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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Interested Party:

In August of 1999, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sent a scoping letter to various parties regarding the proposed transfer of public land to the City of Irrigon for a wastewater treatment and disposal plant. The subject public land is a small parcel of about 19 acres on the east outskirts of Irrigon, bounded on the north by Highway 730, on the west by 15<sup>th</sup> Street, and on the south by Oregon Lane. The purpose of that letter was to advise of the project and seek comments and concerns about the project.

Since that time, investigation and research by the BLM has revealed that a historic road or trail runs diagonally through the parcel. We have determined that this was an alternate route of the Oregon Trail. The segments on this parcel appear to meet eligibility criteria for the National Register of Historic Places.

The BLM is now initiating a second scoping period, focusing primarily on the presence of this trail segment. If you have comments concerning the importance of preserving the trail, or suggestions for mitigating measures if the proposal is implemented, we would like to hear from you. If you have other comments or concerns about the project, you may bring them up as well. Please respond by January 5, 2001.

The BLM also is planning to hold a public meeting on November 28, 2000 at 6:30 P.M. at the Stokes Landing Community Center, 195 NW Opal Place in Irrigon to discuss this and other issues relating to the proposal.

For questions specific to the trail, contact Sarah LeCompte at 541-523-1828. For questions about the project generally, contact Steve Davidson at 541-523-1349.

Sincerely

*s/Penelope Dunn Woods*

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