Historic Reenactment at Interpretive Center
Live oxen and championship fiddling featured at Labor Day Weekend Wagon Encampment

BAKER CITY, Oregon –Live Oxen, Dutch Oven Cooking, and old time fiddle music performed by Vivian and Phil Williams will all be part of the Labor Day Weekend Wagon Encampment at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center September 2nd through 4th. Costumed interpreters representing life on the Oregon Trail during the 1850's will present demonstrations at the Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. "Bullwhackin Kass" represents an 1800's freighter with a wagon and team of oxen. Dutch oven cooking demonstrations will feature samples of buffalo stew. Other demonstrations include children's games and pioneer life-ways and crafts.

Three time National Ladies Champion Fiddler Vivian Williams will perform at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily, accompanied by her husband Phil. In between their performances in the Center's Leo Adler Theater they can be seen and heard roaming through the wagon encampment. The Williams have done extensive research on the music of the Oregon Trail and their performance will include music played on authentic instruments of the era.

The wagon encampment is a great opportunity to take in the sights, sounds, and smells of the Oregon Trail days. Visitors are encouraged to interact with costumed interpreters and to take advantage of photo opportunities.

Wagon Encampment activities will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily; Interpretive Center exhibits and shop are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Interpretive Center is 5 miles east of Baker City on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. For more information call (541) 523-1843. The Interpretive Center is operated by the Bureau of Land Management and is a federal fee site. Admission for adults is $5. Children 15 and under are free. Federal passes are accepted.

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