

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY  
 HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS  
 Oregon State Highway Department, Salem 97310

Site/Structure is historically significant  
 to: Town County State Nation

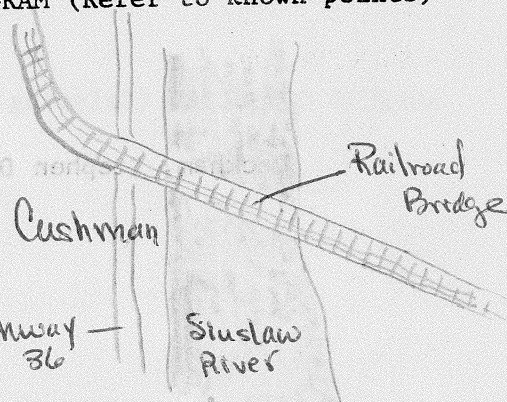
Site/Structure has historical associations  
 with the following themes:

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Aboriginal man         | <u>Transportation/Com-</u> |
| Maritime exploration   | <u>munication</u>          |
| Overland exploration   | Military/Indian Affairs    |
| Fur trade              | Government                 |
| Missionary frontier    | Arts and Sciences          |
| Oregon Trail migration | Religion/Philosophy        |
| Mining frontier        | Social/Humanitarian        |
| Cattlemen's empire     | movements                  |
| Agriculture            | Ethnic immigration         |
| Commerce/Industry      | Travel/Recreation          |
| Development town/city  | Conservation               |
| Other _____            |                            |

2. County Lane  
 Town Cushman, Oregon X  
 Name (Common) Southern Pacific Bridge  
 (Historic) (Same)  
 Original Use Bridge for Railroad  
 Present Use Bridge  
 Present Owner Southern Pacific  
Railroad  
 Date 1914 Style Swing Span  
 Source of Date On Bridge  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Builder \_\_\_\_\_

3. CONDITION: Good Fair Poor Re-sited Altered Restored \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Site) Open Overgrown Developed Obliterated by \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEIGHBORING LAND USE: Commercial/Industrial Residential Blighted Undeveloped  
 SITE ENDANGERED BY \_\_\_\_\_ ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC: Yes No  
 On what basis \_\_\_\_\_

4. DESCRIPTION  
 Frame: Wood Iron Steel  
 Wall cover: Rough-hewn timber  
 Lap/Tongue-in-groove siding  
 Brick/Stone masonry Concrete Glass  
 Stories: Basement 1 2 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Attic  
 Roof: Gable Gambrel Hipped Mansard  
 Dormers \_\_\_\_\_ Cupola Tower Spire Dome  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chimneys: 1 2 3 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Stone Brick  
 Interior trim:  
 Paneling: Milled Carved  
 Wainscot Baseboard Chair-rail  
 Interior Walls: Boards Brick Plaster  
 Ornament: Molded plaster Wood-carved  
 Decorative painting \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original: Fixtures Hardware Furniture  
 Stairs: Central stair-hall Straight flight  
 Geometric Dog-legged Double-return  
 Enclosed Wood Iron  
 Openings: Regular Irregular  
 Attachments: Simple Porch Double Piazza  
 One/Two-story portico Veranda(s)  
 Side/Center ell Wing(s) Shed  
 Outbuildings: Wood shed Bath/Cook house  
 Smoke house Carriage house Barn  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Landscaping: Formal Forecourt Informal  
 Date executed \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

5. LOCATION DIAGRAM (Refer to known points)  
 Indicate North  
  
 Road or Highway Siuslaw River, Highway 36  
 Street and No. at Cushman, Ore.  
 Township 18 N Range 4 W Section 29  
 Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham  
 For OCCDC & State Parks Division  
 Date 1 Aug. 1974  
Attached  
 Photo: Available \_\_\_\_\_



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (Comment on original condition, alterations, and notable features)

The Cushman Railroad Bridge spans the lower Siuslaw estuary about three miles from where the river enters the Pacific Ocean. The bridge is a steel, swing span and is surmounted by a keeper's quarters in the swing span. It bears the date "1914" on the north span. The bridge is well-maintained and is painted silver.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Elaborate on the historical theme circled on front of form)

The Cushman railroad bridge formed in 1914 a major link in extension of rail connections between Eugene and Coos Bay. The line so long anticipated on the Oregon coast was extended in 1915 to the Umpqua harbor and in 1916 to Coos Bay. Initial construction efforts were mounted in 1892-92 when four different lines began building to Coos Bay via different routes. All initially failed. This route, via the Siuslaw River, was the only one completed.

SOURCES CONSULTED (Existing surveys, publications, records)

Beckham, Stephen Dow. Observations, 30 June 1974.

District-Site Boundaries \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate acreage of site \_\_\_\_\_

Location of current property title(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ County Assessor's Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ attached.

