

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Oregon
COUNTY:	Clackamas
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ENTRY DATE	DEC 19 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
"Rock Corral" on the Barlow Road

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Oregon Trail (Barlow Road) Campsite

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **1.2 miles west of the Sleepy Hollow Road bridge across the Sandy River. (1/8 mile north of the north bank)**

CITY OR TOWN: **Brightwood, Ore.** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **Second**

STATE: **Oregon** CODE: **41** COUNTY: **Clackamas** CODE: **005**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Commercial Forest

4. AGENCY

U.S.D.I. - Bureau of Land Management

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) **Salem District**

CITY OR TOWN: **Salem**

STREET AND NUMBER: **3550 Liberty Road S.**

STATE: **Oregon** CODE: **41**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **U.S.D.I. - Bureau of Land Management - Oregon State Office**

STREET AND NUMBER: **729 N.E. Oregon Street (P.O.Box 2965)**

CITY OR TOWN: **Portland** STATE: **Oregon** CODE: **41**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

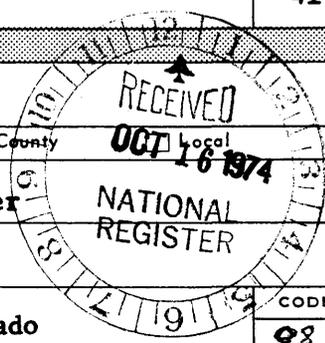
TITLE OF SURVEY: **Oregon Trail Study - Historic Site**

DATE OF SURVEY: **7/12/73** Federal State County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **U.S.D.I. - Bureau of Land Management - Service Center**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Building 50, Federal Center**

CITY OR TOWN: **Denver** STATE: **Colorado** CODE: **08**



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Barlow Road was opened in 1846. The most commonly referred to campsites along the route from Mt. Hood westward are Summit Meadows, Rock Corral, and "Foster's Place" at Eagle Creek.

Rock Corral is not a corral built of rock, instead it is a rather large rock around which the pioneers circled their wagons and later around which they constructed a pole corral.

The "Rock" is unique itself in that it is not a typical feature in the area. It is one of only two such rocks in the vicinity.

The "Rock" is located very near (about 50 feet) the east property line separating public lands from private, and a dirt road runs between the two. Flooding and man's activities have pretty near erased all traces of the Barlow Road, the corral has rotted away, and young growth Douglas-fir (40-50 years old) has encroached upon any clearing that must have existed. But the "Rock" is there with traces of soot on the bottom-side of its overhanging edge, and roughly four inches below the present ground surface is a deposit of charcoal and ash.

To the east of the "Rock" on the private land housing construction is taking place. To the west of the "Rock" are 80 acres of publicly owned land (revested Oregon & California Railroad Grant Lands - B.L.M.). Public access is provided by a county road that runs through the public land roughly from the northeast corner to the southwest corner.



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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1846-**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | Western migration and settlement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Westward migration established the Oregon Trail in 1841. Of the difficulties encountered on the trail, nothing presented as formidable an obstacle as the Cascade Mountains.

In the beginning, the only route from The Dalles to the Willamette Valley was down the Columbia River on bateaus. The trip was dangerous, expensive, and the scarcity of boats caused long delays.

This dilemma impelled Samuel Barlow to search for alternatives after leading his party to The Dalles in 1845. Encouraged by information about Indian trails over the mountains, he and his party pioneered a road around the south side of Mount Hood. Construction of the road the following summer gave wagon trains a land route over the Cascade Mountains.

The route was a hard and dangerous one. To climb out of Tygh Valley, the pioneers had to double-up their teams. For the trip down Laurel Hill, they had to slow their descent by locking their wheels, using ropes, and dragging logs.

Rock Corral was one of favorite campsites on the west slope of the Cascades. Once at Rock Corral the hardest and most dangerous part of the trip, Laurel Hill, was behind them, and only one more rough section, the Devil's Backbone, lay between the emigrants and the fertile Willamette Valley of Oregon Territory.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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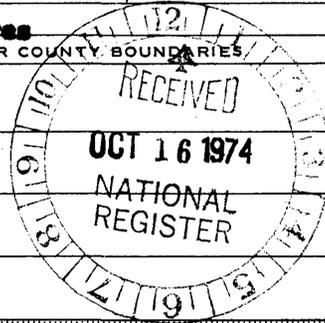
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Five (5) acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Chandler C. Biggs, Outdoor Recreation Planner** DATE: **Nov. 5, 1973**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **Bureau of Land Management**

STREET AND NUMBER: **3550 Liberty Road S. (P.O. Box 3227)** PHONE: **(503) 585-1793**

CITY OR TOWN: **Salem** STATE: **Oregon** CODE: **41**

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:
 Yes
 No
 None
David B. Talbot
 State Liaison Officer Signature

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. P. Mortensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

Date 11/19/74

ATTEST:
Frank Astbury
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 11.14.74

Deputy Asst Secy
 Federal Representative Signature Date
 Deputy Asst Secy
 Title