

Jacksonville Road (JR) Of Applegate Trail (Trail): 1941 At Mt. Sexton Pass¹⁻²

Hugo's JA from Willamette Valley to Jacksonville (route of the Applegate Trail) is located in Josephine County, Oregon from Louse Creek in the south to Grave Creek in the north. There are 17 GLO surveyed

points of interest (POI) along the JR in Hugo's area of interest.³ There are many more like this 1941 At Mt. Sexton Pass POI without a GLO survey.



MT. SEXTON PASS TRAIL SEGMENT

POI Name Mt. Sexton Pass ■ JA-14B.

POI ID Code OR-AT-00-34-06-23-n/a-JA-14B

1941 AT MT. SEXTON PASS

POI Name 1941 At Mt. Sexton Pass ■ JA-14F.

POI ID Code OR-AT-00-34-06-23-n/a-JA-14F.

POI Located With GPS/Interpretative Sign No.

In 1941 a new right-of-way on Sexton Mountain was cleared.⁴ The residence [Smith house] overlooking the Pacific Highway summit on the shoulder of Mt. Sexton was razed and trees felled for a new road.

1. General Surveyor Office of Oregon. Subdivision Lines For 1856 Map (T.34., R. 6. W., Willamette Meridian). Field Notes. Surveyor Luke G Hyde. Contract February 19, 1855; Surveyed March 31, 1856; Hugo Neighborhood. 2006. *Hugo's Applegate Trail Field Notes*. Brochures 10A - 10D in Emigrant Trail Series. Hugo, OR.

2. Rose, Karen. 2006. Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee, Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. *Hugo's Applegate Trail Diaries, Journals & Reminiscences Project*. "Yellow Book Project" For Participants of the Diaries, Journals and Reminiscences Sub-Committee. Hugo, OR. Hugo Neighborhood. 2005 *Diaries & Journals*. Brochure 11 in Emigrant Trail Series. Hugo, OR; Hugo Neighborhood. 2006 *Diaries, Journals & Reminiscences Sub-Committee*. Brochure 11B in Emigrant Trail Series. Hugo, OR.

Postal Telegraph Pole At Mt. Sexton Pass

1941 The "Right-of-way Cleared on Sexton" photo is courtesy of the *Grants Pass Courier* from its January 6, 1941 edition.⁴ The following is the caption to the photo (Photo 1):

"The residence [John S. W. Smith homesteaded in 1877; he was issued a homestead patent for 160 acres in Hugo, Oregon September 16, 1896 (Patent No. 3749)] overlooking the Pacific highway summit [Smith Hill] on the shoulder of Mt. Sexton has been razed, and trees are being felled for 1.92 miles of new construction soon to take place there. Here is a view toward the summit from the Grants Pass side showing the steep, old dirt road on the left [Applegate Trail], the curving present highway on the right [Old Pacific Highway/U.S. 99], and the felled trees on the right-of-way of the new work. The highway summit will be lowered several feet by a deep cut. (Courier Photo and Engraving.)"

The grade of the Trail segment at Mt. Sexton Pass aligns to the original summit elevation. The Postal Telegraph pole shown in Photo 1 would have been removed with the eventual 1941 cut.

2010 Today's view from the old Pacific Highway shown in the 1941 picture is the same one as after the 1941 and 1950s I-5 elevation cuts (see title page).

3. Hugo Neighborhood. 2009 *Hugo's Applegate Trail GLO Points of Interest*. Brochure 1 in Applegate Trail GLO Surveys Series. Hugo, OR.

4. Grants Pass Courtier. January 6, 1941. Front Page, Right-of-Way Cleared on Sexton. VOL. XXXI, No. 91. Grants Pass, OR.

5. 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*.

1941 Photograph of Postal Telegraph Pole

Stakeholders Oregon Highway Commission/Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Right-of-Way Cleared on Sexton — 1941



Photo 1. Postal Telegraph Pole Middle Left Photo At Mt. Sexton Pass Before Cut: 1941
Courtesy of the Grants Pass Daily Courier

OCTA Trail Classification Class ② Used Trail⁵
Coherence Rule Linear Uniformity. Yes
Corroborative Rule Confirming Evidence. Yes
Collateral Rule Physical/Topo Evidence. Yes
Correlation Rule Overall Agreement. Yes

Be Respectful Do not trespass. The 1941 At Mt. Sexton Pass is located on public property.

More Information Contact a member of the Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee.

Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee

Hugo is blessed with a rich heritage of historic roads, rough though they were. The *Hugo Emigrant 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. Its aim is to collect and record information about Hugo's emigrant trails, especially its two historic 1850s General Land Office mapped roads, and to share this information (e.g., through *Hugo History Day*, talks, hikes, group visits, training exercises, workshops, publications, web sites, etc.).

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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 of 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.

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Brochure 18F of Applegate Trail GLO
Surveys Brochure Series



Taking out lower cut thru Summit. Looking S. from S. side of summit cut. Detour in foreground & finish grade in background. Grave Cr.-Jumpoff Joe Cr. Sec., Pac. Hwy. #1845

Looking South From Mt. Sexton Summit On Old Pacific Highway: 1941

Courtesy of Oregon Department Of Transportation

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