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1972
Whitman Trail Ride

Sept. 28, 1971

Mr. Gerald J. Tucker
Imnaha River Road
Joseph, Oregon

Dear Tuck:

Sure was sorry to get the word this morning that you would be unable to make the proposed ride over the route of the Whitmans this year. Hopefully, we can do it in 1972 and do it on the dates of the 1837 trip as you and I did it in 1962.

We have decided to wait until the Aug. 28-29, 1972 date and in the meantime, have a meeting or two this winter so we can talk over in greater detail some of the planning for the trip as well as details of the route itself. Would you be able to make it to Mendleton or some other place for such a meeting? If so, what would be a good time for you?

I hope you can meet with the group and talk over details of the route so we can firm up details of the trail, etc.

I am not on the road like I used to be as my new assignment means staying closer to home, but if I can get out for a day or two, I'll try to get over your way one of these days so we can swap a few yarns again. I want to hear about this summer's Chief Joseph trip and to get more information on the 1982 and 1973 rides.

Kindest personal regards,

Vance
Vance Orchard
WALLA WALLA UNION-Bulletin

*Trip planned for
1971 was cancelled
due to other important
out events. G.J.D.*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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September 13, 1971



Mr. Gerald Tucker
Imnaha, Oregon 97842

Dear Gerald:

Just a quick note to bring everyone up to date on our Marcus Whitman trip scheduled for September 29 and 30.

The following persons will attend: Mr. Stan Kowalkowski and Mr. John Miele (Whitman Mission), Mr. Vance Orchard (Walla Walla Union-Bulletin), Mr. Gerald Tucker (Former District Ranger), Herb Rudolph, Dick Dearsley and Ed Osmond (Forest Service). The above, with the exception of Mr. Osmond, will leave from the La Grande County Fairgrounds at noon, Wednesday, September 29, and ride to the confluence of Little John Day Creek and Five Points Creek, and make camp the first night. Mr. Osmond will transport all personal, camping and cooking gear via pickup to the site of the overnight camp and begin setting up camp.

At the break of camp the morning of the 30th, all personal and camping gear not needed for the remaining trip will be sorted for delivery to Pendleton and La Grande Ranger District offices. All present will ride (one Forest Service employee will walk - discrimination?) to North Flat Springs on Spring Mountain. At this point, Forest Supervisor, Herb Rudolph will leave our party due to previous commitments the afternoon of the 30th. He will be picked up about 10:00 a.m. by an employee of the La Grande Ranger District, and they will deliver the personal gear at the campsite to their respective offices.

The remaining party will ride to Squaw Creek via Horseshoe Ridge to a point near the former Gray's Cabin, approximately 2.5 miles up stream on the Squaw Creek Road. Mr. Ralph Branum, cowboy for Mr. Tubbs, offered to pasture Mr. Tucker's horse since he plans to stay over the night of the 30th. The enclosed pasture is approximately one mile up stream from Gray's Cabin where we have permission to leave the three stock racks.

The remaining party plans to return home that evening.

The following responsibilities were agreed upon:

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| 1. <u>Horses</u> | Mr. Tucker (personal) | 1 |
| | Mr. Dearsley (rentals) | 3 |
| | Mr. Osmond (Forest Service) | 2 |

The above men plus Mr. Rudolph will meet at the La Grande Fairground at 0730 the morning of September 29 and unload horses and gear. They will convoy the stock racks to Gray's Cabin on Squaw Creek, where a Government vehicle will pick them up and return them to the Fairground for their noon departure.

2. Meals - All should bring their sack lunches for noon the 29th. Chef John Miele will perform the culinary arts with whatever assistance he requests of us. He will purchase the grub, and we agreed to divide the cost equally.

3. Other responsibilities

- a. ✂ Each to bring personal sleeping bag, etc.
- b. ✂ Tents: (2) Dearsley, (1) Osmond
- c. ✂ Cooking gear (8 man mess) with stove and lanterns - Osmond
- d. ✂ Wire and wire cutters, axe and shovel - Osmond
- e. ✂ Special:

Writing skills	Vance
"Skook-um"	Tuck
Short witty jokes	Supervisors Stan and Herb
Vegetables	John
Compass and flares	Advance Scout - Dick
"No Doze"	Ed

Sincerely,

Edward C Osmond

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District Ranger

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