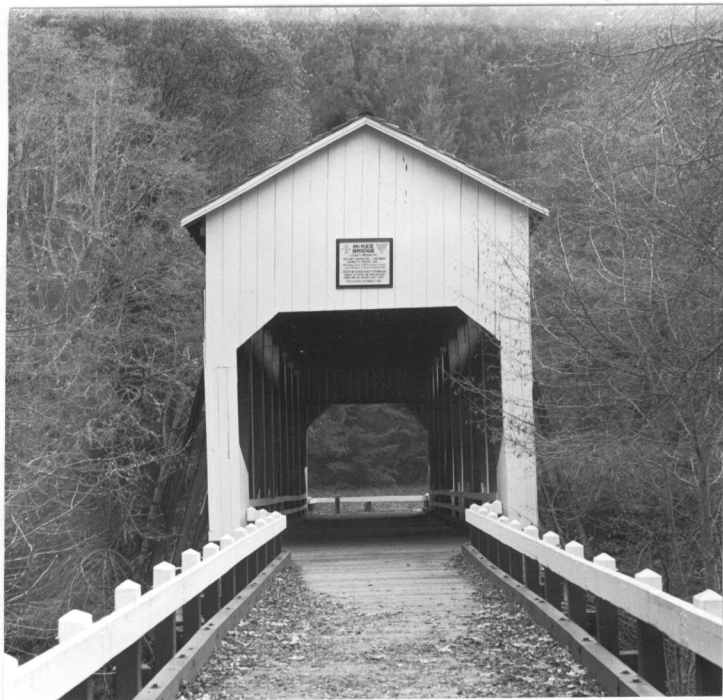


JACKSON COUNTY CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1990 ADDENDUM FORM



T 40S R 3W S 5 TL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Theme Commerce: Transportation/Travel  
 Common Name McKee Covered Bridge  
 Historic Name McKee Covered Bridge  
 Address Old Upper Applegate Valley Road  
7.5 mi's s.w. of Ruch, Oregon  
 Present Owner Jackson Co. Public Works  
 Address 200 Antelope Road  
White City, Oregon  
 Original Use Covered Bridge  
 Present Use Covered Bridge  
 Date of Construction 1917  
 Ranking: Primary

Date of Photo 19 Feb 1992 National Register  Yes Date 1979  
 Negative No. DII:3 Determination of Eligibility  Yes Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Slide No. DD:21 Statewide Inventory  Yes

See following pages.

Recorded by Clay/Atwood Date 1979/1991

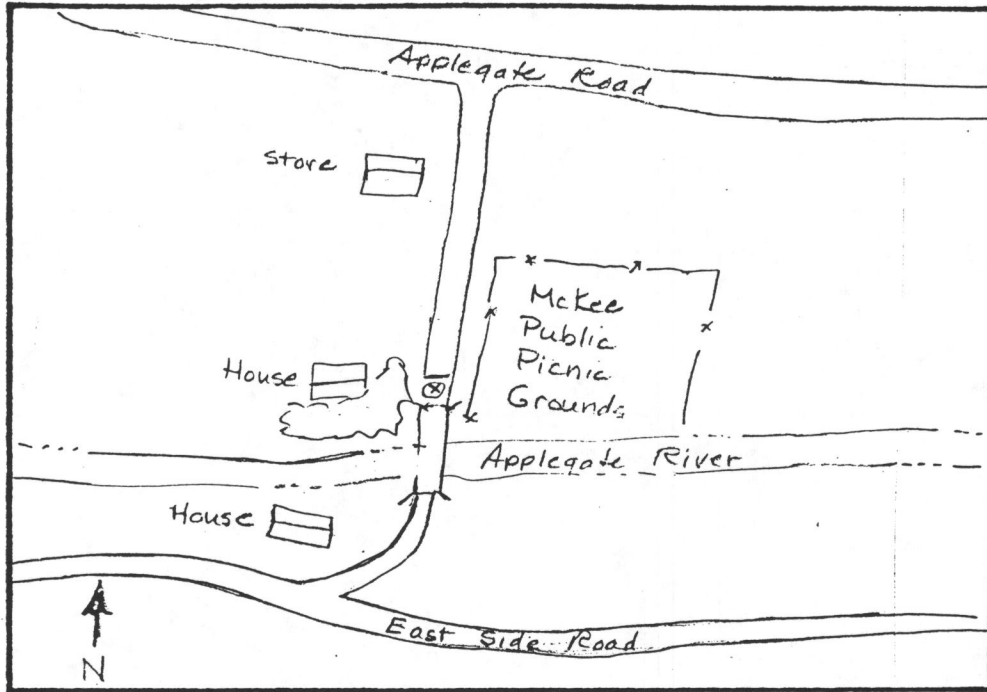
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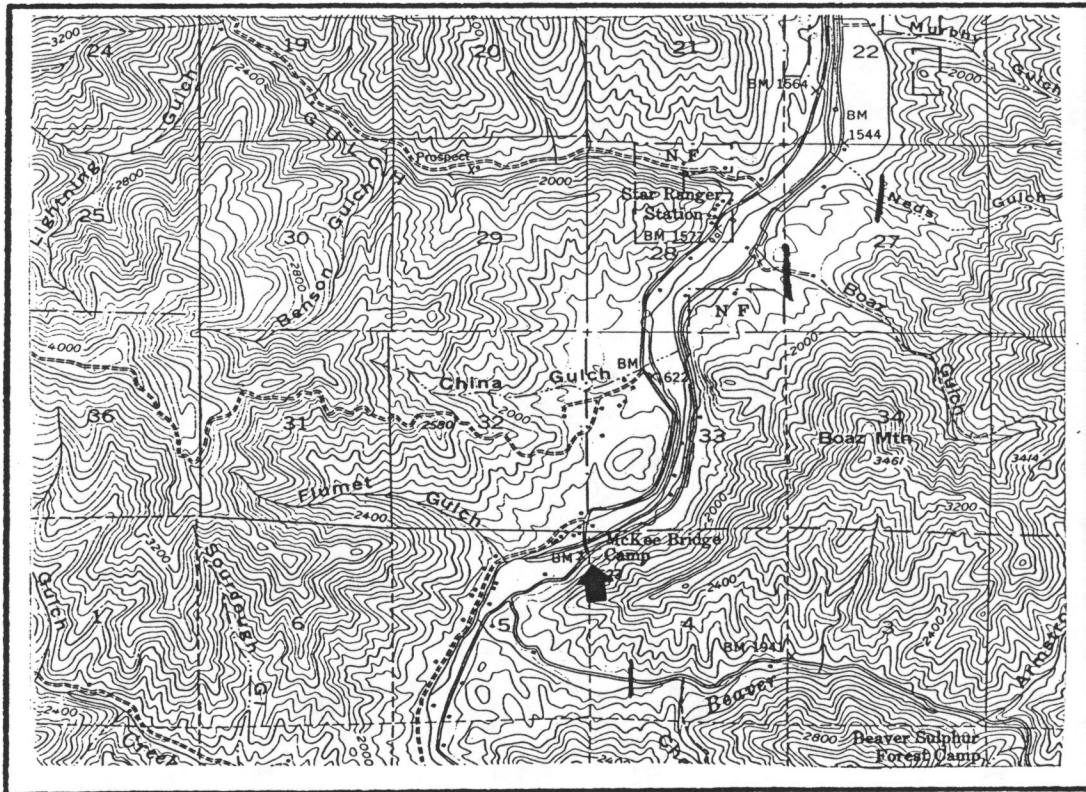
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NAME: McKee Covered Bridge



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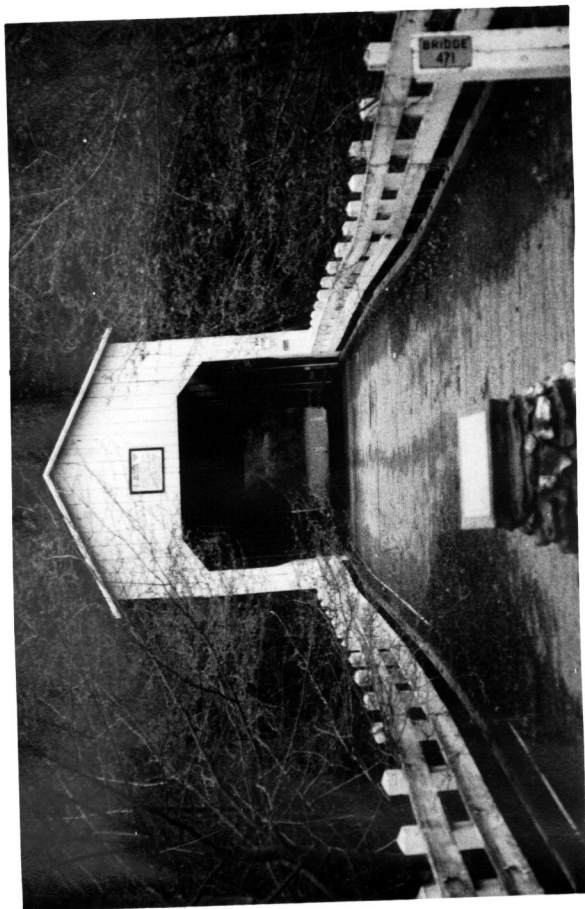


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State Historic Preservation Office  
Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310



County Jackson

Theme 6a

Name  
(Common) McKee Covered Bridge

(Historic) McKee Covered Bridge

Address Old Upper Applegate Valley Road, 7 1/2 miles southwest of Ruch, Oregon.

Present Owner Jackson County Public Works

Address 200 Antelope Road, White City, OR

Original Use Covered bridge

Date of Construction 1917

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

McKee Covered Bridge, crossing the upper Applegate River, seven and one-half miles southwest of Ruch, Oregon, is a single span, wood truss structure, with vertical plank siding and four hooded openings on its upriver elevation. The structure has a wood shingled gable roof and rests on poured-in-place concrete piers on opposing sides of the river.

McKee Covered Bridge was constructed in 1917 by Jason Hartman, Jackson County bridge superintendent. He arrived in the valley during the 1890's, settling on a farm east of Medford on Roxy Ann Butte (See Blackburn file sheet). In 1910 the family moved into the B. F. Dowell house in Jacksonville, where son Wesley still resides in 1979.

McKee served as one of the few crossings of the upper Applegate until the 1930's. During the late 1910's and early 1920's it carried traffic bound for the Blue Ledge Copper Mine and townsite on the headwaters of the Applegate in the Siskiyou Mountains. The bridge was closed to vehicular traffic in 1956, but public outcry prevented its demolition.

McKee, the oldest of four surviving covered bridges in Jackson County, (see file sheets on Antelope Creek, Lost Creek and Wimer covered bridges) received its name from the John McKee family, early pioneers of the upper Applegate Valley. The McKees operated a stage stop-farm house on the east side of the river, next to the bridge. continue on back if necessary

Recorded by L. Scott Clay

Date 6 April 1979

Photography by Marjorie Edens

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Sources consulted (continue on back if necessary):

"Time's taking its toll of covered bridges, the roofs over rivers", Campbell, Mary Ann, Medford Mail Tribune, Jan. 4, 1979.

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