

Copper School District

The Copper School District is perhaps one of the least known districts in Siskiyou County. It was established in 1919. The school house is located approximately one and half miles on the California side of the California-Oregon border. The site can be reached by going through Jacksonville, Oregon and up the Applegate River to the settlement of Copper, Oregon. From the California side of the border it can be reached by traveling the Beaver Creek Road, up the west fork to the divide and then down Willow Creek Road to the site of the school house. The old school still stands.

During the time that this district existed, there was a large copper mine being worked in that area. The miners' children were so far from any other district that it was necessary to establish a school near the site of the mine.

Apparently school was held for only one year, 1919-1920. T.Q. Birch was the teacher. No record can be found of the school operating in 1920-21.

The district was lapsed and the territory was added to the Horse Creek and Seiad Districts in 1922.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: February 3, 1919 – From territory taken from Seiad and Horse Creek School District (11-375)

August 1, 1921 – Suspended (12-337)

August 7, 1922 – Lapsed and territory added to Seiad and Horse Creek (12-452)



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