

Pearl Creek Guard Station Preservation Subcommittee
Opal Creek SRA Advisory Council
Report on Work to date
July 31, 2006

The committee met on Wednesday July 19th at the Statesman Journal to review the following agenda items. In attendance were Sean Tate, Gerrit Roelof, Bruce Rogers and Jeff Holland. Prior to that meeting, I met with Paul Matter, Cara Kelly and Rod Stewart in Detroit to review the National Forest's position on PCGS.

Notes from discussions by agenda item:

Role Of PCGS Subcommittee - To facilitate discussion resulting in a sound recommendation for sustainable preservation and / or use for the facility

Current Situation overview - (from meeting earlier in July) Standing, but in jeopardy of quicker deterioration by virtue of weather damage, additional potential vandalism. The National Forest officials committed to an updated baseline review of the facilities to determine the extent of any repairs necessary to preserve them through the upcoming fall and winter seasons, and to determine the repairs necessary to bring the structures back to a useable status.

National Forest position on PCGS - Prioritized as a "Secondary" site, eligible for NRHL listing, worthy of preservation and protection. All present agreed that protection would in some way stem from visibility and use / occupation. Establishing a maintainable baseline condition will be the responsibility of the National Forest, and generating a plan for sustainable use is the challenge of the subcommittee.

Definition of Success - The committee agreed that we would have reached a successful conclusion when it could be demonstrated that our preservation / sustainability model offers, at a minimum:

- Options for multi-season use / occupation that benefit the public with minimal ongoing costs
- A deterrent to abuse / vandalism
- Programs to promote history and heritage of PCGS
- Sustainable revenues / funds to meet budgeted annual maintenance requirements

Issues inhibiting recovery and sustainability - Human element / crime, environmental issues / weather, maintaining an active committee,

reaching a decision in a reasonable time frame, 12-month access to structure, generating and maintaining revenues for site maintenance / preservation

Measurement / analysis criteria - Brainstorm preservation program options, research them, and analyze them against (at a minimum) the following criteria:

- Function of option
- Effective season of option
- Initial / ongoing program cost
- Visibility & “usefulness” of structure
- How does it meet our criteria for success
- In the “Public Interest”
- Revenue potential
- Time frame of potential use

The final step in the process would be to craft three models from the available program options that meet our criteria for success - ***with an understanding that the preservation program will likely be made up of several different pieces / programs*** - and analyze them against each other to draw a conclusion on the best model.

During the discussion, Jeff Holland, who manages the Inmate Work Crew program for Marion County said that he would be able to support the effort through periodic maintenance efforts from his crews.

After the discussion on the agenda items, the subcommittee listed many options for initial review and evaluation, along with initial assignments for research and reports:

Camp / area host - Bruce

Concessionaire program - Jeff

Recreation Rental Program - Sean / Gerrit
Studying the Clackamas Lake Ranger Station business plan

Outside rental management - Sean
Reviewing local sources for management of rental resource

Grass Roots preservation organization (FOPCGS ?) - Sean
Looking into 501c3 organization to raise funds and cooperate in use / maintenance

Marion County Sheriff use (unassigned)

Restricted Area Access (unassigned)