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## **BLM PROPOSES RAISING ENTRANCE FEES AT NATIONAL HISTORIC OREGON TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER IN BAKER CITY**

Baker City, Oregon, The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (NHOTIC) is seeking public comment on their proposal to raise fees for adults entering this world renowned facility. The fee per adult (those 16 and over) would increase from \$5 to \$8 during the months of April 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 30<sup>th</sup>. Seniors (62 and over) the fee would increase from \$3.50 to \$4.50 during the same time period. From November 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup> the fees will remain as they are now, \$5 per adult and \$3.50 per senior. The fee allows a visitor access to the facility for two consecutive days. An annual pass will be available under this proposal for \$25 per individual or \$45 for a family.

The Center offers an integrated experience of living history and natural history. Fee rates have not changed at NHOTIC since 2002. "The increase will help to continue the existing level of high quality services and educational experiences offered to visitors" said Sarah LeCompte NHOTIC Manager. In addition, energy and maintenance costs have continued to rise on NHOTIC's 509 acres and 27,000 square feet of buildings. By adopting the proposal an estimated \$100,000 would be generated. Currently, NHOTIC nets \$2.00 per visitor, which is only about 12% of actual cost per visitor to operate the site.

Schools and related educational groups, youths (15 and younger) as well those with a senior pass would continue to enter the facility for free under the proposal. Currently, there is no charge to visit the exterior exhibits and on-site hiking trails and this would continue.

If you would like to read the entire proposal it is posted on the Vale District website at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale) under Vale news. If you would like to send a written comment on this proposal please do so by sending an E-mail to: [or\\_vale\\_mail@blm.gov](mailto:or_vale_mail@blm.gov). Please feel free to contact Sarah LeCompte, NHOTIC Manager, 541-523-1825 or Mark Wilkening, Public Affairs Officer, at the Vale BLM District Office, 541-473-6218 for further information.

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