

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

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Information

Topic: Heritage and Community Programs Report

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Archaeology GIS Database Online

Site forms and survey reports associated with over 30,000 archaeological sites and 27,000 cultural resource surveys are now online, providing remote web access to qualified users through a GIS-based application. The State Historic Preservation Office is the repository for these specialized documents, which are used daily by consultants, agency staff, and other qualified researchers to prepare time-sensitive compliance reports, among other things. Previous to the release of the online application, users had to schedule a visit to our offices in Salem to access the data.

Over 650 users have registered since the online system went “live” on December 9. To ensure the protection of sensitive data, qualified users receive secure access controlled by individual user accounts. Site forms and survey data pdfs are linked to the GIS system, allowing users to download the items they need. Historic quadrangle maps and General Land Office maps are also “geo-referenced,” along with current aerial imagery and a variety of base maps. Additional data layers are forthcoming, including paleo shoreline data and LiDAR imagery.

Elisabeth Walton Potter Oregon Heritage Preservation Scholarships Update

Since 2001, the State Historic Preservation Office has made available financial assistance for Oregon residents to attend a preservation-related conference, workshop, or training. The scholarship, offered twice a year through a competitive process, is offered in honor of Elisabeth Walton Potter, long-time historian and National Register coordinator with the Oregon SHPO. Approximately 75 scholarships have been awarded over 15 years, helping students and local preservation professionals participate in everything from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Oregon Main Street conferences, to National Preservation Institute classes, to preservation trades workshops and Hurricane Katrina recovery volunteer programs. The average award is about \$1,000 and can cover registration fees, transportation, air fare, and lodging. Once the training is completed, scholarship recipients share what they learned from the opportunity through a post on the Oregon Heritage Exchange blog, presentation, article, or other media outlet.

Prior Action by Commission: None

Action Requested: None

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