

# Nestucca River Back Country Byway

## A Postcard from an Earlier Era

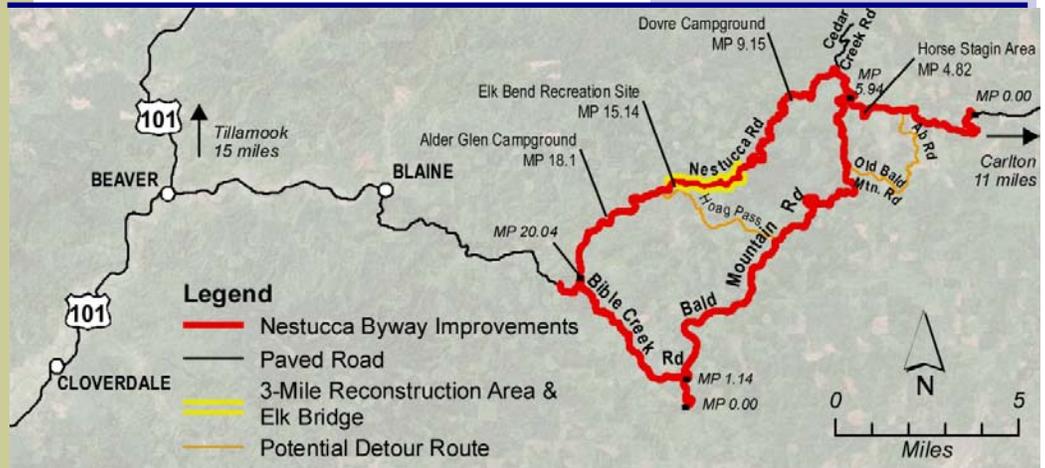
When you pick up a volunteer activity during retirement, you may think you are far removed from your years with FHWA. That was not the case for **Dave Reilly**, however, who retired from the Oregon Division in 2005. Dave often shares conversation with a fellow volunteer at the Meals on Wheels center in northeast Portland's Hollywood District, and it did not take long before the two discovered a shared past: **Arlen Young** had worked for the Bureau of Public Roads in the 1950's.

One day Arlen mentioned that he had stopped to talk with a survey crew. **Zak Boehm, Walter Graham, and Dana Stoutenburg** were surveying the Nestucca Scenic Byway for some roadway improvements that will be made under the Federal Lands Transportation Program. Arlen stopped to chat and shared some of his stories about his many years on BPR survey teams.



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A few days later at WFLHD, **Marili Reilly**, Dave's wife, saw Zak and asked if he remembered the incident. Zak's face lit up at the memory, recalling that they really enjoyed hearing Arlen talk about his survey experiences. To paraphrase Zak, "we'd have listened to his stories a lot longer, but he had to get going."