

## Mountain Post Office

**Mountain: 1908 - 1913** The Mountain area was a late 1800s gold mining area and in the 1910s Mountain was an early lumber town. It was located in the headwaters of Jumpoff Joe Creek drainage. In its heyday the lumber community had an unusual 11.5-mile long lumber flume all the way to the Town of Three Pines on the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way.

**First Mountain Post Office** Section 24, T.34S., R.6W. The Mountain Post Office was established November 30, 1908. The following information is from the June 29, 1908 application for a new post office to First Assistant Postmaster General, Post Office Department.

- Nearest mail route to proposed office (if not on a railroad): Rural Delivery route No. 1 from Grants Pass 6 times a week.

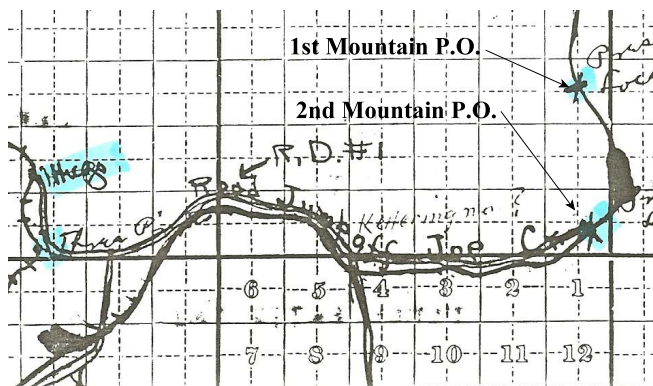


- Proposed office is 100' south of Brass Nail Creek, a branch of Jumpoff Joe Creek.

• Total population to be supplied by mail: About fifty or sixty.

• Placer is 7 miles in northwest direction and Wimer is 9 miles by mountain trails. I think it would be possible to get mail from those places, although it would be hard to do so, especially in winter.

## Mountain Postmasters



*Mountain, Oregon Post Offices: 1908 - 1913*  
National Archives & Records Administration

**Second Mountain Post Office** Section 36, T.34S., R.6W. An October 8, 1909 application eventually moved the location two miles south of the 1908 location.

- Location was 50 yards north of Jumpoff Joe Creek.

• Mail to be supplied to Three Pines Timber Company's saw-mill and logging camp and surrounding population.

• Total population to be supplied is now about 50, but 150 in near future.

The Mountain Post Office was closed March 31, 1913.

## More Information

### Mountain Postmaster: 1908 - 1913

Allison Burnham was the first postmaster.



*Mountain Lumber Mill: ca., 1908 - 1913*  
Courtesy of Josephine County Historical Society<sup>2</sup>

**More Information.** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* if you are interested in becoming involved in the history of our area.

1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. October 25, 2007. *Post Offices: Hugo Region*. Hugo, OR.  
2. Josephine County Historical Society. 1966. *110 Years With Josephine County Oregon*. By Sutton, Jack. Klocker Printery. Medford, 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 promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

### Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote the social welfare of the citizens of the area by working to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and by preserving, protecting, and enhancing the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors.

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.

Voluntary membership dues are \$10.00 annually and will be used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Make checks to the *Hugo Neighborhood* and send them our Treasurer. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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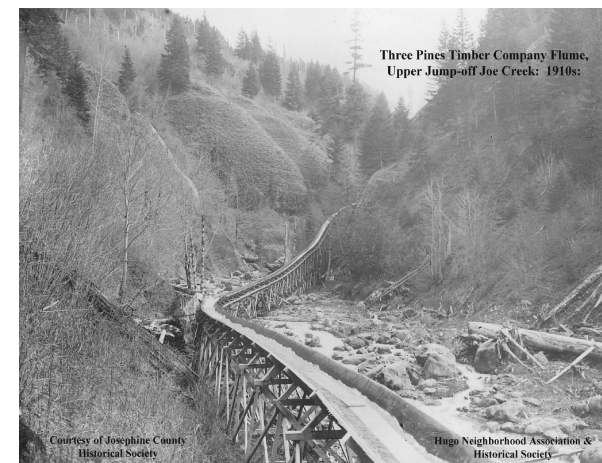
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Three Pines Timber Company Flume,  
Upper Jump-off Joe Creek: 1910s:

*Upper Jumpoff Joe Creek Flume From Mountain To  
Three Pines, Oregon*

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