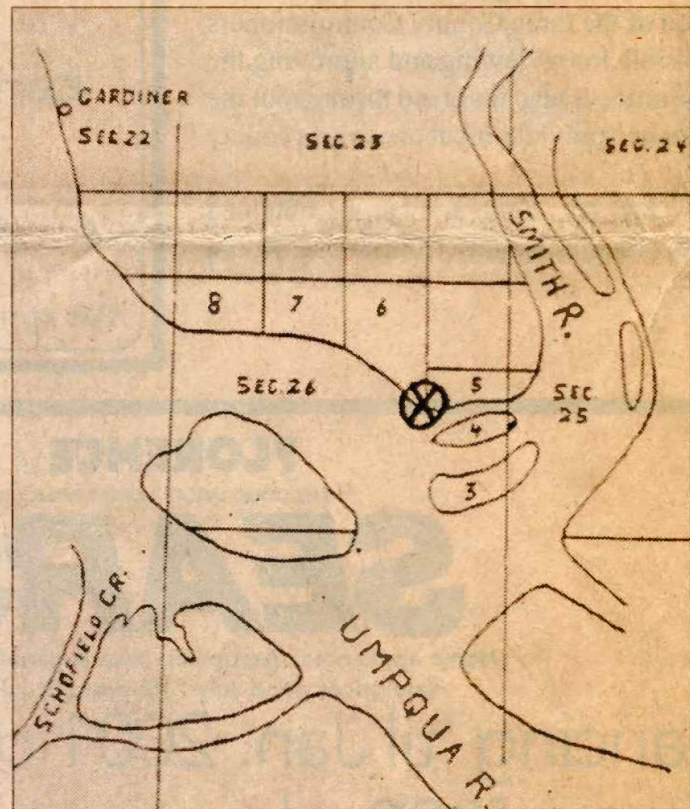


Jedediah Smith trail expedition ends at site of massacre

Al LePage will wind up his expedition that retraces the journey of early explorer Jedediah Smith this week in Reedsport. LePage began Jedediah Smith Millennium Exploration at the Smith River in California on June 23 and will finish it on July 14 at the Smith River in Oregon, between Reedsport and Gardiner at the site of a massacre that killed most of Smith's expedition party.

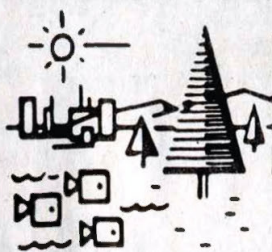
Several events are planned locally to celebrate the completion of LePage's trek. On Thursday, July 13, at 9 am, LePage will deliver "trail mail" to the Gardiner Post Office. The mail was collected in Brookings and carried along the coastal trail to Gardiner. At 11 am LePage be at the Umpqua Discovery Center for a special ceremony.

At 1 pm, historian James C. Auld will present a slide lecture on Jedediah Smith at the UDC and again at 7 pm.



Wednesday, July 12, 2000 • The Umpqua Post, Reedsport, Oregon—

The above map is a reproduction of the field map filed in the U.S. Land Office in Portland by Harvey Gordon. The X marks the spot where Smith's men were killed.



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When Smith, who had made his way up to Fort Vancouver heard the news, he returned and found the remains of his party and buried them. Today, 100 years later, the events of the Jedediah Smith exploration have been relived by the visit of Al LaPage who traveled over the route taken by Smith in 1828.

LaPage, who took on the person of Smith, arrived in the Reedsport area on July 13. He first stopped at the Gardiner Post Office and delivered "Trail Mail" to Postmaster Linda Murray-Stange. Then it was on to the Umpqua Discovery Center and a dedication of the "Early

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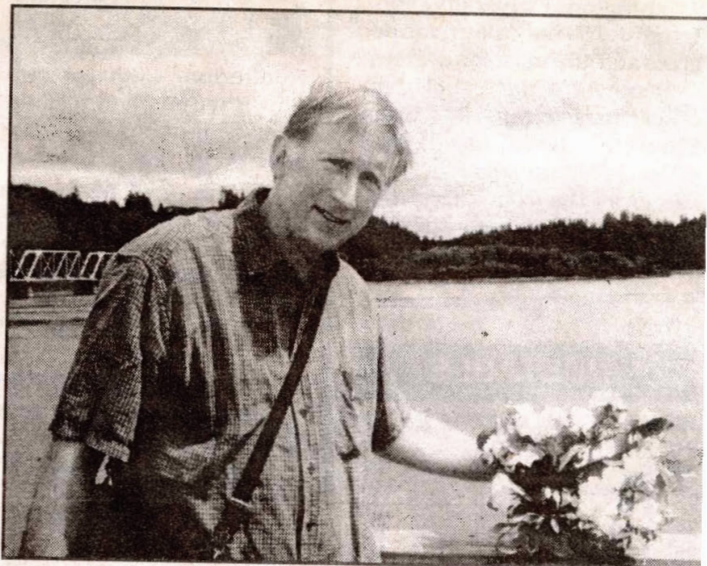
Two memorial ceremonies were held, one at the river by the Discovery Center and the other at the possible site of the Smith camp in East Gardiner. A prayer and wreath was cast in the water while the names of the slain trappers were read by Auld.

At the closing ceremony in East Gardiner, LaPage, who is the Founder and Director of the National Coast Trail Association, dedicated the final portion of the journey as the Jedediah Smith Millennium Trail. LaPage's journey as Jedediah Smith began about 12 years ago and like Smith of 1828, it has been an incredible journey.



Jedediah Smith Millennium Trail ends at the Smith River

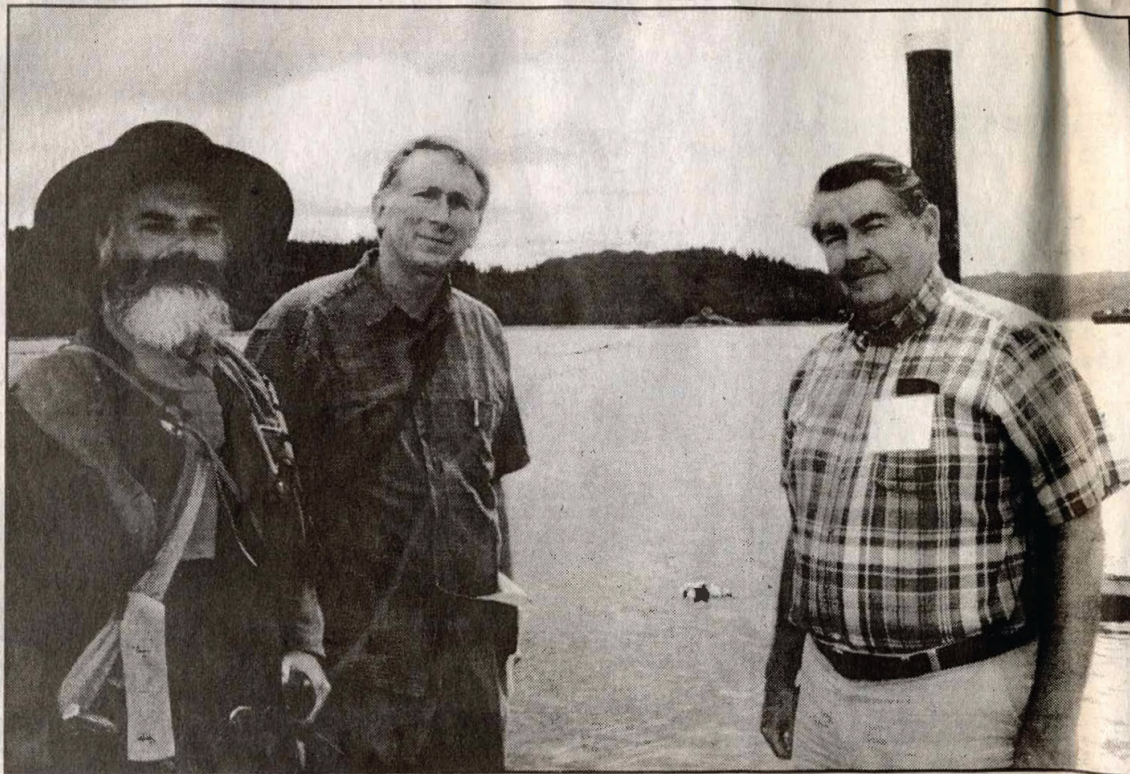
Al LaPage as Jedediah Smith dips the Millennium Trail Marker in the Smith River near East Gardiner marking the final stop in his journey from Smith River, CA. The marker was carried along the entire trip LaPage made to the Reedsport area. A marker was presented to Portia Harris, Director of the Umpqua Discovery Center at a program held there on Thursday.



Historian James Auld

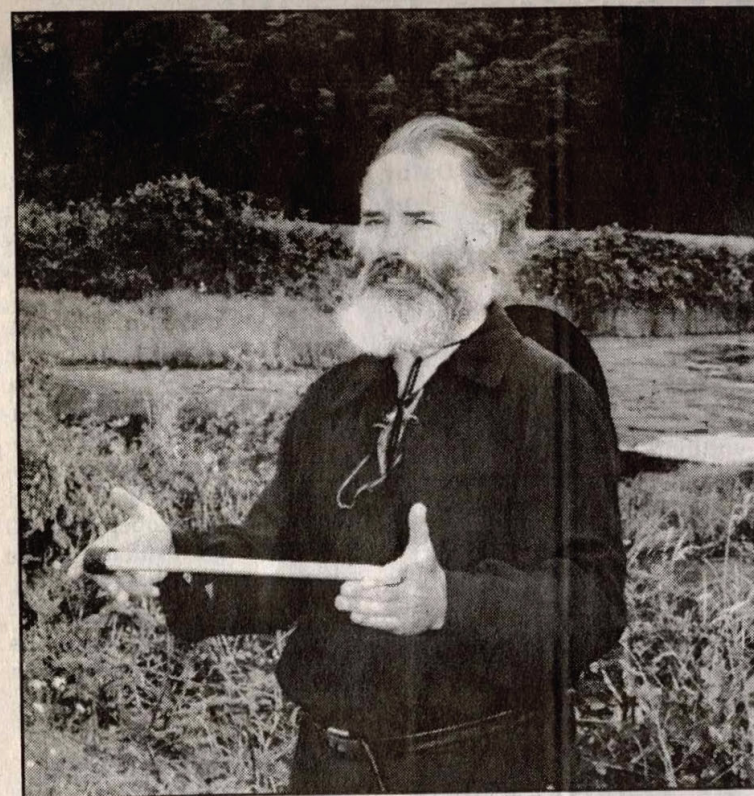
James Auld, historian and author on the life of Jedediah Strong Smith, presented a slide show and program on the early explorer at the Umpqua Discovery Center. Prior to the program, a memorial service was held at the waters edge and a wreath was cast on the waters in memory of those in the Smith camp who died on July 14, 1828.





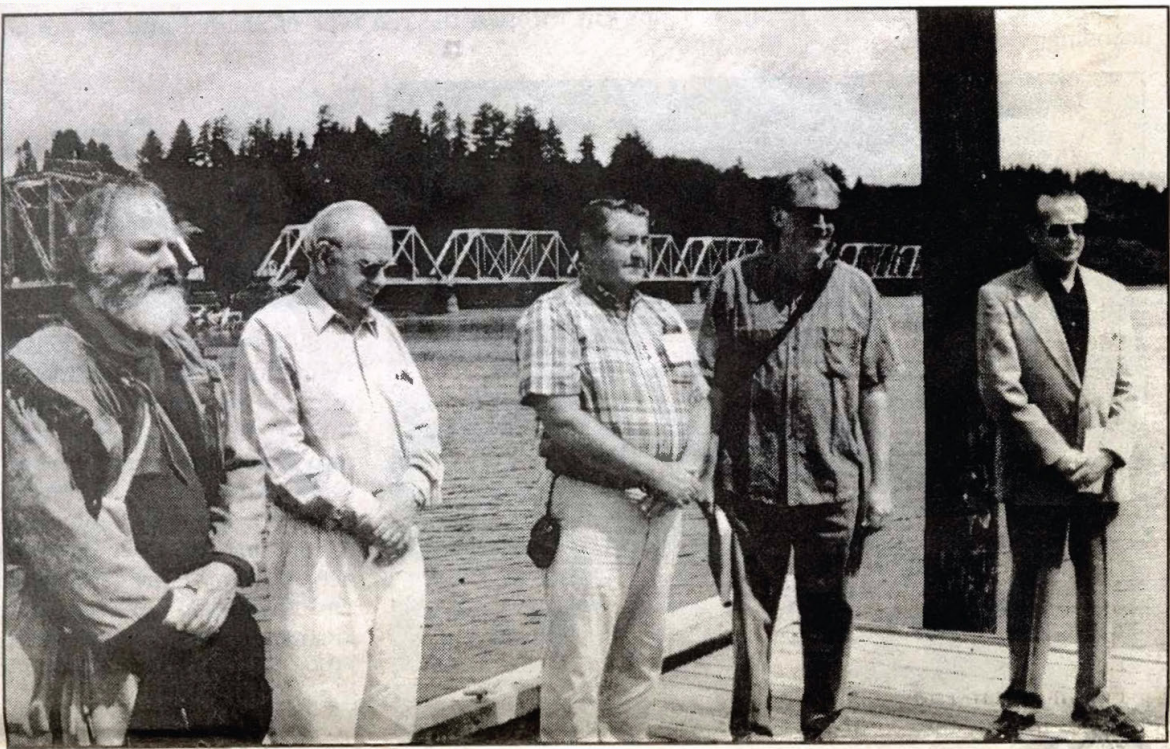
A Common Bond

Al LaPage, James Auld and Wayne Knauf were brought together by a common bond - Jedediah Smith. LaPage, founder of National Coast Trails Association, became Jedediah Smith for an enactment of Smith and had traveled the route taken by the early explorer from Smith River, CA to Smith River, OR. Auld, a historian and author, has researched the life of Smith and has written a book about Smith that will be published in 2001. Knauf is the great-great-grandson of Emily Picard Laframboise who was married to Michel Laframboise, the California Brigade Captain for Hudson Bay Company who returned with Jedediah Smith to the camp where the explorers had been slain in 1828. Her father, Andrew Picard, sold David Douglas horses when he was exploring the area. The Douglas Fir is named after him.



End of the Trail

Jedediah Smith (Al LaPage) and a small group met at the possible site of the camp of the early explorer and his men in the East Gardiner area where the Smith River flows by Bolon Island. Historian James Auld read the list of names of those slain at the 1828 camp site. Another guest present was Jim Renner of the Oregon Travel Information Council. A brief memorial service was held and the final closing was when Smith dipped the Millennium Marker in the Smith River.



Remembering those who died in 1828

A memorial ceremony was held at the dock near the Umpqua Discovery Center to remember the early explorers who died on July 14, 1828 that were in the Jedediah Smith party. From left are Al LaPage as Jedediah Smith, Reedsport Mayor Tom Hedgepeth, Wayne Knauf of Lodi, CA who cast the wreath on the water in memoriam, Historian James Auld, and City Councilor Russ Ekstrom who read a prayer from an 1800 prayer book.



Pictures and words capture the past

The "Early Explorers" Exhibit at the Umpqua Discovery Center was the perfect place to meet Jedediah Smith, both the 1828 one and the 2000 one. Al LaPage who has been the early explorer for several months as he traveled on the route taken by Smith in the early 1800's to the Reedsport area met the artists of the mural that shows Jedediah Smith and his men looking out over the Smith River. Peggy O'Neal and Larry Watson did the beautiful mural in the Early Explorers Exhibit. On the right is Historian James Auld who is writing a book on Smith that will be out next year. He presented a slide show and talk on the life of Jedediah Smith at the Discovery Center.



Gardiner Postmaster Linda Murray-Stange reads some of the "Trail Mail" delivered by Jedediah Smith. The mail was greetings to the Gardiner Community Historical Group that is planning the 150th birthday of Gardiner in 2001. Smith carried the mail from the southern coastal communities that he passed through on his trek over the route that was taken by Smith in 1828. He also presented Linda a brass thimble, part of the trade goods used along the trail.



The Mayor and Jedediah Smith

Reedsport Mayor Tom Hedgepeth welcomed Jedediah Smith to the Umpqua Discovery Center and stepped back in time with the dedication of the "Early Explorers" Exhibit at the center. The Mayor said that "Today, on July 13, 2000, we dedicate our "Early Explorers" Exhibit in memory of Jedediah Smith and the early explorers who came looking for fortune and discovered that the treasure of the Oregon Coast was it's vast natural resources."



Detail, The Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore

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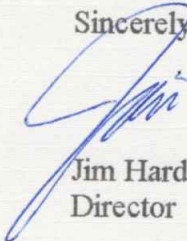
Dear Wayne;

Enclosed is a copy of Alexander McLeod's journal for his expedition to recover the property of Jedediah Smith following the Umpqua massacre. I hope it will be of use in your current project. One interesting point is that McLeod states the camp was at the entrance of the North Branch to the sea. This may be somewhat helpful in identifying the site if there has not been much physical change in the location.

Also enclosed is info regarding the Four Winds Indian Trading Post in St. Ignatius, MT. This is the dealer who had a set of HBC trade tokens at the recent fur trade symposium. The owners of the store are the authors of the book "Indian Trade Goods and Replicas." I have also included a page from that book relating to HBC tokens. Hope it helps.

I e-mailed four sources for "The West of William Ashley." Hope you were successful in that quest. I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks to discuss the long-range plan for the Jed Smith Society. I am pleased you invited me to stay in your home and anticipate a pleasant evening of learning more about your exploits!

Sincerely,



Jim Hardee
Director

Feb 7-00'

Wayne

Enclosed is a route I worked out. You will note that the starting point is not on the creek nor the Sec Line. Variation in maps I guess. I took my starting point approx in center of gulch & on the shoulder of the road where we parked. I checked & there are two creeks that join at the highway. Figuring out where the old shore line was is just a guess, but it had to be in at least that point.

The reference point to the far right is one I shot on the north side of the Lake Road & Smith River Road intersection. Actually, it was down a little road that parallels the highway going down into that field.

Obviously, shifting the point of beginning will change the outcome somewhat, & perhaps I have made errors hence the blank for you to work on. I advise you to make copies & let others try their luck.

As to the mass grave. Because their camp must have been close to the water — the water table must have been near the surface. I think that would preclude a burial on the spot. Higher ground maybe?

Well, I will leave you with this.
Have fun!

Sincerely — Don

Smith River Site Cultural Map

S 36° E (144°) 264'
 S 87° E (93°) 2112'
 S 76° E (104°) 660'
 S 49° E (131°) 1386'

Seco line

Creek

Center of Gulch

MEANDER OF old Shore line

(Flood)
DIKE ROAD

264 ft

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660 ft

740 ft

1386 ft

Site 2

Reference line

Reference line

(Road)

GARDNER

Highway 101

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Subject: JSS Update

This letter is addressed to Don Whereat so I only have to type it once

Dear Don

Thank you for the map outlining the meander line and its conclusion. I do not believe your work to be in error. The objective is the location of the site which I believe covers the flat from the barns down to the junction of Stable Rd and the road up the Smith River. I agree that the variance in the starting point will change the outcome. With the placement of the railroad, Stable Rd and the Highway to Gardner 101, the ecology and geography has been changed. Your location of the site probably reflects this. For example the alders have invaded the area at the junction of Stable Rd and the road up the smith. If the roads were not there the brackish water would have keep a lot of the venetian out.

I agree about burring on higher ground; because on the flat if you dig a hole it would quickly fill up. I think they are buried up close to the break in ground profile; however not to close in order to stay away from the rocks. Bones collected on a blanket and dragged to where a hole had been prepared. It is interesting question how were the number of bodies arrived at? Don I am sending copies on as you suggested.

Today I called Gene Harbeson IP representative in Vancouver WA. He had got my letter and said that the property belonged to IP. He said he had forwarded my letter to headquarters, and had sent me an answer. I will include his with Don's when I mail everything Tues. I plan on vacation for two weeks Tues. PM so I hope it arrives. I have included some bayonet information. WK

2/13/01

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Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 5:18 PM
Subject: JSS

Back from my trip to Oregon. Took three days. I gained informative on my family questions and the JSS site can be moved along. All are eagerly awaiting your book and preparing for signing party[Is this like a passing out party that foresters have?]

Portia is not sure if the Discovery center should hold the site. Local politics and removing the land from the tax roles. Both of these could be overcome

Talked to Tom only by phone, we had missed each other. He is still onboard.

Had breakfast with Don Whereat, the tribe is still interested: however they should not be considered for the land because of the trust and gaming issues.

Dorris Miller is very much enthused about the project. She is the former Editor and wrote the articles and got the sign moved. I think Dorris would be willing to be the pusher on the project.

You might want to call Portia and Doris [541 271 4771]

Met with Gene Harbeson[IP representative] at the IP mill site. After talking with him, we arrived at, that I would right a letter to him asking IP to gift the undeveloped area to a local entity. This is the area without the land fill. He requested this because his boss, Sharon Haines is coming out from the Corp headquarters, at the end of the month,

Another interesting happening; Richard Silva who has been recording and documenting trails, showed me on a map where the Alexander McCloud's cache of 1829 was located. I offered to carry his shovel when they do the dig. I have driven past this location many times. He also gave me a copy of his latest printing of the Sacramento Canyon trail used by the Hudson Bay Co.

Do you need to be picked up?

WK

cc John Talbot



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Dear Gene

Thank you for the opportunity to meet January 16, 2002 and discuss the conflict site referred to as the Horse Ranch. Located in T21S R12W Section 26.

On July 14, 1828, an incident occurred near the mouth of the Smith River, near present day Reedsport, Oregon that involved these three groups.
An American Fur Trapping Brigade led by Jedediah Smith
The Kuuich Indians of the Lower Umpqua River
The Hudson Bay Company

Numerous pieces have been written about this event. Some contain disputed factual evidence, others perpetuate idealized views of causes, and there is enough evidence to merit a review. This event makes it one of the most significant encounters of the Fur trade.

The Jedediah Smith Society desires a publication investigating the conflict between the Tribe and the Fur Trappers. The site should be protected, have an appropriate landmark commemorating and indicating the site.

Based on the historical significance, the above reasons and our conversation, I would request International Paper gift the area not covered by landfill to a local entity.

Sincerely

Wayne Knauf, Director

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OK JAN 25 2002

Memorandum

To: Jedediah Smith Society Board of Directors
From: Jim Auld
Date: 1/25/02
Re: Incident in the Fur Trade

Dear Board,

Sorry I've missed another meeting. I tried to get a ticket at the last minute but the prices went up just before I tried to make my reservation.

I would like to be there to discuss with you the work that has been going on in the Reedsport area regarding the site of the attack on Jedediah Smith's brigade in 1828.

As a member of the Jed Smith Society, and an interested participant in the discovery of American History, I have a special interest in the Reedsport area and the events that transpired there over 170 years ago. I have been to the site over six times, in all four seasons, and each time I feel the tragedy and disappointment that was experienced there by Smith and his companions. It's about as far as one can get from St. Louis (and still be only a few days away from Fort Vancouver.) It is the spot where the wheels really fell off his wagon.

This small plot of land should be listed on the Registry of Historic Places, as the site of one of the Fur Trades' most significant massacres. The story of all the different spheres of influence that came together here will be fascinating to people who are interested in our nation's history.

Here is a list of some of the ideas that have been discussed by various people who I have come in contact with over the last 5 years. They all have their purpose and individual timeline, and they all relate to the larger issue of commemoration and education of the Reedsport site.

1. Move the Oregon State Highways sign to a more appropriate place that allows people to view the site while reading the sign.
2. Place an additional marker somewhere either on or near the site to more fully explain the details of the event.
3. Partner with the Umpqua Discovery Center to add displays and activities that illuminate the event and its environmental characteristics.
4. Work with the Oregon Trails Advisory Board and their commitment to locate and mark significant historic routes in this area.
5. Dialogue with the legal owners of the site as the title is transferred to an appropriate entity, with permanent protection as the goal.
6. Facilitate the delivery and exhibition of the Harrison Roger's journal from the Missouri Historical Society to the Umpqua Discovery Center.
7. Construct a modest viewing platform at the site, with historically correct signage, that explains the political, geographical and cultural complexity of the event.
8. Map, research and analyze, using the latest technology available, the archaeological evidence at the site.
9. Publish, and create visual descriptions about the site and the event.
10. Seek the assistance of the local Native American groups whenever possible in these activities, pursuing a path that allows for open discussion and attempts to heal past differences.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2002 10:24 AM

Subject: What do the Native Americans call the "Massacre Site"

Nancy you asked the above question and I was unable to answer. I called Don Whereat, tribal member and retired councilman of the Kuuich Indians of the Lower Umpqua River. Don advised me that the site is seldom referred to and more by reference to "the site or happening". Don is very interested in tribal history. We both agreed that much of the oral history has been lost and we have been relying to much on the whitemans writings. I guess this happens when you loose the war. WK



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Dear Lynda

Please find attached The National Register of Historic Places Registration Form and attachments For the Jedediah Smith site at the Junction of the Smith and Umpqua Rivers.

On July 14, 1828 an incident occurred near the mouth of the Smith and Umpqua Rivers near Reedsport, Oregon. This involved three groups

The Americans, a Smith Jackson, Sublette Brigade led by Jedediah Smith.
The First Nation, Kuuich Indian of the Lower Umpqua River.
The British, Hudson Bay Company, headquartered at Fort Vancouver WA.

Numerous pieces have been written about this event. Some contain disputed factual evidence; others perpetuate idealized views of the causes. There is enough controversy to merit a review. Unanswered questions need further study of the events leading up to the attack, its effects on the political stability of the region, the relationship between the cultures involved and the further opening up of the Oregon Territory.

In my travels and research the site name "Massacre" has led to discussion as to being politically correct. Putting this aside it is the site that needs to be protected and the history recorded for the future.

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UOP Holt Atherton Center - Daryl Morrison

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Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2002 10:52 AM

Subject: Jedediah S. Smith Smith/Umpqua Rivers Site

By letter of November 05, 2002, I submitted twenty-eight pages of National Register of Historic Places Registration Forms and attachments. The packet was sent to Lynda Schar, National Register Program Assistant, Oregon State Historic Preservation Office. Copies or cover letter was sent to the following
 Packet

Oregon SHPO - Lynda Schar
 Kuuich Tribe, Lower Umpqua - Don Wherat
 Jedediah Smith Society - Al Clover Ex. Sec.
 Umpqua Discovery Center - Portia Harris, Director
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 International Paper Co - Sharon Haines Sustainable Forest Policy Manager
 Dan Foster - State of California Archeologist, Dept of Forestry and Fire Protection

Cover letter

Jim Renner - Oregon Trail information Council
 Doris Miller - Reedsport/ Gardiner Newspaper
 John Talbot JSS Director
 Leland Gilson - State of Oregon Archeologist SHPO
 Bill Hathorn - JSS Director
 Jim Berg - International Paper Co. Director Ethics and Business Practice
 Others - All the Jedediah Smith Society members on my Email.

Should we not get the site on the National Register, I believe there now exists " Notice " to Federal, State, International Paper Co. and the Public.

I now plan to turn my efforts to the Jedediah Smith watch for research and documentation. WK



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Dear Jim,

Our Society Board Member, Wayne Knauf, American Forester, is an Oregonian living in California. He traces his heredity to First Nation people in Oregon and Michael La Framboise, a fur brigade leader and engage of the Hudson's Bay Company via Fort Vancouver.

Our Society's mission is to identify and preserve elements of the fur trade era and increase public awareness. We also provide editorial assistance for accurate wording on landmarks; and are pleased to join dedication ceremonies whenever possible.

One of our concerns has been the encounter site on the Umpqua near Reedsport where a massacre of the Jedediah Smith party occurred in 1828. Over the years the site has been used as a dump for waste and other desecrations by uninformed or careless people.

Wayne Knauf is Chairman of the Society project to identify and preserve this important burial site on the Oregon coast. Here three patterns of culture – English, Hudson's Bay Company; American, Jedediah Smith party; and First Nation, Umpqua or Kunich met and a physical conflict led to the massacre of the Smith party. It is important that the site be so noted and preserved. Wayne is our leader for this project.

We would enlist your support and leadership in Oregon to carry this matter forward to National Historic Recognition and Preservation.

Sincerely,

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September 28, 2006

518 Stables Rd, Reedsport Oregon

Al: ref our conversation listed below are the contacts, I have made regarding the Massacre Site. To date I have not heard back, regards any formal action.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality - Robin Kretzschmar 541 269 2721 x23
Water related systems
Bryon Fuller 541 686 7838 Hazardous waste

Oregon Department of State Lands – Bob Lobdell [on vacation] 503 378 3805 x282
Wet Lands. Original IP permit.
Continuation of Dumping

Douglas County Planning Dept - 541 440 4289 issued septic tank permit
“Planning only issues permits. No control over historical sites”

Oregon Department of Forestry, Dave Talyer - 541 267 4136 “Logging and clearing on this site is not a commercial venture. Therefore does not come under Dept of Forestry” Dave stated that in addition to the broken concrete from the Pulp mill, broken concrete sewer pipe is being delivered from Reedsport. Wright, the current owner said Ash from the pulp mill was in the covered dump. Question why would you cover ash ? It would be easier to till into the existing ground.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Heritage Programs, Historic Preservation Office
Roger Roper Deputy State Historic Preservation Office – 503 986 0677

Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, Jim Renner Deputy Director – 503 373 0870

Reedsport newspaper contact Doris Miller – 541 662 0651

Roseburg Forest Products [owner of lands to the north] Phil Adams, District Forester
541 271 0159 x10

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Bob Lobdell
Oregon Dept. of State Lands

February 23, 2006 International Paper sold the site to a developer. His intention is to fill, pave and make it into a RV park. This is an important site in Oregon History and has eleven bodies buried there. The site had been used as a waste dump by IP, evidenced by parts and waste from the pulp mill.

Questions: Can I get a copy of the Original IP permit and modifications Dumping has been going on since prior to 2000

Wet lands subject to tidal change being filled is there a review and permit process?

Has the new owner applied for a fill, timber harvesting, operating in a wet land permit?

Is there a department that protects historical sites?

I have attached two documents for your information.

Thank You for your help

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Subject: Smith Massacre Site

From: Joe or Linda Molter (joelinmo@gmail.com)

To: lorenirving@bendbroadband.com;

Cc: wknauf@sbcglobal.net;

Date: Monday, August 25, 2014 8:47 PM

Hi Loren,

I'm the one you talked to at the Fremont Symposium. I sure enjoyed that gathering!

What I'll be sending you are the historical facts on which we, the Jedediah Smith Society, have based are belief of where the massacre occurred along the Umpqua River. The first is the Pollard Article which tells how the "X" was put on the Government Land Office Map by the surveyor and why. This article speaks for itself. Also included is an overlay that I created using this GLO map and overlaying onto a modern day Topographic map of this area. I am also including two Historic Resource Inventory Reports for this same location; one done by the Oregon State Highway Department in 1974 and the other by Douglas County in 2002. The attached documents all point to the same location. You have to remember that Jedediah had close to 300 head of horses and mules which I'm sure roam about this flat area to obtain feed and water. The Jedediah Smith Society still believes that someplace in this immediate area, the bones of Jedediah's men were buried and that this location should be recognized, not only for what happened there, but to this courageous leader and his men.

Wayne Knauf, another Board Member of our Society, who has researched this site longer than I, will be also contacting you with additional information. We both were wondering on your last trip to this area, was the historical marker on Bolon's Island still there? We were contacted by a State agency awhile back about them redoing and relocating this monument and we have no idea if this ever happened! Wayne was the contact on this and would have more details of exactly they were.

At the meeting in Carson City, I also meet Dave Talbot, retired Oregon State Parks Director. He told me he's a fan of Jedediah also and would like to see a fitting monument for this site! He said he knows the current State Parks Director and would like to help in this matter. He gave his card if I need some help toward this, which I'm passing on to you also. Phone: 541 647-1617 and e-mail: ROYALWOLFTALBOT@yahoo.com.

Hope this information is helpful. Feel free to contact me pertaining to further data.

Joe Molter

Jedediah Smith Society

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JEDEDIAH SMITH

JEDEDIAH SMITH, MAKING THE FIRST RECORDED OVERLAND TRIP FROM CALIFORNIA, FOLLOWED THE OREGON COAST NORTHWARD AND ON JULY 13, 1828 CAMPED WITH SEVENTEEN TRAPPERS ON THE NORTH BANK OF SMITH RIVER CHANNEL FIVE-EIGHTS OF A MILE NORTHEAST OF THIS POINT. THE FOLLOWING MORNING, WHILE SMITH AND TWO COMPANIONS WENT FORWARD TO FIND A RIVER CROSSING, THE INDIANS CAME INTO CAMP AND MASSACRED ALL BUT ONE MAN. SMITH AND THE SURVIVORS ESCAPED TO FORT VANCOUVER, WHEREUPON JOHN McLOUGHLIN SENT AN EXPEDITION TO THE UMPQUA, RECOVERING SOME OF SMITH'S FURS AND EQUIPMENT. JEDEDIAH SMITH HAD THREE AMBITIONS: TO SERVE HIS GOD, TO PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY AND TO BECOME A GREAT AMERICAN EXPLORER. IN ALL THREE THINGS HE SUCCEEDED.

