#### **Communities**

### **Hugo Fires**

#### The Idea

1901 A small fire started near Tunnel 9 and burned some of Kinney's wood. As there were plenty of men to fight the fire, it did not burn over a large territory. Rogue River Courier. August 15, 1901. Leland Siftings

1928 County Forest Fires Brought Under Control Grants Pass Daily Courier, July 31, 1928.<sup>1</sup>

Sexton Mountain Fire Stopped Within A Few Miles of City On Merlin Divide

Louse Creek School Razed Monday, Cochrane and Fay Ranches Day Before

Early this afternoon it appeared that the forest fire situation in Josephine County was returning to normal with all fires well under control. Sexton mountain fire, which burned within a few miles of Grants Pass yesterday afternoon, had been put under control during the night and this morning it appeared that, barring heavy winds, it was definitely at an end.

1932. During 1931 a total of 1,621 fires were started on state patrolled lands and 95 percent of these were man made. Josephine County ranked first in the total number of fires for the season with 917 reported. Jackson was second with 172 fires and Douglas County third with 154. Acklen, Jerry, *Courier Historical* Editor On March 4. Today in History. Out of the Past.

Saturday afternoon a fire caught between the George Dean place and Hick's auto camp. Quite a large are of grass burned before it was corralled. Sunday evening an underground root ignited quite a patch of grass again at the same location. *Rogue River Courier*. July 21, 1932. Three Pines.

The Idea The idea is to add information on Hugo fires as it becomes available.

**Want more information?** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community history and land use.

<sup>1.</sup> Hugo Neighborhood Association. 2008. Sexton Mt. Fire of 1928. Hugo, OR.

# 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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