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## *Lander Management Plan Moves Ahead*

# OCTA Supports South Pass Alternative

*By David Welch*

The Oregon-California Trails Association has supported a management alternative that would recognize the area closest to South Pass and extending to five miles on each side of the Oregon and California National Historic Trails as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The OCTA comments on the BLM's Lander Field Office Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) were submitted on January 19.

The draft presents four alternatives: A - No action; B - Emphasis on environmental and cultural resource protection; C - Emphasis on resource development; and D - Compromise between B and C. Alternative D is identified as the preferred alternative by the BLM.

OCTA expressed its support for Alternative D with suggested changes.

The RMP/EIS lays out how the resources of the Lander Field Office will be managed over the next 20 years. Included is management of the National Historic Trails from Horse Creek near Independence Rock to the Lander Field Office border just east of South Pass. The Field

Office area and some of the land use proposals incorporated in Alternative D are shown on a map on page 10. The complete Draft RMP/EIS and associated maps may be viewed at the Wyoming BLM website: <http://www.blm.gov/wy>.

The key features of Alternative D are the designation of a large area closest to South Pass and extending to five miles on each side of the Oregon and California National Historic Trails as an ACEC. (See the cross-hatched area on map.) This provides a high level of protection based upon environmental concerns, not cultural resources like the trails. However, the trails indirectly benefit from the environmental protection.

The second feature is the designation of the area on both sides of the trails to five miles as a Heritage Tourism and Recreation Corridor (see shaded area on map). This extends for the entire trail length in the Lander Field Office area outside the ACEC. This corridor is managed to minimize visual intrusions using the BLM's Visual Resource Management (VRM) system. Developments that introduce high contrast structures would be prohibited beyond five miles. The plan sets forth different management prescriptions

depending upon the activity (oil and gas, minerals, wind energy).

A concern expressed in OCTA's comments is the subjective nature of the VRM system. The impact is literally "in the eyes of the beholder." A BLM-designated team would assess the visual impact of a proposed project. The concern is that the composition of the team could affect the outcome. Tight standards for assessing impacts are recommended. Another shortcoming of the VRM system is that it was designed with visual resources in mind, not cultural resources. The historic trail contains both kinds of resources.

The final major feature of the plan is the designation of utility corridors. These corridors would accommodate transmission lines and pipelines. In Alternative D the already disturbed area near Jeffrey City is the main corridor. OCTA supports this approach with a case-by-case analysis to insure impacts are minimized even in this area, a procedure in which OCTA has been involved in the past.

A shortcoming of Alternative D is that it does away with the quarter-mile no surface occupancy zone on each side of the trail. Theoretically this would allow low visual impact developments

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# OCTA Board Takes Steps to Stop Member Slide

*By Candy Moulton  
NFP Editor*

The Oregon-California Trails Association needs to take immediate action to increase membership or face the fate of other trail organizations, which have fractured, and in one extreme case, completely disbanded, the OCTA Board was told at its mid-year meeting in Independence, MO, in early March.

A recent survey of existing members, and analysis of membership numbers, shows a distinct downward trend; within five years the organization could have as few as 800 members if current conditions persist.

Recently the Continental Divide National Historic Trail has dissolved, Association Manager Travis Boley told the OCTA Board. Other trails organizations are struggling. The Lewis and Clark Trail Association fractured when its board officers quit and formed a new organization, he said.

Concern over the continuing decline in membership in OCTA led the national Board to allocate \$7,000 from the existing budget to purchase mailing lists and send membership brochures to such groups as historical societies and book collectors.

Citing an "urgent need for a quick jolt of new members," Vice-President John Krizek pushed the proposal. According to Krizek, OCTA needs to sign up 210 members a year "to break even." In recent years about 130 people have joined annually.

While some on the Board suggested there is not adequate

money to undertake the outreach program at this time, Board Member Jere Krakow said it is an investment in the future and not an expense. Because the program will be funded from existing budget categories, there was no vote by the Board.

During a session held prior to the Board meeting, which was originally designed to update the OCTA Strategic Plan, the Board instead focused on membership, marketing, and fundraising issues. Cindy Sebrell of ITEM Creative, a professional planning and marketing consulting service with experience dealing with nonprofit historical organizations and heritage areas, conducted that special planning session of the Board. Much of the day was spent reviewing the recent OCTA membership survey (see results on page 4) and other marketing issues.

The day also featured a presentation by the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, which manages OCTA's endowment funds.

Vern Osborne has taken a seat on the OCTA Board to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Billy Symms, while Joyce Everett has assumed responsibility as Board Secretary to replace Sandra Waggoner, who also recently resigned.

National Park Service Long Distance Trails Office Supt. Aaron Mahr urged the Board to implement a trail sign program. Mahr has funding that could be provided toward sign projects across the trail. The NPS is implementing new sign standards that will standardize the historic

signs along the trail routes for the Oregon, California, Mormon Pioneer, and Pony Express Trails. One project is already underway in Nebraska. (See story on page 19.) The Board took no official action on this recommendation from Mahr.

The Board approved holding a "Beyond MET" mapping and marking workshop in coordination with the National Park Service. A representative of each OCTA chapter will be invited to attend.

In other actions the Board:

- Assigned the Investment Advisory Committee to update the OCTA profile with the Greater Kansas City Commission, which manages the OCTA Endowment funds.
- Established a Marketing Committee and named Pat Surrena as chair.
- Approved a special committee to continue work on the Virtual Trail Project. Subsequently OCTA President Duane Iles appointed Chuck Milliken to chair this committee.
- Heard a report from Cori Day, director of the Independence Chamber of Commerce, Dave Aamodt, new administrator at the National Frontier Trails Museum, and Richard Edwards, education and events director for the NFTM. Plans are underway for an expansion of the Museum and ultimate relocation of the OCTA Headquarters.

FROM THE

# PRESIDENT

## OCTA is Preservation in Many Forms

By Duane Iles  
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It is time to look ahead and plan for a great OCTA year. It is always exciting to spend the winter reading journals, history books, and dream about the coming adventures. Let's make this a good OCTA year that we will be celebrating long after it is gone.

We are finding ourselves in a world of changes. Those of us who used to roam through the ruts now sit in them in reverie. We cannot accomplish the things we once did in our chapters. The rut nuts

have gotten older and new ones have not arrived yet. This is not something to bemoan, but points the way to new challenges. In our chapters, those of us who are older can explore the journals, study the ways of life, stories, dress, and all the other aspects of trail travel. We can plan programs, speak at service clubs or schools, support chapter events, or if nothing else sit together in the ruts and tell war stories. At the same time, we know how great and valuable OCTA is. We are the best salesmen for OCTA. Let's discuss how we can go out and get new rut nuts and GO GET them!!!

At the Board meeting in Independence a proposal from the National Park Service was made to fund a community level signage program expanding upon the Auto Tour Route. Several projects will come from this and it is another opportunity for individual members to become involved.

In April we will partner with El Camino Real de los Tejas in presenting a symposium in Austin, TX. This should be an exciting event with great programs and a tour. Be sure to put the convention in Lawrence, KS, on your calendar for Aug. 6-11. Trails Head Chapter has been laboring away to plan for speakers and presentations plus interesting tours that will take in new areas and introduce us to a beautiful and fun city.

OCTA has assisted in putting together a book tour for Hal James, author of *Bruff's Wake*, the most recent release from OCTA Special Publications. I recommend that you be sure to get a copy of this book for your library.

In keeping with the austere times we live in, OCTA faces a continuing challenge of keeping a balanced budget. If you have not made a contribution to the annual fund drive, you still have time. If it fits in your budget, please make a donation of any size. Also, consider leaving a legacy donation in your estate plan.

### Emigrants on the Overland Trail

The Wagon Trains of 1848

Michael E. LaSalle

\$40 pb • \$29.99 e-book  
552 pp. • 23 illus; 20 maps

*Emigrants on the Overland Trail* takes a unique and fascinating approach to writing about westward emigration. Rather than just following one group of emigrants, Michael LaSalle follows all the wagon trains that headed west in 1848. As they struggle along each section of the trail, readers develop a thorough understanding of the physical and emotional challenges of the journey. We come to know and care about the successes of these pioneers. This is a "must read" for everyone interested in Overland Trail history.

—Lynda Paznokas, Washington State University

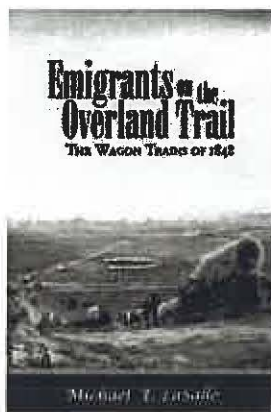
His narrative weaves the various "voices" of these pioneer reporters into a compelling day-to-day trail experience that provides insight into this great American adventure.

—Willis M. Conover, The University of Scranton

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# Award Nominations Sought by June 1 Deadline

*By Dick Nelson  
Award Committee Chair*

The Awards Committee seeks nominations for deserving candidates to receive recognition at OCTA's 2012 Convention in Lawrence, Kansas. Please be aware that recognition comes from the general membership and not from the Awards Committee. **If there are no nominations forthcoming from the membership, no awards will be granted.**

Nominations should be submitted on the Awards forms available on the OCTA website. To find the form, go to [www.octa-trails.org](http://www.octa-trails.org). At the bottom of the left hand column, click on "Member Resources." Then click on "OCTA Award Nominations" in the list of forms. Scroll through all the forms to find the appropriate one(s). Complete the form(s), print, and email to Dick Nelson, Awards Chair, at [kcnelson42@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kcnelson42@sbcglobal.net). Alternatively, the forms may be sent via postal mail to Dick Nelson, 12812 W. 100<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Lenexa, KS. 66215. If you do not have access to the internet and need a form, contact OCTA Headquarters at (888)811-6282. Be sure to provide sufficient justification and qualifications so that the committee can make informed decisions. The forms direct you to contact the nominees before nomination and the end of the forms mentions follow-up publicity. This is not necessary in order to submit the nomination, especially if it discourages you from submitting a deserving nomination. You may ignore these steps if you wish. **Deadline for completed nominations is June 1.**

Please use the form best fitting the qualifications of the candidate. The award categories are listed.

**Gregory M. Franzwa Meritorious Achievement Award**—OCTA's highest award granted for long-term significant contributions to OCTA. Only members qualify.

**Elaine McNabney Distinguished Volunteer Award**—Awarded to OCTA members who contribute significantly to achieving OCTA shorter term goals and objectives not rising to the level of length of service or breadth of involvement of Meritorious Achievement recipients.

**Distinguished Service Award**—Recognition of organizations, businesses, or individuals who contribute, participate, or share interest in furthering OCTA's programs directly or provide substantial support in a non-affiliated way to trail preservation and education. Non-members may qualify for this recognition.

**Friend of the Trail Award**—Presented to groups, individuals, or organizations that have direct ties to lands over which historic trails pass. Neither property ownership nor current residence on trail property is required, but emphasis is placed on preservation of trail remnants, education of the public about their historic resources, and allowing responsible public access to the historic resources.

**National Certificates of Appreciation**—Given to individuals and organizations that have made a particular effort in achieving a short-term OCTA goal. These certificates are for efforts of national scope.

**Young OCTAN Award**—Presented to youth 6-21 years of age who have demonstrated particular interest in OCTA and the history and/or preservation of historic emigrant trails. An entire class or group of school-aged children may qualify as one aggregated nominee. OCTA membership is not required.

If you have any questions about the awards program, please contact Dick Nelson at the e-mail and postal addresses provided above.

There are many deserving individuals in OCTA, but it is up to you to inform the committee as to who they are.

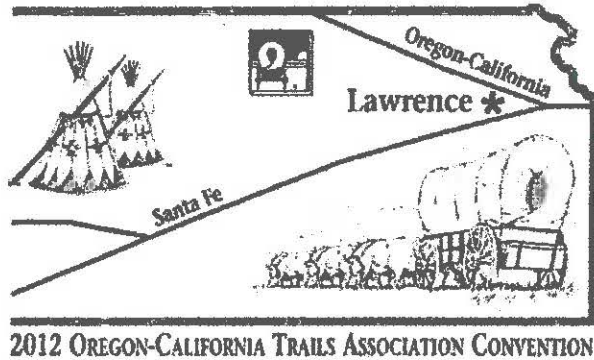
## California Trail Grand Opening June 2

The California Trail Interpretive Center in Elko, NV, will have its grand opening June 2.

California Trail Days will be held in conjunction with the event and will include a living history encampment, wagon rides, gold panning, black-powder gun demonstrations, a trader's camp, Shoshone crafts, and much more. This year's theme is "Commerce Along the Trail" and there will also be formal presentations about commerce and music along the trail.

The center has new permanent exhibits including dioramas, interactive displays, and media presentations that showcase the Great Basin wetlands, California gold rush, and the story of the Donner Party. Outside visitors will find accessible trails, a traditional Shoshone camp, and an interpretive plaza.

## TRAILS • TRIBES • TERRITORIES



*By Ross Marshall  
Convention Coordinator*

OCTA's 30th Anniversary 2012 Annual Convention in Lawrence, KS, Aug. 6-11, will offer a variety of activities and learning experiences related to the theme, "Trails, Tribes, and Territories."

Lawrence, has historically been a focus location for the three elements of the theme.

### Tribes

Even though the area had been occupied by various Indian Tribes for centuries, the region's history was forever altered by the U.S. Congress – the 1830 Indian Removal Act. This Act created the permanent Indian frontier that included the land west of the western Missouri border. This area was set aside for the purpose of relocating all eastern tribes to west of the border, paying them for the lands they vacated, creating land reserves for each, and promising annual annuity payments. The land on which Lawrence is situated was part of the Shawnee tribal reserve, one of over a dozen reserves set up for the various tribes.

## OCTA Meets in Lawrence, Kansas

Later, Congress enacted the Indian Intercourse and Trade Act of 1834 that prohibited white settlement west of the Missouri

border. This "separation" of peoples necessitated the creation of forts along the border and a constructed north-south military road that eventually ran from Fort Snelling in Minnesota to Fort Jesup in Louisiana. It included Fort Leavenworth and Fort Smith in Kansas.

Various Indian agencies were located in the new reserves from which the annuities were dispensed. Tribal members could spend their money at numerous legal trading posts or, if they were close to the Missouri border, cross over and spend the annuities at Westport or Independence, MO. This contributed greatly to the commerce and growth of those early towns.

### Territories

The Permanent Indian Frontier turned out not to be so permanent after all. In 1854, the U.S. Congress again altered the history of the Lawrence area by enacting the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which opened up much of the reserve lands to white settlement. The Kansas-Nebraska Act rescinded most of the treaties with the tribes concerning their reserves of lands.

The tribal reserves were greatly diminished by stages until most tribes were removed to Indian Territory, which is now the state of Oklahoma. Only small parcels of land remain today in Kansas as sovereign tribal lands.

Towns beyond the Missouri River sprang up immediately, including Lawrence, Topeka, Leavenworth, Marysville, and many others. Other towns such as Council Grove had been illegally started by squatters on Indian lands.

The 1820 Missouri Compromise called for states to come into statehood in pairs, one free and one slave-holding. In addition, no slave-holding territories could be created in the future north of the 36-30' line, which is the southern border of Missouri. The balance between free soil and pro-slave votes in Congress was of the utmost political importance throughout the early 19th century.

Within months after the beginnings of the 1849 gold rush, California had tens of thousands of residents. For this reason and for control of the gold, the U.S. government was very anxious for California statehood. The complication was that since the 1820 Missouri Compromise called for states to come into statehood in pairs, no viable slave territory was available for statehood to balance the free soil of California. So the California Compromise of 1850 was enacted by Congress to admit California alone. An



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added provision was the creation of the territories of Utah and New Mexico with a choice of whether to be slave or free. This choice was called "popular sovereignty" by Missouri Senator David Rice Atchison of Missouri.

The choice of whether Kansas Territory would be slave or free was a provision of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, signed into law by President Franklin Pierce on May 30, 1854. Politically, this choice became both an important regional and national issue. What was to be fought out in Kansas, called the Border War or Bleeding Kansas, had the appearance of determining the future of slave vs. free-soil domination in the United States.

In April 1854, more than two months before the Kansas-Nebraska Act was signed by President Franklin Pierce, Eli Thayer in the Massachusetts legislature proposed a Massachusetts Aid Company to finance the settling of people who hated slavery in the newly proposed Kansas Territory to preserve it as free soil.

Charles Robinson, who had been a '49er and knew the way, was selected to lead the effort. He and others came to the area that July and selected a site on the bend of the Kansas River. The first party, consisting of 29 men mostly from Massachusetts, landed at Westport Landing in the City of Kansas (Kansas City) aboard the *Polar Star* steamboat on July 27. They traveled overland on foot with an ox team

and wagon loaded with their baggage.

They arrived on July 31 at the foot of what became Massachusetts Street and camped on Mt. Oread, so named because one of the members had written on his tent "Mount Oread" in honor of Oread Seminary back in Worcester, MA, that had been founded by Eli Thayer. A second party, which included women and children under the leadership of Robinson, arrived September 11.

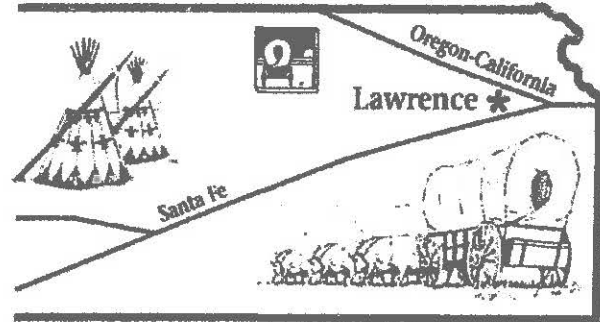
Within a week a constitution was adopted, officers elected, and about three square miles were surveyed and town lots were laid out. In October, the town was named for Amos Lawrence, who was the treasurer and a benefactor of the Emigrant Aid Company.

After nearly seven chaotic years, on January 29, 1861, Kansas Territory was admitted by Congress as the thirty-fourth state, as free-soil.

## Trails

In addition to the Oregon and California Trails, we will also be experiencing and learning about two other trails – the Santa Fe and the Lewis and Clark. As with the other elements of our theme, the U.S. Congress again has had an impact on the Lawrence area. These four trails have been admitted by Congress to

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the National Trails System, the Oregon National Historic Trail in 1978, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in 1978, the Santa Fe National Historic Trail in 1978, and the California National Historic Trail in 1992.

Join us in August as we hear about and tour these trails. We will offer five different tours scattered over Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. All tours will be by bus because we have no routes that necessitate four-wheel drive vehicles.

Our host hotel will be the spacious and conveniently located Lawrence Holiday Inn and Convention Center at 200 McDonald Drive, one-half mile south of I-70 at exit #202.

So on behalf of OCTA and the Trails Head Chapter, allow me to extend our warmest welcome to come for the entire convention.

Registration packets are now available. You can find convention information on our webpage at [www.OCTA-Trails/chapters/Trails Head](http://www.OCTA-Trails/chapters/TrailsHead).

# Argonauts Remember

By Carol Osborne

I love to get out on the trail and have walked in ruts from Missouri to Oregon. To my surprise, I was just as elated when I found a file marked "Gold Rush Remembrances" in the archives of Evanston, IL. I had volunteered to help our daughter, Lori, who is the archivist, with some filing. I also found a very interesting copy of a diary of one of the Argonauts. Alexander McDaniel not only described his adventures on the way to California, but also his experiences while in the mines.

The items in the "Remembrance" file were newspaper articles written in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and were interviews of men who had made the journey in 1849. Many who had gone west and returned had formed an Association they named the "Western Association of California Pioneers." They had met annually, but at the time of the articles, age and infirmities were causing them to consider ending these annual gatherings. Their reminiscence of their adventures were recorded in these interviews as were all the plans and proceedings of this final reunion.

It was quite an affair, meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hotchkiss in Evanston in September, 1911. They brought in an old wagon and had a campfire so they could reenact their adventure as they reminisced.

Those in attendance were John M. Studebaker, A. F. Kline, Andrew Lewis, Thomas Mayhew, Martin Burnham, L. Murray Perkins, I. W. Blodgett, P. H. Mullen, J. B. Kerr, George D.

Phelps, J. F. Thompson, and H. A. Eastman. Also attending were a few Mexican War and Spanish American War veterans and several local dignitaries. During the event a message from Teddy Roosevelt was read.

The formation of the several companies that went to California from the area in 1850 left a great

*While the men were away...the "California Widows" carried on the farms and businesses.*

void of young men. One of the interesting side notes was about the "California widows" who were left behind. As the men took their farewells, many keepsakes were exchanged, such as locks of hair, written sentiments, and articles of jewelry. While the men were away for two or more years, the women carried on the work of the farm, shop, or woodlands and, for the most part, managed well until their husbands returned.

It is interesting to note that with the reports of gold being so plentiful in California, there were those that thought that with it so thick and available, its value would plummet. George W. Hotchkiss tells that when he told his father that he intended to go to the gold fields of California, his father asked the 19-year-old "but if gold is so plentiful, what will be its value?"

In the last annual report of the Association in 1913, Mr. Hotchkiss, association secretary, made the following remarks as to the affect the gold made on the United States.

*The main currency of the world was in silver; of which the statistics show a volume in 1831*

*to 1840 of \$247,930,000 against \$134,841,000 in gold. The silver of Mexico and Spain were the principal reliance of the United States, especially in its trade with other nations, the coinage of the United States not being recognized as an equal value with the long established and better known issues of the Spanish mints.*

*The affect upon our own nation and the world at large of the discovery of gold in California, and the awakening of the business world to the development of an energy and of resources unequalled in the history of the world. The discovery of gold in California gave impetus and energy not only to the United States but to the world.*

As Mr. Hotchkiss concluded his address, he mentioned several advancements to civilization since 1849. He noted that the telegraph now reached across the country, 300,000 miles of railroad had been built, and remarked on how the typewriter, sewing machine, and reaper were affecting lives and commerce.

Of the recorded companies in the various articles, 115 men went west from this part of Illinois. Most returned and had done fairly well. However, some did not come back to Illinois and there were a few whose situations were simply unknown.

Alexander McDaniel told of sending gold certificates from Sacramento via Wells Fargo to his wife in Evanston. When he returned, they began purchasing land, and thus, became some of the founders of Evanston and Wilmette. Others set themselves up in business or enlarged their farms.



## ***Partnership for the National Trails System Works to Increase Awareness of Trails***

*By Bill Martin*

OCTA is a long-standing member and supporter of the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS), which represents 30 national historic and scenic trails. The Partnership prepares an annual National Trails System report, which is used to increase awareness of the trails within target groups, most notably Congress and the Federal agencies.

For 2011, the Partnership reported a "partnership value" of more than \$54.7 million in federal funding, state and tribal funding, private contributions, and the value of volunteer hours, including more than 1.1 million volunteer hours. OCTA's portion of that was 75,260 volunteer hours (probably greatly understated because not everyone reports his or her hours) and total support of \$2,985,000, including federal funding, private contributions, and volunteer hours.

It should be noted that using the dollar value of contributions and volunteer hours may become significantly less impressive to Congress and Federal partners than will be our ability to measure the local economic impact on trails, i.e. numbers of visitors and how much money they spend. In other words, how are dollars getting back to the communities on the trails? This is something that OCTA and other national trails will need to try to identify in the future.

OCTA's membership in the

Partnership pays dividends for our organization, if for no other reason than the fact that the voices of 30 united trails can have more of an impact than the voice of any single one of the trails. However, the PNTS recognizes that it can be more effective in what it does.

Because of that, the Partnership has retained a governance consultant to help it identify what it does best in order to establish priorities and determine what it can improve. For example, just about everyone agrees that the organization's current management structure is unwieldy and sometimes ineffective. There is a Leadership Council, made up of representatives of the 30 trails, and a Board of Directors, a smaller group that is elected by the Leadership Council. There can be confusion as to which organization has responsibility for which matters.

At the PNTS meeting held in Washington in February in conjunction with "Hike the Hill" activities, the organization started the process of improving its functionality. The consultant will be helping prioritize staff responsibilities, such as communications, advocacy, building federal agency relationships, and creating better working partnerships between its members. The consultant expects to make recommendations in May.

Meanwhile, planning is underway for the biennial Historic Trails Workshops the week of May 14 in the Albuquerque, NM, area.

## **NPS Studies Butterfield Trail**

The National Park Service is conducting a special resource study and environmental assessment to evaluate the feasibility and suitability of designating the Butterfield Overland Trail as a national historic trail. The study, which addresses routes that span eight states and over 2,800 miles, was authorized under the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act signed on March 30, 2009.

In 1857, Congress awarded John Butterfield a contract to establish an overland mail route between the eastern United States and growing populations on the West Coast. The Butterfield Overland Trail began from two eastern points at St. Louis and Memphis, and followed a southerly course through Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona before heading north through California to its western terminus in San Francisco. The trail's arcing sweep across the southern rim of the country gave it another name: the Oxbow Route.

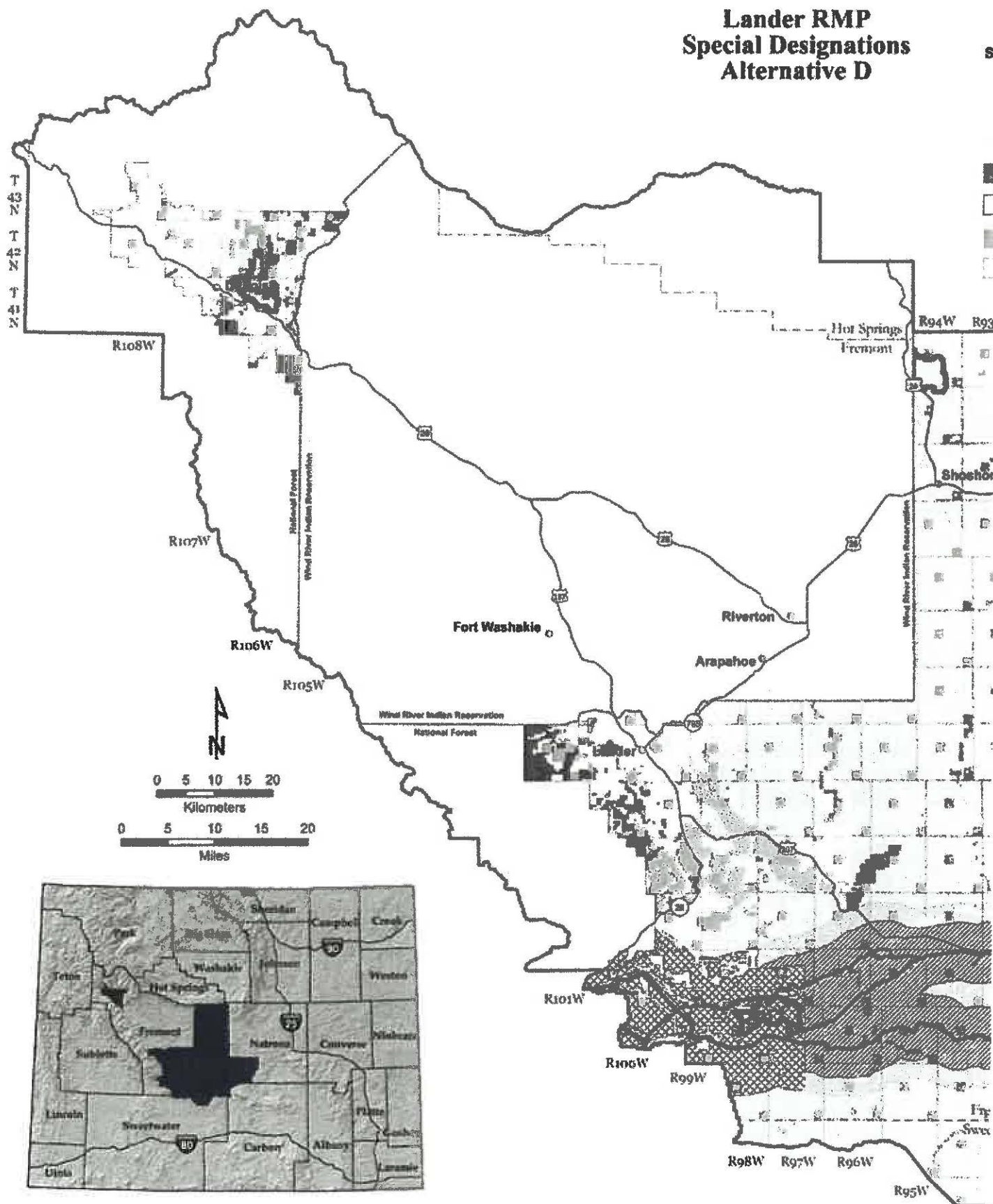
Meetings to discuss the feasibility study will be held April 10 in Springfield, MO, April 11 in Fayetteville, AR, and Fort Smith, AR, April 12 in Atoka, OK, and April 13 in Abilene, TX

To submit comments or learn more about this planning project, go to: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/butterfieldsrs>

You may also submit comments to Gretchen Ward via email at [gretchen\\_ward@nps.gov](mailto:gretchen_ward@nps.gov) or by regular mail at P.O. Box 728, Santa Fe, NM, 87504.

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## Interface Ownership

- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Department of Defense
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Private
- State
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department

## Existing Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) and Existing ACECs with Proposed Expansions

- Beaver Rim
- Lander Slope
- Red Canyon
- Whiskey Mountain
- Proposed Expanded East Fork
- Proposed Expanded Green Mountain

## Newly Proposed ACECs

- South Pass Historical Landscape
- Twin Creek

## Wilderness Study Areas

- Wilderness Study Area

## Heritage Tourism and Recreation Corridor

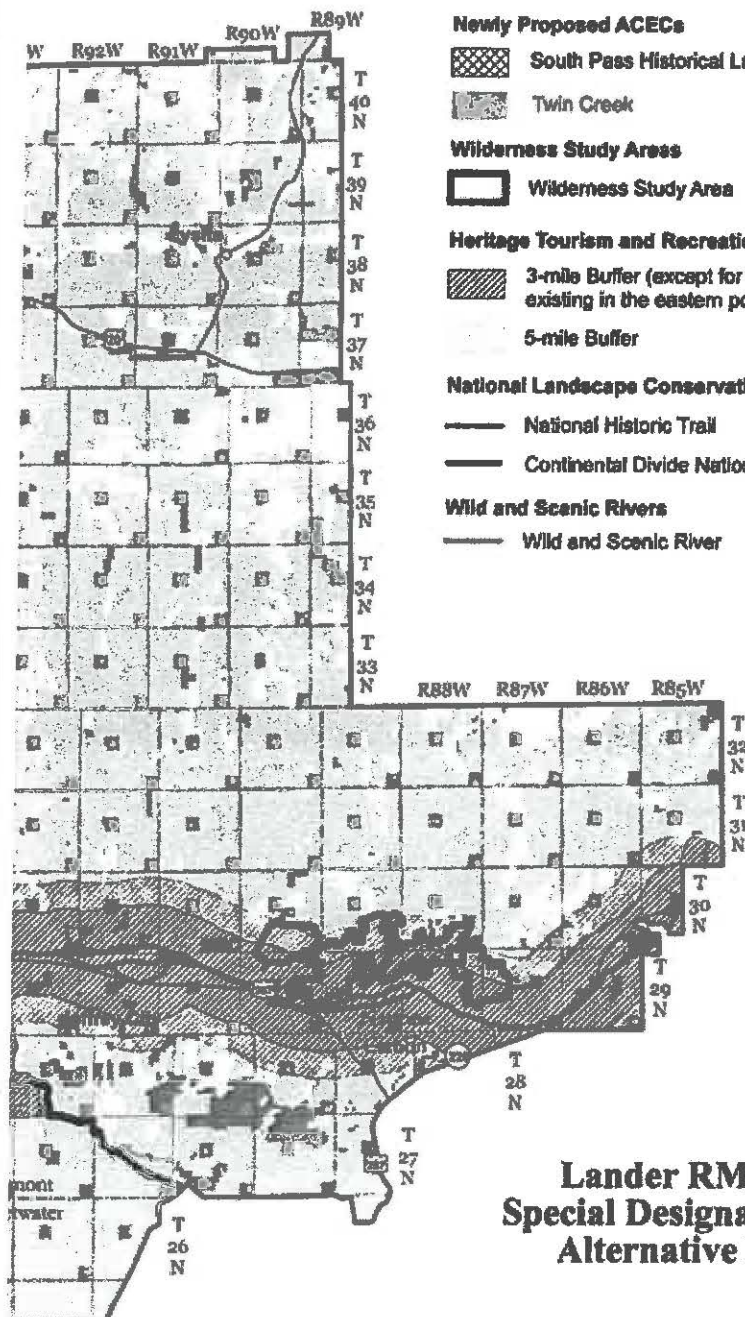
- 3-mile Buffer (except for the 1/4-mile buffer existing in the eastern portion of the CDNST)
- 5-mile Buffer

## National Landscape Conservation System Trails

- National Historic Trail
- Continental Divide National Scenic Trail

## Wild and Scenic Rivers

- Wild and Scenic River



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close to the trail, but not oil and gas. It is argued that the quarter-mile limit has been replaced by a five-mile area of tight management, but some risk is introduced. OCTA asked that the quarter-mile NSO be retained. This is consistent with trail management in all other BLM field offices in Wyoming.

The trails also benefit from three other factors. First, oil, gas, and mineral developments have low potential in the trail corridor. Second, many historic areas are closed to the extraction of locatable minerals such as gold, silver, and uranium. Third, the State of Wyoming has established sage grouse management "core areas" that essentially eliminate development in many areas adjacent to the trails. That said, we know that technology and land use rules can change.

During the comment period we have become aware of the objections to Alternative D by others. Some of these objections concern the features we like best. Some wish more flexibility on the utility corridors to include routes approaching South Pass. Others oppose the extension of protective measures to five miles. In this argument they often misrepresent the area as a "five-mile buffer." This is a mis-characterization in that many activities are permitted in the zone. In particular, almost any activity like ranching that is now permitted would be allowed to continue.

All-in-all the Draft RMP/EIS is a significant step forward in the preservation of the trails and their setting. Significant new protections are introduced but close monitoring by OCTA will be required if we are to insure their implementation. The plan also represents a template that may be used by other offices. In particular, the Rock Springs Field Office has begun

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*John Mark Lambertson, center, with Charles and Liz Goslin at the reception held for Lambertson's retirement as Director of the National Frontier Trails Museum in Independence, MO, on January 22. (Photo Courtesy of Duane Iles)*

## OCTA Treasurer's Wife Dies

Dorene "Dodo" Burke, wife of OCTA Treasurer Marvin Burke, died in January. She is survived by her husband Marvin Burke, four children, and ten grandchildren. She spent 22 years working as a nurse for National Jewish Health Center.

Upon retirement she continued to fill in at NJH. She was also very active in assisting Marvin with all of his soccer projects. Dorene enjoyed off-road treks, especially telling Marvin, "Don't let the slope bother you," or "You're rather close to the edge on my side." Memorials may be made in her name to National Jewish Health Research, Denver, or Oregon-California Trails Association, P. O. Box 1019, Independence, MO 64051-0519.

## Trails Members Contribute 75,000 Volunteer Hours

*By Bill and Jeanne Watson  
Legislative Liaison Co-Chairs*

During 2011, OCTA received \$203,000 in federal funds including \$49,000 in challenge-cost-share project funds from the Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service. These funds are crucial for the success of many OCTA activities and projects.

The OCTA team was very well received in Washington, D.C., during Trails Advocacy Week as we reported 75,381 volunteer hours and more than 100,000 vehicle miles driven, plus financial contributions that the Congressional formula values at nearly \$3 million for 2011.

Most other trail groups reported diminished volunteer support compared with 2010.

We found strong support for the Additional Routes/Cutoffs Study and Southern Trail Proposal and great interest in some of the

volunteer activities supporting these projects. Our Congressional contacts were delighted to hear about the New Fork River Crossing Historic Park project in Sublette County, Wyoming, and the continuing six-year volunteer efforts on the Johnson Ranch Cutoff in Nevada and California.

The Nevada Auto Tour Route Guide, which is the seventh in the series being prepared by the National Park Service, will be available in print and on the NPS Web site later this year.

Park Service work on the Oregon and Washington guide will begin when staff travel funds become available. Park Service travel funding has been sharply cut, although the dollars are available in their Trails Office budget.

Many thanks to the Volunteer Coordinators from Northwest, Idaho, Utah Crossroads, Colorado Cherokee Trail and Southern Trails Chapters for all their efforts

gathering and reporting volunteer data. Thanks also for reports from Idaho and California project coordinators, many Wyoming chapter members, and a number of other individuals.

In past years this report would have resulted in increased funding for OCTA and our federal agency trail partners. With the tight federal budget for 2013, many government functions face decreased funding. Your strong support will help minimize the impact on future funding for our Federal Partners.

Many thanks to Bill Martin for representing OCTA at the Partnership's meetings and to Vern and Carol Osborne, Jere Krakow, and Bert Eddins for their efforts as we delivered OCTA's report to about 85 Congressional offices.

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**[www.octa-trails.org](http://www.octa-trails.org)**



# Make a Lasting Difference for the Trails

By Bill Martin

The Oregon-California Trails Association's Trails Legacy Society gives you an opportunity to make a difference in trails preservation that will last beyond your lifetime.

Established in 2010, the Legacy Society was created to encourage estate gifts to benefit the OCTA endowment funds. It's easy to implement. All you need to do is include a bequest to OCTA in your will or other estate plan.

All gifts go directly to OCTA Endowment funds and you can designate the endowment you wish to leave your gift to, as well as any conditions or special purposes you wish to assign to your gift. The amount of the gift

isn't important. What is important is that you want to help preserve the trails for future generations.

One of the keys to OCTA's long-term financial stability is to grow the size of our endowments, giving us greater ability to protect the trails. An estate gift, in fact, can dramatically increase in value when it is invested in an endowment fund.

If you let us know of your plans, we can thank you in several ways. You will receive a special Trails Legacy Society pin and you will be recognized at the annual convention. But we know that most people don't do this for the recognition. They do it protect the trails.

On the OCTA Web site (under

the heading "Participate"), you find more information and some sample bequest language that will help you, your family, and your attorney or financial advisor include OCTA in your estate plan.

Of course, a bequest made through a will is the easiest form of estate giving. If you are interested in other options, such as gift annuities and charitable trusts, we can put you in touch with the planned giving professionals at the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, which manages OCTA's endowments.

Through the OCTA Trails Legacy Society, you can make a legacy gift to trails preservation that will live on far beyond your lifetime. Please consider it today.

## Call for Papers for 2013 Convention in Oregon

By Roger Blair

The Oregon-California Trails Association invites submission of abstracts for papers to be

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revision of its RMP. We expect that plan to extend the features of the Lander RMP into South Pass itself and beyond.

The support of all OCTA members is appreciated. We began our efforts to improve trail protection in this important corridor more than five years ago. Continued efforts are needed to insure a successful conclusion. A revision of the plan based upon comments received is expected in August or early fall.

presented at its 2013 annual convention. The meeting will be held in Clackamas, OR, July 22-26, 2013. The deadline for receiving abstracts of 200 words maximum is Nov. 1, 2012.

The theme of the convention is "The End of the Oregon Trail and Beyond." All submissions relating to mid-nineteenth century overland migration to the West will be considered, but priority will be given to subjects related to the theme, especially what happened to the emigrants after their overland trek. Papers addressing interaction with Native Americans, claiming land and creating a home, establishing towns and cities, the Hudson's Bay Company/Dr. McLaughlin, and forming a government are examples of the topics sought.

Presentations by descendants of pioneer settlers are especially sought, although descendant talks may be grouped as a panel presentation, dependent upon the number of submissions. Talks should run approximately 45 minutes in length, except panel participants for which the allotted time for each speaker would be approximately 20 minutes.

Papers should be scholarly and original. Permission may be sought for publication of one or more presentations in OCTA's publication, *Overland Journal*.

For consideration, abstracts should be submitted by Nov. 1, 2012, to Roger Blair, 524 NW 3rd Street, Pendleton, Oregon 97801. For additional information or questions, call 541-966-8854 or e-mail [rblair@oregontrail.net](mailto:rblair@oregontrail.net).

## California - Nevada Spring Symposium in Carson City in April

*By John Winner  
President CA-NV Chapter*

The annual spring symposium and membership meeting for CA-NV Chapter will be held April 27-29 in Carson City, NV. Topics to be explored during the symposium are wagon trains, railroads, the Pony Express, and Death Valley. A tour on April 29 will take participants to Fort Churchill and Buckland Station.

Among the Chapter activities planned for this year are placement of carsonite markers on the Yreka Trail, replacement and maintenance of markers on the

California Trail in Nevada, and creating a repository for completed trail maps.

Maintenance and cleanup of the Carson Trail will take place July 30 and 31 while cleanup of the Fernley Deep Sand Swales will be done on Oct. 6.

During the National Board meeting in Independence, one of the trail videos created by Dee Owens was shared. It showed the work being done to map the Johnson's Cutoff.

The Chapter continues its goal of trail preservation through education, mapping, marking, and maintenance. Work is continu-

ing on mapping the Beckwourth, Johnson's Cutoff, Grizzly Flat, Yreka and Lassen Trails. This year the chapter also plans to replace and maintain markers on the Yreka Trail.

The Eldorado National Forest has requested the Chapter consider doing mapping work on the Georgetown Pack Trail and the Rubicon Trail.

The Chapter website is being enhanced to provide, not only Chapter information and activities, but more of the history and importance of the emigrant trails. If you get a chance, take a look at [www.canvoca.org](http://www.canvoca.org).

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## NEW MEMBERS

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The following individuals have recently joined OCTA. We welcome them.

James Anderson, Tulalake, CA  
Thomas Burnett, West Linn, OR  
Kenneth G Crandall, Snowville, UT  
Virgil Culler, Prescott, AZ  
Diane Dismukes/Texas Parks and Wildlife, Kerrville, TX  
Glenn Du Pree, San Angelo, TX  
Bill Elder, Lander, WY  
Darell and Rebecca Farnbach, Temecula, CA  
John D. Farr, Encampment, WY  
John and Mavis Greer, Casper, WY  
Geoffrey Griffin, Tahoe City, CA  
Terry Heslin/BLM, Boise, ID  
Linda Hoover, Meadow Valley, CA  
Lausa Kohles, Smithfield, UT

Mary Kvenvolden, Palo Alto, CA  
Kenneth Larkins, Belvue, KS  
Robert Lichtenberg, Tucson, AZ  
Ruth Mathews/Texas Parks and Wildlife, Houston, TX  
Greg McEachron, Seminole, FL  
Mary A McIntire/Smokey Valley Genealogy Society, Salina, KS  
Patricia Moore, Santa Rosa, CA  
Thomas Parkes, Prescott, AZ  
Robert Paulson, Pleasant Hill, CA  
Rod Podszus, Colorado Springs, CO  
Kelly Rarey/Hugo Neighborhood & Historical Society, Grants Pass, OR  
David Readler, Fremont, CA  
Tom Rich, Lexington, MA  
Theda Sharp Richards, Pottstown, PA  
Sheri Riley/True West Magazine,

Cave Creek, AZ  
Victoria Scism/Garland Independent School District, Garland, TX  
Glenn Shaw, Blue Diamond, NV  
Lynne Sinclair, Redwood City, CA  
Michael Stubbs, Santa Barbara, CA  
Georgia Talbot, Desert Hills, AZ  
Paula Thacker, Portland, OR  
Ron and Denise Tuory, Mountain Home, ID  
Joanne and Greg VanCoevern, Salina, KS  
Rick Wallner/Bent's Old Fort NHS, La Junta, CO  
Jay Whitman, Laramie, WY  
Richard Wiebusch, Westborough, MA  
Wilson Co Historical Genealogy Society, Fredonia, KS  
Steve Wilson, Fletcher, OK

# Annual OCTA Fund Drive Approaching \$20,000 Goal

*By Kathy Conway*  
*Headquarters Manager*

We would like to thank the following members who have generously contributed to our Annual Fund Drive that began in December 2011.

Harry Abraham  
Diana Ahmad  
Jay A Aldous  
Lynne Alvord  
Billy and Jacque Arends  
Della Bauer  
Jean Bennett  
Lorraine Bennett  
Janet F Boom  
J Cordell Bott  
Margaret Bowen  
Joseph Boyer  
Bonnie Breen-Wagner  
John and Patty Brissenden  
Judy Brown  
Lloyd Brownell  
Marvin Burke  
Helen Cahill  
Glenn and Peggy Calhoun  
Gail and Muriel Carbiener  
Lyndia and D Robert Carter  
Don Clark  
Barbara Cogorno  
Nancy B Costa  
Robert R Coward  
Howard Cramer  
Herbert and Linda Crew  
Connye Crump  
Virgil Culler  
Patricia Curtis  
Jo Anna Dale  
Robert P DeVecchi  
Ronald O Downs  
Sherrie Dux-Ideus, Caroline and Marlan Ideus  
Lorraine Dyson  
Raymond and Maura Egan  
Nancy Elig  
Frank and Jackie Ellis  
Bob Evanhoe  
John Everingham  
Jack and Pat Fletcher  
Kathy Franzwa

Anne Geaudreau  
Charlotte Glinski  
Curtis and Nancy Grant  
Paul Grunland  
Carol Guthrie  
Sharon Hanson  
Jim Hardee  
Glenn and Carol Harrison  
Theodore Heil  
Scott Hendricks  
James B Herring  
Cheryl Hoffman  
Connie Holbrook  
Chuck and Suzanne Hombuckle  
Robert and Gina Hovey  
Art and Kathy Iworsley  
Billie Johnson  
Melissa Jones  
Dr Leon and Judith Jones  
Martin Kemmerling  
Polly N Kennison  
Carol Koroghlanian  
Jere L Krakow  
Richard H Lachmann  
Lyle Lambert  
Bob and Karen Larson  
David Livingston Jr  
Sarah Lund  
Edward Lynch  
Francis Madsen Jr  
Hugh and Carol March  
Ross Marshall  
Bill Martin  
Chuck and Mary Ellen Martin  
Helen Martin  
Betty Mason  
Tom McCutcheon  
Walter H Meyer  
Tony Miller  
Howard and Bonnie Miller  
Phil Miller  
Dan Miller  
William and Connie Moe  
Paul and Toni Moreno  
Al and Laura Mulder  
Dick and Ruby Nelson  
Barbara and Gary Netherland  
Bill and Margie Nolan  
Mary Olch

James T Owen  
Mr and Mrs Theodore Palmer  
Keith A Palmquist  
Lethene Parks  
Stephen and Marylyn Pauley  
Jane Peattie  
Jerry and Sue Peppers  
Mr and Mrs Dick Peterson  
Brooks Ragen  
Thomas Rea  
Jim Rhine  
Louis N Ritten  
Louise Hammer Rossi  
Joe Rowan  
Richard Schmidt  
Raymond E Schoch  
Rann Schultz  
Mark and Beth Ann Schumacher  
John Schwartz  
Bernadine Scoles  
Gene Serr  
Marley and Gary Shurtleff  
Zeke and Nancy Sicotte  
Harry Smith  
Ron Smith  
John D Stiles  
Dr Jay and Leo Stovall  
Allen and Jean Stultz  
Fran Sumberg  
Gary Taylor  
David and Kay Taylor  
Newton TerMeer  
Richard and Shirley Trevallee  
Linda Turner  
Julie Videon  
Mark and Lynn Voth  
Lorna Waltz  
Gil and Mary Ward  
Harold Watts  
William Weaver  
David and Wendy Welch  
Nelson S Weller  
Gary Werner  
James P Whitworth  
Dr John and Hazel Willmarth  
Mark Wilson  
Gareth and Deann Wilson  
John and Susie Winner



## Chapter Aids in Stabilizing Canyon Creek Stage Station

*By Jerry Eichhorst*

Winter has been mild in southwestern Idaho. With rain in the valleys and snow in the mountains, we have been chomping at the bit to head out into the desert. We understand that winter in eastern Idaho is never mild and we'll see our friends there in a few months.

Due to several years of budget cuts, the Idaho State Archives was forced to end their membership in OCTA. I am proud to report, however, that the chapter recently

The station buildings were built in the 1860s and have begun to fall down. A restoration project will start this summer and we are glad to be able to be a part of the effort.

The Idaho chapter spring meeting will be held at AJ's Restaurant in Mountain Home on Saturday, May 5, starting at 10 a.m. Local historian John Hiler will talk at 11 a.m. about crossing the Snake River at Three Island Crossing and his relatives who traveled the Oregon Trail and settled in the Glens Ferry. An

afternoon tour will cover the Main Oregon Trail Back Country Byway from Highway 20 to Bonneville Point. Visitors are welcome to attend. For more information, please check the IOCTA website at [www.IdahoOCTA.org](http://www.IdahoOCTA.org).

A tour of the Oregon Trail sites in the Soda Springs area will be held on Saturday, June 16. Additional outings will be planned shortly. Details will be posted on the Web site calendar when they become available.



purchased a lifetime membership in OCTA for the Archives. This will ensure that the *Overland Journal* will be available for others to enjoy at the historical library.

The chapter has also agreed to contribute half the cost of restoring the Canyon Creek Stage Station walls. As a small desert oasis on the Oregon Trail, the site was a popular camping area after 12 miles of rocky desert. It later became a freight and stage station.

*IOCTA will provide half of the funding to rebuild the walls of the main building of the Canyon Creek Stage Station, shown above. They are nearly 150 years old. The mortar contains deer hair, which has helped hold it together. Additional funding will be required to install a roof to ensure that the rebuilt walls can remain for generations to come. The owners have been very helpful to IOCTA for many years. Many people may remember stopping at Canyon Creek for lunch on a convention bus tour many years ago. Eleanor Craig's last trek across the country on the Oregon Trail with a group of sight-impaired teenagers camped at Canyon Creek. It was an evening I will never forget as the kids set up camp, prepared dinner, and performed an ad-hoc skit around the campfire. (Photos Courtesy of Jerry Eichorst)*



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NEWS FROM

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# COLORADO— CHEROKEE TRAIL—

## Fort Lupton Tour, Bent's Fort Activities Planned

A Fort Lupton Historic Park tour on March 24 is the first of two events planned by the Colorado-Cherokee Trail Chapter of OCTA. The tour will be conducted by the South Platte Valley Historical Society. This event begins at 1 p.m. and will

take approximately two hours. The historic park currently includes the 1875 Independence School, the 1860s Donelson School, and the reconstructed Fort Lupton (originally Fort Lancaster).

A second event, "Wagons Ho! Transportation Through Time,"

will be held May 12 and 13 at Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site.

More information on either event is available from Chapter President Rich Deisch at [radskd@mesanetworks.net](mailto:radskd@mesanetworks.net), or by calling 970-674-3095.

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NEWS FROM

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# NEBRASKA

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## Local Tour Route Pilot Project Nears Completion

*By Bill Peterson*

A project to mark a tour route following the Historic Trails through central Nebraska is nearly complete.

Gene Hunt, superintendent at the of Fort Kearny State Historical Park, and Bill Petersen, president of Nebraska Chapter of OCTA, under a grant from the National Park Service, have been working on a sign project to mark a tour route along county roads near the Oregon, California, and Pony Express Trail in Nebraska.

New signs were designed for this project. They are dark brown with white lettering stating National Historic Trails, Local Tour Route, and have the three logos of Oregon, California, and Pony Express Trails. An arrow device is added to indicate turns.

The tour route follows approximately 173 miles of the historic trails by utilizing about 200 miles of paved and graveled roads.

Currently one can follow the signs from two miles south of Gothenburg to the Narrows near Oak, NE. Also, the route can be followed in either direction with indications that direct travelers either to or near all historical trail sites.

From Nebraska Highway 47 south of Gothenburg turn east on CR 763 to reach such historic

points as Mid-way Stage Station, to Mid-way Pony Express Station, Willow Island, Plum Creek, Fort Kearny, Hooks Ranch, Susan Hail Grave, Thirty-Two Mile Station, Elm Creek Station, Smith-Simonson Grave and ruts, Lone Tree Station, Spring Ranch, Pawnee Station and Huff Grave, Fort Riley-Oregon Trail Junction, Liberty Farm, and The Narrows.



*Hal James book signing tour for Bruff's Wake on Saturday February 25, in Manhattan, KS. From left, James Rhine, Hal James, and Charles Weickert. (Photo by Duane Iles)*



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# NEWS FROM CROSSROADS

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## Trail Marking Continues, Tour Planned on Old Spanish Trail

*By A. Oscar Olson*

Winter here in northern Utah has not been too bad so far. Although we have not been out to do much on the trails, we have been busy with future projects, including additional trail marking. Tooele County wants to join with us to mark some of their lesser known historic trails. Our Vice-President Leo Lyman discussed southern trail projects and hurdles we must overcome in that area of the state.

The Old Spanish Trail Association will have a summer gathering in Richfield, June 14-16, to focus on the Old Spanish Trail – Fish Lake Cutoff. OCTA members are invited and more information will follow as we get it.

Last spring we joined with the NPS, USHS, and BLM to mark trails through Skull Valley in

western Utah, which is a hot bed of old trails. We spent two days erecting 16 California trails signs from Horseshoe Springs to the entrance to Hastings Pass, and over to the west side of the Cedar Mountains.

One mild day this winter a small contingency of Crossroads members ventured out to see whether any vandalism had been done and to conduct some site monitoring. We are happy to report that only one sign was down. Ray Kelsey from the Bureau of Land Management thought that was brought down by cattle scratching their backs. Very little gunshot vandalism was noted.

On related matters of vandalism we did find several historical markers erected by other history associations to be missing at the Black Rock Rest Stop near

exit 102, I-80 near Lake Point. Crossroads Chapter helped in putting up the Jedediah S. Smith aluminum marker in 2004 with members Lynne Turner, Roy Tea, and the Daughters of the American Colonists. We found it has now been sawed down, leaving only a pitiful stump. Sadly two of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers' markers are missing in the same general area, including Toronto Cave (Deadman's Cave). We reported this incident directly to the Tooele Police Department.

Past President Linda Turner, Vice-President Leo Lyman, Vic Heath, and Jess Petersen gave us an update on our trail marking progress, locations, and agenda towards completion of the durable steel rails. Heath, who has done much work on trail marking, recently took some of us out to view the impressive rail, cleaning, and welding progress in Tooele.

At our February leadership meeting, President T. Michael Smith outlined forthcoming by-laws, and designated several members as committee heads for various positions. Chuck Milliken, recently retired from the NPS, has become our chapter newsletter editor and we are glad to have him aboard.

Our next membership meeting will be April 12. Plans then will be made for some serious work parties and a Crossroads Spring field trip.

## Auction Items Needed for Convention

*Jean Coupal-Smith*  
*OCTA Auction Coordinator*

The Oregon-California Trails Association and Trails Head Chapter Greater Kansas City Area. Our National 2012 Convention will be held this year in Lawrence, Aug. 6-11. As we have done during past conventions, there will be a raffle, silent auction and live auction.

As coordinator for our auction I am looking for donations of items or memorabilia that relate to the "Trails, Tribes and Territories." Books, collectibles, art, or pottery, items that would be considered memorabilia of those times will be used for our raffle,

silent auction, and live auction. We will welcome both large and small items

If you would like to donate please contact me by any of the below means:

Jean Coupal-Smith  
OCTA Auction Coordinator  
2012 Convention  
5410 Ash  
Roeland Park, KS 66205-2146  
Cell phone: 816 853-1012  
E-mail: cs1fun1@kc.rr.com

Thank you for your time and consideration for a donation.

# Night at the Museum - Where the Past Comes Alive.

## Come Join Us!

**Saturday May 12, 2012 6:30-9 PM**



Enjoy a fun evening exploring the  
National Frontier Trails Museum and  
visiting with famous and ordinary

people who shaped our pioneer legacy. Interact with  
historical figures as they share their stories.

Appearing will be Senator Thomas Hart Benton, Jim Bridger, Sacagawea,  
William Becknell, a pioneer mother and son, a Gold Rush widow,  
a blacksmith, fur trapper, and other surprise guests.

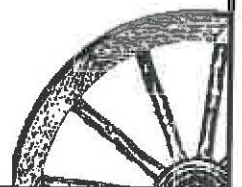
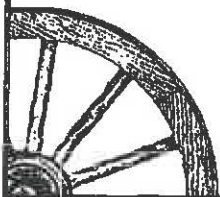
Savor lots of tasty hors d'oeuvres and beverages, listen to folk music and bid at our silent  
auction of vintage collectables, unusual books, artifact replicas and other  
curious and unique items. Silent auction bidding ends at 8:30 PM.

Cost is \$25 per person. Proceeds go toward new museum exhibits and displays. Call for  
reservations at the National Frontier Trails Museum, 816-325-7575.

**The National Frontier Trails Museum**

**318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO 64050**

[frontiertrailsmuseum.org](http://frontiertrailsmuseum.org)





**OREGON-CALIFORNIA TRAILS ASSOCIATION**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**AS SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 AND 2010**

	<u>09/30/11</u>	<u>09/30/10</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
General Operating Accounts	19,556	8,004
Restricted Accounts	19,861	24,727
Accounts Receivable	19,241	24,834
Prepaid Expenses	2,350	-
Inventory (at cost)	37,682	40,223
Investments (Endowment Funds)	903,587	904,524
Intangible Asset-Film, net of amortization	321,778	357,531
Furniture and Equipment-Cost Less Depreciation	<u>6,049</u>	<u>6,949</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>1,330,104</u></b>	<b><u>1,366,792</u></b>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Accounts Payable	39,371	25,775
Deferred Revenue	<u>15,578</u>	<u>21,527</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>54,949</u></b>	<b><u>47,302</u></b>
<b><u>Net Assets</u></b>		
Unrestricted:		
Designated by Governing Board	323,906	331,743
Represented by Film and Furniture & Equipment	327,827	364,480
General	<u>38,456</u>	<u>42,131</u>
	690,189	738,354
Temporarily Restricted	172,327	180,411
Permanently Restricted	<u>412,639</u>	<u>400,725</u>
<b>Total Net assets</b>	<b><u>1,275,155</u></b>	<b><u>1,319,490</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b><u>1,330,104</u></b>	<b><u>1,366,792</u></b>

OREGON-CALIFORNIA TRAILS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 and 2010

	<u>9/30/11</u>	<u>9/30/10</u>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>		
National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management Grants	202,780	217,123
Membership Dues	71,168	70,944
Convention and Symposium	83,633	75,881
Investment Income Allocated to Operations	-	25,000
Contributions	38,134	24,936
Book and Mdse. Sales, Net of Costs	15,501	13,342
Other Income	9,018	11,857
Total Operating Revenues	<u>420,234</u>	<u>439,083</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Board and Officers	10,396	10,352
Committees	26,827	15,017
Administration and Management	175,236	170,743
Publications	42,954	55,239
Convention and Symposium	61,113	48,418
NPS-Challenge Cost Share Program Expenses	14,555	47,525
NPS-Task Agreement and BLM Expenses	67,507	58,260
Preservation	11,575	10,000
Film Marketing and Showing	6,521	23,715
Books and Mdse. Promotion	3,042	2,062
Total Operating Expenses	<u>419,726</u>	<u>441,331</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Operations	<u>508</u>	<u>(2,248)</u>
<b>Non Operating Income (Deductions)</b>		
Endowment Fund Investment Income (Loss) net of portion allocated to operations	(15,916)	47,247
Film Amortization	(35,753)	-
Grants for Acquisition/Production of Assets	-	30,000
Life memberships	3,595	6,867
Endowment Fund Contributions	3,230	1,766
Total Non Operating Income	<u>(44,844)</u>	<u>85,880</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	<u>(44,336)</u>	<u>83,632</u>





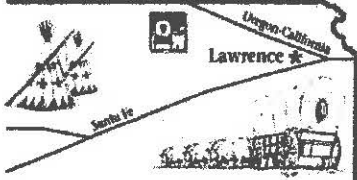
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