

HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

Humbug Mountain

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY
OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310



County CURRY
 Theme 6a Commerce & Industry
2b Transportation & Exploration -
Transcontinental
 Name
 (Common) Humbug Mountain
 (Historic) Indian - "Me-tus"; Mt. Adams;
"Sugarloaf"
 Address 5 miles south of Port Orford
 Present Owner 75% State of Oregon
 Address _____
 Original Use _____
 Date of Construction _____

Additional Photos Attached.

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

Description: The summit of Humbug Mountain is 1,756 feet above sea level and is purported to be the highest mountain that slopes directly into the sea in the "lower 48" states. There is a well marked and graded trail maintained by the Oregon State Parks Department to the summit. In years past one could enjoy a sweeping panorama of the coastline but today the trees have obstructed the marvelous view. It is a part of the Humbug State Park, one of the more popular spots along the south coast for it's easy access to the beach and protected campsites.

Significance: Humbug Mountain is an historic maritime landmark used by mariners for many decades to visually determine their approximate position. Captain Vancouver described the peak in 1792 while anchored in the bay of "Port Orford". The name "Humbug" Mountain that stuck is an alteration of the exclamation "Tichenor's Humbug" declared by an early exploratory party. It seems that Captain Tichenor thought an easy route could be found over the ridge of the coastal mountains to the Jacksonville gold fields. Tichenor did not realize that this area of the coast is the northern extent of the Klamath Mountains. The exploratory party led by a Mr. Nolan in 1851 got lost and renamed Tichenor's "Mt. Adams", Tichenor's Humbug".

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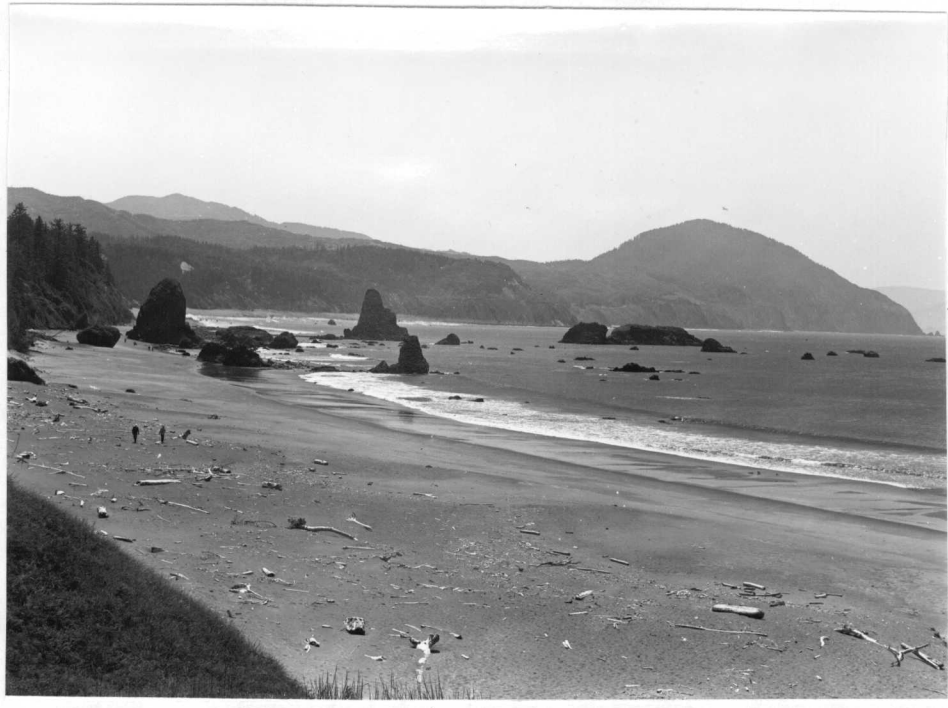
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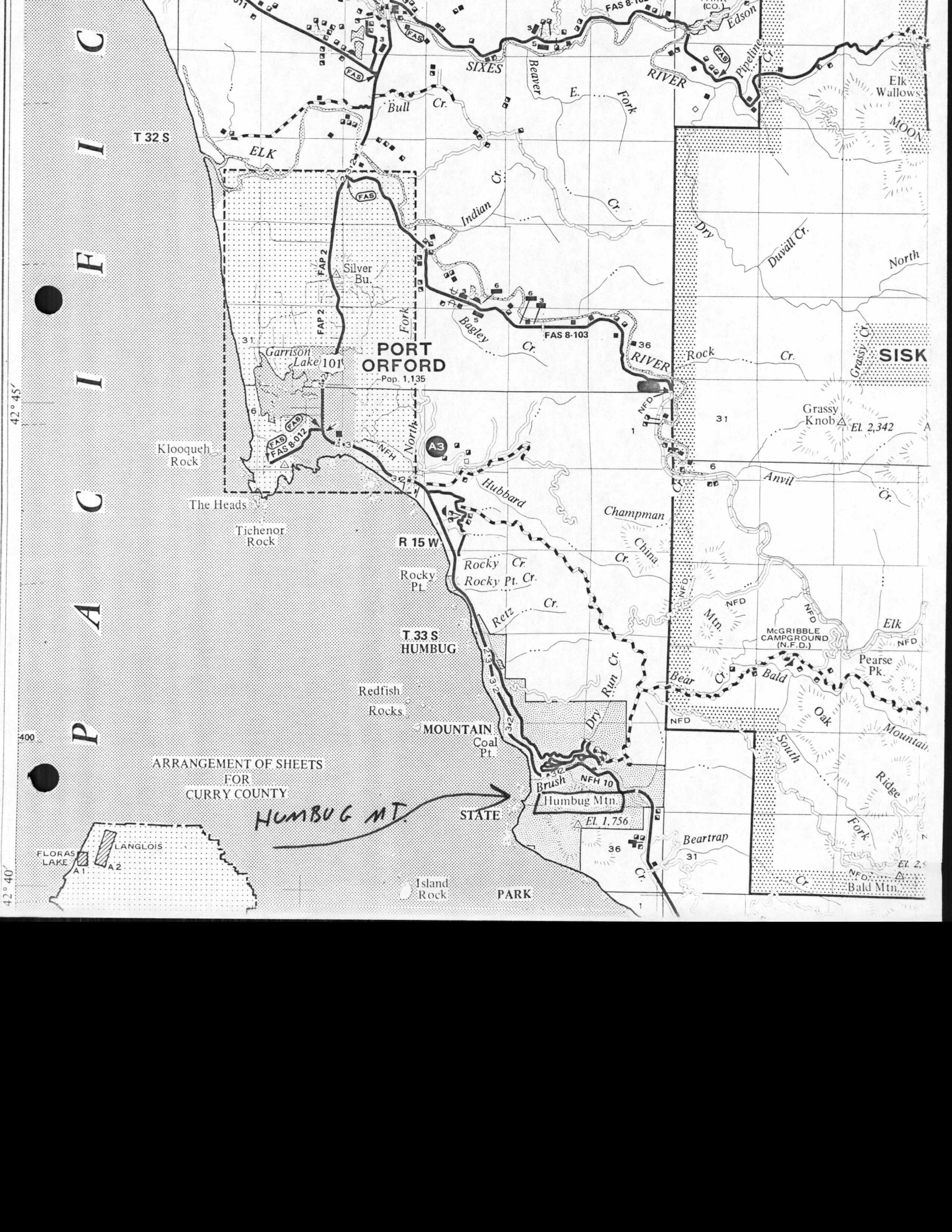
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Humbug Mountain from Port Orford Basin



Humbug Mountain from Port Orford Heads



PACIFIC

T 32 S

42° 45'

PORT ORFORD
Pop. 1,135

Garrison Lake 101

Klooqueh Rock

The Heads

Tichenor Rock

R 15 W

Rocky Pt.

T 33 S
HUMBUG

Redfish Rocks

MOUNTAIN
Coal Pt.

ARRANGEMENT OF SHEETS
FOR
CURRY COUNTY

HUMBUG MT.

STATE

Humbug Mt.
EL. 1,756

FLORAS LAKE A1 A2
LANGLOIS

Island Rock

PARK

400

42° 40'

SISK

Grassy Knob
EL. 2,342

Elk

Pearse Pk.

Mountain

Ridge

EL. 2,500

Bald Mtn

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Theme 8i Culture - Arts & Letters

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(Historic) _____

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Present Owner _____

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Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

Description/Significance: Humbug Mountain Committee, Inc., is a non-profit organization incorporated in February, 1977, for the purpose of stimulating, promoting and developing interest in the arts, crafts, sciences, and humanities. HMC seeks grants from state, regional and federal agencies for educational and cultural purposes. Members are teachers, artists, business and retired people who are interested in creating a diverse cultural environment for the people of this area.

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