

Dorris School District

The Dorris District was established in 1907. As the railroad reached the town of Dorris, the residents of the old town of Picard moved into Dorris and the settlement became a thriving community. The town and the school were named after Pressley and Carlos Dorris, prominent ranchers in the area.

The first school house was built in Dorris in 1908 on California Street. It is now being used as a home. In 1936 a school was built on the present site. In 1973 the Dorris and Macdoel School Districts along with Butte Valley High School unified into Butte Valley Unified School District.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: April 7, 1907 – Description given (8-31)

February 4, 1918 – Territory taken from Dorris and Prosperous School Districts to make Lakeview (11-211)

February 7, 1922 – Part of Meridian School District annexed to Dorris (12-398) new boundaries of Dorris District described (12-401)

September 6, 1972 – LaLake annexed to Dorris (14-255)

June 6, 1972 – Dorris and Macdoel Unified

Matter of Bonds references: (17-124, 17-313, 17-146, 22-329, 22-374, 22-376)



Dorris School (old), ca. 1935. Photo by Bob Dennis, from the collection of Bob Dais.



Dorris School, September 1935 . From a photo album owned by Lyle Allison, donated by family friend Elva E. McBeth Melton.



Old school, date unknown. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



School children, 1929. Loaned by the Siskiyou County Public Library.



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Dorris School Camera Club, date unknown. Photo by Mildred Grant, donated by Roderick and Larry Grant.
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