
Liaison Officer, Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee

Rene Ford is the Board's Liaison Officer (LO) for the Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee (HETC). Rene and her husband, Jim, are long-time members of the community. They have one daughter and three grandchildren.

Position Description (PD) The LO's PD is the focused role of liaison between the Board of the *Hugo Neighborhood* and the HETC. The LO's position is to enhance the flow of information between the two groups for significant issues and provide informed assistance. This job "links" the two groups and the LO's responsibility is to understand them both. The Board believes it is desirable that the LO have relationships with stakeholder agencies. Therefore, the LO is expected to communicate effectively with these agencies when representing the *Hugo Neighborhood* and to inform the Board of any significant emigrant trail issues of interest to it. The position requires good interpersonal and communication skills.

The LO would also be the Board member responsible to represent the *Hugo Neighborhood* by signing any future formal Applegate Trail signage agreements (e.g., memorandum of understanding (MOU), etc.) without board approval when money is not involved, and when there are not issues before the Board. In those cases the LO would sign for the Board after it approved the agreement. The LO is a full Director of the *Hugo Neighborhood's* Board making policy decisions. Like for all HNAHS officers the LO's PD does not require regular or periodic meetings or status reports. The Board members communicate on a case-by-case basis.

Applegate Trail

The use of "HUNAHS" is, we hope, a way to use the magic vowel 'U' in Hugo so we too can have our own county-wide catchword. Say it like you say Hugo, HU-NAHS.



Rene & Jim Ford Looking For Applegate Trail Artifacts At Garbers Pass

The HETC is presently authorized by the Board, *Hugo Neighborhood*, to independently locate the emigrant trails (e.g., Applegate Trail, etc.) in the Hugo area and beyond, and make recommendations to the *Hugo Neighborhood's* Board which will make the policy decisions. However, most emigrant trail decisions, beside funding, will not actually come to the Board, since the HETC is authorized by the Board to represent the *Hugo Neighborhood* to accomplish its mission. This includes all analysis, inventory, and marking decisions, including working with governments, other organizations, and individuals.

More Information

Hugo is blessed with a rich heritage of historic roads, rough though they were. The HETC 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. Its aim is to collect and record information about Hugo's emigrant trails, especially its two historic 1850s General Land Office mapped roads, the Jacksonville and Illinois Valley roads, and to share this information (e.g., through *Hugo History Day*, talks, hikes, group visits, training exercises, workshops, publications, web sites, etc.).

Rene's Bio

Education?

Career: Retired from Grants Pass Clinic in 2010.

Hobbies: Reading non-fiction, and scraping booking family photo albums.

HETC: Co-Leader

OR Historical Trails Fund Committee: 2012 - 13.

Any topic of interest to you?

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

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 by preserving, protecting, and enhancing the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, as 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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*HETC Marking Applegate Trail In Sunny Valley: Ur,
Jim, Larry, Kelly, Rene, & Joe*

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