

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

April 27, 2016

Agenda Item:	7a	Information
Topic:	Heritage Division Report	
Presented by:	Chrissy Curran, Heritage Division Manager, Deputy SHPO	

FERC Denies License for Jordan Cove LNG Project

In March 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) denied a license application for a high-profile and controversial energy project located near Coos Bay, effectively placing it on hold indefinitely.

The State Historic Preservation Office has been involved in consultation with FERC for over a decade on the Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) project known as Jordan Cove. The proposed project consists of a liquefaction terminal located on the north shore of Coos Bay at Jordan Cove; the South Dunes Power Plant at Jordan Cove; and a 234-mile pipeline between Jordan Cove and Malin, Oregon. The SHPO's involvement was triggered by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, which mandates that federal agencies address cultural resource issues when permitting, licensing or funding a project. FERC is also responsible for consultation with affected tribes, which has been an area of outspoken concern for the SHPO, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, and the Klamath Tribes.

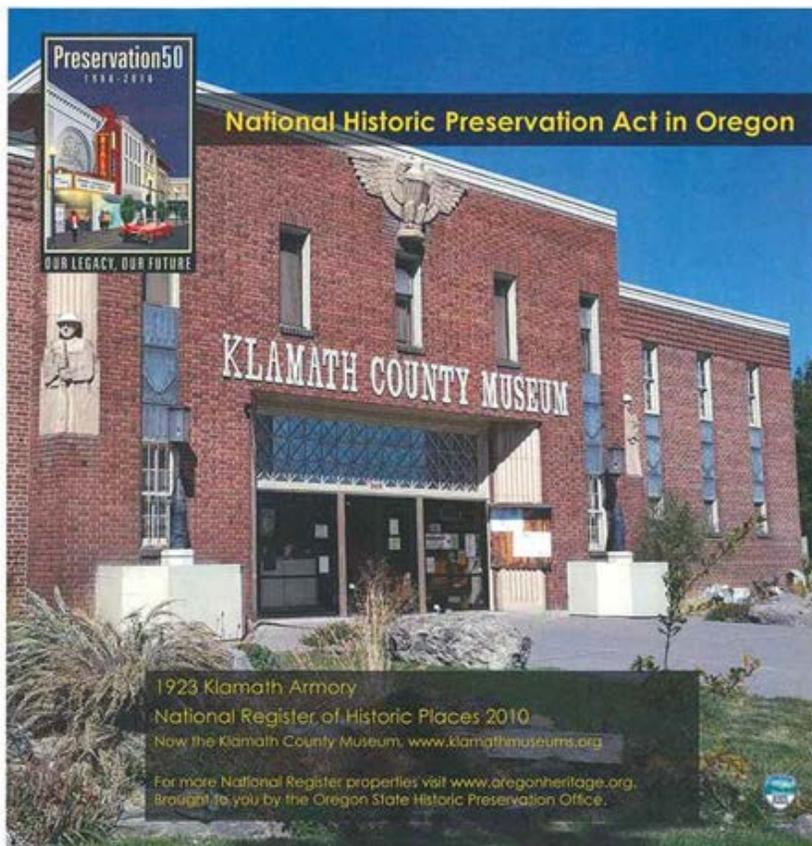
According to FERC, the license application was denied because the applicant failed to show that the need for the project outweighed the impacts to property owners and the environment along the route of the pipeline. The applicant has indicated it will re-apply.

“Preservation 50” Coming to a Rest Stop Near You

Beginning in May, travelers who stop at rest areas along Oregon's I-5 and I-84 will be treated to large back-lit color posters promoting the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. The 4' x 4' posters, installed in travel information kiosks maintained by Oregon Travel Experience, will each highlight a nearby property that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Ten rest stops will host the illuminated posters, which will be exposed to potentially millions of people annually. The kiosks are located in some of the most heavily used traveler stopping points across the state. Person and motorist counts show that over 400,000 individuals stop each month at the busiest location on I-5.

Conceived and sponsored by the Heritage Division, this project will feature a new heritage concept every year, including archaeology, museums, historic downtowns, and more.



Prior Action by Commission: none

Action Requested: none

Attachments: none

Prepared by: Chrissy Curran