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Rifle shots echoed the length and breadth of the Deschutes canyon as the Hill-Harriman railroad giants battled to link central Oregon to the outside world. The birth of industry would give vent to new bloodshed in the Ochoco. Six-shooters roared in the night, ranchers disappeared never to be seen again. As the 19th century staggered to a close, a Shoshoni visionary born in the Ochoco foretold the rebirth of Indian supremacy. His wondrous dream was buried in a common grave at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. By the time the 20th century blundered onto the scene, saddle-blanket blazes hacked into the Ochoco pines marked the deadlines between sheep and cattle range and woe unto him who crossed these barriers. Ironically, the last Indian war fought in the United States would explode on the Oregon-Nevada border in when a Shoshoni chief led his followers, armed only with bows and arrows, in a suicidal charge against a group of stockmen. Thus ended the Thunder Over the Ochoco. Would the new owners do a better job of managing the land they had wrenched from the Shoshoni? I leave that to other writers to decide. This is a great historical account of the Shoshone nation and all the sub-tribes. I have to admit on reading this series I was embarrassed and ashamed of the white man and his lust for lands occupied by native american tribes. It is a good balanced look at the two different perspectives white and indian. I purchased this as gift. By Kindle Customer on Jul 23, Love these books. Being in Oregon it made it very interesting. Add a Book Review Book Summary: This particular edition is in a Paperback format. It was published by Maverick Distributors and has a total of pages in the book. To buy this book at the lowest price, [Click Here](#).

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Chapter 3 : And The Juniper Trees Bore Fruit (Thunder Over the Ochoco) by Gale Ontko ()

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The Blue Mountains are not a single cohesive range, but rather a complex of ranges and inter-mountain basins and valleys that extend from southeast Washington into central Oregon, ending near Prineville. Since then, continued faulting and uplift has resulted in a deeply eroded landscape. Steins Pillar is an excellent example of this erosion. Large mudflows called lahars were also common during that period. These mudflows often covered and preserved the plants and animals, resulting in fossil beds. Today, fossils of prehistoric trees, fruits, nuts, and flowers can be found in the Ochoco Mountains along with fossilized animals including horses, camels, rhinoceros, and hippopotami. The high mountain meadows host a wide variety of wild flowers and even ferns in some areas. Big Summit Prairie near the center of the Ochocos is well known for its spring wild flower displays. Ponderosa pine forests are tolerant of drought and low-intensity wildfires. Antelope bitterbrush and sagebrush are common shrubs in these areas with Idaho fescue and bluebunch wheatgrass as the main ground cover. There are also many small mammals and lizards that are prey for coyote. The prairie is covered by water-loving grasses, overgrown by willows and shrubs in some areas. Quaking aspen with shrubby undergrowth attract wildlife not found in other parts of the Ochoco Mountains. Even the rare dickcissel has been sighted at Big Summit Prairie. Also, Rocky Mountain elk move into the area in the fall. From April through June, flowers cover Big Summit meadow. The first wildflowers to bloom are usually grass widow, wild parsley, and shooting stars. From May through June, Wyethia, buttercups, and camas display their colors. In drier areas, bitterroot bloom with large white and pink flowers. In June and July, other flowers take over the display including Missouri iris, larkspur, Indian paintbrush, checkermallow, and arrowleaf balsamroot. This plant is found only in the Ochoco Mountains. Butterfly species common to the Big Summit Prairie include hairstreak, skipper, eastern tailed-blue, Lycaenidae, checkerspot, fritillary, swallowtail, admiral, and tortoiseshell. The Ochoco National Forest is responsible for most of the mountain area; however, the southeastern part of the range is in the Malheur National Forest. Some land in the Ochoco area is also administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Hiking, fishing, camping, hunting, horseback riding, bird watching, and rockhounding are all popular activities. The largest is the campground at Delintment Lake. The reservoir is not visible from the campground, but it is only a minute walk to the lake shore. Potable water is available at the site along with picnic tables, fire pits, and vault toilets. The area is lightly used except on holiday weekends. Fishing, swimming, boating, and hiking are favorite activities. It has 28 campsites, picnic tables, fire pits, and vault toilets. The campground is commonly used as an overnight stop for highway travelers, who then move on in the morning. As a result, the campground is often full at night but very quiet during the day. Bandit Springs highway rest stop is one mile 1. The rest stop is the trailhead for several hiking trails. These trails are popular for hiking and mountain biking in the summer and cross-country skiing in the winter. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout each summer. Two hiking trails are located in the area. The site has potable water, picnic tables, fire pits, level tent sites, and vault toilets. There is also a day-use picnic area with two tables, cooking grills, a sandy lake shore beach, and a fishing pier. Fishing, swimming, boating, and hiking are popular activities at Walton Lake. It has 17 sites, potable water, picnic tables, fire pits, and vault toilets. A trailhead leading into the Mill Creek Wilderness is located adjacent to the campground. It connects to a network of hiking trails in the Mill Creek and Twin Pillars areas. It has 33 sites, potable water from a hand-pump, 12 picnic sites, and vault toilets. Hiking, fishing, swimming, boating, and wildlife viewing are popular activities at Delintment Lake. The unique geology of the Ochoco Mountains is such that a wide variety of rock types are located in a relatively small area. This brings rockhounds to the area every summer. The Bureau of Land Management and the Ochoco National Forest both have designated areas where rockhounds can search for agate, jasper, petrified wood, petrified moss, and dendrite. These rock collection sites are for personal use only; gathering rocks for commercial purposes is prohibited. Thundereggs can be found at Whistle Springs. Even though the area has been worked by rockhounds for many years, quality

thundereggs are still found at the site. There are also some rare rocks and minerals in central Oregon in or near the Ochoco Mountains, including opals , amethyst , gem quality calcite , cinnabar , selenite , gypsum , and amygdaloid nodules. It has few visitors except during the fall hunting season. Its topography is dominated by steep, forested slopes and barren plateaus, although it has some mountain meadow lands as well. The wilderness contains important winter elk habitat along Bridge Creek. Other large mammals common to the area include mule deer, black bear , and cougar. Pileated woodpecker , goshawks , and prairie falcons nest in the Bridge Creek area. There are no trails in the Bridge Creek Wilderness, so this area is for experienced outdoorsmen. The Black Canyon environment ranges from dense forest to steep basalt cliffs. The Black Canyon Wilderness is home to a wide range of wildlife including deer, elk, black bear, and cougar. Wildflowers such as crimson columbine , lupine , and Indian paintbrush can be found throughout the wilderness. There are several hiking trails, all very rugged. The wilderness is characterized by deep canyons and towering pinnacles including a pair of volcanic plugs called the Twin Pillars. The trailhead is at Wildcat Campground, just outside the wilderness boundary. The trails are used by both hikers and horse riders; however, the entire trail system is extremely rugged with many steep climbs and descents. The wilderness is dense pine and fir forest dissected by Mill Creek and its tributaries. Elk and deer are common in the Mill Creek area, as are black bear, wild turkey , pileated woodpeckers, and goshawks. In the fall, the Mill Creek Wilderness is a popular area for hunters.

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