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Reference: Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) "I-5 Glendale to Hugo Paving & Sexton Climbing Lane Project"

Dear Mark, Jessica, and Sam:

The Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee (HETC) thanks ODOT for Sam Dunnivant's February 27, 2012 email response web published at HETC's *I-5: Glendale to Hugo Paving & Sexton Climbing Lane Project* web site (Appendices A & B).

We are pleased with the continued dialogue between ODOT and the HETC. Especially exciting for us is the idea that ODOT has been working with its project designers to alter the design plans of the *Sexton Mountain Climbing Lane Project* to pull the cut slope away from the Applegate Trail (*Trail*) segment that the HETC feels is a significant historical resource (i.e., *1,060' Applegate Trail I North Sexton Pass I-5 East*; Appendix A). We are looking forward to our joint field trip to review ODOT's revised cut slope staked in the field.

By omission in Sam's February 27, 2012 email, we assume the ODOT does not plan to review and analyze our web published *Trail* inventories for Sexton Mountain as they pertain to *1,060' Applegate Trail I North Sexton Pass I-5 East* (Appendix A). If true, this position is disappointing as it is not what we were led to believe from our joint February 1, 2012 meeting.

We continue to be concerned when ODOT identifies pertinent cultural resource reports relating to *Trail* enquiries from the original *Sexton Mountain Climbing Lane Project* footprint as confidential when they relate to our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) issues. The idea that ODOT identified zero cultural resources within the original project footprint is bewildering to us, and we feel necessitates an ODOT review of our *1,060' Applegate Trail I North Sexton Pass I-5 East* inventories per its NEPA policies.

The confidentiality of ODOT's referenced confidential cultural resource reports is especially troublesome when ODOT's position is that the original project footprint will not be impacted. Why is a report, or parts of a report, confidential to a particular piece of geography when ODOT's position is that there are zero cultural resources there and zero impacts. We believe ODOT is in charge and responsible for the NEPA disclosure requirements of the categorical exclusion (CE) process for the *Sexton Mountain Climbing Lane Project*, not the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office.

We are also waiting patiently for responses to most of our issues and requests as identified in our *February 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes For "I-5: Glendale to Hugo Paving & Sexton Climbing Lane Project"* (Appendix A).

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.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the *Trail*. Please contact Mike Walker if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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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](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 stands for Jacksonville Road)
- 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](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

## **Other Web Published Inventories**

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 ([http://www.hugoneighborhood.org/Native\\_American\\_Brochure\\_Series.htm](http://www.hugoneighborhood.org/Native_American_Brochure_Series.htm)).

Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. March 2006. *Historical Auto Camps And Service Stations, Hugo Oregon Region*. Hugo, OR (<http://www.hugoneighborhood.org/autocamp.htm>).

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.

## **ODOT'S I-5: Glendale to Hugo Paving & Sexton Climbing Lane Project**

([http://www.hugoneighborhood.org/Insulator\\_Brochure\\_Series.htm](http://www.hugoneighborhood.org/Insulator_Brochure_Series.htm))

December 7, 2011. Letter From Frank Reading, Regional Manager, Region 3, ODOT To Glenn Harrison, Chair, Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Committee For "I-5: Glendale to Hugo Paving & Sexton Climbing Lane Project". Roseburg, OR.

February 1, 2012. Email/Letter From Walker, Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee, To Jessica Bochart-Leusch, Archaeologist for "I-5: Glendale to Hugo Paving & Sexton Climbing Lane Project".

February 16, 2012. February 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes For "I-5: Glendale to Hugo Paving & Sexton Climbing Lane Project".

February 17, 2012. Email/Letter From Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee To Mark Leedom, Project Manager, ODOT, For "I-5: Glendale to Hugo Paving & Sexton Climbing Lane Project".  
February 22, 2012. Email/Letter From Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee To Mark Leedom, Project Manager, ODOT, For "I-5: Glendale to Hugo Paving & Sexton Climbing Lane Project".

February 27, 2012. Email from Sam Dunnivant, Region 3 Environmental Coordinator, ODOT, to Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee, For "I-5: Glendale to Hugo Paving & Sexton Climbing Lane Project".

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