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Winter Schedule at Oregon Trail Center starts 1 December

Baker City, Oregon – The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will be on a winter schedule from Sunday Dec. 1 through Saturday Feb. 15. During the winter schedule the Center will be open to the public Thursdays through Sundays for viewing exhibits, films and interpretive programs, Oregon Trail Shop and hiking from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Center will be minimally staffed Mondays through Wednesdays and can be contacted for business by calling (541) 523-1843. Group tours of 20 people or more can be pre-scheduled for Mondays through Wednesdays by calling ahead. The facility can also be used for meetings or events by prearranging with a phone call. Accessibility may be affected by severe weather, snow removal needs, or freeway closures, so visitors are reminded to call ahead in the event of winter storms.

Interpretive programs are scheduled for each Thursday-Friday-Saturday-Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Leo Adler Theater. On Sunday Dec. 15 and Saturday Dec. 21 there will be a “Settler’s Tea” program from 1 to 3 p.m. each day with costumed interpreters in a frontier style home setting with light refreshments and opportunities to learn pioneer crafts.

A current calendar of programs is available on the Center’s website at www.blm.gov/or/oregontrail/ or by calling (541) 523-1843.

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 Interpretive Center is open Winter Schedule from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday until Feb. 16, 2014. 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 Interpretive Center, or call (541) 523-1843 for updates on programs and events. For information on this and other activities in Baker County, Oregon, call 1 (800) 523-1235.

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