Blue Lake--A Pleasant Place to Live

Thriving City Has Beautiful Setting

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To the casual visitor, motorizing along Highway 299 as it winds up Mad River valley from the coast route, Blue Lake presents a picture quite out of the ordinary. For here you are a combination of the architecture of the 19th century and the new stream-lined bungalow of the post-war era, all mixed together in an atmosphere of bustle and good humor. In the great wave of immigration that has swept west since Paul Harbor, Blue Lake has collected its share—and invites more.

To the visitor who belongs in Humboldt, and who remembers those sunny days in the first 1850's, the chances that he has never been over Blue Lake in all his minuscule. For the Blue Lake of fifteen years ago was almost a deserted village. Kedzic had shut down entirely, and the bottom had fallen out of the lumber market everywhere. As Blue Lake's population depended almost entirely upon the lumber trade, the little town was hard hit. And showed it.

But today the lumbering is going strong. Steel mills run from Ashland to Winnemucca. The redwood and hemlock industries thrive. Lumber is being hauled against the current of the Mad River from Kedzic to Blue Lake and all the way down the big new Grizzly Park Lumber Corporation's right-of-way in Wine-.

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Blue Lake is quite the training center of the valley it dominates. The once quiet Creeks are a-tactile and it is developing a traffic main-

ry-go-round. Railroad service is the town's main communication and a trip to meet any of the nearby towns is a pleasant one. Blue Lake is just a train ride from Eureka and a short drive from Kedzic. The railroad runs from Kedzic to Winnemucca, with stops at Blue Lake and Winnemucca.

The town of Blue Lake is a haven for nature lovers. The area is dotted with trees and flowers, and the air is filled with the sound of birds. The town is also home to a variety of animals, including deer, elk, and black bears.

The town's central business district is located on Main Street, flanked by historic buildings. The Blue Lake Mercantile, established in 1853, is one of the oldest businesses in town. The town's fire station, built in 1890, is also a historic landmark.

The town is served by the Blue Lake School District, which operates Blue Lake Elementary School, a K-8 school.

Blue Lake is a great place to visit for nature lovers and history enthusiasts. The town is also a great place to live for those looking for a quiet, peaceful community.