

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

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Agenda Item:	7a	Information
Topic:	Heritage Division Update	
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Eastern Oregon Livestock Show designated an Oregon Heritage Tradition

The Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, a long-standing Oregon event in Union, marks its upcoming 116th year with an Oregon Heritage Tradition designation by the Oregon Heritage Commission. The designation recognizes traditions that have been ongoing for 50 years or more and add to the state's livability and identity.

In 1908 the event began as the Union Horse Show and included a parade, horse exhibitions, a few horse races, music by the Union Concert Band, bronc busting with the Stanley Bros. furnishing the stock, and a baseball game. Today it draws over 5,000 people from all over the state, especially Union, Baker, Umatilla, & Wallowa counties. It claims the title of "The Oldest Show in the Northwest." It still includes original elements such as rodeos, the parade, and a youth livestock show, but has expanded its events over seven days during the first week of June. The main focus of the event is youth and agriculture. The show features a 4-H & FFA livestock auction that generates over \$500k annually for the youth exhibitors so they can stay connected to the region's agricultural roots and continue long-standing practices and traditions.



The Eastern Oregon Livestock Show is the 27th event in Oregon designed as an Oregon Heritage Tradition. Other Oregon Heritage Traditions include the Great Oregon Steam-up in Brooks, Oregon State Fair, Medford's Pear Blossom Festival, the Pendleton Round-Up, and the Woodburn Fiesta Mexicana.

SHPO Archaeologists Attend National Conferences

The Society for American Archaeology (SAA) held its 88th annual meeting from March 29 – April 2 in Portland. The SAA meeting brings together archaeologists from across the world to present archaeological topics and research throughout the Americas. Oregon State Parks and State Historic Preservation Office archaeologists attended this year to hear about new research

and meet up with colleagues from near and far. The meeting was held at the Oregon Convention Center in downtown Portland and contained numerous symposia, poster sessions, and workshops. Topics in Oregon archaeology included a symposium focused on shipwrecks and another on archaeology in the Willamette Valley, and presentations discussing research on some of Oregon's oldest identified archaeological sites. Another conference followed the SAA meeting, the 76th annual Northwest Anthropological Conference, held in Spokane, Washington, from April 12-15. Several State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeologists attended and saw presentations on various topics in northwest archaeology and engaged in discussions with regional colleagues from throughout Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Attendance at these conferences provides archaeologists with a significant avenue to meet face-to-face with peers and stakeholders and learn about the many fascinating projects and avenues of research occurring in archaeology.

National Park Service Revises Traditional Cultural Property Bulletin

To help people complete successful National Register of Historic Places nominations, the National Park Service (NPS) created a series of bulletins that provides direction on how best to complete a National Register nomination. The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation.

The NPS developed most of the bulletins in the 1990s with the help of subject matter professionals. Recently, NPS started an effort to amend and revise the bulletins. This effort began with Bulletin 38, "Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Properties." (TCP Bulletin). First issued in 1990, NPS developed the TCP Bulletin to guide nominating resources with traditional cultural significance. The TCP bulletin is critical in offering direction and guidance for evaluating resources significant to Native American Tribes, Native Hawaiian Organizations, and Alaska Native Corporations, particularly when a TCP is identified under the federal review process for development projects (Section 106 consultation).

As part of the revision effort, the National Park Service sought public comments on its revised TCP Bulletin between October 27, 2022, and April 30, 2023. The new draft includes revised language and additional examples and images. Oregon's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) reviewed the draft as proposed and submitted comments offering feedback. Overall, the SHPO felt the revisions to be well done and that the organization of the document and its sections were focused and logical in a manner designed to offer direction for both preparers and reviewers when evaluating TCPs. In addition, the revised bulletin provides better examples of eligible TCPs and clear and specific guidance in documenting and researching TCPs for the National Register and Compliance processes. The NPS will release another revision for public comment in July 2023 and aims to publish the updated bulletin by the end of 2023.

Prior Action by Commission: none

Action Requested: none

Attachments: none

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