summary of OHTAC Field Trips 1999 - 2011

<u>Trail 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 Route Whitman Mission Route	Boardman to Walla Walla, Whitman Mission, Tamastslitk, Blue Mtn Crossing, Emigrant Springs, Squaw Creek Overlook	August, 2000
Oregon Trail	Oregon-Idaho border to Baker City	April, 2001
Santiam Wagon Road	Cashe Creek Toll Station to Lost Prairie & Tombstone Pass to Albany	June, 2001
Oregon Trail	Barlow Road The Dalles to Barlow Pass, Barlow Pass to Devil's Backbone, 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 Dallas to Roseburg	October, 2003
Lewis & Clark Oregon Trail	Along Columbia River from Hat Rock to Boardman; Oregon Trail Cutoff ruts near Irrigon	October, 2004
California Trail Applegate Branch	California-Oregon border at Malin to Yoncalla	May, 2005

Lewis & Clark	Prescott Beach to Astoria, Astoria to Ecola, Sunset Beach to Ft. Clatsop	September, 2005
Jedediah Smith	California-Oregon border to Coos Bay	June, 2006
Jedediah Smith	Reedsport vicinity	September, 2006
Santiam Wagon Road	Cashe Creek Tollgate to Fish Lake	June, 2007
Oregon Trail	McDonald Crossing to The Dalles Wasco-Klondike wind farms	September, 2007
Oregon Trail	East McDonald Crossing to Irrigon & Boardman Bombing Range	April, 2008
Oregon Trail	Baker City to Farewell Bend	July, 2008
Nez Perce Trail (Nee-Me-Poo)	Old Joseph Gravesite, Joseph Overlook, Buckhorn Lookout, Indian Village Grove	September, 2008
Whitman Route Fremont Route	Pendleton, OR to Walla Walla, WA, Milton-Freewater area	April, 2009
Fremont Route Santiam Wagon Road	Bend area	July, 2009
Oregon Trail	South Alternate to Vale, Malheur Desert Crossing to Farewell Bend	September, 2009
Fremont Trail	Lakeview to Summer Lake area	April, 2010
Free Emigrant Road	East of Oakridge	August, 2010
Meek Cutoff	Northeast of Burns	October, 2010
Applegate Trail Ewing Young Trail	Yoncalla area, Cottage Grove to Lane County	April, 2011
Meek Cutoff; Barlow Road; Klamath Trail; Fremont Trail	South of The Dalles	June, 2011
Klamath Trail	Barlow Pass to Oregon City	October, 2011

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Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council

Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 1, 2011

Applegate Trail & Ewing Young Trail

Cottage Grove

OHTAC Members - Glenn Harrison, Chair; John Hayes, Vice Chair; Leta Neiderheiser, Past Chair; Wendell Baskins, John Chess, Connie Coulter, Loren Irving, Jim Ford (Sam Wolsey is excused)
OPRD Staff - David Boggan

Friday, April 29

- Check in at the Comfort Inn

845 Gateway Blvd.

Cottage Grove OR 97424

1-541-942-9747

Gov. Rate \$71.99 plus tax

Note: Food for breakfasts is included.

- Gather in the Comfort Inn lobby at 5:50 am for 6:00 pm dinner

Stacys Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 East Main Street, Cottage Grove

Please email Leta so that we will have a count for Friday and Saturday dinners.

- Applegate Trail Background

The Applegate Trail splits just south of Yoncalla. The 1846-49 trail veers to the east out through Scott's Valley (more or less I-5 until Salt Creek and then the trail veers to the east and comes back to the freeway at Divide (south of Cottage Grove). Then north through Cottage Grove and Creswell to Skinner's Butte in Eugene, out River Road to Junction City and on to Monroe where it meets up with the western route--or the Applegate Trail after 1849-50. The Applegate Trail continues north, but that is the extent of this field trip.

Saturday, April 30 - Applegate Trail Field Trip (Leta will provide maps and diary quotes.)

- Gather in the Comfort Inn lobby at 7:50 pm for 8:00 am van ride

(We will take a sign cleaning kit and clean as we go.)

- Leave Cottage Grove and drive down old Hwy. 99 which is more or less the trail to Divide. After a brief stop we will get onto I-5 and go to Exit 154 and cut across to Yoncalla. Shannon Applegate will meet us at the Charlie Applegate house at 9:00 am. Spend 1 1/2 hours or so at the Charlie Applegate house. We will then go on to the Beaver Board along Hwy. 99 between Yoncalla and Drain, up to the Jesse Applegate Cemetery.

- Stop for lunch in Drain at La Pinata (It is a Mexican restaurant, but has other food as well.)

- We will then drive on the Old West side Territorial Road - the Applegate Trail after 1850 - north at Anlauf and Pass Creek Park, which is just beyond the turnoff. Then up the Old Territorial Road to Veneta and Zumwalt County Park where there is some Applegate Trail signage. On to Richardson Park where there is a sign, then on to Monroe where both the west and east trail came together to cross the Long Tom River. We will then turn south on 99 W - on the 1846-1849 trail - to Washburne Wayside Park where there is some signage, into Junction City where we need to pick up River Road which follows very close to where the trail was, on to Skinner's Butte park to see the replica of the cabin that is talked about in several of the diaries and also several signs. Down Hwy. 99 to Creswell and Garden Lake Park, then down 99 to Cottage Grove and Covered Bridge Park and some good signage.

- Return to Cottage Grove around 5:00 pm

- Gather in the Comfort Inn lobby at 6:20 pm for a 6:30 pm dinner at the Village Green
725 Row River Road; Leta made reservations for dinner in a little back room where we can talk.
- Return to the meeting room at the Comfort Inn to view the 50 minute video "Ewing Young's
Venture with Destiny"

Sunday, May 1

- 8:00 am, OHTAC Business Meeting

OHTAC Meeting Agenda Sunday, May 1 Cottage Grove

1-8:00 am, Call to order & Introductions, Welcome Loren & Jim - Glenn

Review of OHTAC terms - Glenn

2-Agenda - Additions or corrections - Glenn

3-Minutes of the August meeting - David

4-Treasurer's Report

Funds & Reporting - Glenn

Signers for 2011

5-Public Comment

6-Old Business

Update on Meek Cutoff signage

BLM is interested; NW OCTA donated \$300 as a match for getting an Oregon Historic Trails Fund grant.

Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council meetings - Wendell

Project information is available at <http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/review.shtml>

Areas of concern - Off road vehicle use. Wind projects, Transmission lines

Meadow Lakes Basin Restoration and Travel Management Project - Deschutes-Ochoco

National Forests and Crooked River National Grassland Travel Management Plan (The issues
of motorized recreation and travel management are interrelated.)

Under OEFSC Review (See <http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/review.shtml> or
individual projects.)

Antelope Ridge Wind Farm- Valerie Franklin, Project Director, Horizon Wind; Glenn & Wendell

Partial agreement so far; Need to verify the actual trail corridor on Ladd Hill

Baseline Wind Energy Facility

Carty Generating Station

Rock Creek Wind Power Facility

Saddle Butte Wind Park

Summit Ridge Wind Project

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line - Idaho Power; BLM & Wallowa-Whitman

Forest Service. The possible routes under study are near Cecil and cross the Oregon

Trail near the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and other locations and
historic trails. See the revised routes.

Cascade Crossing Transmission Line-Potential routes cross many of Oregon's Historic Trails
Klamath Falls Bioenergy

Montaque Wind Energy - Iberdola's \$22,000 for signage and sign maintenance

Others - Shepherds Flat, Army Depot property, etc.

7-In the News

New movie - Meek's Cutoff & my response

Oregonian articles - The first of several articles was the lead, page A1 article in the March 13

The Sunday Oregonian titled "Green energy soaks up taxpayer dollars." It continued for the

full p A17 plus an additional article also by Ted Sickinger, "Wind farm subsidies and jobs: Doing the math." The focus was on Shepherds Flat where \$1.2 billion in federal and state subsidies have been granted and 35 jobs were gained.

"BPA rethinks idea to idle wind power during overloads: A debate grows over how the grid adds renewable sources and who pays what.", The Oregonian, April 15, 2011, A1 & A4.

Oregon Encyclopedia - Glenn submitted an article on the Santiam Wagon Road. (Was edited.)

OPRD Courier article - April (David edited my article.)

Senior & Boomer News - On May 15 Glenn was interviewed about trail preservation for a June Linn-Benton S & B News article on the work of OHTAC and trail preservation.

From 11 am to 1:00 pm on May 12th, the Heritage Programs Division of the OPRD hosts a Preservation Month Fair at the State Capitol State Park in Salem. Wendell & Glenn will represent OHTAC.

8-New Business

New projects or amendments

9-Recommendations and Actions

10-Adjourn

Future OHTAC Meetings:

Friday, June 3 - Sunday, June 5 - The Dalles

NPS Feasibility Study for additional routes and cutoffs to the existing National Historic Oregon Trail; Meek Cutoff, Klamath Trail, Fremont Route, Barlow Road

Friday, September 30 - Sunday, October 2 - Oregon City

Klamath Trail, Barlow Road, Foster Farm

Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council

Friday, June 3 - Sunday, June 5, 2011

The Dalles, OR

Friday, June 3

- Check in at Cousins Country Inn
2114 W 6th Street
The Dalles, OR 97058
541-298-5161
- 6:30 pm, Dinner at the Cousins Restaurant & Saloon
Please email Sam so that we will have a count for Friday and Saturday dinners.

Saturday, June 4

- Breakfast Cousins Restaurant or other location on your own
- 8:00 am, Meet in the lobby area to discuss the trails under study and the planned field trip
(coffee available)
- 9:30 am, Gather for van ride to the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, downstairs classroom
- 10:00 am, Attend the NPS Meeting concerning branches of the Oregon Trail under study to add to the National Historic Trail designation. - Lee Kreutzer and others
(Written material has been submitted from OHTAC.)
Meek Cutoff, Free Emigrant Road, Cutoff to the Barlow Road, Upper Columbia River Route, Whitman Mission Route, Goodale Cutoff, Applegate Trail (additional segments), Naches Route, Cowletz River Route
- Noon, Lunch at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center Cafeteria (pre order)
- 12:45 pm, Van & car ride to visit the Meek Cutoff (north) [walk up then down the hill to the Deschutes River near Sherars Falls], Barlow Road (east), Klamath Indian Route (north), Fremont Route (north), Cutoff to the Barlow Road.
- 4:45 pm, Return to The Dalles
- 5:20 pm, Gather in the Cousins Inn Lobby for a van ride to dinner
- 5:30 pm, Dinner at Baldwin Saloon, 205 Court Street, The Dalles
- 7:30 pm, 30-minute DVD "Finding Fremont in Oregon 1843" + Loren Irving
Columbia Gorge Discovery Center Theater, Public Event

Note: Some OCTA members will attend.

OHTAC Meeting Agenda

Sunday, June 5, 2011

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, The Dalles, downstairs classroom

OHTAC Members - Glenn Harrison, Chair; John Hayes, Vice Chair; Leta Neiderheiser, Past Chair; Wendell Baskins, John Chess (excused), Sam Woolsey, Connie Coulter, Loren Irving, Jim Ford + Exofficio members & OPRD Staff - David Bogan, Roger Roper, SHPO

1-8:00 am, Call to order & Introductions

OHTAC terms update - Glenn

2-Agenda - Additions or corrections - Glenn

3-Approve May Meeting Minutes - David

4-Review May Field Notes - Wendell

5-Financial Report - Glenn

6-Public Comment

7-In the News

June Senior & Boomer News - OHTAC

Oregon Encyclopedia - Article on the Santiam Wagon Road

Preservation Fair at the State Capitol State Park in Salem May 12 - Wendell & Glenn

8-Travel Information Council's Oregon Historical Marker Program and Oregon Heritage Tree Program &

OHTAC-TIC Partnership - Annie von Domitz

9-Old Business

Updates

Creswell - Sign being corrected

Yoncalla - Beaver Board will be repaired

Corvallis - Kiosk cleaned and reported to the city for repair

Montaque Wind Energy - Iberdola's \$22,000 for signage and sign maintenance

Two Mapping Projects

Applegate - Pamela Dean, Fort Lane & Rogue River Greenway

Oregon Trail, Whitman - Erik Harvey, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest [will attend]

Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council meetings - Wendell

Considerable project information is available at

<http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/review.shtml>

Areas of Concern - Wind projects, Transmission lines, off road vehicle use

Meadow Lakes Basin Restoration and Travel Management Project - Deschutes-Ochoco

National Forests

and Crooked River National Grassland Travel

Management Plan

Under OEFSC Review (See <http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/review.shtml> or individual projects.)

Antelope Ridge Wind Farm Update - Glenn & Wendell

Partial agreement so far; Need to verify the actual trail corridor on Ladd Hill

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line - Idaho Power - Todd Cornell, DOE + Keith

Georgeson information; BLM & Wallowa-Whitman Forest Service. The possible routes

under study are near Cecil and cross the Oregon Trail near the National Historic

Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and other locations and historic trails.

Cascade Crossing Transmission Line - Potential routes cross many of Oregon's Historic Trails - Todd Cornell, DOE; more for October meeting
Baseline Wind Energy Facility
Carty Generating Station
Rock Creek Wind Power Facility
Saddle Butte Wind Park
Summit Ridge Wind Project
Others-Summit Ridge, Shepherds Flat, Klamath Falls Bioenergy, Army Depot property

10-New Business

Need for New OHTAC Brochures
Need to update the OHTAC website
New projects or amendments
Trails to visit in 2012

11-Recommendations and Actions

12-Adjourn

Future 2011 OHTAC Meeting:

Friday, September 30 - Sunday, October 2 - Oregon City, Barlow Road (west), Klamath Trail (northwest), Foster Farm - Wendell & Stafford

Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council

Fri., Sept. 30 - Sun., Oct. 2, 2011

Oregon City - Klamath Trail & Barlow Road + Foster Farm

Best Western Plus Rivershore Hotel
1900 Clackamette Drive
Oregon City, OR
503-655-7141

Friday, Sept. 30, 6:15 PM dinner at the Rivershore Grill in the Best Western Plus Rivershore Hotel followed by a pre tour history talk in the Rivershore's Board Room by Stafford Hazlett and Wendell Baskins.

Saturday, Oct. 1 OHTAC Field Trip

We will plan to see all of the below, but the route may change depending upon traffic conditions and time considerations. Wendell will have water available and Glenn will bring snacks, but you need bring your own lunch.

John Pouley, Assistant State Archaeologist, will drive the state van. Leave the Rivershore Hotel at 8:00 AM. We will proceed by van and cars to Barlow Pass off of Highway 35. There will be a restroom break at Government Camp on the way to the Pass.

From the summit of Barlow Pass we will walk following the Barlow Road downhill for approximately 30 minutes. There is one steep part then a moderate grade the rest of the way. There is a large amount of downed timber to work our way around.

After a short break at the Pioneer Woman's grave we will turn toward Mount Hood and the crossing of the East Fork of the Salmon River, a small stream. The Barlow Road gains elevation slowly from this point toward Mount Hood. Walking time for this section is between 25-45 minutes depending upon starting point.

Prior to the tour, Wendell will be walking over a section of the road he has not walked before and if it is doable, we may add it.

We will plan to visit Summit Meadow prior to lunch.

Lunch will be at the Trillium Lake Day Use Area (South Summit Meadow). After lunch, we will leave Summit Meadow and begin our approach to Laurel Hill.

We will visit Still Creek Campground site and the Government Camp signage

Then to Laurel Hill and walk and listen for approximately 45 minutes with lots of ups and downs ranging from steep to moderate.

After Laurel Hill we will follow the driving route back to Sandy and the Jonsrud Viewpoint.

Then to the Eagle Creek Golf Course and the proposed trail marking location.

Then on to Foster Farm in Eagle Creek no later than 4:00 PM.

Returning from Eagle Creek to Oregon City by the signed route arriving about 5:00 PM.

7:00 PM, Reunion dinner at the home of Wendell and Lynn Baskins' home with some former members attending.

OHTAC Meeting Agenda

Sunday, October 2

Best Western Plus Rivershore Hotel
Conference Room
1900 Clackamette Drive
Oregon City, OR

OHTAC Members: Glenn Harrison, Chair, John Hayes, Vice Chair, Sam Woolsey, Leta Neiderheiser, Wendell Baskins, John Chess, Jim Ford, and others. (Loren & Connie excused)

John Pouley, Assistant State Archaeologist will take minutes; Roger Roper & Ian Johnson will attend.

1-8:00 AM - Call to order & Introductions - Glenn

2-Agenda - Additions or Corrections - Glenn

3-Minutes of the June 5 meeting - John Pouley

4-Financial Report - Glenn

5-Public Comment

6-In the News - July 2011 True West: Endangered Oregon Trail Sites (End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center & Ladd Hill)
- Santiam Wagon Road, Shadow Lake Fire

7-Continuing Projects-Information available at <http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/review.shtml>

Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council meetings - Wendell

Horizon, Antelope Ridge Wind Project, September 7 onsite visit-Nick Benjamin, Glenn, others

NPS Cultural Resources Workshop, Albuquerque, NM, October 18-19-Glenn (No cost to OHTAC)

Iberdrola, Montague Field Trip, November 8-9 - Henry, Glenn & others

Other onsite visits

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project (B2H), August 16 & September 26

Web meetings/conference calls - John Styduhar, B2H Project manager, Diane Prichard

BLM Cultural Resources Specialist, Glenn

Cascade Crossing Transmission Line Project; September 9 meeting - Deb Schallert, Glenn &

ODOE input - Todd Cornett

Wendell

SHPO input - Roger Roper, John Pouley, Ian Johnson

Others

Note: There will be a break about 10:00 AM.

8-Update on Website; Keith May's donated book - David

9-Update on OHTAC brochure - Wendell

10-New Business

Oregon Trail Multiple Property National Register Nomination - Roger (NPS Funded)

New projects or amendments

11-Recommendations and Actions

12-Governor's Appointments

13-Election of Officers - John Hayes, Chair; Sam Woolsey, Vice Chair

14-Confirm 2012 Meeting Dates & Locations

1) Fri.-Sun., April 27-29, State Library & Archives, Salem - Glenn

Note: The 2012 Northwest Archivists/Oregon Heritage Conference is scheduled for April 26-28 in Salem

2) Fri., June 1-Sun., June 3, Lewis & Clark, Lower Columbia - Astoria - Oregon Chapter, Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

3) Fri.-Sun., Sept. 21-23, OHTAC, Oregon Trail Work Party, La Grande - Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, USFS

15-Adjourn

Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2011 - Cottage Grove

Members Present: Glenn Harrison, Sam Woosley, Leta Neiderheiser, Wendell Baskins, John Chess,
Loren Irving, Jim Ford

Members Absent: John Hayes & Connie Colton, both excused

Others Present: David Bogan, OPRD; Valerie Franklin, Project Director Horizon Wind; Stafford Hazelett

Glenn called the meeting to order and welcomed new members Loren Irving and Jim Ford.

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda. The minutes of the August 2010 were approved.

Glenn distributed copies of the 2010 OHTAC financial report noting that the checking account ending balance was \$2,540.50. The only expense to date in 2011 was a \$3.50 bank fee, so the ending balance is now \$2,537.00. The financial reports were approved and it was agreed that Glenn and Leta would continue to be signers on the checking account and Glenn will continue to make the financial report.

Glenn invited public comments, but there were none except for some about future agenda items.

Glenn gave an update on the Meek Cutoff signage. BLM is interested in placing a sign as recommended, but needs funding assistance. NW OCTA donated \$300 as a match for getting an Oregon Historic Trails Fund grant.

Wendell and Glenn reported on the Oregon Energy Facilities Siting Council meeting proceedings.

The areas of concern relating to trails are off road vehicles, wind energy projects, and transmission line projects. Project information is available at <http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/review.shtml> or by individual project names.

The Meadow Lakes Basin Restoration and Travel Management Project for the Deschutes - Ochoco National Forests and the Crooked River National Grassland Travel Management Plan are being developed. The issues of motorized recreation and travel management are interrelated.

Concerning Antelope Ridge, Valerie Franklin presented their plans and invited OHTAC and OCTA for an onsite visit when weather permits. Glenn and Wendell have been meeting with Valerie and others and agree that an onsite visit is necessary to verify the actual trail corridor on Ladd Hill and see the viewshed from the trail and from I-84 toward the trail. Stafford Hazelett expressed his concerns as well.

Concerning the Montague Wind Energy project, Iberdrola has paid \$20,000 to the Oregon Community Foundation for OHTAC and \$3,000 to OCTA for signage and sign maintenance related to the Oregon Trail in this project area.

The Idaho Power Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project Director had planned to attend this meeting. Among the routes of greatest concern for trail preservation include near Cecil, near Well Springs, Weatherby Rest Area, and near the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center near Baker City.

The Portland General Electric Cascade Crossing Project is working with OHTAC (Wendell and Glenn) concerning potential routes that minimize trail impacts.

Other projects we are following include the Baseline Wind Energy Facility, Rock Creek Wind Power Facility, Saddle Butte Wind Park, Summit Ridge Wind Project, Shepherds Flat Wind Project, Carty Generating Station, and the Klamath Falls Bioenergy Project.

Glenn reported on the Meek's Cutoff movie filmed in Oregon. Unfortunately no one from the OHTAC or others knowledgeable about the Meek Cutoff were consulted.

Glenn displayed some of the recent Oregonian articles: the lead A1 & 17 article March 13 "Green energy soaks up taxpayer dollars" and "Wind farm subsidies and jobs: Doing the math" focus on Shepherds Flat where \$1.2 billion in federal and state subsidies have been granted and 35 jobs gained. The April 15 page A1 and 4 article was titled "BPA rethinks idea to idle wind power during overloads: A debate grows over how the grid adds renewable sources and who pays what."

Glenn was asked to submit the Oregon Encyclopedia article on the Santiam Wagon Road and the OPRD Courier article on the OHTAC. Both were edited and printed. Glenn was interviewed for an article on the OHTAC for the Senior & Boomer News. It was a color, page 1 article in the Linn-Benton issue and a black & white, inside article in other counties.

From 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on May 12th, the Heritage Program Division of OPRD hosts a Preservation Month Fair at the State Capitol State Park in Salem. Glenn and or Wendell will represent OHTAC at OEFSC meetings.

We still need to cooperate with OCTA concerning the Montague signage. There are no new projects or actions. Glenn will contact the city manager of Cottage Grove about the Applegate Trail sign cleaning and clean the kiosk in Corvallis. Glenn will continue to represent OHTAC in communication on behalf of OHTAC.

Reminders: The June 3 - 5 Field Trip and meeting in The Dalles will include an NPS Feasibility Study session and field trip on the Meek Cutoff as well as part of the east branch of the Klamath Trail, Fremont Trail and the east part of the Barlow Road. The September 30 - October 2 meeting at Oregon City will focus on the Barlow Road on the west side of the Cascades including Foster Farm and the west branch of the Klamath Trail.

The meeting was adjourned.

Glenn Harrison, Sec. Pro Tem

Note. Approved via email

OHTAC MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2011
Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
The Dalles, Oregon

In Attendance

Glenn Harrison, chair; John Hayes, vice-chair; Wendell Baskins; Loren Irving; Jim Ford; Sam Woolsey; Annie von Domitz, ex-officio council member; David Bogan OPRD/SHPO; Rene Ford, citizen; Stafford Hazelett, citizen; Henry Pittock III, Mapping and Marking Chair, NW Chapter, OCTA; Erik Harvey, South Zone Archaeologist, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest; Carolyn Wood, former OHTAC member, The Dalles; Todd Cornett, Oregon Dept. of Energy.

OHTAC Members Absent With Previous Notification

Leta Neiderheiser; John Chess; Connie Colton

Call to Order and Welcome (Glenn) - 8:00 am. Glenn and John Hayes have contacted Governor's office regarding renewing their terms on Council. Glenn noted that he made the front page of Senior and Boomer News, and that he and Wendell participated in the Preservation Fair on the State Capitol grounds on May 12 as part of a historic preservation month event sponsored by SHPO.

Staff Reports

Glenn indicated that the Council is continuing to monitor the various projects listed on the Agenda and asked if there were any of these that other members wished to comment on. Glenn recognized Henry Pittock who brought maps relating to Antelope Ridge, Maupin, Shearer's Bridge, and Barlow Road Cutoff.

Public Comment

None

OTIC Presentation

Glenn introduced Annie von Domitz who spoke to the Council about the work being carried out by the Oregon Travel Information Council, particularly the Historic Marker and Heritage Tree programs. Annie said that OTIC's mission was to guide motorists on Oregon highways to the state's historic and heritage resources; she discussed the innovative technology that OTIC is developing to better inform and interpret sites where their historic and tree markers are placed—online interactive maps, audio tours, QR tags for smart phones. She asked about the availability of GPS coordinates for historic markers; Stafford said he had these.

Other agenda items

Glenn mentioned that the name Jesse that was misspelled on the new sign at Creswell is being corrected and that OTIC would be repairing the beaver board sign at Yoncalla. He also said that he had cleaned the Applegate Trail signs in the kiosk at Avery Park in Corvallis and had written to the Corvallis City Manager concerning repairing the kiosk, but has not heard back. Glenn said that he has not received an update from Montague re interpretive sign funding; Wendell said that he had not heard anything from Oregon Community Foundation on same topic. Glenn mentioned other mapping projects by other people (Pamela Dean/Fort Lane area) and Whitman Mission Route.

Erik Harvey, South Zone Archaeologist for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, presented his "Trail Project", two miles off I-84 is the Oregon Trail; said he's in the process of updating

maps/map system of La Grande Ranger District, and has walked the entire 16 mile segment of the project he envisions. Erik said that given the Forest Service philosophy to avoid impacts, the current state of the trail is being overgrown, that carsonite markers are barely visible and that an effort is needed to clean up the brush and downed limbs so that people could enjoy hiking the stretch of 16 miles instead of being limited to a very small hiking area as it is now.

Some current funds are slated to go away from Forest Service, but Erik would like use the money that's still available to improve the Trail. Glenn said that OCTA volunteers could help out. Stafford has surveyed and found artifacts on part of the 16 mile segment. Erik said that Trail diaries spoke of open pine forests, but now trees are encroaching. Also, Erik used old GLO maps and wants to return to historical standards. Annie wanted to know about historical standards being maintained.

Erik has presented his idea to Matt and Dennis at SHPO who were favorable but asked that he consult with OHTAC on details to bring all stakeholders into the loop. Erik concluded by offering to host a on-the-ground tour to show people the best and worst areas with the goal of having kids see and walk a portion of the Oregon Trail where there are still well-preserved ruts. Glenn expressed again that volunteers could be brought in to help. Wendell made a motion that OHTAC write a letter of support for the "Trail Project;" John H. second; motion approved without objection. Glenn called for a break so members could look at the maps Erik brought of the area.

After the break Annie said that the Jedediah Smith marker was removed and that this has afforded a good opportunity to have a better dialogue with the coastal tribes.

Glenn said that the treasurer's report showed \$2,540.50 in the account.

Review and Approval of 5/1 Cottage Grove meeting minutes

Wendell noted that on page 2, the reference to Summit Ridge was about how an OEFCC commissioner was very concerned about impact on the view shed while on the river near the location of the SR wind farm site. Wendell moved that the minutes be accepted; John Hayes, second. Approved without opposition by Council members present.

General discussion

Wendell mentioned that the Field Trip report he sent to members for the Applegate Trail meeting is the corrected copy.

Stafford reported that following last evening's showing of "Finding Fremont in Oregon 1843", he met with Dan Keizur a relative of the Applegate family about a two page 1873 letter from Jesse Applegate to Daniel and Robert Applegate about how to finance Jesse Carr's sheep purchases. Stafford will seek Dan's permission to send this letter to Glenn and Leta.

Wendell said that he will send out in next three weeks a draft agenda for the October meeting, and hopes that Kim Garner can make lodging arrangements at Best Western in Oregon City.

Meetings Update

Wendell said he was planning to attend a June 14 meeting in Morrow concerning the Helix project.

Glenn has received a letter regarding the Boardman to Hemingway project from project leader Keith Georgeson of Idaho Power. Glenn reported that a DOE representative concerning the Cascade Crossing project will attend OHTAC October meeting.

Concerning Antelope Ridge Glenn mentioned that he and Wendell and OCTA members are working with Valerie Franklin to set up site visit in late June if road condition permit.

Glenn said that OHTAC will send comment concerning the Carty Generating Station and the short transmission line.

Presentation

Todd Cornett, Oregon Department of Energy, discussed and handed out "EFSC Flowchart Process" plus ODOE online info links. He said that OHTAC would receive all public meetings announcements and emphasized that interested parties should always get involved in public meetings from the beginning.

Glenn asked if there was going to be any kind of comprehensive map that shows all current and planned projects.

Glenn said that Antelope Ridge has greatest potential for adverse affect to the Trail.

New Business

Revised OHTAC brochure – David will coordinate revisions with OPRD publications and graphics vendor. Wendell will send to members a copy of current brochure for the purpose of soliciting comments, changes, corrections, etc.

Revised OHTAC website – David will coordinate revisions/additions and is go-to person for managing site. Keith May has given permission to include information from his book "Finding the Trail in Oregon."

2012 OHTAC Meetings

Glenn stated that in planning for SHPO's budgeting with NPS, we need to select our three meeting locations and trails for 2012.

John Hayes recommended having a trail research meeting. We agreed to hold a meeting in Salem and visit the State Library and State Archives. (We could meet in Portland and visit the Oregon Historical Society Research Library the following year.)

The second meeting could be in Astoria and focus on the Lewis & Clark Trail on the Lower Columbia and involve members of the Oregon Chapter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

The third meeting would be an Oregon Trail work party in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest likely staying in La Grande.

The dates will be determined at our next meeting.

Recommendations and Actions

Wendell made a motion that OHTAC write a letter of thanks and provide an honorarium in the amount of \$200 be provide to James Hambleton for his services in leading OHTAC on the Meek Cutoff field trip. John Hayes seconded. All members approved.

Meeting Adjournment

John Hayes made motion to adjourn and Wendell Baskins seconded. Members present approved.

Butter Creek Windfarm Project

On May 17, 2012 at the invitation of Bob Guertin, members of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council and the Oregon-California Trails Association visited one of the sites proposed for a strand of the Butter Creek Windfarm Project. We appreciated the opportunity to see the area. At the OHTAC meeting on Sunday, June 3 we reviewed our findings and made recommendations. Because the time is short before the June 5 Morrow County Planning Commission meeting, I am emailing our recommendations prior to our official letter, which will come from John Hayes, the 2012 OHTAC Chair, who is currently out of town.

We found that the proposed Mule Hollow strand of turbines where we visited was within a few feet of Class 1 Oregon Trail ruts that were quite visible exactly where they were located on the old GLO map and on the 1959 Oregon Highway Department map even though the field had been cultivated. (It was obvious that the archaeologist for Tetra Tech had no idea what he was seeing even though it was marked on that area's map.) Our recommendation for that area is to use an alternate location farther from the trail - preferably at least 1/4 mile away - for the turbines, transmission lines, and access road.



Walking in Oregon Trail ruts near the proposed wind turbines.

The Lower Ridge strand, near Four Mile Canyon is a big concern. It will have direct impact on the existing north route of the Oregon Trail across the land and will be very visible looking back from the point where the two alternatives rejoin at the BLM interpretive site. **There should be no wind turbines or access roads within view of the BLM Fourmile Canyon kiosk and the visible Oregon Trail ruts.** The neighboring wind project has already agreed to move their turbines locations out of the view from the Oregon Trail and to pay \$23,000 to OHTAC and OCTA in mitigation for signage and maintenance.

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Yours truly,
/s/

Glenn Harrison 6/4/12
2011 OHTAC Chair

OHTAC Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 2nd, 2011
Best Western Plus Rivershore Hotel Conference Room
1900 Clackamette Drive
Oregon City, OR

OHTAC Members: Glenn Harrison, John Hayes, Sam Woolsey, Leta Neiderheiser, Wendell Baskins, John Chess, Jim Ford
Note Taker: John Pouley, Oregon SHPO

Guests:

Diane Pritchard Boardman to Hemingway Project Cultural Resources Lead (BLM)
Deb Schallert – Cascade Crossing Transmission Line Project (PGE)
Todd Cornett - Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE)
Roger Roper (Oregon SHPO)
Lee Kreutzer (NPS & OHTAC exofficio)
Billy Symms (NW OCTA Preservation Officer & OHTAC exofficio)
Jim Tompkins - President of the Northwest Chapter of OCTA
Stafford Hazelett, Trail Supporter
Vern Pritchard, Vale District Engineer
[John Styduhar Boardman to Hemingway Project Manager (Idaho Power) had indicated he would be present, but wasn't.]

1-Call to Order & Introductions – 8:11

2-Agenda Additions or Corrections – None

3-Minutes of the June 5 Meeting – Pending

4-Financial Report -

Glenn – The beginning balance on 1/1/11 was \$2,540.50 with \$0.00 income to date. To date, field trip expenses incurred total \$200.00 and bank fees \$3.50, leaving the current balance as of 10/2/2011 at \$2,337.00. The Montague Wind Facility Oregon Trail Interpretive Wayside Exhibit Maintenance funds (\$20,000.00) became available 7/19/2011.

5-Public Comment-None

6-In the News-True West: Endangered Oregon Trail Sites (End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and Ladd Hill – two of the top 10 endangered sites).

Shadow Lake Fire and Santiam Wagon Road – Newspaper article updates fire and impacts to wagon road. Santiam Wagon Road used as a staging area for fire equipment. Wagon road was to be used as a fire break, but it didn't work. Another break line was created adjacent to the wagon road causing adverse impacts. A prior fire impacted the road as well.

Action Item: OHTAC will send a letter addressing concerns.

7-Continuing Projects-Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council meetings: Wendell no

comment -- "Based on agendas presented for recent meetings and my attendance, there have been no actions or discussions impacting the historic trails."

Horizon, Antelope Ridge Wind Project, September 7 onsite visit: Wendell – Sent out recommendation. Glenn only OHTAC representative in attendance in addition to Stafford. Several places where towers and ancillary access roads etc. are proposed. Much of the trail has not been identified. Therefore, high probability, sections were recommended for project avoidance. Tree with rope burn marks has fallen down. Areas to avoid consist of: Township 4S, Range 38E, Section 13 and Township 4S, Range 39E, Section 18. Stafford concurred with Glenn's summary.

November 8-9 outing on Montague arranged by Henry regarding signage for that section.

8:23

Glenn - Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) map has been updated. Includes significant roads in Idaho, but not part of the 16 trails that Oregon monitors. B2H continue to leave off important trails (e.g. Meek cutoff). Diane Pritchard (Vale BLM and B2H Cultural Resources Project Lead) – would like GIS files for B2H trail segments.

Action Item: John will check to see if SHPO GIS has Meek Cutoff and other significant Oregon Historic Trail segments.

Action Items: Diane Pritchard will email detail of alternate sections to Glenn, Ian and John at SHPO. Diane Pritchard will also check with Idaho Power Company with regards to why Tetra Tech does not have the routes of the 16 trails on their project maps.

A Programmatic Agreement (PA) group has formed as a result of the August 16th meeting in La Grande. The second PA meeting was held on September 26th, 2011. The timeline for the Programmatic agreement is to have a draft by February or March, 2012 when the Draft EIS is out. The Programmatic Agreement needs to be finished and signed before the Record of Decision is complete. Wendell complimented the current status of the project. Years ago, the original drawings were heavily scrutinized due to a number of concerns. It appears that Idaho Power Company has in part backed off and restructured its approach. Wendell still has concerns however.

Glenn – introduces the Cascade Crossing transmission line project. Deb Schallert of Portland General Electric (PGE) provided a status update on the project. Proposed line will travel from Boardman to Salem, primarily following an existing transmission line. The Navy Bombing range needs to be avoided. Trail segments pass along the southern boundary of the bombing range. As such, PGE is prefers a route along the northern boundary of the bombing range which was identified through consultation with OHTAC. PGE still needs to work with the Department of the Navy, which is in progress. Deb further indicated that a substation named Cedar Springs will receive a different name to detract attention from a significant trail location.

Action Item: Wendell met with Jim Renner and Ann Rogers about the Mollala Trail (part of the Klamath Trail) and will provide information from that meeting to Deb.

Deb indicated the transmission line into Salem will deviate from existing lines. If anyone wants a field trip, PGE will comply. Glenn indicated if PGE wanted a field trip with OHTAC, it could be

arranged as well. The Cascade Crossing Transmission Line is anticipated to be in service by 2016.

8:43

Todd Cornett of Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) discussed the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) process. Certification for the Cascade Crossing project anticipated for mid-2012. Friday (October 7, 2011) meeting at The Dalles for those interested regarding EFSC process for Cascade Crossing. PGE is in the process of compiling their application for certification. The application should be ready by the start of 2012. Then PGE will solicit public comment. When PGE submits their application for certification, they need to show that they have solicited information from the appropriate groups. GIS shapefiles for the project have been submitted to John at SHPO. The certification process is required to minimize concerns related to the project.

Roger Roper of SHPO asked a question on the status of the PA. Deb Schallert said a PA was close to completion. The PA has been drafted but still need some tribes to respond as well as a couple of the federal agencies. Signature of the PA anticipated by the end of the year. State (ODOE) wants it signed prior to certification.

Roger Roper next asked if there were any Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) concerns. Deb Schallert indicated none as of yet, but flexibility has been built into the PA to address the potential.

Todd Cornett indicated that due to concurring processes, ODOE is interested in being signatory to the PA. All applicable parties will sign the PA. For B2H, a PA may not be signed prior to certification.

8:52

Roger Roper expressed SHPO concerns regarding TCPs. TCPs are difficult to deal with because tribes are not required to provide much information regarding significance, location etc. No resolution on this issue yet at SHPO, but Roger wants all to be aware that it is an issue with the potential to cause project delays.

8:59

8-Update on Website; Keith May's donated book – Glenn noted that Keith May donated his book Finding the Oregon Trail in Oregon to be put on SHPO website. Copy of book was sent to David Bogan. Keith May is a former member of OHTAC and former educator. He led outings on the trail for teachers as well as students and is considered to be a regional expert.

9:01

9-Update on OHTAC brochure – Wendell is working on it with David. There is a question concerning who will pay for its printing.

10- New Business

Oregon Trail Multiple Property National Register Nomination: Roger Roper discussed the Oregon Trail Multiple Property nomination. Roger updated the group on the efforts to list three segments of the Oregon Trail to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The National Park Service (NPS) asked SHPO if possible.

SHPO contracted Stephen Dow Beckham PhD with funding provided by NPS to produce a document detailing the significance through a Multiple Property Document (MPD). A MPD supports justification by identifying significant themes that segments of the trail can be compared against, instead of addressing each separately. A Multiple Property submission simplifies the process.

In determining which three segments should be nominated, Roger identified three critical elements. First, it should be a high probability that it is associated with the trail and threatened. Second, landowner approval must be obtained. Third, it should be a meaningful segment.

A list was provided in a handout from brainstorming and was stated as open for suggestions. Lee Kreutzer (NPS) indicated that the list needs to be narrowed down with help from OHTAC. It is hoped that the list can be reduced to 10 that would subsequently be prioritized. Dr. Beckham would work from the prioritized list. Then, for example, if a landowner did not consent, the next segment on the list would be considered.

Roger Roper indicated that the MPD will allow other segments to be listed at later dates. The more listed, the more perceived or actual protections become available. Under NRHP, listing is a type of mitigation that opens the door for potential funding through grants in addition to other types of protections.

Diane Pritchard identified Keeney Pass, Tub Mountain/Alkali Spring, Birch Creek Site, Virtue Flat and Echo Meadows as candidates.

Lee Kreutzer recommended focusing on segments where threat of development is relatively high. Glenn on behalf of OHTAC indicated that Ladd Hill was significant. Ladd Hill is on private land, so landowner approval is an issue.

Action Item: Within next couple of months, OHTAC will send a letter of significant segments.

Wendell asked what happens if a private landowner objects if a segment is on their property. Roger Roper indicated that cases where approval was granted should be dealt with first and the "sticky" landowners later. Incentive will be provided to the latter regarding potential grants or other potential funding available.

Stafford recommended 4-Mile Canyon, Blue Mountain Canyon, Hilgard Junction State Park, Flagstaff Hill, Boardman/Wells Spring Segment in addition to those identified by Diane Pritchard.

Discussion shifted to NRHP listed segments. Diane Pritchard indicated that Keeney Pass is listed on the NRHP. Stafford added that the Barlow Road is on the NRHP, but he is not certain if the segment on Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife lands is included in the listing. Lee Kreutzer indicated that a map provided her during the meeting from NPS GIS was of high potential

locations. Wendell asked if the Hilgard Junction State Park Spring Creek Site was in the Blue Mountain interpretive section. Stafford said they are two separate sections.

Leta asked which are Stafford's top three. Stafford eloquently expressed his desire to 1) have them all listed and 2) that he could not choose which of his "children" were his three favorites. He indicated that he would be satisfied with whatever OHTAC decides.

Roger Roper indicated that during a recent brief telephone call, Dr. Beckham identified Blue Mountain Trail Segment, Hilgard Junction State Park, Ascent of Burnt River, Deschutes River Crossing and Echo Meadows/Wells Springs off the top of his head as significant segments. Roger further stated that Dr. Beckham's take was based on information from journals and tended to focus on the more scholarly side of significance.

John Chess asked how soon the list would be needed. Lee Kreutzer said within a month would be good. Roger Roper said it could even be longer since Dr. Beckham's first contractual deliverable will not require that information. Lee Kreutzer suggested the end of the calendar year.

Action Item: Diane Pritchard will email her top list and provide shapefiles to SHPO.

Lee Kreutzer added that NPS had GIS they could share with SHPO.

Diane Pritchard asked if information on trails significant to Tribes would be considered. Glenn indicated that OHTAC is responsible for 16 trails that have been designated by the legislature and signed into law by the governor.

John Chess moved to hold the decision on the list of significant segments to a later date. Sam Woolsey asked if other than the three if there was a maximum number to provide. Roger Roper indicated that 10 were needed and may not require a formal action from OHTAC. John Hayes suggested meeting informally at first and then making the results of that discussion formal. Roger said SHPO could set up the meeting/conference call. Glenn said the group could make a partial list and then have a conference call. Wendell was in favor of postponing and developing a list later during a conference call. Need to do more in depth study prior to developing a list.

Roger Roper said he will talk with Dr. Beckham to provide updated information to the informal list obtained on the phone. Lee Kreutzer indicated that we are not looking at the Applegate Trail at this time. Stafford indicated that he has data on all sites on the rough list and could provide maps, photos etc. if needed.

Action Item: Stafford indicated he could have the information by next Saturday, October 8, 2011. Copies will be sent to Roger Roper, Lee Kreutzer and Dr. Beckham (through Roger at SHPO).

Lee Kreutzer was fine with disseminating the information as long as it was limited and constrained. Jim Tompkins spoke as president of the NW Chapter of OCTA regarding a convention scheduled for July 2013 in Oregon City. The convention would provide an opportunity for SHPO, OHTAC, ODOE etc. to give presentations in the spirit of public involvement. If anyone is interested, Jim indicated he could be contacted [HYPERLINK "mailto:Tompkins@bctonline.com"](mailto:Tompkins@bctonline.com) Tompkins@bctonline.com or phone 503-632-4557.

Roger Roper next discussed the bankrupt Blue Herron paper company. SHPO was asked for input from Metro who plan on purchasing the property. By October 19, 2011, Metro will put a bid together. The property possesses several historic structures and SHPO feels that preservation will create a positive situation fostering economic growth. It was indicated that there would be a public meeting on either Tuesday or Wednesday to tell the public about all the possibilities resulting from the proposed Metro purchase. Wendell will attend.

9:52 BREAK

10:09 Meeting Resumes

11-Recommendations and Actions - Wendell recommended paying Stafford \$200.00 for his expenses in planning and leading the previous days' field trip. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Leta moved to contribute \$150.00 to the JZH Historical Society for their participating in the in the previous days' field trip at the Philip Foster Farm. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Wendell will be provided up to \$300.00 for costs incurred during the post field trip dinner. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Glenn recommended the Antelope Ridge Wind Project avoid Township 4S, Range 38E, Section 13 and Township 4S, Range 39E, Section 18 (Towers 8-A11 and 1-A5 should not be built in addition to access roads, turbines etc.) Stafford interjected that the "foothill road" was actually the frontage road at Clover Creek. Wendell recommended dividing the question. There are existing impacts at Clover Creek but Ladd Hill is relatively pristine. Both should be dealt with separately to emphasize the current condition of the Ladd Hill segment. Glenn indicated a motion was not necessary and OHTAC will divide the question. Stafford provided a description of Clover Creek where a natural gas pipeline (underground marked with posts) and above transmission lines exist, paralleling the trail. Stafford indicated that when standing in the ruts, you really don't see the existing impacts (gas pipeline and transmission line). Therefore, the current impacts are not as adverse as they seem. Glenn asks for additional discussion. Wendell indicated that he based his recommendation to split the question on the fact that the powerline puts it in a different category in his mind. Leta indicated that anything that could compromise Ladd Hill must be avoided. Glenn suggested considering Clover Creek first unless you want to reverse. Wendell says "reverse". Jim Tompkins concern is that the energy company has come into an area important to OCTA and OHTAC to capture wind. The problem is the emigrants picked a good corridor.

The name Antelope Ridge is not the local name and Jim recommended using the names Ladd Hill and Clover Creek. He also concurred with Wendell in that the areas should be addressed separately regarding the proposed project's potential to cause adverse effects. The Ladd Hill recommendation was stated as "rock solid". The same procedure was referenced as having occurred for the Montague. Wendell asked the group to remember what our charge and task is. Involved groups need to be aware of our position. For private landowners, they need to know our recommendations to the agency and why their land is important.

Stafford indicated the AINW archaeologist already reviewed reports at SHPO which recommends NRHP eligibility. SHPO concurred. Leta moved to carry through with recommendations. John

Chess seconded the motion. All were in favor of the Ladd Hill portion and the motion passed. Regarding the Clover Creek section discussion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

1) Ladd Hill: There should be no road, transmission lines, or wind towers in Township 4 South Range 38 East Section 13 or in Township 4 South Range 39 East Section 18. There should be a protective corridor for the Oregon National Historic Trail that is at least equal to the protected areas around the historic fences and the prehistoric lithic scatter sites within the Antelope Ridge project. The view toward the descent from Ladd Hill should be preserved. So towers A8 - A11 and towers A1 - A5 should not be built, which would mean the access road to that area also should not be built. And

2) Near Clover Creek: The area near the Ladd Canyon - North Powder Road at Clover Creek Crossing has several pristine Oregon Trail ruts with a Railroad T- marker beside the road. In addition to the area west of the trail on Ladd Hill this area should be preserved.

12-Governor's Appointments - Glenn's and John Hayes' reappointments have been submitted, but have not been processed. There is no problems with submission, but it is taking time to process.

13-Election of Officers - Wendell made a motion that we recommend to the governor that John Hayes serve as chair for 2012 and Sam Woolsey as vice chair. All in favor with one half-hearted exception - Sam.

14-Confirm 2012 Meeting Dates & Locations -

April 27-29 State Library & Archives, Salem, Oregon - Roger Roper indicated that Dr. Beckham may be available for a presentation.

Friday, June 1, June 3 Lewis and Clark - Glenn indicated he has been in contact with Lewis and Clark groups and they are excited about upcoming OHTAC meeting.

September 21-23, OHTAC Oregon Trail Work Party La Grande - SW asks about details of work party. Glenn indicated it is a 16 mile stretch of the Oregon Trail where brush, felled trees etc. will be cleared for easier access by school field trips. Roger Roper indicated the work party may be eligible for a heritage grant.

The meeting to discuss the top 10 trail segments was scheduled for 10:00 on Monday, November 7, 2011 at SHPO.

Wendell - Made a motion to pursue a meeting with OTAC once a year. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Glenn commented that we do not need a motion to write a letter about cleaning the display panels at the Jonsrud Viewpoint and Philip Foster Farm, because he would clean them Thursday on the way to the EFSC meeting in The Dalles. Wendell will be attending as well.

10:59 - Meeting Adjourned.

OHTAC

Barlow Road Field Notes

October 1, 2011

At 8:00 AM we left the Best Western Plus Rivershore Hotel in Oregon City with two vans and traveled on I-205 to the Gladstone exit. Then we followed Jennifer Street to Hwy 212 and Highway 26 toward Mt. Hood passing through Sandy, Welches, Zig Zag and Rhodendron. While viewing the replica 5th tollgate on the Barlow Road, we examined the two Barlow Road signs - The Barlow Road 1846-1919 and the USFS sign - plus the Heritage Tree sign for the maples planted by the last tollgate operator. We then stopped at Government Camp.

Continuing past the Still Creek turnoff, we took the Highway 35 exit toward Hood River and stopped at the Barlow Pass parking lot. After looking at the signs for the Barlow Road and Pacific Crest Trail, we started walking west on the Barlow Road and occasionally the stagecoach road because of extensive downed timber. After visiting the Pioneer Woman's Grave and checking the text and condition of the sign we again boarded the vans that had been moved for our convenience.

We continued to Trillium Lake, South Summit Meadow, and ate our lunch. We viewed the pioneer cemetery including baby Morgan and Summit Meadow with its tele tales at 503-342-3597 21#. We noted that the board walk need to be repaired and some boards replaced. We noted that the Summit House foundation stones are no longer visible from the road because of vegetation growth.

We stopped at the Mirror Lake trailhead and walked to observe Laurel Hill chute 1 and 3 with two opportunities to visit with groups of hikers on the Barlow Road on the trail. After another stop at Government Camp, we started west on Hwy 26. At Sandy we looked at Jonsrud Viewpoint to look at the view and check the signs. All three needed to be cleaned and waxed and Glenn will return on Thursday to clean them.

Following up on a request, we drove to the Eagle Creek Golf Course and verified that the Barlow Road did cross the golf course. They would like a sign to mark it.

We then visited the Philip Foster Farm. We were treated to an excellent tour of the National Historic Site with emphasis on recent improvements - wagons and storage area, barn, blacksmith shop, items donated to the house, facility for research, and a two room cabin. Because more land was added the buildings could be added but the parking lot had to be moved to the side. The interpretive signs near the house need to be cleaned and waxed and Glenn do that next Thursday. The Foster Farm tele tales number is 503-342-3597 15#. We returned to the hotel at 5:00 PM with time to get to our planned dinner at 7:00 PM.

Series of E-mails relating to the film "Meek's Cutoff"

From: Glenn Harrison [mailto:gr.harrison@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 10:31 PM
To: shoot@oregonfilm.org; Cynthia Kirkpatrick Subject: film

Hi Vince and Cynthia,
Tonight I attended the special screening of "Meek's Cutoff" at the Elsinore Theater in Salem. The film used a minimal cast and limited script with three wagons - down to two after a crash. It did convey some of the emotions and uncertainty of the emigrants and was filmed in three Oregon Counties - part in the Burns area.

To my knowledge the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council was never consulted even though the Governor's Office of Film and Television was involved. We are nine citizens appointed by the governor and volunteer our time to help educate and provide information about Oregon's 16 historic trails including the Meek Cutoff. I'm sure we could have been of some help. We have walked over some of the route.

Glenn Harrison, Chair
OHTAC

From: O' Arcy Christine T (mailto:christine.t.darcy@biz.state.or.us)
On Behalf Of Cultural Trust
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1 :33 PM
To: Glenn Harrison; Oregon Film; Cynthia Kirkpatrick
Cc: Vince Porter; Howard Kimberly
Subject: Meek's Cutoff

Glenn:
Thanks for attending the Meek's Cutoff screening last night. I appreciate the good work that the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council does. I'll let Vince Porter reply to you directly as I don't know what the producers and directors of individual films do to use cultural resources in the areas where they're shooting. I would guess it would be up to the individual production to determine what their needs are.

I'm glad some many people, yourself included, could be at the Elsinore for the screening.
Chris

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Date: RE: March 16, 2011 2:50:45 PM PDT
To: cultural.trust@biz.state.or.us, gr.harrison@comcast.net, cultural.trust@state.or.us
Cc: kimberly.howard@biz.state.or.us

Glenn - Thank you for attending the screening last night. We were certainly involved at the beginning of the production as "Meek's Cutoff" applied for the incentive program. We also offer to help with general logistics (local business information, film permits etc.) when needed but we do not have any authority over the production.

I'm sure you and your organization could have been some help to the production as I know they were interested in the history behind their fictional story. I'm sorry that connection was not made. Do know that this project had an incredibly modest budget which is largely the reason why they probably had a small cast as well as a modest number of wagons and livestock. Frankly I'm not sure how they were able to afford what they had on the screen.

If you wouldn't mind sending more information on your organization, I would love to have it at our disposal in case another project like "Meek's" comes our way. We try to offer ideas to the projects without imposing our will on their creative effort.

Best,

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Date: March 16, 2011 3:33:13 PM PDT
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Hi Vince,

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC) was established by the Governor in 1998 in EO 98-16 to oversee and provide advice on Oregon's historic trails. The council has nine members appointed by the governor and was asked to promote public awareness of the significance of Oregon's historic trails as well as to advise public and private agencies and organizations on trail preservation, trail education, and policy matters. The council is Oregon's official liaison to other state agencies and to other state and federal agencies in acquiring national as well as state recognition of Oregon's historic trails.

See <http://www.oregonhistorictrailsfund.org/trails/index.php> for the map and list of Oregon's 16 historic trails as designated by the state legislature. The Meek Cutoff is one of those designated trails.

Glenn Harrison, Chair
OHTAC

PS: I am also the Past National President of the Oregon-California Trails Association and chaired the committee that put together the 1 1/2 hour OCTA film "In Pursuit of a Dream", which has won several awards including a 2010 Oregon Heritage Excellence Award.

From: Vince Porter@OregonFilm.org
Subject: RE: Meek's Cutoff
Date: March 16, 2011 5:07:30 PM PDT
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Cc: David.Bogan@state.or.us, webaskins@gmail.com, letan@oigp.net, jrhayes@coinet.com

Thank you Glenn for this information.

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From: Glenn Harrison <gr.harrison@comcast.net>
Subject: **Fwd: one change**
Date: May 10, 2011 10:57:55 AM PDT
To: David Bogan <David.Bogan@state.or.us>

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: April 23, 2011 7:40:24 AM PDT
To: Kim Garner <Kim.Garner@state.or.us>, David Bogan <David.Bogan@state.or.us>
Subject: **one change**

The Northwest Chapter of OCTA has selected a new representative for the Ad Hoc position on OHTAC.

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June 5, 2011

James Hambleton
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Hi James,

Thank you for leading another successful outing on the Meek Cutoff. The descent to the Deschutes River was impressive.

To help reimburse you for some of your travel expenses from Baker City on your pre outing trips and the actual field trip, the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council is providing you with this \$200 check.

We also encourage you to continue putting the finishing touches on your book about the Meek Cutoff. It will be a significant contribution to Oregon's history and will set the record straight about the destination, route, and reason for the bad rap that some give to Stephen Meek.

Since you likely want to keep the specific location and direction information, could you make a copy of your work on your computer and for the version to be published provide the general location and direction of the photos, such as facing NW?

On Tuesday I will be meeting with the Travel Information Council and recommending that the sign about the Deschutes River crossing be relocated. Once again thank you for caring about this historic trail and for your willingness to lead us on the June 4 outing.

Yours truly,

Glenn Harrison, Chair





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Chris Worth, Forest Supervisor
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Dear Chris,

I received your May 31 letter requesting input concerning the Cascade Crossing Transmission Project. Since you are involved with the Section 106 review process, I'll share the concerns that the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council has expressed directly with PGE.

In 1998, the Governor established the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC). We are nine Governor appointed, volunteer citizens charged with advising the Governor, governmental agencies, and others and about the location, preservation, and uses of these historic trails by Oregonians and visitors.

We are aware that Portland General Electric has proposed constructing a transmission line project that would impact several of Oregon's designated Historic Trails including two National Historic Trails. We need to know how PGE proposes to avoid and protect those trails. A PGE representative is scheduled to attend our October 2nd OHTAC meeting in Oregon City and hopefully be more specific about the transmission line route and trail avoidance efforts. Significant mitigation may be in order. The following map will be of help in identifying the historic trails that we are concerned about.

Yours truly,

Glenn Harrison, Chair
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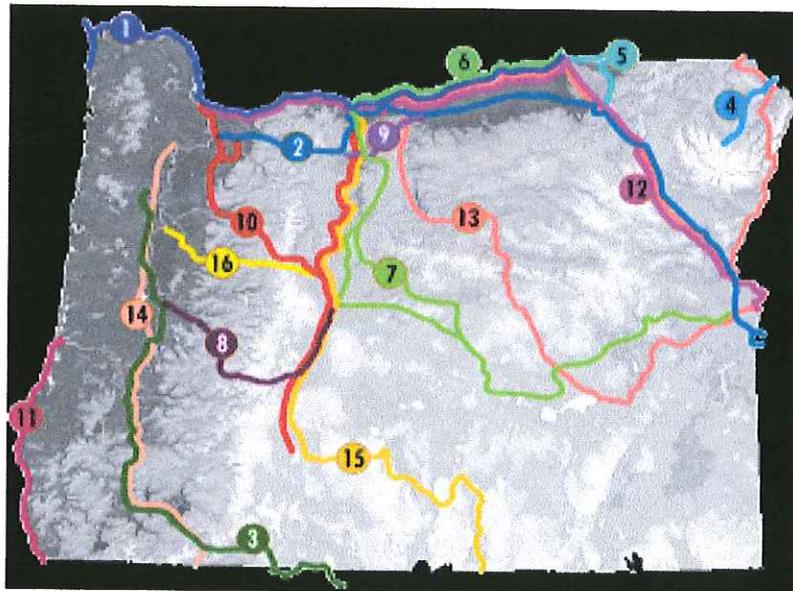
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Sue Oliver, Energy Facility Siting Officer
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Hermiston, OR 97838

Dear Ms Oliver,

I received the public notice concerning the proposed Portland General Electric Carty Generation Station southwest of Boardman and the 18 mile transmission line in Morrow and Gilliam Counties that would connect with the Cascade Crossing Transmission Project. The concerns that the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council have are about avoiding or minimizing any potential impact of this project with any of Oregon's designated historic trails in the area. One of our members will attend the June 14 meeting in Boardman.

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2. Oregon National Historic Trail
9. Cutoff to the Barlow Road

12. Nathaniel Wyeth Route
13. Benjamin Bonneville Route

Yours truly,

Glenn Harrison, Chair
Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council
gr.harrison@comcast.net





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October 2, 2011

Stafford Hazelett
310 NW 150th Avenue
Aloha, OR 97006-5735

Dear Stafford,

On behalf of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, I want to thank you for your leadership, knowledge, and helpfulness on the Barlow Road field trip that you led on October 1. Your input at our meeting today was invaluable as was the advice provided.

To partially reimburse you for your expenses in planning the field trip we are providing you with \$200.

Yours truly,

Glenn Harrison, Chair





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October 3, 2011

Wendell Baskins
1315 Lafayette Avenue
Oregon City, OR 97045-3814

Dear Wendell,

On behalf of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council and our guests, I thank you for your experience and leadership on a very successful field trip on the Barlow Road plus arranging for meeting rooms and meals for the September 30 - October 2 extended weekend meeting of the OHTAC.

Your willingness to participate in various trails related and other historical meeting is also to be commended. I have appreciated your willingness to make suggestions and share ideas throughout the year.

Yours truly,

Glenn Harrison, Chair
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Elaine Butler
Philip Foster Farm
Jackknife-Zion-Horseheaven Historical Society
PO Box 1040
Estacada, OR 97023

Dear Elaine,

Thank you and the wonderful, enthusiastic volunteers at the Philip Foster Farm who collectively gave the members of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council and our guests a great tour. Since we weren't charged admission, OHTAC is contributing \$150 to the JZH Historical Society for your use at the farm. Your hands-on emphasis for young people is to be commended.

You are all to be congratulated for the improvements made in just the last few years. The barn, blacksmith, and the two-room cabin as well as the relocated parking lot are impressive. The additions to the items in the house with connections to the Foster family are important.

Yours truly,

Glenn Harrison, Chair
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October 5, 2011

Governor John Kitzhaber
160 State Capitol
900 Court Street
Salem, Oregon 97301-4047

Dear Governor Kitzhaber,

At the October 2 meeting of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council we voted to recommend to you that John Hayes become the 2012 chair for OHTAC. He is well qualified and has served on OHTAC for three years including this year as vice chair.

His address is:

John R Hayes
PO Box 691
Sisters, OR 97759-0691

Like me he has applied for a second three-year term and we are both awaiting reappointment.

Yours truly,

Glenn Harrison, Chair
Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council





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October 5, 2011

Valerie Franklin, Project Development Manager
Horizon Wind Energy
53 SW Yamhill Street
Portland, OR 97204

Nick Benjamin, North American Development
EDP Renewables
53 SW Yamhill Street
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Nick & Valerie,

The onsite visit on September 7, 2011 was invaluable for the participants to actually see the Oregon Trail in relation to what was being proposed for the Antelope Ridge project. So thanks to Horizon Wind Energy for arranging the visit and Nick and Nicholas for driving.

Archaeological Investigation Northwest has determined that the Oregon Trail archaeological site on Ladd Hill is eligible for placement on the National Register of Historic Places and the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office concurred. (Oregon Archaeological Site Number 09/1708-N86 and Smithsonian Site Number 35UN435)

At its October 2, 2011 business meeting the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council in separate votes and with no dissenting votes makes the following recommendations related to the Antelope Ridge Wind Energy Project concerning 1) Ladd Hill and 2) the area by the Ladd Canyon - North Powder Road near Clover Creek:

1) Ladd Hill: There should be no road, transmission lines, or wind towers in Township 4 South Range 38 East Section 13 or in Township 4 South Range 39 East Section 18.

There should be a protective corridor for the Oregon National Historic Trail that is at least equal to the protected areas around the historic fences and the prehistoric lithic scatter sites within the Antelope Ridge project.

The view toward the descent from Ladd Hill should be preserved. So towers A8 - A11 and towers A1 - A5 should not be built, which would mean the access road to that area also should not be built.

2) Near Clover Creek: The area near the Ladd Canyon - North Powder Road at Clover Creek Crossing has several pristine Oregon Trail ruts with a Railroad T-marker beside the road. In addition to the area west of the trail on Ladd Hill this area should be preserved.

The following information and photos will help in understanding the importance of the recommendations.

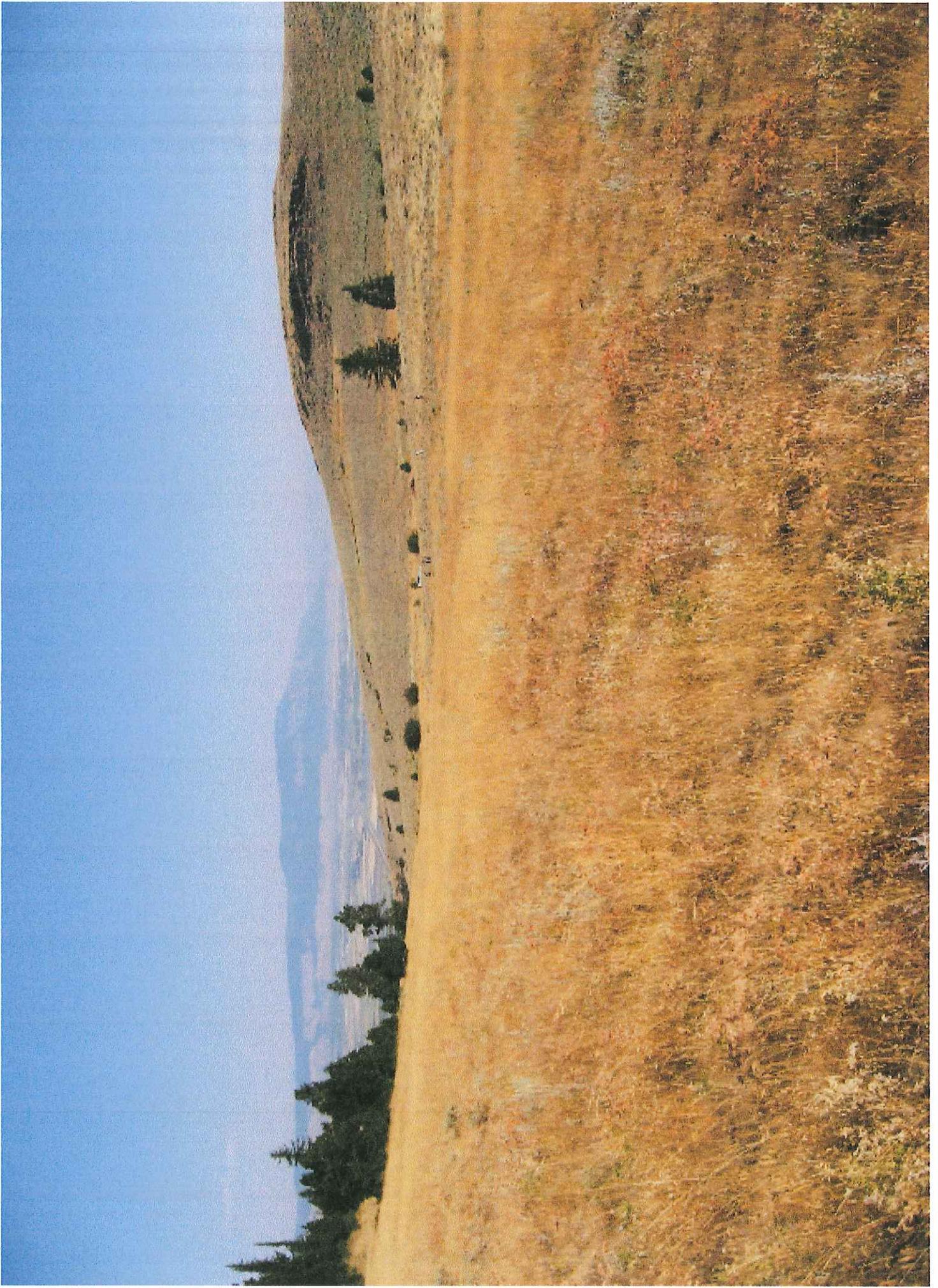
Yours truly,

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cc Governor John Kitzhaber, Oregon DOE, OEFSC, Oregon SHPO, OHTAC members,
selected NW OCTA and OCTA members, selected NPS staff members, AINW, Elaine Albrich



1) The Oregon Trail and view from the north end of Ladd Hill is highly significant and was mentioned in glowing terms in most Oregon Trail diaries. There are multiple trail ruts as the wagons headed to the Grand Ronde Valley as seen on Sept. 7, 2011.



Stafford Hazlett shares his photo of the view for an eastbound traveler on I-84 approaching Ladd Hill if all the proposed wind towers are in place. (Actually looking south at this point.) The route of the National Historic Oregon Trail is marked in red. **Recommendation: Remove from the project the right hand nine towers and connecting road.**

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— Oregon Trail according to NPS map





A1 A2 A3 A4 A5
A8 A9 A10 A11

2) This photo shows the Clover Valley site with a Northwest OCTA T-marker angled to the Class 1 trail ruts going up the hill beside the Ladd Canyon - North Powder Road at Clover Creek Crossing. Oregon Trail ruts are well marked with carsonite markers placed by Northwest OCTA members and verified by National Park Service staff. **Recommendation: Preserve this area.**



Diary quote on T-marker.

OREGON TRAIL - CLOVER VALLEY

"COULD NOT RAISE FIRE ENOUGH TO COOK BREAKFAST. POWERFUL COLD
STARTED EARLY AND IN ABOUT 3 MILES CAME TO THE FOOT OF MOUNT.

ASCENT VERY GRADUAL ...CAME TO A FINE LITTLE VALLEY

WITH SOME SPRINGS AND PLENTY OF GRASS."

CECELIA ADAMS & PARTHENIA BLANK (TWIN SISTERS) OCT. 2, 1852



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October 10, 2011

Richard Meyers
Cottage Grove City Manager
700 E Gibbs Avenue
Cottage Grove, OR 97424

Dear Mr. Meyers,

On April 29- May 1 during a field trip along the Applegate Trail and meeting, the members of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council stayed and ate in Cottage Grove. While there we visited and cleaned the fiberglass imbedded interpretive signs near W Main Street and the Coast Fork of the Willamette River.

A protective wax coating will help the signs last longer and make future cleaning easier. For the future sign cleaning by your maintenance crew or volunteers, here are some notes.

Needed: biodegradable cleaner, bristle brushes, water, liquid wax, terry cloth towels

- 1) Spray the surface with the cleaner
[We used Bio Green Clean. <http://www.biogreenclean.com>]
- 2) Use a bristle brush to loosen dust and moss.
[We used a brush with a handle plus a narrow brush for the edges of the sign.]
- 3) Rinse the sign with water.
- 4) Dry surface with terry cloth.
- 5) Squirt wax on the sign and spread it with a clean terry cloth towel.
[We use Flitz Waxx Protectant as that is what is used by the National Parks Service.
<http://www.flitz.com/p-23-waxx-wax-protectant.aspx>]
- 6) Remove the excess wax with another terry cloth towel.

Yours truly,

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1132 30th Place SW
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October 10, 2011

Sandy City Manager
39250 Pioneer Blvd.
Sandy, OR 97055

Dear Sir,

On October 1 during a field trip on the western portion of the Barlow Road, the members of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council noticed that the fiberglass imbedded interpretive signs at Jonsrud Viewpoint needed some cleaning. So on October 6 I returned to clean and wax those three signs.

A protective wax coating will help the signs last longer and make future cleaning easier. For the future sign cleaning by your Parks Department and to clean the signs in Meining Memorial Park, here are some notes.

Needed: biodegradable cleaner, bristle brushes, water, liquid wax, terry cloth towels

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Elaine Butler
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PO Box 1040
Estacada, OR 97023

Dear Elaine,

On October 1 during the visit to the Philip Foster Farm by the members of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, we noticed that the fiberglass imbedded interpretive signs in front of the house needed some cleaning. So on October 6 I returned to clean and wax those signs plus the small sign near the General Store.

A protective wax coating will help the signs last longer and make future cleaning easier. For your future sign cleaning and for the other small signs, here are some notes.

Needed: biodegradable cleaner, bristle brushes, water, liquid wax, terry cloth towels

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1132 30th Place SW
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November 20, 2011

Matthew Garrett, Director
Oregon Department of Transportation
1158 Chemeketa Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Matt,

In 1998, the Governor Kitzhaber established the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC). We are nine Governor appointed, volunteer citizens charged with advising the Governor, governmental agencies, and others about the location, preservation, and uses of these historic trails by Oregonians and visitors.

At our last meeting a concern was expressed about the widening of I-5 in the Sexton Mountain area and the potential damage to the Applegate Trail in that area. As yet we have not been consulted concerning the potential damage to this part of Oregon's heritage. Since it is part of the National Historic California Trail, it is also important nationally.

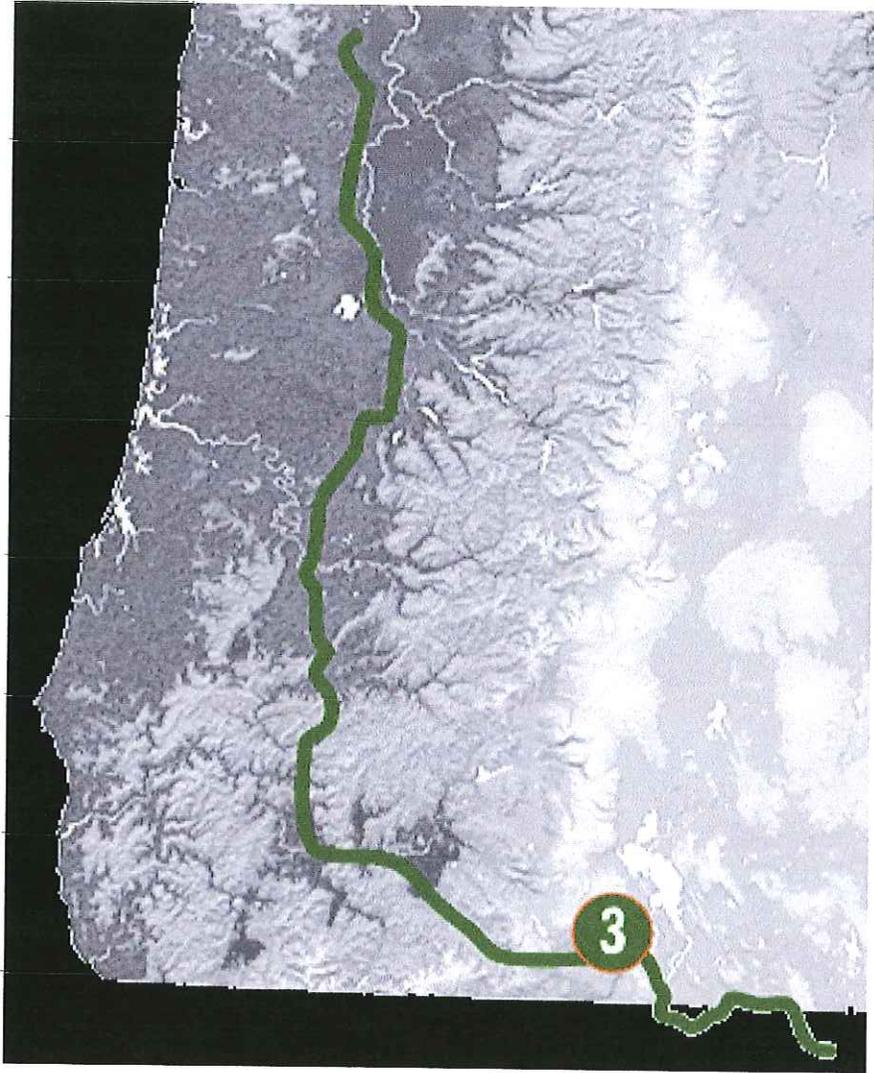
The following map will be of help in identifying the Applegate Trail although there were some alternate routes that were used in different years. SHPO and others have more detailed maps of the area. Some people to consult with about this area are Leta Neiderheiser, Past Chair of OHTAC, who lives in Grants Pass; Henry Pittock, from Corvallis is the Mapping and marking Chair for the Northwest Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association, and Wayne McKy of Grants Pass is the Chair of the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society.

I would be willing to help facilitate a meeting with you and/or the project manager and those who could assist you in identifying the trail and what to avoid. If damage to the Applegate Trail proves to be unavoidable, mitigation could be additional signage along the Applegate Trail at appropriate locations funded by ODOT.

Yours truly,

Glenn Harrison, Chair
OHTAC





Applegate Trail



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1132 30th Place SW
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November 25, 2011



Bill Anthony, Sisters District Ranger
Deschutes National Forest
PO Box 249
Sisters, OR 97759

Dear Bill,

In 1998, Governor Kitzhaber established the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHT AC). We are nine Governor appointed, volunteer citizens charged with advising the Governor, governmental agencies, and others about the location, preservation, and uses of these historic trails by Oregonians and visitors. The Santiam Wagon Road is one of the roads designated by the Oregon legislature as important and in need of protection. It is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. I know you are aware of this.

It appears that half of the Sisters District forests have burned in the last ten years. While lightning fires are common in central Oregon, especially in the summer, early fire detection and suppression is vital to the health of the forest and the Santiam Wagon Road. Since few fire lookouts are in operation, what else can be done to locate fires when they are small? While protection of lives and property is important, so is preservation of this historic wagon road and wilderness area.

In 2007 the George Washington Fire burned the remains of the Cache Creek Toll Station. After the GW Fire damaged trees were harvested and piled onto the Santiam Wagon Road. In the 2011 Shadow Lake Fire there was severe damage when the Santiam Wagon Road was again used as a fire road to move heavy equipment and also as part of a firebreak. The Santiam Wagon Road must be preserved and not misused. The development of plans for avoiding the Santiam Wagon Road by all fire vehicles is vital.

We need to discuss appropriate restoration and uses of the route of the Santiam Wagon Road. Plus we need to discuss necessary and sufficient mitigation for the misuses of the wagon road. Prohibiting all motorized vehicles from the route of the Santiam Wagon Road is an important step.

I suggest a meeting in the spring with John Hayes, who is from Sisters and the 2012 OHTAC Chair; Dick Spray, from Bend who is a former OHTAC member and a retired Forest Service Ranger; Loren Irving from Bend, a current member of OHTAC; and me if I can get over the pass from Albany. I'm sure you will want your Forest Service Archaeologist and perhaps others involved in planning for firefighting to attend.

I expect that you have seen the October 9 Bend newspaper, The Bulletin, article "Anatomy of the Shadow Lake Fire: How firefighters' strategy played out in the 10,000-acre Mt. Washington blaze" by Dylan J. Darling. Please note the following background pictures and four Shadow Lake Fire pictures illustrate examples of the use of the Santiam Wagon Road.

OHTAC needs assurance that future firefighting efforts will not further harm this historic wagon road. Significant accumulated mitigation needs to be accomplished for this and previous damage to the Santiam Wagon Road especially since the thinning and bulldozing didn't work. The \$9.5 million cost of fighting this latest fire does not include damage to the wilderness or the Santiam Wagon Road. Damage is cumulative.

Yours truly,

Glenn Harrison, 2011 OHTAC Chair



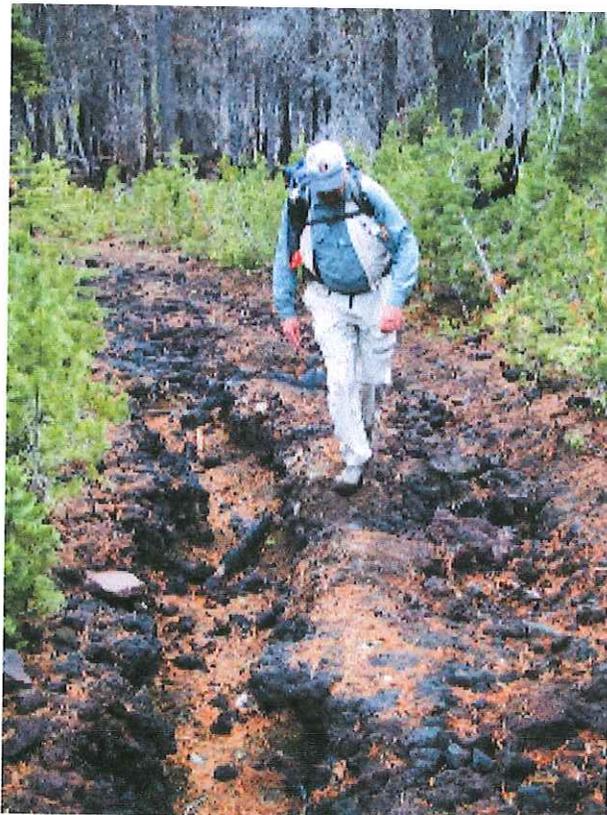
Background:



Pioneers on the Old Santiam Wagon Road east of Sand Mtn. Mt. Washington in background. National Archives Photo No. 95-G-27622.

This historic photo shows wagons using the portion of the Santiam plateau that was burned during the 1967 Airstrip Fire. It is now an OHV playground.

The 1998 Cache Creek Fire burned about 400 acres south of the Santiam Wagon Road, which was used as a fireline from about one mile west of the Toll Station to about 1/2 mile east of Cache Mountain Pass. Firefighters carefully managed the use of the wagon road to prevent any bulldozing or other damage from firefighting activities. However, no watershed restoration around the wagon road was done resulting in some destructive washouts, which later became ATV/dirt bike attractions.



Erosion resulting from the 1998 Cache Creek Fire, no rehabilitation, and unregulated use

The 2003 Link Creek Fire burned the west side of Cache Mountain and up to and over the wagon road in the vicinity of Cache Mountain Pass and Hortense Lake. Bulldozers and other fire fighting equipment caused a great deal of wagon road damage which still exists.



Hikers resting in the mess left after the 2003 Link Creek Fire

Later in 2003 was the huge B&B Fire, which did not get to the wagon road, but there was some fire fighting traffic on the road near Big Lake. The traffic impact was less than the ATV/dirt bike impact that it supplanted because the road was closed to all except fire fighting traffic.

The 2007 George Washington or GW Fire burned several thousand acres mostly south of the wagon road, but it burned over the wagon road before it was caught by a fireline on the 500 road just to the north. It burned over the wagon road and Cache Creek Toll Station and returned the 1998 Cache Creek burn.



Wagon Road Cache Creek Toll Station remains before GW Fire



Toll Station after the GW fire (now even more obscured)



Cache Creek Toll Station Forest Service sign (now over 50 years old)



Cache Creek Toll Station sign beside the Santiam Wagon Road



Harvester working on the historic wagon road after the GW Fire



Loggers' camp at the Toll Station site with several ATVs and dirt bikes, which were driven on the wagon road for recreation in their free time



Shadow Lake Fire from PCT at 2:40 pm, August 28, 2011 (10 minutes after fire was reported)



Thinning and pruning trees so the fire would burn low



Bulldozer line beside the Santiam Wagon Road as a firebreak



Large cleared safety zone and parking area on the Santiam Wagon Road



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November 27, 2011

Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition
Attn: Alice Norris, President of the Board
1980 Willamette Falls Drive #120-189
West Linn, OR 97068

Dear Mrs. Norris,

The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council is composed of nine governor appointed Oregon citizens charged with advising the Governor, governmental agencies, and others about the location, preservation, and uses of Oregon's historic trails by Oregonians and visitors. At our last meeting we voted to support the effort to establish the important destination of the Willamette Falls Heritage Area.

Many Oregon emigrants took the Barlow Road portion of the Oregon Trail and many Indians followed the Molalla portion of the Klamath Trail to the Willamette Falls at Oregon City-West Linn. So both historic trails end within the proposed Willamette Falls Heritage Area. Those emigrants who took the Columbia River Route eventually came to Oregon City to file their claims and early business and industry had its start in this area. So this area of Oregon is highly significant to Native Americans and to the settlement of Oregon. We are glad to add our support to the effort to gain National Heritage Area designation.

Yours truly,

Glenn Harrison, Chair
Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council





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3500 NW Stewart Parkway
Roseburg, OR 97470-1600
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December 7, 2011

Glenn Harrison
Chair, OHTAC
1132 30th Place SW
Albany, OR 97321

Dear Mr. Harrison,

I am the Region Manager for ODOT's Region 3 which encompasses southwestern Oregon. Our agency Director Matt Garrett shared your letter of concern with me regarding consideration of the Applegate Trail in the Agency's design of a new climbing lane on Interstate 5 over Sexton Mountain. I wanted to get back to you regarding our work on the project associated with the Applegate Trail. In short, I want to assure you that ODOT has gone beyond our normal process in consideration of the trail in our design.

As you may know, ODOT is required to complete a survey of historical and archaeological resources on all construction projects. Because of the importance of the Applegate Trail and the fact that it is crossed at numerous locations by the interstate, we commissioned a separate survey and report just for the trail, in addition to the normal archaeological study conducted for the project. The trail survey was led by Chelsea Rose of the Southern Oregon University Laboratory of Anthropology. In addition, we've been working with the Hugo Neighborhood Association, the local Applegate Trail interest group, since February 2010. The Association was actively involved with Ms. Rose in conducting the trail survey, as were the Southern Oregon Historical Society, the Josephine County Historical Society, the Douglas County Museum, and the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

More important than simply completing the survey, the results have shown that the current project, including the footprint of the new Sexton climbing lane, will not touch any portion of the trail. In addition, any locations where temporary construction activities could possibly encroach on the trail will be identified as "No Work Zones." While the current project only includes construction of the northbound climbing lane on Sexton Mountain, our surveys also included investigation of future climbing lane projects on southbound Sexton, as well as Smith Hill pass and Stage Road pass, located north of Sexton Mountain. Based on our surveys we know that some of those climbing lanes, particularly those on Smith Hill, may impact portions of the Applegate Trail, as well as other historical resources. As those projects are funded in the future we will consider impacts to all archaeological resources, including the trail, to determine how we can avoid or mitigate for them.

In conclusion, I hope this letter explains how ODOT has worked to locate and plan for the Applegate Trail relative to the interstate on the current project, as well as those that may be funded in the future. Let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Frank Reading

Cc: Matt Garrett, Director
Mark Usselman, Southwest Area Manager
Mark Leedom, Project Leader

Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council 2011 Financial Summary

Beginning Balance	<u>\$2,540.50</u>
Income	<u>\$0.00</u>
Expenses	<u>\$679.15</u>
June Meek Cutoff Tour Leader Travel Expenses	\$200.00
October Barlow Road Expenses	
Barlow Road Tour Leader Travel Expenses	\$200.00
JZH Historical Society	\$150.00
(Phillip Foster Farm Donation in place of Admission Fee)	
October Reunion Dinner	\$121.65 (\$265.25 - \$143.60 reimbursed)
Bank Fees	\$7.50 (\$3.50+\$5.50-\$5.50 reversed +\$2.00+\$2.00)
Ending Balance	<u>\$1,861.35</u>

Other Historic Trail Related Funds

On November 10, 1999 the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council (OTCC) transferred \$60,000 of its funds to the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) for the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC) for its use in having meetings and secretarial services. During 2010 OHTAC withdrew \$3,151.00 from that fund for anticipated expenses and \$2,540.50 remained at the end of 2010. Over the years the remaining OTCC fund has grown to \$92,202.76 on December 31, 2011.

In 2010 OHTAC 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. In 2011 a processing fee was added and some of the bank charges were reversed. For 2011 OHTAC Chair Glenn Harrison and Past Chair Leta Neiderheiser were again selected as signers on the OHTAC account. OHTAC operates on a calendar year basis.

As a Government Entity no IRS Form 990 is required and no reporting to the Oregon Department of Revenue is required. But OHTAC keeps records and reports at each OHTAC meeting and sends annual reports to OPRD and OCF.

The Oregon Community Foundation is holding some funds for us in a new special fund. In a signed agreement with Iberdrola Renewables, on July 19, 2011 Iberdrola contributed \$20,000 to the Oregon Community Foundation for the "Cedar Springs" Fund for Montague Wind Facility Oregon Trail Interpretive Wayside Exhibit Maintenance. During the last half of 2011 that fund value decreased and the OCF fee was applied. That fund balance was \$18,402.77 at the end of 2011.

The Oregon Historic Trails Fund held with the Oregon Community Foundation had \$777,117.23 at the end of December 2011. Each fall a portion of the earnings from this fund is awarded as matching grants to nonprofit groups for historic trail related projects.

The OHTAC continues to operate under an Executive Order that specifies, "The council shall have the authority to negotiate for staff assistance from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department." The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department through the authority of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the National Park Service (NPS) Long Distance Trails office have been able to develop an annual grant relationship. When OHTAC members are working on or studying about the Oregon Trail, Applegate Trail, or trails that are under study for the feasibility for inclusion as part of a national emigrant trail, expense money can be paid. OHTAC members continue to receive no state funds for any historic trail related work.

Glenn Harrison, 2/26/2012