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February 5, 1942

The Honorable Charles A. Sprague
Governor of Oregon
Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor Sprague:

The War Department has requested me to ascertain the State, county, and municipal facilities, such as prison farms, State parks, migratory farm camps, fairgrounds, pauper farms, and similar installations, that have, in being, necessary shelter, water, and sanitary facilities, and that may be made available in case they should be needed for the use of evacuated enemy aliens and their families.

I have no means of obtaining this information other than through the duly constituted State authorities, and in any event I much prefer to deal directly with you in matters of this nature pertaining to Oregon. Similar information is being requested of the governors of the other six states in the Ninth Corps Area.

It is probable that domestic Japanese evacuees, including women and children, may be involved at some future time.

It is requested that the following information be furnished in regard to each installation where it may be possible to accommodate evacuees:

Exact location.

Type of structure.

Area covered.

Is it heated and suitable for year-round occupancy?

How many individuals can be sheltered? How many, if any, women and children can be included in this number?

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Is water supply sufficient?

Extent of sanitary facilities available.


Are any feeding facilities available?

Date installation can be made available.

I will deeply appreciate your furnishing me with the above data. If you can conveniently supply the information as it reaches you without waiting for a complete list of installations to be prepared, my reply to the War Department will be facilitated.

It is requested that this matter be given no press publicity.

Sincerely,


JAY L. BENEDICT
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

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Governor Charles A. Sprague
State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor Sprague:

Pursuant to Major General Jay L. Benedict's request to you for data on housing facilities for evacuated enemy aliens which you turned over to me for consumation, I am enclosing nine reports covering abandoned CCC camps. Major General Benedict's request covered a variety of housing possibilities: fair grounds, prison farms and so forth, but requested that as the information is gathered it be sent directly in and not be held until the survey is fully completed.

I hope to be able to submit a report by the end of the week on the availability of county fair buildings. There is no unified report on these buildings. Warden Alexander states that there are no prison farm buildings available for alien tenancy. I am enclosing a list of abandoned CCC camps received from the U. S. Forest Service and I have been promised a report from the Oregon State Employment Service tomorrow covering any abandoned migratory farm camps that may be under their supervision.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "S. H. Boardman".

S. H. Boardman
State Parks SuperintendentSHB:GC
Enc.

EMIGRANT SPRINGS STATE PARK

1. EXACT LOCATION:

On the Old Oregon Trail Highway No. 30, 26 miles east of Pendleton, Oregon, in Umatilla County. Paved highway.

2. TYPE OF STRUCTURE: (CCC Mess Hall)

Frame structure, originally sided with 1"x12" and battens; now has additional shack siding exterior. Size 20'x120'.

3. AREA COVERED:

The state land on which this building is located comprises 14.22 acres of timbered land.

4. HEATING:

None Available

5. NUMBER INDIVIDUALS TO BE SHELTERED:

Approximately 25 men could be housed within this building without partitioning; however, if partitioning were done, double bunks could be constructed increasing this number by fifty.

6. WATER SUPPLY:

Water is provided in this building. Storage is provided in an elevated wooden tank, total capacity 10,000 gallons.

7. SANITARY FACILITIES:

Sanitary facilities are available in another building located 100' distant. This building is a frame structure provided with men and women compartments; the men's having one urinal, one closet and one lavatory; the women's having two closets and one lavatory.

8. FEEDING FACILITIES:

No feeding facilities available.

9. DATE OF OCCUPANCY.

Immediate occupancy.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

1. EXACT LOCATION:

On the Pendleton-John Day Highway No. 28 in Umatilla County 17 miles south of Pilot Rock, Oregon or 32 miles south of Pendleton, Oregon.

2. TYPE OF STRUCTURE: (CCC Mess Hall)

Frame structure, originally sided with 1"x12" and battens. Now has additional shack siding exterior. Size 20'x120'.

3. AREA COVERED:

The State land on which this building is located comprises 370 acres of timbered land.

4. HEATING:

The building is provided with a combination fireplace and twin campstove. Could be occupied year around.

5. NUMBER INDIVIDUALS TO BE SHELTED:

Approximately 25 males could be housed within this building without partitioning; however, if partitioning were done, double bunks could be constructed, increasing this number by fifty.

6. WATER SUPPLY:

Hot and cold water is provided in this building. Storage is provided in two concrete storage tanks, total capacity 10,000 gallons.

7. SANITARY FACILITIES:

Sanitary facilities are available in another building located 100' distant. This building is a rustic log structure provided with men and women compartments. The men's having one urinal, one closet, and one lavatory; the women's having two closets and one lavatory.

8. FEEDING FACILITIES:

No feeding facilities available.

9. IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY.

COUNTY FAIR BUILDINGSLAKE COUNTY

Lake County - SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 9, T. 39S, R. 20E. North side of the Klamath Falls-Lakeview Highway at Mile Post 96.34 just west of Lakeview. The County owns about 120 acres of land which is all very low and becomes very soft, even becomes flooded during some winter months. These grounds are unsuitable for camp site during winter months.

Buildings:

Main Exhibit Building - 72x48 feet; frame building, metal roof, no floor, at present very soft and muddy, building wired for lights but not connected, no heating facilities, and no water in building.

Stock Exhibit buildings, 2-24x30 feet; frame buildings side by side with metal roof, no floors, very soft and muddy, one side open on each building, each building contains 22-8x7 stalls, 1-16 ft. stall, and one 12-foot drive way and one passage way running length wise, 10 ft. in width. Water piped to corners of south building, wired for lights but not connected, and not provided with heating facilities.

Two outside toilets - 3-hole.

Grand Stand covered by roof, north side open, seats approximately 1200 people.

Available immediately.

KLAMATH COUNTY

Klamath County - NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 3, T. 39S., Range 9E. North side of the Klamath Falls-Lakeview Highway at Mile Post 2.33, being just east of Klamath Falls. The County owns about 40 acres of well drained land at this location. These grounds are suitable for camp site.

Buildings:

Main Exhibit Building - 100x150 Ft. Frame building with wooden floors; electric lights; water in building; wood furnace; one room for kitchen 12x16 ft.; sink is only kitchen equipment; two toilets in this building, Ladies; two toilets and two wash bowls, Men; one toilet and two wash bowls, also two drinking fountains. 300 soldiers have previously occupied this building and the caretaker advises it will easily accommodate 400 soldiers. Inadequate kitchen equipment.

Stock barns (3): 50x100 Ft.; frame buildings, metal roof, no floor, electric lights, no heat. 2 drinking fountains outside of buildings and 3 outside toilets (2-Ladies, 1-Men) close to these barns.

Grand Stand: Frame building; two rooms under grand stand 16x30 feet; one has concrete floor and the other earth; electric lights; no heat. Two toilets: Ladies, four toilets and two wash bowls; Men, three toilets, four 5-ft. urinals and two wash bowls. This building is about 75 yards from the Exhibit building and about 100 feet from barns.

Available on 12-hour notice.