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By Jim Tompkins, President Northwest Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association March 14, 2015

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