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Folk Musicians bring Fiddle Music to Trail Center

BAKER CITY, Ore. – Legendary Northwest folk musicians Phil and Vivian Williams bring their program of historic fiddle music to the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center August 9-11.

Phil and Vivian Williams have been researching, recording and preserving folk music for five decades. They founded the Seattle Folklore Society and the Northwest Folklife Festival. Their recorded archive of northwest fiddle and old time music is the largest in the country.

Vivian has won numerous state and national fiddle championships with Phil backing her on the guitar. Their programs in Baker City “Fiddling Down the Oregon Trail” feature dance tunes and fiddle music from pioneers who traveled the trail to the Pacific Northwest. The Williams have learned much of the music through a lifetime of traveling and jamming with fiddlers throughout the country. The program will be presented at 10:30 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. each day in the Leo Adler Theater.

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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