

Applegate Trail Chain Tree Trail Rock



Overview Hugo, Oregon like most places has its Native American history, some known, most not. Hugo's first citizens or peoples were the Takelma Indians in the Rogue River Valley.¹

Drakes' September 2011 Field trip to Rock Old Woman⁷ Tommi and Malcolm Drake were exploring around Chain Tree and Trail Rock near the Applegate Trail and Tommi found what looked like an old degraded coin. They couldn't imagine what it represented, but with research they discovered it was a Peruvian phone token.

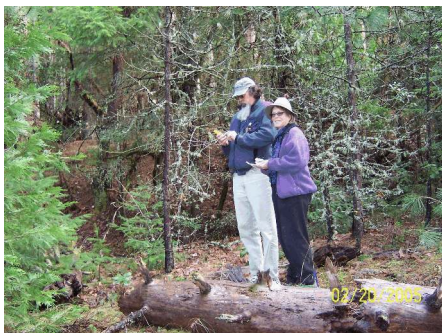


Drakes' Peruvian Phone Token

Hypothesis Malcolm, always the solution finder, proposed the following hypothesis. "It's proof positive (almost) supporting the theory that the indigenous peoples of Peru migrated to that location by passing through Oregon, along the Applegate Trail, presumably by crossing the Bering Ice Bridge. Otherwise, how would a Peruvian phone token get to that location, eh?"

Takelma Indians' Rock Old Woman

1982 Peruvian Phone Token⁷ Although they may not look like it in the photo, the horizontal lines are



Malcolm & Tommi At Sexton Mt.

made of zinc.

RIN: According to Jsalgado2007, and also confirmed by Malcolm's Venezuelan friend, RIN stands for the way Hispanics pronounce "Ring".

CPTSA: Compañía Peruana De Teléfonos Sociedad Anónima (C.P.T.S.A.) = Peruvian Company of Telephones Joint-Stock Company. This interpretation is based on another statement by Jsalgado2007, and has been confirmed by a Venezuelan friend of Malcolm.

1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. January 1, 2010. *Program Overview: Native Americans of Hugo, Oregon*. Hugo, OR.
2. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society and Josephine County Historical Society. September 10, 2011. *Sexton Mt. Pass Trail Rock*. Brochure NA-54 Of Hugo's Native American Brochure Series. Hugo, OR.

grooves with a depth equal to half the thickness of the token. The token is almost exactly the diameter of a US quarter, but about fifty percent thicker. It appears to be



Chain Tree

1982 Peruvian Phone Token

JL: Assumed to be the initials of a Peruvian company that manufactured the token, based on a 2008 post by an unknown source on a Portuguese language speaking numismatics website, who uses the "screen name" jsalgado2007, who stated "A letra F dentro do triângulo é FONTAMAC nome da empresa fabricante das fichas, N e M ainda no conheço o seu significado."



Trail Rock

This translates to say that the F inside a triangle, on a token almost identical to that found near the Chain Tree stands for the factory that made the token, "FONTAMAC"

How did it get there? Malcolm's fun hypothesis aside, the question remains: How did the token get there? It's interesting to postulate how it could have gotten to this area from Peru.

3. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society and Josephine County Historical Society. September 7, 2011. Gray's Dan-mologol or Medicine Rock. Brochure NA-18A Of Hugo's Native American Brochure Series. Hugo, OR.
4. Hugo Neighborhood Association. March 7, 2010. *JR Of Applegate Trail: Maple Creek (JA-14A)*. Brochure 18A of Applegate Trail GLO Surveys Brochure Series. Hugo, OR.
5. Hugo Neighborhood Association. July 26, 2010. *JR Of Applegate Trail: 2010 Chain Tree At Mt. Sexton Pass*. Brochure 18J of Applegate Trail GLO Surveys Brochure Series Hugo, OR.
6. Hugo Neighborhood Association. April 21, 2010. *Applegate Trail: Mt. Sexton Pass*. Brochure 18B of Applegate Trail GLO Surveys Brochure Series. Hugo, OR.
7. Drake, Tommi & Malcolm. September 23, 2011. *Email to Hugo Native American Team About Discovering Peruvian Phone Token*. Jumpoff Joe, 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.

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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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Peruvian Phone Token Found Along Applegate Trail Near Rock Old Woman



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