

## Mastalow slough

**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.<sup>1</sup>



**Beckham**<sup>3</sup> Tatmelmal Rancheria [This village was on the south bank of Rogue River a short distance west of the mouth of Applegate River. It does not appear to correspond with any recorded archaeological site excavated to date.] (Beckham 1993: 31).

“On a low hill have to go downh[ill] to river, almost adjoins Mastamlowz not as far as Baker’s schoolhouse. Fr[ance]’s uncle’s town” (Harrington 1981[28]:490). (Beckham 1993: 31).

“Tatmelmal, an Indian town a little below where the ferry boat crossed the mouth of Applegate Creek” (Harrington 1981[28]:492). (Beckham 1993: 31).



*Salmon*

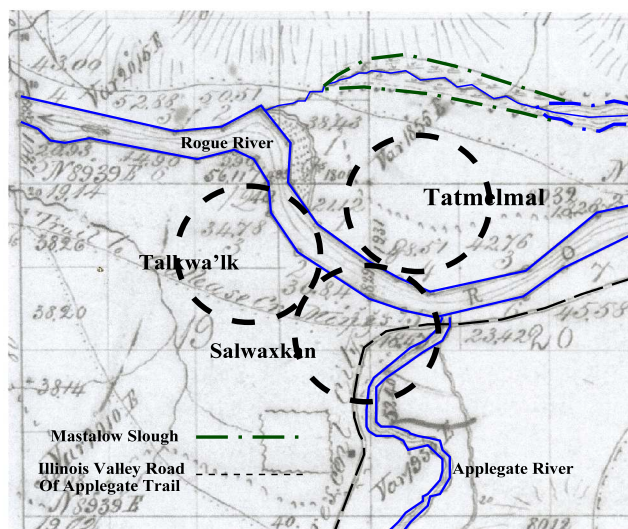
“Tatmelmal is an Ind[ian] winter town, a little below mouth of Applegate Cr[ee]k on the bank of Rogue River. There is a swamp land there. Inf[ormant]’s mother said the French folks come to Rogue River first to catch beaver. Tatmelmal was inf[ormant]’s father’s mother’s place” (Harrington 1981[28]:492). (Beckham 1993: 32).

## Takelma Tatmelmal Village

**Beckham**<sup>3</sup> “She [Frances Johnson] says that Tatmelmal was on low bench near river. So the cemetery, of which she knows nothing, if ev[en ?] on mesa top inland of slough & little upriver of Tatmelmal” (Harrington 1981[28]:462). (Beckham 1993: 32).



*Camas*



**Map 2. Tatmelmal Village  
Confluence of Rogue & Applegate Rivers**  
1856 GLO Base Map

“Tatmelmal is a field where Ind[ian]s had ra[ncheria] below (Illinois road) of [crossing] Salwaxkan” (Harrington 1981[28]:492). (Beckham 1993: 31).

## Confluence of Applegate & Rogue Rivers

**Tatmelmal Cemetery**<sup>3</sup> [This cemetery was located on the north bank of Mastalow Slough north of the Rogue River and west of its confluence with the Applegate River. In 1942 a man named Hilton owned this property.] (Beckham 1993: 32). “Mr. Hilton says most of the cemetery has been dug out” (Harrington 1981[28]:461). (Beckham 1993: 32).



*Black Oak*

**Gray**<sup>4</sup> Tatmelmal: “A town whites (Frenchmen) came to.” “On a low bench near river . . . on north side of Rogue River.” Upriver of Sumulkh.” “Is a piece of bottom land downriver from the end of Masterlows Slough (Harrington 1981: 497, 499, 460).” (Gray 1987: 84)

[North side of Rogue River, west of the confluence of the Applegate and Rogue rivers.] (Gray 1987: 84)

**Be Respectful.** Do not trespass. Always be respectful of your neighbor’s property rights. With permission, leave only footprints.

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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.

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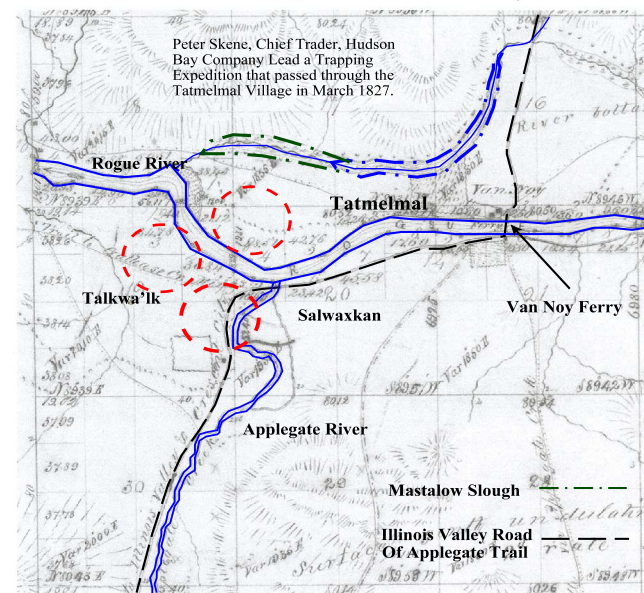
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**Map 1. Confluence of Applegate and Rogue Rivers & Three Takelma Villages**  
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