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Trail Management Plan Nears Finish

The long-awaited Comprehensive Management Plan for emigrant trails should be complete by the end of September, the National Park Service told the OCTA Board at its Mid-Year meeting.

Jere Krakow, superintendent of the Park Service's Long Distance Trails office, and Susan Boyle, NPS "job captain" for the project, said they are currently incorporating voluminous comments received as a result of an initial draft. The plan should be available for public review and comment during July and August.

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OCTA Gets Long-Range Plan

by Bill Martin

A comprehensive Long Range Plan for the Oregon-California Trails Association was received by OCTA's Board of Directors at its Mid-Year meeting in Phoenix and referred to the Administrative Committee for evaluation and implementation as appropriate.

The plan was developed over an 18-month period by a committee chaired by Charles Martin Jr. and which included Roger Blair, Ross Marshall, Bill Rupp and Norman Wilson.

The plan includes five major goals for OCTA, along with nearly 20 specific objectives. Martin's report to the Board called the goals "fundamental to the purpose of OCTA."

The goals include:

- Reaffirmation of OCTA's commitment to trails preservation. This includes completion of the Emigrant Trails Mapping project; a commitment to trail marking; and completion of the COED program, including full public access.

- Expansion of educational programs, including an expanded role of the Education Committee and support for the *Overland Journal* and *News From The Plains*.

- Improving effectiveness of the OCTA leadership team. Suggested actions include refining Board of Directors' functions and responsibilities; a review of OCTA's committee structure;

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Black Rock Desert

Preservation Needs Support From OCTA Members

The following was submitted by OCTA member Chuck Dodd, who comments: "It seems we have, at this time, a situation in which we need (a) to support the BLM and (b) to beat on them a little to keep their attention on the Black Rock Management Plan and, hopefully, keep them from permitting everything in the world out in the Black Rock."

by Chuck Dodd

I've been working with Tom Hunt, our National Preservation Officer on trail protection issues in the Black Rock Desert in northwestern Nevada. The Applegate-Lassen and Nobles trails run through that country and has remained very much like it was when the first wagons rolled there in 1846. (Fremont passed through the area in 1843-44.)

Finally, last fall, after years of urging, the BLM started drafting



a management plan for the area. If work is allowed to continue, a draft of the plan might be released for public comment this spring. Soon after that, the area could be subject, finally, to planned, purposeful management.

But there are some problems.

The promoters of the Burning Man event have requested a permit to bring that event back onto the Black Rock playa in 1998. Our concern is, if the event is permitted, all the problems of the 1996 event, which was held on the playa, will return. Those problems included damage to important sites on the Applegate Trail as well as damage to the playa itself, and safety concerns.

In addition, the event, if held in the proposed location (directly on the 1853 Nobles Trail), would block an important access point

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From the Paper Trail . . .

There are lots of good reasons to join the Oregon-California Trails Association, including an appreciation of our trails heritage. This issue of *News From The Plains* offers a couple of ways you can put that appreciation into action.

First, there is the story about the current problems created by the Burning Man celebration on the historically important Black Rock Desert in northwestern Nevada. As OCTA's Chuck Dodd points out, the Bureau of Land Management is anxious to hear from trail preservationists to help balance the opinions of those with much different objectives.

Also, there's a report from OCTA Preservation Officer Tom Hunt on the Comprehensive Trails Management Plan about to be issued by the National Park Service. The public comment period is coming up this summer and, despite Tom's misgivings, all of us have an opportunity to have a voice in the final document.

Of course, you don't have to do anything. You can just let the BLM deal with the pleadings from "outdoor enthusiasts" of a very different ilk. And you can let the NPS try to work its management plan through a maze of federal agencies and private interests without hearing from you. I'm sure having a few less opinions to deal with might make their jobs a little easier.

But we will have to live with the results. And those results could mean further damage to the Applegate-Lassen and Nobles trails in Nevada and diminished protection for the California and Oregon trails throughout the West. That would be a tragedy for anyone concerned with trails heritage.

We would urge you, immediately, to write to the BLM in Nevada. (You can find the addresses in Chuck's story.) Let the

agency know that you think its important that the Black Rock Desert trails be protected. Urge attention on an overall management plan for the area and not the recreational desires of a vocal minority.

Then, contact the National Park Service and ask to be kept informed about the Management Plan. Write to Susan Boyle, NPS, Denver Service Center, P.O. Box 25287, Denver CO 80225. You'll be notified when the public comment period opens up and that will be your opportunity to let them know that it is important that trails be preserved for future generations.

These are both very real ways in which OCTA members can have a direct impact on preserving our trails heritage.

Also in this issue, there's a story on the just-concluded Mid-Year Board Meeting held in Phoenix, with a focus on the new long-range plan for OCTA. It reaffirms the organization's commitment to trails and we're sure President Roger Blair would like to hear your opinion.

Finally, don't forget to make your plans for Pendleton on August. You should have received registration information by now, but if you haven't contact OCTA headquarters. And make your reservations early. Pendleton fills up quickly.

As we write this, Western Nevada is under a blanket of spring snow. Like most of you, we can't wait for the snow to melt so we can get back out on the trails. Every local chapter has some exciting outings planned this spring and summer and we hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities to get up close and personal with the ruts and the swales. We'll see you on the trails.
-- Bill Martin, Editor

Submission Guidelines

News From The Plains welcomes timely submissions of news, features and photos related to the work of the organization and its members and the preservation of our trails heritage.

Material is due 30 days prior to publication dates. Material is best sent either on a computer disk (in DOS or text format but make sure you include a hard copy) or via e-mail.

Pictures are appreciated but cannot always be returned.

If you have any questions, please call

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From The President . . .

Assuming the Presidency last August caused me to reflect on OCTA's beginnings and how far we have come.

OCTA's success has hinged upon individual volunteers, who expend the necessary time and effort to get the job at hand done.



During its earliest years there were only a few such individuals. Most notable were Greg Franzwa and Jim Bowers. In the intervening years OCTA has grown, and matured. We have undertaken more and more projects with more complexity.

This has been possible because more volunteers have stepped up to help out and take over when needed. We owe a great debt of gratitude to all the past and present volunteers for the phenomenal success of OCTA in such a relatively short period of time.

You too can play a role in assuring OCTA's continued health as an organization. Volunteer to participate on a committee. Share your trails research through an article in the *Overland Journal* or present a paper at a convention or chapter symposium.

Have a say in OCTA's future by running for the Board of

Directors. Participate in local chapter treks and activities. There are many opportunities to be of service. Your expertise and contributions will be greatly appreciated.

This year's convention in Pendleton, Oregon, will mark a significant event in OCTA's history. In 1982 a stretch of pristine rut swale at Echo, Oregon, was plowed under to plant potatoes, prompting Bob Rennells to call Greg Franzwa to discuss the ongoing loss of trail ruts and what could be done to prevent the further loss of America's dwindling historic trail resources.

The result of the phone conversation was to convene a meeting that summer of other concerned individuals in Denver, Colorado. Out of that August 10, 1982 meeting, OCTA was founded. The basic vision of the founders and what they foresaw for the organization's future and purpose has not significantly changed. Since Echo is located just a few miles west of Pendleton, the conference in Pendleton this summer will bring OCTA full circle back to its roots.

I hope each of you will be able to join us for this special convention. See you in Pendleton!

— Roger Blair

News From Headquarters

By Kathy Conway

Headquarters has hired a new business assistant. Her name is Suzanne Vinduska. Suzanne works part-time Monday through Thursday. Suzanne, a St. Louis native, is married to Al Vinduska and they have a daughter, Rebecca, who just graduated from college. Suzanne received her degree in American Studies from St. Louis University and spent more than ten years teaching Social Studies to grades 4 through 8. In addition to her new position with OCTA, Suzanne also works at the National Frontier Trails Center. We are happy to welcome her!

Attracting the younger generation to membership is one of OCTA's goals and so we were very glad when Joseph Igla visited our office. Joseph signed up for Student membership. We were eager to know a little about our newest member because he looked rather young. Joseph tells us he is six years old and has been studying the Oregon Trail well over a year and is being home-schooled. Joseph is also writing a book about the Oregon Trail and entering it in a national contest for students sponsored by Landmark Editions. GOOD LUCK JOSEPH AND WELCOME TO OCTA!

We have added some new books to the OCTA store, including: *Donner Party Chronicles* by Frank Mullen Jr. (Paper) 379 pages, maps, illustrations, color photo section, index and bibliography. (Foreword by Will Bagley) \$35.00

The Donner Party has become a tragic icon of the American march west. From Independence, Missouri, to Sutters Fort, California, the party endured almost unimaginable hardship and suffering. Author Frank Mullen Jr. gives us a day-by-day account

of their struggle for survival as they journey across the trail west. *Covered Wagon Women Vol 6 (Diaries and Letters from the Western Trails, 1853-1854)* (Paper) 281 pages, index. \$13.00
Policing the Elephant (Crime, Punishment, and Social Behavior on the Overland Trail) by John Phillips Reid (Paper) 316 pages, index. \$15.00

John Reid examines criminal activity and its consequences among the travelers on the Overland Trail. From hundreds of sources learn how robbery, larceny, organized crime, and homicide were dealt with during the 19th century.

Black Pioneers (Images of the Black Experience on the North American Frontier) by John W. Ravage (Cloth) \$24.95

Lots of rare photographs to accompany the text depicting the full range of African-American experience in the West and reconstructs our understating of the history and contribution of African-Americans on the frontier.

Traveling California's Gold Rush Country by Leslie A. Kelly (From Falcon Publishing; Paper) 209 pages. \$14.95

This guidebook shows practically all of the historic landmarks and buildings of the California gold country. Several one- and two-day tours are outlined that focus on the more rewarding historic sites. Names of hotels and inns and places where families can have fun panning for gold are included.

Books can be ordered directly from OCTA at P.O. Box 1019, Independence MO 64051-0519. Please add shipping and handling charges of \$3 for the first book and \$1 for each additional book. If we can help you with anything, call us at (816) 252-2276.

FINANCIAL REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 1996-97

Oregon-California Trails Association

This report summarizes OCTA's fiscal activities during the period October 1, 1996, to September 30, 1997. For the purposes of comparison, refer to the April 1997 issue of NFP. We have completed another fine year in support of the emigrant trails. Thank you for your continuing dedication and loyalty. -- James E. Budde, Treasurer

Balance Sheet

	<u>Sept. 30, 1997</u>	<u>Sept. 30, 1996</u>
Assets		
<u>Cash:</u>		
Operating Account	50,859.73	62,418.38
Convention Account	55,968.18	52,435.17
OCTA Store Account	<u>31,058.37</u>	<u>17,219.92</u>
Total Cash	137,886.08	132,073.47
<u>Investments:</u>		
U.S. Treasury Bill	20,000.00	20,000.00
Certificates of Deposit	18,081.79	17,163.19
Mutual Fund-Scudder	51,175.09	36,250.52
Mutual Fd-20th Century Equity	47,285.79	23,898.75
Mutual Fd-Amer Century Eq Gr	17,034.60	0.00
Mutual Fd-20th Century Value	<u>47,052.30</u>	<u>23,754.65</u>
Total Investments	200,629.66	121,067.11
<u>Other Assets:</u>		
Accounts Receivable	0.00	8,000.00
Prepaid Expenses	4,567.03	1,250.00
Grants Receivable	1,904.54	765.18
Advance - Convention Expense	<u>2,370.30</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Other Assets	8,841.87	10,015.18
<u>Inventory-Merchandise:</u>		
True Diary	1,527.75	1,725.75
Reading, Writing, Workbook	3,115.76	2,177.79
Platte River Rd-Mattes	2,565.00	0.00
Hill Brook - "Finding the Right Place"	1,059.99	6,990.06
All Other Merchandise	<u>20,253.78</u>	<u>18,045.69</u>
Total Inventory-Merchandise	28,522.28	28,939.29
<u>Fixed Assets:</u>		
Furniture & Fixtures	8,246.54	8,246.54
Office Equipment	14,030.12	12,618.60
Less: Accum. Depreciation	<u>(22,276.66)</u>	<u>(20,065.14)</u>
Total Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00
Land-California Hill	6,260.00	6,260.00
Mattes Collection-On Loan to NFTC	<u>45,928.35</u>	<u>45,928.35</u>
Total Assets	\$428,068.24	\$344,283.40
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,786.55	\$ 0.00
Payroll Taxes Payable	2,679.54	960.32
Santa Fe Trail Store Account	1,021.26	933.45
Mattes Memorial Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>514.55</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 8,487.35	\$ 2,408.32
Net Assets		
Retained Revenue Over Expense	\$ 341,875.08	\$ 291,660.39
Current Revenue Over Expenses	<u>77,705.81</u>	<u>50,214.69</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ 419,580.89	\$ 341,875.08
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 428,068.24	\$ 344,283.40

**Oregon-California Trails Association
Statement of Support, Revenues and Expenses**

	1997-98 BUDGET	ACTUAL	OVER (UNDER)	1995-96 ACTUAL
Support & Revenue:				
<u>Support:</u>				
Dues Income	\$93,590	\$94,244	\$ 654	\$85,579
Life memberships	0	1,500	1,500	2,250
Donations	<u>1,000</u>	<u>22,448</u>	<u>21,448</u>	<u>12,181</u>
Total Support	94,590	118,192	23,602	100,010
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Overland Journal & NFP Revenue	0	4,754	4,754	3,292
COED Fees	0	1,939	1,939	1,949
OCTA sales revenue (net)	20,000	21,857	1,857	26,820
Convention revenue (net)	10,000	40,234	30,234	41,422
Investment income	4,000	16,814	12,814	19,114
Miscellaneous income	0	0	0	250
Carryover from prior year	25,000	0	(25,000)	0
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities	<u>0</u>	<u>28,279</u>	<u>28,279</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenues	59,000	113,877	54,877	92,847
Total Support & Revenues	\$153,590	\$232,069	\$78,479	\$192,857
Expenses:				
Officers	\$ 11,450	\$ 7,979	\$ (3,471)	\$ 5,434
Committees	18,100	14,711	(3,389)	12,146
Headquarters	75,587	76,409	822	70,895
Preservation	10,000	3,812	(6,188)	6,050
Publications	49,300	50,090	740	44,928
Other (Capital Equipment)	1,000	1,412	412	3,189
Total Expenses	\$165,437	\$154,363	\$(11,074)	\$142,642
Excess of Revenues Over Expenses	\$(11,847)	\$ 77,706	\$89,553	\$ 50,215
Net Revenue From Various Activities:		<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	
Convention		\$40,234	\$41,422	
OCTA Store		\$21,857	\$26,820	
Publications		(\$45,029)	(\$41,458)	

Fund Raising Report:

As of March 1, OCTA had received a total of \$14,684 during the Fifth Annual Fund Drive. The success of this year's fund drive was made possible by 203 donors. Thanks to those who chose to make a difference. Other donors were listed in the January NFP.

Drive Results

Endowment Fund	\$ 7,566
Annual Fund	3,249
Designated Funds:	
Preservation	799
Archaeology	205
Trail Marking,	802
Trail Mapping	242
COED	42
Education	125
Special Pubs	<u>1,654</u>
Grand Total	\$14,684

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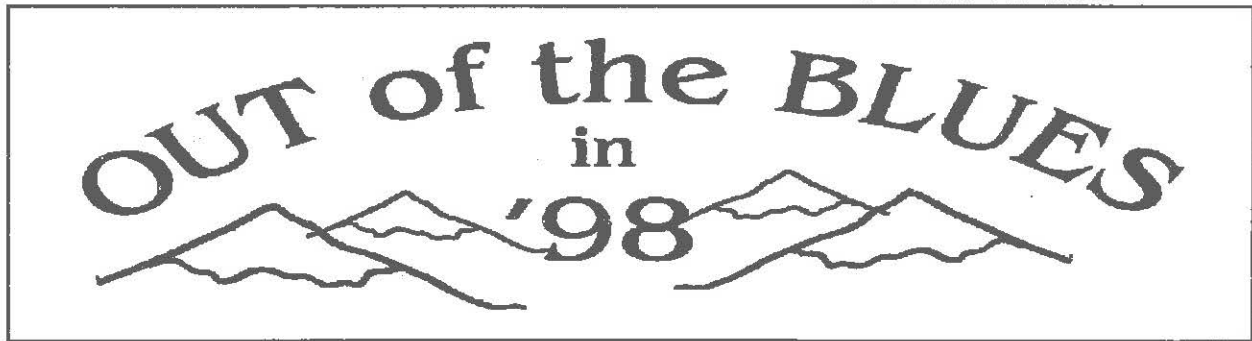
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— James E. Budde



OCTA National Convention - Pendleton, Oregon

The plans have been made, now all we need to do is show up. That's the story for the 1998 OCTA Convention, scheduled the week of August 10 in Pendleton, Oregon. While the convention gives all of us a chance to have lots of fun exploring the trails, it is also an opportunity to learn more about the area we are visiting through speakers and presentations which are both education and entertaining. Here is a brief overview of some of what's planned for Pendleton.

"Blazing a Wagon Trail to Oregon" -- Lloyd Coffman

Why the Great Migration began when it did. What type of people undertook such a trip. What their trail experience provided in the way of information and encouragement to subsequent trains. As an owner of a hardware store in Baker City, Lloyd became interested in the history of Eastern Oregon. He taught history classes through Eastern Oregon State College and trained the staff of the Flagstaff Hill facility in trail history.

"A Literal Overview of the Oregon Trail" -- Robert Kabel

This color slide illustrated presentation begins with comments about flying and aerial photography. The trail is followed from Independence, MO, to Oregon City, OR, in the fall of 1994. Sites difficult or impossible to reach on the ground are easily viewed from the air. Bob is retired as Emeritus Professor of Chemical Engineering from Penn State University. A pilot and photographer, he and his wife Barbara have driven, hiked, photographed, and talked about the trail.

"Myths Perpetuated by History Texts" -- Keith May

The role of Natives is seldom taught in history textbooks. Using a slide show of trail sites across Oregon and diary entries, positive interactions are stressed and myths are dispelled. Keith is the first male first grade teacher in Umatilla County since the pioneer days. OCTA's Educator of the Year in 1995, he has six books to his credit including two about Pendleton and one about the Oregon Trail in Oregon.

"Native Americans: The Wal-Mart of the Trail"

Christina Ray May

Native Americans offered a valuable resource of clothing, footwear and food. Women had positive trade interactions with the natives. Diary excerpts will be used along with displays of pioneer clothing. Christina is a private school science/math/health teacher. She has authored a book on pioneer clothing.

"Young Pioneers and Natives: From Fear to Fascination"

Violet Kimball

How the pioneer's fear of the Indians turned to fascination for many of the youth. The trading, shooting ability, offers of ponies for brides, customs and cuisines interested many pioneer children.

Violet has read about 500 accounts and has amassed a collection of quotes and interesting events.

"Lower Well Spring Diversion of the Oregon Trail"

Greg Green

A report from the archaeologist who located Lower Well Spring after 55 years of confusion and closure of the area. He concluded that traces leading to and from the area were original diversion routes. Greg is an engineering and environmental services consultant contracted to work on a resources management plan for the U.S. Navy's Naval Weapons Systems Facility near Boardman.

"Two-Way-Seeing"

Shannon Applegate & Esther Stutzman

A dramatic and musical conversation/performance exploring similarities and differences between pioneers and native Oregonians. Performed in period costumes, their dialogue portrays an attempt to reconcile two peoples struggling to learn from the past. Esther is a traditional American Indian storyteller of Coos and Yonkalla/Kalapuya heritage. An educator, she is working on a curriculum for the Kalapuya people. Shannon is a pioneer descendant and author, editor, lecturer, writing teacher and regional historian.

"Fanny & Friends"

OCTA's own Joyce Badgley Hunsaker is a fourth generation Oregon Trail pioneer descendant and a fifth generation California Trail pioneer descendant. Her unforgettable living history portrayals of the Westering experience have won her critical acclaim nationwide as both actress and historian.

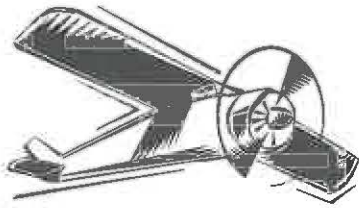
Ms. Hunsaker has performed on stage for audiences from coast to coast, and has been featured many times on national television and radio. This year's presentation of "Fanny and Friends" is being created specifically for the Pendleton '98 Convention.

Marv Ross Trail Band

OCTA members attending the 1998 Pendleton convention will enjoy a performance by the Marv Ross Trail Band. Those who attended the 1993 Baker City convention will recall their outstanding program. The nine piece group, formed in 1991 at the request of the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council, is led by Marv Ross and features his wife Rindy Ross as soloist.

Their accomplishments include thousands of concerts presented throughout the West as well as four albums and sound tracks for two KPTV television specials on the Oregon Trail. Dressed in 19th century military-style band uniforms, they perform with many old and unique instruments, including violins, full brass, hammer dulcimer, banjo, piano, drums, and guitar. They bring home the emotions and history of the Oregon Trail.

'Flying Rut Nuts' Take To Air Over Emigrant Trails



A new organization of self-described "flying rut nuts" has been formed to explore western emigrant trails from the air. Already several hundred strong, the Trail Pilots Association is headed by

OCTA member Bill White of Logan, Utah.

"As the TPA gets more organized, we will make pilots and planes available for those involved in mapping projects through OCTA and the Santa Fe Trails Association," he says. "With more than 600,000 pilots in the U.S., this is a serious resource."

The Association is still informal, with no membership fees or work assignments. "I prefer to think of it as a clearinghouse type organization where people with similar interests can get together or contact others with plans to fly trails, etc.," White says.

Several fly-ins are on the calendar for the summer of 1998, including those planned in conjunction with the Wet/Dry Route Chapter Second Annual Seminar in Larned, Kansas, June 13-14; Oregon Trail Days in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, July 9-12; the Pioneer Festival in Baker City, Oregon, July 25-26; and the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival in Pocatello, Idaho, August 8-9.

In addition, White says some TPA members are planning a flight along the Lewis & Clark route and others are planning to explore the Bozeman Trail and the Lassen Cut-off.

White is publishing a periodic newsletter available for anyone with an interest in the Trail Pilots Association. You can get on the mailing list by writing him c/o Western Airtrails, P.O. Box 6071, North Logan UT 84341 or send him e-mail at n2485q@tcsourseone.com.

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and review of OCTA's Statement of Purpose and Bylaws.

- Committing to a strategy of partnering with both public and private members of the national trails community, including pursuing a coalition of the various support groups or associations connected to each of the National Historic Trails.

- Providing competent legal counsel to the OCTA Board and Officers on a regular basis.

The Long Range Plan was referred to the Administrative Committee headed by Levida Hileman for review.

In other action at the Mid-Year meeting, the Board:

- Established an Administrative Committee to oversee day-to-day operations of the Headquarters and the Headquarters staff. It replaces the former Headquarters Committee and the temporary Executive Committee

- Accepted a report from the Administrative Committee that an Executive Director not be appointed at this time. Kathy Conway will continue as Headquarters Manager.

- Asked the Administrative Committee to make recommendations for policies and procedures to guide the COED program.

- Tentatively awarded the 2003 OCTA convention to the KANZA chapter, which plans to host the convention at Manhattan in conjunction with a Fort Riley commemorative observance. Now scheduled are conventions in Pendleton in 1998, in Chico in 1999, in Kansas City in 2000 and in Casper in 2001. No host city has been identified for 2002.

- Heard a report from the co-chairs of the Trails Liaison Committee, Bill and Jean Watson, concerning meetings with



At the Mid-Year OCTA Board meeting, left to right, OCTA President Roger Blair, Vice President David Welch, and Board members Lesley Wischmann, Will Bagley, Ross Marshall, Lowell Tiller and Levida Hileman.

— Photo by Bill Martin

Congressional representatives during Trails Advocacy Week, March 8-11. Some 40 volunteers representing 20 National Historic and Scenic Trails made dozens of visits to congressional offices in support of an increase in appropriations for trails preservation. OCTA members are

being asked to contact their Congressmen and Senators to seek support for trails projects.

- Authorized Preservation Officer Tom Hunt to write a letter to Natrona County, Wyoming, Planning Commissioners expressing OCTA's concerns about a proposal to build a pair of duplexes at the Martin's Cove. There is concern the project would infringe on trails' viewshed in the area.



WAGON WHEELS ON THE INTERNET

Visit the Oregon-California Trails Association website
<http://calcite.rocky.edu/octa/>



HOT LINKS ON THE INTERNET TRAIL

The OCTA website has undergone a lot of changes recently. The entire bookstore catalogue, broken into categories, is now available on-line at <http://calcite.rocky.edu/bookstor.htm>. While we cannot take order on-line -- at least not yet! -- there is an order form available to use.

New books that come into the bookstore are listed at <http://w3.trib.com/~lwisch/newbooks.htm>

We have also begun a new page to bring you information from headquarters: <http://w3.trib.com/~lwisch/hdqrtrs.htm>

While this page will keep you up-to-date on happenings within the organization, you can keep current with changes on the website by visiting <http://w3.trib.com/~lwisch/new.htm>.

We are also working with Randy Brown to post the text of all OCTA markers at <http://w3.trib.com/~lwisch/markers.htm>

Another exciting development is the chapter websites! The following chapters currently have their own websites:

Crossroads - <http://www.metrogourmet.com/crossroads>

KANZA - <http://www.ukans.edu/kansas/seneca/oregon/kanza/index.html>

Northwest - <http://rutnut.com/nwocta/home.html>

Southwest - <http://www.primenet.com/~tompkin/SWOCTA.html>

Wyoming - <http://w3.trib.com/~rlund/chapter.html>

In addition, the Nebraska chapter will soon be on-line and limited information on treks and outings for Trail's Head chapter can be found at <http://w3.trib.com/~lwisch/thead.htm>

All the chapter websites can be accessed from <http://w3.trib.com/~lwisch/chapters.htm>

We have also begun to use the website to provide information about preservation issues. In the last few months, we have posted information about several issues affecting the trails along with e-mail addresses people can use to contact decision-makers to express their concern about the trails. This information can be found at <http://w3.trib.com/~lwisch/preserve.htm>

Preservation alerts are being sent out regularly via the Overland Trails mailing list. If you don't subscribe to the list but would like to receive these alerts, drop me an e-mail at LWisch@trib.com and I will see that you are notified.

As some of you may have noticed, we have begun an interesting new experiment with the website. While the main website remains housed at Rocky Mountain College <http://calcite.rocky.edu/octa>, a number of pages are now being kept on Lesley's local internet service provider. This allows us to update and change pages more frequently. However, since the entire website, regardless of where it is housed, is formatted the same, you would likely not be aware of the two different locations unless you looked closely at the addresses. You can get to any page on our website from any other page. So far, the experiment seems to be working well and we are quite pleased with it.

Finally, the website has recently received quite a few awards for our content and design, including one from the government of Portugal! It is nice to have this kind of recognition as we continue to try to make the website an interesting, attractive, and educational tool to promote OCTA's goals. Feel free to contact me with any concerns, suggestions, or criticisms of the site!

— Lesley Wischmann

Websites of Interest

Some trails and western websites of interest picked up from various sources:

The complete OCTA bookstore catalog is now on-line. Check it out at:

calcite.rocky.edu/octa/bookstor.htm

Here's a nice little page on the California Trail that has just been added to Les Kelly's website:

www.goldrush1849.com/thewaywest.html

For anyone interested in the National Park Service's Comprehensive Management Plan for the California and Pony Express Trails, you might want to check out the following website:

www.nps.gov/planning/trails/newsletter/intro.htm

A new website sponsored by the Fort Phil Kearny and Bozeman Trail Association has come on line. It can be found at:

www.wavecom.net/philkearny/index.html

Here is the address for a gold rush site done by the Sacramento Bee:

www.calgoldrush.com

Here is an interesting website on the Oregon Trail done by fourth grade students in Germantown, Pennsylvania. They used photos from the OCTA website to illustrate their work. Check it out at:

www.ga.k12.pa.us/academics/ls/4/1a/4v/tanksa/tankintr.htm

To find Lewis & Clark Bicentennial maps and other information, try:

www.pbs.org/lewisandclark/

Black Rock

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to the playa, for those who want to see the trail as well as for other users.

The event would require a very significant effort from the BLM, for processing and monitoring, at a time when budget cuts have seriously reduced the BLM's capacity even to monitor activities in the area.

We do not oppose the Burning Man event itself, but we oppose its happening in a sensitive area that, as the past has demonstrated, can easily lead to damage of the trail. And we oppose permitting an event that will demand so many of the BLM's scarce resources. The BLM needs its complete capability to complete the long-needed management plan, to meet ongoing responsibilities for monitoring the area, and to protect the trail resources and those of us who want to visit those resources.

In early March, the BLM refused to grant a permit for the Burning Man. That was good, but the Burning Man promoters have been putting a lot of pressure on the BLM, through e-mail and phone calls and US mail, and, if that pressure does not cause the BLM to reverse its decision, will most probably file a formal protest.

Beyond Burning Man, the BLM is being distracted from work on the management plan by numerous other applications to permit activities in the Black Rock Desert, including new rocket launching events (with rockets up to 58,000 feet altitudes) and two other land speed record attempts.

The BLM's work on the management plan for the area will suffer because of all these new applications, because the recreation planner drafting the plan must also work on the permits and because of the issues involved in the proposed events. In addition to protection of the trails in the area, safety is a major issue (particularly to those of us who might be exploring the trail during a rocket launch), as is maintaining unrestricted access to the trails. In addition, the BLM's Winnemucca Field Office, where all this is happening, currently has no law enforcement on staff to monitor these events.

We need you to write the BLM, as soon as possible. Your letters should do three things. First: Support its decision to deny a permit to the Burning Man. Second: Urge the BLM to keep completion of the Black Rock Management Plan at the highest level of priority. Third: Ask the BLM, until the management plan is completed, to postpone acceptance of requests for new activities that have the potential of damaging the trails, endangering people who come into the area to visit the trails, or limiting access to the trails.

Address your letter to: Ron Wenker, Manager, BLM, Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445

Also, and this is very important, please send a copy of your letter to: Bob Abbey, Nevada State Director, Bureau of Land Management, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89520-0006.

If you haven't run out of stamps by this time, please send a copy to me: Chuck Dodd, Route 1, Box 9, Chilcoot, CA 96105. A copy to me lets me know the magnitude of our response on the issue, which will help the next time I talk to Ron Wenker or Bob Abbey about protecting the trails.

OCTA Volunteers Needed

OCTA currently has available two important volunteer assignments and is actively seeking individuals who would like to fill them.

A chair is needed for the Publications Committee, replacing Rose Ann Tompkins, who has resigned. The Committee oversees the Overland Journal, News From The Plains and the Emigrant Trails Historical Study Series.

Also needed is an individual to coordinate the Challenge Cost Share Project, replacing Sandra Sue Dragoo and Sandra J. Waggoner, who have resigned. The coordinator will be responsible for liaison with chapters and project managers.

If you are interested in either of those positions, contact OCTA President Roger Blair for more information.

Award Winners Sought

It's not too late to send in your nominations for individuals to receive awards at the annual OCTA Convention in Pendleton in August.

Nominations for Volunteer of the Year, Meritorious Achievement, Friend of the Trail and National Certificates of Appreciation should be sent to George Ivory, Awards Committee Chair, 7409 S. Balboa Drive, Midvale UT 84047. Nominations should include an explanation as to why the person is being nominated.

Nominations for Educator of the Year should be sent to William Hill, chair of the Education Awards Committee, 91 Wood Road, Centereach NY 11720. Separate awards will be presented in elementary-primary/intermediate grades, middle school/junior high, high school, and post secondary/college/adult education.

Trails Plan

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Boyle told the Board that the project is extremely complex and includes receiving input not only from trails organizations such as OCTA, but also from 13 states, state and regional Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service offices, state agencies, Indian tribes and others.

Boyle said the initial draft was opposed by many federal agencies outside of the Parks Service. She said there is "no support for ultra-protectionist positions" for the trails by states, local federal agencies and many in the private sector, including mining and oil interests. Some federal agencies felt the initial draft gave too much power to the NPS, a situation which Krakow referred to as a "turf problem."

While limited copies of the final draft will be available, OCTA members can be put on the mailing list for news about availability and public hearings by contacting Boyle at the National Parks Service, Denver Service Center, P.O. Box 25287, Denver CO 80225. E-mail Susan_Boyle@nps.gov.

For an OCTA view of the CPM and the process, see National Trails Preservation Officer Tom Hunt's report on pages 10-11 of this issue of NFP.

Comprehensive Trail Management Plan

“The Very Essence of What OCTA Is About”

OCTA Trails Preservation Officer Thomas Hunt has been following the progress of the Comprehensive Management Plan for the emigrant trails system for several years. Following a National Park Service presentation at the Mid-Year Board Meeting, he filed this report.

By Tom Hunt

At the recently concluded OCTA Board of Directors' Mid-Year meeting in Phoenix, the National Park Service presented its official update on the final draft version of the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) for the California Trail and Pony Express route. Also included in this document is a purported revision in the management of the Oregon and Mormon Trails.

This omnibus CMP will to all intents and purposes become the official management guideline document for all federal agencies for the next ten to twenty years, and it will thus be the single most important and critical trail preservation document that we are likely to see produced in our lifetime.

On its pages should appear those proposals, those goals, and those federal land management policies and commitments which will determine whether we and all future generations of Americans are going to have the overland emigrant trail experience preserved in a meaningful and historically-significant way.

Make no mistake about it:

This is the very essence of what OCTA is all about, and how we choose to respond will determine the measure of our commitment to our stated goals as a historic trails preservation organization.

Before proceeding with this report, let me first make two necessary comments:

First, these comments are going out to you by means of the *News From The Plains* at the specific request of its editor and with a publication deadline immediately at hand, and they are going out to you on my own initiative as National Trails Preservation Officer.

There has been no opportunity subsequent to the NPS presentation on the CMP for the national board to meet and discuss the situation. I would have preferred to have had more time in which to frame these comments without the pressure of this *NFP* deadline, but this is not in any way a shoot-from-the-hips response on my part. I have fully considered my words, and I stand firmly behind them in my official capacity as OCTA's National Trails Preservation Officer.

Second, the NPS is presently reviewing the final set of written comments on the CMP which it has solicited from OCTA's designated reviewers and from other concerned trail groups, and thus there is still the possibility that it might yet respond to the CMP's multiple shortcomings and effect the necessary changes. It is fervently hoped that this unlikely eventuality will occur.

Having deftly allowed myself a certain amount of wiggle room, let me go on to say that while the NPS has been working on this CMP for four years now, it is still not in a position to issue an

accurate and meaningful historic resource management document and apparently has concluded not to do so. By its own admission, it seriously underestimated the tremendous magnitude of the undertaking, but it is determined to bring the process to an end regardless of the shortcomings of the results.

Consequently, the bureaucratic juggernaut has been set in motion and is rolling right along with only OCTA directly in its way. The board was informed by the NPS representatives at the midterm board meeting that they were under strict instructions from a higher level of authority within the NPS to issue the final CMP by the end of September of this year *no matter what*.

“This omnibus CMP . . . will be the single most important and critical trail preservation document that we are likely to see produced in our lifetime.”

Nothing that we, as a "partner" which had been asked to contribute most of the technical expertise and data upon which the CMP is based could say or do and nothing that they, themselves, at their level within the NPS hierarchy might wish to address in their capacities as authors of the CMP *was going to be allowed to change this ordained NPS schedule!*

The NPS representatives went on to state unequivocally in response to an inquiry from the OCTA Board that no useful purpose could be served at this time by undertaking further meetings with OCTA representatives to discuss those very fundamental issues and concerns pertaining to the many inadequacies or the basic historical context of the CMP which we felt still needed to be addressed and resolved.

The board was informed that this was the best that the NPS could professionally do under the strictures imposed upon the CMP process by the service; the best that the American public could expect to have under any CMP. The message was not very subtle. There was no provision for wiggle room here.

Now you must appreciate the very curious situation which we have in this CMP process. It is being written by a federal agency, the National Park Service, which has no authority to manage the historical trails system outside of those few isolated units which have been designated as parts of the national park system.

The actual management of the overwhelming majority of our historic trails is the mandated responsibility of other federal agencies, principally the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, two agencies which are very protective of their own "turf" and institutionally jealous of the NPS.

Indeed, these two federal agencies must officially "sign off" on any CMP which the NPS may write before that CMP can go into operation., unless the NPS undertakes the highly unlikely step of going back to Congress for authorization of a CMP which is unacceptable to the BLM or Forest Service.

In other words, these other two agencies effectively have veto power over the entire CMP process as far as what they are going



*NPS Long-Distance
Trails Superintendent
Jere Krakow addresses
the OCTA Mid-Year
Board Meeting*

to be required to do as far as actually protecting and preserving those cultural resources which are under their direct jurisdictions. Keep this fundamental fact in mind as we go on to consider the two alternative courses of action which the NPS offers under this CMP.

The first NPS alternative is basically to continue as things are now. This is really not even a bona fide alternative because by enacting the Cal Trail legislation Congress has already mandated that things are not to continue as they are. Otherwise, OCTA would not have worked so hard since its very inception to have this legislation passed.

The second alternative (really the only alternative offered by the NPS in the CMP) calls for something which OCTA has always very strongly supported as an organization: the establishment of an adequately staffed and funded National Historic Trails unit which would then initiate a long list of commendable historic-trail-related studies and projects.

However, there turned out to be a joker in the deck as far as the other federal agencies were concerned. The NPS badly overreached itself.

This proposed, much-expanded historic trails unit would be under the auspices of the NPS and the two other federal agencies, ever jealous of their own turf (as the NPS must have known all along that they would be) saw this as constituting a blatant attempt at NPS empire building at their expenses. The NPS representative informed the Board that these other agencies have already indicated that they weren't intending to do the requisite sign off on this NPS preferred alternative.

So where does this leave us as far as the two proposed NPS alternatives are concerned if the BLM and Forest Service aren't going to sign off on Alternative Two and the NPS isn't willing to challenge the veto of these other two agencies?

Well, what we apparently seem to be left with is Alternative Two, the NPS preferred alternative, minus its expanded staff and minus its expanded preservation programs whose accomplishment at some indefinite future date was predicated upon the existence of this now non-existent expanded staff.

In other words, what we seem to be ending up with is Alternative One. What we seem to be ending up with are the historic trails being managed pretty much as they are presently being managed, albeit camouflaged behind some rather extensive cosmetic verbiage.

Maybe the NPS is going, to surprise, us, and succeed in making some rational sense out of the never-never land world of bureaucratic politics as exemplified by the present state of this proposed CMP. But OCTA cannot really expect that to happen nor can we afford to predicate our response to this CMP on that happy possibility. Neither can we hope to see the cause of historic trails preservation benefit by this sort of bureaucratic turf

war.

The very least that we can expect from this CMP process out of all of this bureaucratic confusion; the thing which we know that the NPS can do -- and is legally mandated to do by the Cal Trail legislation -- is to use this CMP to certify the geographical extent of the *complete* California Trail complex, document it historically, and map it correctly and officially.

All this part of the CMP is a simple matter of history. It does not involve any questions of "turf." These other federal agencies do not have to sign off on it. Given this measure of official sanction and recognition in the CMP, at least the basis for further trail preservation efforts will have been established beyond dispute.

If the NPS will not go even this short way towards fulfilling its congressional mandate pertaining to the California Trail -- and we must still afford the NPS time to consider OCTA's latest

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official input and reflect it in the Final CMP -- then I will not hesitate to recommend to the national board and to our membership that we actively oppose the CMP and vigorously pursue every option available to us -- both administratively within the NPS and politically through Congress -- to effect a complete re-write of the plan.

If we are to remain faithful to our stated goals as a historical trail preservation organization, I feel that we have no other alternative than to take this course.

Finally, let me address a few remarks to you regarding the final step in the CMP process, the public comment meetings following the publication of the Final CMP.

Already I am hearing disillusioned participants in the CMP review process beginning to suggest that -- if properly orchestrated and backed by historically sound research -- an articulate OCTA membership will somehow be able at the last minute to carry the day at these public hearings.

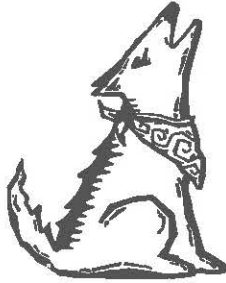
Forget it.

Based on over forty years of experience in dealing directly with federal agencies in these public comment and review meetings, I can assure you that nothing of the sort will happen. These public sessions are strictly *pro forma* exercises whose bureaucratic, procedural purpose is to allow the public to think that it is participating in the great American, democratic process in some meaningful way.

No meaningful changes will come out of these *pro forma* public sessions *unless* sufficient political or administrative pressure has been otherwise previously exerted at some higher levels of government which will lead to changes being made in the CMP *before* this stage in the process has been reached.

This is not being cynical; this is simply the reality of the thing. Believe me.

Another story on the CMP process can be found beginning on page one of this issue of News From The Plains.



NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Gateway



Gateway members experience the Kansas winds as they place a marker on the north side of the Oneida Cemetery in Brown County, Kansas. Standing are (l. to r.) Mary Jo Sprague and Marilyn Pummell. Seated are (l. to r.) Jackie Lewin, Pat Shannon, Suzette McCord-Rogers, and Sarah Elder. Not in the photo but also attending were Wolf River Bob Breeze, Michael Philbrick, and Jerry Lewin.

Trails Head

In January, the Trails Head chapter's executive committee met with the specific aim of planning the calendar year and getting it to the membership so they would know the dates early and could mark their calendars accordingly.

The year was planned with the goals of increased participation by our members, a greater variety of events, and increasing the membership so as to increase awareness of the role of emigrant trail history in the local historic community.

The first general meeting of the year was held on February 10 at Jim Lee's house in Kansas City. Attendees received updates on various chapter activities.

On Saturday, February 21, Trails Head sponsored a tour of the Central Regions Branch of the National Archives, located in southeastern Kansas City. The day was planned and organized by Barbara Magerl. Archivist Mark Corrison presented an overview of the holdings of the National Archives as they relate to the era

of western expansion.

He also showed some maps, documents and charts of particular interest. One document was a surveyor's drawing, by Lt. Robert E. Lee, of the Mississippi River at St. Louis in the 1850s. He also showed court records of the third case filed in the Kansas Territorial Court in the 1850s which involved the widowed mother of William "Buffalo Bill" Cody.

Some excerpts of more recent documents, such as reports by Merrill Mattes when he was superintendent of the Scotts Bluff National Monument, also were shown. Following this presentation, the group took a behind-the-scenes tour before going to lunch at the Old Country Buffet on Bannister Road.

In March, Trails Head was planning to support the two regional History Day competitions with cash awards for entries of superior quality which are about any historic trail.

On a Saturday in April, Trails Head will tour Ft. Leavenworth. Participants will travel by bus to and from Leavenworth.

-- Mary Conrad & Judy Budde

Crossroads

The mountain passes are closed, the desert is a sea of mud, and the trail is blanketed by snow. True, winter may have kept Utah Crossroaders off the trail, but that doesn't mean we've been idle here in Utah. Like the prospective emigrants who spent the winter dreaming, studying, planning, and preparing for days on the trail in the spring, Crossroads members have been sitting around our figurative fires with maps and guide books (journals and good history books) in hand. As soon as the grass grows and the ruts dry, we'll be on the road.

However, we do have a new captain this year. In January we called a camp meeting and elected new officers. Vern Gorzitze is now in command, with Roy Tea as assistant trail boss. John Eldredge continues as clerk of the company, and Gar Elison will still serve as camp banker. We did not let George Ivory get too far away. He will take over as driver of the COED wagon,

A visit from Frank and Mary Ann Tortorich enlivened our winter days. They came all the way from California to speak at our chapter meeting held January 22 in Salt Lake City. Frank took us on a mental and visual excursion along the Carson Pass Trail, opened by Mormon Battalion men in the summer of 1848. (Guess what? We have another sesquicentennial to celebrate!) With his wonderful enthusiasm, wealth of knowledge and ability as a good story-teller, Frank kindled our interest in an expedition for Crossroads members on the trail in July with Frank serving as guide. As he showed slides of the trail and narrated the story of the route's opening, Mary Ann assisted by reading quotes from the journals of some of the "Battalion boys" who first blazed the

trail over Carson Pass while making their way to Utah. Also very interesting was Frank's condensed history of the War with Mexico, the Mormon Battalion, the revolt and American takeover in California, Samuel Brannan, early Mormon settlement in the area, and the discovery of gold, all integral parts of the trail's history.

Besides a field trip over the Carson Pass route this summer, Utah Crossroads members are anticipating a weekend excursion on May 16 and 17, weather permitting, along Hensley's Salt Lake Cutoff to City of the Rocks and Granite Pass in Idaho. For details about the trip, contact Roy Tea. Also on the spring schedule is a lecture by Dr. Brigham Madsen on the goldrush sojourners in Salt Lake City. These trail-weary, sick or late gold-seekers stopped in the Mormon city for a winter, or more, before continuing to California. Some stayed permanently. This chapter meeting will be held in Salt Lake City on Thursday, April 30, at 7 p.m.

Minds have been far from idle here. Al Mulder, Roy Tea, Mike Lunt and Kent Malan have been pouring over maps and journals, working out the fine details and preparing to map and mark the trails come good weather. Especially targeted is the Salt Lake Cutoff, whose sesquicentennial is also this year. Work will also continue on the Hastings route. And in case you haven't noticed, Steve Berlin has been busy helping Crossroads members, such as Gar Elison, Roy Tea, Kristin Johnson and others, to get set up on the internet, that great technological highway. Quite a few of our members have spent their winter in archives and at their computers, researching and writing about the trails and trail travelers. All in all, while trapped by winter in these great mountains, Utah Crossroads members have explored the trails without getting into a rut, so to speak.

--Lyndia Carter

Southwest

Saturday, February 7, opened with rain in the high country of central Arizona. Chapter members who had gathered were not to be discouraged, however, and all made their way to a 10 a.m. rendezvous in Young, AZ. Rain changed to snow with an increase in elevation, but fortunately Young was lower in elevation from the highway used to get there. In fact, the rain stopped and the sun even came out at times as the day went on. Then there was only the mud to battle on the ranch roads we traveled.

Thirteen chapter members and one guest made the trip, some coming from California and New Mexico. Tracy DeVault, of Prescott, AZ put the plans together for this meeting. It was not a trip along an emigrant trail that brought us to Young, but the story and sites of the Pleasant Valley War.

We spent the day learning about and visiting some of the relevant sites of this range war which occurred over 100 years ago. The highlight of the day was the time spent with a rancher who now owns one of the properties that figured in the events of that time. All in all, it was a great day of this piece of Arizona history.

Plans continue for hosting the OCTA mid-year board meeting and it will be over by the time you read this. Besides the activity of the meeting itself, we plan to show those who travel here some of our trails.

-- Rose Ann Tompkins

Upcoming Activities

Selected events sponsored by OCTA Chapters.

Schedule subject to change.

*If no contact name is provided,
contact individual chapters for details.*

May 2 — California-Nevada Chapter Johnson's Ranch Tour. Contact Jack Steed, (916) 922-7038

May 16-17 — California-Nevada Chapter Forty Mile Desert Tour. Contact Jim McClain, (916) 477-7750.

June 5-6 — Northwest Chapter, Tamastlikt Grand Opening and Boardman Hike.

June 12-14 — Alcove Spring encampment, Alcove Spring Park, Blue Rapids, Kansas. Contact: Yvonne Larson (785) 363-2365

August 10-15 — 16th Annual OCTA National Convention, Pendleton, Oregon

MORE NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

KANZA



An opportunity to present information to 9-to-12-year-old school children on Kansas Day came unsolicited in a phone call and the KANZA Chapter immediately responded affirmatively.

On Friday, January 23, four members arrived at 8 a.m. at West Elementary School in Wamego (KS). By mid-afternoon over 300 children had been exposed to maps, period dress, stories, slides, history, and information about the Oregon-California Trail and what can be seen nearby.

The audience was grouped into 20-25 per setting and proceeded from station-to-station for a specified length of time. Of course there wasn't time to talk about everything, but each exposure builds knowledge, interest, and curiosity layer by layer. The audience was receptive with interesting questions and comments.

Dorothy Hoobler, Molly Ledeboer and Marian and Jim Bradley were all present so each could take a portion of the time and, at day's end, no one was exhausted. It was a neat opportunity to carry a message to the next generation.

-- Marian Bradley

Northwest

The annual membership meeting was held on March 7 in Vancouver, WA. The meeting featured a talk by Greg Franzwa on the changes in the trail and his perspective of the trail over the past twenty-five years.

After the meeting, tours of the reconstructed Fort Vancouver were provided by the National Park Service. The entire Fort Vancouver National Historic District is the subject of a number of projects that will provide a greatly improved experience for visitors.

Many NW OCTA chapter members traveled to Albany, Oregon, for a Sunday living history portrayal of Dr. John McLoughlin that complemented our visit to Fort Vancouver. The meeting was co-sponsored by the Linn County Historical Society.

In April we will resume our trail marking activities under the leadership of Vic Bolon. Our Challenge Cost Share Project is mapping the trail from LaGrande to Echo. Much of the trail was previously marked, but we are examining new information to validate previous efforts. A very thorough study sponsored by the U. S. Navy has resulted in important new interpretations of the Upper and Lower Well Spring area. Our mapping and marking efforts are enhanced by the use of a GPS instrument to marker record positions.

Of course, the chapter's main efforts is preparation for the convention in Pendleton. The convention packets may be out by the time you read this article. Dick Ackerman, Lowell Tiller and Carol Ann Buss and other volunteers have been working for three years to bring this event together. They have succeeded in bringing together a wonderful program involving the trail and its people in the context of the Pendleton area.

See you all in Pendleton!

-- Dave Welch

California-Nevada

The Winter Symposium was held in February, despite deluging rains and wind. The 133 brave souls who showed up in Mariposa, John C. Fremont's original Rancho, were treated to talks and slides on John and Jesse Fremont, the political aspect of the gold rush, the miners, and Yosemite.

OCTA member Jerry Dwyer shared the fruits of his 15-year research on Fremont. Don Weston, a wheelwright, gave a presentation on the making of wagon wheels that turned out to be quite a highlight! Leroy Radanovich's slides of early Yosemite featured fascinating out-of-print sketches.

Attendees were from as far away as Washington and Minnesota! Evening entertainment included folksingers, story tellers, and a Miwok basketmaker. The wife of one of the folksingers brought half a dozen of her jolly handmade, lifesize dolls for attendees to see.

The following day, Scott Pinkerton gave a private tour of California's oldest operating Court House, as well as a guided tour of the museum, and an auto tour to the mining areas. The Court House also ranks as the oldest operating one west of the Rockies.

The California-Nevada chapter also gave a gift membership in OCTA to the Mariposa Historical Society and Museum in thanks for its assistance and hospitality.

The Chapter's next activity will be the third planning meeting for the Chico Convention in '99, to be held in Sacramento on April 25. Practice tours for the '99 Convention will take place in May and June. Since guests (non-CA/NV members) will be given preference for the actual Convention, the practice tours

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STILL MORE NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS



Arleta Martin and Marion Bradley were among the KANZA chapter members who braved snow and temperatures in the 30s during a New Year's Day outing examining swales and creek crossing in a pasture near Bremen, Kansas, not far from the junction of the Independence Road and the St. Joe Road.

— Photo by Michael Philbrick

California-Nevada

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will only be open to Chapter members. However, the Forty-Mile Desert outing May 16-17 is open to all, but limited to 15 high clearance vehicles. Highlights will include Boiling Springs and traces on the Truckee Route and Salt Creek Crossing; Parran Flat and sand dunes on the Carson Route. (Contact Jim McClain, 11786 Tree Top Circle, Nevada City, CA 95959, (916) 477-7750.

Efforts are underway for a CA/NV Chapter website and should be ready for viewing -- at least in part -- by the time of the next issue of the NFP.

Further, in Chapter activities, is a pilot project to help folks appreciate the High Rock Canyon area. Chuck Dodd, with the cooperation of Hugh Bunten, BLM Surprise Resource Area, Cedarville, CA, and a number of friends of the trail are proposing to mount unobtrusively three low power FM transmitters. The transmitters will be broadcasting trail interpretive and safety messages which can be picked up on any standard FM radio. Matching funds have been pledged if the BLM, OCTA members, and other friends of the trails come up with half of the funds. This will be a pilot project whose success will determine the increased usage of automated radio transmitters in other remote parts of the trail. It is estimated that the total cost for the three transmitters will be approximately \$6,000. Anyone wishing to contribute to this program can send a check made out to FM Radio Transmission, c/o Chuck Dodd, Rte. 1 Box 9, Chilcoot, CA 96105. Dedication for the initial transmission site is planned to take place at Stevens Camp on Upper High Rock Canyon, September 26, 1998 (National Public Lands Day.)

-- Shann Rupp

KANZA

Regrettably Old Man Winter had other plans for the KANZA Chapter on March 8, 1998. The Tri State Meeting, so carefully planned, was snowed out. About 12 inches of the white stuff fell along with 30 MPH winds. The result was a storm that will be remembered as The Blizzard of '98. The previous day, in defiance of the forecasters warning, several of the KANZA Chapter members met to set up the meeting room.

Ken and Arleta Martin, Michael Philbrick, Mike Pacha, Jim and Marian Bradley, Jim and Rosemary Forst, Charles Weickert, Don and Connie Werner, Bob and June Woodyard, Doc and Mike Lyhane, Duane Durst, Glenn and Yvonne Larson met about 10 a.m. Tables were set, displays were assembled, wagons were unloaded and final plans were in place. All was ready.

The snow started about 1 p.m. At first huge beautiful flakes as big as your hand floated down gently. Then the wind started to blow. The snow turned to the small dry flakes that blow miles before settling down to drift in your driveway. Ten of us ate dinner at a local restaurant -- only a dozen other people were out in the whole county. Should have told us something.

By Sunday morning we faced a full scale howling blizzard. We dutifully made phone calls, then gathered at the Armory to disassemble all we had done the day before. One couple drove in the storm sixty miles sometimes as slow as ten miles per hour, to participate in the meeting. Doc and Harriet Maskil, we are honored. Another couple drove in the storm 15 miles. Duane and Carolyn Iles, thank you. Don and Connie Werner, Jim and Marian Bradley stayed the night -- couldn't go home. The main highways were closed and the area closed down. We had lunch together at another local restaurant, made jokes about the Donner-Reed Party and went our own ways.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the persons who made such wonderful preparations. We are truly sorry the weather wouldn't cooperate.

-- Glenn Larson

Alcove Springs Outing

The Alcove Spring Preservation Association and the KANZA Chapter of the Oregon-California Trail Association will host a camp out June 12-14, 1998 at the historic Alcove Spring Park, six miles north of Blue Rapids, Kansas.

A covered wagon circle will be the centerpiece of a nineteenth century camp in Covered Wagon Campground. Historic reenactors are invited to camp with the wagons. There will be a separate modern camp in nearby Stella's Meadow.

The public is invited to camp where the Donner Party of 1846 camped, hunt for Sarah Keyes' grave, and visit and photograph the authentic covered wagon camp.

For information contact: Yvonne Larson, PO Box 104, Waterville, Kansas 66548. Phone (785) 363-2365. E-mail <glarson@midusa.net>

-- Glenn Larson

Arbuckle, Shimmin Mourned

OCTA lost two charter members in January with the deaths of Dennis Shimmin, longtime superintendent of Ash Hollow State Historical Park near Lewellen, Nebraska, and Clyde Arbuckle, city historian for San Jose, Calif., for more than 50 years.

Arbuckle died at his home at the age of 94. A native of the area, he was a second generation Californian, his grandparents having come west before the California Gold Rush.

In addition to authoring a definitive history of San Jose, Arbuckle taught local and western history through adult education courses for nearly 40 years, leading bus trips to historic locations around California and across the west. OCTA member Mary Mueller estimated that more than 30,000 students attended his classes.

Shimmin died at the age of 59 following a lengthy battle with lymphoma. He had been superintendent of Ash Hollow, a historic stop on the Oregon-California Trail, since it was acquired in 1968. The park included Windlass Hill, where pioneers lowered their wagons down a steep hill into the North Platte River Valley, and a visitors center.

"He was Mr. Ash Hollow," said Tom Morrison, superintendent of the Buffalo Bill Scouts Rest Ranch State Historical Park in Nebraska. "He was one of the top authorities on the Oregon Trail. The guy was just a walking encyclopedia."

In addition to his membership in OCTA, Shimmin was a member of the Nebraska State Historical Society and served on the board of the Nebraska National Trails Museum.

Convention Quilts Sought

Newly made quilts commemorating the Oregon Trail experience are being sought for the Pendleton Convention. These may be group quilts or those made by individuals. The quilts will be in a secured display in the book room during the OCTA convention.

The quilts should have a four-inch sleeve of fabric attached to the upper back edge so a pole may be inserted for mounting.

Quilts may be sent ahead of the convention to Susan Badger Doyle, 1113 NW Horn Ave., Pendleton OR 97801-1251. They should plan to arrive a few days before the convention starts. Quilts also may be brought directly to the convention.

If you plan to display a quilt, you should notify Mary Bywater Cross, 805 NW Skyline Crest, Portland OR 97229. This is to help with planning and creating the uniform labels.

Information for documentation should include the following: Name, Date, Size, Maker, Location where made, Why made (including background of the project which resulted in the quilt), Current Owner, Plan for the future. If there are any photographs of the group who made the quilt or taken during its construction, copies should be sent along as well for display.

— Mary Bywater Cross

OCTA Member Honored

OCTA member Jackie Williams of Seattle, Washington, has received the 1997 Individual Award of Excellence from the Washington Museum Association for contributions to museums, scholars and interpreters of Northwest history.

She was cited for her work as a food historian, culminating in two publications, *Wagon Wheel Kitchens: Food on the Oregon Trail* (University Press of Kansas) and *The Way We Ate: Pacific Northwest Cooking, 1843-1900* (Washington State University Press).

Johnson Ranch Closed

By unanimous vote of all family members, the owners of the ranch upon which is located the historic Johnson Ranch adobe of Donner Party fame have decided to cancel all further tours of the lands.

For over ten years the Wilson family has generously allowed historians to tour their holdings, but due to continued incidents of unauthorized trespass the owners must now exert greater control of their properties.

The Wilsons are well aware of the historic events which once took place upon their ranch. Historians are indeed fortunate to have such caring caretakers.

My son and I would like to emphasize how very greatly we appreciate the many past kindnesses shown to us by the Wilsons. We can never repay what they have allowed us to accomplish at the site.

— Jack Steed

Join An OCTA Chapter!

Members of OCTA are eligible to join one or more of eleven OCTA Chapters for nominal dues, ranging from \$5 to \$10 per year.

When you become a chapter member, you will receive four issues of their newsletter with information about meetings, outings, activities and reports related to the work of the organization.

Most newsletters have feature articles and some have many photos of members doing work and having fun marking and preserving the emigrant trails. The chapter newsletter letters inform you about your state and what is happening about preservation where you live.

For information on joining a local chapter, contact the Chapter President in your area. Names are listed on the inside cover page of the 1997 Membership Roster.

— Mary Mueller

Fiddle Players Wanted

If you are coming to Pendleton, bring your fiddle. All OCTA members attending the 1998 convention in Oregon are asked to bring their trail instruments and join with other trail band members to provide music for conventioners. So rosin your bows and tune your guitars (or whatever) for "Turkey In The Straw" and other good old tunes. Call Olive Donaldson at (530) 221-3061 for details.

Letters...Letters...Letters...Letters...Letters...Letters

Editor, NFP

Having just received the current issue of *News From the Plains* and read the lead article on the childhood memory of Mrs. Effie Ritchey who heard Ezra Meeker speak to her schoolmates in 1910, I would like to share my own experience with you.

It was in either 1921 or 1922 when I was in either the seventh or eighth grade in an elementary school in Grand Island, Nebraska, that Ezra Meeker was in town to stimulate community interest in its historic location on the California Trail, and in the Oregon Trail as well, and to encourage the placing of markers. Mid-September on the Great Plains can still have midsummer weather and I recall that it was an extremely hot day when our principal directed upper-grade classes into the assembly room to sit, two at a desk, to hear the distinguished speaker. My little chum, Jane, and I were fortunate to be in line to sit in a front seat.

The principal introduced Ezra Meeker. He was slender and erect and fair-complexioned. His expressive blue eyes carried the meaning of his story as well as did his words. His white hair was long over the collar of his white linen suit. He stood directly in front of the desk where Jane and I were sitting, and to our amazement he gave us his watch to hold and instructions to inform him when his allotted speaking time was up. I wish I could describe the watch; it was certainly an old one, large and thick, like a flattened ball. It was not necessary for us to remind him that his time was up, although we probably would have forgotten about it, so intent we were on his talk.

For many years afterward, as I rode in the car with my parents to visit relatives living in a small town about fifteen miles south of Grand Island, on the south side of the Platte River, I watched for wagon tracks in the grassy meadows in the river's bottom lands, and upon seeing them also saw in my vivid imagination the

covered wagons toiling their destined route westward. In retrospect, I know the ruts I saw were current with the time, caused by the machinery used to cut and haul away the hay; but to a 12-year old who had heard Ezra Meeker talk of covered wagons on the Oregon Trail, they were something else.

A few years after Ezra Meeker's visit to Grand Island, granite markers were placed at a roadside spot on each of the two principal sound-bound highways from Grand Island.

Thank you for reading the reminiscences of an 87-year-old relocated Nebraska.

Eleanor M. Neumayer
Gaithersburg, Maryland

Errata

Please make the following correction in your December 1997 OCTA Membership Roster

- Correct the area code for anyone in Arizona to 520, except the Phoenix area.
- Dr. Robert Kabel of State College, PA advises his phone number should be (814) 237-6447
- Please correct the spelling of Jeannette E. Suboto to Suboter
- Please add an asterisk (*) to Mrs. Jerry Waller, denoting Charter Membership in OCTA.



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Letters are always welcome, but are subject to editing due to space considerations. Letters should be sent to Editor, News From The Plains, 1908 Tuolumne Drive, Reno NV 89523-1228. They also may be sent via e-mail to: words@worldnet.att.net.

Editor, NFP

I enjoy *News From The Plains*, and I am always interested in forts and military medicine. In fact, Arthur H. Clark Company is releasing *A Saw, Pocket Instruments, and Two Ounces of Whiskey: Frontier Military Medicine in the Great Basin*, a book by me on medical conditions in the forts of the West during the frontier period. For these reasons the Article in the January issue on "How The Forts of the Trail Got Their Names" was of particular interest to me. The following is from my book.

First, Camp McGarry was in Nevada as shown on the map, and not in California as the commentary states. It was one of kind, in that it had a summer residence near Summit Lake and a winter site at Soldier Meadows on the Black Rock Desert; both guarded the Lassen-Applegate Cutoff from the California Trail.

Other Great Basin (Intermountain West) trail forts not mentioned in the article are: Forts Halleck, Ruby, Churchill, and McDermitt in Nevada; Forts Douglas, Crittenden (Floyd), and Cameron in Utah, and Fort Three Forks of the Owyhee in Idaho.

Fort Halleck was named for Henry W. Halleck who was Commander of the Military Division of the Pacific and more importantly, Lincoln's General in Chief during the Civil War. It was built in 1867 near Elko, Nevada in middle of the Great Basin. The Army located the base on the California Trail, and near the Central Pacific Railroad. The Army abandoned the base in 1886.

Fort Ruby was established in September 1862 at the foot of the spectacular Ruby Mountains which had been named by early settlers who found ruby red agates in a canyon above the valley floor. The fort provided a way-station for volunteers on the way to the Civil War, but it was also situated to protect travelers on the Overland stage route. It was closed by the Army in 1869.

Fort Churchill was built close to the junction of the California and the Overland Trails in 1860. It was named by Captain Joseph Stewart to honor General Sylvester Churchill (1783-1862), Inspector General of the U. S. Army and hero of the Mexican War. The fort was abandoned in 1869.

Fort McDermitt guarded from 1865 to 1889 the Winnemucca-Boise stage route. The post was located near the Oregon border on the northeast corner of the Black Rock Desert. Ft. McDermitt was named to honor Lieutenant Colonel Charles McDermitt killed earlier that year in the southeast corner of the Black Rock Desert.

Fort Douglas was established in 1862 with stated purpose of securing the mail lines and immigration trails from the Indians, but in addition, its commander was instructed to guarantee the loyalty of the Mormon settlement. The base was named for the deceased "Little Giant," Senator Stephen A. Douglas one of Lincoln's opponent for President. In fact, it is believed that Lincoln gave the order to name the fort. It remained an active fort well past World War II.

Camp Floyd named for John Buchanan Floyd, Secretary of War under President James Buchanan, was built in 1858. The

Army changed the name of the camp to Fort Crittenden on February 6, 1861, when Secretary Floyd resigned after an illegal government transaction. He subsequently deflected to the Confederacy. John Jordan Crittenden was a United States Senator from Kentucky and was instrumental in Kentucky staying neutral during the Civil War. Camp Floyd was the first fort in the Great Basin and became the fort of exploration. From its walls, the first military expeditions since Captain John C. Fremont were sent to develop new transportation routes, including the trail to Carson City from Salt Lake City. It closed in 1861 after the defeat at Bull Run; all soldiers stationed there were transferred east.

Fort Cameron was founded as an aftermath of the Ute Black Hawk War of 1865-1868 and as a result of the "Mormon problem"-concern about the perpetrators of the Mountain Meadows massacre not being brought to justice. Initially named Fort Beaver Canyon, Ft. Cameron was established in 1872 on the immigrant trail through Central Utah. Two years later its name was changed to Fort Cameron in memory of Colonel James Cameron who was killed during the Battle of Bull Run. The fort closed in 1883.

Fort Three Forks on the Owyhee River was built in 1866, north of the Nevada border in Idaho. From its strategic position it protected the fertile land and settlements in the Jordan Valley and along the Owyhee River, and was situated near the Boise-Winnemucca Stage Route. The Army abandoned the base in 1871.

There were several other "permanent" forts in the Great Basin, but their stated purpose was to maintain peace between settlers and the Indians, and not to protect the immigrant trails.

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Editor, NFP

In the *News From The Plains*, January 1998 issue, I want to thank you very much for adding the article about Fort Bidwell, California, in "How The Forts of the Trail Got Their Names."

I was born and raised around this area and it's always a pleasure and a great joy to go back into Surprise Valley for a visit with friends and relatives.

I start the first grade at the Fort Bidwell School House (not the Indian School) upon the hill in 1948 and went to my fourth grade there. In 1952, my family moved to Lake City, 15 miles south and I completed my schooling there through the eighth grade. In 1955, I started high school and us kids were bused into Cedarville, 10 miles south. In 1957, my family moved to Alturas, which is just over the hill, 23 miles west.

Thanks again. I love OCTA.

Mary Ann Kelley
Silver Lake, Oregon

The Reading Trail



by Lyndia Carter

A variety of different types of reading can greatly enrich everyone's enjoyment of history, no matter what your age. Fiction, non-fiction and a marriage of the two all bring pleasure. We'll sample all three this issue. An example of wedding fact and fiction is the biographical novel. This type of biography is based on primary documents and history preserved by family members, supplemented by thorough and careful research. Gaps are filled in by speculation based on the research and the author's imagination. Sometimes dialogue and other literary devices help the reader get into what the author supposes is the mind and emotions of the main character, who was, indeed, a real person. Such books have the high interest readability of novels and can make people of the past seem real and alive. If carefully researched and documented, they can be excellent teaching tools and useful in helping our children and grandchildren learn history. Sorting the imaginative from the historical may not be easy, especially for young readers, and mistaking one for the other could be dangerous, so parents and teachers may have to be ready to resolve the confusion. History and biography born of truth and wedded to fiction can be a bit perplexing. Often no real problem exists because the issues are inconsequential, but with some books it could be important.

Matilda's Story is a biographical novel. The story of Matilda Randolph's life, by OCTA member Jacqueline Hanson, is essentially true and is very enjoyable reading. Hanson bases this biography of her ancestor on history preserved by the family, adds findings from thorough research to fill in the historical gaps, and then uses her creative and literary skills to tell the story, making it as readable as a novel. Like many westering families, the Randolphs moved west by stages. Matilda's parents moved to Illinois in its settlement infancy. Here Matilda spent her childhood. When gold is discovered in California, part of the family goes in pursuit of the yellow metal. Mr. Randolph takes the rest of the family, including Matilda, to Kansas. Although Matilda finds love in Kansas, life is harsh and the Randolph clan fights nature, neighbors, and the effects of the Civil War. In 1864, the family leaves Kansas and begins the great journey to California, not as gold-seekers, but as potential settlers. A significant portion of the book focuses on life on the trail, its hazards and heartbreaks, its tedium and trials, its exhilaration and excitement. This section will be especially interesting to trail buffs. The final chapters give Matilda a chance to start a new life in California. The story covers thirty years of a very interesting young woman's life. Because this biography reads so well, the reader hardly notices how much history fills the pages. Matilda becomes representative of all westering women. Although older teens can enjoy and learn from this book, teachers, parents and grandparents will find *Matilda's Story* a real gem and extremely pleasurable as light and worthwhile reading. (*Matilda's Story: A Biographical Novel* is published by Glenhaven Press, 2401 Orangebury, Suite 675-109, Modesto CA 95355. You can also contact the author directly at (717) 770-1486.)

For excellent non-fiction reading, particularly in light of the OCTA national convention in Pendleton this summer, I highly recommend *Where Wagons Could Go* by Clifford Merrill Drury.

This book possesses high academic excellence, but is also very readable and contains extraordinary research regarding Narcissa Whitman and Eliza Spalding. Much of the book focuses on Narcissa Whitman, beautiful, charismatic, and a good record-keeper, but I am also pleased that Eliza Spalding is included. Often over-shadowed by Mrs. Whitman in the history of the early missionaries to the Oregon country, hard-working Eliza Spalding seems to have quietly accomplished much more and deserves recognition. It is the women who speak in this book and their personal stories of the overland crossing and settlement in Oregon in their own words, their letters and diaries, make this a work to savor. Writings of missionairies Mary Augusta Dix Gray and Sarah Gilbert White Smith are also included. Of particular value for teachers and parents who wish to help children learn history are the parts that deal with Narcissa's and Eliza's family lives. After losing her only daughter to the Walla Walla River, Narcissa raises several immigrant orphans and children of mixed Indian and mountain man parentage. Our children will find the stories of these children fascinating. Older students can use this book for research for reports for history classes with relative ease. (*Where Wagons Could Go*, edited by Clifford Merrill Drury, was original published in 1963 by Arthur H. Clark Company. It is now available as a Bison Book from the University of Nebraska Press, 1997. and is also available from the OCTA Bookstore).

And now, purely for fun, is an enchanting, outrageous and uproarious adolescent novel, *Walking Up A Rainbow*, by renowned author Theodore Taylor. Although this is light-hearted reading for teens, and though often far-fetched and occasionally a little raw (Mom, you may want to read it first!), Taylor has done careful background research on the trail and the westward migrations. The novel is well-written, the characters well-developed and colorful, the action fast-moving, and it maintains a high level of reader interest. (It is written in first-person, a style kids like). The plot is melodramatic enough for kids to love. Orphaned 14-year-old Susan Carlisle is faced with a huge problem. Either lose her family home in Council Bluffs or come up with enough money to pay off her father's gambling debts. All she has for capital is a herd of sheep. This spunky, bold, independent and, above all, conniving kid decides to drive the sheep to California to sell to gold miners in 1852 at a huge profit. She tricks a drover and his hired hands from New Mexico (and what a group they are!) to go with her. One of the men is a handsome Texas cowboy, who is a shepherd not by choice but also because of a gambling debt. While sparks fly between the drover and her, bells chime for Susan and her cowboy, who, by the way, isn't particularly interested. However, this book is far more than a teenaged romance. It is a westering adventure, complete with villains, ruffians, and hearts of gold, and with enough trail danger, violence, hardship and suspense to keep any kid satisfied. It's a fun read and a fascinating trip into the wilderness and back with one heck of a girl. (Theodore Taylor, *Walking Up A Rainbow*, New York: Avon Books, 1994; Delacorte Press, 1986.)

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