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Jim Renner leading the Jedediah Smith Route Field Trip

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Introduction

In 1998 the Governor established the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council to oversee and provide advice on sixteen designated historic trails in Oregon. We are nine volunteer citizens, working together to advise the Governor and locate, preserve and encourage the use of these historic trails by Oregonians and visitors alike. Ex-officio members from a variety of state, federal, and related organizations provide the Council advice and technical information.

We met three times as a group in 2006. Our annual business meeting was held at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in The Dalles on March 1, 2006. The other two meetings were trips to explore portions of the Jedediah Smith Historic Trails. The first field trip was followed by an open public meeting to discuss the trail we just visited and any other pending business regarding any of the sixteen trails. The second field trip did not have a public meeting per se, opting instead for a public discussion by significant authorities on Jedediah Smith and moderated by Jim Renner. We evaluated and recorded trail conditions and discussed opportunities for marking and interpretation of the trail. See our field trip reports for details.

This report covers the activities of the Council through the 2006 calendar year. It is organized as an executive summary with pertinent documents attached for documentation and details. The main points of action are summarized in the Summary of Actions and Recommendations.

This annual report is prepared and submitted to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission as an objective of the Procedural Rules adopted by the Council when it was formed.

OHTAC Summary of Action in 2006

1. **SHPO** James Hamrick requested (again) a change in the executive order for reimbursement from the Governor's office. SHPO Staff changes: As of July 1, 2006 Roger Roper will take over as Assistant Director for Heritage Programs.
2. Council Membership changes: Recommended that Keith May be appointed to chair OHTAC as soon as possible to replace Ann Rogers. Governor made appointment of Keith July 1, 2006. John Chess was designated as Vice Chair. Other board changes; Eileen Fitzsimmons, Carolyn Wood, Jim Renner, Fred Warner, Marcia Morse all ended their terms on the board. New board members: Dick Spray, Sam Woolsey, Wendell Baskins, Connie Colton. Ann Rogers will be

