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Reference: ODOT's "I-5 Glendale to Hugo Paving & Sexton Climbing Lane Project"

Dear Mark, Jessica, and Sam:

The Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee (HETC) is pleased that it met its commitment agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) by providing its web published Applegate Trail inventories for Sexton Mountain by February 22, 2012 (Appendix A). Thank you again for committing to review the HETC web published Applegate Trail inventories and providing a public analysis of the significance of the inventories as they pertain the 1,060'

Applegate Trail I North Sexton Pass I-5 East. As you know we believe this Applegate Trail segment has historical significance and should not be impacted by ODOT's I-5 Glendale to Hugo Paving & Sexton Climbing Lane Project. If it is significantly impacted we believe ODOT should utilize a higher level of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis than a categorical exclusion (CE) per 40 CFR 1500 - 1508.

We attach special importance to the February 22, 2012 *Telegraph Lines and Applegate Trail at Smith Hill Pass* paper authored by Boling, Rarey, Rose, and Walker (Attachment 1, Appendix A). It was collectively reviewed by the eight signers of this communication (Appendix B). We all have a detailed knowledge and understanding of the analysis and conclusions of this paper, and have collectively approved it.

We request that this communication be made a formal part of testimony from the public on ODOT's NEPA CE process for ODOT's I-5 Glendale to Hugo Paving & Sexton Climbing Lane Project.

Please contact Mike Walker if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1. Boling, Rarey, Rose, & Walker. February 22, 2012. *Telegraph Lines and Applegate Trail at Smith Hill Pass*. For Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society & Josephine County Historical Society. Hugo, OR.

Email copies:

Federal Highway Administration
GLO Field Review SubCommittee
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Josephine County Sportsman Association
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Oregon-California Trails Association
Oregon Department of Transportation
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Appendix A. HETC's Applegate Trail Inventories For Sexton Mountain Pass

HETC's Web Published Applegate Trail Inventories

(http://www.hugoneighborhood.org/miscellaneous_research_papers_and_documents.htm)

Drake, M. & Walker, M. September 15, 2011. *Gradient Measurement Field Trip: 310' Segment Of Applegate Trail At Mt. Sexton Pass*. For Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. Hugo, OR.

Drake, M. & Walker, M. November 7, 2011. *Field Trip to Mt. Sexton Pass*. Hugo, OR.

Drake, M., Rarey K., & Walker, M. December 28, 2011. *Smith Hill Pass: 1940*. For Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. Hugo, OR.

Walker, M., Rarey K., & Rose. K. September 30, 2010. *Location Of Applegate Trail in Upper Rat Creek: A Work In Progress*. For Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. Hugo, OR.

Walker, M., Rarey K., & Rose. K. January 30, 2012. *Applegate Trail I North Sexton Pass I-5 East: I*. For Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. Hugo, OR.

Boling, Rarey, Rose, & Walker. February 22, 2012. *Telegraph Lines and Applegate Trail at Smith Hill Pass*. For Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society & Josephine County Historical Society. Hugo, OR.

HETC's Web Published Applegate Trail Inventories

(<http://www.hugoneighborhood.org/inventorybrochures.htm>)

Hugo Emigrant Trail Committee, Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society: Inventory Brochures. Quite a bit is known about the Applegate Trail in the vicinity of Chain Tree and Trail Rock. A 310' segment about 100' from Chain Tree is well documented.

- Applegate Trail: Mt. Sexton Pass JA-14B
- JR Of Applegate Trail: 1853 Military Road At Mt. Sexton Pass JA-14C
- JR Of Applegate Trail: 1864 Collins Telegraph Line At Mt. Sexton Pass JA-14D
- JR Of Applegate Trail: 1886 - 1887 Postal Telegraph Line At Mt. Sexton Pass JA-14E
- JR Of Applegate Trail: 1941 At Mt. Sexton Pass JA-14F
- JR Of Applegate Trail: 2005 Metal Detection Survey At Mt. Sexton Pass JA-14G
- JR Of Applegate Trail: 2010 Big Tree At Mt. Sexton Pass JA-14H
- JR Of Applegate Trail: Topography & Grade At Mt. Sexton Pass JA-14I
- JR Of Applegate Trail: 2010 Chain At Mt. Sexton Pass JA-14J
- JR Of Applegate Trail: OCTA Trail Classification For Mt. Sexton Pass 310' Trail Segment JA-14K
- 1940 Right-of-Way Map, South Sexton Pass Trail, & Pacific Highway JA-15L

HETC's Web Published Applegate Trail Inventories: Insulators

(http://www.hugoneighborhood.org/Insulator_Brochure_Series.htm).

Hugo Emigrant Trail Committee, Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society: Inventory Brochures. Quite a bit is known about the insulators of Josephine County.

- 1964 Collins Telegraph Line (Brochure 5)
- 1886 - 1887 Postal Telegraph Line (Brochure 7)
- 1920s - 1950s AT&T Overhead Long Distance Telephone Lines (Brochure 8)
- Mike Walker, Education Chair, HNA&HS. February 24, 2006. *Interview: Howard Banks Crown Jewels of the Wire*. For Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. Hugo, OR

Hugo Native American Team, Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. August 31, 2011. *Minutes of Field Trip To Sexton Mt. Pass Trail Rock (Trail Rock) of Applegate Trail*. Mike Walker for HNA Team. Hugo, OR.

Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. March 2006. *Historical Auto Camps And Service Stations, Hugo Oregon Region*. Hugo, OR

Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society and Josephine County Historical Society. January 13, 2008, Updated August 3, 2011. *John Smith Family: Hugo Pioneers*. Very Draft Brochure 73 in Hugo's Pioneers Brochure Series. Hugo, OR (<http://www.hugoneighborhood.org/hugospioneerseriesbro.htm>).

Hard-copy Applegate Trail Inventories Not Web Published

Josephine County Public Works. 1997. *1874 Josephine County Surveyed Road*. On July 11, 1997, Bob Chard, Engineering Technician III, Josephine County Public Works, developed a report on a road established by the Josephine County Commissioners on April 9, 1874 (Commissioner's Book 2, Page 261).

Alex Watts, County Surveyor at that time, did a survey of the route. It is recorded as part of the Road Viewers Report as Road Number 12 (Book 1, Pages 40-45, May 20, 1874).

Oregon State Highway Department. August 1940. *Right of Way Map, Sexton Mt. Section. Pacific Highway, Josephine County*. Scale 1" = 100'. Part 1 of 2, Drg. No. 5B-28-11.

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