

# Built to Last a Lifetime

In the midst of the Great Depression of the 1930's, President Franklin D. Roosevelt developed the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), known as the "Green Army", which put Americans back to work building thousands of structures and fighting forest fires on public lands.



CCC Fire Fighting Crew

Along the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway are many structures reminiscent of a time of unique craftsmanship. You will see this rustic architecture in buildings, bridges, pavilions, and fire lookout towers along the route, several of which were constructed by the CCC between 1935 and 1939. Many of these structures survive today; others have been reconstructed to maintain the Cascadian architecture that blends so well into the natural environment. Even portions of the original highway were constructed by the CCC during those years.

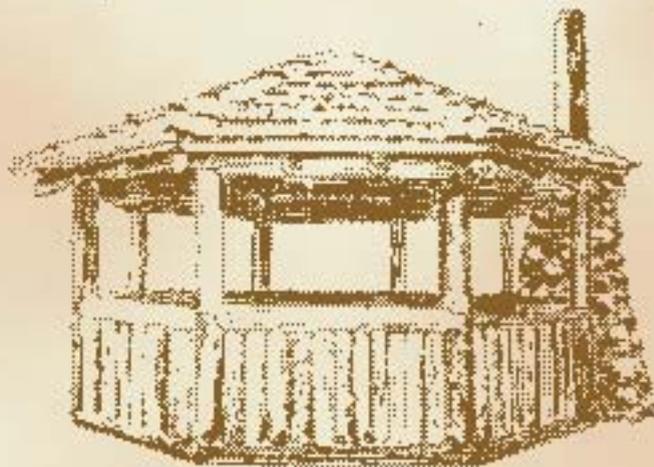
## Colliding Rivers Information Center

Located in Glide, this structure was built by the CCC in 1938, and has served as a ranger station, a home, and now an information center. Thanks to grants, volunteers, and hard work, the center was refinished and opened in 1992. (See map on page 4.)



## Illahee Flats

The meadows of Illahee Flats were first used by American Indians as a meeting place to trade goods and gamble. From the 1920's through the 1940's, the Flats served as a pack-string rest stop, a fire guard station and a CCC complex. After the original gazebo (built in 1928) burned in 1997, a replica was rebuilt. To get there, follow gravel road 4760 (east of the Dry Creek Store, off Highway 138) for 1.6 miles; turn right on the 039 spur road and travel a short distance to the Flats. (See map on page 4.)



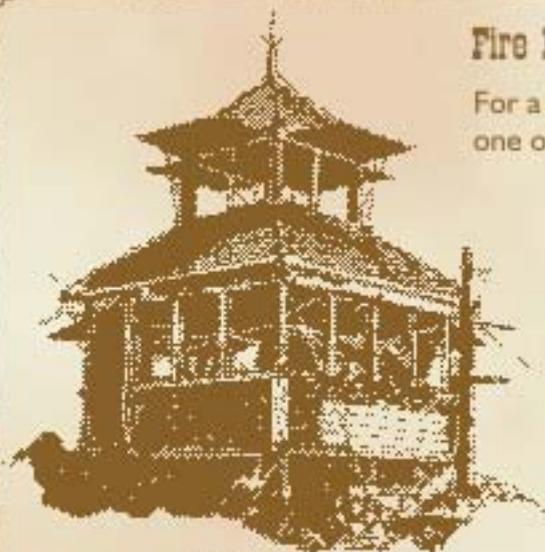
Gazebo at Illahee Flats

## Fire Lookout Towers

For a panoramic view of the surrounding landscapes, visit one of these fire lookouts between June and September:

**Cinnamon Butte Lookout** - 4 miles north of Diamond Lake, take Forest Road 4793, off Hwy. 138. Travel approximately 3 miles on the gravel road to the lookout. (See map on page 10.)

**Illahee Lookout** - take gravel road 4760, east of the Dry Creek Store, off Highway 138, for 6 miles, then 4760-100 for 1 mile to the trailhead. Hike approximately 1 mile to the tower. (See map on page 4.)



Illahee Lookout

## Union Creek

This shelter was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps and served as their community kitchen. The resort and camping area known as the Union Creek District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The original structure is located behind the Union Creek Wayside. (See map on page 16.)



Community kitchen at Union Creek