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WAGONS HO! FILM FESTIVAL on November 27

Baker City, Oregon: The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center's annual Wagons Ho! Film Festival is from 10:00 - 4:00 on Friday, November 27, 2009. Each year the Interpretive Center offers this opportunity to learn where popular Hollywood depictions of western history diverge from historical facts.

Shows begin at 10:00 am with "Fievel Goes West", a 1991 animated feature about a family of emigrant mice in the 19th century who move to the far west.

The second feature "Seven Alone" made in 1974 examines the famous story of the Sager children who were orphaned on the Oregon Trail and made their way alone to the Whitman Mission.

At 2:00 pm is the Jeff Chandler feature film "Pillars of the Sky" much of which was filmed in Wallowa County in 1956.

From 11:00 -2:00 Trail Tenders will offer a lunch of bratwurst, plus chips and a drink for \$5.00. The Oregon Trail Shop will be open all day, with a large inventory of documentary films about the westward migration story – for those who prefer historically accurate depictions to the Hollywood dramas.

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, 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 Thanksgiving weekend in Baker County, Oregon, call 1-800-523-1235.

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