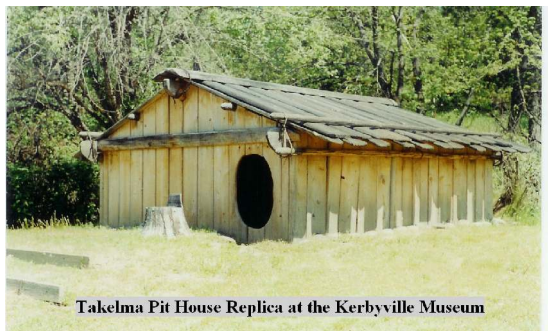

Indian Trail

Indian Trail from Mt. Sexton Pass Downstream to Quartz Creek

Native inhabitants date back as far as 10,000 years ago in the Hugo area.¹ The Takelma Indians, or commonly named the Rogue River Indians, lived in semi-permanent villages during the winter, and then broke up into smaller bands during fall, spring and summer to hunt, fish and gather in the neighboring foothills. During their time away from their village, they lived in temporary camps in brush houses.



Takelma Pit House Replica at the Kerbyville Museum

Takelma Pit House Replica At the Kerbyville Museum: 2003

Courtesy of Karen Rose

There is a high probability that the Hugo area was the site of one of these temporary camps. It is alive with the preferred black acorn trees and close to both Mt. Sexton and Red Mountain where upland game is and was abundant. Also, numerous creeks are present here as a source of water. Not named then, but Bummer and Quartz creeks are two major perennial creeks in the Hugo area.

Location

Takelma band at Jump Off Joe Creek One of the most important tools for survival and subsistence was the use of fire by these native inhabitants. The reasons for the use of fire included game drives, gathering of acorns, hazel nuts, tarweed seeds, grass seeds, insects, root and berry propagation, procurement of sugar pine sap, snake control, preparation for tobacco planting, enhancement of basketry materials, warfare, communication and ceremonial purposes as well as cooking, warmth and light.

The Takelma band at Jump Off Joe Creek consisted of 14 men, 27 women and 19 children as stated by Samuel Culver's report to Joel Palmer on July 20, 1855, 33rd Congress, 2nd session. Samuel Culver was an Indian agent in this area and Joel Palmer was Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Oregon Territory.²

GLO The 1856 Oregon General Land Office (GLO) map for T. 34 S., R. 6 W., Willamette Meridian documents an Indian trail going east to west along Leland Creek which is today known as Grave Creek. The GLO maps for T. 34 S., R. 6 W. and T. 35 S., R. 6 W., Willamette Meridian document an Indian trail going southwest to northeast from the Applegate Trail in the north to Jump-off Joe Creek in the south. This trail connects with the Rogue River and a main Indian Trail at the confluence of Jump-off Joe Creek with the river.³

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More Information

Hugo's Indian Trail of interest is located from Mt. Sexton Pass down Maple Creek, Bummer Creek, and Quartz Creek to a location approximately ½ mile west of Quartz Creek from the confluence of Quartz Creek and Bummer Creek. There are 10 major GLO "trail" field notes for "Hugo's Indian Trail" within Hugo's route of interest. They are numbered IT-1 through IT-10.

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| 1. South Rat Creek | ■ IT-1 |
| 2. Maple Creek | ■ IT-2 |
| 3. Penny Ridge | ■ IT-3 |
| 4. Bummer Creek Prairie | ■ IT-4 |
| 5. Bummer Confluences | ■ IT-5 |
| 6. Camas | ■ IT-6 |
| 7. Tunnel Creek | ■ IT-7 |
| 8. Quartz Creek | ■ IT-8 |
| 9. Acorn | ■ IT-9 |
| 10. Black Oak | ■ IT-10 |

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community history and land use.

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Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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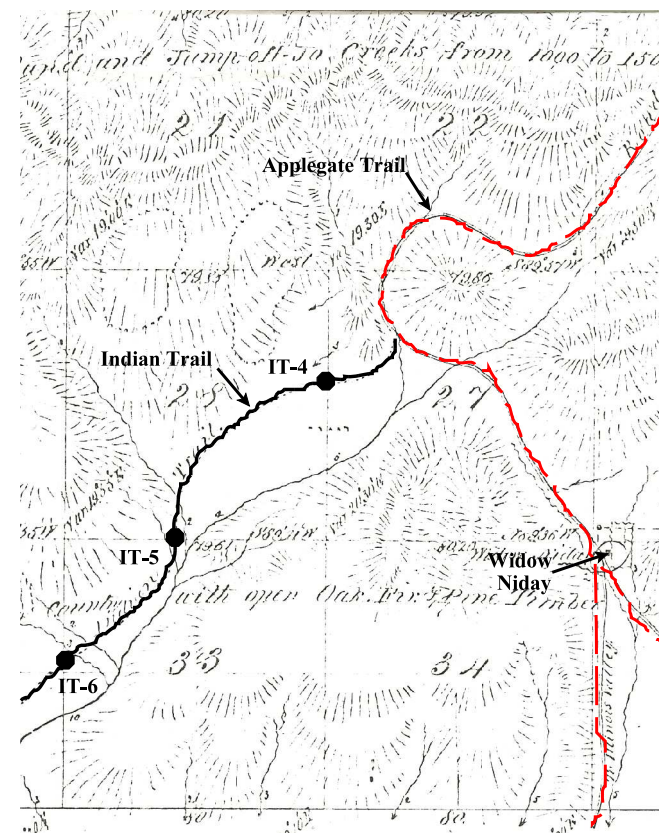
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