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Michael Terry presents “People of the Plains” in Baker City

Baker City, Oregon - Michael “Bad Hand” Terry will present his program “People of the Plains” at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center on June 16, 17, and 18. Of Seminole descent, Michael Terry began his study of Plains Indian culture as a youngster. Today, this historian, author, replica maker, actor and stuntman uses his knowledge to help provide a historically accurate and objective overview of Native American history and the impact of westward migration on those cultures.

Michael Terry has worked on over thirty western films in many capacities, including *Dances with Wolves*, *Geronimo*, *Indian in the Cupboard*, and *Last of the Mohicans*. As a replica maker, he recreates material culture items for museums, artists and films.

His popular presentations allow the audience to ask questions at any time while Terry works to create an atmosphere of “unlearning” as well as learning. He aims to dispel popular myths about Plains Indian history and culture. With an array of handmade quivers and arrows, saddles, saddlebags and other gear, Terry uses a lecture style, picking up objects and explaining how they were used. His focus is Plains Indian history from 1750 through 1870. The presentation is scheduled from 10:00- noon and 1:30– 4:00 in the Leo Adler Theater at the Interpretive Center on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, operated by the Bureau of Land Management, is located 5 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. Seniors are \$4.50. Children 15 and under are 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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