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RECREATION - Umatilla
General

Pendleton, Oregon
August 12, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR RANGER TUCKER:

Reference is made to Assistant Regional Forester Horton's letter of August 8, copy of which was sent you.

You will be interested also in knowing that Mrs. Hawk of Milton, who wrote the Oregon Journal article "New Trail for Old", planned recently to ride your route of the Whitman trail from Meacham Creek to the mouth of Squaw Creek. You may also be interested in knowing that R. A. Bottcher, who was one time a Umatilla ranger, says he has always believed that the Whitman party after leaving La Grande travelled westward up the so-called Indian Trail canyon to the summit above the head of Mt. Emily Creek; thence continuing on the summit along an old Indian trail northerly and westerly past Green Mountain and Huckleberry Mountain crossing the north fork of Meacham Creek, I believe, at a point near the mouth of Hoskins Creek. From that point over to the Umatilla River I do not recall clearly the route he described, but believe it must have ascended a ridge north of Meacham Creek and stayed on the summit again to a point in the neighborhood of Ryan Creek.

This route is, I believe, the one unfavorably considered by you and the other members of the party who had studied the matter. However, I should like, when you have time, you to prepare a statement of your reasons why this proposal was rejected. I should like to have you make an extra copy for Mr. Bottcher.

CARL EWING, Forest Supervisor

By *Charles H. Chubbart*
Acting

Dictated by Mr. Ewing,
signed in his absence.

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August 8, 1940

Forest Supervisor,
Pendleton, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

We were very much interested in the recent historical
articles in the Portland Journal, specifically:

"Old Hotel of Historic Interest" July 28 issue
"New Trail for Old" Aug. 6 "

It is good to see the strong Forest Service leader-
ship established in the enterprise.

Very truly yours,

F. V. HORTON,
Assistant Regional Forester,
Division of Recreation and Lands,

By **IRA J. MASON** **Acting.**

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