

Frank Hoyt

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- JG: This is an interview with Frank Hoyt of Union, Oregon on June 26, 1998. [tape interruption] We took and goin' over to...maybe if I can go over again, Frank, when you were born and when you came out here.
- FH: I was born September 25th, 1912.
- JG: And whereabouts was that?
- FH: In Norton County, Kansas.
- JG: And then you came right out to Perry, did you, from there?
- FH: I came out to... Well, I came out to... Yes, I did. I came out to Perry and I cut wood for George Bean in the fall of '34 and then I went back that winter and the next spring my folks...we all came out...my folks and I in the spring of '35.
- JG: Whereabouts were you cutting? Just like firewood?
- FH: Yes, up...no, not firewood, it was poles, it was sixteen...sixteen foot poles. Lodge pole all of it. I'd cut that down and stake it four foot wide and sixteen feet long and four feet high and had two cord. But he paid me by the cord, but it was pole wood.
- JG: What did they use that for?
- FH: I imagine... I suppose he sold the poles, I don't know. I didn't...he hauled it down. I don't have no idea.
- JG: How they __ end up on that. Then you lived right there at Perry then since the...
- FH: I lived up in the hills. Then my folks...but yes, when we come out in '35 we lived at Perry, upper Perry.
- JG: That time...by that time the dam was out of there. Do you recall what the river kind of looked...river looked like for vegetation along there at that time?
- FH: Well, I don't suppose there's as much willows as there is now. But it was... Of course the road... You want to remember that when the highway went through they made a change in that too. They kind of filled some of that up. There was a real deep hole I suppose probably fifteen, twenty feet deep 'cause we'd stand up on the embankment and dive head first into it right there. You know where the old tavern used to...below where the old tavern was. That was a big swimmin' hole for us. But it... I think when they blasted that road through there it probably filled part of it up because I don't think it's like that anymore.
- JG: I had a... Right after they put the freeway in in...around 1960 they had...Fish and Wildlife had a picture there and there wasn't too much for, you know, vegetation at that time. There, just above...
- FH: You're talkin' just through Perry?
- JG: Yeah.
- FH: Yeah, you're right. There wasn't.
- JG: But it's startin' to grow up pretty good now. Do you know if there's... Do you remember much cottonwood in there at all?
- FH: No, I never seen much cottonwood.
- JG: It was most willow ____
- FH: There was too much, yeah.

JG: Then we were talking about the salmon runs in there that you'd said that in the fall you'd see a few salmon, but...

FH: A few. I never seen very many. Of course, I didn't look for 'em especially, but I didn't and I crossed that river a lot because we run cows back and for across it. If they're been very many I would have seen 'em.

JG: About how deep was the water at that time, the time of year...

FH: It was a little deeper than it is now, but not much. That... In the fall of the year there wasn't much difference. It went down pretty low.

JG: Do you recall as far as in the spring when the high waters came out?

FH: Did what?

JG: When the high water was coming out of there in the spring? About what month that was, or...?

FH: Well, usually in May. The fast water usually's in May. I know I... My wife's scared to death of water and she...cows went across a ___ there one time and she went over and brought 'em over, but there was four yearling calves that they just...they just couldn't make it. And she come back up a-tearin' and told me that there was four of 'em drownin' down there. Well, I went down and they was... The stupid thing she'd got right down below the ford and right against the bank swimmin' upstream just as hard as they could, but they couldn't make no headway. And I had a good horse then. I took... I went down...swam him down there and grabbed a hold of a tail of one, took it on down till the river'd catch it and took it on down and then it'd get out. And I done that on three of 'em and one of 'em drowned, one of 'em I didn't save. But it was...it was pretty deep there and except in...where the wide ford was, why, you'd get...a horse could walk it, but the cows had to swim a little. So it was pretty deep there. I've seen it when you wouldn't dare cross it.

JG: Oh yeah. It can get pretty...pretty rank sometimes, you know, get the snow spring up. But after you left that...Perry, it was 1941 when you left...

FH: Now just a minute. I left...we left Perry... I left Perry before that. I left Perry in...and went... I got married and went up to the N.K. West branch. That's where we...I and my wife stayed for four years up there.

JG: Where... Whereabouts is that?

FH: That's about three miles up. The old N. K. West branch I think...if you...know who owns it now it's Don...Donny Hampton owns it now. It's the first farm land as you come to after you leave the road...river...after you leave the highway goin' up the river.

JG: Goin' up river there above Hilgard?

FH: Yeah.

JG: Oh yeah, okay.

FH: It's about three miles up there.

JG: Okay.

FH: That's where the old N. K. West ranch was.

JG: I didn't...didn't recognize the name.

FH: Well, I don't suppose they call it that anyway.

JG: Then how long were you up there?

FH: Four years.

JG: Do you recall anything about the... 'cause the railroad came right down through there.

FH: That's right.

JG: And then, of course, the river and the highway was this pretty much the same location that's there now?

FH: Up there, yes, about the same.

JG: Do you recall on that about what... as far as any cottonwoods, you know, in those meadows up there?

FH: There wasn't too many cottonwoods. There was willow... of course now the river with ice jams and things have changed the channel a little bit comin'... goin' down there and it's wider and there's a lot more willows growin' in there than there was at that time.

JG: On the ice jams was that just like during the normal runoff in the spring, or were there some thaws in there in the wintertime.

FH: No. Generally you'll have... they've had more ice jams and more stubble since... from the last, oh, I'll say about six, eight years ago they had quite a few flooded, Hilgard Park and all of that, and I never noticed that many in the four years we was up there. Never noticed it much, you just went out.

JG: Do you recall then what year was it that you left up there?

FH: I left up there in '41.

JG: Oh, okay.

O: We went back in '43.

JG: What?

O: We went back up there in '43.

FH: Well, for one year, that's right. Durin' the war her brother had the place and we... we went up there and for... for one year and took care of it while he was gone and then... and then her brother... one other brother went up and took care of it after that. So we was back up there in '43. But that was through the winter mostly.

JG: Do you remember on the... the trains coming out of there the logs of what species those were mostly?

FH: Of logs? Mostly pine.

JG: Mostly pine. 'Cause I know the picture they have of the big decks up there, you know, the river camp was all pine, it looked like, in there.

FH: I talked to Kumes. He was... when we was up there. In fact, he was tryin' to sell us a place he had up on the Grande Ronde which is where they moved Starkey to now, up in that area. And he said that he was a timber boss up there and they piled great big logs and then they'd... in the fall of the year they'd go and clean all the logs and everything out of the river. And then in the spring they'd push them in there and take 'em down to Perry. He said it was quite a sight. He said one trip they made down there a fellow drowned. A fella fell in and drowned up there just below the camp and they looked for him all the way down the river, but they never found him till he got in the pond at Perry. Must've been quite a sight seein' that.

JG: Oh yeah. 'Cause they had a few pictures. Morehouse had taken one picture when they were workin', you know, evidently, you know, some logs would hang up on

the shoals there, the bank they were skiddin' 'em out with horses in there. Then they had a...had another picture of 'em, you know, down at Perry, of course, when all that was in behind the dam in there.

FH: And but you see, that was all out before we come to this country.

JG: Yeah.

FH: So I don't know nothin' about that.

JG: They said about, you know, the running those logs down the river did he say anything or recall anything about what year that was that they were doin' that?

FH: I don't remember, do you? I don't think he said anything which year it was. But he was an old man and he...and he...he...he talked to us quite a while. He told us they had...had a long...cook shack there where the cooks...the camp cook was. He said that was a long strip and said no...they'd ride up the lodge pole, it was about four feet there, but they didn't have no roof on it just for the smoke and everything to go out of it. He said one time...[laugh]...I remember... He said one time that one of the...they'd get kind of camp crazy up there, you know, all winter and he said one...one old logger let out scream and yell and jumped up and stomped from one end of the table to the other. And he said when he come to the end of the table the cook met him with her rolling pan and knocked him cold. [laughs] You'd a... You'd a really been interested in talkin' to that fella because he knew...

JG: A bunch of real characters...[laughs] That's really fun. You come from... After you left up there then is that when you came up Catherine...moved up Catherine Creek?

FH: Yes. No. No, I'm sorry. We moved to Hilgard and didn't move to Catherine Creek till '45.

JG: Oh, okay.

FH: Hilgard...I mean High Valley. And we didn't move to Catherine Creek till '45.

JG: Do you recall, Frank, where the location of the old dam was there on Catherine Creek? It was right close to you wasn't that? The old sawmill dam?

FH: Right close to...

JG: To where you lived up there?

FH: I don't remember any old dam quite clearly....

JG: They took it out. I mean it's been gone, but I think...it seemed to me the abutment was still there, or you could see a little bit of that location, but...

O: Watts' Mill? Was that Watts?

JG: It might have been.

FH: Probably above there a little ways.

O: Pete Bartell might tell you.

JG: Oh, okay.

FH: I can't remember.

JG: 'Cause I's tryin' to think of...you know, I drove up there and of course things, you know, they get lookin' different. At one time I kind of remember where that was then just havin' to think about, you know, with you bein' up there whether you knew where that was or not.

FH: I don't remember.

JG: 'Cause they...of course that's...that was way back in I think 1862 when they originally put that dam in.

FH: I don't remember that...seein' that.

JG: Davises they had a picture there in 1904 it was still there at that time, so evidently went out, you know, sometime probably shortly thereafter, I imagine when they put the road in. But since you're up Catherine Creek there, do recall, you know, changes of vegetation or the fish runs up that way?

FH: We was there four years. I don't remember much about it. I know... I know the channel has widened in lots of places comin' on down and it's changed it quite a lot, but I never noticed it changin' much in the four years we was there. But I know it's changed a lot since...since we was there.

JG: They did quite a bit, you know, along the bottom land in there this, you know, down towards town here with...oh, when was that...in the '60s when Max deBoer and I think there, you know, the county there levelin' some of those lands. Do you recall anything...about when...?

FH: Max __did a lot of that levelin' but I don't...I don't remember.

JG: But I remember, you know, like where the Huffman place, see, you know, got in there and did a lot of change, you know, in there, didn't they, of the stream, or do you recall that?

FH: The Huffman place?

JG: Well, I think it was the Miles place. Leonard Huffman owned it, didn't he?

O: Oh yeah.

FH: Oh, you're talkin' about up Catherine Creek?

JG: Yeah, Catherine Creek.

FH: Oh yes! Right. In fact...tryin' to think who that fellow was that was there. He was there for one year or two. But you know what he done? He wanted to irrigate that meadow and he had a Cat and he dammed that whole creek up and threwed the whole thing out across his meadow! He got in a lot of trouble for that. [laughs]

JG: Do you remember what year that was?

FH: No, I don't.

JG: He irrigated it, though.

FH: He surely did! Yes, he got in a lot of trouble for that. Told him how many little baby salmon he'd probably killed. [laughs] And he probably did, for that matter. But you see, Huffman had that...you called it Miles...we called it the Hagey place.

JG: I'm not too sure. I sort of heard people talk about...

O: The Hagey place was the last one further down further.

FH: Hagey place...

O: Rickers.

FH: Hagey place is the one that Ricker's got now. And then Huffman bought the old Miles place quite a lot later.

JG: Oh, mm-hmm. Yeah, 'cause I've...I remembered, you know, he was up there, but I didn't remember, you know, as far as time or, you know, the years when he, you know, had been there.

FH: I'd a think that'd been...probably'd been in the '60s, wouldn't it? I can't... Boy, your time goes by until you...if you don't mark it down you can't remember.

JG: Oh, I know. Yeah, it's hard to recall. But I came back out of the army in '59 remember...it seemed to me they were working up in there. Again, it's one of those things you drive past it all the time and never paid that much attention. What I remembered is...I think it was in the '60s there when ____

FH: I think it'd been in the '60s alright. But I don't think he done any levelin' to speak of on the Miles place that I know of. He did on the...on the Hagey place, but he didn't own that very long ____

O: He didn't have Hagey's did he?

FH: Huh?

O: Did he have Hagey's?

FH: I think he had it for a short while. When he sold it right quickly.

JG: But when they're doing that work in there do you recall just, you know, kind of the extent of it of what they were doing as far as in relationship to the brush or the creek location?

FH: No. You couldn't hardly tell because, you see, that creek runs down quite a ways from the road there.

JG: Pretty much over along the edge of the...

FH: So what he could've done over there I couldn't of told ya.

JG: I meant the creek wasn't over, you know, close to the road. It always...

FH: It's about the same as it is now.

JG: That's what I meant.

FH: Of course down through...just above his place on the...where the old Stonewall? place for... I get mixed up and I...Crawslin...Crawslin had that for a long time, you know.

JG: Oh yeah, Mark? ____

FH: And that creek... That creek washed wide and that used to be a pretty nice little stream down there, but you notice how wide, how wide it is...

JG: Yeah, I can see where there's a lot of, you know...made a lot of changes.

FH: They made a lot of change in there.

JG: Do you know what...what caused that or...by any chance?

FH: I'll tell ya...you go up... You go up the creek here, you go up past the artesian well, just past it, and you start up __ land there. And that water...that gravel is up so high it looked like it gonna put the water in the road pretty near. That used to be a deep channel clear down through there, real nice. And I think that's of what's doin' this whole thing it's just bringin' gravel down year after year after year and buildin' it up.

JG: Buildin' it up, yeah.

FH: Yeah.

JG: Yeah, 'cause I know at times there right along the road looked like, you know, like you said, it looked like water up __ the edge of the road. It's just piled up in there.

FH: I'm sure that that's what it its. Just bring it down. Where it gets all that gravel I don't know, but it sure does.

JG: It can...pretty powerful what it'll move.

FH: But you notice we haven't had real high water out of...the river out of its banks like it was in the last three, four, five years. It's been quite a little while since we've had that kind of high water.

JG: It's that cycle there. It depends a lot on... Of course the last two winters, you know, has been where it's pretty mild where that low snow's gone off early, you know, don't...that accumulation.

FH: The biggest... The biggest change in I think in Catherine Creek probably is up there in the park. That has really filled up and widened out in there.

JG: Is that... You're talkin' about the Hall ranch?

FH: No, I mean below there in the state park there.

JG: Oh, the state park! Oh.

FH: That's really, really widened out in there. All of that used to be a nice...nice a little wide stream...not wide stream, but this nice little stream, you know, and deep enough so that it carried that water good and now it's just spread all over.

JG: Do recall seeing any...much sign of beaver up...up that way?

FH: Used to be beaver up above us there on...I don't know whether you'd know...it was the Stanley place. It'd be the first place...

O: Above where we lived.

FH: Okay, between the seven...mile post seven and eight.

JG: Okay.

FH: There used to be quite a little beaver work along through there. But they... I don't know... They trapped them out for some reason or other. Whether the state done it...had it done or who had it done, but I know they trapped 'em all out.

JG: What about the salmon up that way? Do you recall anything over the years of change?

FH: Yes. I know there's a lot less than it used to be.

JG: Remember in the '60s there's still a lot of salmon up in there.

FH: Quite a lot of salmon. Quite a lot of salmon. I know the Debore boys...[laugh]...down there...up there above that bridge right down in the brush and they was snaggin' 'em and throwin' 'em out and had three or four out. And Fred he yanked one out and turned around to give it to his brother and there was a policeman standin' right there. [laughs] Really shocked the boy! But that was back in the '60s...'50s...'50s probably. That was back when...when they wasn't near as rough on 'em as they are now. Now, boy, they'd...they'd fine 'em so bad...

JG: [laugh] Learned a good lesson, didn't...

FH: Oh yes and everything else. And I... Believe me that has made a believer out of a lot of people, too. It has.

JG: Do you recall what time...what month that was or what time of year that was?

FH: That was in the spring of the year, but I couldn't tell ya. Probably in June. June is when we generally seen the most, the last of June, the first of July is when generally seen the most of 'em because the river's goin' down so that you...so that you can see 'em now. They coulda run earlier, but...

JG: Pretty good size water go, you know, comin' down through there 'cause... I can't remember now...it may have been '64 when we had the flood came down through there and there's, you know, killed quite a few salmon I think.

FH: The bad... The worst flood we had was in...was it '48, '49 or '50, somewhere there.

JG: '48, '49 is when it came into town here.

FH: Yeah.

JG: You know, flooded it.

FH: That's the one up there. She went through water up deep on the highway.

O: There by Husband's.

JG: Oh yeah. Do you recall that year of how far that went out for flooding?

FH: Well, you know where we lived up to Catherine Creek?

JG: Yeah.

FH: Okay. It was...we're almost...all but the up...higher part of that meadow.

JG: Oh jeeze.

FH: It was all... In fact, it rose...washed a gravel bar down through there, I'll tell ya, it...it sure put a lot of gravel down the river.

JG: Do you recall...like below Union here of how far that flooded out in the valley or what that looked like?

FH: Oh yes. You know where old Jake's ___ place out through there out below on the Miller Road, you know, and out in there a water all over in there. Lots of water. Water standin' everywhere in there. That kind of slows down that creek down in there anyway and it just spread out everywhere. That's the worst flood I've seen. I've had it when it was over on that meadow piling up but I've never seen it any worse than it was that year.

JG: '64 was the other year, but that was the Grande Ronde. It seemed like it didn't rain, you know, up here so that Catherine Creek pretty well stayed up there, the snow, you know, but in all the rest of the valley was under water from the Grande Ronde.

FH: Yeah, that's when you had...had it all over the valley.

JG: Yeah. I remember that one. It seemed like about two-thirds of the valley was covered on that year.

O: Yeah.

JG: Do you remember anything as far as any salmon...you know, numbers of salmon...estimates up that way?

FH: I couldn't estimate, but I know when we first went up there in '45...'40...and we was there later in '45 and '46 and '47 in there...we'd see quite a lot of salmon there. We had a...used to have a bridge across there and that was a good place for 'em to rest in there, you know, water's kind of still and you'd see 'em swimmin' under there. That's quite a few salmon, really. But then it wasn't too many years after that until you just...you're seein' less and less all the time.

JG: Do you think that pretty much just kind of gradually going down or was there anything, you know, like a significant time when there's a big change in numbers?

FH: Well, I'd say in the late '40s and early '50s there was big change in numbers, a lot less of them in a, oh, five year period.

JG: Do you have any thoughts of what that might've been and what...

FH: What would've caused it?

JG: Yeah, what the reasons were?

FH: I have no idea. I don't know whether the dams goin' in at that time... I don't know when those dams when in actually.

JG: You had...I think it was the late '30s like the first one in the Columbia, but then, you know, it was in the '60s when they started puttin', you know, you know, quite a numbers...numbers in that made a lot of change, you know, at that time. The road from Union up...goin' up to the, you know, towards Catherine Creek and the Hall ranch is that pretty much the same location in all the time you were up there?

FH: The road?

JG: Yeah.

FH: It's almost exactly the same, yeah. It has been ever since '45 when we was in there. Right?

O: I don't remember any change.

FH: I don't think they've done any change sto speak of.

O: Not like the Grande Ronde has.

JG: Right, yeah. [laugh]

FH: Oh yeah.

O: When the CC camp was up there...

FH: That... That's same grade...same thing all the way up through there.

JG: Yeah, I think...as far as I remember they just, you know, might hit a few points or something, you know, it...you know, it's a bit more maintenance stuff than it was actually changin'.

FH: Widen it a little bit. I don't think they done anything that had anything to do with the river.

JG: Yeah, right. Dan was talkin' about... I don't know of you had paid any attention of, you know, there used to be a lot of crawdads and that in the river that he'd see, you know, when he was growin' up. And he said, boy, he just didn't see him at all.

FH: No. Used to see... Used to see where I assumed it was mink...anyway, you'd see along the bank where a whole lot of them there where...where they'd caught 'em and brought 'em and they'll eat 'em. But you don't hardly...you never see that anymore. Although Danny did... Did he tell you he killed an otter up there?

JG: No! I'll be darned.

FH: It's... Yeah, that's right. That's a...one of them...

JG: Stream otters.

FH: Yeah.

O: Somebody else run over it, or somethin'.

FH: Danny did. He was goin' down there right there by the old Crawson place and he was wheelin' down the road real early in the morning and he said five of them come out from under that culvert and crossed the road there. And he just whammed that one. He stopped and backed up and that was a pretty good sized animal. I didn't know them things was that big. I've seen 'em up there in Michigan where they come up out of the water, you know, when you's out in a boat. But he stopped by here and he said, "What in the world will I do that?" And I said, "I'd take it into the police." And he said, "Well, I don't know." I said, "Take it up to Fish and Game doings up there." So... So that's what he done, give it to them. They said they'd...they'd skin it and stuff it and use it.

JG: And stuff it, yeah. That'd be quite... When was that? Do you remember?
FH: Oh yes. That's been... We moved down here so that's been...
O: In the last ...
FH: Ten...probably ten years ago.
JG: Oh yeah.
O: Yeah.
JG: I have to quit there, kind of lost track ___ didn't see him too often, you know. Where he's runnin' back and forth, of course, he was workin' in La Grande, you know, when they shut the place down down here. Do recall the other vegetation up along the creek there, much change, you know, while you were up there?
FH: No, I can't... I don't think it changed much, do you?
O: I don't see much difference in it.
FH: Not right along where we was anyway. On up the creek I don't know. It's widen out so there'd be a little more brush and a little more willow stuff in there. I think that'd be all.
JG: I can think... Like down here in Little Creek between, you know, where I live and the stock show grounds like that...that was taken out before you got here, wasn't it? Do you recall? 'Cause there used to be I think some beaver in there and, you know, quite a bit of brush.
FH: Well, I...yes. 'Cause I don't ever remember of any beaver in there, but they coulda...probably... You see, on that durin' the Depression they...they rocked up Little Creek up through there. That's what...
O: PWA
FH: Yeah. They made...they put that rock thing in and they kind of held that just like it was, you know. It hasn't changed much up through there on account of that. But on down I don't know. It flooded this spring. I didn't go around to see it, but...
JG: That's always been a real bad place there 'cause the way that comes in, you know, of course with, you know, around Baxter, he had the house there before, and the way that kind of comes in that it has to go through the culverts, it'll go through brush and other culverts, and, boy, that's kind of a nasty thing there...
FH: Kind of backs it up.
JG: ...catch it, yeah.
O: It didn't affect where you was?
JG: No, we're always up high enough that, you know, you might not get home, but [laugh] you didn't have to worry about floodin' up there.
O: But you was....
JG: Yeah. It's just a matter of tryin' to get back and forth. But that was...always was, it seemed like, you know, probably more years that not that that was a problem area where they're...all sandbagging. Of course any debris coming down would plug up the culverts and that would immediately back everything up in there. They take some really nasty sharp turns in there. [laughs] Of course old...the old houses there, too, they're right down and don't have the elevation so it doesn't take much water to start causin' some grief on that.
FH: You know, it would be interesting to be able to see what this valley was a couple hundred years ago.

JG: Oh yeah. That's what I was tryin', you know, kind of trace some of that. Of course, it's changed so much where, you know, there's a lot of the...it was about 1869 when they started ditching. And they took the state ditch which was about four-and-a-half miles and it cut off about thirty-five miles of the Grande Ronde, you know, where it actually, you know, came through there.

FH: That was in the '60s?

JG: 1869 is when they did that, 'cause the... I read that in the papers there and by 1870...generally 1870 they got it completed. And there's Fred Nodine I think...uhm, John Hurley was the one that got the...the contract, he and a Mr. Clark. But then in Fred Nodine's obituary they had where he'd gotten his oxen, you know, out there at Hot Lake and they drained that...it's what they called Tulu Lake. That was about 1600 acres.

FH: I see they're gonna try to put that back.

JG: Yeah, I saw where the Fish and Game they're talkin' about tryin' to, you know...

FH: Put Ladd Creek back in the old...

JG: Yeah, if you can find it. I mean Ladd Creek [laughs] I mean that whole thing is so...

FH: Yeah, I know.

JG: That's a really tough one to figure out where that thing went to in there.

FH: Yeah.

JG: But, see, when the...when they channeled that thing in Catherine Creek that old...the old channel at Catherine Creek used to go over towards Hot Lake into what they called this Tulu Lake that was formed by beaver and that was in 18-...well, '63 is when that was mapped out by the guy of the GLO survey. And then, you know, came back around and now they call that Ladd Creek and they just cut straight through the Davis Dam. But all that had to be, you know, a lot of marshland, you know, in that whole bottom area like that. But it was... Right now between all the roads and the agriculture a lot of change here over the years.

FH: Does Fish and Game own all of that through there?

JG: Well, uhm, they've been acquiring. They've got about...a little over three thousand acres now. See, they started back in the...I think late '40s when Bill Brown...they got that first piece and somebody wanted to sell and that was the only thing right around the marsh area. And then from that they've been tryin', you know, get parts and pieces as they can. So they've quite a...between Hot Lake and then over at Ladd Marsh there there's quite a few acres they're into. But I don't know...I've never...I haven't seen the map to see how that's laid out to see if, you now, if it's continuous or if they're broken up where they got a lot other...

FH: They're gonna...

JG: ...private land in there.

FH: When are they gonna start that?

JG: I really don't know. I just saw the, you know, the news release there that they're talkin' about it, but I don't know any dates of, you know, when they're actually...

FH: I know they said they wouldn't do it this year and I didn't...I didn't know whether they'd decided when they would start it.

JG: Yeah. I really don't know. I haven't been back over to, you know, to talk with 'em there on that. But there's...tryin' to get, you know, quite a few places like that up the Grande Ronde they're been doin' some rehabilitation work tryin' to put the old channels back. Over around Indian Creek, you know, a few things like that, so there's a few that, you know, even private land holdings where they're seein' the value of that. Well, I think that about fills in a little bit there. I sure appreciate it.

FH: You're welcome.

O: Did anybody ever take any pictures...[tape stopped]