

Wagner House Of Applegate Trail (*Trail*): JA-H-1

Hugo's Applegate Trail houses are located in Josephine County, Oregon from Louse Creek in the south to Grave Creek in the north. There are six GLO surveyed house points of interest (POI) along the *Trail* in Hugo's area of interest.¹

WAGNER HOUSE POI

House POI Name Wagner House² ■ JA-H-1

POI ID Code OR-AT-00-35-05-30-**-JA-H-1

GLO Survey Notes for House POI None found. However, the Wagner house is clearly identified on the 1856 GLO map south and near Louse Creek.

1856 GLO Wagner House The house is located on the GLO map (T.35S., R.5W., W.M.) It coordinates can be approximated by measuring distances on the GLO map and locating these distances on a modern topographic map (GLO Map North between sections 30 & 29 = 1,525"; GLO Map East between sections 30 & 31 = 1,976'; Need QC).

42° 29' 43.8" North Latitude Need QC.
123° 20' 19.5" West Longitude Need QC.

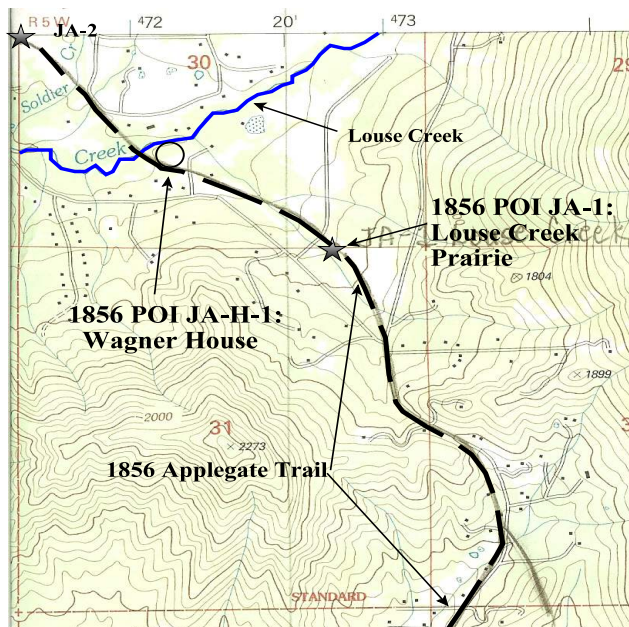
POI Located With GPS Not yet; with permission.

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Diaries, Journals, & Reminiscences

Louse Creek Stage Station: 1860 - 1864 This stop known as the Louse Creek Stage Station was established in 1853, shortly after the Alvord survey of the Big Road. On October 9, 1855 war broke out between the Indians and the pioneers and miners in the Rogue River Valley. At that time the station was being run by Jacob Wagner.

"Chief George and his band, then encamped just off the reservation west of Evan's Creek, fell upon the homestead of Jacob Wagoner. Mr. Wagoner was away attending a temperance lecture, but the house was burned and four men were murdered. Mr. Wagoner's wife and daughter burned to death inside there home."³



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General Land Office (GLO) Surveys & Maps

The station was reopened and under the operation of James McDonough that same year in 1855. The stage station was formally established in 1860⁴⁻⁵ where



Louse Creek Stage Station: ca., 1865
Courtesy of Larry McLane

Louse Creek crosses Granite Hill Road. In 1864 Louse Creek Station was closed when the road was moved to an easier grade over Merlin Hill (the route of present I-5) and the old station was bypassed.⁶

Interpretative Sign; Metal Detection Work;
Modern Survey Not yet; with owner's permission.

Be Respectful *Do not trespass. JA-H-1 is located on private property not open to the public.*

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood*.

4. Grants Pass Courier. April 3, 1935. *Golden Anniversary Edition, Political History Section*, Page 8. Grants Pass, OR.
5. Hugo Neighborhood. April 7, 2009. Hugo's Regional Stage Stations. Brochure 1 in Stage Station Brochure Series. Hugo, OR.
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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. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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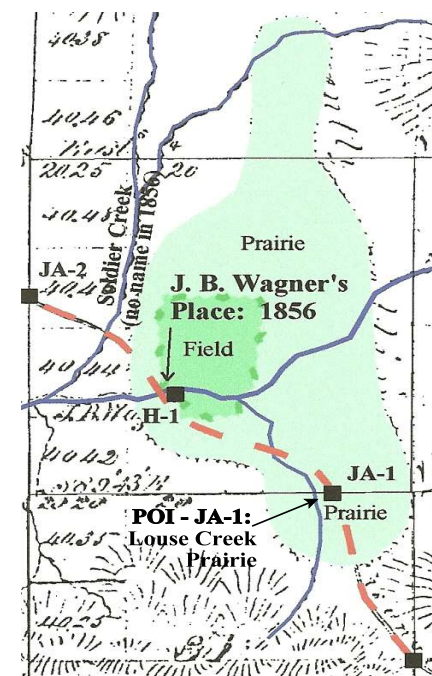
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1856 GLO Map

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