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I came across an interesting master's thesis on the history and archeology of the railroad logging camp at Ladee Flat. Doesn't have much to do with trails, although it includes a couple of GLO maps from 1869 and 1897 which indicate an Indian trail between Warm Springs and Estacada. There is some good historical information, including oral accounts and photos, describing the logging camp and of the advance of railroads and then roads up the Clackamas.

<https://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/jspui/handle/1957/5635>

The most interesting part for me was Chapter 6: the story of Camp 1. The incline must have been really something to see in operation.

If you've ever been to Ladee Flat, you'll appreciate the author's understatement when she said that "the area attracts people engaged in a wide range of recreational pursuits, some quite incompatible with archeological site protection."

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Re: Ladee Flat logging camp history[Edit this Page](#)**Rob Williams** : 7/20/2009; 6:16:16 AMReads: 152, Responses: 0 ([view responses to this item](#))

Doug:

Thanks for posting this. I briefly skimmed it, and it looks REALLY interesting, especially since I'm very interested in history. One thing that jumped out at me was this comment:

Oral history

Many early forest service employees and local loggers were interviewed in 1967 as part of a forest history project by the Estacada Ranger District on the Mt. Hood National Forest. Leroy Layton recorded the oral histories on reel-to-reel tapes, including interviews with Clarence Jubb and Hank Boyer. The tapes were never transcribed and were stored in a warehouse until I struck a bargain with the archaeological technician on the ranger district. She allowed me access to the tapes if I would convert them into a CD format. She would only let me have one tape at a time, so each week I would go to the ranger station and trade a completed CD for a reel-to-reel tape. I used equipment from the OSU media center to make the media format conversion.

I'm wondering where these tapes/CDs are now and are they available to be listened to? Also, what ever became of the forest history project in 1967 this referenced?

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