

Shaniko

I am very thankful to Cheri who was the prior coordinator.

History

[Link to Shaniko in Wikipedia](#)

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Shaniko, known as the Wool Shipping Center of the World in the 1880s, is one of only a small handful of real ghost towns remaining in the U.S. This one is being "resurrected" in modern day. Services are once again available at the historic Shaniko Hotel and other locations throughout the "town."

Buildings have been preserved, including the old jail – in which visitors may stand and have photos taken, and the old church – which now serves as a wedding chapel. The old hotel (below, right) still stands, as does the school (shown left).



In addition to its short term as the Wool Shipping Center, Shaniko also served for a much longer time as a major freight terminal between The Dalles and central Oregon. It was also one of the hotel many stagecoach and freight wagon stops along that same route, until about 1914 when the railroad spur was completed. Between about 1890 and 1905, stagecoach service was gradually discontinued, although both freight and passenger service remained viable for several more years on branch lines that were not directly accessible by rail.



Newer image of Shaniko School

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Shaniko City Hall

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Shaniko Wedding Chapel

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