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## Outreach

Hugo is blessed with a rich heritage of historic roads, rough though they were. 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.<sup>1</sup> The aim is to collect and record information about Hugo's emigrant trails, especially its two historic 1856 roads, and to share this information (e.g., through *Hugo History Day*, talks, hikes, group visits, training exercises, workshops, publications, web sites, etc.).

- **Road from Willamette Valley to Jacksonville (route of the Applegate Trail)**
- **Road to Illinois Valley via Van Noys Ferry (route of the Applegate Trail from Widow Niday's place to ferry location on Rogue River)**

A *Trails Committee* goal is to identify all potential property owners along Hugo's immigrant trails and contact them for the purpose of sharing its trail inventory efforts and discover if they are interested in participating.

Interested participating neighbors are the key to accurately mapping, marking, and monitoring our emigrant trails. Outreach to neighbors is extremely important because it identifies the *Hugo Neighborhood* as a responsible organization. While we want to mark and preserve the trails, we want to do it in a manner which engenders hospitality, rather than hostility, from the property owners.

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

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## Trailmarking

Each year the *Hugo Neighborhood* sponsors at least one trail expedition. Mike Walker, Education Chair, is the current head of these projects and he works searching for trail traces with interested property owners in the area.

At the present time trailmarking is not accomplished with physical markers, but with global position system (GPS) readings and with more traditional mapping techniques.

The purpose of the *Hugo Emigrant Wagon Trail Inventory (HEWTI)* and trailmarking is to help local preservation advocates, land-use planners, economic development coordinators, and tourism promoters understand the wealth of historic assets in the Hugo community.

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The *HEWTI* could provide a basis for preservation and planning at all levels of government and for individual groups, or neighbors. It is important to note that the inventory is not an end in itself, but a beginning for neighbors who value their community's history.

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1. Hugo Neighborhood. 2005. Public Outreach & Educational Brochure Program: Hugo's Emigrant Trails. Hugo, OR.  
2. *Hugo Neighborhood*. October 17, 2003. *Land Use Committee*. Brochure. Hugo, OR.

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## Trail Monitors

The *Trails Committee* members, including Trail Monitors, will never enter private property without permission. In addition to this fieldwork, members will research the history of the area in order to better understand their subject.

Trail Monitors watch for potential changes in the community which might adversely affect inventory efforts of the *Trails Committee*, including the benefits



of preservation, development, and promotion of emigrant trails.<sup>2</sup> They submit periodic trail preservation

reports to the *Trails Committee* and *Hugo Neighborhood* and are advocates of including emigrant trails as a map theme in Josephine County geographic information system (GIS). A critical key to the effort is to preserve the trail through documentation.

Wayne McKy, Trail Monitor  
Mike Walker, Trail Monitor  
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Trail Monitors report little or no major activity along its two emigrant trails. The exception is the indirect cumulative effects resulting from the continued residential development of the trails.

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

## 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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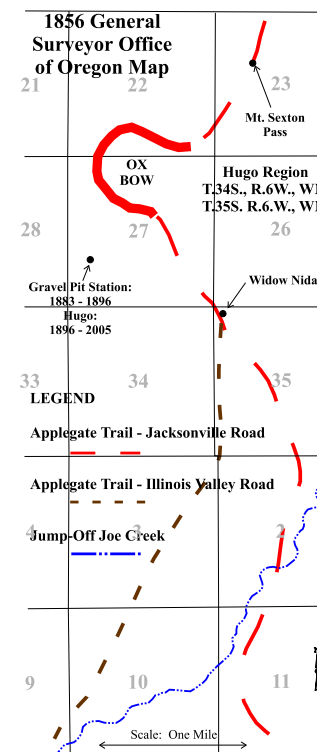
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