

Grass Lake School District

The Grass Lake District was established in 1931. The first school house was located on the east side of Highway 97 near the Southern Pacific section-house, approximately 21 miles north on Highway 97 from Weed. The building is still standing. A second school house was located on the west side of Highway 97 in the Forest Service ranger area. This building was once a mess-hall for the Forest Service.

The district was annexed to the Mt. Hebron District in 1949. In 1957, a portion of the district, including the school house, was transferred to the Weed District and was used on and off as an attendance center. The building was torn down and the material was used by the Division of Highway Maintenance.

The records in the County Superintendent of Schools Office of 1930-31 show Grass Lake as an emergency school taught by Mrs. Movieta Burch.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: January 6, 1931 – Boundaries described. Created from territory in Table Rock District (16-19)

June 19, 1944 – Suspended (19-307)

August 5, 1946 – Re-established (20-151)

July 5, 1947 – Lapsed (21-75)

August 2, 1949 – Annexed to Mt. Hebron School District (21-93)



Second Grass Lake School, date unknown. Photo by Mildred Grant, donated by Roderick and Larry Grant. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



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



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



Note on photo back of photo: Grass Lake in demolition. Roof and 2nd side off when photo taken in 1972. Located on US Highway 97 below Highway Maintenance Yard. Removed for more highway housing. Had a teacherage incorporated into building (three rear windows)."
According to former County Superintendent of Schools, Frank Tallerico, this building was used as the mess hall for the US Forest Service Station, which may have formerly been a CCC camp. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.