

1. SITE I.D. NO

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HAER INVENTORY

Historic American Engineering Record
Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

Bridges, Trestles, and Aqueducts

7 6 4 0

3. PRIORITY

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4. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)
 YES NO UNKNOWN

CANT: Steel

5. DATE
1906-08

6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT

OWNER

ADMIN

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7. OWNER/ADMIN

Wenatchee Reclamation District

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Columbia River Bridge

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS

900 South Wenatchee Avenue
Wenatchee, Washington 98801

10. STATE COUNTY

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COUNTY NAME

Chelan

CITY/VICINITY

Wenatchee

CONG. DIST.

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STATE COUNTY

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

CONG. DIST.

11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

12. EXISTING SURVEYS

 NR NHL HABS HAER-I HAER NPS CL6
 CONF STATE COUNTY LOCAL OTHER

13. SPECIAL FEATURES (DESCRIBE BELOW)

 INTERIOR INTACT EXTERIOR INTACT ENVIRONS INTACT

14. UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	SIGN
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UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	SIGN
1 0	7 0 4 1 0 0	5 2 5 4 6 5 0	

SCALE 1:24 1:62.5 OTHER

QUAD NAME Wenatchee, Washington

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QUAD NAME

15. CONDITION 70 EXCELLENT 71 GOOD 72 FAIR 73 DETERIORATED 74 RUINS 75 UNEXPOSED 76 ALTERED 82 DESTROYED 85 DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY

Lisa Soderberg

AFFILIATION

HAER/Washington State Bridge Inventory

DATE

June 1980

17. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), HISTORICAL DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

In 1909, the legislature authorized the State Highway Board to purchase the highway bridge across the Columbia River at Wenatchee. The 1,060 foot steel pinconnected cantilever structure was completed by the Washington Bridge Company in 1908 to transport automobiles and water to east Wenatchee in order to develop the land for the expanding apple industry. The construction of such a substantial structure by private interests reflected the town's optimism as the focus of a widening trade area, a vision that was born in the 1890's when the Great Northern Railroad made Wenatchee a junction of rail and water lines. The importance of the bridge to the burgeoning growth of the Wenatchee area, as well as to the State, is reflected in the 1909 highway commission biennial report: "The highway commission is of the opinion that the bridge would be of great value to the State, in as much as there is a very heavy traffic over it, and this traffic will rapidly increase as the orchards on the east side of the Columbia come into bearing."

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18. ORIGINAL USE

Bridge/vehicular

PRESENT USE

Water pipe

ADAPTIVE USE

19. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Wenatchee Reclamation District Files.

"Wenatchee Bridge," Third Biennial Report, Washington State Highway Commission, 1909, pp 43-53.D.W. Meinig, The Great Columbia Plain, (Seattle, 1968), p. 447.

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20. URBAN AREA 50,000 POP. OR MORE?

 YES NO

21. HCRS REGION

N	W
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22. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

 YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED
 NO UNKNOWN

23. EDITOR INDEXER

24. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

 YES NO NAME

DISTRICT I.D. NO

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