

Elliott State Forest 2017-2019 Oral History Project

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Interviewees: Jerry Phillips, David Gould, Bob Jacobson, Roger Johnson, Gary Vonderohe

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with Amber Ross and Randy Wiest, Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL)**

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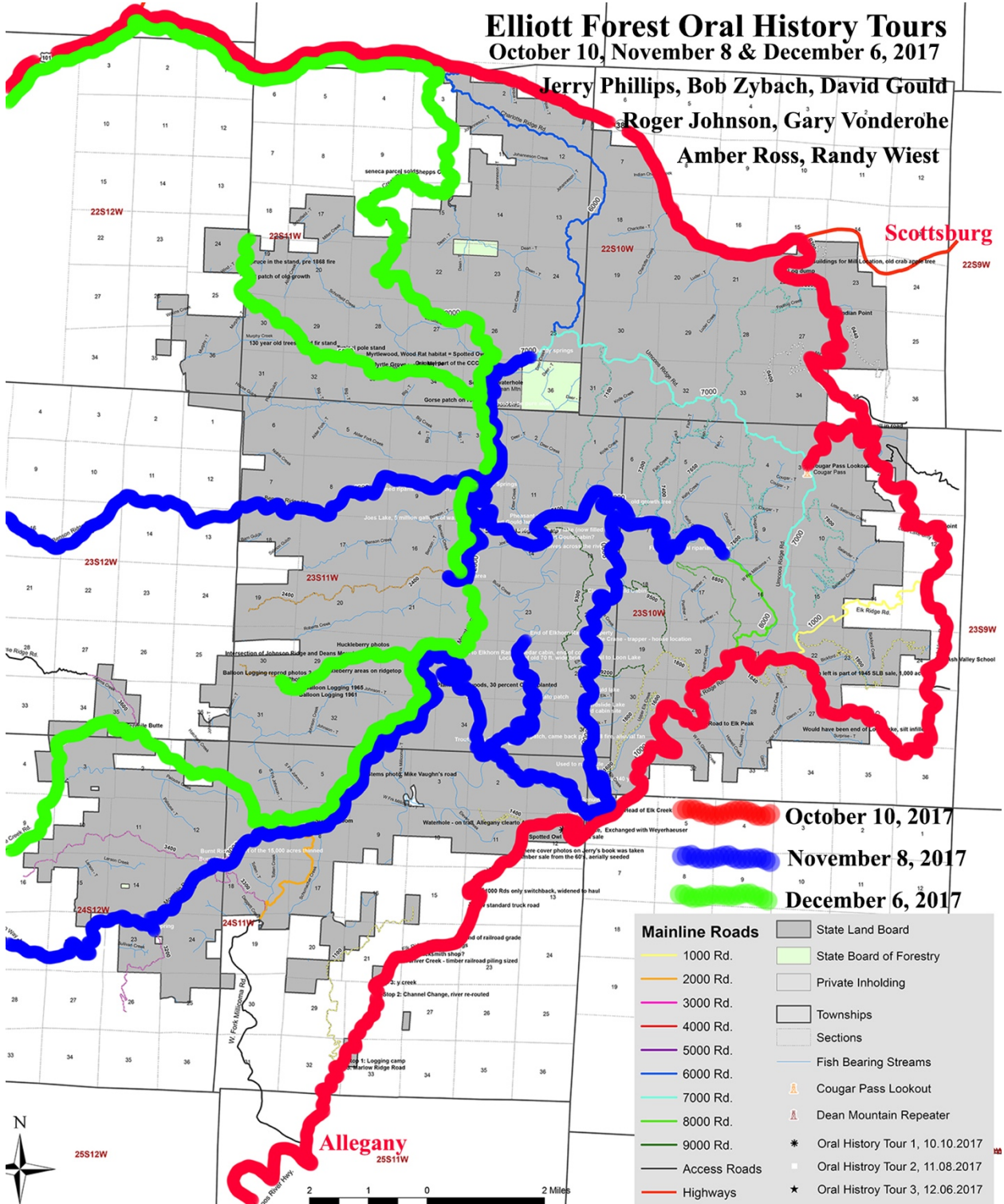
No.	Date	Tours: Interviewees	Pages	Time	Maps	Photos
#1	Oct. 6, 2017	Jerry Phillips	7	0:19:21	0	0
#2.	Oct. 10, 2017	N & E Tour: Phillips/DSL	135	4:40:07	2	57
#3.	Nov. 8, 2017	S&C Tour: Phillips/Gould/DSL	170	5:24:38	5	56
#4.	Nov. 28, 2017	Bob Jacobson	23	0:59:11	1	0
#5.	Dec. 6, 2017	W Tour: Phillips/Johnson/DSL	171	5:23:07	1	42+
#6.	Oct. 10, 2018	Fisheries Tour: Gould/Vonderohe	39	2:02:43	1	39
<u>TOTALS</u>			545	18:49:07	10	194+

Photos: Total does not include historical photos used as references during interviews, which are clearly identified and available online, or photographs taken by Amber Ross of Department of State Lands (DSL) during the December 6, 2017 interview and tour.

Elliott Forest Oral History Tours

October 10, November 8 & December 6, 2017

Jerry Phillips, Bob Zybach, David Gould
 Roger Johnson, Gary Vonderohe
 Amber Ross, Randy Wiest



Map of 2017 Elliott Forest Oral History Interview Routes with Jerry Phillips and Bob Zybach, October-December, 2017. Map by Bob Zybach, ORWW and Amber Ross, DSL.

Interview #1. October 6, 2017: Coos Bay Test Interview: Jerry's Book Characters

Tape 1A. Interview with Jerry Phillips at his home in Coos Bay by Bob Zybach on October 6, 2017. The focus of this brief discussion was some of the peripheral characters in Phillips' book *Caulked Boots and Cheese Sandwiches*. The interview was also conducted as a test of the relative quality of recording devices being considered for subsequent field trips. The digital recorder was tinny and difficult to work with, so this and following interviews were recorded on cassettes with a portable tape recorder. No photographs were taken during this interview.

Tape	Minute		Page
1-A.	0:12	Rex Wakefield	1
1-A.	0:35	Bill Hagenstein	1
1-A.	1:38	Dale Thomas	1
1-A.	2:11	Dick Posekany	1
1-A.	2:26	Wayne Giesy	1
1-A.	3:49	T. J. Starker	2
1-A.	5:01	Bruce Starker	3
1-A.	5:04	Bond Starker	3
1-A.	6:53	Faye Stewart	3
1-A.	9:03	Bill Davies	4
1-A.	9:28	Joan Davies	4
1-A.	9:33	Ralph Saperstein	4
1-A.	10:07	Roy Silen	4
1-A.	10:15	Joseph Wheat	4
1-A.	11:46	Paul Dunn	5
1-A.	12:47	Walter "Mac" McCulloch	5
1-A.	13:25	Wylie Smith	5
1-A.	13:29	Jason Smith	5
1-A.	13:32	Willis Smith	5
1-A.	14:20	Mike Groban	5
1-A.	15:34	William Greeley	6
1-A.	15:46	Gifford Pinchot	6
1-A.	16:42	Jim Phillips	6
1-A.	17:26	Ken Messerle	7
1-A.	17:28	Arnie Roblan	7
1-A.	18:28	Caddie McKeown	7
1-A.	18:31	Sally Phillips Baird-Scott	7

Interview #2. October 10, 2017: Elk Ridge Road to Loon Lake & Umpqua River

Map	Tape	Minute		Page (Photos)
Part 1. Allegany to the Elliott on Marlow Creek [1000] Road (47:14)				
#A-01	1-B.	0:50	Buehner's Logging Camp	1 (4)
#A-03	1-B.	12:23	Marlow Creek Channel Bypass	5 (3)
#A-04	1-B.	27:40	Y Creek	12 (0)
#A-06	1-B.	31:28	Piledriver Creek & Blacksmith Shop	14 (2)
#A-07	1-B.	41:59	Old Railroad Grade	19 (0)
Part 2. North Marlow Ridge Clearcut to Jerry Phillips Reserve (50:32)				
#A-10	2-A.	0:14	Logging Road Switchbacks, Fire & Wind History	22 (0)
#A-12	2-A.	7:08	1958 North Marlow Ridge Clearcut	25 (9)
#A-14	2-A.	20:20	Jerry Phillips Private Reserve	31 (5)
#A-14	2-A.	35:08	Elk's Peak Lookout	37 (0)
Part 3. Indian Trail Spring to CCC Umpcoos Ridge Road (47:33)				
#A-15	2-B.	3:55	Indian Trail Spring	41 (2)
#A-15	2-B.	8:15	Jerry's Memories of Stayton	44 (0)
#A-16	2-B.	13:15	Big Saddle (1), Birds & Old Growth	47 (0)
#A-17	2-B.	27:01	Elk's Peak Landslides	55 (0)
#A-17	2-B.	35:28	Umpcoos Ridge CCC Road	60 (0)
Part 4. 1945 E.K. Wood Logging Sale to Huckleberry Point (47:17)				
#A-18	3-A.	2:23	The 1850 Road to Ash Valley	69 (0)
#A-19	3-A.	11:00	Ash Valley School, State Prison Camp & Lunch	72 (4)
#A-20	3-A.	34:33	Lake Mountain to Huckleberry Point	88 (8)
Part 5. Loon Lake Logging & Cougar Pass to Indian Point (47:16)				
#A-21	3-B.	0:13	E.K. Wood's Loon Lake & Mill Creek Logging	95 (0)
#A-23	3-B.	4:15	Cougar Pass CCC Fire Lookout	97 (15)
#A-24	3-B.	23:36	Indian Point, Allotments, Old-Growth & Sawmills	106 (4)
Part 6. 1850 Mill Creek Sawmill to Schofield Creek (31:38)				
#A-26	4-A.	1:10	1850 Mill Creek Sawmill to Charlotte Creek	116 (0)
Hwy 38	4-A.	8:35	1945 Logging Report, Tour Maps & Elk Pasture	119 (0)
Hwy 101	4-A.	17:10	John McWade, Don Whereat & the Wassons	123 (0)
Part 7. Streamside Buffers & North Bend Library (11:49)				
Hwy 101	4-B.	0:08	Elliott Streamside Buffers History	129 (0)
Hwy 101	4-B.	4:33	North Bend Library Plans for Next Trip	130 (0)

Interview #3. November 8, 2017: Larson Slough to Elkhorn Ranch & Gould's Lake

Map	Tape	Minute	Page (Photos)
Part 1. The Big Burn to Bear Wallow (47:38)			
Haynes 5-A.	0:04	The Big Burn to Bert's Cabin Photos	1 (0)
Larson 5-A.	8:42	Larson Ridge to Sullivan Ridge (1)	6 (0)
#B-01 5-A.	22:52	Bear Wallow Homestead & Plantation	14 (5)
Part 2. Burnt Ridge to Trout Creek Canyon (47:30)			
#B-03 5-B.	0:04	Burnt Ridge to Trail Butte (1)	26 (0)
#B-05 5-B.	13:40	Trail Butte & Flag Peak to Stull Falls	33 (0)
#B-06 5-B.	34:16	Cedar Cabin & Trout Creek Canyon	44 (0)
Part 3. Jacobson Fishing Camp & Elkhorn Ranch (47:43)			
#B-07 6-A.	0:08	West Fork Old-Growth Alder	51 (0)
#B-08 6-A.	5:32	Bob Jacobson Fishing Camp	54 (6)
#B-11 6-A.	14:36	Potato Patch & Elkhorn Ranch	59 (14)
Part 4. Elkhorn Lunch Break to Gould's Lake (47:29)			
#B-10 6-B.	2:33	Elkhorn Ranch Lunch Break	78 (0)
#B-12 6-B.	14:53	CCC Fire Patrol Trail to Beaver Creek Old-Growth	83 (0)
#B-13 6-B.	34:06	Big Saddle (2) to Gould's Lake	94 (8)
Missing 45-Minute Segment: Gould's Lake to Old Maid's Cabin (0:00)			
#B-19 7-A.	0:00	Trail to Loon Lake	00 (0)
#B-20 7-A.	0:00	Baltimore "Balty/Baldy" Crane House	00 (0)
#B-21 7-A.	0:00	Clarence Gould Cabin	00 (0)
#B-22 7-A.	0:00	Elk Cabin	00 (0)
Part 5. Old Maid's Cabin to Roberts Ridge (47:27)			
#B-23 7-B.	0:39	Old Maid's Cabin, Spawning Gravel & Old-Growth	102 (7)
#B-25 7-B.	26:14	Pheasant Cabin to Joe's Lake	117 (0)
#B-30 7-B.	36:16	Old-Growth Alder to Roberts Ridge	124 (3)
Part 6. Divide Spring (1), Dean Mountain (1) & CCC Mud Flat Side Camp (47:20)			
#B-32 7-C.	0:08	Roberts Ridge Myrtle Grove to Divide Spring	132 (0)
#B-35 7-C.	16:46	CCC Road to "Dean's Mountain"	140 (4)
#B-36 7-C.	29:58	Umpcoos Road to Mud Flat Side Camp	146 (7)
Part 7. Strawberry Creek, Big Creek Riparian Zone & Lakeside (39:31)			
#B-33 8-A.	0:38	Divide Spring (2) to Strawberry Creek Questions	154 (0)
#B-32 8-A.	9:30	Big Creek Riparian Zone & Judge Shopping	158 (0)
Lakeside 8-A.	32:27	Lakeside CCC Bridge & Airport	166 (0)
<u>Appendix. November 6, 2017 Oral History Tour: Discussion Outline & Maps (4 pp.)</u>			

Interview #4. November 28, 2017: Bob Jacobson & Fishing the Elliott

Tapes 8-C (47:21 min.) and 8-D (11:50 min.). Interview with Bob Jacobson at Coos History Museum in Coos Bay by Bob Zybach on November 28, 2017.

Tape	Minute		Page (Photos)
8-C	0:44	West Fork Sea-run Cutthroat & Ocean Dead Zones	1 (6)
8-C	11:50	Tenmile Lakes Coho & Lamprey Eels	5 (0)
8-C	18:10	Tom Rumreich’s Millicoma STEP Hatchery & Program	7 (0)
8-C	31:58	Elliott Forest Splash Dam History & Riparian Management	12 (0)
8-C	44:45	Hatchery Fish vs. Wild Fish	17 (0)
8-D	0:01	Hatchery Fish vs. Wild Fish (cont.)	19 (0)
Appendix		Elliott Map of “Coho Salmon Runs & Historical Oregon Indian Tribes ca. 1775-1845.” Feb. 14, 2017 (Zybach & Giesy)	24 (1)

ORWW Links

MP3 Recordings: http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/History/Oral/20171128/Recordings/

JPEG Photos: http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/History/Oral/20171108/Photos/

PDF Transcript: http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/History/Oral/20171128/Transcript/

Interview #5. December 6, 2017: West-Side Elliott Creeks & Ridgelines

Map	Tape	Minute	Page (Photos)
Part 1. Adams Ridge, Tenmile Butte Salmonberry & Columbus Day Storm (47:29)			
	Tenmile 9-A.	2:22	Tenmile Lake, Tree Planting & Boomer Colonies 1 (0)
	#C-01 9-A.	15:22	Sukurski's Bamboo to Adams Ridge 10 (0)
	#C-01 9-A.	32:05	Tenmile Butte Salmonberry & Umpqua Road Rock 21 (0)
Part 2. Sullivan Ridge, Trail Butte Scotch Broom & Weed Control (47:42)			
	#C-02 9-B.	0:33	Sullivan Ridge (2), Mexican Treeplanters & Bears 33 (0)
	#C-03 9-B.	16:20	Trail Butte (2), Dry Ridge (2) & Oral Histories 40 (0)
	#C-04 9-B.	31:33	Land Exchanges, ESA Ologists & Weed Control 48 (0)
Part 3. Johnson Ridge Huckleberries, Balloon Logging & Gorse (47:24)			
	#C-05 10-A.	0:26	Johnson Ridge Huckleberries & Balloon Logging 56 (0)
	#C-08 10-A.	14:26	Johnson Ridge Roads, Maps, Photos & Reprod 62 (0)
	#C-10 10-A.	31:25	Columbus Day Storm, Huckleberries & Gorse 68 (0)
Part 4. Lamprey Eels to Dean Mountain (2) & Scholfield Waterhole (47:26)			
	#C-12 10-B.	0:10	Boomer Trapping, Lamprey Eels & Dry Ridge 74 (3)
	#C-15 10-B.	12:10	Planting Specs, Dean Mountain & Unhappy Owls 80 (37)
	#C-17 10-B.	28:20	Scholfield Waterhole & Road Numbers 89 (0)
Part 5. Scholfield Ridge Myrtle, Old-Growth Diversity & Politics (47:26)			
	#C-19 11-A.	0:13	Forest Aesthetics, Myrtle & Old-Growth Diversity 98 (0)
	#C-20 11-A.	10:25	Spotted Owls, Site Prep, Wood Heat & Turkeys 104 (0)
	#C-22 11-A.	32:48	More Myrtle, Politics, and Section 36 118 (0)
Part 6. Allowable Cut, Forest Dynamics, Dean's Ridge & Johannessen Creek (47:21)			
	#C-23 11-B.	0:11	Allowable Cut, 1927 Prices, TV & Cell Phones 127 (0)
	#C-24 11-B.	12:51	Forest Dynamics, Dean's Ridge & Historic Roads 133 (0)
	#C-25 11-B.	27:53	East Hakki Ridge, South Slough & Faye Stewart 141 (0)
Part 7. Highway 38, Scotch Broom, Clear Lake, Tenmile & Hauser (38:19)			
	OR 38 12-A.	0:11	Burning Embers, Highway 38 & Scotch Broom 152 (2)
	US 101 12-A.	10:58	More Myrtle, Clear Lake & Jerry's Books 159 (0)
	US 101 12-A.	26:40	Tenmile Fishing & Phillips' Family Histories 166 (0)

Interview #6. October 10, 2018: Elliott Landslides, Fish Habitat & Fisheries

Map	Tape	Minute	Page (Photos)
Part 1. Trout Creek to Jacobson Fishing Hole to Elkhorn Ranch (46:57)			
#D-01	13-A.	0:10 Trout Creek Fry, Waterfalls & Landslides	1 (2)
#D-02	13-A.	7:10 West Fork Spawning Gravel to New Beave Dam	3 (8)
#D-03	13-A.	21:40 Mud Runners to Elkhorn River Crossing	8 (8)
Part 2. Elkhorn Ranch to Beaver Creek, Elk Creek & Gould's Lake (45:23)			
#D-04	13-B.	0:52 West Fork to Beaver Creek	14 (2)
#D-05	13-B.	23:01 Beaver Creek to Elk Creek & Gould's Lake	20 (5)
Part 3. Gould's Lake to Elk Creek Log & Boulder Structures (30:23)			
#D-05	14-A.	0:01 Gould's Lake & Historical Family Photos	27 (0)
#D-06	14-A.	6:03 Elk Creek ODF Structures: Dynamic Design	30 (1)
#D-08	14-A.	18:27 Landslide Lakes: Big Fish, Moving Logs & Gravel	36 (11)

References and Illustrations

(Oct. 10 2017 interview)

- Buehner Logging Camp
- Jerry Phillips Reserve
- John McWade 1914 map (Zybach 2018: 74)
- 1945 Logging Report
- Bull Elk BLM

(Nov. 8 2017 interview)

- Bert's cabin
- Allegany store
- OHS 1906 Oelo McClay Portland World's Fair
- George Gould boat

(Dec. 6 2017 interview)

- McArdle & Meyer 1930 (18)
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- 1930 Elliott Map
- Kinsey photos
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- Lost in Coos (20)
- Gould's Lake fishing photos (24)