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Seeing the Elephant Musical program at Trail Center

BAKER CITY, OR. – The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is hosting performances by the roots music group “Parlour” of Bend, Oregon. “Seeing the Elephant: Songs Inspired by the Oregon Trail” will be presented on Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29 with shows at 10:30 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. on both days.

The presentation of original contemporary music is based on life along the Oregon Trail through words and song. The show incorporates narratives, multi media photo display, and songs inspired by diaries and memoirs of Oregon Trail pioneers who crossed the continent over 150 years ago.

“Parlour” is a quartet that writes and performs acoustic Americana roots music and includes guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and vocals. Band members Linda Quon, Mark Quon, Mike Potter and Susan Bonacker perform throughout Oregon and have become well known for their harmonic talent, and weaving historic influences into captivating contemporary songs and lyrics.

At the Interpretive Center, the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the National Conservation Lands continues every day through August with presentations highlighting resources and history on public lands. If planning a weekend visit to see Parlour, visitors can also see demonstrations of flint knapping and fur trade skills. On Sunday August 30th, join a Leave No Trace mini-workshop, or see an outdoor program about horses with Norm, a former wild mustang adopted through the BLM Wild Horse and Burro program. The special exhibit “Cargo for a Continental Crossing” will be open in the Flagstaff Gallery.

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 is \$8.00; for seniors it’s \$4.50; children 15 and under are admitted for 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.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

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