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State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310



County Deschutes

Theme _____

Name
(Common) USPO Building (Downtown Post Office)

(Historic) _____

Address _____

Present Owner Donald N. Bauhofer/ Thomas P. Donnell

Address 516 Drake Road, Bend 97701

Original Use post office

Date of Construction 1933

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

Built as a WPA project in 1932-33. It can be considered to be designed in the Half-Modern Style. Buildings of this style were designed with classical form, but were stripped of historical details in favor of geometric fenestration. Characteristics of the Post Office include: classical proportions, fluted pilasters with stylized capitals, and full entablature. Building is built of brick with concrete floor structure.

The post office building was built during the depression years and was notable largely for its quality and central location. In addition to housing the post office, it also housed the entire headquarters of the Deschutes National Forest during the thirties and forties. In 1982, the post office was moved to a new location north of town and the building passed to Deschutes County and then in 1984 to its current owners.

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Sources consulted (continue on back if necessary):

Bend Bulletin, April 21, 1978

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