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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Mount Tabor Reservoirs Historic District
City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A. The Mount Tabor Reservoirs Historic District is located on the south and west slope of Mount Tabor in the southeast part of the city of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. They are contained within the city park called Mount Tabor Park. The boundaries proposed for the National Register nomination include: beginning at the point at the foot of the south dam at Reservoir 6 where it meets the sidewalk paralleling Southeast 60th Avenue at the southwest corner of the reservoir, continuing north along the west side of the reservoir following the sidewalk that parallels Southeast 60th Avenue at the foot of the west side dam to the northwest corner of the reservoir and turning east along the north edge of the sidewalk paralleling the north side of the reservoir past the tennis courts to the northeast corner of the reservoir continuing south on the dirt path on the dam face of Reservoir 5 to a point due west down slope of the locked gate at Reservoir Loop Road at the northwest corner of Reservoir 5 turning east to follow roughly in a straight line up the dam face (coincides with the chain link fence line) to the locked gate at the Reservoir Loop Road and continuing east curving along the outside of the path that encircles the Reservoir 5 basin to the southeast side valve turning southeast continuing in a straight line paralleling the tunnel that connects Reservoir 1 and Reservoir 5 bisecting the Reservoir Loop Drive and down into the northwest portion of the natural basin encircling Reservoir 1 and continuing to encircle the north rim of Reservoir 1 turning south along the east perimeter of the rim of the natural basin continuing across the gravel service road that traverses the south side of the top of the dam at Reservoir 1 turning west at the southeast corner of the dam face of Reservoir 1 following the southern edge of the service road to the locked gate at the southwest corner of Reservoir 1 turning north following the curb line of Water Bureau Road to the intersection with Reservoir Loop Drive turning northwest across Reservoir Loop Drive following a straight line northwest paralleling the tunnel back to the trail encircling Reservoir 5 turning west to bisect the Reservoir Loop Drive and the lower unpaved service road down the dam face of Reservoir 5 bisecting the paved service road to the south dam of Reservoir 6 continuing along the bottom of the dam to the sidewalk paralleling S.E. 60th Avenue at the point of origin. A small, discontinuous element, a concrete covered storage tank and associated building, exists separate from the three main resources in the district on the north slope of the butte, within the boundaries of Mount Tabor Park. The area between the tank and the contiguous boundary of the remaining resource lacks significance to the district. The proposed boundary of this element is depicted on the enclosed map.

B. The boundaries proposed for the National Register nomination are as depicted by the solid line drawn on the accompanying map.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary includes the basins, walkways, fences, lampposts, gatehouses, buildings, structures, and objects, and the primary viewpoints from the reservoirs significant to the Mount Tabor Reservoirs Historic District. The boundary

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generally follows the natural perimeter of the basin sites and roughly corresponds to the Water Bureau property boundary within Mount Tabor Park.