

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	Unincorporated, Polk County	historic name:	Valley & Siletz Railroad
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	
location descr:	Valsetz To Independence	block/lot/tax lot:	
		twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	08S 04W
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Site	height (stories):	
elig evaluation:	eligible/contributing	total elig resources:	
prim constr date:	1912	second date:	1920
		total inelig resources:	
primary orig use:	Rail Related	orig use comments:	
second orig use:		prim style comments:	
primary style:		sec style comments:	
secondary style:		siding comments:	
primary siding:		architect:	
secondary siding:		builder:	Boise Cascade
plan type:			
comments/notes:			
Valley & Siletz RR Co. incorporated 1/20/1912 by Cobb-Mitchell Lumber Mill to salvage timber in area of Hoskins, Benton County. Completed from Independence to Hoskins in 1914, extended to Camp One, a logging installation 2 miles east of Valsetz in 1917. In 1920, after completion of the Valsetz mill, the line was extended to the townsite of Valsetz (named after the railroad line, a combination of Valley and Siletz.) The Valley and Siletz became a common carrier in January 1916. Many small sawmills established along rhte route. This is the oldest existing logging railroad in the county. Its 41 miles of track served to open up southwestern Polk County and establish lumber as the second leading industry in the county, while improving transportation and shipping facilities for the farming communities and growing townsites.			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Not associated with any surveys or groupings.			
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	N/A	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>			
Refer to scanned documents links.			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
Refer to scanned documents links.			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
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:	
Historical Society:		Other Respository:	
Bibliography:			