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## **The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center to Remain on Curtailed Hours**

**BAKER CITY, Ore.** – The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (NHOTIC) traditionally at this time of year is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Due to budget uncertainties NHOTIC will continue to be opened from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily until further notice. The budget constraints are having an effect on BLM's ability to hire the necessary number of seasonal employees needed to have the facility open the extra hours.

The BLM will also continue to evaluate whether the limited staffing can support the full operation of the NHOTIC Complex. Activities that may have to be limited or curtailed include: public interactions, trail maintenance, and live interpretive programs.

The Trail Center is located five miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$8.00; for seniors it's \$4.50; children 15 and under are admitted for free. Federal passes are accepted. Call (541) 523-1843 for updates on programs and events. For more information about the Trail Center visit: [www.oregontrail.blm.gov](http://www.oregontrail.blm.gov)

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land – the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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