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Pedaling Through the Past 2003

Klamath Falls, OR – As part this year's *Oregon Archaeology Celebration*, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Klamath Falls Resource Area, will be hosting a daylong mountain bike tour. The event will take place along a historic wagon road on Saturday, September 27th. Participants will enjoy beautiful scenery, and listen to informal presentations at points-of-interest along the way.

This local tour, ***Pedaling Through the Past***, is just one of many events happening around the State for the Oregon Archaeology Celebration from Sept. 13th through Oct. 12th. 2003 marks the 10th year of celebrating Oregon's rich and diverse cultural heritage. The tour follows the historic Topsy Wagon Road (built in the 1870s) into and out of the majestic Upper Klamath River Canyon. Until the 1930s, Topsy Road was the Klamath Basin's main link to the outside world.

The event is FREE to the public, and pre-registration is required by Sept. 25th. The 20.5 mile, round-trip tour, starts at Topsy Campground along State Highway 66, west of Keno. Mountain bikes and helmets will be required due to the challenging nature of the tour along cinder and dirt road surfaces. Shuttles will be provided for the steep portion of the tour route.

Participants should bring a sack lunch and *plenty of water*. The tour starts at 9 a.m. and runs until approximately 4 p.m. For more information about the tour and to register for this event, call 541-883-6916, weekdays from 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. For more information about Pedaling Through the Past 2003, contact Michelle Durant at 541-885-4128.

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