

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	52643 Columbia River Hwy Scappoose, Columbia County	historic name:	United States Post Office [Scappoose]
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	
		tnwshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	1.0
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant	total elig resources:	1
prim constr date:	1966	NR Status:	Individually Listed
	second date:	date indiv listed:	01/31/2017
primary orig use:	Post Office	orig use comments:	
second orig use:	Post Office	prim style comments:	
primary style:	Modern Period: Other	sec style comments:	
secondary style:		siding comments:	
primary siding:	Stucco	architect:	Stanton, Boles, Maguire and Church
secondary siding:	Concrete Block	builder:	
plan type:			
comments/notes:			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:	Type of Grouping	Date Listed	Date Compiled
U.S. Post Office Facilities in Oregon, 1940-1971	MPS	01/31/2017	2016
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	01/31/2017	106 Project(s):	None
ILS survey date:		Special Assess Project(s):	None
RLS survey date:		Federal Tax Project(s):	None
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>The main post office in Scappoose opened in 1966 and is of the Modern style. Situated 21 miles northwest of Portland, Scappoose is located along U.S. 30, the main vehicle corridor connecting Portland to coastal Astoria. Scappoose is a community of approximately 6,000, west of the Columbia River. The post office is located a couple of blocks to the north of the city's core. The area surrounding the post office along U.S. 30 is best characterized as low-density automobile oriented commercial with low-density residential housing to the west, away from the highway. The subject property is a full city block. The post office is oriented to the east toward U. S. 30 and is located approximately at the center of the block along the highway. To the north is patron parking. To the west is employee parking and loading areas. The one-story building is reinforced concrete construction with a flat asphalt roof. The exterior is modular clad in full-height prefabricated stucco panels alternating with panels of plate glass and painted aluminum. The interior is separated into 15 rooms, but grouped into three core areas: the patron lobby, retail/service lobby, and postal service work and office spaces. Interior finishes in lobbies and offices include painted gypsum board walls and ceiling, while the floor is vinyl composition tile (VCT) or carpet; the work space has utilitarian finishes. Integrity is intact with an original floor plan, slight modifications to interior finishes. The only alteration is an addition to the loading dock dating to the late 2000s.</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>Within the context of the multiple property document, "U.S. Post Office Department Facilities in Oregon, 1940 to 1971" and the Memorandum of Agreement between the United States Postal Service and the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, signed by Oregon SHPO on May 26, 2011, the Scappoose Post Office is being nominated for the National Register under Criterion C for Architecture as a statewide example of a Thousand Series Post Office. The Multiple Property Document Form (MPDF), "U.S. Post Office Department Facilities in Oregon, 1940 to 1971," evaluated USPS-owned resources within the state and established both building typology and a basis for evaluation. The Thousand Series building is the most prevalent building type both in Oregon and nationwide. To be eligible for the National Register under this MPDF, a Thousand Series building must be evaluated on a statewide basis and determined to be 1) "a singularly exceptional representation of the Thousand Series" and 2) maintain "a high degree of integrity." The MPDF assessed Thousand Series Post Offices in the state and specifically identified the Scappoose facility as the best example of the building type within that geographic boundary. It is a particularly full representation of the building type's character-defining features and maintains a high degree of integrity. The period of significance is the date of construction, 1966.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
<input type="checkbox"/> Title Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Directories	<input type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits	<input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Histories <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs
Local Library:	St. Helens Library	University Library:	
Historical Society:		Other Respository:	
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