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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM



SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC SNOWY BUTTE FLOUR MILL

AND/OR COMMON Butte Creek Mill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *off OR 62*
PO Box 561

CITY, TOWN

Eagle Point

___ VICINITY OF
CODE

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Oregon 4th District

STATE

Oregon

41

COUNTY
Jackson

CODE
029

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
 - UNOCCUPIED
 - WORK IN PROGRESS
- ### ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
 - YES: UNRESTRICTED
 - NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Peter B. Crandall

STREET & NUMBER

PO Box 561

CITY, TOWN

Eagle Point

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Oregon

97524

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Jackson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Medford

STATE

Oregon

97501

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE

1972

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Parks and Recreation Branch - 525 Trade St.

CITY, TOWN

Salem

STATE

Oregon

97310

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Butte Creek Mill is located in Eagle Point, Oregon. First settled in 1851, the town was abandoned the next year due to Indian conflicts. In 1872, a post office was established, along with a hotel, several blacksmith shops, a general store, a merchandize store, and a warehouse. In July of 1872, construction began on the mill. The building was situated on a fairly steep bank on the west side of the creek. There was an old irrigation ditch already on the site that was dug deeper by horse and hand labor.

The original mill was a four-story structure with a daylight basement, the main floor with the grinding floor and shop area, and two upper floors which were probably used for storage. To the north of the mill building were four square storage bins for grain.

As it stands, the main structure is essentially in original condition with only a few minor changes. The basement has a 20" mortared stone retaining wall along the west (street) side, with short wing walls on each side. The structural frame is of 12" to 14" square hand hewn posts and beams, with an elaborate system of 4" x 4" knee and x-bracing, the joinery is mortice and tenon (and lapped), held together with oak pegs.

The grain was brought down from the second floor through chutes (after it had been scalped and scoured) and was run through the stones. The flour was then sacked. The two interior columns on the first floor have been very carefully hewn and detailed with a chamfer. There is a shed roof in front supported by steel rods to cover the loading dock.

The second floor originally provided storage for the cleaned grain before it was ground, and storage for tools and other equipment. The two interior columns on this floor are also chamfered.

The attic houses the top pulley of the belt and cup system that lifts the grain to the storage bins. The 2" x 6" rough sawn rafters (24" O.C.) are supported near mid-span by 8" x 8" braces, at right angles to the roof pitch. These braces support an 8" x 8" horizontal girt and rest on the floor girders. There is a small steep ladder from the attic to the roof.

In 1912, an addition was built on the south side to provide for additional storage space and a loading dock area. On the first floor, columns with chamfering similar to the original second floor are used. The roof is extended at the same pitch. The framing uses 2" x 8" studs and 2" x 6" rafters. The siding is about the same size, but is cut with a circular saw rather than whip-sawn as on the original section of the mill. Large posts are used in the basement, but the joints are nailed rather than pegged.

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Another addition was added to the north during the 1930s for frozen food lockers and a meat cutting and packing area. Construction in this section is similar to the earlier addition. Both the 1912 and 1930s additions are compatible with the original building character using similar type materials and detailing. They provide necessary added space for the mill, but also maintain the original architectural integrity.

The structure is in excellent condition except for a small amount of foundation damage and dry rot. The present owner is systematically repairing the damaged areas as needed.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1872 BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Butte Creek Mill is one of two remaining water-powered mills in Oregon, and is the only mill that grinds flour (Thompson's Mill in Shedd is water-powered, but only grinds animal feeds). The water rights for the mill and the French burr grinding stones date back to 1872. The operation of the mill, the machinery and equipment are essentially the same as in the late 1800s.

In 1872, Adronirum John Daley chose a site on the west bank of Little Butte Creek, approximately 20 miles northeast of Jacksonville and 11 miles northeast of Medford. His father, John W. Daley, Sr. and Eber Emery began construction in July, 1872. The French burr stones and milling equipment were shipped around the horn to Crescent City, California, and brought overland to Little Butte Creek. (An interesting story, that has never been substantiated, surrounds the shipment of the burr stones. Daley supposedly sent his two sons to bring the stones to Eagle Point from Crescent City by wagon. On the return trip, one of the sons was killed in an Indian attack.)

The lumber for the mill was milled from a pine stand located at Butte Falls. The first flour was ground in August, 1873. In the latter part of the 1880s, the mill stones were replaced with roller machinery. A.J. Daley was miller until 1893, when he sold the mill to the Holmes Brothers of Eagle Point.

The Holmes Brothers sold out to the Brandon Brothers in 1916, who operated it until 1920 when they went out of business and Henry Campbell (an Eagle Point banker) acquired the mill. The mill stood idle until 1932, when George Putman purchased the mill and water rights from Campbell's widow. George and his son, Ed, built a smaller addition to the north end and opened a feed store and cold storage plant in the building. Later, George found and repaired the old grinding stones and put them back into operation. George and Ed passed away and George's other son, Frank, took over the mill. Frank operated the mill with great success selling flour to many bakeries in the Willamette Valley. In 1973, Frank sold the mill to Peter Crandall, who presently owns and operates the mill.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Daley, Veneta. "92-Year-Old Water-Powered Mill Still Operating in Valley", Medford Mail Tribune, Sept. 27, 1964.

Jewett, Richard. "Old Burrstones Again to Turn at Eagle Point Mill: History Told", Medford Mail Tribune, April 2, 1950.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1-1/2

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,0	51,6	6,7,5	4,7	0,2	2,2,5	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING				NORTHING
C					D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mark Wuthridge and Gary Moore

ORGANIZATION

School of Architecture, University of Oregon

STREET & NUMBER

585 Stonegate

CITY OR TOWN

Eugene,

DATE

April 30, 1976

TELEPHONE

(503) 343-0074

STATE

Oregon 97401

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

James B. Talbot
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE State Parks Superintendent

DATE June 1, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST: *Robert B. Rettig*

DATE 9/1/76

DATE 9/2/76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
Acting

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O'Harra, Marjorie. "Putnam Mill Link with Pioneer Days", Medford Mail Tribune,
July 16, 1972.

Putnam, Frank (former owner of Butte Creek Mill). Interview, April 3, 1976.

Property Snowy Butte Flour Mill

Jackson

State Oregon

Working Number 6.7.76.3558

7600 LSP1

TECHNICAL

Photos 10

Maps 1

CONTROL

OK *pl*
6.15.76

HISTORIAN

accept
B. Grosvenor
6/22/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
S. Oldham
6/25/76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory CS 9/1/76
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
7.1.76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Accept
Rethig
9/2/76

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 10-5-76

Re-submit _____

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1. Snowy Settle Mill
2. Eagle Point, OR Jackson Co.
3. Unknown
4. Ca. 1880
5. Mark Wuthridge, Eugene, OR
6. Front and side of original mill building, looking
NE
7. Photo #1

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2 LOCATION

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___VICINITY OF

STATE Oregon COUNTY Jackson

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Unknown

DATE OF PHOTO c. 1880

NEGATIVE FILED AT Mark Wuthridge, Eugene, OR

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO. 1

Front and side of original mill building, looking NE.



- ②
1. Anaway Built Hays Mill
 2. Eagle Point OK Jackson Co.
 3. Mark Wuthridge & Gary Moore
 4. 11/75
 5. Mark Wuthridge, Eugene, OR
 6. Rear elevation of mill. looking NW
 7. Photo #2

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Rear elevation of mill, looking NW.

PHOTO NO. 2



- ③
1. Snowy Butte Hand Mill
 2. Eagle Point, OR Jackson Co.
 3. Mark Wathidge, Gary Moore
 4. 11/75
 5. Mark Wathidge, Eugene, OR
 6. Interior view of mill, showing square hand-hewn framing and 4x4 ~~bracket~~ knee bracing.
 7. Photo # 3

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PHOTO NO. 3

Interior view of mill, showing square hand-hewn framing and 4 x 4 knee bracing.



- ① 1. Snowy Bettle Horn Mill
2. Eagle Point, OR Jackson Co.
3. Mark Watkidge, Gary Moore
4. 11/75
5. Mark Watkidge, Eugene, OR
6. Rear elevation of mill, to looking
toward NW
7. photo # 4

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PHOTO NO. 4

Rear elevation of mill, looking toward NW



⑤: Snowy Butte Flour Mill

2. Eagle Point, OR Jackson Co

3. Mark Wutledge, Gary Moore

4. 11/75

5. Mark Wutledge, Eugene, OR

6. Rear exposure of mill, looking to NW

7. photo # 5

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO. 5

Rear exposure of mill, looking to northwest



- ⑥ 1. Arroyo Butte Saw Mill
2. Eagle Point, OK Jackson Co.
3. Mark Wathridge, Gary Moore
4. 11/75
5. Mark Wathridge, Eucora, OK
6. Front of mill, looking East.
7. photo # 6

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Mark Wuthridge, Gary Moore

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Front of mill, looking East.

PHOTO NO.

6



BUTTE CREEK MILL

THE MILL
GRAND COOP BUTTE MONT.

Coca-Cola

ALBERS
FEEDS

- ① 1. Snowy Bottom Flour Mill
2. Eagle Point, OK Jackson Co.
3. Mark Wathridge, Dary Moore
4. 11/75
5. Mark Wathridge, Eugene, OR
6. Front of Mill, showing original structure and SW addition — looking S.E.
7. photo #7

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PHOTO NO. 7

Front of Mill, showing original structure and SW addition - looking SE.

OR2





- ⑧ 1. Snowy Beetle Flour Mill
2. Eagle Point, OK Jackson Co.
3. Mark Wuthridge, Gary Moore
4. 11/75
5. Mark Wuthridge, Eugene, OK
6. Front elevation of mill, drawing original mill
and small section of SW addition, looking
SE NE
7. Photo H 8

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PHOTO NO. 8

Front elevation of mill, showing original mill and small section of SW addition, looking SE.



- ⑨ 1. Aroney Butte Stone Mill
2. Eagle Point, OK
3. Mark Wuthridge, Gary Moore
4. 11/75 Jackson Co
5. Mark Wuthridge, Eugene, OK
6. Rear elevation of NE addition
to mill, looking N.
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PHOTO NO. 9

Rear elevation of NE addition to mill, looking north.



- ⑩ 1. Snowy Bettle Ham Mill
2. Eagle Point, OK Jackson Co.
3. Mark Wathridge, Gary Moore
4. 11/75
5. Mark Wathridge, Eugene, OK
6. Rear and SW elevation of mill, drawing original structure and both additions, looking N.
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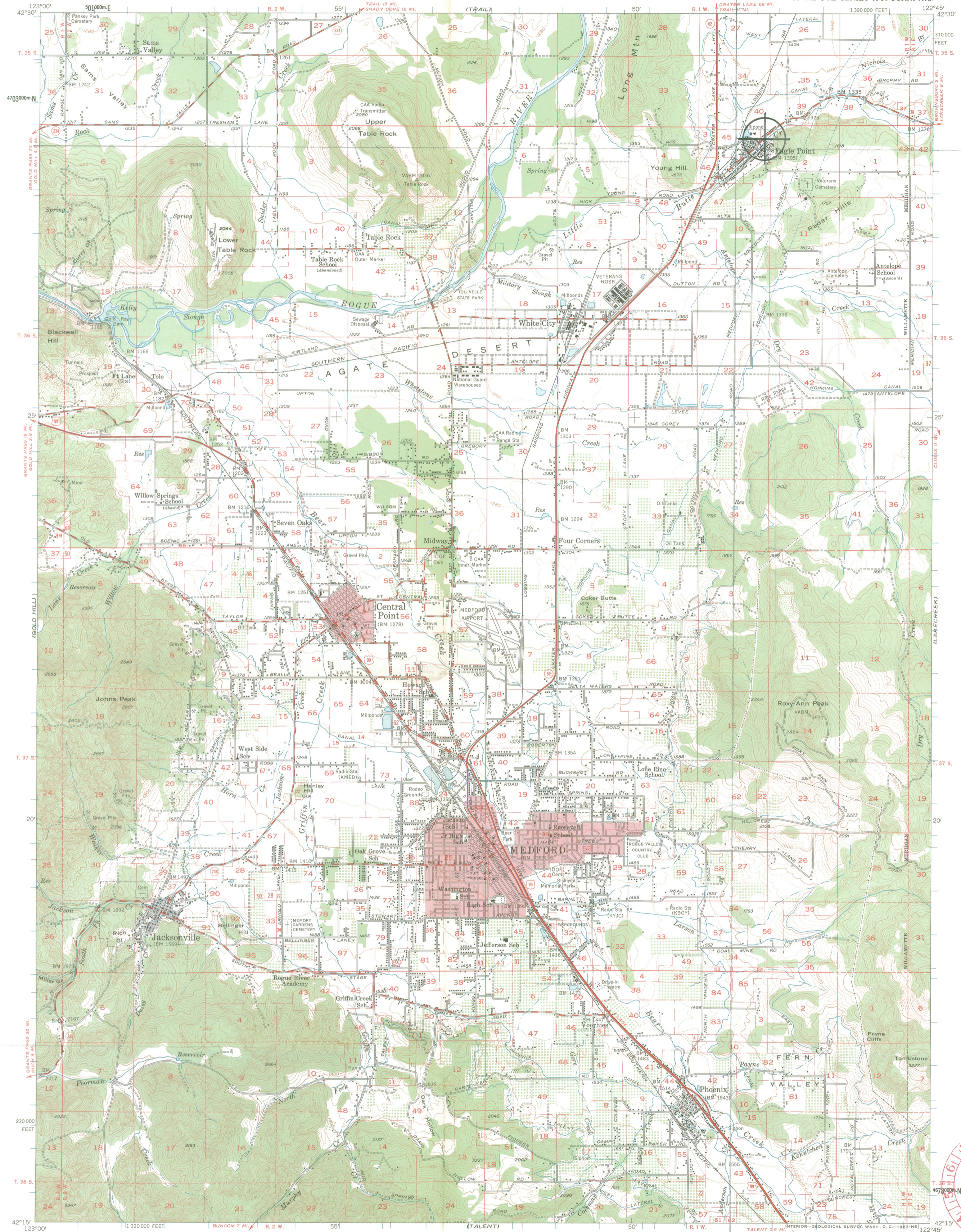
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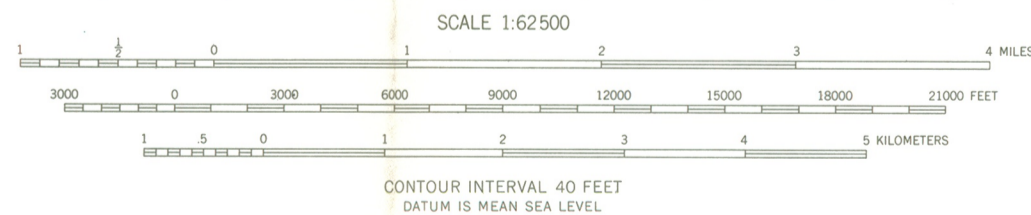
Rear and SW elevation of mill, showing original structure and north addition,
looking North.



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Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
and by planetable surveys 1954. Aerial photographs taken 1951.
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Oregon coordinate system, south zone
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown
Dashed land lines indicate approximate locations
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 10, shown in blue

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1954



CONTOUR INTERVAL 40 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
1963
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
U. S. Route ○ State Route ○



MEDFORD, OREGON
N 4215—W 12245/15

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1954
SNOWY BUTTE FLOUR MILL
E 516675
N 4702225

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STATE Oregon

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE USGS Topographical, Medford, Oregon quadrangle

SCALE 1:62500

DATE 1954

4 REQUIREMENTS

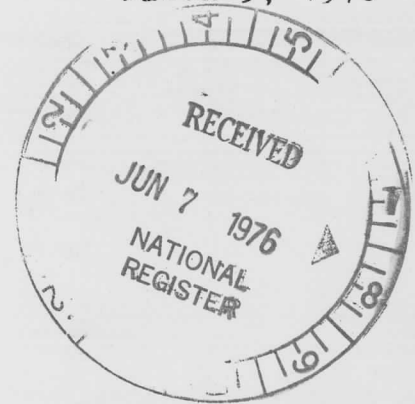
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

BUTTE CREEK MILL
STONE GROUND FLOUR & CORNMEAL
BOX 561 EAGLE POINT, ORE. 97524
PHONE 826-3531

Copy to H. Hartung
3/8/76
March 5, 1976

Mr. David G. Talbot
State Parks Superintendent
Highway Building
Salem, Oregon
97310



Dear Mr. Talbot,

I am in receipt of your letter of March 3, 1976 notifying me that my property The Butte Creek Mill, Eagle Point, Oregon has been recommended for nomination to the National Historical Register.

I concur with this action wholeheartedly and urge you to expedite this matter with all diligence. The reason for this haste is that there is presently an attempt by two local irrigation districts, via the Oregon State Water Resources Board, to have the 104 year old water rights of this mill invalidated. This matter is of great concern to me and is totally unjustified.

It seems to me that our Bicentennial Year is an appropriate time to put the mill on the National Register. Perhaps this will be of significance in protecting the mill and its water right.

Very truly yours,

Peter B. Crandall

"GATEWAY TO THE LAKES"

History

Bob G. Kimmel, Mayor
A. E. Mitchell, Council Pres



Robert C. Moore, Administrator
Nita Gosnell, Recorder

March 9, 1976



Oregon State Highway Division
Highway Building
Salem, Oregon 97310

Attention: David G. Talbot
State Parks Superintendent

Dear Mr. Talbot,

It is with a great amount of pride and gratitude to hear that the Butte Creek Mill, in Eagle Point, has been nominated by the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation.

The City of Eagle Point is in the process of establishing a Historic zone overlay in the area of the Butte Creek Mill and with the possibility of the Butte Creek Mill becoming a Historic place will help emphasize the need to preserve a buffer zone adjacent to this particular site.

On behalf of the City of Eagle Point we wish to thank the State Advisory Committee and also the State Park Department for their consideration and assistance.

If we may be of any assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Bob G. Kimmel
Mayor

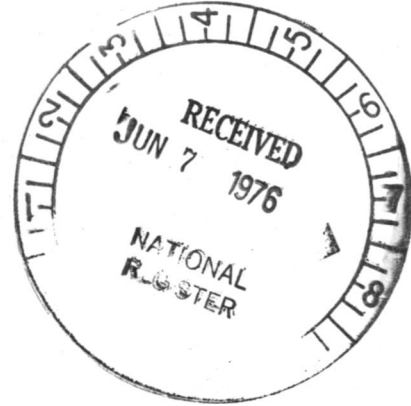
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LAW OFFICES OF
VAN DYKE & DUBAY

FRANK J. VAN DYKE
JOHN L. DUBAY
PATRICK G. HUYCKE

110 EAST SIXTH STREET
MEDFORD, OREGON 97501
(503) 779-8181

April 1, 1976



Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of National Register
of Historic Sights and Places
Department of the Interior
13th and C Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: Designation of Eagle Point Mill, Eagle Point, Oregon,
as a historic building.

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Your attention is called to the fact that the present owners of the Eagle Point Mill, Eagle Point, Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Peter B. Crandall, are currently involved in litigation before the Oregon Water Resources Director over their claimed right to 40 second feet of the waters of Little Butte Creek which runs past their mill as against the rights of the Medford Irrigation District and the Rogue River Valley Irrigation District which claim that the Crandalls are only entitled by law to approximately 23 second feet of water down the bed of Little Butte Creek for the use of the Eagle Point Mill.

The merits of this legal proceeding is not a matter of concern here except as it points up the fact that neither Mr. or Mrs. Crandall, nor either of the irrigation districts, should be involved in any activities which might affect the rights of the other in this current legal controversy. It is our understanding of Oregon Law that properties, which are nationally designated as historic sights, are entitled to certain tax advantages and also are given certain preferential rights under federal law. It is a fact that Mr. Crandall, at least, has undertaken to use the media of radio, television and newspapers to undertake to advance his cause on the grounds that it is a historic sight.

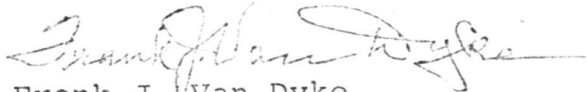
While the two irrigation districts, representing many thousands of waters users and many thousands of acres of land of the fertile Rogue River Valley, have not wished to become involved in public debate, or a media battle, with reference to the respective merits of the two positions, the irrigation districts are forced to request the status quo be maintained until the current controversy is settled by the administrative agency having jurisdiction. The irrigation districts were unaware of the approval to this project given by the

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April 1, 1976
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Oregon Historic Sights Commission. While we have no objection to the ultimate designation, we oppose the designation at present because of its possible use in our case.

You are therefore requested to delay a determination of the designation until after the current legal controversy is concluded. Your understanding and helpfulness in this regard will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,



Frank J. Van Dyke
of Attorneys for the Medford Irrigation
District and Rogue River Valley Irrigation
District

cc: Mark O. Hatfield, U. S. Senator
Robert Packwood, U. S. Senator
James Weaver, U. S. Congressman

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APR 1 1976
U.S. SENATOR
MARK O. HATFIELD
MEDFORD, OREGON



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

H34-PR

Mr. Frank J. Van Dyke
Van Dyke and DuBay
110 East Sixth Street
Medford, Oregon 97501

Dear Mr. Van Dyke:

Thank you for your letter of April 1, 1976, concerning Butte Creek Mill in Jackson County, Eagle Point, Oregon. We have not received the nomination forms for this property from the State of Oregon. May we suggest that you consult the State Historic Preservation Officer for Oregon, Mr. David Talbot, State Parks and Recreation, 525 Trade Street SE., Salem, Oregon 97310. The State legal advisor will decide if the nomination at this time would have any effect upon the pending litigation.

We are enclosing leaflets on the National Register and the related grants-in-aid programs for your information. Listing in the National Register is Federal recognition that a property possesses historic values and is worthy of preservation. Inclusion of a property on the Register insures that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is given an opportunity to review and comment upon any undertaking licensed, funded, or executed by a Federal agency that may affect the property. In addition, preservation projects on properties listed in the National Register, in accordance with an approved State Historic Preservation Plan, can qualify for either acquisition or development grants-in-aid.

Listing has no other effect on the property; it does not affect, in any manner, the range of actions an owner could take, as long as there is no Federal involvement; and it gives no governmental unit any authority or control over the property, its use, or disposition.

We hope this information will be useful to you. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to consult with us.

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Harrington (Sgd.)

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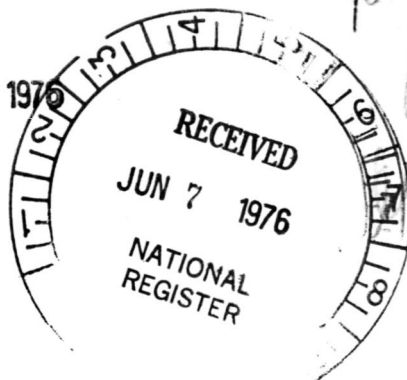
William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

Enclosures

cc: Honorable Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. w/cy inc

cc: Mr. David G. Talbot
State Parks and Recreation
525 Trade Street SE.

APR 30 1976



To Paul
Paul
Please
excuse



OREGON STATE HIGHWAY DIVISION

525 TRADE STREET, SE

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SALEM, OREGON 97310

ROBERT W. STRAUB
GOVERNOR

F. B. KLABOE
Administrator and
State Highway Engineer

May 3, 1976

Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper
The National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, NW
Washington, DC 20240

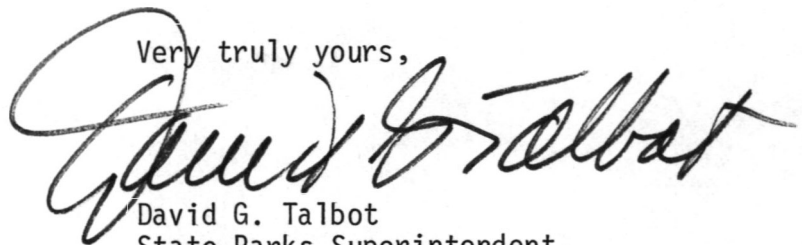
Attention: Charles Herrington, Chief of Registration

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

On the recommendation of the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation, I wish to nominate the Snowy Butte Flour Mill, Eagle Point, Jackson County, Oregon to the National Register of Historic Places.

The current owner of the property is aware of the nomination. The appropriate forms bearing my signature are enclosed.

Very truly yours,


David G. Talbot
State Parks Superintendent

RS:ko

Enc.



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **OREGON**

Date Entered **SEP 1 1976**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Snowy Butte Flour Mill	Eagle Point Jackson County

Also Notified

**Hon. Mark O. Hatfield
Hon. Bob Packwood
Hon. Jim Weaver
Regional Director, Pacific
Northwest Region**

**State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. David G. Talbot
State Parks Superintendent
525 Trade St. SE
Salem, Oregon 97310**

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ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: *vernacular*

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor: ⁽²⁾

John W. Daley, Sr.

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ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal *A. J. Daley - 1st owner 1872*

Holmes Bros. - 2nd owner, 1893

events *Brandon Bros - 3rd, 1916*

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): *1872*

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: *1912 1930-1939 1885-89 (roller machinery)*

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): *1872 - present*

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

1-1.5

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

description: Board and batten siding, frame, 2 1/2 stories, rectangular gabled roof section, 1-2 1/2 stories over 1/2 h basement, front pent roof, & 1912 south addition under roof extension, north addition; much original equipment, & including 1872 linn grinding stones. Vernacular

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

One of state's two remaining water-powered mills; machinery essentially intact and operable.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Vernacular

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

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description: ^{board and batten siding,} frame, ^{2 1/2 stories} rectangular gabled roof section, ^{1-2 1/2 stories over high basement} front pent roof, & 1912 south addition under roof extension, north addition; much original equipment, & including 1872 bus grinding stones. Vernacular

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

Butte Creek Mill is one of two remaining water-powered mills in Oregon; ~~and the only mill that grinds flour~~ ^{is essentially} ~~the mill's operation, machinery and equipment~~ ^{intact and operable.} ~~have remained essentially unchanged since the 1880's~~

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 6/29/74
Reviewer INITIALS: B6
NR DOE
SEP 1 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Snowy Butte Flour Mill

OTHER NAMES: Butte Creek Mill (see)

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER off OR 62

CITY/TOWN Eagle Point

STATE Oregon 41

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th

VICINITY OF COUNTY code
Jackson 029

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline) FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):
NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
Substantially intact-1 Substantially intact-2 Substantially intact-3
unknown - 4 unknown - 5 unknown - 6
not applicable - 7 not applicable - 8 Not applicable-9

CONDITION: EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown
Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)
then- mill (flour)
now- mill (flour)

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RELIGION entertainment
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC ECONOMICS LAW/Gov't/politics SCIENCE health
- AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LITERATURE recreation
- ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING MILITARY SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN settlement
- ART EXPLORATION MUSIC socio/cultural
- COMMERCE INDUSTRY PHILOSOPHY TRANSPORTATION urban & commun
- COMMUNICATIONS INVENTION POLITICS/GOVERNMENT OTHER (SPECIFY) planning

Claims

"first?" YES NO "oldest?" YES NO "only?" YES NO
only remaining water powered flour mill in Oregon