# Oregon Historic Site Record

#### **LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME** address: historic name: Grey, Zane, Cabin Galice vcty, Josephine County current/other names: ORR110-1341 assoc addresses: block/lot/tax lot: Located on BLM Land along the Wild & Scenic Rogue River. No road access or street address: location descr: Located on the north bank of the Rogue River in twnshp/rng/sect/qtr sect: T33 R 9w SE 1/4 section 18. 14 miles NW of Galice, Oregon **PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS** resource type: Building height (stories): 1.0 total elig resources: total inelig resources: elig evaluation: eligible/significant NR Status: Individually Listed prim constr date: 1926 second date: date indiv listed: 06/28/2016 Camp orig use comments: primary orig use: Outdoor Recreation second orig use: primary style: Utilitarian prim style comments: secondary style: sec style comments: primary siding: Log: Other/Undefined siding comments: secondary siding: Zane Grey/Claude Bardon architect: plan type:

comments/notes:

#### **GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS**

Not associated with any surveys or groupings.

#### SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: 06/28/2016 106 Project(s): None ILS survey date: Special Assess None Project(s): RLS survey Federal Tax date: None Project(s):

builder:

#### **ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)

The Zane Grey Cabin is located along the eastern border of Curry County, Oregon in township 33 south, range 9 west, section 18 of the Willamette Meridian. The cabin site, which is not accessed by road, is located deep within a forested canyon carved through the Klamath Range by the Rogue River. The 32-acre site consists of a compound of buildings, structures and landscape features located on a patented placer mining claim on Winkle Bar, an alluvial terrace within a horseshoe bend of the Rogue River. Of the 15 structures on the site, three are contributing features, while the remainder are considered non-contributing. The three contributing structures include a single-pen log cabin built by Zane Grey in 1926, a circa-1925 wooden boat constructed for and used by Zane Grey to navigate to the cabin, and an extensive dry-stacked stone retaining wall possibly constructed by 19th Century Chinese miners that Zane Grey incorporated into his landscape design. The 11 non-contributing structures are mostly modern, balloon framed structures including two ranch-style residences, a garage and several utility buildings constructed after the property was purchased from the heirs of Zane Grey in 1963. Included in the non-contributing structures are two reconstructions of guest cabins constructed by Zane Grey. For a general layout of the site, please refer to the site map.

## HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)

The site known as the Zane Grey cabin is eligible for listing under Criterion (b), as it is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; specifically, the author Zane Grey (1872-1939). The period of significance covers from 1925, when Zane Grey acquired the property, to 1935, after which time Grey no longer visited the cabin. This 32-acre site which includes the Zane Grey cabin, a circa 1925 wooden river boat used by Zane Grey to access the remote property, and an existing 1500' long dry-stacked stone fence that Zane Grey incorporated into his landscape after he acquired the property. While this cabin did not serve as Zane Grey's primary residence, it was built by, and used by Grey as a retreat from 1926 to 1935. During this time Grey authored more than 20 books and numerous magazine articles, some of which were either written at the cabin, used the lower Rogue River for a setting, or were inspired by his time at the cabin and along the lower Rogue River.

### DECEARCH INFORMATION

RESEARCH IN CRIMATION				
v	Title Records	Census Records	Property Tax Records	Local Histories
	Sanborn Maps	Biographical Sources	SHPO Files	Interviews
	Obituaries	Newspapers	State Archives	Historic Photographs
	City Directories	Building Permits	State Library	

Local Library: University Library: Vanderbilt University **Historical Society:** Oregon Historical Society Other Respository:

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