



## **Restore Oregon Celebrates 40 Years of Saving Places that Matter in Oregon**

Birthday Campaign Raises Awareness of Oregon's Most Loved Historic Places & Neighborhoods;  
Highlights Continued Need for State-Wide Historic Protection

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE--June 21, 2017--**To commemorate Restore Oregon's rich preservation legacy and raise awareness of compounding pressures mounting against our most loved places, we are hosting a digital birthday party at [www.restoreoregon.org/40th](http://www.restoreoregon.org/40th). Celebrate Restore Oregon's 40th birthday by mapping your most loved Oregon places and memories on our #historicORlove map. Whether a landscape or landmark, or even just your grandmother's front porch or a favorite fishing hole, Restore Oregon hopes to fill the map with Oregon's historic images and collective stories.

Founded in 1977, Restore Oregon has evolved over the last 40 years to serve as the state's thought leader in historic preservation and reuse. From Astoria to Baker City to Gold Beach and back again, our preservation efforts zig-zag across Oregon to ensure the state's most treasured places and communities are protected and passed forward.

Throughout 2017, we will celebrate our accomplishments and honor our preservation work, from our early preservation advocacy efforts to save the historic Crater Lake Lodge, to historic conservation easements, from relentless legislative advocacy to educational workshops and tours. "Over the past 40 years, we've experienced our share of milestones and celebrated some important victories," said Peggy Moretti, Executive Director of Restore Oregon. "Including a landmark advocacy and legal effort that the Oregon State Supreme Court upheld the protections of historic designation regardless of property ownership. A victory protecting 3,200 designated landmarks state-wide. I am extremely proud of this organization and our relentless work to protect historic places in Oregon."

Share your most loved Oregon places & memories: Visit [www.restoreoregon.org/40th](http://www.restoreoregon.org/40th) to map the places in Oregon that matter to you. Tag us at #historicORlove, #restoreoregon40, #isaveORplaces, #lovehistoricOR, or #restoreoregon on your favorite social media platform.

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**About Restore Oregon:** Founded in 1977, Restore Oregon is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization which advocates for sound preservation policy and legislation. Our mission is to preserve, reuse and pass forward the historic places that create livable communities. Each year, we provide statewide educational programming and technical assistance, while working to save the sites and structures featured on our annual list of Oregon's Most Endangered Places. We hold over 40 conservation easements on historic properties, thereby protecting them in perpetuity. Learn more at [www.restoreoregon.org](http://www.restoreoregon.org)