

## HOW THE WEST WAS WON?

Leaving the hustle bustle of Las Vegas, we headed north on highway 93. It was probably too much, to expect something to see along the way. For three days we drove through Nevada and saw nothing. The covered wagons probably took three months to do the same! We forgot what trees looked like. The purpose of this route was to eliminate the sales tax on the RV. I was almost to the point of advising others to PAY THE SALES TAX! And go some other way.



Finally we reached Oregon and the scenery dramatically changed. The trees returned and we even came across a few lakes.

We wandered across the mountains and stopped in Eugene, OR. Our traveling partners went on to visit their relatives in Salem and we stayed to have a cabinet shop make some shelves for us and cut us some

Maple for our future conversion of the oven space in the kitchen.

We then drove to Portland and stopped at Roadmaster to have the tow bar repaired. There is nothing like taking your products back to the factory. After 7 years and 90,000 miles of towing use, they gave me a new hitch for \$179. The new price was \$400+.

We drove North and ended up at an RV park right at the edge of the Columbia River. The river ran by, about 200 feet in front of our window. We must meet our traveling companions at Camping World in Tacoma, this morning. We marked this camp for return after Alaska!

The past few days feel like a repair shop adventure instead of a trip, but when all is finished, the unit will benefit. It is amazing what an extra shelf will do for your storage problems. We even reversed and re-hung the bathroom door yesterday!

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