



Explanations for Zone 2 Clues



CLUE 1

Ben platted it to join east and west
A second Second city signaled unjunction
Just like in his day, holla to the east
Of this town now with a different function.

SOLVE 1

This is a reference to Junction City, Oregon. Junction City was platted by Ben Holladay as a planned junction of his rail lines on both the east side and west side of the Willamette. He predicted it would become a “second Chicago.” However, only the east side ever reached Junction City. The city is now a junction not for rail lines but for Oregon Highway 99 – 99E and 99W meet here. Search each of Junction City.

Note “signal” in the clue.

CLUE 2

There are 36, but it could have been 37
The additional named for a senator
But in '11 voters reserved their judgement
The bottle is with his predecessor.

SOLVE 2

This is a reference to the proposal to create Nesmith County, in honor of Senator James Nesmith, out of parts of Douglas and Lane Counties. In 1911, the ballot measures creating Nesmith County were rejected by voters. Nesmith’s predecessor in the US Senate was Joseph Lane – the bottle is hidden in Lane County. (Incidentally, it’s also within the boundaries of what would have been Nesmith County as well).

Note “reserve” in the clue.



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CLUE 3

The county has these landmarks covered
West of Old Man River, no one has more
There are one fifth of a peanut farmer's age
From the widest you can see where to score.

SOLVE 3

This references the famous Lane County covered bridges. There are more in Lane County (20) than in any other county west of the Mississippi. 20 is also one fifth of the age of Jimmy Carter, a peanut farmer who did some other things too, reached before passing away in 2024. The widest of the bridges is the Lowell Covered Bridge. Visiting that location gets within sight line of the eventual hide location.

Note: Carter was picked for a reason.

CLUE 4

Dang! (I make a point to watch my language)
But heed the US ace and their cement
At least six towns drowned in the terms of service
Just like an End-User License Agreement.

SOLVE 4

This clue points you to Lookout Point Dam. The first line provides a more polite form of a homonym for dam – after the last clue, you might have seen both Dexter and Lookout Point dams. Both were created by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The last two lines point you to the overriding theme of this hunt. In the creation of Lookout Point Dam in 1954, the towns of Landax, Eula, Lawler, Signal, Reserve and Cater were all drowned. Signal, Reserve and Carter all got nods in previous clues, End-User License Agreement gives special attention to Eula.

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CLUE 5

Landax, Lawler, others from the clues
'Twas Atlantis on the Middle Fork
Now, parked on the Meridian, under a Stone
Look out for a boundary, pop the cork.

SOLVE 5

This clue's first two lines confirm the theme mentioned above and complete the six towns. The last two lines give you the specific location in the Lookout Point area. The Army Corps of Engineers operates Meridian Park on the north side of the dam, located on West Boundary Road. Meridian Park is named for the fact that it sits on the Willamette Meridian, one hundred ten miles south of the Willamette Stone, the initial point for the land surveys in the states of Oregon and Washington. The bottle is also hidden under a stone.