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National Public Lands Day at Oregon Trail Center

BAKER CITY, Ore. – The annual National Public Lands Day will be observed at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (NHOTIC) on Saturday, September 26, with volunteer trail and vegetation projects, free admission for all visitors, and a special presentation by folk musician Hank Cramer. Restoration activities at the Trail Center begin at 9:00 a.m.

National Public Lands Day is a nationwide effort to help care for parks, natural areas, historic sites, trails, watersheds, and other areas owned by the public. For over 20 years the last Saturday of September has been designated as National Public Lands Days (NPLD) with an estimated 170,000 volunteers throughout the country participating last year. More information on events can be found at: www.publiclandsday.org

Individuals or groups may participate; all participants receive a T-shirt, refreshments offered by the Trail Tenders volunteer group, and a coupon for free admission at National Parks and federal recreation areas during the following year. The four-mile hiking trail system at the NHOTIC is heavily used, with upwards of 10,000 visitors and locals annually using the trails or visiting the original wagon ruts on the Oregon Trail.

NHOTIC will be open for all visitors from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Performances by folk musician Hank Cramer featuring music about western landscapes and western heritage are at 10:30, noon and 2:00 p.m.

The Trail Center is located five miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is currently open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission for adults: \$8.00; seniors: \$4.50; children 15 and under: free. Federal passes are accepted. Call (541) 523-1843 for updates on programs and events. For more information about the Trail Center visit www.oregontrail.blm.gov

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