

2018 SWOCC ELLIOTT STATE FOREST RECREATION PLAN W/RECOMMENDATIONS

May 22, 2018 Silver and Golden Falls Field Trip

This field trip is being hosted by Bob Mahaffy, whose family Tree Farm near Allegany was selected as 1988 Tree Farm of the Year for the Western US by the Society of American Foresters: a major national recognition of outstanding forest management. David and Jerry are also both planning to attend, if possible (we need Jerry at Lockhart Bridge to continue the discussion of splash dams).

Rooke-Higgins County Park. Original short stop on Millicoma Hatchery Field Trip. Bob's family tree farm is adjacent to the park and he will tell its story during class on Monday. No stop.

Allegany School/Mahaffy Ranch Pumpkin Patch. Allegany School has been converted to a Community Center in which the Allegany Recreation District is headquartered. Mahaffy Ranch Pumpkin Patch is on the other side of the road. See PDF links: brief stop, depending on time.

Millicoma State Park/Nesika County Park. Rolling, drive-by spots. The 15-acre Millicoma Park was created in 1950 by "Save the Myrtle Woods" movement and was likely a regularly-used camping site by local precontact Indians. Nesika Park was deeded to the county by Weyerhaeuser, who found it too expensive and troublesome to privately manage over time.

Lockhart Bridge. The splash dam here had similar impacts on fish habitat and stream access as with the Mill Creek splash dams below Loon Lake. Jerry will present, if present. Bob as backup.

Glenn Creek. Bob tells the story of a "Wobbler" who lived here, and the value of managing trees for recreational road construction and maintenance costs, operating funds, and aesthetics.

Silver and Golden Falls. Old road bed and interpretive sign for Silver Falls trail; old-growth near beginning of Golden Falls trail – leave about 3:45 to reach Coos Bay by 4:35.

Allegany Recreation District Community Center Maintenance Manual, Carole Dawson, Pres.
http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/Recreation/Allegany/Dawson_20100504.pdf

Millicoma River Park and Recreation District "Operating Manual" compiled by Lionel Youst:
http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/Recreation/Allegany/Youst_20120702_.pdf

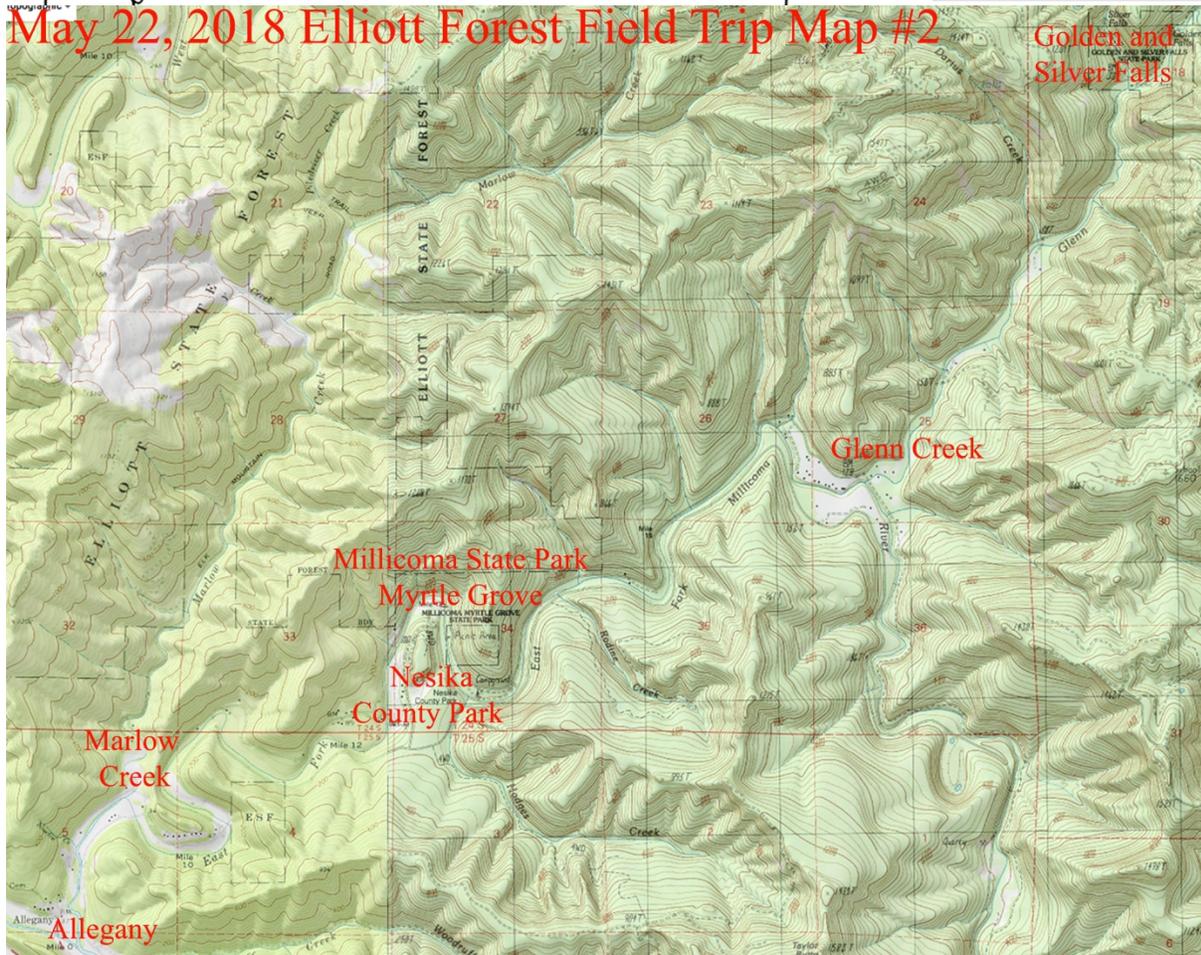
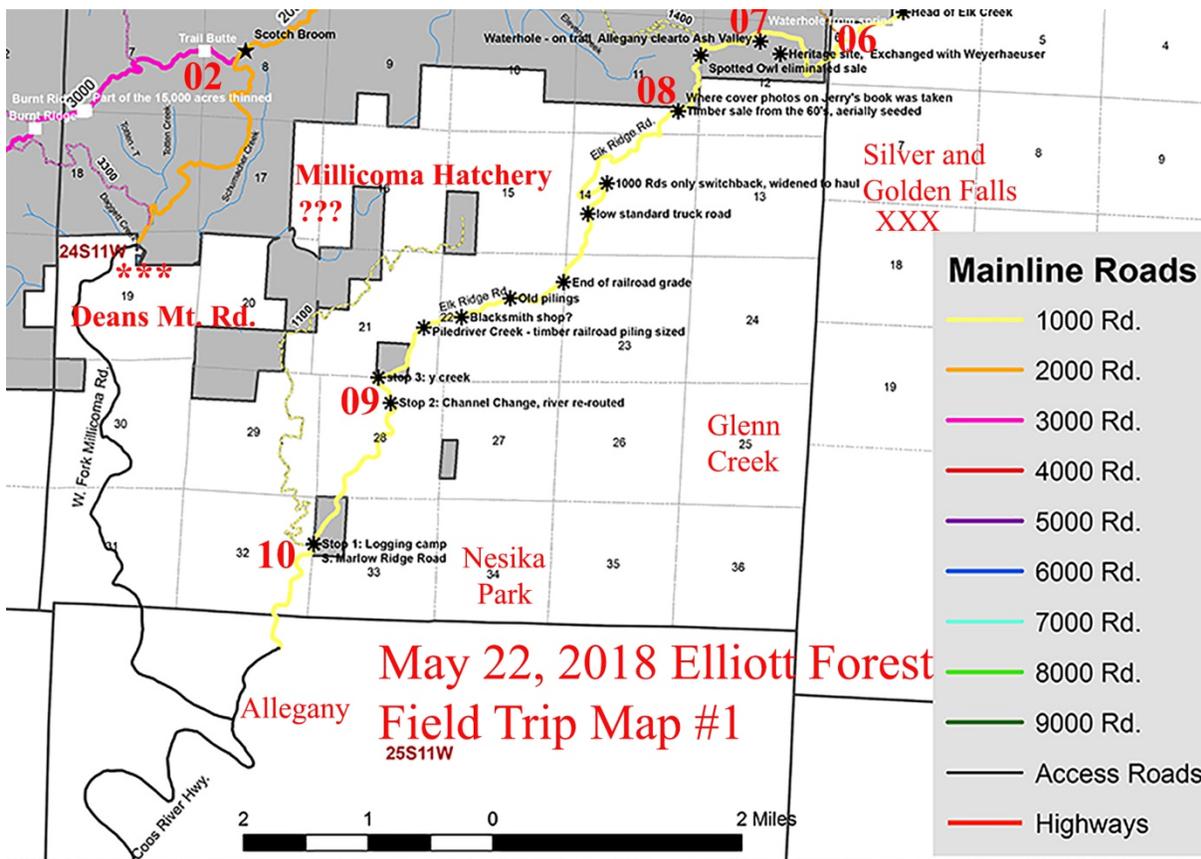
Lionel Youst's book, *Lost in Coos*, chapters 2, 5, 6, 8, 11, and 12 are stories of people lost – and their rescuers -- in present-day Elliott Forest and "Above the Falls"; good maps and photos.

http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/History/Youst/Youst_20110000.pdf

http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/History/Youst/Youst_20030000.pdf

Oregon State Parks History, 1917 – 1963, compiled by Chester Armstrong
http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/History/Armstrong_19650701.pdf

Beckham, Dow 1990. *Swift Flows the River: Log Driving in Oregon*. Arago Books, Coos Bay, Oregon: 207 pp.



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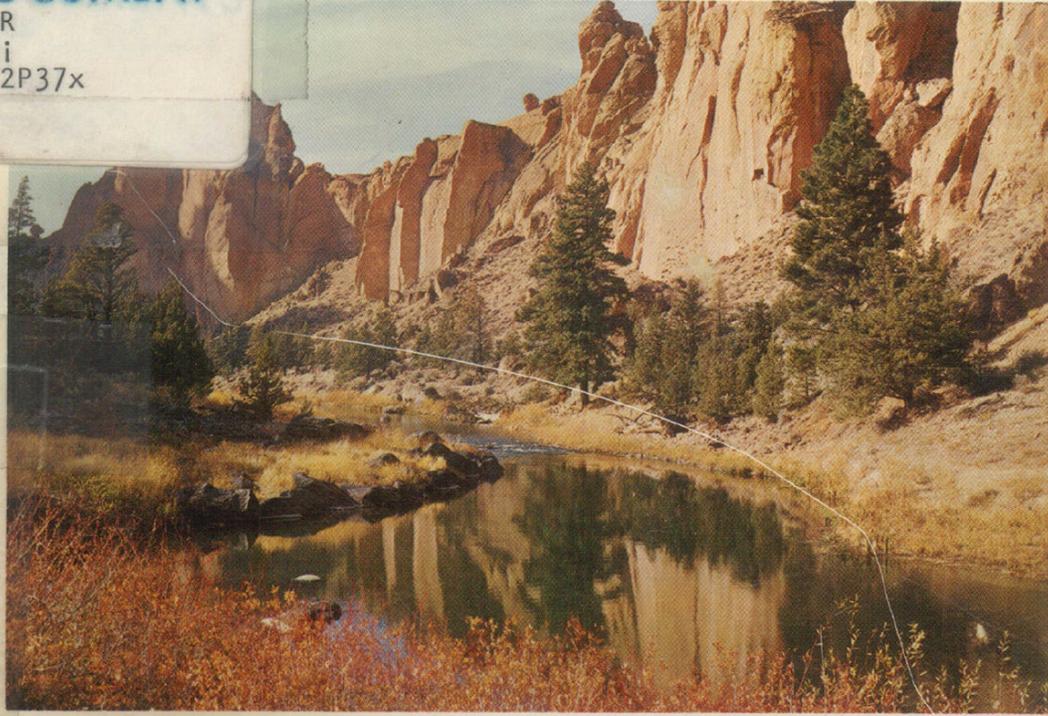
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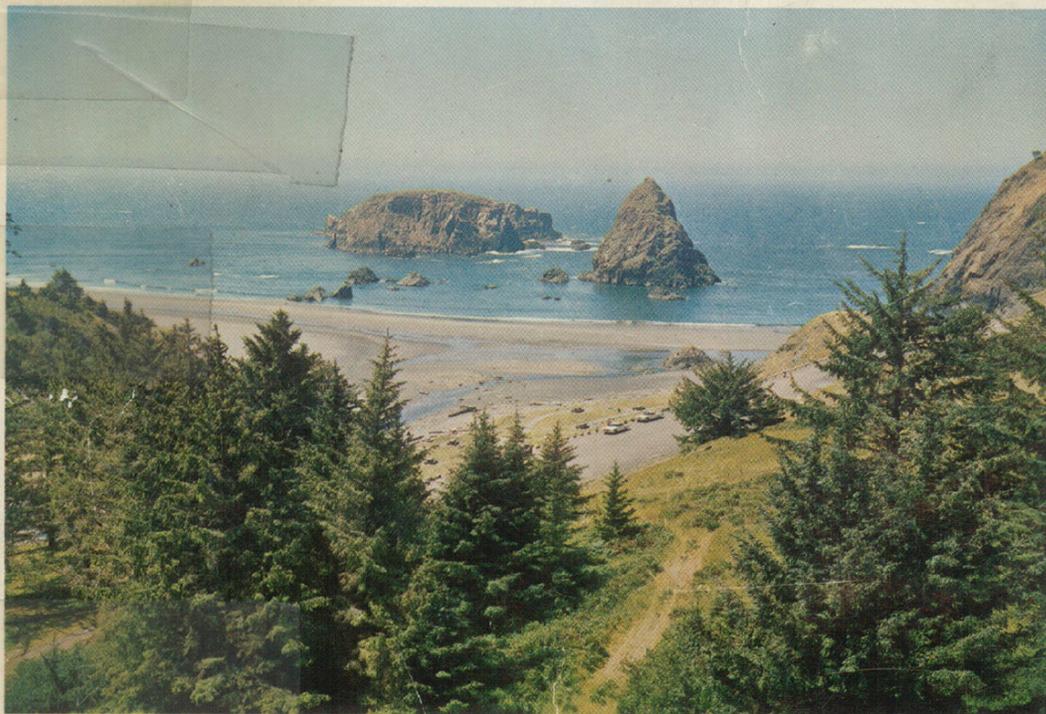
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HISTORY OF THE OREGON STATE PARKS



The land was offered to the state as a park in 1947 and again in 1951. However, it does serve the idea of preservation of the Columbia Gorge and was accepted in 1957.

Construction of tables, benches and fireplaces was done by the Civilian Conservation Corps. These facilities have long since succumbed to the elements.

No active use is being made of the park.

Millicoma Myrtle Grove State Park

Millicoma Myrtle Grove State Park is located on the East Fork of Millicoma River, approximately 18 miles east of Coos Bay and about one mile from the east end of State Secondary Highway 241 in Coos County. The area is bisected by the Coos River Secondary Highway 1.

The 15-acre tract of myrtle trees was a gift to the state in 1950 from Save the Myrtle Woods, Inc. Donating this land to the state was part of a plan of that organization to obtain and place in protective custody several good stands of old myrtle trees growing in the southwest corner of Oregon. Myrtle is a hard wood highly prized for use in manufacturing novelties.

The name Millicoma Myrtle Grove State Park was selected for this area because of its location and the beautiful myrtle trees thereon. Millicoma is an Indian name and, according to McArthur's *Oregon Geographic Names*, the meaning is not known.

The terrain is quite steep, except for a small area near the river where a small day use facility has been provided.

The cover is principally myrtle with some maple, alder and other trees indigenous to southwestern Oregon.

A plaque was erected at this park indicating that the land was purchased by Save the Myrtle Woods, Inc., with money donated by the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, and given to the State of Oregon in 1949. (Deed is dated May 17, 1950.)

Day use in 1962 totaled 6,927 visitors. No count was made in 1963. Overnight camping facilities have not been provided. However, this area is often used in conjunction with an adjoining campground known as Nesika Park provided by Weyerhaeuser Company.

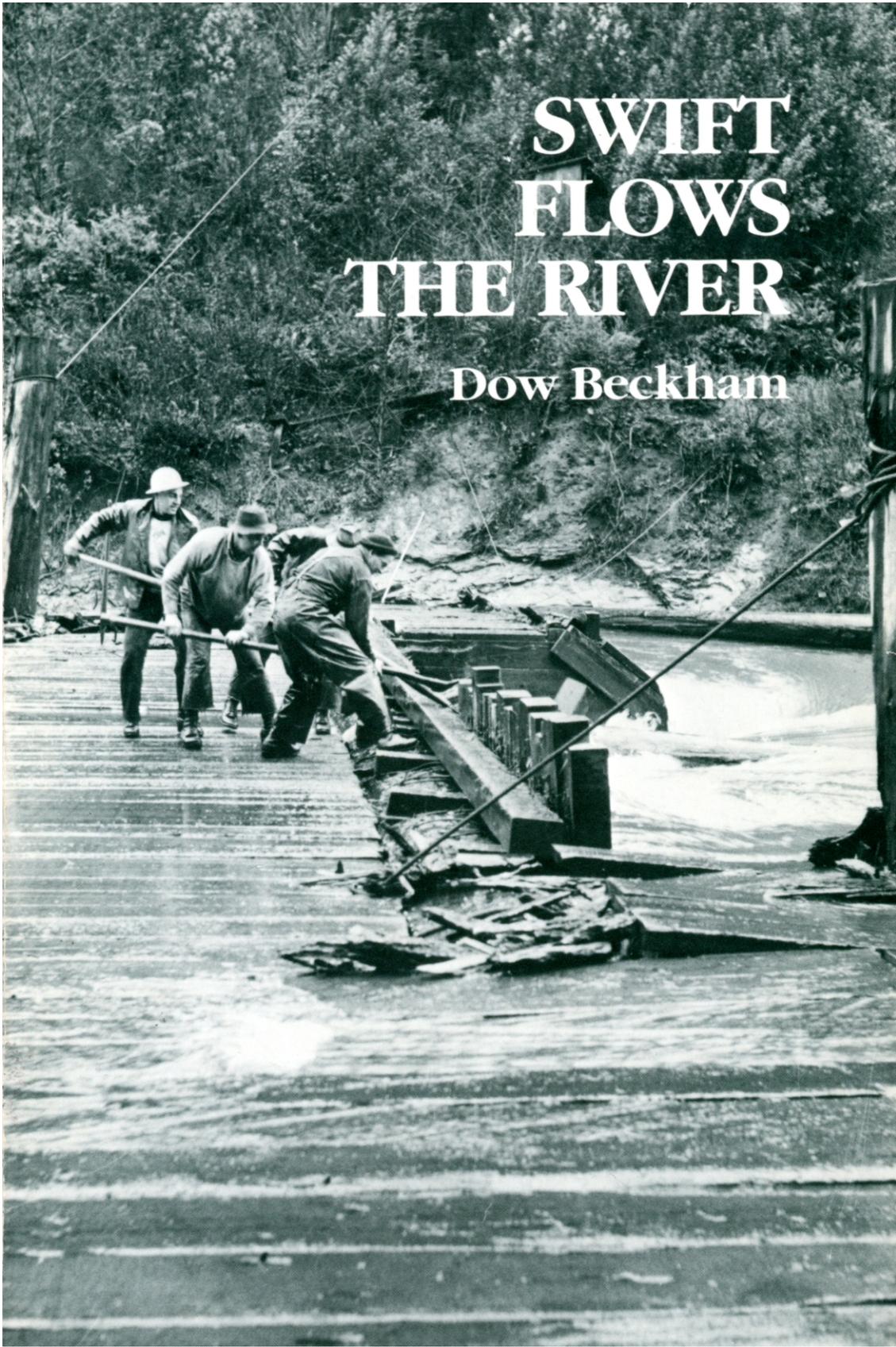
Muriel O. Ponsler Memorial Wayside

Muriel O. Ponsler Memorial Wayside is located on U. S. Highway 101, about 16 miles north of Florence in Lane County. It lies at the mouth of China Creek between Heceta Head and Cape Perpetua.

The entire area was a gift in 1939 from J. C. Ponsler of Florence as a memorial to his late wife, Muriel. It was given with the understanding

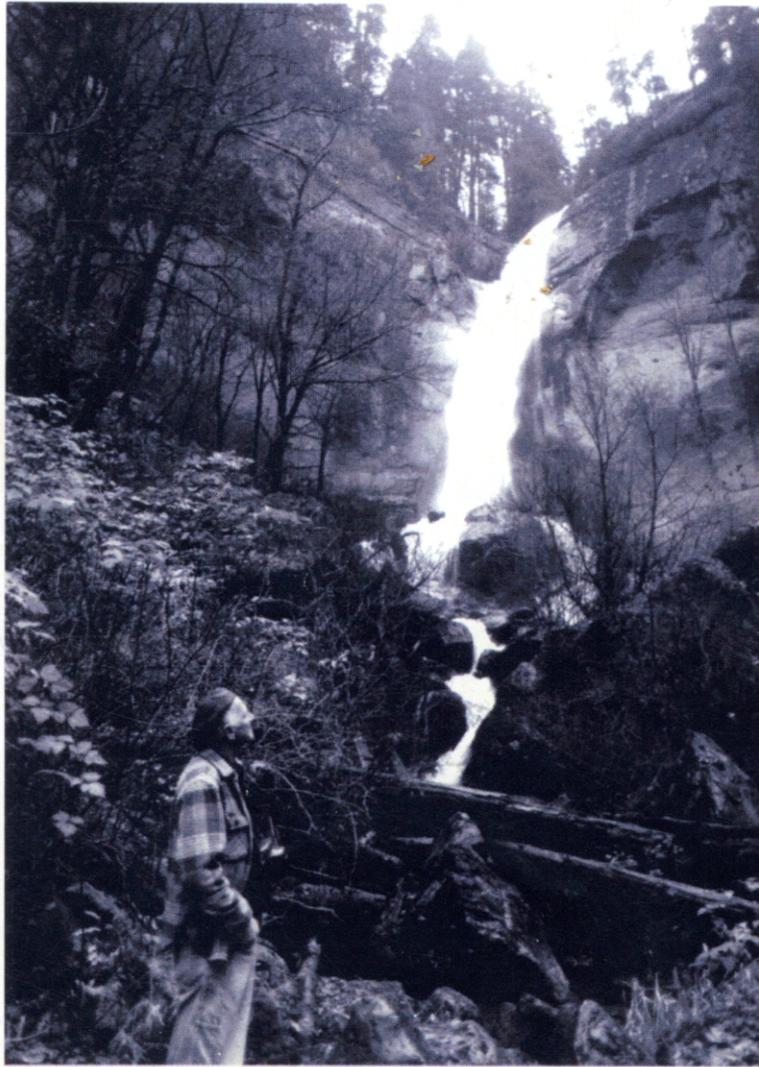
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*An Oral and Folk History of Upper Glenn Creek
Coos County, Oregon*

By Lionel Youst

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