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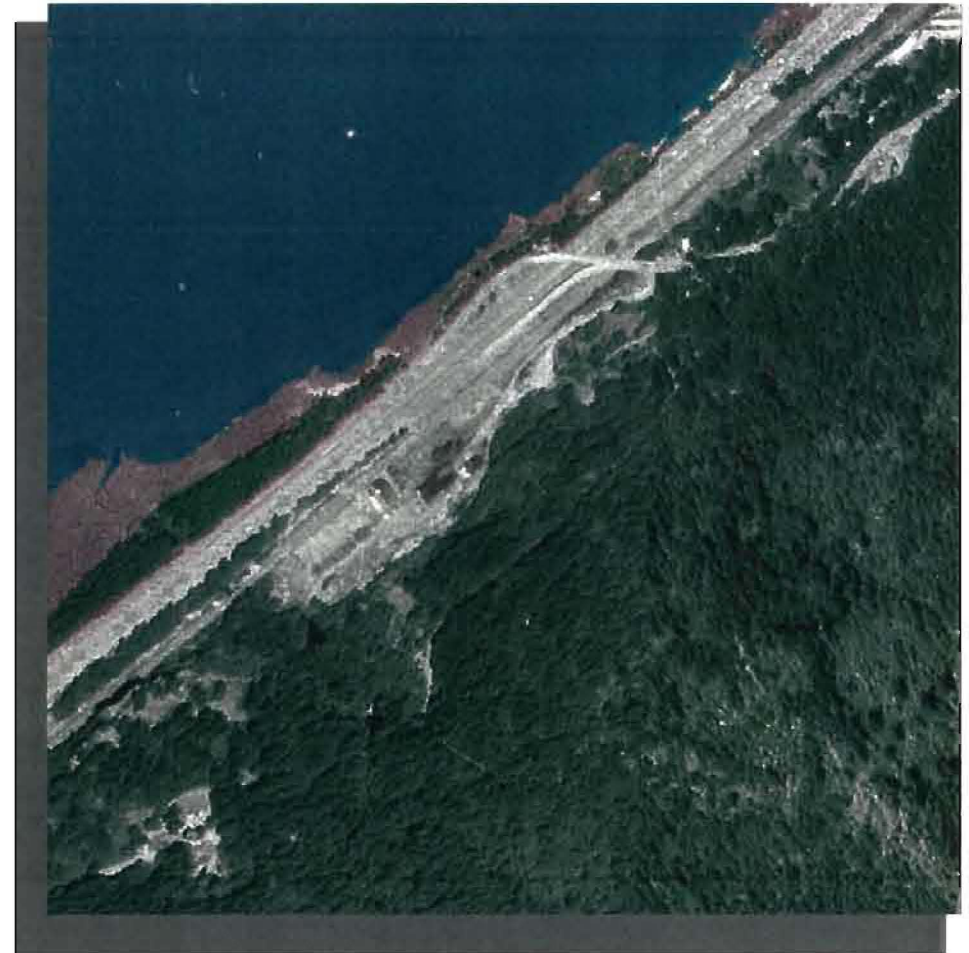
In 1991, the Trust for Public Land (TPL), aided by a donation from Ed and Sue Cooley, acquired the Bridal Veil mill site. Since then, TPL has been working to transfer the property to a public agency. In 2002, graduate students in the Urban and Regional Planning program at Portland State University (PSU) created a site plan that incorporates natural resource restoration and historic interpretation of the site, as an aid in the transfer of this property.

"Passed several beautiful cascades...several small streams fall from a much greater height, and in their decent, become a perfect mist which collects on the rocks below...."

Meriwether Lewis - April 9, 1806



This project is in conjunction with work being done by TPL and other area non-profits in an attempt to preserve the significant landscapes that existed when Lewis and Clark first explored the area in the early 1800's. The disappearing landscapes of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, and other points encountered in Lewis and Clarks journey, are to be recognized in the coming years for the Bicentennial of the expedition.



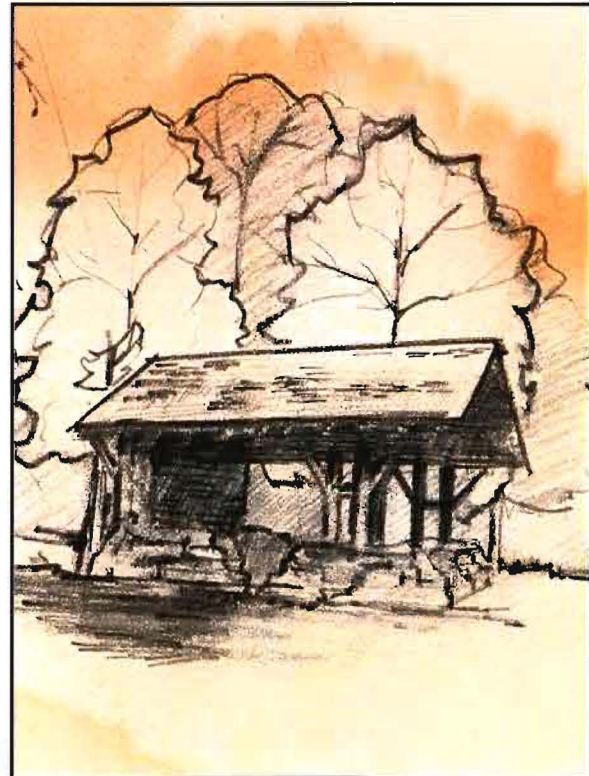
The Bridal Veil mill site is located on the Oregon side of the Columbia River Gorge, 24 miles east of Portland and 33 miles west of Hood River, Oregon. It is in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, which is heavily used by residents of several nearby cities.



Site Plan *Elements*

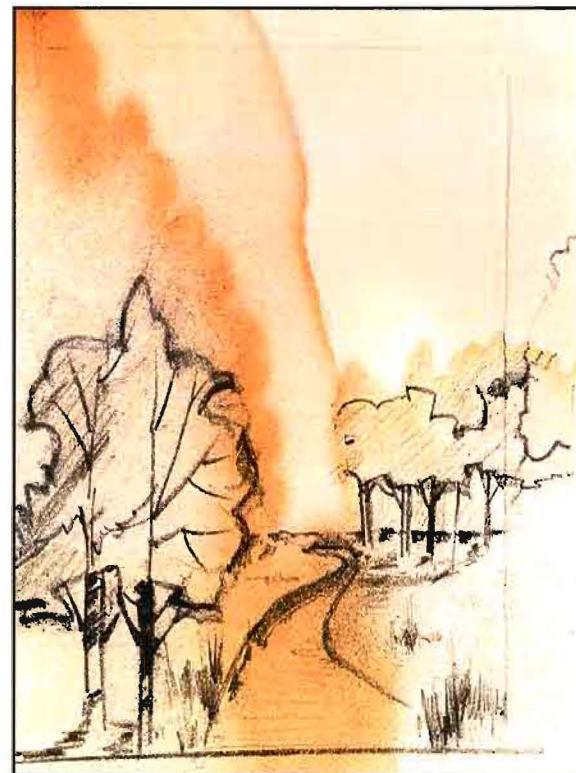
Gazebo

While the primary function of the gazebo would be to provide an area for people to view photographs, maps, and text explaining the history of the site and its significance to both the Bridal Veil community and the larger region, the gazebo could also function as a shelter during rain storms and as a place to sit and rest.



Trail Networks

A new trail could offer level access to Bridal Veil Falls and provide a direct route to the Angel's Rest trailhead. A path that leads south to the Angel's Rest trailhead could connect to the level trails near the proposed parking area. There is an opportunity for a trail that leads uphill toward the Historic Columbia River Highway on existing gravel and dirt roads.



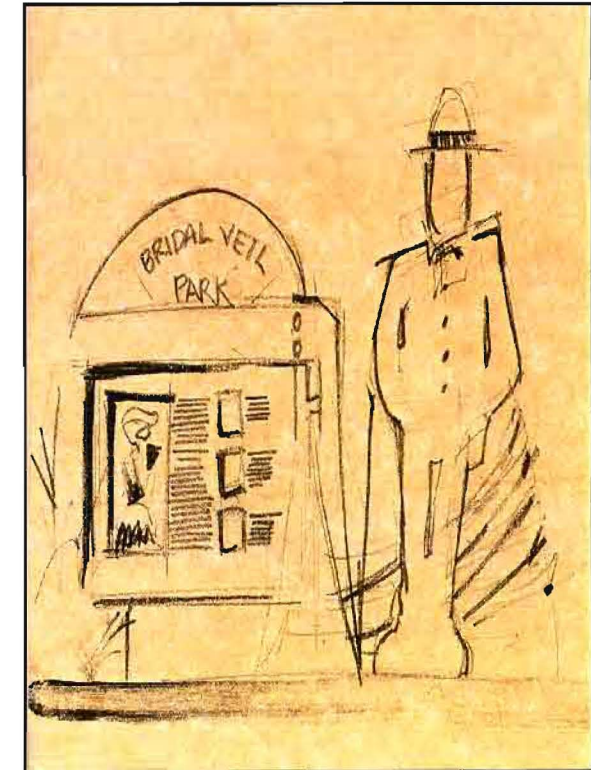
Earthen Berm

The earthen berms must blend with the natural environment and contribute to the visitor's as well as highway traveler's experience. The most effective earthen berms for noise reduction are constructed from natural materials such as soil, stone, rock and rubble. Many of these berm construction materials are currently available on the Bridal Veil mill site.



Interpretive Plaques

The Bridal Veil mill site provides a unique opportunity to witness how human activity has affected the Columbia River Gorge. Providing an interpretation of the site's history can help those who visit this area understand what has taken place on this site and how that activity has impacted the area and region.



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