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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

leaving as of the end of January 2007 and Eileen Fitzsimmons is still searching for her replacement.

- 3. Wind Farms on the Oregon Trail has become an issue. A meeting was set up for Keith to meet with the Governor's Office of Natural Resources and OCTA representatives in December. The possibility of drafting a policy statement was discussed. Consensus: A) That we deal with these issues on a case-by-case basis. B) That OHTAC make a better effort at being in contact with regulatory agencies. C) That we do not need to adopt a policy statement at this time.
- 4. Field trips were taken to the Jedediah Smith Historic Trail in June and September. A short field trip to the Lewis and Clark campsite of Rock Fort in The Dalles was done in March. The trip in June was to see the Jedediah Smith route from the Oregon/California border to the Umqua River. The second trip in September was to the last campsites of the Jedediah Smith Route at the Umpqua River and an event at the Umpqua Discovery Center.
- 5. SHPO had lost minutes and notes from 2004 and 2005. Many materials were lost by DeAnne of SHPO. Roger Roper requested that Keith May assemble his notes and papers into reports for those years.
- 6. Santiam Wagon Road issues have not been taken care of and the Forest Service seems as though they do not want to have anything to do with OHTAC

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