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Interview by Michael O'Rourke with Janet McLennan at her home in Portland
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[Michael O'Rourke (MO)]: This was an issue that, well, you know what, the other thing that I found interesting about them, shifting back momentarily to the beach and the Nestucca spit specifically, I guess Bob Straub and I'm not quite sure the timing on this, I could probably figure it out here, I've got notes, but Bob Straub at a certain point made a trip back East, probably in his capacity as Treasurer maybe to sign some bonds in New York, but went down to Washington, D.C. to talk to Stewart Udall.

[Janet McLennan (JM)]: Right.

MO: Now were you aware of that, or involved in that at all?

JM: Oh sure. Well, I was aware of it. I mean, from time to time through that period we would be having meetings either in Portland or I'd go down to Salem; meet with Bob, Ken, I can remember meeting with Hans in that context as well. And strategize as to, you know, what to do next and when to do it and then, you know, out of that kind of strategy session why, Bob calls Stew and says "I'd like to come back and talk to you about this," and it gets in place.

MO: And you'd all actually effectively...

JM: Be a part of it, yeah.

MO: Effectively makes it impossible for the highway to be built because he won't sign off on it in terms of the Federal, I guess the Federal Government had...

JM: Well there was a reversionary clause in the, in the deed of some of that land from the BLM to the State. That it was for park purposes so the thing was to get Stew to say that he would, he'd enforce the clause.

MO: Yeah. And that, I guess, was the thing that finally brought this issue to a close.

JM: Yeah.