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Activities and Free Admission Mark National Public Lands Day at Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

Baker City, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management will be observing National Public Lands Day at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (NHOTIC) on Saturday, September 24, with volunteer trail and vegetation projects and free admission for all visitors. 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 23 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: <https://www.neefusa.org/public-lands-day>

Individuals or groups may participate. The first thirty participants receive a free T-shirt. All volunteers will be offered refreshments provided by the Trail Tenders volunteer group and a coupon for free admission at National Parks and federal recreation areas during the following year.

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is located five miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is currently open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$8 and \$4.50 for seniors; children 15 and under are admitted for free. Federal passes are also accepted.

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.

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