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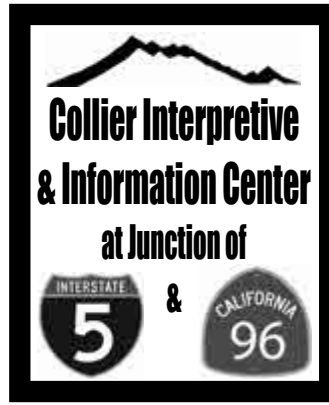
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# "From Over The Hill"

By Che'usa Wend

## "Race Track in Etna"

One of the fun things about writing these stories is that it often leads to more information about what I have already written, which often leads to a new story! A friend, who wants to remain anonymous, rang the door bell recently and had a copy of the latest Jefferson Backroads magazine in his hand and said, **'You're just the lady I want to see.'**

That's enough to scare you early in the morning! He said the Bell at the fire hall **was** the one in the old wooden high school building that burned. He also said he had never heard it ring in the 'new' brick building either, which confirmed what Ariel and Eb had told me. He said the old blacksmith shop, where the new fire hall is now, was owned by Herbert Evans, who also owned a house on Main Street, which displays a plaque on the front of house saying it was the Herbert Evans house. (That was quite a sentence. Hope you followed it.)

He thought Joe Borba later ran a mechanic shop there. He remembered the old hand-pump gas pumps out front. After that, Beryl Hamm had a mechanic repair shop there for several years. Later the City bought the building for the Fire Hall.

It popped into my head to ask him if he knew where the old racetrack was. I had **floated** that question to readers back in January, 2012, after Amy, a visiting author, had posed that question to us. She had read somewhere that people watched the races from sitting on the pieces of marble, which were scattered down the bank. Our friend said to come by his house later in the afternoon and we would talk about that.

Many people had tried to tell me the racetrack was where the old rodeo grounds were, but that didn't seem correct, as there was no marble 'seating' there. I remembered I had found information in the wonderful 'Etna ~ from Mules to 'Copters book (available at the Etna Museum) and suspected that it had to have been in the field below the houses between Charles Street and China Hill. "In addition to the sawmill, Mr. Pitman built a marble mill in 1874 which was operated by A.C. Adams who owned a ledge of marble about a mile from town. The marble mill supplied many of the early tombstones in the local cemetery."

We met at his house, then took a little drive around as he pointed out that, yes indeed, it was down in the field. He said he was told it was a one-mile track. As a boy he walked in the field and back then you could still see where the track had been on the other side of Mill Ditch.

I took some photos from Main Street and he pointed out that the track was on the other side of the fenced ditch. The left end of track curved around at that point. In a lot along Main Street you can see some of the leftover marble that was hauled up from just over the bank. He said it came from 'Marble Point', about a mile above 'Grease Flat'. Would have been rather hard seating . . .

From 'down China Hill' you can see that the field had plenty of room for a racetrack as most of the trees weren't there then. While we were down China Hill he showed us the original site of the 'then new' Hotel Dairy. Charlie Holzhauser owned the Blake Hotel and the old barn up on Main Street, thus it was called the 'Hotel Dairy'!!! The cows were in the field between the bottom of the bank and Mill Ditch. Charlie later built a 'modern' dairy (masonry building) down China Hill where the front area held the cream separators and bottling works and cows were milked in the back section. The hay barn was a little farther down the road.



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That night I was up late as I was looking for the photo showing the old elementary school that had been converted into the Joe Walker house (one of Eb's relatives). I wanted to show it to our friend who took us on the field trip (literally . . . to find the field which served as the racetrack). And of course, Lady Synchronicity was up late too . . . on the same page as the photo I was looking for, was a photo of a field with cows, titled 'Pitman's Field Where Races Were Held'.

Just before I headed off to bed, I decided to take a peek at some of the old photos our friend had loaned me . . . and YOWIE . . . this one caught my eye . . .


I was sure this Rodeo was held in the Pitman Field (Racetrack area) as Eb had told me that in the late 40's-early 50's he used a 'cat and carryall' and what little dirt he could find to surface a racetrack, at what is now known as 'the old Rodeo grounds'. He said Chet McBroom worked on it also.

I could hardly wait to show these latest 'finds' to our friend. As soon as I arrived I said, 'get in the car and let's go see what we can find!!' I was hoping we could take a photo that would show this same view. At first I thought it was Sovy Hill in the background, so we drove down China Hill to the old slaughterhouse and it quickly became apparent, that wasn't it.

We both agreed the photo was the Racetrack area, but trying to find the exact view was difficult because trees had grown up, houses added and there was no way for us to gain entry into the field. The best we could do was from Highway 3, just before Lover's Lane. Needless to say, we drove back home with big smiles on our faces.

(Note: You can find more photos on the Oct. 7th and 8th posts: [www.fromoverthehill.info](http://www.fromoverthehill.info))

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Follow along with Gail each month and enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and areas scattered throughout The State of Jefferson.

## “Loggin the Jefferson Backroads”

It’s hard to imagine the scope of industry that logging represented in Siskiyou County and the entire State of Jefferson region. At one point, there were 52 mill sites between Shasta Springs and Weed alone. Before the advent of technology, it was easier to move the mills to the logging districts than to haul the logs to the mill site. Very little remains of these roughly constructed original mills.

The first mill in Siskiyou County is believed to have been built by the China Ditch Company around 1853. In 1854, J. A. Maxwell bought the mill and ran it with his six sons. Located on the head of Shasta River, southwest of Edgewood, it was run on water power. Maxwell sold the mill around 1881 to Jim Dobkins, who ran it until 1888.

Among the earliest sawmills of the southern part of Siskiyou County was the Ross McCloud mill of Soda Springs, built in Strawberry Valley in 1859. It was located not far from the Mt. Shasta Fish Hatchery. Water came via a water wheel and flume from Big Springs Creek.

Recorded in a volume of the Siskiyou Pioneer is a letter written by Mary McCloud to her sister in Marysville, California. She wrote: “Contrary to my expectations McCloud’s mill runs finely and saws first rate. He built it after a plan of his own and nearly all prophesied it would not go at all, but it does finely. But he says he will have to get a larger saw in the spring; the one he has will only saw 3 ½ foot logs, and the best logs, those which make the most clear lumber, are 4 to 6 feet in diameter.”

McCloud sold this mill in 1860 for “one million feet of lumber to be delivered to him as he wants.”

James J. Scott, with partners Joseph Shaefer, Walter Shattuck and Mark Neher, filed a timber claim in 1886. It was located below Mott and was the first sawmill in this area. Much of the lumber cut here was used for the railroad, which was making its way up the Sacramento River canyon. At one time, there was a large construction camp, also near here, that housed Chinese laborers working for the railroad company. James J. Scott is also credited with first “discovering” the mineral springs here, which he later sold to the stock company that developed the Shasta Springs Resort and the Shasta Water company.

As the railroad continued its push northward from Redding, California, a number of small mills sprang up. One was owned by Charles Wright and was located near Sisson (now the City of Mt. Shasta). Along with the mills that were built, a number of stores were constructed to serve the numbers of railroad workers. One such string of stores was operated by George W. Scott and William Van Arsdale; their stores extended all the way to Truckee, California.



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In the 1890s, Scott and Van Arsdale purchased Charles Wright's mill and with it, developed the town of Upton. They built a track of railroad from Upton in order to haul wood for fuel for the Southern Pacific Railroad. Out of this came the McCloud River Railroad. A box factory and planer mill was built at Upton as well as a sash and door factory. A camp of Italian workers was also established here.

Also in 1890, three mills were built near Mott. The largest was the Red Cross Mill and box factory owned by David Miles. At this time, Mott became a thriving community with churches, stores, a hotel and bank, livery stable, saloons, and homes. The first roughly hewn schoolhouse was replaced by a four-room brick building. There was also a Chinese section of town.

Three miles south of Sisson, a railroad station was constructed, known as McCloud. Stages from Yreka and from the McCloud River met the arriving and departing trains here. A sizeable community developed around McCloud. Then, as the McCloud River Lumber Company took over the Scott and Van Arsdale property on the McCloud River, a desire to name the new town "McCloud" ensued. A young man, however, hoped to name the new location Azalea, after the flowers that grew there. The young man, Clarence Columbus Kraft, was later killed in World War I (the first from this region), but his name lives on as Kraft Post No. 157 of the American Legion. ♦

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- ★ 64th Annual Holiday Parade  
Saturday Nov. 24th at 5 pm
- ★ Holiday Dinner Dance  
Saturday Dec. 1st at 5:30 pm
- ★ Night of Lights  
Friday Dec. 7th from 5 to 8 pm



This year's Holiday Festival will be held Saturday Nov. 24th starting at 2 pm. The Evening Parade starts at 5 pm and will include floats with lots of pretty lights !!!

Our Holiday Dinner Dance is set for Saturday Dec. 1st at 5:30 pm.

Our Night of Lights on Friday Dec. 7th goes from 5 to 8 pm. Santa Claus is Coming to Town at the Black's Building and the official lighting of the Yreka Christmas Tree will be at 6 pm after the Madrone Hospice "Light up a Life" Ceremony near the Fire Dept.

**Events Sponsored by Yreka Chamber. For more info Call (530) 842-1649. [YrekaChamber.com](http://YrekaChamber.com)**

# FIRE LOOKOUTS OF SISKIYOU COUNTY

by Jaime Tarne, President,  
 FireSafe Council of Siskiyou County  
 Forest Fire Prevention Officer (Retired) - Klamath National Forest



Schonchin Butte Fire Lookout. Photo by Jaime Tarne.

## SCHONCHIN BUTTE FIRE LOOKOUT

Trying to catch my breath on this clear, beautiful October day. As I make it around the last bend and up over the rise, I am rewarded with the panoramic and incredible view of Lava Beds National Monument. What a fantastic sight laid out in front of me: Glass Mountain, Captain Jack's Stronghold, Tulelake, Medicine Lake Volcano, Mount McLoughlin, Clear Lake Hills, Warner Mountains and the ever present feature dominating our landscape, Mt. Shasta. I have just hiked up a 3/4 mile trail, with an elevation gain of 500 feet to the 5,302 foot elevation at the top of Schonchin Butte, on which sits the Monument's only fire lookout.



Peering in the window at Schonchin Butte Fire Lookout. Photo by Jaime Tarne.

As you take in all that is in front of you, you can imagine Captain Jack's band of Modocs working their way through the lava, outwitting the U.S Army Cavalry, making a stand for their beliefs. You can also imagine seeing the ancient ones canoeing out in dugouts to Petroglyph Point Island to carve special icons into the rock. Imagine trying to 'see' what the original Tulelake was like before modern farming and draining reduced the lake to 1/6th its original size. What must it have been like for American Japanese being brought nearby for internment during WW II, and later for German and Italian prisoners of war held nearby in this vast, wide open area? What did all those people feel and think of such an area, inhospitable to most, yet home to others?

As you can tell, the imagination kicks in under such vistas and mine was in overdrive on this trip. I truly enjoyed every moment of my visit to the lookout itself and pondering its history.

This was my first visit to this lookout, taking my own advice to go exploring, and I have to tell you I was more than pleasantly surprised. The view, as always from any lookout, is breathtaking, but the uniqueness of this lookout

is captivating for me. It was named for Old Schonchin, a chief of the Modoc people during the late nineteenth century. It was built between 1939 and 1941 by the National Park Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps or CCCs, federal infrastructure development under the President Franklin D. Roosevelt administration during the Great Depression. The CCCs deserves an article to be written telling of all they built in our region.



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In 1992, the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and in 1993 the Park Service received \$50,000 for restoration. In 1998 Schonchin Butte was registered with the Forest Fire Lookout Association. The lookout is officially closed for the fire season so there is no entrance to the building itself, but the trail and catwalk are open and maintained for visitors year 'round. During fire season it is usually staffed from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and if it is not busy, the ranger will be happy to answer questions.

What makes this one so rare is that to this day there is no road to the Schonchin Butte lookout. The trail that I walked is the same one that was used by the CCC and is used by the employees today to get to their work site. Everything including water is carried up by hand. So you want to make sure you don't forget something in your car at the trailhead. The National Park Service has provided benches on the trail strategically placed for rest and great viewing.

Another thing that makes this lookout different from many others is that it is a cinder cone on the northern flank of Medicine Lake Volcano in the Cascade Range in northern California. Frothy lava cooled in the air, created it and other large cinder cones throughout Lava Beds National Monument. Erupting more than 30,000 years ago, the volcano spewed ash and cinders into the air much like a can of soda when shaken. A lava spatter rampart is at the very top.

Schonchin Butte, Lava Beds National Monument, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, and Tulelake Wildlife Refuge are precious gems in our area and just waiting to be discovered. There is so much to see and do that if I started to list it all, I would regretfully leave out something important. Go check it out for yourself to get the full experience.

This lookout is located approximately 96 miles east of Yreka, California and 36 miles south of Klamath Falls, Oregon. For more information on Lava Beds National Monument, go to the website, [www.nps.gov/labe](http://www.nps.gov/labe).

For information about Tulelake Segregation Camps visit <http://www.nps.gov/valr/index.htm>.

For more information about the Tulelake Wildlife Refuge visit, <http://www.fws.gov/klamathbasinrefuges/tulelake/tulelake.html>.

Another great resource for lookouts in California is this great website I recently found by Ron Kemnow, <http://californialookouts.weebly.com/>. ♦



The Majestic View from the Schonchin Butte Fire Lookout.  
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the Interstate is just the tip of the iceberg so to speak. Behind those spires is a maze of canyons and crevices and a world of rock formations that could hide a person or a secret treasure very effectively.

I never heard an end to the story. What became of Mary? What was her source of all the gold? Did she eventually spend it all or is the stash still there? Another myth that keeps popping up is the one about the tunnel. It goes like this . . .

In the 1920s William Randolph Hearst was a major player in the celebrity scene. The Hearst Estate on the McCloud River, Winton, was frequented by many political bigwigs, movie stars and sports figures. Of course Winton was somewhat remote and not easy to get to. Train travel was, at that time, the way most people traveled. The automobile was becoming increasingly popular, but train travel was still faster and more comfortable. The Hearsts of course had their own private railroad cars. It was a relaxing and luxurious way to travel and when celebrities were invited to the Hearst Estate they would have arrived in Dunsmuir which was the closest railroad stop. Records show that the Travelers Hotel and the Weed Hotel (now Dunsmuir Apartments) which were quite luxurious, were where many of the celebrities stayed overnight, to be picked up in the morning by one of William Randolph's limousines and taken to Winton. We know also that movie stars, sports figures and performers sometimes made an appearance on the stage at the California Theatre, just steps away from both the Travelers Hotel and the Weed Hotel.

According to the legend, in an effort to protect the visiting celebrities, to provide them with some privacy, and to shelter them from the weather, William Randolph Hearst funded the construction of a tunnel. It connected the Southern Pacific Depot on Sacramento Avenue with the Travelers Hotel, Weed Hotel and California Theatre and was constructed with the blessings of the railroad. Constructed underground (as tunnels are) and in a secretive manner, it was only known to a few. Its entrance under the depot was hidden and the portals into the hotels and theatre were also kept under wraps. Indeed, the tunnel was kept so much in secret that today nobody knows where it is.


Now this one stretches the imagination a bit. William Randolph surely had the resources to fund such an endeavor. Both hotels and the theatre have extensive basement facilities. The idea of a passageway to and from the depot isn't all that odd. But the thought of secretly building a tunnel of that magnitude through rock and underground springs, under existing buildings without anybody knowing, is pretty unbelievable. But then . . . maybe . . .

*Ron McCloud is co-author with Deborah Harton of a history of the town of Dunsmuir published by the Arcadia Publishing Company in 2010. He is the owner of Dunsmuir Hardware which dates from 1894. ♦*




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Mr. Parker is descended from two early pioneer families in Scott Valley. He was born in Etna to Mary (Denny) Parker and Alexander Parker, Jr. In 1936, after graduating from university and business school in the Bay Area, Mr. Parker bought his grandfather Albert H. Denny's merchandise store, located where Scott Valley Drug Store is today. AH Denny was one of the oldest settlers in Siskiyou County, arriving by horseback in 1852.

In his later years, Mr. Parker was frequently called on to give historical accounts of the early days in Scott Valley. The Parkers were avid readers, and spent many hours in the Etna Library. Their daughters Marianne and Candace had an opportunity to visit the library and see the Collection when they were in town recently for their high school reunion in July of 2012.

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The two of them first met at Andersen's Pea Soup Restaurant while Dave was a deputy sheriff and Vibeke was a waitress there. It wasn't until they took the recommendations of a few friends who had "found" Etna that they purchased Alderbrook and escaped to these glorious mountains. In the warmer seasons, the two of them carefully manicure their lush grounds, full of large majestic trees and delightful flower beds. They take great pride in their little bridges, the tranquil pond full of gold fish and secret gardens with deer, squirrels and hummingbirds. Their covered porches provide shade for lovely sitting areas where you are surrounded by many beautiful potted plants, flowers and butterflies.

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by Claudia A. East

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## “The Stimmel Building in Yreka”

Near the “edge” of the National Historic District on the corner of North Oregon and Miner Streets sits the wonderful brick Stimmel Building. Today the building is painted blue and can be easily recognized. The building is one of the oldest structures in Yreka and in the Historic District. This building, along with a small number of others escaped the terrible fire of 1871 that burned nearly 2/3 of the business district!

It is unknown when the first brick was laid; however, one of the earliest records of the building is from land records from Siskiyou County that state a “brick building” was on this lot when it was sold on April 17, 1856. Then in 1857 a German immigrant, Herman Stimmel, purchased this building from a William Chamberlain for \$4,690. Mr. Stimmel established a tin ware and hardware business and operated out of this building until about the turn of the century. He sold parlor and cooking stoves along with a variety of other items in his tinsmith business. When viewing older photographs of Yreka one can clearly see a sign that once wrapped around the top of the building that advertised stoves and other hardware items. The building once had steel doors and/or shutters that were thought to help provide fire proofing; the metal pins that once held the steel doors and shutters can still be seen embedded in the walls next to some of the windows. In the 1885 version of the Sanborn Fire Map it shows the Stimmel Building and labeled it as a building where “stoves and tin ware” was sold, both on the first and second story. On the map it even shows the building behind it as the “hardware house”. The map also shows that there was a covered walkway all along the Oregon Street side of the main building as well as on the Miner Street front. The roof is listed as being made of tin.

Mr. Stimmel along with his wife and children lived in a small brick home that also still stands at the corner of North Oregon and North Streets. Mr. Stimmel was a member of the Yreka Lieder Tafel (later to be known as the Turnverein), a social organization of Germans, and Turner Hall was located just a few buildings away from both his business and home. He was also a member of the Siskiyou Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 and is listed in Well's History of Siskiyou County as an “Axe Man”. Herman Stimmel was elected and served as a Board of Trustee member for the City of Yreka for several terms. It was in 1901 when Mr. Stimmel passed away and the Stimmel “era” came to a close, it was following his death that the building was sold.



Since the “Stimmel years” the building has had a history of many varied businesses that called this structure “home.” For a number of years during the late teens, 20s and up to the 1930’s the downstairs served as the U. S. Post Office. When the former Warrens Building was constructed a portion of that building was specifically designed to house the Post Office and the location was moved to the corner of Center and Broadway. Following the departure of the Post Office the building was somewhat renovated with large glass windows in front and it has served as a grocery, confectionary, and fruit store. At one time the upstairs was home to the *News* a local competing newspaper. This building has also been home to a bakery, mortuary, art gallery, clothing store, and most recently, a coffee shop. ♦



The Stimmel Building today. Copyright, Claudia East



Stimmel Building when it was the Post Office, circa 1920  
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SHOPapalooza Vendor Fair in Fort Jones on Saturday November 3 from 10am to 3pm. Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Jones - For info call 468-2599

Senior Health and Wellness Faire on November 6th at the Mt. Shasta Resort - 10:30-12:30pm - Vendors & Exhibitors  
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Scott Valley Veterans Day Parade on Saturday Nov. 10 and Veterans Day Services on Sunday Nov. 11. Please see the Veterans Services Page 33 for details - times and locations.

USO Veterans Day Dance Sun, November 11, 5 to 9pm in Montague. See AD on Page 32 for all the information.

November 14 - Annual Senior Nutrition Thanksgiving Luncheon - Noon-time at the City Park Senior Dining Center - Roast Turkey & All the Trimmings. Entertainment & Door Prizes. RSVP at 926-4611 by 11/12.

Sat. November 17 - Local Yreka Elks Lodge - Toys for Tots Fund Raising Event See AD for all the info on Page 37.

Holiday Gift Fair, Saturday November 17, 9am - 4pm at Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds, Yreka. 842-2767

Saturday November 17 Mendo-Lake Chapter RMEF Big Game Banquet in Ukiah, Ca. Call 707-279-0604 for info.

Thursday, November 22, 2012 at 9 AM. 2nd Annual Run for Food Walk/Run Event! See Page 5 for Story and AD.

Friday November 23 - Winter Magic in Mt. Shasta City - Festive Shopping and Holiday Celebrations. Call 926-5865 for all the details



Saturday November 24th Fashion Show and Tri Tip Dinner in Fort Jones. See Story and AD on Page 30 for all the details.

Saturday Nov. 24 - Yreka Chamber of Commerce Holiday Festival. See AD on Page 11 for details.

Saturday Nov. 24th - Yreka Chamber of Commerce 64th Annual Holiday Parade. See AD on Page 11.

McCloud Dog and Pony Show Parade - Saturday  
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**BUTTE VALLEY HOLIDAY EVENTS SCHEDULE:**

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Dec. 10 Craft Night-Gingerbread Houses Dorris City Hall  
Dec. 11 Veteran's Candlelight Vigil Dorris City Hall  
Dec. 12 Judging Contests Beginning at Dorris City Hall  
Dec. 13 Royal Court Pageant Dorris City Hall  
Dec. 14 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parade 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Dorris  
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Montague Christmas Tree Lighting  
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Saturday December 1 - Yreka Chamber of Commerce  
Holiday Dinner Dance, see AD on Page 11 for details.

Madrone Hospice 3rd Annual Christmas Craft Fair  
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Friday December 7 - Yreka Chamber of Commerce  
Night of Lights. See AD on Page 11 for details.

Fort Jones Volunteer Fire Department Annual Pancake  
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Wed. December 19 - Annual Senior Nutrition Christmas  
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Nov. 10, 2012 ~ See AD and Story on Page 27.

Jacek Mysinski and Kinga Augustyn in Concert on  
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25 foot tall wood sculpture of Bigfoot at the Bigfoot Museum in Willow Creek, California. Photo Courtesy Bob Pasero.

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# “On the Road to . . .”

by Bob Pasero

*Bob Pasero is Orland's retired Police Chief. Orland is in Glenn County which is at the southern end of The State of Jefferson! Bob writes for the Sacramento Valley Mirror and we will be re-printing some of his fascinating articles from his column: "On the Road - Adventures in the State of Jefferson."*

*Bob is also the National Chaplain for an organization called The Missing in America Project, a Veteran Recovery Program. Please go to [www.miap.us](http://www.miap.us) for more info.*

## “ON THE ROAD TO THE BIGFOOT MUSEUM”

It is 1886; you are a miner working your claim near Crescent City. You notice a foul odor and hear rustling in the brush. The last Grizzly in Jefferson wouldn't be killed until 1922. You know the violent nature of the bruin. Wisely, you climb to safety in a nearby tree. Watching, you see the 'bear' approach...but this is no bear! The creature is walking upright on two legs! It resembles a very tall man with hair covering its entire body. You have never seen or heard of such a thing. The Mountain Gorilla wouldn't be discovered in Africa until 1902. Unexpectedly the animal looks directly at you, makes eye contact, emits a high pitched screech then disappears back into underbrush.

This is a fictionalized account of Jefferson's first documented "Bigfoot" sighting. The native Yurok and Kurok nations, along with their neighbors the Hupa (Hoopa), Chimariko and Wintu who inhabited the region for centuries, all had legends of large, hairy wild men who roamed the mountains and stole fish from their traps. Similar creatures near Spokane were said to remove salmon from fishing nets of the Natives. Removing the fish from traps and nets indicates a cognitive thought process. A bear or other predator would simply destroy the traps and nets and take the fish. No...this is not a bear...this is Bigfoot.

If you don't believe I would point out that world famous primatologist Jane Goodall embraced the possibility of a large North American primate. History buffs also note that no less a trail blazing luminary than Daniel Boone killed a ten-foot tall, hairy, man-like creature known as a "Yahoo" in the 1700s (according to Boone biographer John Mack Faragher). In September of 2012, the Associated Press reported that a, heretofore unknown, primate had been discovered in Uganda. Unknown primates are still waiting to be discovered in our world. Even if extremely remote, the possibility is that "Bigfoot" exists. If Bigfoot does exist his home turf could well be right here in Central Jefferson.

The region from the southern Oregon coast, south to the Mendocino Coast and bordered on the east by the Sacramento Valley has long been a hotbed of Bigfoot sightings and activity. In the first 20 years of the last century numerous sightings of large man-like creatures, up to 7' tall, covered with hair and weighing up to 800 pounds were reported between Willow Creek and Happy Camp. Highway 96, connecting Willow Creek and Happy Camp, is nicknamed the "Bigfoot Scenic Highway". Eventually the sightings dropped off. Then, in 1935, huge tracks were found in the snow on a nearby mountain. The footprints and sightings increased over the next few years but the atrocities of World War II pushed the sightings to the back of the public consciousness. By the 1950s the sightings had virtually stopped. That would soon change.



When I was a child my step grandfather told stories of building a road near Bluff Creek in 1958. It was common for the work crew to be awakened in the middle of the night by loud animal noises. They became accustomed to seeing enormous man-like footprints in the mud near their equipment and finding heavy equipment tires and 55 gallon drums of fuel and oil, weighing up to 500 pounds, thrown into deep ravines. Fueled by this series of incidents, sightings continued through the '70s but have slowly tapered off in the intervening 40 years. To learn more about this elusive and mysterious bipedal primate we must get on the road to the Bigfoot Museum.

As their website says, "Don't Laugh, there really is a Bigfoot Museum that you can go visit." The Bigfoot Museum is one part of the "Willow Creek - China Flat Museum" located in Willow Creek. Willow Creek lies in the heart of Bigfoot Country 100 miles west of Redding along Jefferson's scenic Highway 299 West smack dab in the middle of the "Six Rivers National Forest." While visiting Willow Creek one can stay in the "Bigfoot Motel," or dine on a "Bigfoot Burger" (disclaimer: No Bigfoot is harmed in making the "Bigfoot Burgers"). It is said that there have been more Bigfoot sightings in this region than anywhere else in the United States. The Bigfoot wing of the museum boasts a number of artifacts documenting Bigfoot including, casts of footprints, photographs, newspaper articles and stills taken from the famous "Patterson Film," 53 seconds of jerky 16mm film shot near Orleans allegedly showing a Bigfoot escaping into the brush. The museum entrance is perpetually guarded by a 25 foot tall wooden sculpture of Bigfoot. The Bigfoot Exhibit is only part of this wonderful museum. The museum also houses a permanent display of artifacts ranging from a full sized blacksmith shop and miner's cabin to artifacts of the local Native American Nations who have inhabited the region for 10,000 years.

Willow Creek lies in the spectacular beauty of Six Rivers National Forest. This area has long been a favorite of those who enjoy getting back to nature. Six Rivers National Forest offers nearly a million acres of forest for you to enjoy, relax in and explore. Visitors can hike over 100 miles of wilderness trails, camp in one of the developed campgrounds, or enjoy the solitude of camping in the back country.

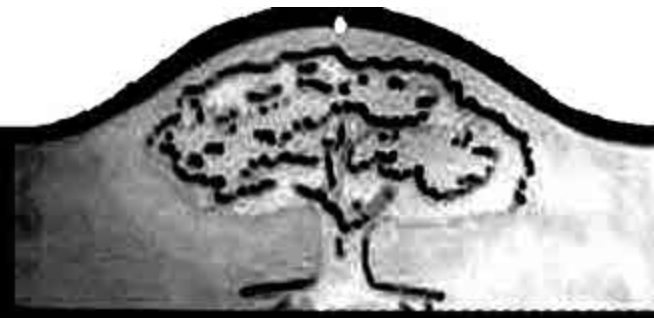
The National Forest is also a prime spot for world class fishing. The 6 rivers that make up the watershed of the National Forest are the Eel, Trinity, Mad, Van Duzen, Klamath, and Smith Rivers. Some of these rivers were explored as early as 1828 by the noted mountain man Jedediah Strong Smith. Smith left an indelible mark in the region. He gave Mad River its name and the Smith River was named after him.

If you happen to see me with camera in hand, in the Willow Creek area, please approach quietly, I may be trying to get a photograph of a Sasquatch along the Road to the Bigfoot Museum. ♦

Display of newspaper articles, plaster casts of footprints and other stuff detailing the 1958 Bigfoot sighting incidents. Photo Courtesy Bob Pasero.



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The Economic Growth Group, an ad hoc volunteer committee is dedicated to improving economic growth in Siskiyou County. The EGG's first project is to promote Bicycle Tourism across Siskiyou County. In May 2012 the EGG coordinated the first Siskiyou County Bicycle and Trails Tourism Forum which generated a strategic planning document with goal groups to implement the plan and created the Siskiyou County Bicycle Tourism Partnership (SCBTP).

The EGG steering committee is pleased and grateful to our volunteers as we enter this next phase of our growth and would like to announce the hiring of George Jennings as our Project Coordinator. This is a half-time position funded by a Ford Family Foundation Action Grant. George will serve as spokesperson for The EGG and SCBTP, and liaison between The EGG and the 5 goal committees.

Would you like more information? Please email George Jennings at: [siskiyouegg@gmail.com](mailto:siskiyouegg@gmail.com). ♦



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Photos by George Jennings (below) were from the recent 1st Annual BIKETOBERFEST Event in McCloud, California. Join us next year !! Check it out at: <http://mccloudchamber.com/bike-tober>

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E.G.G. Regular Public Meetings will always fall on the last Thursday of each month from 3:30 to 5:00. Locations will vary so please contact George via email if you are interested in attending. The November Public Meeting will be held on Thursday November 29 from 3:30 to 5pm at a location which is yet to be determined.





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# BIGFOOT LIVES

by JavaBob

## In The State of Jefferson



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Come and join me in Happy Camp, California as we look to find evidence of BIGFOOT in The Heart of BIGFOOT COUNTRY here on the "Jefferson Backroads!" Share your Bigfoot Story . . .

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It was back in April of 2010 when I was driving down Highway 96 heading west. It was a picture perfect day and my friend and I were enjoying the beautiful scenery along the Klamath River.

We were heading towards the town of Orleans when we both saw something very strange walking under Independence Bridge.

Now you have to understand that neither one of us believed in BIGFOOT and never ever thought it was possible that anything like it could exist. So, you might be able to guess how we felt when we both looked out to our left and saw something moving very quickly away from the river bank and up towards the Highway, in our direction!

My first thoughts were that this must be a very large Black Bear. However, as my eyes began to focus more clearly, I could see that "thing" was walking like a man! It was very large, tall and extremely thickly built. This thing was very dark brown, almost black and it had really, long arms that it swung as it walked. I am quite sure it was well over 6 feet tall and I can only guess it weighed well over five hundred pounds!

My friend and I both watched it for about 45 seconds as it continued walking towards us. It was taking very large steps and moving very fast! We both began to get very scared and decided it would be better if we just took off and got out of the area as quickly as possible!

When I got home, I shared my story with my husband who said to me... "I thought you didn't believe in Bigfoot?" He was right... Up until I saw what I saw with my own eyes, I didn't believe in Bigfoot... but now I'm not so sure!

This story is based on an actual event. There are many more similar stories from people who travel the 'Jefferson Backroads!' What stories do you have?

Email me at: [JavaBob@inbox.com](mailto:JavaBob@inbox.com) and let me know! Remember to keep your eyes open and your cameras ready as you enjoy this awesome country! ♦

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# FOLK MUSIC CONCERT

Folk musician/composer David Nigel Lloyd has performed from California to Quebec to Ireland. He will perform at 7:00 PM on Saturday, November 10th at St. Mark's Preservation Square in Yreka for the Yreka Institute for the Arts.

Address is: 300 Lane Street, doors will open at 6:30. Admission is \$10.00.

Lloyd plays guitar and octar —an 8-string guitar/mandola mongrel. "I'm a non-traditional traditionalist," said Lloyd, a transplanted Englishman born in Kenya. "My heroes and mentors, brilliantly idiosyncratic guitarists like Martin Carthy and Robin Williamson, came to prominence in mid-60s London. To them, ballads, blues and beat poetry were all the same. They were fine song poets too," said DNL.

"I'm firmly in their non-tradition," he laughed.

In his trad/DNL songs, olde Britain's enchanted knights, faerie queens and divine drunkards wander the deserts, mountains and boom towns of the West. His performances are peppered with ornate jokes, true tales and —to keep things honest— an outrageous lie or two. ♦

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# HISTORICAL MARKERS OF THE STATE OF JEFFERSON

## Hudson Bay Trail Marker

### The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus--Humbug Chapter No. 73

The sixth in a continuing series of articles prepared by Bill Wensrich  
"If you ain't plaque'n, then you ain't Clampin'"

The notion to have E Clampus Vitus place Trail Markers came from one William Joseph "Mac" McKellar. When I first met Mac in 2007 he was an institution with the Yreka ECV Humbug Chapter holding title as Chapter Historian. Known for leading Chapter sponsored plaque and historical treks, his death in January 2008 was a blow to both community and Chapter members.

A Charter member and founder of the Chapter, Mac saw to the placement of four Trail Marker plaques over a period of three years. The first trail marker, commemorating the Hudson Bay Pack Trail, can be found at the Etna City Park entrance. This historical marker serves as the Chapter's sixth plaque.

Hudson Bay Company, the world's oldest fur trading company incorporated in 1670, monopolized new world fur trade for almost two centuries. Establishing a network of trading posts, the company controlled most of the Pacific Northwest fur trade by the early eighteenth hundreds. To protect their interests north of the Columbia River, HBC established Ft. Vancouver with the Americans in the winter of 1824-1825. The fort was jointly occupied under provisions of the 1818 treaty convention between the United States and Britain.

From 1825 to 1843 HBC sent fur brigades annually to explore and develop southern Oregon and northern California trapping and trade routes. Trappers were sent south from Fort Vancouver to the Sacramento River along trails that later became known as the Siskiyou Trail, Hudson Bay Company Pack Trail and the Oregon-California Pack Trail. The most important route used by fur-brigades was the north-south trail located on the west side of the Willamette River. It was preferred over the east side route because of easier to ford smaller coast range streams in lieu of crossing creeks flowing from the Cascade mountain range.

The pack trail followed the Umpqua and Rogue River valleys of western Oregon before summiting the Siskiyou Mountains on the California border. From there the trail used the Shasta and Sacramento River valleys to eventually reach the Mexican pueblo of Yerba Buena, later renamed San Francisco. Many branches and other recognizable tracks were later developed; this network of commonly traveled tracks, parts of what used to be Indian trails, began bearing increasing amounts of trapper, livestock and teamster traffic. Eventually, it simply was referred to as the Hudson Bay Pack Trail.

Traveling as far south as San Francisco Bay in 1832-1833, HBC trappers were often the first Euro-Americans to explore uncharted territory. By 1836 HBC's Southern Party fur-brigade led by Thomas McKay went to explore the Pit River region. On this trip they discovered and trapped in Scott Valley where game was so plentiful they called the location Beaver Valley.



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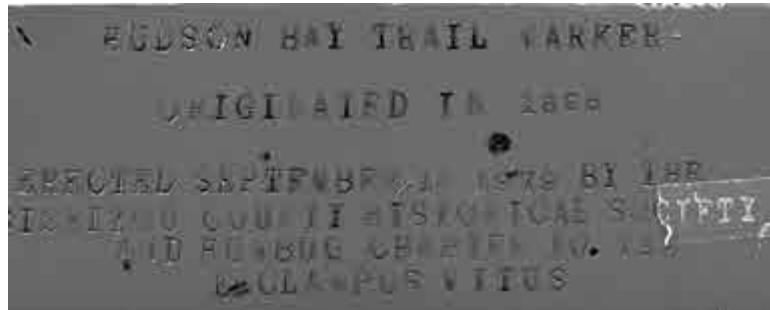


With Tom McKay on that trip was Stephen Hall Meek, who later became famous as trapper, explorer, and wagon train guide known for his failed 1845 Meek's cutoff fiasco. Meek's HBC trapper trip description illustrates some of the history Mac McKellar's trail marker preserves.

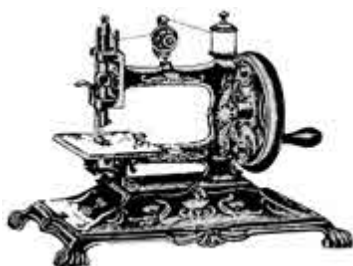
"In the spring of 1835, I started for the Willamette valley, and when I reached Walla Walla engaged to the Hudson Bay Co., staying until the spring of 1836 at Vancouver. That spring I went with a party of men under the celebrated Tom McKay to California, trapping Scott River and the Sacramento. We went to Yerba Buena (San Francisco) and left our furs with the agent of the company, Mr. Ray, and then returned, trapping on the American, Yuba, Feather, Pit, McLeod and Shasta rivers, and then to Vancouver."

*Editor's Note: Images above right: Top is a photo of the actual Trail Marker. Below is a depiction of what it says, in an easier to read replication.*

*We invite you to get out to the backroads and see all these cool historical markers with YOUR family.... ♦*



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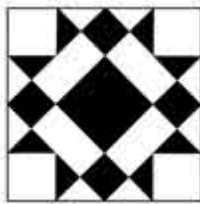
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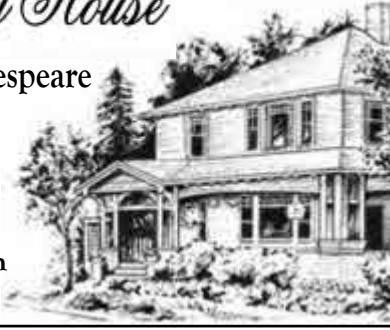
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# RMEF NEWS

Story and Photos of the Project by Ralph Fain



Located on the northeast side of Shasta Valley in Siskiyou County lies an important fall and wintering area for elk. Recently, a 640 acre piece of this habitat was purchased by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) and dubbed the "Willow Foothill Project." To be found off the south side of York Road as you leave the Shasta Valley and begin climbing the foothills to Willow Creek Mountain, this piece of property provides necessary food and shelter for the Shasta Valley elk herd during winter months.

Mike Ford, RMEF Senior Regional Director for Northern California states the conservation organization has been working with Cal Fire and CDCR from Deadwood Camp to cut and pile juniper trees promoting more desirable forage values and to increase water availability. Additionally, RMEF volunteers from the Siskiyou, Redding and Ukiah Chapters have performed work days removing juniper to stop encroachment into critical fall and winter habitat. According to Mike, the juniper piles will be burned this winter by local volunteers. Also within the property are two springs which will be developed into a more viable water source for elk and other wildlife in the area.

During the elk season of 2012, those lucky enough to be drawn and wishing to hunt the property were allowed access two people at a time, each day of the season, all season long. One bull was harvested on the property. During deer season RMEF allowed access to two hunters per day for three days a week, then four days off with no hunting to keep the hunting pressure at a reasonable level. During the 2013 deer season CDFG will manage access

for deer hunters via the SHARE program. To learn more about this program visit the CDFG website.

Again, Mike wants everyone to know that he plans on burning the juniper piles this winter. He will need and happily accept everyone's help! To volunteer for one of the work parties or to become a member, donor, sponsor or to otherwise become involved in the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation contact Mike Ford at 530-842-2021 or email him at [mford@rmef.org](mailto:mford@rmef.org). ♦



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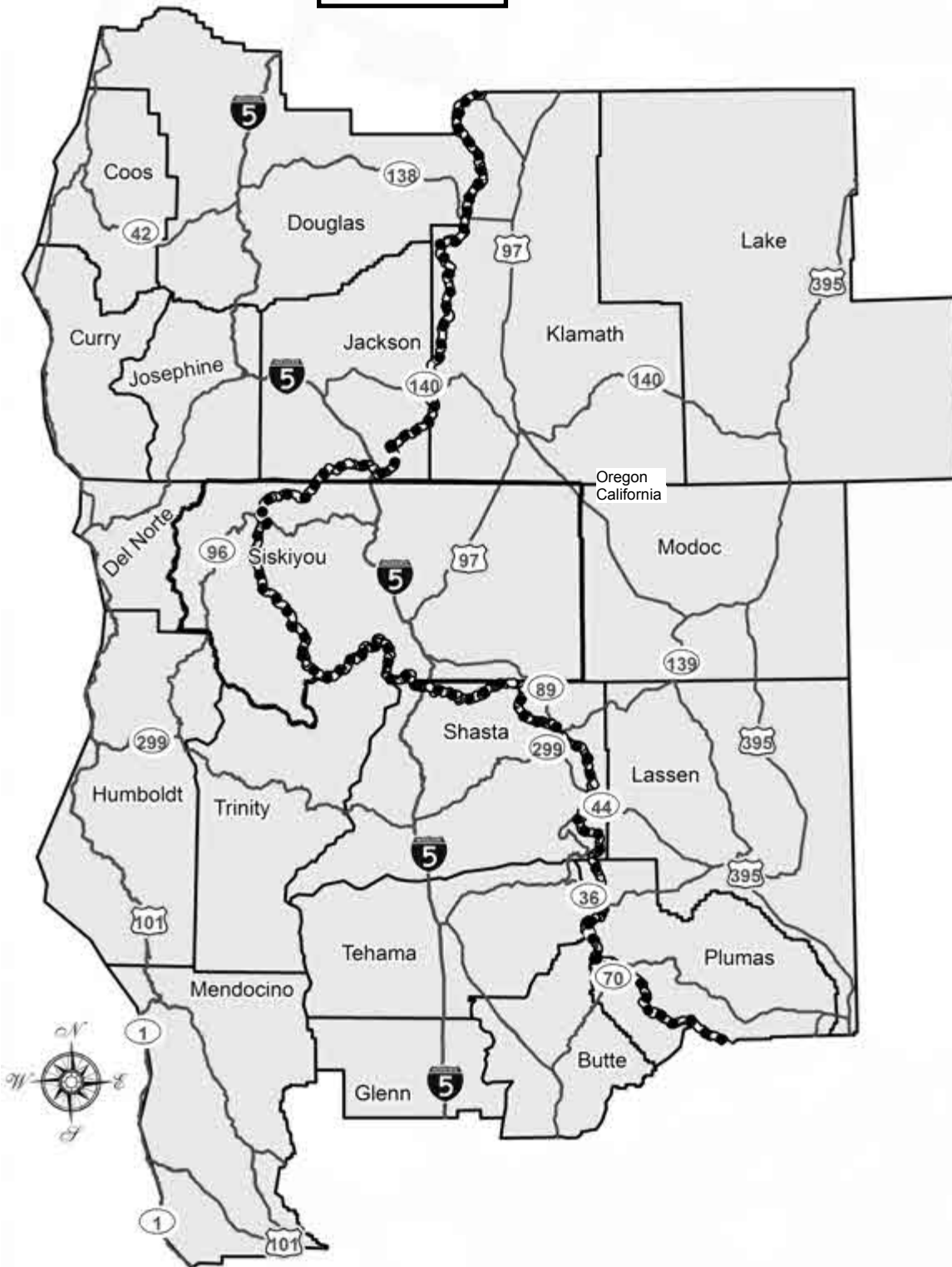
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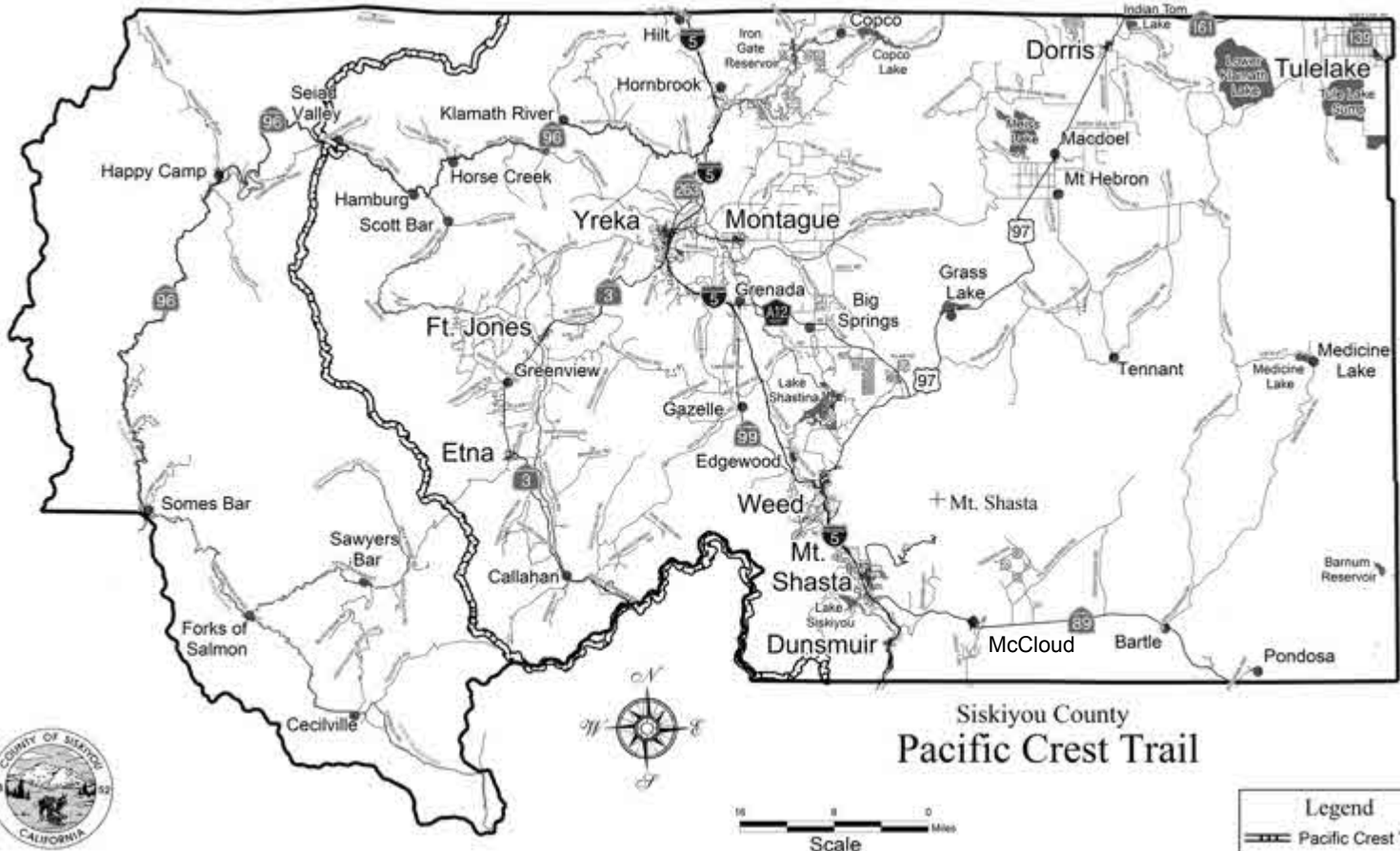
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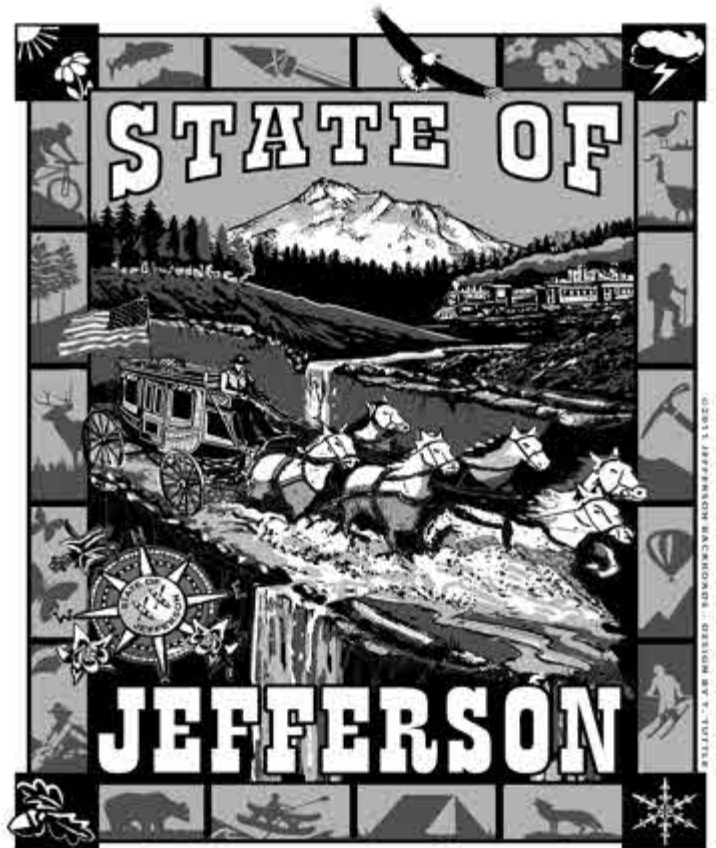
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