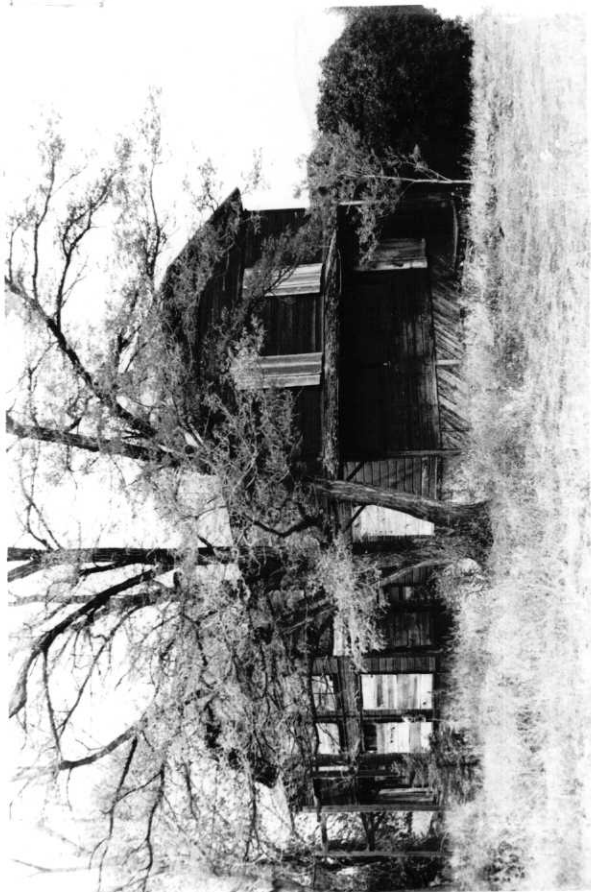


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County Grant
 Theme 6-A, 10-B
 Name
 (Common) Sumpter Valley Railroad Depot
 (Historic) (same)
 Address Prairie City, Oregon
 Present Owner _____
 (Address) _____
 Original Use Depot
 Date of Construction 1909

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Sumpter Valley Railroad Depot in Prairie City, Oregon, is a two story, wood frame building with a rectangular shape that stands on the south bank of the John Day River. Erected in 1909-10, this building has a gable roof with a slight hip on the gable ends. The exterior is shiplap with decoration provided by diagonally-placed, milled boards at the base of the building. The windows, now largely boarded up, are one-over-one, double hung sash and have entablatures. The four brick chimneys have corbelled tops. The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal.

The building, long deserted since the closing of the line in the 1930's, is in poor condition. The area around the depot was, in July, 1976, being cleared and prepared as a camp ground with trailer hookups and utilities.

Known to passengers as the "Stump Dodger," the Sumpter Valley Railroad reached eighty miles over narrow gauge track between Baker and Prairie City. The line was constructed commencing in 1890 by David C. Eccles. In 1897 the railroad reached Sumpter and in 1909 extended to its terminus at Prairie City in the valley of the John Day River. Although original expectations were that this line would reach Reno, Nevada, the depot at Prairie City was the end of the line for the Sumpter Valley Railroad.

Continue back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 2 Aug. 1976 Sources Consulted:

Oregon State Historic Preservation Office Culp, Edwin D. Stations West: The Story of the Oregon Railways. Caldwell, Idaho: Caxton Printers, 1972, pp. 91-95, photos.
 Please enclose map Township 13 ^N _S Range 33 ^E _W Section 11

