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HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

Baker City, Oregon: Trail Tenders opens the doors to the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center for their annual “Holiday Open House” from 1:00-4:00 on Sunday December 5th.

Admission to the Center is free all day on the 5th. The Holiday Open House event is the Trail Tender’s way of thanking the local community for their support throughout the year. As a volunteer, non-profit organization, the Trail Tenders provide volunteer service and raise funds to support the interpretive and educational programs offered throughout the year at the Interpretive Center.

This year’s event includes musical presentations in the Leo Adler Theater: fiddle and mandolin music by Helen Sargent & Stefanie Gordon at 1:00 p.m., Baker Community Choir at 1:30 p.m., and Salt Lick #39 at 3:00 p.m. The Baker High School Bel Canto Choir will be caroling throughout the Center during the Open House.

Old style holiday decorations, including a giant Victorian tree in the lobby will be featured. Costumed volunteers and Father Christmas will be available for photos. Refreshments will be served in the Flagstaff Gallery; youngsters will also receive candy canes. A cake walk and door prizes will be offered throughout the event.

A Silent Auction features gifts donated by individuals and businesses in the local community. The Oregon Trail Shop, operated by the Trail Tenders, will be offering a 20% discount throughout the day. Proceeds from the Silent Auction and the Oregon Trail Shop go to the Trail Tenders general fund, used for educational and interpretive programs and events in 2011.

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 4 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$5.00, seniors are \$3.50, 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 other events over the holiday weekend in Baker County, Oregon, call 1-800-523-1235.

