



SITE HISTORY

WHAT IS THE SITE OWNERSHIP AND USE HISTORY?

North Ridge Estates is the location of a former Marine Recuperation Barracks. The barracks were constructed in 1944 by the U.S. Department of Defense to treat World War II Marines suffering from tropical diseases. The complex consisted of 82 buildings including a sewage treatment plant, warehouse, brig, medical officers and bachelor quarters, animal and dependent hospitals, auditorium, gymnasium, swimming pool, fire house, mess hall, laboratory, laundry, maintenance garage, power plant, library, and 30 barracks.

The base was staffed on April 30, 1945, and the first Marine patients arrived on May 27, 1945. The barracks officially closed on February 28, 1946. The Site was declared surplus property by the Navy on March 1, 1946.

The Site was acquired by the State of Oregon on October 28, 1947, to be used by the Oregon Technical Institute as a vocational college. The Oregon Technical Institute vacated the site in May 1964. Site ownership was transferred to the U.S. General Services Administration in December 1964. The site was found to be virtually intact.

The site was acquired by a partnership of private individuals in 1965. In 1977, MBK (Melvin Bercot Kenneth Partnership) purchased the property. A majority of the buildings on the site were demolished by 1979.

In 1993, Klamath County approved subdivision plans developed by MBK, and construction of homes began later that year. The subdivision was named North Ridge Estates. MBK sold properties in the subdivision to individuals from 1994 to 2002.

Currently properties at North Ridge Estates consist of a mixture of privately owned properties and court appointed Receiver managed properties.



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