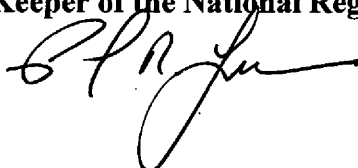




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The attached property, Dorena Bridge in Lane County, OREGON, reference number 79002086 and part of the Oregon Covered Bridges Thematic Resource, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 11/29/1979, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST Vol. 45 number 54, notice of Tuesday, March 18, 1980, page 17475. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

For the Keeper: Carla J. Smith 2-2-2010 2-2-2010
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places Date
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THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION
OREGON COVERED BRIDGES

Bridge Name and Number Dorena Bridge, Index No. 30

County Lane

Stream or River Row River

Location Government Road, off Row River Road, ca. 1½ miles NW of Dorena
NW¼ NW¼ Sec. 24 T.21S., R.2W., W.M. Culp Creek Quadrangle

Oregon Coordinate System, south zone: 763,800 ft. N., 1370,480 ft. E.

Acreage and Boundary Description Full width of road right-of-way
for the distance between abutments and ten feet additional
at either end, containing in all approximately 7500 square feet.

Present Owner Lane County Board of Commissioners
Lane County Courthouse
Eugene, OR 97401

Date of Construction 1949

Description of Bridge

Length of span	105 feet
Truss type	Howe truss
Cladding	Board and batten, vertical side walls
Roofing	Shingled gable roof
Decking	Wood

Other salient features Rectangular portal arches. Ribbon openings under eaves extend full length of either side elevation. Concrete piers. Road width: 23'.
The bridge spans the upper end of the reservoir which was created following construction of Dorena Dam in 1946. Government Road, on the west bank, was completed in 1948. The original townsite of Dorena was flooded by the Dorena Dam pool. No longer open to traffic, the bridge was by-passed downstream by a new road alignment and concrete span in 1975.

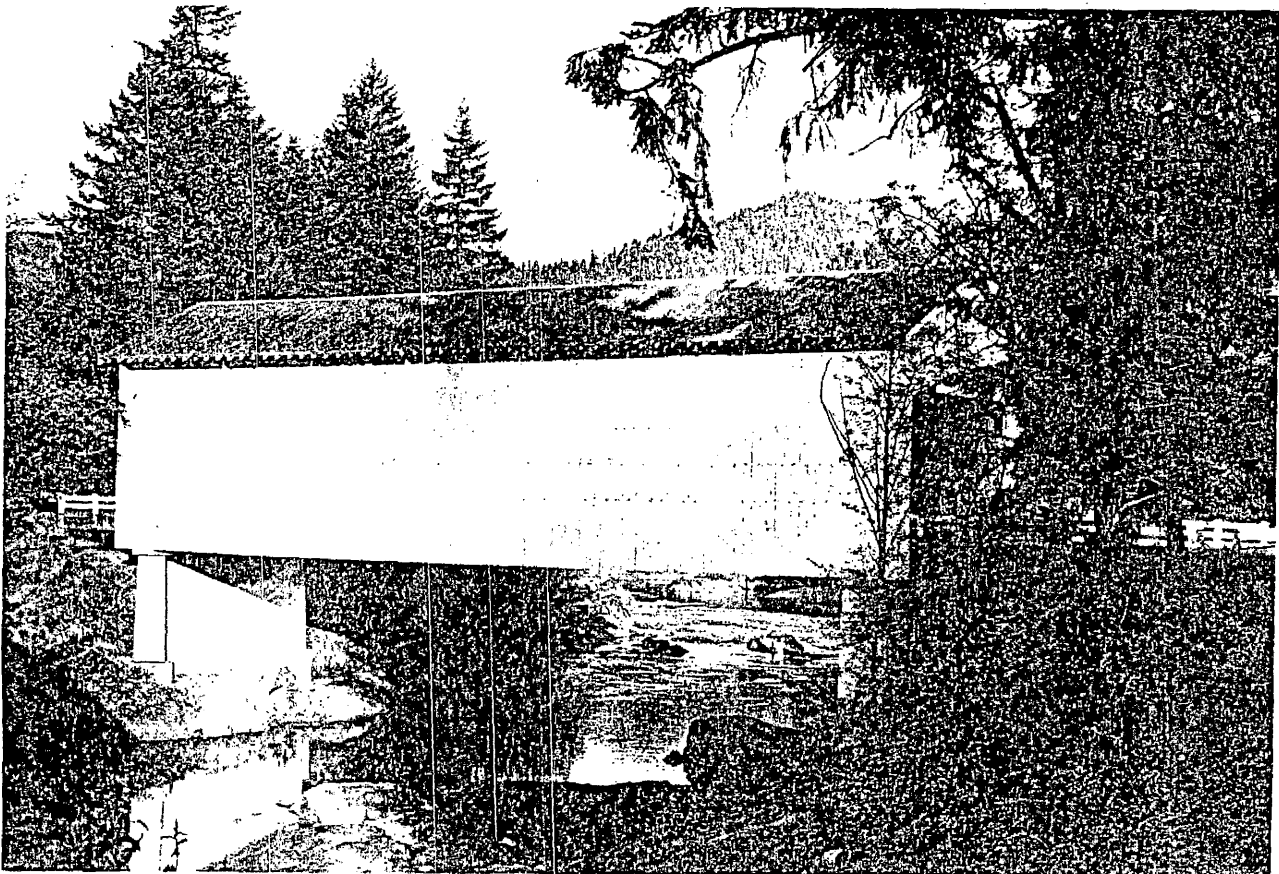
Emergency repairs were made to truss and beams in 1973. Needs paint. Rated load limit: 30 tons.

Legal description is included in the appropriate County Road Department right-of-way files and County Deed Records.

Information based on following sources: Statewide Inventory Form prepared by Stephen Dow Beckham, 1976. Typescript on Oregon Covered Bridges by Nick and Bill Cockrell, 1977. Lane County Department of Public Works Covered Bridge Data Sheet, October 1976.

Bridge Index No. 30
Dorena Covered Bridge
Vicinity of Dorena
Lane County, Oregon
North Elevation

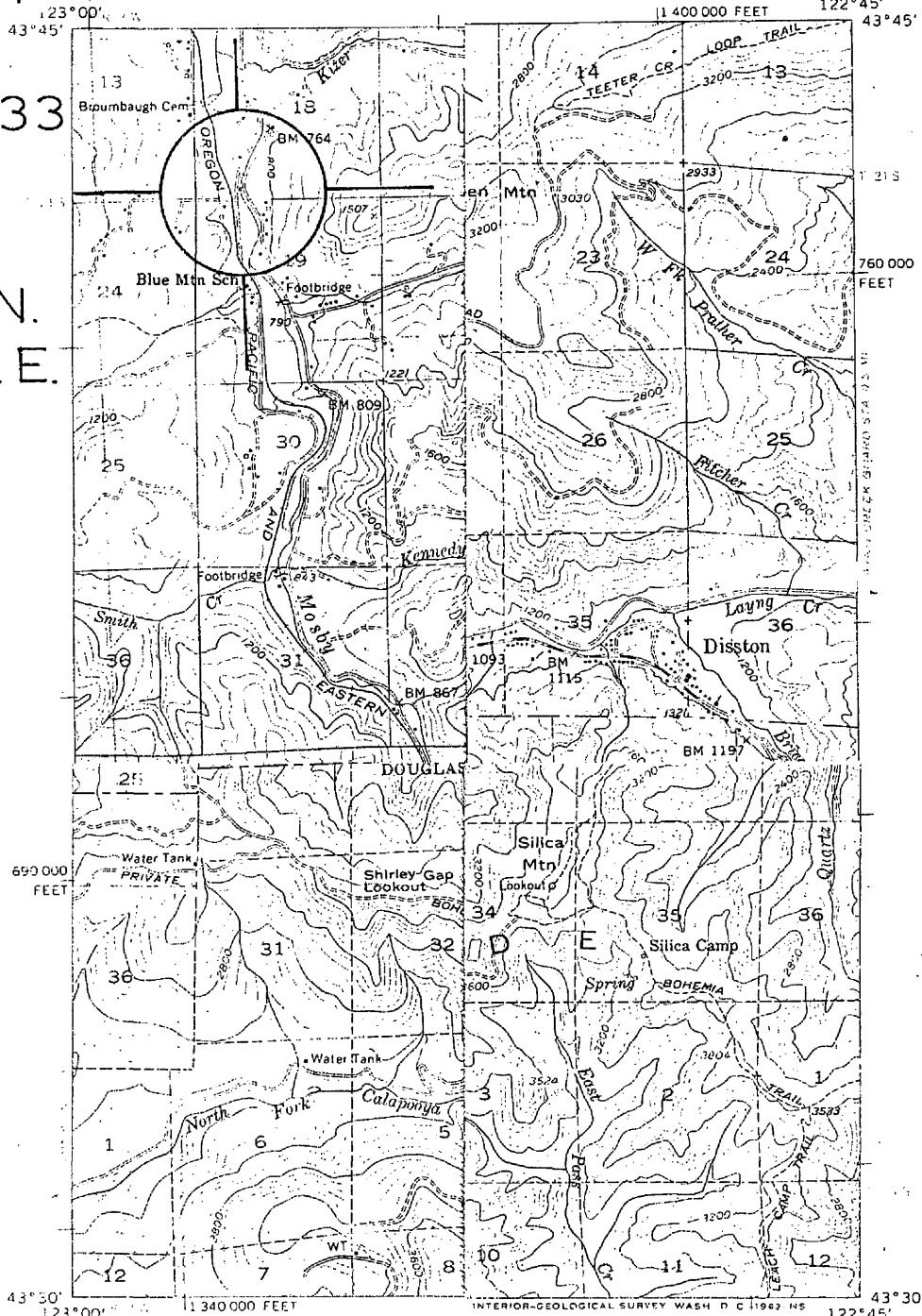
Stephen Dow Beckham Photo, 1976
History Department
Lewis and Clark College
615 SW Palantine Hill Road
Portland, OR 97219



BRUMBAUGH
COVERED
BRIDGE # 33
(proposed
relocation
site)

764,320 feet N.
1,344,170 feet E.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
CULP CREEK QUADRANGLE
OREGON
15 MINUTE SERIES TOPOGRAPHIC



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS and State of Oregon
Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex medium-duty
Aerial photographs taken 1953 Field check 1955
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Oregon coordinate system.
Dashed land lines indicate approximate locations
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Light-duty
Unimproved dirt

JORENA COVERED BRIDGE # 30

CULP CREEK, OREG.
N4330—W12245/15

1955

h 763,800 feet N. 1,370,480 feet E.



Dorena Bridge
Stream: Row River
Built: 1949
World Guide No.: 37-20-23

T21S R2W S24
Truss: Howe
Length: 105 feet

#30

When Dorena Dam was built in 1946, plans were made to build a bridge at the upper end of the reservoir, spanning the Row River.

Government Road along the west bank was completed in 1948 and the Dorena Bridge was built a year later, after the reservoir was filled, at a cost of \$16,547.

This bridge is often referred to as the "Star Bridge" because it provided access to the Star Ranch. Once a large and proud estate, the ranch has dwindled to about 100 acres.

The State-designed bridge was by-passed in 1974 by a concrete span. Eventually a park may be built around the bridge site.

Bridge features include spliced chords, daylight roof-line windows and a wooden shingle roof.

The original town site named for Dora Burnette and Rena Martin (by combining parts of their first names) is underwater at the bottom of Dorena Reservoir.

A railroad in the vicinity served the mining camps until the gold mines played out. The lumber industry developed and used the rails to ship logs to Cottage Grove. *(still uses the diesel train to pull logs & diesel & steam for tourists)*

TO GET THERE:

Travel 5 miles east of Cottage Grove on Row River Road to the junction of Government Road. The bridge is located on Government Road 7 miles from the junction.

Covered Bridge Inventory

#1 30

Name: Spar of Lorena Covered Bridge

Location: Row River Rd. near Lorena

Nearest Town: Lorena

Ownership: Lane Co.

Road and Stream: Row R. Rd. - Row River

Dimensions: 105' long - widest bridge here seen

Type

Year Built and Builder:

Existing Setting:

About 50' above River - somewhat of a wooded zone - forested hills - many evergreens - trees fairly large here

Description of Bridge:

False doors & beams same portal style as tower but considerably wider - 30 - 33' opening under eaves. no windows
single roof

Condition:

Mainly good with rot used - siding in good shape
roof has been repaired - approaches same interesting
but seams & supporting structure okay.

Status:

Bypassed & leaked off - bypass about 4' at one
end - double that at other - really destroys c.b. aesthetically

Historical Significance:

Other covered Bridges in the County:

Sta Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310

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County Lane

Theme A

Name
(Common) Dorena Covered Bridge

(Historic) Spar Covered Bridge

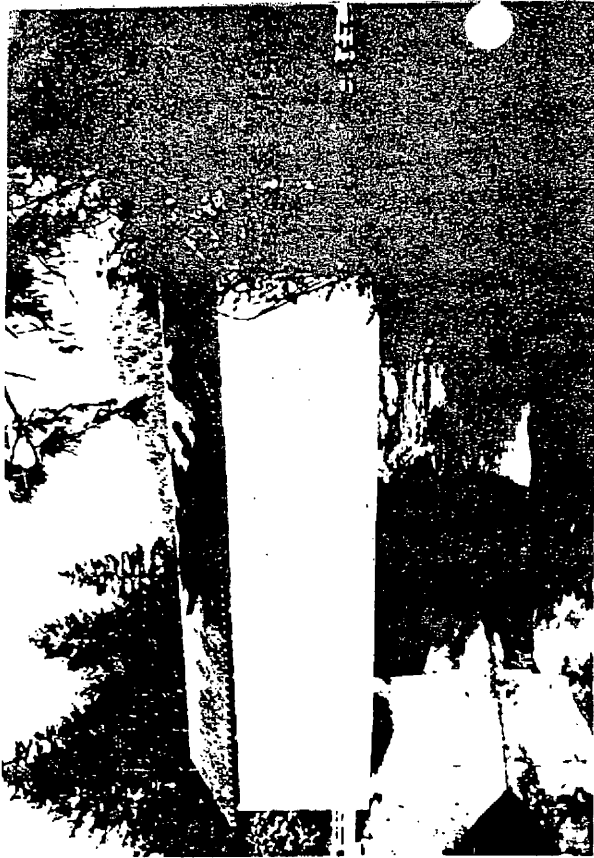
Address Dorena, Oregon

Present Owner Lane County

(Address) Eugene, Oregon

Original Use Bridge

Date of Construction 1949



historical significance:

The Dorena or Spar Covered Bridge spans the Row River at Dorena, Oregon. This bridge of 105 feet has a vertical board and batten exterior and a shingle, gable roof (in poor condition). The bridge is set on concrete piers and is open at the eaves on the east and west elevations. The bridge is no longer in use because of the sharp curves at its approaches. It now stands near the eastern or upper end of Dorena Lake.

The bridge has the following truss arrangement:

[Faint, illegible text, possibly a truss diagram description]

Continue back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 27 May 1976 Sources Consulted:

For Oregon State Historic Preservation Office "Oregon Covered Bridges," MS Typescript, Oregon State Highway Division, April, 1973, Salem, Oregon.

Please enclose map Township 21 (S) Range 2 (W) Section 24

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