

2012 HUGO APPLGATE TRAIL MARKING & MAPPING PROJECT

Project name: Hugo Applegate Trail Marking and Mapping Project

Trail: Applegate Trail/South Road to Oregon - California National Historic Trail

Sponsoring Chapter: Northwest Chapter, Oregon-California Trails Association

President: Jim Tompkins

Preservation Officer: Billy Symms

Marking and Mapping Chairman (MMC): Henry Pittock

Location: Grants Pass to Sunny Valley and vicinity, Josephine County, Oregon

Purpose: To support the local participants in the research, documentation, marking and mapping of historic points of interest such as trails, emigrant roads, fords, and home sites, along the Jacksonville Road and Illinois Valley Road of the Applegate Trail.

Local Partners:

NWOCTA and OCTA members

Hugo Neighborhood Association and Historical Society (HUNAHS or *Hugo*)

Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee (HETC or *Trails Committee*) (a HUNAHS committee)

Josephine County Historical Society (JCHS)

The vast majority of the research, documentation, marker installation, and mapping will be done by the local NWOCTA members, HUNAHS, and JCHS.

Background

For about ten years, the HUNAHS, principally through the HETC, has been actively researching and documenting the Applegate Trail in Josephine County, Oregon from the Rogue River in the south to Grave Creek in the north. The HETC publishes brochures through their Public Outreach and Educational Brochure Program. HETC has many sub-committees, a few of which are: Private Property Outreach, GLO Field Survey, and Diaries, Journals and Reminiscences. In addition, a number of brochures are published jointly between the HETC and the Josephine County Historical Society. If HUNAHS and JCHS so desire, NWOCTA suggests using the wording “this brochure is published by the HUNAHS and JCHS with the cooperation of NWOCTA.”

To date, the HETC and its sub-committees have identified over 75 Points of Interest (POI) such as trail segments, emigrant road locations, river and creek fords, home sites, etc. These POI's are listed in the HETC's Table II.B.2.a, dated April 26, 2011. The status of some of these POI's as of September 22, 2010 are shown in HETC's Table II.B.9.c. The attached map, dated October 7, 2010, shows the proposed locations for 22 Carsonite markers; other proposed marker locations will be in the same general area.

Documentation of many proposed marker locations is complete, while others are at various stages of completion. As research continues, it is probably safe to assume that more POI's will be identified, either in the existing study area, or a slightly expanded area. As documentation is completed, the new POI's should be added to the current list.

HETC's *Mapping Action Plan for Applegate Trail Program* (see References) clearly shows how thoroughly their work plan is organized and their desire to follow OCTA's marking and mapping policies and procedures.

The *Hugo Emigrant Trail Inventory Process* (see References) states that "The *Hugo Emigrant Wagon Trail Inventory* (HEWTI) will be conducted by the *Trails Committee* using OCTA's mapping methods, including the plotting trail classifications categories." For each of the inventory field trips, they produce a report (usually anywhere from 5 to 15 pages) that generally starts with the purpose, participants, and accomplishments. Following that might be facts known from GLO surveys and diaries, survey work done, GPS work done, pedestrian survey, trail classification, OCTA's cardinal rules, etc. These reports, or inventories, become part of the file for each proposed marker location.

From the dozens of these that I have seen, my conclusion is that the research and documentation done by the *Trails Committee* and its sub-committees, meets OCTA standards, including the MET manual. I don't believe there would be much hesitancy in the MMC's authenticating the trail and the placement of Carsonite markers based on that quantity and quality of research and documentation.

Duties of the Marking and Mapping Chairman

A) Some NWOCTA Trail Marking and Mapping Leader (MMC) duties listed in chapter documents are:

- 1) Contact public or private landowners for permission to map and mark
- 2) Arrange for GPS system, Carsonite markers, and installation equipment
- 3) Recruit chapter members for participation in trail marking through e-mail reminders, the chapter newsletter, and meeting announcements.

It is requested that the board authorize the MMC to delegate items (1) and (3) to the project leader. Item (2) would remain the responsibility of the MMC, except that NWOCTA will not provide the "GPS system". In regard to item (3), the project leader would solicit participants through such methods as they choose, and also by contacting the NWOCTA Vice-President (the tours, activities and outings coordinator).

B) The OCTA Trail Marker and Trail Marking Policies, Section 9 - Authentication, states: "the chapter person responsible for trail marking should authenticate the trail and placement of markers following the guidelines in the *Mapping Emigrant Trails* (MET) guide (see References). The logical person to do this would be the local project leader with the approval of the MMC, if requested or needed, although the authentication of Carsonite markers is optional.

C) The MMC would have overall responsibility for the project, although the vast majority of the work will be done by local area residents. Day-to-day organization and operation would be the responsibility of the project leader. The MMC will be available for consultation if requested.

Brief summary of relevant project steps or tasks. For more complete details, see References

Section 7A. Initial Planning and Approval. Submit the project plan, including a general description of the segment to be marked, the proposed marking approach (Carsonite markers), and a list of required resources (financial or other) to the chapter for initial approval. Designate the project leader(s).

Section 7B. Determine property owners, obtain permission from private and public owner, obtain permits from public owners.

Section 7C. Coordinate with public agencies if required.

Section 7D. Along with documentation required in Sections 7B & 7C, submit a map showing the approximate location for each proposed marker, and a list of the locations of any nearby permanent trail markers, to the chapter for final approval.

Section 8. Record multiple marker locations on Form TM-2. Form TM-3 may be used to record additional information. Photographs may be attached to Form TM-3. If feasible, the location of the nearest posts should also be noted on Form TM-3. Plot marker locations on 7.5 minute USGS quad or computer-based equivalent.

Section 9. The chapter person responsible for trail marking should authenticate the trail and placement of markers following the guidelines in the Mapping Emigrant Trails (MET) Guide.

Section 10. This section describes which forms need to be completed.

Sect.	Task	Performed by	Approved by
7A	Initial project plan presented to NWOCTA board	MMC	NWOCTA Board
7A	Project leader designated	MMC	NWOCTA Board
7B	Landowner permission (private)	Project Leader	
7B	Permits and permission (public)	Project Leader	
7C	Coordination with public agencies (if required)	Project Leader	
7D	Map and list of proposed marker locations	Project Leader	
7D	Map and list of other nearby permanent trail markers	Project Leader	
7D	Final chapter approval	(thru MMC)	NWOCTA Board*
8	Marker installation and documentation, including photographs, OCTA & HETC forms, map showing final marker locations	Project Leader	
9	Authentication (optional for Carsonite markers)	Project Leader	MMC (optional)
10	Completion of required forms (see Appendix I)	Project Leader	
8	Send completed package to the Chair, National Trail Marking Committee. Send copy to NWOCTA.	Project Leader	MMC

*Note on Section 7. The way the process is set up, this project plan satisfies Section 7A. Sections 7B and 7C, and the first two parts of Section 7D would be done by the project leader. The third part of Section 7D (Final chapter approval) is set-up for the way that NWOCTA does a project; all of the proposed marker locations must be shown, and all of the required permits and permissions must have been obtained, before installing markers.

For the Hugo Project, I would like to be able to proceed slightly differently. I would request final chapter approval at this time for all the markers that are ready to go in now (those that all of the required documentation is complete). After that, as documentation for additional marker locations is completed, I would request that the MMC be allowed to authorize those marker installations without further board approval.

Attachments:

Map showing proposed marker locations (Hugo Map 10-07-2010.pdf)
Appendix I. Authorizing and reference documents. (Authority.pdf)

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

Approve the designation of Jim and Renee Ford as project leaders.

Allow the project leader to perform the landowner permissions, permits, and coordinations as described in Sections 7B and 7C, and the first two parts of 7D of the trail-marking policies.

Modification of third part of Section 7D, to obtain final chapter approval at this time for all of the markers that are ready to go in now (all required documentation finished). As additional marker location documentation is completed, allow those installations without further board approval.

SIGNATURES

_____	Date _____
Jim Tompkins, NWOCTA President	
_____	Date _____
Henry Pittock, NWOCTA Marking and Mapping	
_____	Date _____
Hugo Neighborhood and Historical Society	
_____	Date _____
Josephine County Historical Society	