

Applegate Trail: White Property

The *Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee (Trails Committee)* was formed to bring together all those who want to learn more about the early transportation in the area, from the casual admirer to the dedicated researcher.¹

On July 21, 2003 six volunteers set out to inventory the White Property on the south slope of the Grave Creek Hills: Hal Anthony, Malcolm Drake, Wayne McKy, Boyd Peters, Karen Rose, and Mike Walker.



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Altered Road on White Property

Do you own property where one of our two 1856 emigrant roads once passed? Would you like to know more about their history?

Wagon Trail Inventory - OR- JA-00-34-06-22-White Property

The White Property was inventoried before being aware of the Oregon-California Trails Association's "Mapping Emigrant Trails" standards.² The group found several trail segments in the general locations identified by the 1856 and 1894 Government Land Office (GLO) maps and a 1895 county map.

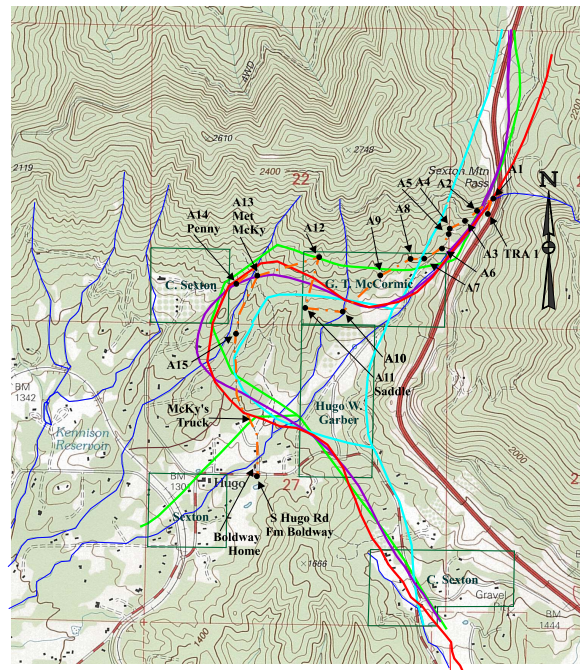
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1856 Road
1894 Road
1895 Road
1995 Atlas



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More Information

In a general sense all the maps agreed. The 1995 atlas map showed the ox bow and its cut-off. The property has been extensively logged several times and it was difficult to determine if the group was on the original Applegate Trail.

The sense of adventure on the field trip was intoxicating, almost like discovering gold. For example, many times members of the field crew just knew they had found the "Trail" only to discover it ending after a short distance (GPS-A12), or disappearing into an obvious timber skid trail.



In conclusion, more work needs to be done by the *Trails Committee* using the OCTA mapping standards (e.g., artifact search, review GLO field notes, field review by OCTA representatives, etc.).² An interim range of trail classifications between Class 3 ③ through Class 5 ⑤ was recommended for trail segment OR-JA-00-34-06-22-White Property.

Be Respectful Do not trespass. The White Property is private property not open to the public.

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood*, or a member of the *Committee* on how you can become involved in this trail project.

1. Hugo Neighborhood. 2005. Public Outreach & Educational Brochure Program: Hugo's Emigrant Trails. Hugo, OR.
2. Office of National Trails Preservation & Oregon-California Trails Association (P.O. box 1019, Independence, MO, 64051-0519, 816-252-2276, octa@indepmo.org). July 2002, 4th edition. *Mapping Emigrants Trails MET Field Manual*.

Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Make checks to the *Hugo Neighborhood* and send them to our Treasurer.

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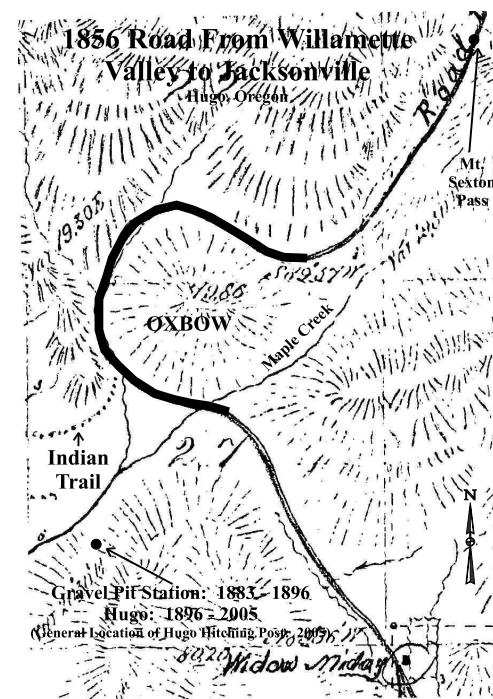
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