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## National Trails System/Legislative Authority

The Oregon and the Mormon Pioneer Trails were authorized as national historic trails (NHTs) by Congress in 1978 (National Trails System Act, sections 5(a)(3) and (4)).<sup>1</sup> In 1992 Congress established the California and Pony Express National Historic Trails (National Trails System Act), section 5(a)(18) and (19)).<sup>23</sup> The 1992 legislation amending the National Trails System Act (NTSA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to:

- provide for the development and maintenance of these trails within federally administered areas.

**National Trails System Act:  
Public Law 90-543**

The legislation also directs the Secretary to:

- cooperate with and encourage those states through which the trails pass to operate, develop, and maintain any portions of these trails which are located outside the boundaries of federally administered areas.

The NTSA also authorizes the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements with states, local governments, landowners, and private organizations or individuals to help operate, develop, and maintain trail portions outside federal jurisdiction. These cooperative agreements can include provisions for limited financial or technical assistance to encourage participation in trail management activities.<sup>2</sup>

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## Applegate Trail Is A Branch Of The California National Historic Trail

The NHTs did not follow single routes, rather numerous branches and cutoffs were used by the emigrants heading west. As designated by Congress in the NTSA, the Applegate Trail was the Southern Road to Oregon and is a branch of the California National Historic Trail.<sup>3</sup>

**SEC. 5. [16USC1244]** “(18) The California National Historic Trail, a route of approximately five thousand seven hundred miles, including all routes and cutoffs, extending from Independence and Saint Joseph, Missouri, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, to various points in California and Oregon, as generally described in the report of the Department of the Interior prepared pursuant to subsection (b) of this section entitled "California and Pony Express Trails, Eligibility/Feasibility Study/Environmental Assessment" and dated September 1987. A map generally depicting the route shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. The trail shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior. No lands or interests therein outside the exterior boundaries of any federally administered area may be acquired by the United States for the California National Historic Trail except with the consent of the owner thereof.”<sup>1</sup>



**California National Historic Trail**  
<http://www.nps.gov/cali/cali/cali%20home.htm>

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## ORS 358.057(3) - The Applegate National Historic Trail

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>4&5</sup>



**National Park Service/ U.S. Department of Interior**  
Web: <http://www.nps.gov/oreg/oreg/home.htm>

**ORS 358.057** Oregon recognizes the value and significance of its historic trails, including the Applegate Trail.

**ORS 358.057(3)**  
**The Applegate National Historic Trail**

**Want more information?** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood*, or a member of the *Trails Committee* on how you can become involved in this trail project.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM ACT (P.L. 90-543, as amended through P.L. 107-325, December 4, 2002) (also found in *United States Code*, Volume 16, Sections 1241-1251)

<sup>2</sup> National Park Service. Comprehensive Management and Use Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement, California National Historic Trail, Pony Express National Historic Trail. Page 4.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., pages: 9 (map of Applegate Trail in Oregon), 36 (California National Historic Trail), and 40 (text describing Applegate Trail Southern Road to Oregon: 1846).

<sup>4</sup> Hugo Neighborhood. 2005. Public Outreach & Educational Brochure Program: Hugo's Emigrant Trails. Hugo, OR.

<sup>5</sup> Hugo Neighborhood. 2005. Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee. 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 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. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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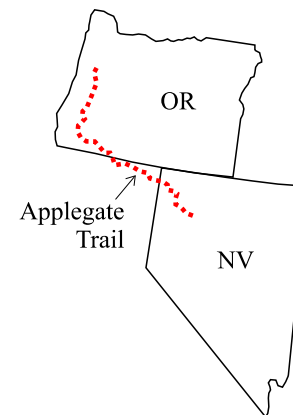
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