

MC Chuck Wagon & Western Heritage Exhibit Lakeview, Oregon

Partners: BBT Architects; Town of Lakeview; Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

Quote: "This project is the anchor for a renewed community revitalization effort. When coupled with other efforts to preserve and promote the heritage of Lakeview and the surrounding area, the MC Chuck Wagon Exhibit is expected to lead the way in celebrating and promoting our history." Mike Patrick, Mayor, Town of Lakeview

The MC Chuck Wagon & Western Heritage Exhibit project reclaimed and transformed a former petroleum service station property located at the junction of Highways 395 and 140 and entry to the Town of Lakeview into a landmark welcoming visitors and locals alike to learn about the ranching heritage of Lake County. Gifted to the Town on August 10, 2013, by D.L. 'Jack' Nicol, the MC Chuck Wagon Exhibit is home to one of the greatest chuck wagon outfits in the west – the famous MC Ranch's horse drawn chuck wagon - and provides a visual record that preserves an understanding of a way of life that ranching communities like Lakeview were built upon.

Though other properties and locations would have been less difficult to develop, Mr. Nicol elected to purchase the former Mile Hi Service Station site for the Exhibit and, working with BBT Architects, sought to design and construct a regionally architectural-appropriate and energy efficient building that would address the environmental issues associated with the property and provide the Town of Lakeview with a lasting asset. Every effort was made during the remediation the property and construction of the Exhibit to benefit the local economy – from the hiring of Lakeview-based contractors to the purchase of products from Oregon suppliers and fabricators.

Many documents and photos posted at:

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/Webdocs/Forms/Output/FPController.ashx?SourceId=19-91-0030&SourceIdType=12>