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“Illinois Doug” Tracy Performs at Trail Center

BAKER CITY, ORE. – Folk musician and music historian Doug Tracy will perform his program of music from the Civil War era on August 4 to 6, 2011. Programs are scheduled for 10:30, 1:30 and 3:00 each day, in the Leo Adler Theater at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (NHOTIC).

“Illinois Doug” Tracy has researched music from the Civil War years and the era of westward expansion, especially focusing on political and campaign songs used to spread political messages in an era before mass media and telecommunications. Although some of the issues on the public’s minds in the 1860’s are unique to that era – other concerns and political issues seem to be timeless and still relevant today. The program will be of special interest to Civil War enthusiasts following along the 150th anniversary commemorative events being held across the nation.

The NHOTIC, operated by the Bureau of Land Management, 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 6 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$8; for seniors it’s \$4.50; children 15 and under are admitted for free. Federal passes are accepted. Visit oregontrail.blm.gov for more information about the Center, or call 541-523-1843 for updates on programs and events. For information on this and other events in Baker County, Oregon call 1-800-523-1235.

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